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Mrs. J. M. Blakely Appointed Hockley County Librarian

Mrs. J. M. Blakely, daughter of Mrs. Grady Barrow of Hico, was recently appointed Hockley County Librarian.

Members of the commissioners court interviewed nine applicants and Mrs. Blakely was voted unanimously to succeed the previous librarian.

Both she and her husband attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville, and they moved to Levelland in 1952 after Mr. Blakely joined the Levelland High School faculty.

The couple have four children.

Thirty-Three Present At Weekly Luncheon Of Hico Civic Club

Thirty-three members and guests were present Wednesday noon for the regular weekly Civic Club meeting.

Most of the meeting period was devoted to the showing of a film on soil conservation, in line with the Bosque Watershed program. T. M. Riley and George Veteto of the Hamilton-Coryell Soil Conservation Service were present to film the interesting feature for local members.

R. B. Jackson gave a committee report on the annual Athletic Banquet held last Thursday night, which was declared a success in every way.

Three new members were added to the growing list of membership this week, bringing the total to 69, which is only 11 short of the tentative goal set by the membership committee. New members are Al Russell, Milton Dunlop, and Watt Petty. Persons who reside in this area and who are interested in the many projects carried out by the local club are urged to support the club by their membership and attendance.

Fairy Rites Sunday For B. J. Parks

Funeral services for E. J. Parks, 65, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fairy Baptist Church, Rev. Martin Duval officiating. Burial was in Fairy Cemetery.

Mr. Parks died Friday afternoon in a Houston hospital, where he had been the past month. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks, pioneer settlers, he was born in the Fairy community on Aug. 30, 1891, and had lived in the community all his life.

Surviving are his widow; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Jordan of Cleburne; three brothers, E. C. Parks, C. C. Parks and T. R. Parks, all of Fairy.

Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

OLD BOOK WANTED

Anyone who has the publication, "Pioneer Sketches" by W. Straley on Nebraska and Texas, please contact the News Review. The book was published in 1915 by the Hico Printing Co. and Mrs. Frank Fulton of Wymore, Neb., would like to buy or borrow the book to gather data for the centennial to be held in that locale in the near future. If you have this book or know of someone who does, please contact the publisher of the NR.

Rites Held Wednesday For Mrs. R. B. Cross

Mrs. R. B. Cross, 62, wife of District Judge R. B. Cross, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday in a Galveston hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gatesville, Rev. J. T. Ayers officiating, with burial in Masonic Cemetery.

CLOTHING FACTORY—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Coln are shown above inspecting one of the many phases of operations at the Double C Sportswear concern, which started operations February 6. The work is reported progressing very satisfactorily at the new plant. (Reed Photo).

Sell-Out Crowd Enjoy Annual Civic Club Athletic Banquet

A capacity crowd filled the Hico school cafeteria last Thursday evening to hear a very inspirational talk by Del Shofner, speaker for the annual Athletic Banquet.

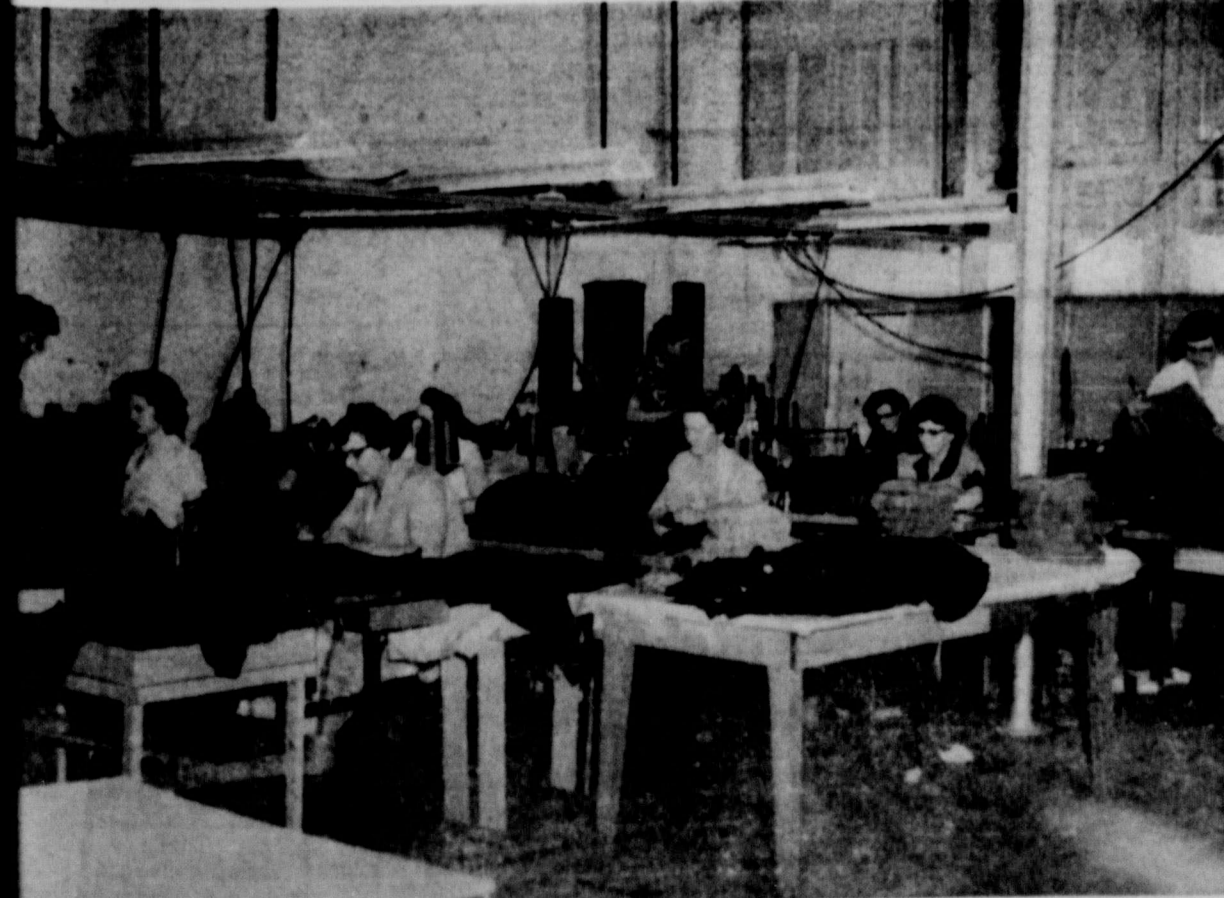
Honored were members of the football team, and both boys' and girls' basketball teams. The annual affair is sponsored by Hico Civic Club.

R. B. Jackson acted as toastmaster at the occasion. Mr. Jackson introduced special guests which included officers of the club, the Hico school board, and Mr. O. C. Cook. Mr. Cook in turn introduced the three coaches of the football team.

Coach Ray Taylor introduced a member of the football team, who made favorable comment about the boy. He also introduced the girls' basketball team. Girls' basketball coach A. A. Chandler in-

troduced members of his team, giving the class of each, and numerical winners.

Climax to the affair was the showing of the Baylor-Tennessee Sugar Bowl game film, with comments by Shofner.



WORK BURNERS from the work room of Double C Sportswear are shown above. Mr. Coln, owner of the firm stated this week that open house

would be held at the new plant as soon as everything is in readiness, to give local residents a better view of the business. (Reed Photo).



CHARLES STIPE



BONNIE JOHNSON DOWDY

School Favorites of Hico High School Named This Week

One of the greatest honors in Hico High School is to select class and school favorites. The students did just that last week. Before we name them we want to congratulate the popular kids in our community. Congratulations, kids.

The Freshmen are very proud to present Judy Beth Moore and Alan "Buzzy" Hedges as their class favorites.

The final decision on favorites made by the Sophomores was Kendall Hamrick and Gary Duncan.

Linda McLendon and Lee Flowers are the favorites for the Junior class.

This year the Senior class is proud to announce that Betty Drake and Roy Lindsey are their favorites.

Most of all we would like to present the city of Hico with the all-school favorites who are Bonnie Johnson Dowdy and Charles Stipe.

Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stipe of Hico. He is just about one of the most active students in Hico High. Charles was president of his freshman class, sophomore class favorite, vice-president of his junior class, and president of the senior class this year. He has also had three years of football, four years of basketball, and was captain of the football team of 1956-57. Charles has also been outstanding in F. F. A. work. He has received a great many awards and has been an officer in F. F. A. every year while in school.

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WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by W. R. Hampton, local observer for the Climatological Service of the United States

Weather Bureau:			
Jan. 30	42	30	0.02
Jan. 31	61	34	0.10
Feb. 1	64	45	0.28
Feb. 2	69	41	0.00
Feb. 3	75	43	0.00
Feb. 4	75	50	0.07
Feb. 5	55	45	T
Feb. 6	61	47	T
Feb. 7	75	54	0.00
Feb. 8	79	58	0.00
Feb. 9	90	59	0.00
Feb. 10	99	58	0.00
Feb. 11	70	49	0.00
Feb. 12	74	60	T

Total precipitation so far this year, 1.30 inches.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips and Mrs. Hershel Patterson of Hico, Mrs. Otis Oldham of Iredell and Ralph Phillips of Gainesville attended funeral services in Mathis for Mr. Joe Phillips' sister, Mrs. Willie Henderson. The services were held last Friday.



Death Penalty Sought.

State Will Ask Death Penalty For 3 Charged In Robbery

HAMILTON, Feb. 9—District Attorney Truman Roberts said this week he will ask the death penalty for three young airmen charged with armed robbery and assault in the robbery of Albert Grimes, 67-year-old Hico service station operator, last Sept. 8.

They are scheduled for trial in district court here Feb. 25.

A venire of 100 names will be drawn from the jury list.

The men are Jack Abbott, 18, of Grundy, Va.; Richard Gannon, 17, of Waltham, Mass.; and William Trubiane, 18, of Detroit. All were stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls when

Two Names Filed For Council Posts

Interest picked up slightly this week with the filing of two names for places on the ballot in the April 2nd City Election, in which two aldermen are to be elected.

March of Dimes Receives \$2500 In Hamilton County

Approximately \$2,500 has been turned in to Norman Kiefer, county treasurer of the March of Dimes, in the current drive for funds, he reported last week.

Kiefer urged all communities in the county to turn in the funds they have collected, in order to wind up the 1957 campaign as early as possible. The annual drive ended January 31.

The Hico campaign for polio funds resulted in a total of \$518 being turned into the treasury.

Hico Real Estate Is New Hico Business

Fred J. Jaggars and Al Russell announced last week the opening of a real estate office in Hico. The new business is located in the building next door to Segrest Cafe. They have named the business Hico Real Estate.

In a display advertisement in this issue the new business operators invite the public's patronage.

Wade Greenslit filed his name with the City Secretary Wednesday afternoon for a place on the council. Greenslit, who served as Mayor from 1950 through 1954, was defeated for that post by J. B. Ogle, who terminated his office last April.

D. E. Bulloch filed early Thursday morning for re-election to the post which he has held for the past two years.

The other incumbent, Weldon Pierce, had not indicated whether or not he would seek re-election at press time Thursday. Pierce has served on the council for the past 6 years.

Mayor T. A. Randals, and Councilmen W. C. Howard, Jim Jameson and G. M. Bullard have another year to serve.

Residents are reminded that March 2 is the final filing date for the election.

Accident Summary For January Released By Resident Patrolman

Patrolmen Bill Cooksey and J. D. Phipps of the Hamilton substation, of the Texas Highway Patrol, released Hamilton County's rural traffic accident summary for January, this week.

The Highway Patrol investigated a total of 10 accidents with the following breakdown: 6 property damage, 4 personal injury, and no fatal accidents.

Patrolmen Cooksey and Phipps reported a total property damage of \$11,495.00, with 5 persons injured and none killed. This is an increase of 9 accidents for the same period of 1956.

During January the local patrolmen made 99 arrests for the following violations: D. W. T., 5; Speeding, 60; Improper Passing, 4; Wrong Side of Road, 3; Defective Equipment, 7; All other violations, 20.

VISITING PREACHER AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. and Mrs. Grady Barnett of Dallas will have charge of services at the Congregational Methodist Church Sunday evening, Feb. 17.

Rev. Barnett is a missionary to Mexico, and the public has an invitation to attend.

Watershed Group Working for More Conservation Practices

By MARION PORTER

Siltation and erosion have ruined several farm ponds and hundreds of acres of productive pasture and cropland in the North Bosque Water Control and Improvement District.

In an attempt to preserve what is left and to improve those acres that have been damaged, the North Bosque WCID was formed with its present officers of Fred McCleskey, L. B. Howard, C. C. Winters, Henry Clark and T. A. Randals. These officers in connection with the Soil Conservation Districts are developing a program to accomplish conservation on the land.

One of the obligations which the local people agreed to carry out is to get soil, water, and plant conservation applied on the land. This is the avenue that is to be approached now that the District has been approved.

Before construction work can be started, at least 50 per cent of the drainage area above each individual structure must be cooperating with the Soil Conservation District carrying out a coordinated soil, water and plant conservation program. Conservation work must be planned before it can be carried out, so the farmers and ranchers in the WCID will be approached by their neighbors to become a district cooperator.

Approximately 56 per cent of the farmers and ranchers in the Water Control and Improvement District are cooperating with the Soil Conservation Districts. The other 44 per cent will be asked to become cooperators.

Present plans are to divide the entire WCID into small sub-watersheds of 10 to 15 farms each, starting at the headwaters of the Bosque River around Huckabay. Basic conservation plans which include the needed land treatment for each acre in the farm will be developed by the farmer with the assistance of personnel of the Soil Conservation Service. Some farmers already have a basic plan developed and have carried out all planned conservation work.

As the planning is completed in each of the smaller sub-watersheds, planning will be started in another small watershed. It will progress systematically down the watershed until each acre of each farm or ranch has the land treatment planned as needed for its protection and improvement.

Some of the needed land treatment that will be planned includes contour farming, cover cropping, crop residue utilization, strip cropping and rotation hay and pasture. Contour farming is the farming of terraced land on the parallel with the terraces so that each furrow will take care of its water. Cover cropping is the inclusion

of a legume, such as vetch, in a crop rotation that will be returned to the soil so as to increase the organic matter content. It should be grazed very little with most of the vegetation returned to the soil while green.

Crop Residue Utilization is the management of all crop residue so as to leave it on or near the surface of the soil. Recent experiments have shown that this is better than completely turning the residue under.

Sandy soil which is subject to loss of soil by wind erosion should be farmed with four rows of grain sorghum or sudan and eight rows of clean tilled crops. The sorghum grain may be harvested, but the stalk should be left standing during the winter and early spring to protect the land against wind erosion.

Rotation Hay and Pasture is the inclusion of grasses such as King Ranch Bluestem, Blue Panic or Weeping love grass in rotation with regular cash crops for soil conditioning and improvement.

Range practices that must be carried out where needed prior to the establishment of a structural program include proper use, deferred grazing or rotation grazing, brush control, range seeding and pond construction.

Proper use of range grasses is the management of native plants (Continued on Page 8)

'Rock Around the Clock' Is Feature Sun. and Mon. At Hico Theatre

Even Columbus said, "The world ain't square." And the world, proving it isn't square, is really "digging" the current rock 'n' roll craze. Records by Bill Haley and his Comets, who are the heart and soul of rock 'n' roll, have sold over 6,000,000 copies in little more than a year. Now Haley and the Comets are starred in "Rock Around the Clock," hailed as the screen's great rock 'n' roll story.

The cast of "Rock Around the Clock," which plays as a double-feature at Hico Theatre Saturday midnight, Sunday and Monday, reads like an honor roll of rock 'n' roll. In addition to Haley and his Comets, there are the Platters, Freddie Bell and his Bellboys and Alan Freed, the disc jockey who's done so much to make rock 'n' roll rhythms. Tops among the Martinez and his band provide a change of tempo with their mambo rhythms. Taking top acting roles in the film are Johnny Johnston and Alix Talton.

In "Rock Around the Clock," Johnston plays a band agent who sees Bill Haley and his Comets, a group of local boys, delighting large crowds of small town teenagers with the jolting new rock 'n' roll rhythms. Tops among the teen-age dancers are pert Lisa Gaye and Earl Barton, who plays her brother.

The romance and rhythm story of "Rock Around the Clock" reaches an exciting climax at a huge rock 'n' roll jamboree where Haley and his Comets complete their conquest of America. Among the great "rock" songs heard in the film are "Rock-A-Beatin' Boogie," "See You Later, Alligator" and the title song "Rock Around the Clock."



World War II interrupts this brief moment of romance for Robert Wagner and Terry Moore in Twentieth Century-Fox's Cinemascope, color by De Luxe drama, "Between Heaven and Hell," which plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Hico Theatre. The unusual story about a group of Army "misfits," who became the "Hell-Fighters of the Pacific" also stars Broderick Crawford and Buddy Ebsen.



BILL HALEY & LISA GAYE in "Rock Around the Clock"

'Smile' Keeps Laine Hopping

Frankie Lane proves he can do more than sing in his latest film, Columbia Picture's happy new musical, "Bring Your Smile Along," which co-stars Keefe Brasselle and introduces Constance Towers, blonde singer, at the Hico Theatre in color by Technicolor, Saturday midnight, Sunday and Monday.

Frankie sings five numbers, takes part in two dance numbers, carries the story line with Brasselle and Miss Towers and supplies most of the comedy in this story of fabulous Tin Pan Alley. Lucy Marlow and William Leslie are featured in "Bring Your Smile Along."

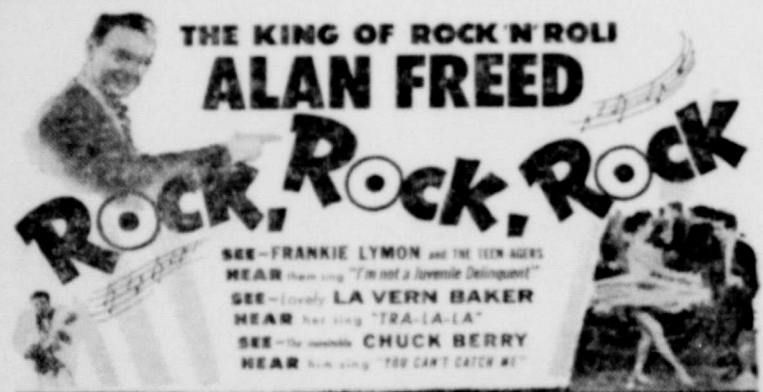


The group shown above brings action aplenty to the screen at Hico Theatre Friday and Saturday, in the lively film production, "Rock, Rock, Rock."

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Ables and daughter Connie of Waco, Mrs. Irene Ables and daughters, Peggy and Jean and Mr. Luke Glover of Hico. Lester Herod and Raymond Lane were business visitors in Dallas Tuesday. Mrs. J. E. Sessom accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Artie Cavitt and daughter of Stephenville to visit relatives in Fort Worth and Saginaw last Monday. Bro. Dwight Lusk and family

of Hico were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cleet Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watson of Hico visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McClure and children Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Artie Cavitt and daughter Vonnie and Mr. Lester Herod visited in Wichita Falls the past Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lane visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Herod Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Artie Cavitt and daughter Vonnie of Stephenville visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sessom and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cavitt Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gillettine of Dallas visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nachtigall and family Saturday night. Miss Betty Land of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. John Land and O. D. during the week end. Mrs. C. D. Herrin was a recent visitor in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Young and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin and children of Arlington. Mr. A. B. Naul and son, Eldon of Tuscola spent the week end with homefolks. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Flowers, Mike and Linda Sue spent Sunday in Fort Worth visiting relatives. Mrs. H. A. Daniel and Mrs. Fes-tel Elkins were business visitors in Stephenville Friday. Mrs. L. W. Weeks and Mrs. Wilburn Templeton have been serving on the Grand Jury the past week in Stephenville. Mrs. Hettie Elkins of Stephenville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Land. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Chenuault of Mineral Wells spent Sunday with her brothers and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hutson and Brenda and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hutson, Betty and Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Willis and children of Fort Worth spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Guthrie. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Arther and children of Eastland spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noonkester. Mr. D. G. Nelms of Hamilton spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. Nelms. Mrs. A. V. Cavitt and Vonnie spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sessom. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Burgan and Vicki Lyn of Hamilton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Burgan. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence of Iredell visited in the J. R. Lawrence home Sunday. Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Witt and An-ada Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Witt of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harding and Brenda Landes. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witt and children of Wichita Falls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cavitt

CLAIRETTE

By MRS. LUCILE MAYFIELD

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Tims, pastor of the Methodist Church, moved to the parsonage recently from Dallas. Mrs. Ruth Christopher of Hico spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly. Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Locke of Hamilton visited Mrs. Ara Denman recently. Mrs. Pearl Durham is in Beeville visiting with her daughter, Miss Baylor Durham. Mrs. Rupert Phillips spent part of the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wolfe.

Sgt. and Mrs. Dal Wheeler and Richard Lee of Killeen spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Birl Havens. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Roberson

and James of Granbury visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberson and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly visited relatives in Hico Sunday afternoon. Bro. Roline Chaney and wife, pastor of First Baptist Church, took the young people to Stephenville to skate Friday night. The Busy Bee Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Cora King.

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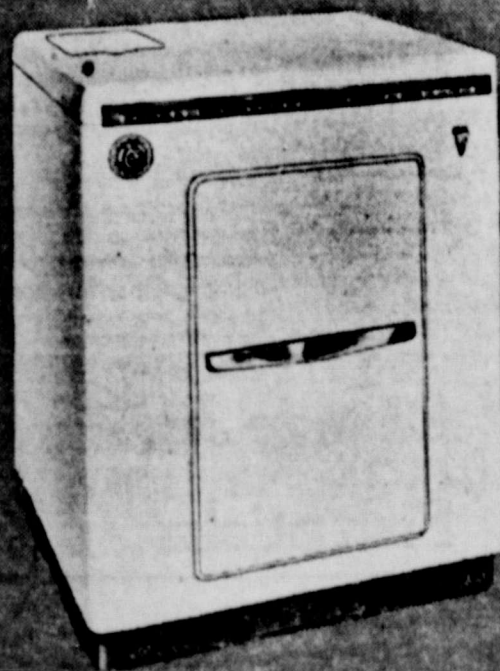
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By MRS. W. J. MAGEE

We still have cloudy weather but not much rain. We've received one and a half inches so far. The week end was pretty and warm.

Several from this community attended the services at the Dublin Congregational Methodist Church last Wednesday night.

Roy Lee Magee and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Magee Sunday afternoon.

The next singing will be at Plainview church on Friday night, Feb. 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Alvin Flowers and children attended the stock show in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wells visited in the Magee home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rivers and sons, Jimmie and Phil of Prairie Hill also visited the Magees.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sowder and girls, Judy, Cindy and Rebekah of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Hodge last week.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Dora Strong is in the Hico Hospital for surgery. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

HICO CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. R. FORSON, Pastor

Tune in to the Congregational Methodist Church radio program each Sunday afternoon at 2:00-2:15 p.m. on station KCLW, 900, Hamilton.

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WHAT A GAME!

A hard-fought game was played last Tuesday night with the Morgan girls. The Hico girls had no time to play around, for their opponents kept them on the ball throughout the entire game. After all the hard work the Hico girls came out one point in the lead with a final score of 33-32. Jerre Dunklin was the high point scorer in the game with 31 points.

On the same night the Hico boys played a much easier game with Morgan boys. The scores of this game was 74-26, with Roy Lindsey scoring 19 points.

On Friday night of the same week we are sorry to learn that the Hico girls and boys lost both games to Kopperl.

The score of the girls game was 50-39, with Anna Lee Luckie scoring 23 points.

The boys played a real good game against their opponent. The final score of this game was 57-56 with Roy Lindsey scoring 22 points.

Once again the Hico ball teams met at the gym and ventured down to Iredell to play one real good game for the boys and one not so good for the girls. The girls lost by the margin of 44 to 22. The boys won by a score of 54-52. Good work boys.

Friday night was a little different for the girls. We're happy to report the girls beat the Walnut Springs girls by a score of 61 to 32. Our boys won by a score of 61 to 42. Good luck to both teams in their remaining games.

JUNIOR PLAY

The Juniors have finally got "on the ball" and have caught up with the Seniors. (That is, in one thing). They have selected their play at last and have selected the cast of characters.

The title of the play is "Hilarity House."

The play is a farce comedy in three acts. The story of the play is about a rich uncle who is going to will all of his money to his nieces, if they will wear long dresses, not go with boys until they are eighteen, and act like perfect angels. This is impossible, and since the girls do not abide by the strict rule, Jeff is going to will his money to his old sweetheart and her daughters.

After much clamor, confusion, excitement and fun, the Jordan girls end up with their uncle's money.

The characters of the play are: Isabel Jordan—a handsome woman of thirty-eight, well-preserved and with a slim, girlish figure, played by Jean Boone.

Kathi—a beautiful girl of nearly eighteen, with a sparkling personality—Linda McLendon.

Betty—a pretty, smiling brunette of sixteen, lively and fun-loving—Reggie Ellis.

Lucindy—a droll, but dolorous spinster of thirty, who generally speaks in a sad, forlorn voice. Her chief pleasure is attending funerals—Virginia Jones.

Wally—a tall, good-looking, likeable lad of eighteen—Lise Flowers.

Ezz—a short, compactly built young fellow of seventeen, breezy and wise-cracking—Don Tooley.

Stan—an exceptionally handsome, arrogant young man of twenty-four, who entertains a very high opinion of himself—Van Hooper.

Jeff—a tall, rangy chap of forty, with rugged features and a weather-beaten face. He would really be good-looking if it wasn't for his handle-bar mustache—Joe Knight.

Dora—a neat, motherly-looking woman of about forty with an angelic disposition and a heart of pure gold—Marletha Churchill.

Dixie—a dark-complexioned young fellow of nineteen, good-looking in a sultry sort of way—Jimmy Roberson.

This play is expected to be one of the best the Junior classes have ever presented. The presentation of the play will be around the last of March.

IREDELL ITEMS

By MRS. C. A. MITCHELL
BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS
MISS RETA SEALY

A bridal shower honoring Miss Reta Sealy, bride-elect of Ray Crook, was given at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Tolliver Saturday afternoon, from 2:30 until 5:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Ensminger was at the bride's book. Misses Fay Scott and Billie Lou Kitchen served punch and cookies.

Hostesses were Mrs. Loyd Bullard, Mrs. James Burch of Meridian and Mrs. Carrie Cox of Hico. Fifty-five guests were present.

The honoree received a nice assortment of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips attended the funeral of Mrs. Willie Phillips Henderson, wife of Sam Henderson, who was 78 years old, at Mathes, Texas, at 2 o'clock Friday. Mrs. Henderson was born and raised and married here. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Phillips.

Mr. Jim Johnston has returned home from the Clifton Hospital where he had surgery. He is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gosdin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gosdin spent Saturday in Fort Worth with their daughter, Mrs. Clark Bowman and family and helped her move in her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blakley spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Johnston and children spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Burns and son Rickie of Irving spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Burns Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Rooster Wilson and son, and John and Bill Duncan of Fort Worth visited their mother, Mrs. Lorena Wilson the past week end.

Mrs. Vaden Ross of Whitney visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Chancellor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Word and son Steve, of Fort Worth spent the week end with relatives.

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Play By The Rules . . .

By MORGAN GARRETT

If a basketball player wants to make the team he must play by the rules. Any player who decides he wants to run with the ball instead of dribbling, for instance, will have the ball taken away from him by the referee. If he decides to do this several times, the coach will take him out of the game, and possibly put him off the team. The coach will not keep anyone on the floor or on the team who is not willing to play according to the rules. God will not have anyone on His team who refuses to abide by the rules of life he has laid down. He overlooks some accidental violations. He forgives some deliberate violations. Nevertheless, He demands of those who wish to have His favor and be counted on His that they live by the rules.

There is a big number one rule that Jesus gave for those who wish to play on God's team. He said it was the most important commandment. "You shall love the Lord

and wife in Burseson Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Pat Patterson and Miss Vera Patterson visited her cousin, Mr. T. M. Tidwell and wife Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adkison.

Miss Cliff Jean Walker of Cleburne spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. R. O. Burns.

Mrs. Calvin Fossett and children of Clifton spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Burns and sons.

Mrs. Jack Noel and son and daughter of Dublin spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Judy Gosdin.

Mrs. Dorothy Hendrix and Lesia of Waco visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Wade Monday night.

The WSCS have quilted three quilts for the Waco Orphans Home.

your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." This may mean and does mean many things. One thing it most certainly means is that a person who wishes to be on God's team must worship. No person's claim of love for God is very convincing unless he backs it up by regular worship in the House of God on Sunday.

Another rule God expects everyone to play by is the rule of self-control or self-discipline. Jesus said, "the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life." If we want to play on God's team we can't drift and dream and coast through life. We must be willing to bring ourselves into line and keep ourselves in line even when it is difficult and when there are many voices calling to us to take the broad and easy way that leads to destruction. As the apostle Paul declared in his own case, "I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest . . . I be disqualified." It is not enough to whine that things are too tough to follow the rules. It is required that one stand up with some backbone and live by the rules with God's help even when things are tough. If we are to be members of God's team we must discipline ourselves to walk in the straight and narrow way, not only with the acts of our bodies, but with the thoughts of our minds and the desires of our hearts.

There are many rules to be obeyed by those who wish to play on God's team and to receive His favor and His gifts for now and for eternity. Actually, we know what most of the rules are. The only real question that is asked of each of us is this, "Do you want to be a member of God's team strongly enough to abide by His rules?" Only you can give the answer for yourself.

Native of Norway, Olaf Rohne, 79, Buried At Cranfills Gap

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12, at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Cranfills Gap for Olaf Rohne, 79, who passed away Feb. 11 at his home. Rev. Einar Jorenson conducted the services. Burial was in Rock Church Cemetery.

Mr. Rohne, who was born in Norway Aug. 6, 1877, was a retired farmer and had resided in Cranfills Gap for the past eleven years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jennie Rohne of Cranfills Gap; two daughters, Mrs. Anna Scott of Meridian and Mrs. Fern Murphee of Hurst; one son, Jessen Rohne of Lott; one sister, Elnor Rostad of Norway; and one brother, Pete Rohne of Norway. Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home of Hico had charge of arrangements.

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STORY NO. 6

Duval Plunderbund Plucked \$7,187 From Benavides Schools in One Day

By—FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—One of the Federal Government's experts working on the sticky financial morass that is Duval County figures the cost of operating a political machine such as this at about \$1,000,000 a year. This doesn't include what goes into the pockets of leaders through big "deals" which otherwise wouldn't have been possible. John Ben Shepperd has estimated the total of "money diverted from intended, lawful purposes" in Duval County has been four or five million dollars a year for the past ten years.

That's a lot of money even for Texas where millionaires are supposed to hide behind every bush.

Political machines fall apart when something interferes with the free flow of cash. Attorney General John Ben Shepperd and District Attorney Sam Burris have turned off the faucet in Duval.

Donato Serna, a determined little Latin-American who can spot a crooked ledger a mile away, now sits in the Courthouse at San Diego as County Auditor. Serna doesn't like George B. Parr one little bit. And for good reason. Parr once gave him a thorough going over with a five-cell flashlight, a beating so severe that one of Parr's then deputy sheriffs, Manuel Amaya, was forced to intervene and disarm the Boss.

"Our County is not in a very good financial condition," says Serna.

Only one county in Texas has a higher tax rate than Duval. The County, with a population in the neighborhood of 12,000, has a bonded indebtedness of \$3,113,000 and a \$2.55 tax rate.

The adjoining county, Webb, another political hot spot, has a \$2.65 rate.

In contrast, Val Verde County has a 58 cent rate. Perhaps the avenging shade of Judge Roy Bean, "the law West of the Pecos," who held court in a Val Verde saloon, keeps sticky fingers out of the public till. There's nothing like a little fancy embezzlement to shoot a tax rate sky high.

Beside my typewriter are two documents. Donato Serna's current annual report on Duval County finances and an affidavit signed by Diego Heras, former acting secretary to the board of trustees of the Benavides Independent School District.

The two documents complement each other perfectly, the latter providing a good picture of the financial shenanigans responsible for the "not very good financial condition" of the County of Duval.

In just one day, October 19, 1950, nimble fingers lifted \$7,

187.80 from the school district treasury.

The chubby Mr. Heras lists 101 checks made out to fictitious names, the whole batch amounting to \$67,414.17. His affidavit makes interesting reading.

"I know George B. Parr of San Diego, Duval County," Mr. Heras swore. "Although he has dominated the Board of Trustees for many years, and has taken it upon himself to countersign all vouchers issued by the District, Mr. Parr has never within my knowledge been an employee of Benavides Independent School District. W. M. Benson of San Diego, who keeps Mr. Parr's books, and who offices in Mr. Parr's office across from the Courthouse in San Diego, has served as 'auditor' for said Benavides School District for many years.

"B. W. Milligan is Superintendent of Schools in the Benavides Independent School District, and W. F. Reed is Principal of the Freer Schools in said Benavides District. During the years I worked for the Benavides District the method of handling Teacher Retirement moneys was to make up the teacher contribution lists from the payrolls, and then to issue vouchers against the School District to Mr. Milligan or Mr. Reed for the amount of the Teachers' contributions. These men in turn were to purchase cashier's checks to be remitted to Teachers Retirement System.

"I have carefully examined annual report of School Funds to Texas Education Agency submitted by Benavides Independent School District for the year ending August 31, 1950, and have also examined a like report submitted for the year ending August 31, 1951. These reports were prepared and submitted by the Texas State Bank of Alice, the depository for Benavides Independent School District. In these reports I have found many irregularities. On Exhibit A to this affidavit, I have listed a number of vouchers issued by Benavides Independent School District to fictitious persons. The persons so listed as fictitious are actually fictitious, never existed, and of course never performed the services for which the vouchers purportedly were drawn. Many of these vouchers were issued at the express direction of W. M. Benson. At times I would deliver the vouchers to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson. At other times, I would present them at the depository bank, where I would be handed an envelope containing money. This envelope would then be delivered to Mr. Parr or Mr. Benson.

"On Exhibit B to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued in the same manner and under the

same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever performed the services for which the vouchers were purportedly issued, and these persons did not receive such vouchers. Such vouchers were handled in the same manner as those issued to fictitious persons.

"On Exhibit C to this affidavit, I have listed another group of vouchers which were issued, in the same manner and under the same direction, to actual persons. However, none of these listed persons who are payees in the listed vouchers ever worked for said Benavides District."

There you have it. And this sort of thing has been going on in Duval County for half a century.

The Diego Heras affidavit tells but a small part of the story of how the plunderbund operated in one school district during one short period of time. More of the Benavides story can be found in the transcript of the trial of D. C. Chapa, tax assessor and collector for the district. Chapa is now free on bail pending a hearing on his appeal from a five year prison sentence.

Equally enlightening facts can be seen in the official transcript of the trial of B. F. Donald, former cashier of one of Parr's banks put out of business by Shepperd in 1955. Donald, too, recently was given a five year prison sentence for conspiracy to steal Benavides school funds.

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ATHLETIC BANQUET

Last Thursday night February 7, all the athletes of Hico High School were honored with a banquet given by the Hico Civic Club. Approximately fifty-five athletes were present, including the boys' and girls' basketball teams and the members of the football team.

After banqueting on a menu of Southern fried chicken, green beans, congealed salad, hot rolls and butter, strawberry shortcake, and iced tea, Master of Ceremonies Robert Jackson got the program off to a hot start.

After introducing several special guests, Mr. Jackson called upon Mr. Cook for a speech. Mr. Cook introduced the coaches, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Keeling and Mr. Chandler. Mr. Chandler introduced the basketball girls, and Mr. Taylor introduced the basketball boys, football boys, and finally the guest speaker, Del Shorfer.

Del, star football player for the Baylor Bears, gave a very inspirational talk showing the comparison of the game of football and the game of life. As a climax to a wonderful evening a film was shown of the Baylor-Tennessee Sugar Bowl football game, which the Bears won.

Speaking for everyone who attended the athletic banquet, I wish to thank each and every member of the Civic Club for sponsoring the affair. If I may use a bit of slang—it was simply great.

H—H—S

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

The District Basketball Tournament begins Tuesday, February 12 at Morgan. The Hico teams play Morgan Thursday night. If the Hico boys and girls win Thursday, they will be in the finals Friday night. The boys and girls are working hard to be in the right condition and frame of mind for these games.

H—H—S

BAND OFFICERS ELECTED

The members of the Hico Tiger Band met in a business session Tuesday, Feb. 5, during our band period. We met to elect band officers for 1951. With Mr. Bradley, our bandmaster presiding, we elected the following officers:

Joan Boone, president; Judy Griffiths, vice-president; Virginia Jones, secretary; Aron Naul, Treasurer; Reggie Ellis, Reporter; and Sergeants-at-Arms, Kay Jameson and Verne Horsley.

Also during our meeting we voted not to have a box supper as is the custom but are busy getting ready for a spring concert, probably in May. Further notices will be given concerning the Spring concert.

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CLUB and SOCIETY PAGE

CLUBS — SOCIETY — PARTIES — PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Bonnie Johnson And James Dowdy Wed Friday

Miss Bonnie Dale Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson of Hico, became the bride of James Dowdy, son of Mrs. Dula Dowdy, also of Hico, in a ceremony Friday evening, February 15, at 6 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. W. F. Hafer Hostess to Bridge Club

Mrs. W. F. Hafer entertained with two tables of bridge when members of the luncheon bridge club met in her home Wednesday of last week.

Former Hico Man, Baylor Parsons, Is Wed In San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor L. Parsons will be at home in San Antonio after a wedding trip to the Gulf Coast.

Hico Garden Club Has February Meeting Friday at Church

Members of the Hico Garden Club held their regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. last Friday in the Methodist Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Archie Corbett, Mrs. Robert Hancock, and Mrs. L. N. Lane.

South Hico H. D. Club Meets With Mrs. R. L. French

The South Hico Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. R. L. French last week. Seven members and 1 visitor were present.

Catherine Blair Feted With Birthday Party

Mrs. S. E. Blair Jr. honored her little daughter, Catherine, Saturday afternoon at their home on her third birthday.

Hico Review Club Enjoys Valentine Party At Hafer Home

Members of the Hico Review Club entertained their husbands Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hafer.



JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM

John Higginbotham, Former Hico Resident, Observes 92nd Birthday

John Higginbotham, one of Stephenville's oldest residents, and a former resident of Hico, recently observed his 92nd birthday.

MISS JO ANN HERRIN RECEIVES INTERVIEW

Miss Jo Ann Herrin, senior secretarial science major at North Texas State College, spent the mid-semester holidays in Texas City and Houston where she was flown by Monsanto Chemical Company of Texas City.

IN FORT WORTH THIS WEEK

Mrs. C. H. Boyd is visiting in Fort Worth this week. On Wednesday, she was honored with other past presidents of G. E. Tandy P-TA at a reunion of the group.

VISIT IN ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon visited this week in Bentonville, Ark. with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hitt and family.

BUFAU 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Buffau 4-H Club met Tuesday, February 12. We appointed a recreation committee which is made up of Barbara Elkins, Nita King, and Julia Kate Anderson.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson were their sons, Lester Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson of Fort Worth.

On the Home Range

By MRS. VIVIAN BLAIR Home, Demonstration Agent

ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN MAY CUT SPENDING

Money management has to be learned as does reading, writing and arithmetic. Most people want their children to learn how to make money—just as important, they must learn how to manage and use the money they have.

SAVE TIME AND ENERGY

Time and energy are important resources. Let's make the most of ours. Have you tried these things to accomplish just that?

- 1. Scald and drain dishes. 2. Do not iron sheets or towels. Fold as they come off line. 3. Make bed by taking only one trip around it. 4. Cook-serve-store food in the same dish. 5. Dust with both hands.

TUSSY SALE ON CLEANSING CREAMS and SKIN LOTIONS

Advertisement for Tussy beauty products including emulsified cleansing cream, dry skin freshener, pink cleansing cream, and skin lotion.

A Registered Pharmacist on Duty At All Times Howard Drug Co.

Advertisement for Howard Drug Co. featuring a 'SENSATIONAL ELECTRIC SHAVERS OFFER FREE!' and 'Lady Schick' products.

Advertisement for Howard Drug Company featuring 'New Tussy Wind and Weather Lotion' and 'Wind Weather' products.

Advertisement for Gulf States Telephone Co. featuring a woman on a telephone and the slogan 'Kitchen Convenience Calls for a Telephone'.

FAIRY

By MRS. EUNICE DANIEL

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR B. J. (BERNICE) PARKS

Our hearts were saddened Friday afternoon when the sad message was received by relatives that B. J. Parks had passed away in the Anderson Hospital at Houston. His death was not unexpected, however we bore hopes that he would regain his health sufficiently to survive his illness for a while yet. But his suffering is over. He is at rest.

The body was conveyed to Hico by Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home where the body lay in state until late Saturday afternoon when it was conveyed out to his farm home near Fairy.

Bernice was a man of many friends. He was born near Fairy and had resided here all of his life, with the exception of a little more than one year spent in the service of World War I. He received his education at the Fairy schools, walking a dirt road for a distance of two miles, and was a classmate of the writer. Other classmates still residing here are Lee Adams, who stated he was also a desk mate of Bernice back in the days of the double desk. Another classmate was Mrs. Gladys Cox. Bernice was fair in all of his dealings with his fellowman. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than thirty years. We have a picture which we treasure very highly, this being an enlarged kodak picture of our deceased father's remains in his casket. Standing around the casket were V. R. Dock Leeth of Dallas, Clifford Tinkle of Hamilton, John Burney (deceased), Rev. Whitley, Fairy Methodist pastor, (now deceased), a Mr. Redding and Murf Tidwell whose addresses are unknown to the writer, and E. J. Parks. This picture was made in March of 1925, almost 32 years ago. Mr. Tinkle and Sam Burney, son of the above mentioned John Burney were two of the Masonic members who stood around his casket Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Fairy Baptist Church at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. Martin Duval officiating. The song service was directed by Audie Clark.

A large crowd was in attendance with relatives and friends attending from Fort Worth, Cleburne, Hico, Stephenville, Clairette, Dublin, Carlton, Hamilton, McGregor, Cranfills Gap, Lanham and other points. The large floral offering was very beautifully arranged in an arch effect over his casket, and a large cross bearing floral decoration in white stood at the back of the pulpit.

Bernice Jewell Parks was born to Robert and Jossie Parks of near Fairy on August 30, 1891. He was married to Miss Nettie Massengale of the Falls Creek community in December of 1915. They had spent their entire married life at their farm near Fairy. He united with the Baptist Church in 1921 and had been a faithful member, both spiritually and financially. He was preceded in death by

his mother on August 11, 1944, his father on November 4, 1956, an older brother, Millree Parks on June 3, 1951, a sister, Mrs. Erma McAdams on June 26, 1956, also an infant brother who was the first born of his parents.

He is survived by his wife, 3 brothers, C. C., T. R. and Ercy Parks, all of Fairy and one sister, Mrs. Bessie Jordan of Cleburne. Also a host of nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and other relatives who mourn his passing.

Interment was in the Fairy Cemetery, where the Masonic lodge bore tribute to his memory in a memorial service. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife and other relatives who mourn his passing.

We have had beautiful spring weather for the past several days, which gives us the out-door working fever. Some have started gardens and some are doing yard work, but we fear more winter weather will head our way again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pendleton of Winters spent the week end in the home of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Massengale and Mrs. Bernice Parks. They were here to attend funeral services for her brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fort of near Cranfills Gap visited Sunday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Emma Ogle and attended the funeral of Mr. Parks. They also visited a while in the Frank Driver home on their return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Driver, Kenneth and Neida of Texas City visited from Friday through Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Driver and Mrs. M. E. Parks and Audie, and attended funeral services for their uncle.

Several of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ercy Parks were here to attend the funeral of their uncle, but we failed to get the names of those other than Cecil Parks and family of Fort Worth. Frank Bonner, who was com-

munity chairman for the March of Dimes drive for this community, reports that a total of \$53.22 was received and wishes to thank all who contributed to this worthy cause.

The writer was a business visitor in Dublin and Stephenville last Saturday. While in Dublin we visited in the home of our daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and Darrel, who was home from TCU in Fort Worth for the week end. We also met Oswald Bauch, son of Mrs. Bell, who lives next door to the Allisons. Oswald is in the Navy and was home on leave before being transferred to Florida. He has visited in our home a number of times with our grandson, Darrel. He is a fine young man and of course is looking forward to the day when he can return to civilian life.

Birthdays for this month that we have overlooked thus far are Elzie Lee Parks of Fort Worth and his twin sister, Mrs. J. T. Leonard of Fairy, Feb. 6, and last Monday, Feb. 4, was the 73rd birthday of Ed Allison.

The writer was in Hamilton last Friday having dental work done and while there we visited a while with our dear friend, Mrs. Minnie McCarty at the rest home.

Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison of Fort Worth visited during the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Garlon Streater and sons of Lanham.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Massengale of Fort Worth visited during the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Massengale and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brummett, and attended the funeral of his uncle, B. J. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abel visited during the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Abel and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Parks and son visited during the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parks and attended funeral services for his uncle, B. J. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Turner and family of Fort Worth visited during the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parks and attended funeral services for their uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison of Dublin were down Sunday to at-

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Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship: 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY ACTIVITIES:

Woman's Missionary Union and all Auxiliaries meet each Monday. Men's Brotherhood each second Monday.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES:

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Funeral services for Mr. Parks and while here visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allison and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers and family. Jerry Todd has been working some this week at the cemetery, marking and re-remounging graves and other needed work.

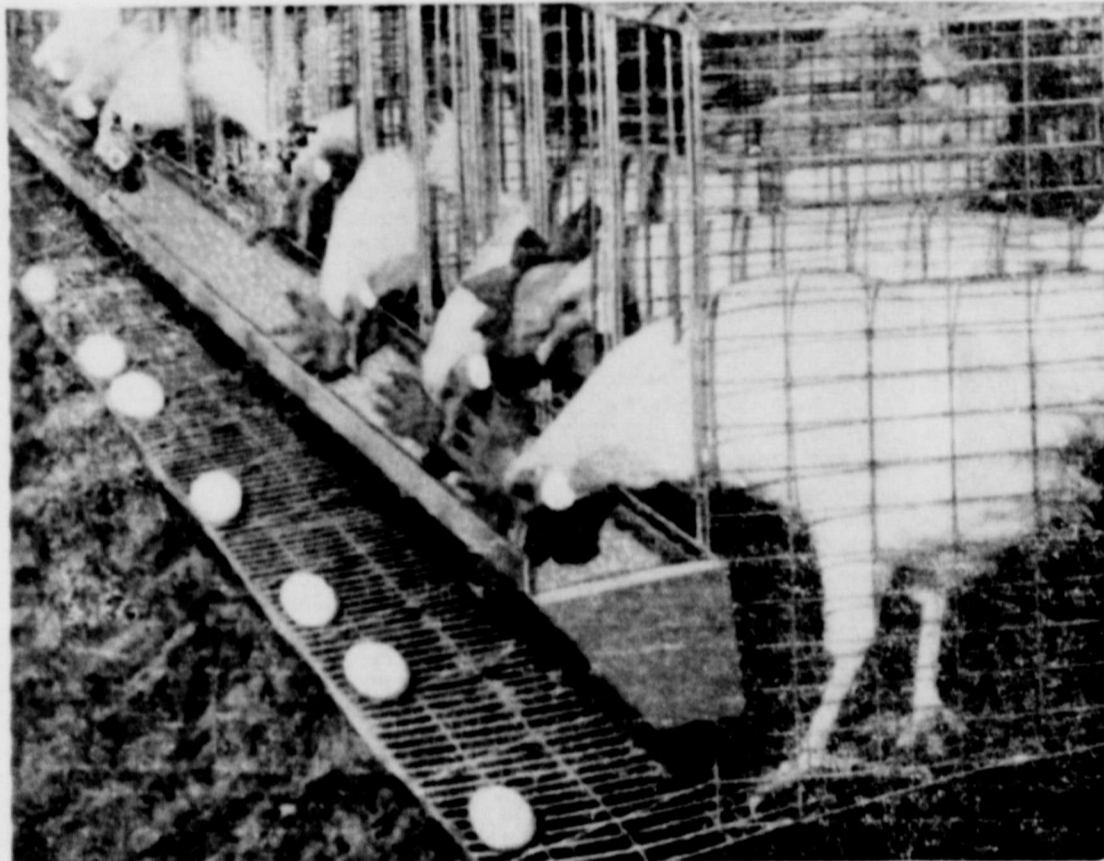
Mrs. Sallie Ogle of Hico and Mrs. Stella Wilson of near Fairy, each handed us \$1.00 for the benefit of the cemetery Sunday afternoon. We thank each for their donation and hope others will be as thoughtful, for with the moisture we have received there is going to be a lot of work and expense in keeping the cemetery as it should be for the next few months.



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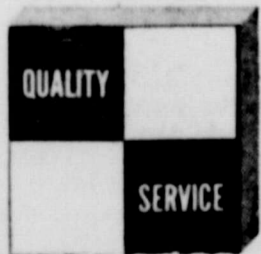
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An Alderman to succeed D. E. Bulloch Jr.; and an Alderman to succeed Weldon Pierce.

That said election shall be held on the above date in said City at the City Hall. A Presiding Officer over said election will be named at the proper time.

All prospective candidates are notified to file their names with the City Secretary at her office in City Hall, Hico, at least 30 days preceding opening of polls on said day of election, which would be on or before March 2nd, 1957.

8:15 p.m. Teacher's Meeting
The Iredell Baptist Church will begin a revival on March 11 and continue through March 17. The evangelist who will preach at the evening services at 7:30 p.m. is Dr. Richard H. Poss. Dr. Poss is pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, California. The public is invited to attend these services.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS AT WMU MONDAY

Miss Eva Paul, a missionary from Japan, gave an interesting talk on her work over there at WMU meeting Monday afternoon. After the meeting pictures of Japanese scenes were shown and refreshments were served to members and visitors present. It was enjoyed by all.

In evidence of the above order I have hereto affixed my Official Seal of the City of Hico, Texas.
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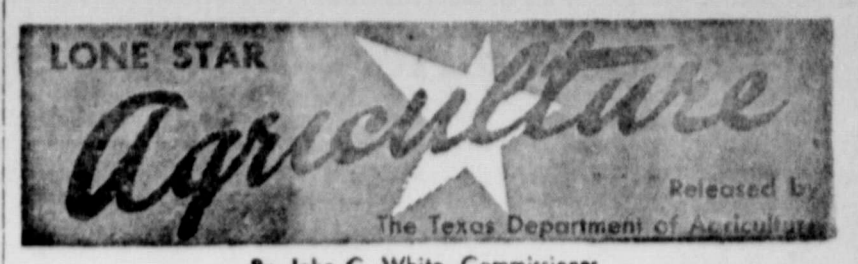
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By MRS. FRED GEYE

Fred Geye, who received a broken leg and bruises in a pick-up-trailer accident near Hico last September 6, and has been confined in the hospital and to his bed since the accident, was able to go down town Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Wilhite and his mother, Mrs. Izora Wilhite of Grand Prairie were Carlton visitors Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Broadway and daughter, Jerene of Lancaster spent Friday night and Saturday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harbour and Wayne. The Broadways moved recently from Rockport to Lancaster where he is pastor of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead were week-end visitors in Stephenville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright.

Mrs. R. D. Ford and daughters of Killeen came Friday for her mother, Mrs. Pearl Fisher, to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Corrine Ford to Obie Oberholzer of Fort Hood, Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

J. C. Wilson and daughter, Diane of Cisco and Woody Wilson carried their mother, Mrs. Norma Wilson to Stephenville Saturday for a check up. She will go back to Stephenville for more treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self and sons visited Sunday in Claitette with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self.

Mrs. Bertha Baird returned home Friday after a month's visit in Bay City and Houston with her children.

Mrs. Ruth Self, Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Section 7, Grand Chapter of Texas O. E. S., was in Gatesville Tuesday for the school of instruction of her section, Carlton Chapter. Several from Carlton attended.

W. J. Wisdom of Stephenville was a visitor Thursday with his sister, Mrs. Lorena Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moss and children, Carla and Terry of Waco spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moss and Mrs. Lilla Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Whipple and children, Alice, Charley and David of Clute, Texas spent the week end at their farm north of Carlton. He is employed in Clute.

The Worker's Conference is meeting tonight, Monday, with the Carlton Baptist Church. Dr. Elmer Dunham of Dallas, director of the mission program of Texas Baptist General Convention, will be the principle speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chapman and children of Irving were visitors over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Sharp Sr. and other relatives.

THE FUTURE OF TEXAS AGRICULTURE

By John C. White, Commissioner

Texas agriculture, like that of the nation, stands at a crossroads. And there is little doubt as to which path it will take.

The inevitable trend of progress has had a greater effect on Texas farming than any single phase of our economy, and this trend is continuing.

Although the past quarter-century has been a period of market industrial development in our state, agriculture has kept its prominent place in a growing Texas.

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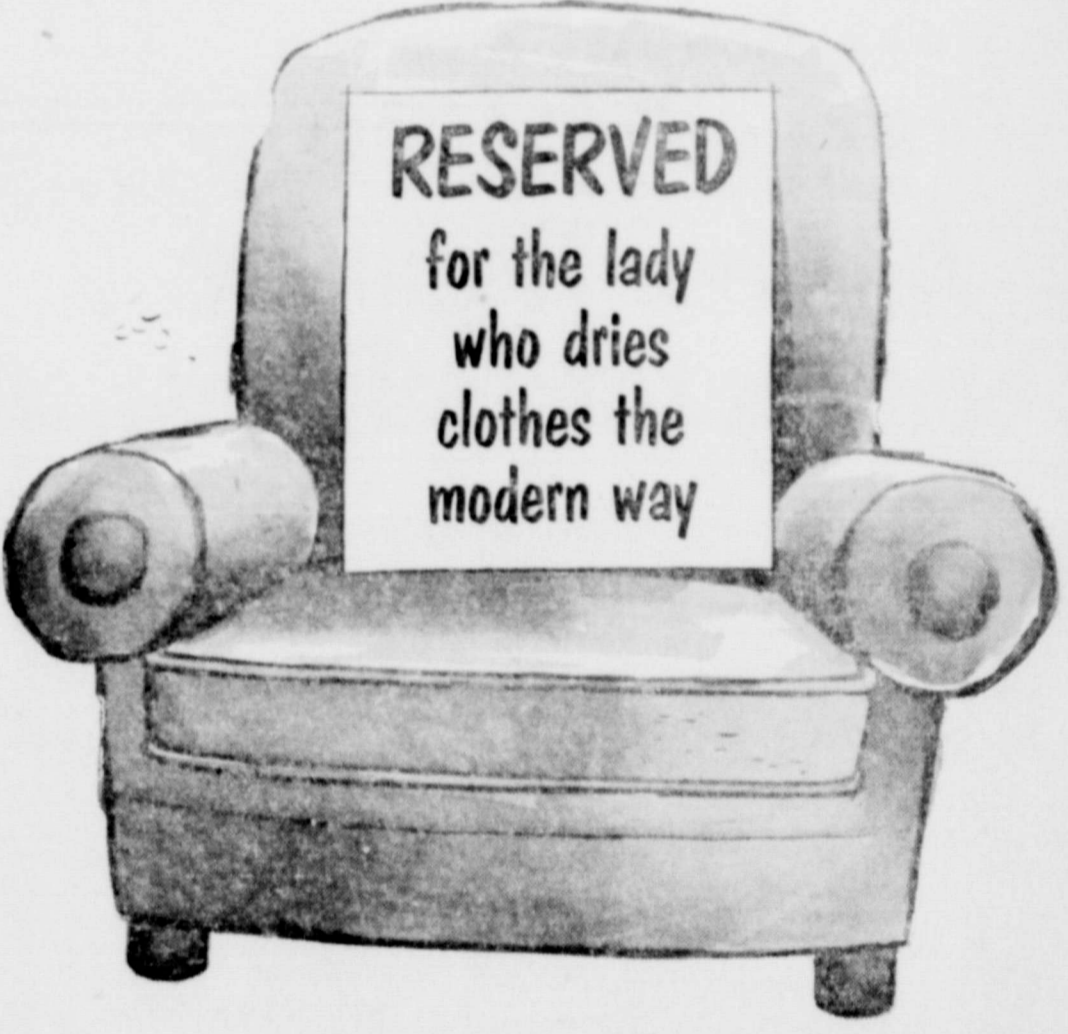
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It Happened Here or Near

By E. E. DAWSON

A hundred miles east of here the other day, as I approached the feed lot where the rancher had a bunch of Mama Hogs and their broods, a swarm of blackbirds flew up and lighted in the near-by trees. But they were not the

old-time blackbirds I have been used to all my life. These were about the size of a sparrow and while the body was black, around the head they were rather a slate color. Thinking of them, I recalled flights of blackbirds I saw back in the nineties of the previous cen-

tury. On one particular evening, a bit before sundown, a blackbird stay aloft without beating their wings. The thermals moved about ten miles an hour so the Cranes made sufficient speed for them to get to wintering areas in time, or in the spring to get to nesting places by the time the lakes and streams were clear of ice in upper Canada. Only a few times have I seen Wild Geese moving on thermals. They usually go in a straight line to where they have started, and usually make a lot of noise talking to each other. Or maybe they are criticizing their leader out there at the head of the V line in which they always fly. Cranes are not so noisy, but you can hear them call to each other, apparently in a conversational, neighborly spirit and not in complaint.

One late autumn back in the nineties, I saw a wonderful flight of butterflies. They were mostly of the big brown species with spots on their wings and they were moving in quite leisurely fashion as they headed for the tropical regions to spend their winter. Once in the twenties of this century I saw a great flight of a certain specimen of hawk. It was just at sundown and the hawk had settled for the night in the mesquite trees just above Jim Ned Creek, in Coleman County. Every tree for a distance of a mile, on either side of the road, was as full of hawks as it had limbs to hold them. It was certainly an interesting sight. While living in Reeves County, I have seen Ravens pass high overhead toward their roosting place in the cottonwoods along Toyah Creek, and it took them at least a half hour to pass. One of the amusing things about the flights, was the clown birds that kept putting on a romp up there in the sky. They must have been the young fellows full of frolic and energy. The older birds paid no attention to them as the smart-alecs dived and rose in flight, always just a pair engaged in the romp.

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SCHOOL FAVORITES—

Bonnie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson of Hico. She has participated in just about every activity in Hico High School. She was freshman class treasurer, sophomore class secretary, junior class favorite, in the senior play, and is editor of the school paper, the "Mirror." She has been active in Homemaking for three years. This year Bonnie was the school representative in the F. H. A. area meeting at Brownwood. She has also participated in basketball for the last four years. Bonnie was also elected co-captain of the basketball team for the last two years and also voted last year as being an all-district guard.—From The Mirror.

Activities Of First Baptist Church

Seventy-five people from the First Baptist Church attended the Hamilton Baptist Associational Worker's Conference at the First Baptist Church in Carlton Monday. This group comprised a large percentage of the three hundred and sixteen that attended the meeting. The Olin church received the percentage trophy by having thirty-two present from a membership of 62. The Evans church won the enlage trophy having traveled over a thousand for the group.

The Rev. Dwight E. Lusk was elected vice-moderator of the Hamilton Baptist Association and as a member of the District Sixteen Board.

Plans are being made to organize a youth choir to be directed by Mrs. Dwight E. Lusk. This choir will be used two Sundays a month at the evening service and on other special occasions when youth work is being emphasized.

The date for the Sweetheart Banquet will be set in the next week or as soon as we are out of basketball competition.

The services and organizational meetings will be as follows:
 Sunday—
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union, 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday—
 W. M. U., 2:00 p.m.
 Junior G. A.'s, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunbeam Band, 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday—
 Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 p.m.

Our thought for the week: "A great thought is a great boom, for which God is to be first thanked, then he who is first to utter it, and then in a lesser, but still in a considerable degree, the man who is first to quote it to us."—Bovee.

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CONSERVATION—

so that they protect the land against erosion and maintain and improve their stand and condition. Deferred or rotation grazing will enable grass to improve its vigor, increase the cover or litter content on the land and to produce a crop of seed.

Deferment is the complete resting of a pasture during the growing season; whereas, Rotation grazing is resting for a short period followed by some grazing followed again by a rest. This is usually accomplished by utilizing cultivated land of supplemental grazing. Some of the rangeland in the WCID is to the point where it will have to be seeded before it will come back into production.

Farm ponds will be needed on some farms to better distribute the grazing. Additional mechanical practices which may be needed are terraces and diversion terraces. Farm waterways are a major need also where outlets are not available for terrace systems, or for the control of gullies.

The farmers of the Water Control and Improvement District that already have basic plans with the Soil Conservation Districts should proceed with carrying out the planned practices. Farmers with conservation plans that are not basic should decide on the needed land treatment so that basic plans may be developed as quickly as possible.

Farmers who, as yet, are not co-operators with the District should ask their neighbors or the Steering Committee members of the WCID to explain the District Program to them. Then take the time to sign an agreement with the district and start the necessary steps to develop a basic conservation program.

A watershed protection and flood prevention program will take the cooperation of every farmer and rancher in the watershed of the Besque River. It must start above the flood plain with needed land treatment before structures can be placed to retard the flood waters. Everyone must do their part.

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J. B. TOMLINSON, Minister
 Schedule on Lord's Day:
 Bible School, 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching and Communion 10:45 a.m.
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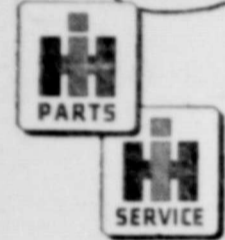
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