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## Asks Law For Publications

(By Vern Sanford)

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd has asked the press of Texas to sponsor 12 bills in the 1957 Legislature. They pertain largely to publication laws. In Shepperd's opinion, such laws would have prevented the land, insurance and Duval County scandals.

Shepperd, whose term expires in January, addressed the 6th Annual Fall Meeting of the Texas Press Association in Austin.

He recommended passage of legislation that would require the land office to publish an official notice in a newspaper in the home county of each veteran applying for a loan under the Veteran's Land Program. This, so that hometown people will know that such an application has been filed.

Also suggested was publication of a financial statement by insurance companies, such as is required of banks and building and loan companies handling the people's money.

A strict law, making it "an absolute, mandatory requirement" that all elected public officials handling the public's money make a public accounting of same at regular intervals was cited by Shepperd as a necessity "to protect the honest public official as well as to protect the public from the dishonest public official."

Much deception is being fostered upon the people by failure of some officials to publish the full text of ordinances, said Shepperd. He referred to the publication of descriptive captions only, or mere titles, which do not give sufficient notice to the public.

He cited the imperative need for publication of annual financial statements by each school district, before another scandal rocks the state. Ditto for publication of the proceedings of county commissioners' courts, and meetings of all boards, commissions and other agencies of the State, City, County or other political subdivision, and opening these meetings to the public.

Other needed laws dealt with means of recovering money unlawfully expended or misappropriated; the hiding of public records; requiring special audits; fixing penalties for filing false reports; establishing venue for the prosecution of any state official who refuses to testify on the grounds of self-incrimination.

Shepperd emphasized his remarks with this statement: "It is the duty of the press to keep the door of the public office open, to see that public officials remain public in every sense of the word. For this purpose, this country has created and maintained a free press."

## Brannan Family Reunion Held In Haskell

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Brannan attended the annual Brannan family reunion held in Haskell, Texas Sunday.

They report drouth conditions are even more severe in the Haskell territory than they are in the Panhandle.

## Three Ladies Plan To Attend HD Conference

San Antonio will be a busy place during the week of September 23-29. Those are dates set for the annual meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council, and the annual meeting of Texas Home Demonstration Association which follows, September 27-29. The Gunter Hotel will be headquarters for both meetings, but main program sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

Delegates from 39 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii will be participating in the national meeting. They will represent the 3 million enrolled in home demonstration extension groups. Mrs. John Gollightly, president of the Texas association, says approximately 2,000 Texas club members are expected to take part. Sherman County delegates who plan to attend the meeting are: Mrs. John Lavake, Stratford; Mrs. Willard Scarth, Stratford; and Mrs. Roy Schaefer, Texhoma.

The program is a full one, with special tours and activities planned for all, including visiting husbands. Many groups, arriving in special buses, are planning to tour various parts of the state and Mexico.

Homemakers at the meeting will hear, among others on the program, Frances Scudder, director of the Division of Home Economics, Federal Extension Service; Governor Allan Shivers of Texas; and Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, former secretary of Health, Welfare and Education.

Every state will have an opportunity to report on an outstanding part of their program.

Highlights of the annual state meeting of Texas Home Demonstration Association, which opens Thursday, September 26, will be election of officers, program planning and work shop sessions in the six main areas of activity; citizenship, education, health and safety, recreation, civil defense and 4-H club work.

## Jack B. Wallis Succumbs To Heart Attack

Jack Ben Wallis, 40, a former Stratford resident, died of a heart attack Monday night in his home at 209 S. Lelia in Guymon.

He was born August 31, 1916, near Guymon, and had spent most of his life in this area.

Survivors include his wife, Lela; two sons, Jackie Mitchell, with the U. S. Navy in Japan, and Bennie Allen, of the home; two daughters, Karen Lea and Dixie Lynn, both of the home; three brothers, W. H. of Guymon, V. O. of Pampa and Bruce of Midwest City; five sisters, Mrs. Roy Goad, Mrs. J. T. Brinkley, Mrs. D. B. Houser and Mrs. Lorene Hoover, all of Guymon, and Mrs. Leona Stockton of Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral arrangements are still pending.

## Kay Spurlock Wins County 4-H Bake Show

Miss Kay Spurlock was the winner of the County 4-H Bake Show held Thursday afternoon of last week in the Commissioners' Court room. The possible score was 300. Kay had a score of 270.

There were 13 entries: Jessie Jean Riggs, Sue Hudson, Judy Hudson and Mary Gay Judd received blue ribbons. Those who received red ribbons were Elaine Spurlock, Julia Willey, Sheila Ann Donelson and Kay Caraway. The ones who received white ribbons were: Lanita Judd, Norveta Bammes and Lynda Lee Palmer.

The cookies and muffins as a whole were very good. Mrs. Lorel Haile and Mrs. Joe Everett acted as judges.

Kay's muffins, cookies and records were entered in the 4-H Baking Show at the Tri-State Fair Saturday.

## Family Reunion At McDaniel Home Sunday

A family "get-together" Sunday at the Orval McDaniel home near Kerrick honored Mr. and Mrs. Martin Oberg of Livermore, California. Mrs. Oberg and Mr. McDaniel are brother and sister.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Spud McDaniel of Boise City, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welling and Mike of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Don McDaniel and Dean, Don D., Janet, Rhonda, Tony and Randall of Dumas, Clint McDaniel, Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hutchison, Spera and Ronnie of Boise City, Mr. and Mrs. Gall McDaniel and John, Leon McDaniel of Stratford, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Pattie and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Newt James, Lewis Frank and Mrs. Catherine of Kerrick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Betty, Elaine and Eddie, Wheelless, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel of Stratford.

## Lift Grazing Restriction On '56 Acreage

The following quoted wire from K. L. Scott, director, Agricultural Credit Services, grant permission to graze acreage reserve in all approved (which includes Sherman County) designated drouth counties through December 31, 1956:

"Under authority of public law 540, 84th Congress and pursuant to the governor's certification of the need therefore, the secretary consents that promoters in all approved counties in Texas may graze land designated in 1956 acreage reserve agreements to and including December 31, 1956."

Spor fishing license sales in Alaska for 1955 were 60,745, a four per cent increase over 1954.

## County Elects ASC Committees

Election returns from Sherman County's three agricultural communities where farmers voted September 17 for ASC committee members were announced this week by R. C. Buckles, chairman of the County ASC Committee, as follows:

Stratford Community: Jim Taylor 127, Conde W. Donelson 110, Paul Aduddell 109, John P. Steel 98, Thomas L. Wakefield 85, Verne W. Foreman 84, Ross E. Wells 68, R. K. Everett, Jr. 50, Ray Gore 49, Stanley Pleyer 40, and one write-in, Neil Jackson 1.

Texhoma Community: Wallace N. Bridwell 72, Ira A. Oldaker 65, Mike Bugner 63, Carl A. Bremer 62, Glenn Craig 62, Wesley W. Lunt 50, Clifford Stedje 43, Forrest L. Davis 31, Robert W. Pierce 21, W. Dean Heil 19, and two write-ins, Roy D. Schafer 2, and Charles T. Watson 1.

Spurlock Community: Frank Blanks 56, Henry C. Wyatt 45, Kent C. Cartrite 45, E. Vernon Carter 42, Robert J. Ferguson 35, Alvin B. Spurlock 31, E. Lester Wells 30, Owen E. Hudson 27, Wayne Cartrite 16, and Joseph R. Morris 13.

The five men in each community receiving the highest number of votes will serve as community committeemen for 1957. Of these, the person receiving the most votes in each community will be chairman of the community committee and also delegate to the county convention; second highest number of votes will be both vice-chairman and alternate delegate to the county convention; third, regular member; fourth, first alternate member, fifth, second alternate member.

The county convention held for the purpose of selecting county committeemen is scheduled for September 27. All newly elected committeemen for 1957 will take office October 1, 1956.

## Texhoma Tot Crushed By Mother's Car

Carolyn Sue Wheeler, 3-year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wheeler, Jr., of Texhoma, died at 12:35 p. m. Friday of injuries suffered a short time earlier when she was run over by a car driven by her mother.

The child was injured about 11:15 a. m. Mrs. Wheeler was returning from town with her son, Larry, 10, and Carolyn, when a group of neighbor children called to her to stop and let Larry and Carolyn play with them.

Mrs. Wheeler let both children out of the car and thought the little girl was crossing the street with Larry when she started the car again and felt a bump. Both front and rear wheels of the car passed over the little girl's body.

Mrs. Wheeler took the child to Dr. Wheeler's office, where she found he was on a call to Goodwell.

Mrs. Roy Cudd, a nurse in the doctor's office, took Mrs. Wheeler and the children to Goodwell where they were met by the doctor, who accompanied them to the Guymon hospital.

Carolyn Sue died a short time after she was admitted to the hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Texhoma. Rev. George Foster, pastor, officiated. Burial was made in the Durant, Oklahoma cemetery.

Survivors, besides the parents and brother, include the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wheeler, Sr., of Durant, and Mrs. Maude Aderholt of Oklahoma City.

## Elks Play Red Devils Friday

## Regulation Of Natural Gas At The Wellhead

(By Walter Rogers)

Most of you will recall the fight that was had last session on the gas bill. The bill finally passed both Houses of the Congress and was sent to the White House. President Eisenhower vetoed the bill, even though he had previously expressed his opinion that federal regulation of the producers of gas at the wellhead was not in keeping with the best interests of this country or our form of government. Although he stated in his veto message that there was some indication of undue lobbying activities and based his veto on that reason, he did not impress me or others who were thoroughly familiar with the situation. I suspected at the time, and so pointed out in a newsletter that there was more politics in the veto than there was reasoning. The bill was either a good bill or a bad bill. If it was a good bill it should not have been vetoed, because somebody tried to pay somebody else some money in some lobbying activities. If the bill was a bad bill, it should never have passed the Congress, lobbying activities or no lobbying activities. The truth is that it was a good bill, although I did not feel that it went far enough in freeing the producers from federal control. Very few bills in our legislative history have been the subject of more extensive hearings than were had on this gas bill. It was thoroughly debated in the House of Representatives and passed the House by a vote of 209 to 203. It then passed the Senate and went to the White House where it was vetoed. I thought the veto was wrong then, and I still think the same way.

The odd situation that has developed concerning the gas bill is simply this. Rumors around Washington are that some ardent supporters of the President are seeking the active and financial support of the oil and gas people for the fall campaign. The oil and gas people are supposed to have been told that if such support is forthcoming, the President will sign the gas bill as soon as it gets to the White House next year. I would advise the oil and gas people to be sure to read and understand exactly what is going on. In the first place, it should be pointed out that the phrase "as soon as it gets to the White House" is the tricky part of the language. In the second place, it must be remembered that the bill passed the House by a final vote of 209 to 203, a margin of only 6 votes. In the third place, it would not be difficult for several of the members who voted for the bill to change their votes in the next session and vote against the bill. It would only require a change of 4 votes to defeat the bill in the House. This would mean that the bill would never reach the White House. Therefore, the promise of the ardent supporters of the President that the bill would be signed "as soon as it reaches the White House" would not be broken.

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## McCroly Rites Held Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services for Lon C. McCroly, 72, were held Saturday afternoon in the First Baptist Church in Dalhart where he was a longtime member and valued leader.

Rev. W. R. Lawrence, pastor, was in charge.

The body was brought overland to Stratford for burial in the family plot under direction of the Walker Funeral Home of Dalhart.

At the services in Dalhart a girl's trio sang, "After," and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." Mrs. O. B. Phillips was at the organ.

Pallbearers were L. B. Steel, O. H. Finch, Sr., S. E. Brown, E. E. Bowling, F. E. Thomas, Sr., Ray Koehler, Harold Rogers, all of Dalhart; and Arthur Ross of Stratford.

The family requested that any memorials be in the form of contributions to the Boy Scouts of America or to favorite institutions or charities.

Mr. McCroly was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church Board of Deacons and had served as its chairman. He served seven years as Sunday school superintendent of the Young People's department. At the time of his death he had just been reelected to another term as Sunday School superintendent of the adult department. Rev. Lawrence said he was in process of lining up Sunday school teachers for his department for the coming year when he was stricken.

At the time of his death, he was also serving as chairman of the First Baptist Church finance committee; and was a trustee of Wayland college, Baptist institution at Plainview.

Despite a heart condition that had troubled him several years, he had also remained a leader in Boy Scout work, both in this tri-county district, and in the Llano Estacado Council that headquarters in Amarillo.

A year or two ago he was presented with the Beaver award, the highest honor within the gift of the Boy Scouts of America.

A native Texan, he was born January 31, 1884. He was an early-day resident of Stratford where years ago he was a key figure in the consolidation of the First National Bank of Stratford and the First State Bank of Stratford under the name of The First State Bank, which still operates today. Mr. McCroly became cashier of the new institution. The late L. M. Price was president.

Later, Mr. McCroly sold his interest in the Stratford bank, and went to Dalhart where in March, 1920 he, L. B. Steel, O. H. Finch, Sr., S. E. Brown, Gus Coots, W. D. Wagner and others founded the Citizens State Bank.

Mr. McCroly served as its president continuously until July 1, 1951 when he resigned. He also developed extensive land holdings and Dalhart property interests and at the time of his death was still extensively engaged in ranching.

He and his brother, Vester, also a rancher with his home in (Continued on Page 1)

Stratford Elks will play the strong Texhoma Red Devils in their second home football game of the season Friday night. Kickoff time is scheduled for 8:00 p. m.

Elk victory will be determined more or less by the team's "will to win."

The Elks scored the first touchdown in the game with Boy's Ranch Friday night of last week. Boy's Ranch came back for two touchdowns in the second quarter. The Elks fought back for a second touchdown in the third quarter, and as the period of play ended the score was tied 13 to 13, with both teams playing their best.

During the early part of the last quarter the pigskin changed into the possession of first one team and then the other until the Elks finally took command of the situation. They started a drive for a touchdown and kept it rolling until they were threatening the goal line. Boy's Ranch was playing like a team expecting defeat and the Elks were following up their advantage of position on the field. A 15 yard penalty against the Elks reversed the attitude of both teams. Boy's Ranch regained their fighting spirit and the Stratford Elks, although playing headsup defensive football, lacked the will to win which gave them all the advantage in the earlier part of the last quarter. Boy's Ranch pressed their advantage to a 19 to 13 victory.

Coach Haskell Bilibrey has been doing everything possible to instill the old fighting spirit of confidence back into his team. It is possible a fighting Elk team will take its position against Texhoma Friday night for a much better football performance than was shown in the last stages of the game with Boy's Ranch.

## Recent Bride Honored At Shower

Mesdames Charles Cameron, Calvin Minkley, H. T. Galloway, Sam Hayworth, R. A. Strother, Lorraine Mehner, Lee R. Musick and Fred Mercer were hostesses at a post-nuptial shower Monday evening, September 17, at the home of Mrs. Mercer, complimenting Mrs. James Quisenberry, the former Tommie McDougal.

Mrs. Quisenberry was presented with an amber Chrysanthemum corsage.

Guests were received by Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, and were registered by Miss Darla Jean Galloway.

The gifts were registered by Mrs. Calvin Minkley, and after they were unwrapped by the honoree, they were displayed by Mrs. Lee R. Musick.

Refreshments were served from a table laid with a hand made lace tablecloth over blue. Presiding at the punch service was Mrs. R. A. Strother, while Mrs. H. T. Galloway served cake.

Out-of-town guests included Mesdames Bland Burson and Ned Burson of Channing; Mesdames Eula Stovall, L. D. Blades, G. P. Morris, of Hartley; and Mesdames Jim Hall and L. L. McBrayer of Dalhart.

# Town Talk

Mrs. C. R. Foster had as a guest last week end, her sister, Miss Ineva Headrick of Amarillo.

Mrs. Dick Diehl visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry McIntosh in Dalhart Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruett Adkins and Eloise visited Mrs. Adkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beauchamp in Clayton, New Mexico Sunday. Mr. Beauchamp celebrated his 83rd birthday Thursday of last week, September 13.

Mrs. Tim Flores spent last week end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cannon, Jr., and children in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie went to Robinson, Kansas the first of this week, to take their grandson, Dick VanBebber, home. Dick, son of Mr. and

Mrs. J. G. VanBebber, had been visiting his grandparents and other relatives the past three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie plan to visit in the VanBebber home about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe went to Optima, Oklahoma Sunday for a visit with Mr. Riffe's sister, Mrs. Paul Wright, who is ill, and her family.

Sp/3 LaVern Gaylord, Mrs. Gaylord and little daughter, Debbie, of Colorado Springs, Colorado spent last week end visiting relatives here, and left Monday for Selling, Oklahoma, for a visit with Mr. Gaylord's parents, and other relatives. They plan to return to Stratford, and visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman, and his brother and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord and sons, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dice were business visitors in Dalhart Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pemberton, Dumas, visited in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Sunday.

Dick Diehl was a business visitor in Dalhart Thursday of last week.

Tommy Taylor went to Cripple Creek, Colorado on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel and children, Patti an Mike, went to Greensburg, Kansas Wednesday. They met Mrs. McDaniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Leedy of Junction City, Kansas. Patti and Mike went home with their grandparents for a short visit. Mrs. McDaniel will leave Sunday morning for the National Home Demonstration meeting in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Word attended a gift show in Denver, Colorado the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vernon of Quincy, Illinois are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Williams.

Mrs. "Pup" Wells, Mrs. Jerry Underwood and Mrs. Harold Baker were visitors in Dalhart Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Turner returned home Sunday from Booneville, Arkansas where they visited Horace Turner, who has been ill.

Tom Pugh, Texhoma, was a visitor in the Dick Diehl home Friday.

Marion Brown and Michael Dowlanink visited over the week end in the home of Marion's mother, Mrs. Harry Sears. The boys are stationed at Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langford, of Olton, Texas and Mrs. Artie Jordan of Monahan, Texas were visitors in the G. L. Taylor home Saturday morning. Mr Lang-

ford is a cousin of Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Faye Beall left Tuesday night for a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Velma Porter, in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sandlin and children had as guests last week end, Mrs. Sandlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Arnold, and brother-in-law, J. A. Dodson and son, Danny, all of Bowie, Texas. The Sandlin family and their guests visited Mrs. Sandlin's sister, Mrs. Marvin Bell and family in Sunray Sunday.

Mrs. Veda Bagwell left last week for Benton, Illinois for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King left Thursday of last week for a vacation in the mountains of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tom visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson in Dumas Saturday evening. Mrs. Wilson had just returned that day from Amarillo where she had been a medical patient in Northwest Texas Hospital the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Winchell of Des Moines, Iowa were here Friday night for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Riffe. They were returning to their home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woods in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kimball had as guests from Thursday until Monday, her brother and wife, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Elmo D. Armstrong, who came to the U. S. recently from Port Montt, Chile, South America. The Armstrongs were enroute to Riverside, California, where he is to be stationed.

Mrs. Eddie Brooks left Monday morning for a visit with her sister in Pocatello, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bachman arrived Wednesday of last week for visits with relatives. Mr. Bachman is stationed at Fairfield Air Base at Sacramento, California. Mrs. Bachman is attending school at Texas Tech in Lubbock this year.

Miss Hazel Harris, Dalhart, visited in the home of Miss Minnie Laura Jackson Sunday.

Walter Strother attended the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo Wednesday.

Among the out-of-town ex-students attending the Ex-Students Association meeting were Mrs. George Cannon and daughter, Miss Timmie Lu Williams of Amarillo.

Mrs. H. L. McMahan was a visitor in Amarillo Wednesday.

Manuel Garcia went to LaJunta, Colorado last week to enter school.

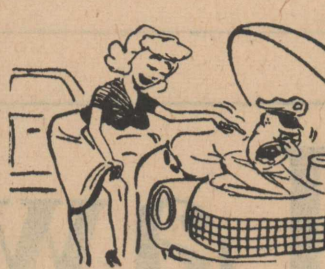
## Mrs. Cleveland Prospectus Study Club Speaker

Mrs. Hilma Cleveand was guest speaker for the first meeting of the 1956-57 season of the Prospectus Study Club, in the home of Mrs. C. C. Plunk at 7:30 in the evening of September 7, with Mrs. L. J. Davis as co-hostess. The theme for the year being "The Inquiring Woman." Mrs. Cleveland's subject was "The Inquiring Woman Inquires into European Art." Beautiful colored slides were shown, which Mrs. Cleveland had made during holiday tours in Italy, France and Germany while she was employed as an American Army teacher in Boebbling, Germany. Interesting explanations of pictures show-

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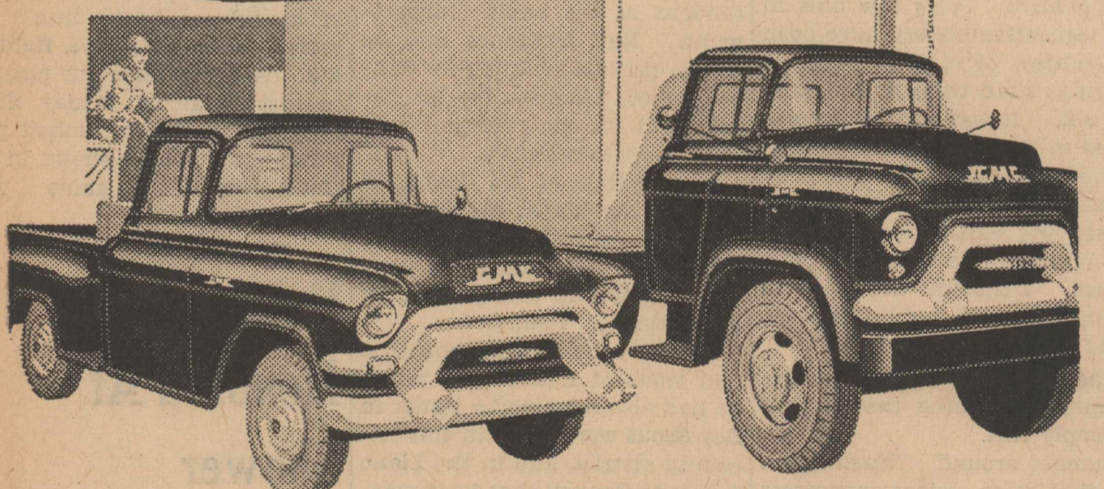
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## FIRST GRADE

(Teacher, Mrs. Reaves)  
There are twenty-two pupils in our room, eleven boys and eleven girls. Most of them are adjusting themselves fairly well to school life.

We are sorry to learn that Lynn's home was partially destroyed by fire.

## FIRST GRADE

(Teacher, Mrs. Corley)  
Our twenty-three who are enrolled are busy workers, and are really learning about school.

We had 18 in Sunday School this last Sunday. Four went to the Methodist, five to the Baptist, five to the First Christian Church, three to the Church of Christ, and 1 to the Assembly of God Church.

None of us have birthdays in September. Kathy Benson and Joe Taylor had birthdays in August.

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

(Teacher, Mrs. Minkley)  
We are all very happy to be back in school again. We have 21 pupils in our room this year. Most of us are old friends, but we have two new students to join us. Beckie Word came from Dalhart and Gary Roberson from Dumas. We have been reviewing and trying to get back in the general routine of school. It is very important that we are in school every day, so we are going to try to be present every day.

On Wednesday of last week

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## EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

(Teacher, Mrs. Cameron)  
The class elected officers for room 18. They are: President, Kay Spurlock; Secretary and Treasurer, Kaye Webb; Reporter, Kay Caraway; Librarian, Mark Gates; Historian, Ginger Brooks. After the officers were elected we elected our room mothers. They are: Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Spurlock, Mrs. Caraway, and Mrs. Webb.

We have three new students in our room. They are Carolyn Garrett from Ft. Worth, Texas, Ruth Naylor from Beaver, Oklahoma; Jerry Adams from Dimmitt, Texas.

The Eighth Grade Class has a total of 43 students enrolled. —Reporter, Kay Caraway; grade school news compiled by Darla Galloway.

## MYSTERY BOY OF THE WEEK

(By Darla Galloway)  
Favorite sport, football; favorite actor, George Gobel; favorite teacher, all of them; favorite subject, agriculture; favorite food, chicken; favorite drink, coke; color of hair, blond; weight, 128; height 5 feet 7 inches; color of eyes, blue; grade, Freshman.

## MYSTERY GIRL OF THE WEEK

(By Darla Galloway)  
Favorite sport, basketball; favorite actor, Tony Curtis; favorite actress, Jane Russell; favorite teacher, Mrs. Strothers; favorite subject, English; favorite food, fish; favorite drink, coke; color of eyes, blue; color of hair, blond; weight, 115; height 5 feet 2 inches, grade, Freshman. The answers to this week's mystery boy and girl will be published next week.

## LIBRARY NEWS

(By Darla Galloway)  
The library this year has received 114 new books. The students apparently are enjoying them as most of the new books are checked out.

The library has been moved to the principal's old office to give more room in the study hall.

The students working in the library are: Jean Spurlock, Darla Galloway, Carolyn Folsom, Alma Casey, Darrell Stublefield, Hoy Harrison. Mrs. Mercer is in charge of the library and staff.

In the library we have literature suitable for any phase of high school work and research as well. One will find a wide variety of magazines and a daily and weekly newspaper. The students should be able to find ample literature for class work as well as books for enjoyment.

Patrons are not only welcome but urged to take a little time and visit the library to see what the students of Stratford High School have at their disposal. Remember you are welcome.

## EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

(By Darla Galloway)  
Tuesday, the eleventh, we elected our class officers and room mothers. The officers are: President, Lela Hampton; Vice-President, Elaine Spurlock; Secretary-Treasurer, Natacha Morris; Librarian, Joe Ray Brown; Historian, Gary Matthews; and News Reporter, La Nell Trublood. The room mothers are: Mrs. O'Quin, chairman; Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Burkham.

## TEACHER'S PORTRAIT

(By Jean Spurlock)  
Jack Wade was born on October 1, 1928. His home town is Portales, New Mexico. Mr. Wade attended high school at Clovis High. After graduating from Clovis High, Mr. Wade attended Eastern New Mexico University where he received his B.A. degree. He taught one year before coming to Stratford. Mr. Wade teaches general science and biology. He had planned to coach a Junior High football team, but the failure to schedule any games caused this to be dropped. Mr. Wade enjoys all sports, especially football and basketball. I want to welcome you as I am sure all

the other students would to Stratford High School and I sincerely hope you will like it here.

## EXEMPTION PROGRAM

This year an exemption program has been set up in S.H.S. for semester exams only. To become exempt a student must have an average of 90 or better in that subject he or she wants to be exempt in. He or she must not have an unexcused absence or tardy slip for the semester. He or she can have three excused absences and three excused tardies. His or her conduct must be good or better. We were all very glad to learn that this program had been started.

## NEED FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

(By Jean Spurlock)  
More and more people are realizing the need for a high school education. It seems that boys and girls mature faster than in recent years. School days are personality building days. Students learn how to live with others, learn to assume responsibility, learn the value of privileges and profit from association with teachers. Today more people realize that to get most any kind of job, the high school education is necessary. Let me tell you of one person who really desired to become a shoe salesman in a shoe store. When application for the job was made a college education was required. This may seem a little unusual, but I feel sure the shoe company wanted this type person for reasons of advancement. This is only one case and maybe it is an extreme one, but it really points out the need for a good high school background.

I was told by a teacher of one high school of 2,000 students that they did not have one single drop out last year. Out of the senior class of 300, 99% were starting to college this fall. If every high school could achieve this record, how proud we could be of our country and our schools.

I hope I have given to you a little better understanding of the necessity of attending high school and seeing that your children go through high school.

## MENU'S

(By Betty Bradley)

Monday, September 24, meat loaf with cheese sauce, creamed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad rolls, butter, pineapple sherbert and milk.

Tuesday, September 25, Irish stew, tossed salad, stuffed celery, rolls, butter, rice pudding and milk.

Wednesday, September 26, rolled roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, rolls, butter, peanut butter cookies and milk.

Thursday, September 27, roast pork, sweet potatoes, apple, blackeye peas, lemon jello and carrot salad, rolls, butter, banana pudding and milk.

Friday, September 28, meat balls and sauce, mashed potatoes, greens, cottage apple marshmallow salad, rolls, butter, white cake, and milk.

## FIRST ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

(By Betty Bradley)  
The first Southern Assembly of the school year was held in the High School Auditorium, September 11, 1956 at 1:45 P. M. Forty-five minutes of excellent entertainment was provided by the Smythes and their twin pianos. They played several selections on the electronic pianos which they brought with them. The electronic pianos have been in use only 3 years and weigh about 100 pounds. The Smythes played some classical selections, then moved to the more modern group which they called the show business part of the show. They ended their show with several Latin American numbers in which the student body took part. As an encore, the Smythes played "The St. Louis Boogie."

Besides the usual seven Southern Assemblies the National Assemblies will provide the student

body with 6 more programs. This makes a total of 13 assemblies.

## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

(By Carolyn Folsom)  
It seems that today we do not appreciate the wonders of nature as much as we should. We never stop to look at the beautiful sunset or the wonders of a sunrise. We just take it for granted that the sun will rise and set as it has always done. We do not realize how much moisture means to us until we have to go without it. There are even probably times that we do not even think of God for a whole day. What if He should forget us even an instant? What would happen to the heavens and the earth, and to the air we breathe? Man may think he owns a field of wheat and God has nothing to do with it, but the wheat can be planted and even artificially watered, but man cannot cause the sun to shine upon that wheat or make that seed sprout. Without God we are nothing. We should never feel that God is far off.

He is right beside us every minute. He always hears our prayers and answers them, maybe not in the way we are expecting them to be answered, but always in the way that is best for us if we have the faith to let Him decide that for us. Some wonders we cannot feel or touch, such as faith and love. Isn't it wonderful to feel wanted and loved! What would life be without friends? Our blessings never end, no matter how sorry we feel for ourselves sometimes. Just stop to think of the blessings and the wonders that are bestowed upon you for today, for tomorrow is promised to no one.

## SENIOR NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)  
The senior class decided to have the rose for their class flower and blue and white for class colors. A committee was appointed to select a class motto.

## SOPHOMORE NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)  
The sophomore room mothers

are: Mrs. Caraway, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Oberwetter. It was decided that we would give a dance for the whole high school on September 29.

## FRESHMAN NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)  
The Freshman class is proud to have Betty Naylor from Beaver, Oklahoma with us this year. Our class officers are: President, Rex Palmer; Vice President, Butch Keener; Secretary and Treasurer, Raymond Albert; Reporter, Gay Judd.

We selected as our sponsors, Mrs. Mercer and Mrs. Seibold. The Freshman room mothers are: Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Bachman, Mrs. Burgess, and Mrs. Kendrick.

## BAND NEWS

(By Carolyn Folsom)  
The band played and put on a half time show for the football game Friday night. The band marched to the front of the stands and played while the majorettes put on a twirling act. We then went into a ques-

tion mark and played "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." We then marched into a "8" and a "4", meaning only 84 more shopping days until Christmas. We know we have barrels of fun working these shows up and hope they back the team.

## BOY'S RANCH DOWNS

STRATFORD 19-13  
(By Bob Donelson)  
The Boy's Ranch Rough Riders downed the Stratford Elks last Friday night, 19-13. The Elks scored first in the first quarter on a 17 yard pass play from "Punkin" McMinn to Hoy Harrison. The extra point attempt, a pass from Mike Neal intended for Harrison, was no good. Boy's Ranch came back in the second quarter on a 48 yard pass play to knot the score 6-6. The extra point attempt was blocked. Shortly after Boy's Ranch kicked off, the Elks fumbled on their own 11 and Boy's Ranch recovered. They scored just before the half ended, and the extra point was (Continued on Page 4)

FOOTBALL

Stratford Stadium — Friday

KICKOFF — 8:00 P. M.

# Stratford ELKS

VS.

## TEXHOMA RED DEVILS

### Elk Starting Lineup

36—Melvin Mitts, L.E.	25—Hoy Harrison, R.E.
46—Wayne Cummings, L.T.	51—James Spurlock, R.T.
47—Lance Harrington, L. G.	48—Raymond Kirkwood, R.G.
30—Paul Aduddell, Center	
28—Cagle Kendrick, Q.B.	
32—Richard McMinn, L.H.B.	44—Russell Albert, R.H.B.
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# THE ELK

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good on a pass play. The half ended with Boy's Ranch leading, 13-6. In the third quarter, "Punkin" McMinn returned a punt 35 yards to the Boy's Ranch 3 yard line. Russell Albert plunged the line for the touch-down, and then did the same for the extra point. This tied the score, 13-13. In the fourth quarter, a Boy's Ranch back scampered 32 yards for a touch-down, but the extra point was no good. The game ended with Boy's Ranch on top, 19-13.

The summary: First downs, Stratford 6, Boy's Ranch 7; net yards rushing, Stratford 68, Boy's Ranch 129; Passing, Stratford completed 3 of 8 for 36 yards; Boy's Ranch completed 2 of 6 for 78 yards; punting, Stratford punted twice for an average of 32 yards; Boy's Ranch, three times for an average of 30 yards; Fumbles recovered, Stratford 2, Boy's Ranch 1; penalties, Stratford, 6 for 75 yards, Boy's Ranch 8 for 50 yards.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

(By Wilma Jean Sneed)

Why make a special effort to be in school. This is a part of self discipline that each one will or will not learn. For every thing that is good there will be a sacrifice made. Certainly when a boy or girl is ill, home is the best place for them. Yet so many times illness is actually mental rather than physical I know from my own feelings that some days on arising the thought of staying at home is really uppermost in my mind, yet I know full well that once the mind can be taken off of self and put to constructive work then the feeling of the whole body becomes different.

Let's help the boys and girls to be in school every day possible. Remember time and tide waits for no man.

## ANNUAL FALL MEETING OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

(By Wilma Jean Sneed)

Mr. Standefer, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Stewart and the coaches attended a football meeting Tuesday night, September 18, for district 1-B at Stinnett. It was the annual fall meeting of school officials and coaches.

## T.S.T.A. MEETING IN DUMAS

(By Wilma Jean Sneed)

The Stratford teachers and three F.T.A. members attended the regular monthly meeting of the T.S.T.A. in Dumas, Monday night, September 10.

Lynn Whitten of Dumas played several piano selections for the group before the business meeting. It was enjoyable to listen to him play.

Mr. Mouser of Dumas gave a speech and information on the Fourth Amendment. One statement that I remember in particular was "I am a teacher and I am proud of my profession."

Mr. Baker also of Dumas gave additional information on the fourth amendment.

Do you actually know what the fourth amendment is? Do you know whether you want to vote for it or not? The fourth amendment is a teacher retirement plan. It is to help the teacher want to teach and to have something to look forward to when he or she has to retire from teaching.

Did you know that in 1960 there will be 350,000 children entering school for the first time? Did you know that 7,000 teachers leave the teaching profession each year for various reasons?

To teach the 350,000 new students at least 48,000 teachers will be needed. We are just about 15,000 short.

Who is going to teach your children or grandchildren in 1960?

Voting for this amendment will not cost you a penny. It will help keep your present teachers and will attract new ones.

Every other profession has a retirement plan. Why can't the teachers have one too? Think about it. Cast your vote for the fourth amendment at the November 6, 1956 election. Every vote helps.

## P-TA NEWS

The first P-TA meeting of the year will be September 25, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. Everyone interested in

children and school should signify the same by attending your P-TA. One topic to be discussed will be amendment number 4 which is vital to future teaching of children. Here is a partial list of points every patron should know more about. Amendment number 4 will help to recruit additional teachers, hold teachers in service, bring up to date a retirement program enacted in 1937 during the depression, permit teachers to contribute more to improve their own retirement program, provide disability, death and security benefits comparable to that available in industry and governmental service, provide reciprocity to out of state teachers, provide sound efficient administration, provide a more adequate benefit for teachers now retired, and clarify and react much of the old retirement law.

## PAPER STAFF

The Elk staff includes: Editor, Jean Spurlock; Assistant Editor, Darla Galloway; Reporters, Wilma Sneed, Carolyn Folsom, Bob Donelson, Carroll Wisdom, Betty Bradley, Jean Spurlock, Darla Galloway.

We, the staff, will try to bring news from Stratford High School that will be of interest to everyone.

## Plant Grass In Ball Park

Seeding of the Little League ball park to Bermuda grass was completed Friday. An attempt will be made to have the field in an even better condition for playing during the next summer season.

## Hunters On Trails In Wyoming

H. L. McMahan, Leslie Parker and Troy Garrison of Lubbock are hunting in the mountains near Jackson Hole, Wyoming this week. The region usually has a plentiful supply of deer and elk.

## Death Takes Oat Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Green, Leach Smith and Earl Smith left Tuesday for Ponca City, Oklahoma, to attend the funeral of a cousin, Oat Cook.

## Saturday Rural Youth Day At Tri-State Fair

Rural Youth Day at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo is Saturday, September 22. Every 4-H girl, boy and leader are invited to be guests of the Tri-State Fair. The program will be held in the Sports Arena beginning at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. This program will include some entertainment and the crowning of the Baking Queen and Wheat King and other awards.

As has been the custom in the past, all Rural Youth (4-H, FFA and FHA) will gather with their adult leaders and will be passed in at any of the gates prior to 10:00 a. m. upon proper identification of their membership in such organizations. 4-H uniforms or a 4-H emblem on a white shirt or blouse should be worn. 4-H'ers may pick up their card of identification at the county agents office.

## THE P-TA NEEDS YOU

(By Mrs. E. J. Massey, Jr.)

The Stratford P-TA will have its first meeting of this school year at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, September 25.

The P-TA needs you because in every American community there is work to be done for children and youth work that will not wait. It doesn't take a child long to grow up, and growing up under undesirable condi-

## THE P-TA NEEDS YOU

tions may mean tragedy for the child and loss to the nation.

As a member of our P-TA you can help to give every child in our community a chance to achieve a life that is satisfying to himself and useful to others.

As a member of our P-TA you will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, principal, and school officials, who, through our P-TA programs, keep us up to date on the objectives, curriculums and achievements of our schools.

As a member of our P-TA you will be doing your share through your all-inclusive membership, local, state and national, to strengthen the entire parent-teacher organization and its program, thereby increasing educational opportunities and community resources for all children.

As a member of our P-TA you will belong to a nation-wide, democratic, volunteer organization that centers its whole interest on the welfare and education of children and youth. You can add your voice to the voices of more than ten million other citizens whose efforts have enabled schools to secure more funds for teachers' salaries, for improved school equipment, for school construction, and for the enrichment of school programs in general.

For the Tuesday night program, R. W. Standefer, Superintendent, will speak on a subject of special interest to everyone, "We, The People, Support Our Teachers, by Legislation Affecting Teachers." As a responsible citizen of our community, you do belong in our P-TA, and this is a cordial invitation to you to come and join us, in the Stratford School Auditorium for our meeting, and a social gathering and refreshments in the cafeteria afterward. A hearty welcome awaits you.

## Pvt. C. E. Cooper Will Be Assigned European Duty

FORT CARSON, COLO. — Pvt. Charles E. Cooper, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Albert W. Cooper, Cactus, Texas, is scheduled to leave the U. S. Sept. 25 for Europe as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

Cooper is a member of the 8th Infantry Division, which has been stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and is replacing the 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

The 22-year old soldier is a clerk in Medical Company of the division's 5th Regiment. He entered the Army last March.

Cooper is a 1955 graduate of McMurry College.

## Mrs. J. C. O'Brien Entertains The Embroidery Club

The Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. J. C. O'Brien Thursday of last week at 2:30 p. m. The afternoon being too warm for work, the ladies decided to play "42," which was enjoyed by all.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Roy Allen, Mrs. Phillip Blanck, Mrs. W. E. Kelley, Mrs. W. G. O'Brien, Mrs. H. L. Vincent, Mrs. C. W. Moon, Mrs. Tim Flores, Mrs. F. A. Judd, Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. S. J. Calverd, Mrs. G. L. Taylor, and the hostess, Mrs. O'Brien.

## Kitchen Shower Given For Gaylords

A kitchen shower was given Saturday at 5:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord, whose kitchen was completely destroyed and the remainder of the house and furniture badly damaged by fire Thursday evening. Many gifts had been placed in a box in the Word Hardware Store, and taken to the church to add to those taken to the church. They received many useful gifts, including dishes, utensils, and kitchen linens, etc.

## SINCERE THANKS

We want to thank the many people of Stratford who made our troubles seem so much lighter.

Thanks to those who offered help and those who gave help in so many ways.

For the wonderful kitchen shower, we say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts.

May we all Thank God for putting so many wonderful people in Stratford to help and work together in time of need.

May God grant his richest blessings upon you all.

Mr. and Ms. W. H. Gaylord, Lynn and Steve.

## Had Birthday Dinner Sunday

Odis Bryant and Conrad Riffe were honored Sunday in the Bryant home with a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Bryant. Mr. Bryant's birthday was Friday, and Mr. Riffe's birthday was Tuesday.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were Mrs. M. E. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe, Bill Riffe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Riffe and Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bryant.

## Foods Plentiful In October

The harvest moon of October will shine on a cornucopia bulging with plentiful foods. This is despite the prolonged drought which has cut deeply into agricultural production in many states of the nation.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, Southwestern Regional Office, Dallas, reports that protein-rich foods dominate

## October list.

These include beef turkeys, stewing chickens, broilers and fryers, as well as eggs, peanut butter, cheese, milk and other dairy products.

Potatoes and cabbage are the only vegetables carried on the October listing of plentiful foods.

## Gaylord Home Damaged By Fire

Fire of unknown origin, destroyed the kitchen and its contents and damaged the furnishings of the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord on North Maple Thursday evening. The blaze was extinguished by the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department.

## Drivers Education Deserves Place In School Curriculum

(Contributed)

Youthful drivers should be the nation's safest drivers. Their reflexes are quicker, their coordination more accurate, their eyesight and hearing better than at any other period of their life span. Yet, this age group does not have a favorable record. Many traffic accident studies, based on number of miles driven, have shown that young drivers proportionately are involved in far more fatal accidents than older drivers. Why? Because of the lack of essential knowledge, correct habits, fundamental skills, proper attitudes and sound understanding necessary for the safe use of our highway transportation system.

Accident statistics, blended with the modern trend toward functional education point to school driver education as essential training for modern living. Driver education, as a formal course, entered the high school curriculum in the early 1930's. Since that time, its progress has been outstanding. Today, nearly 10,000 schools, one half of the nation's public schools, offer driver education courses enrolling about one million students each year. Is Stratford High School behind the times? Do our young people not drive cars? Don't they need this essential knowledge?

## Molly Davis Circle Met Wednesday

The Molly Davis Circle of the W. M. U. met at the Baptist Church Wednesday morning at 9:30 for their monthly Bible study. Mrs. J. S. Johnson, the Bible teacher, taught the lesson which was the 12th chapter of Romans.

Mrs. Jack Dettle, chairman, served refreshments of coffee cake and coffee to those present, Mrs. M. E. Upchurch, Mrs. James Craig, Mrs. Walter Green, Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick, Mrs. V. M. King and Mrs. C. L. Guthrie.

## Among The Sick

Emmett Turner returned to his home in Dalhart Saturday. He has been a medical patient in Epworth Hospital at Liberal, Kansas for three weeks. He expects to return to the hospital in the near future for an operation for the removal of ulcers.

Mrs. Ed Garoutte has returned to her home in Stratford. She had been staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Darrell Cotnye, since her return from the hospital.

Harry Vincent of Texhoma continues to improve in an Oklahoma City hospital where he is under the care of specialists.

Mrs. Dan Smith was brought home Saturday from Dumas Memorial Hospital, where she underwent surgery.

A. J. Armstrong, who has been ill for some time, was taken to Dumas Memorial Hospital Sunday for treatment, and was able to return home Wednesday night. He was taken to the hospital by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisdom and Mrs. Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong remained in Dumas with her husband.

Lois Ann Craig, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Craig was brought home Thursday of last week from Amarillo where she was a patient in an Amarillo hospital the first of last week.

Wright Davis is reported to be able to sit up in a wheel chair a part of the time now.

C. E. Willmon received treatment for kidney infection in Dumas Memorial Hospital from Sunday to Wednesday.

Mrs. Earl Albert is a patient in Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital. She entered the hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

American or African crocodiles probably have the strongest mouths of any living creature. The longest one on record is 33 feet, and 20-footers are commonplace. They undoubtedly kill more people than any other creature on earth.

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THE convention system of nominating our candidates for president and vice president and the adoption of a party platform has, over the years become part and parcel of our national election process. It is an expensive process—expensive to the party treasuries and expensive to the delegates who attend. And these elected delegates expect, or expected up to now, to have some say in what went on at these conventions.

With the advent of television however, and with a made to order national audience of millions of viewers, the television networks have taken over the operation of party conventions, reaping millions of dollars in advertising revenue from sponsors willing to spend the money to get the benefit of this captive audience. There is a good chance that the American electorate will violently react against political conventions being run by television and theatrical and advertising producers, instead of by the leaders of the political parties.

The Republican convention at San Francisco was a television spectacular, produced, timed, with the actors carefully selected, the plot carefully built around President Eisenhower for the benefit of the television sponsors and the viewing audience. The producers made but one slip-up. President Eisenhower threw the schedule out of gear when his plane arrived

one day early and late at that, in San Francisco. Just when some top performers were scheduled for appearance on the rostrum—the members of the cabinet—the Columbine arrived at the airport.

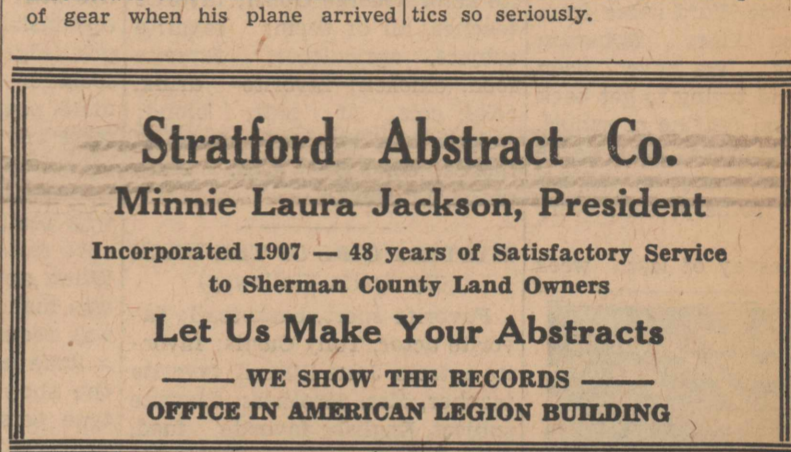
Then the television cameras were switched away from the cow palace and the convention to cover Ike's arrival in town and his triumphal procession through the streets of San Francisco to the St. Francis hotel. The audience didn't get to hear or see the members of the cabinet perform.

During the Democratic convention at Chicago the delegates got a run for their money in their balloting both on the presidential nominations and the race for vice president. There were numerous floor fights. There were demonstrations for candidates, there were numerous caucus battles. But still the convention was pitched to please the television networks and their money-spending sponsors.

The political leaders of both parties say that unanimity of feeling at both conventions played a part in lack of delegate interest. Television should cover the national conventions, as other publicity media does, but the conventions should not be staged or "produced" solely for the benefit of the networks or the advertising sponsors. Then again maybe the American electorate does not take its politics so seriously.

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## FB Federation Convention In Miami Dec. 9-13

Floyd Brannan, president of the Sherman County Farm Bureau, announces that the body of Texas delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in Miami December 9-13, will be made up in Houston, traveling via Southern Pacific lines. Anyone interested in

making the trip must be in Houston by December 3 to board the train to Miami.

Those not residing in Houston may purchase round trip tickets from their home towns to Miami by way of Houston where they will join the party, according to H. H. Gray, Passenger Traffic and Public Relations Manager for Southern Pacific lines.

He states that Southern Pacific lines will work out schedules and costs from any point in the state for anyone writing him for such information. His address is Room 306, 913 Franklin Avenue, Houston 1, Texas.

Round trip rail fares from representative Texas cities to Miami are: Amarillo \$132.61, and Houston \$104.61.

Pullman fare from Houston must be added to the above figures, plus the fee for sight-seeing tours to arrive at the total transportation cost. Children five through 11 years of age travel at half fare; those under five are not charged.

Pullman fares from Houston vary according to the kind of accommodations. A drawing

room for two or more costs \$118.31; a compartment for two or more, \$84.76; a bedroom for two or more, \$77.66; a roomette for one, \$49.39; a lower berth for one or two, \$35.31; an upper berth for one or two, \$28.84.

Price for both sight-seeing tours of New Orleans and Silver Springs is \$12.50 for adults and \$7.51 for children under 12. Prices on tours of the Miami area vary according to length of the tour. The Miami tours are optional.

Anyone interested in making this convention can get additional information from Floyd Brannan. He stated that a trip to Havana, Cuba by plane can be arranged for approximately \$38.00 per person round trip.

Church Fellowship Meeting  
The Educational Committee and Fellowship Committee working together are preparing and a planning a wonderful fellowship supper at 7:00 p. m. in Fellowship Hall Wednesday evening, September 26. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage more Christian Educa-

tion and greater Loyalty to the church.  
October is Church Loyalty month. Bring your family and enough food for them plus one.

**October 1 Deadline For Farm Gasoline Tax Refunds**  
E. Goule, County Agricultural

Agent, reminds all Texas farm operators to file claims for gasoline tax refunds by the deadline date, October 1, 1956. The two cents per gallon refund is for gasoline used for farming purposes between January 1 and July 1, 1956.

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FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment. — Paul Aduddell, Phone 2846. 25-tfc

FOR RENT: 3-room unfurnished house. — W. E. Pleyer. 27-tfc

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FOR RENT: Two furnished one-bedroom houses. Inquire at Lola's Cafe, Phone 5281. 36-tfc

FOR RENT: Modern house, contact Mrs. G. R. Garrison at Garrison Motor Co. 37-tfc

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NOTICE— I will be in Stratford September 25 selling Rayleigh Products as usual. — C. M. McKown. 38-2tc

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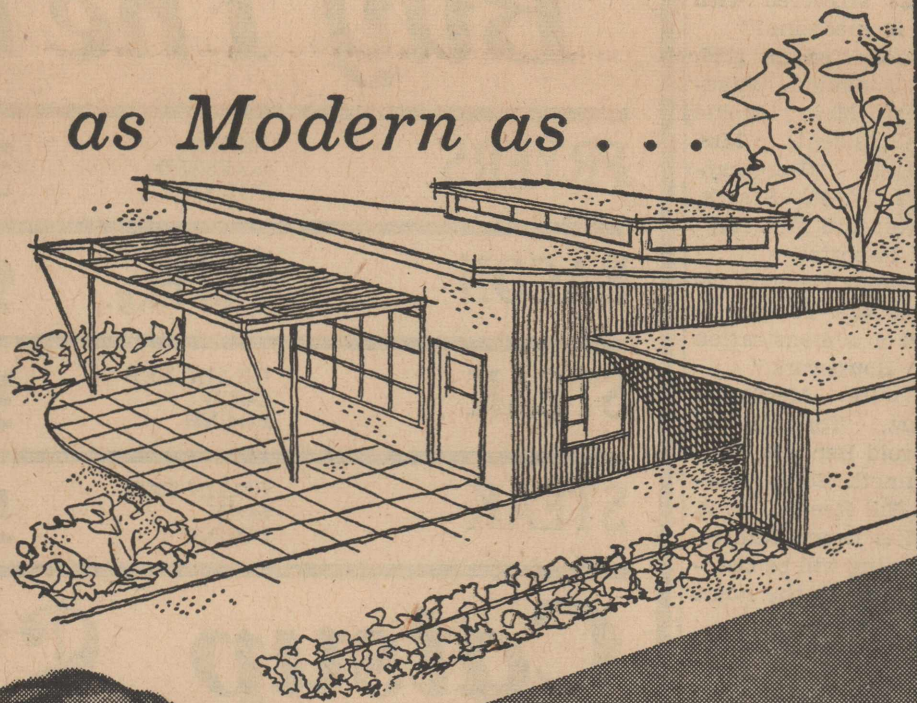
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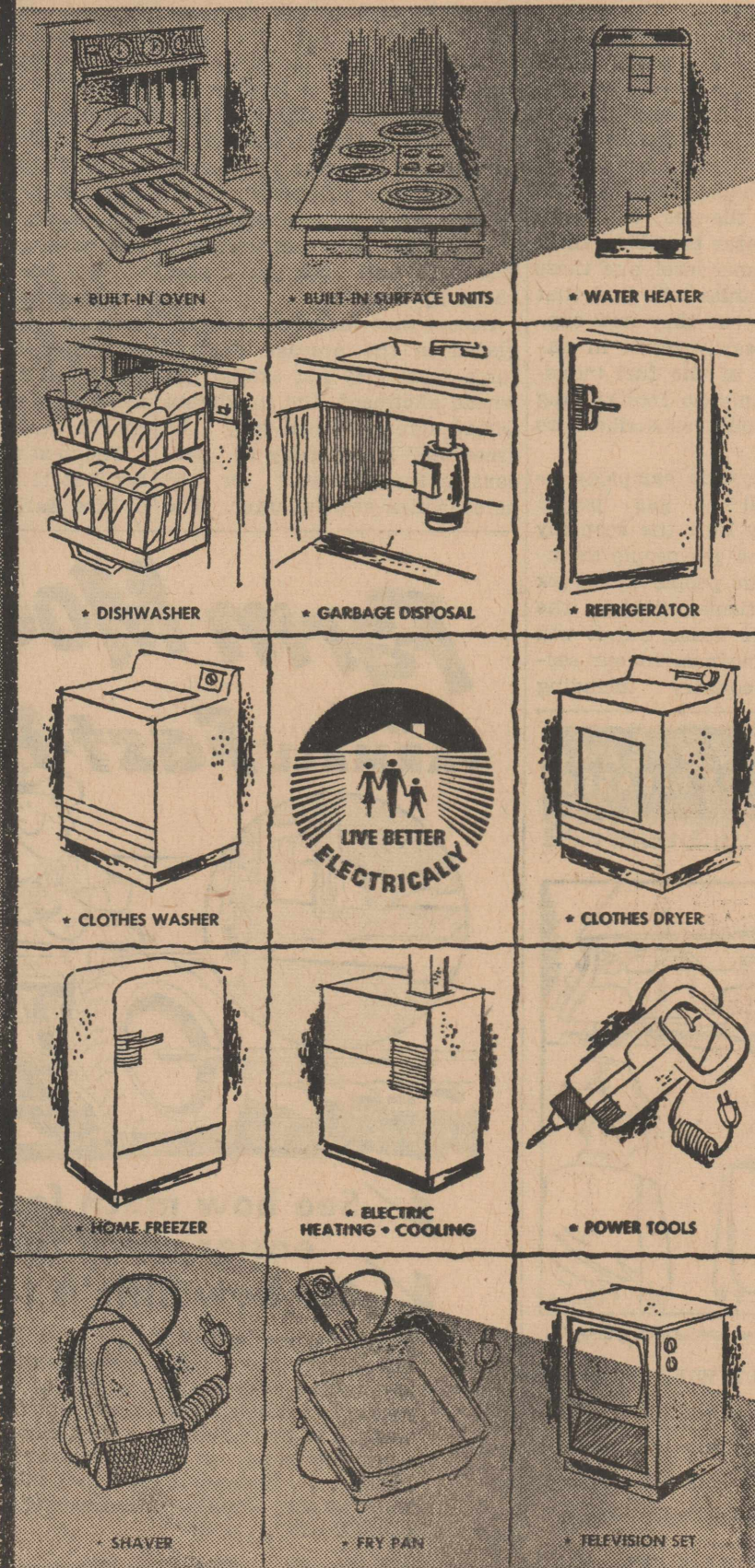


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## FARMERS CONVENTION SEPT. 27TH

Floyd Brannan, president of the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and W. O. Bryant, president of the Sherman County Wheat Growers Association, announce the two county farm organizations will hold their annual convention jointly in the American Legion Hall Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 p. m.

The purpose of this convention will be to elect new officers for the two farm organizations for 1957. The Farm Bureau will consider resolutions to be presented at the State convention. A joint program committee has been set up to arrange a program and refreshments for the two organization's members and the ladies. The ladies have a special invitation to come out and take part in this convention.

Mr. Brannan announced the Farm Bureau would have district representatives as guest speakers on the program.

## Regulation—

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simply because the bill had not reached the White House.

The truth is there is a propaganda campaign going on today against the oil and gas industry. The present Senate lobbying hearings are furnishing a good stage from which to criticize the oil and gas people at the producer level. If this propaganda campaign is successful, it will hurt the economy of the Panhandle of Texas. The big utility companies in the East want to firm up their gas sources and fix it so that the producers and royalty owners must sell their gas into the pipelines for use in the East and Middle West.

They realize the possibility that many new discoveries for gas usage are highly probable, and that the value of gas as a natural resource will be measurably increased.

The utility companies are willing to subject gas producers to federal control in order to protect their own source of supply. These utility companies had better wake up. Because federal control of the gas at one end will simply open the door to federal control of rates to be fixed at the consumer level, and these utility companies will find that such a policy as they now support, could easily result in nationalization of the fuel industry. Certainly no freethinking American would subscribe to that policy.

The propaganda campaign against the oil and gas people will not only hurt the economy of the oil and gas people themselves and the people who work at that particular field in the Panhandle of Texas, but it will hurt every business in our section of the country including

the farmers and the ranchers. What this country needs, and especially the Panhandle of Texas, is a restabilization of the segments of the economy that have been throttled in the last few years. I refer especially to the farmers and ranchers. Certainly we do not need any attacks on other segments of the economy in our District.

## McCrary—

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Dalhart, had offices together at Fifth Street and Denrock Avenue and Mr. McCrary was at his customary work in the office when he was fatally stricken with a heart attack about 11:00 Thursday morning.

Besides his brother, Vester, other immediate survivors include his wife, Ethel; his son, Dr. Tom McCrary, an ophthalmologist of Dallas; two grandchildren, Tommy M. McCrary, III, and Marsha Ann.

## Soil Bank Wheat Payments To Be Cash Or Grain

Compensation to farmers for reducing their 1957 crop winter wheat acreage below their wheat allotment, designating such acreage for inclusion in the Soil Bank's Acreage Reserve program, will be in the form of negotiable certificates, R. G. Shrauner, chairman of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, has announced.

The certificates are redeemable in cash through regular banking channels, or they may be redeemed in grain by the producer to whom they are issued. The certificates will be issued after the County ASC Committee can determine that the acreage-reduction requirements of the program have been met.

Shrauner explained that the amount of compensation for wheat on the farm will be determined by multiplying the base unit rate per bushel for the county by the smaller of (1) the normal yield for the farm or (2) the normal yield for the land designated in the agreement as Acreage Reserve; this figure will then be multiplied by the number of acres determined as the acreage for compensation. The base unit rate per bushel varies by counties.

Except that the wheat acreage placed in the Acreage Reserve for a farm may not exceed the wheat allotment, the maximum wheat acreage which may be "reserved" is generally 50 percent of the allotment or 50 acres, whichever ever is larger. The

minimum wheat acreage which may be placed in the Acreage Reserve is 3 acres or the allotment, whichever is smaller.

Land in the Acreage Reserve must not be cropped or grazed during the period of the Soil Bank agreement. If any winter wheat is grown on the farm this fall, Acreage Reserve agreements for the 1957 wheat crop must be signed by September 21, 1956.

## Workers Conference Tuesday

The Annual Trans-Canadian Association W.M.U. Conference of the Baptist Church was held Tuesday from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Sunray. The Stratford W. M. U. had ten officers present for the meeting. They were Mrs. James Craig, who is the new Associational President and the local Study Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick, Associational Sunbeam Leader, Mrs. C. L. Guthrie, President of the local W. M. U., Mrs. Jack Dettle, Vice-President, Mrs. E. E. Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. T. Galloway, Circle Chairman, Mrs. Pruett Adkins, Circle Chairman, Mrs. Cone Donelson, Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. Walter Green, Intermediate G. A. Counselor and Mrs. James Webb, Youth Director. The meeting was held to inform the new officers of the W. M. U. the duties of their respective offices. The above officers will be installed October 1.

## Star HD Club Meets With Mrs. Keener

The Star Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday with Ms. Bill Keener.

Roll call was answered with "What is new in medicine?" Officers were elected for 1957. They are: Mrs. Tommie L. Wakefield, President; Mrs. Archie Arnold, Vice-President; Mrs. Kenneth Borth, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Scarth, Council delegate; and Mrs. Raymond Keener, Reporter.

Miss Miller, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. Tommie L. Wakefield gave a demonstration on "Posture in Housework."

Attending were Mesdames Richard Albert, Tommie L. Wakefield, Harold Bennett, Roscoe Dyess, Kenneth Borth, Raymond Keener, Bill Keener, W. R. Scarth and Miss Leona Miller.

The next meeting will be October 2 at 11:30 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Earl Kirkwood.

## '57 Motor Vehicle Safety Check Starts

The Texas Public Safety Commission has set September 15, 1956 to April 15, 1957, as the period during which automobiles and other motor vehicles must be inspected under provisions of the State's Motor Vehicle Inspection law.

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said in announcing the Commission's action that motorists should avail themselves of the opportunity to have their autos inspected as soon after September 15 as possible in order to avoid the inconvenience and delay which is usually associated with the end of the seven-months period by the "log jam" of car owners who wait until just before the deadline to have their vehicles safety checked.

George W. Busy, Chief of the DPS Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, stated that the more than 4,200 licensed inspection stations in the State would have sufficient supplies of stickers on hand by the starting date and would be equipped to check vehicles without delay.

## Priscilla Club Party News

(By Club Reporter)

Dear Aunt Sally:

Fall seems to be closing in on us again and it will be welcome, after the hot dry days of summer. It might even produce some moisture.

School has started and we are all busy scrubbing ears and washing up small boys and girls, in between times putting up a few more ears of corn or another jar or so of peas and beans.

Nancy and Joe entertained us quite professionally with their antics at Ruth's. They used to be so antagonistic, but now seem to have declared a truce and are very good friends.

Only Twila, Syble, Mary Belle and Ada Mae got to club. We know Nell had a church meeting to attend and Velma was entertaining relatives from New Mexico, but as for Wanda and Mary, we only guessed.

Ada Mae carried home a whole pocket full of blue ribbons from the Sherman County fair, so she brought along some of her wares for us to sample. She gave us a whole tub full of the best cantaloupe you ever tasted and invited us over to pick beans and peas. We sorta hinted she might pick and snap them for us, but I don't think she took

the hint.

Mary is to have the club next time, September 25, if we can catch her at home. Tell her this is fair warning we are coming, and we are expecting something extra special to make up for missing so many times.

Bye Aunt Sally. Be seeing you.

Mary

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## ABSTRACTS

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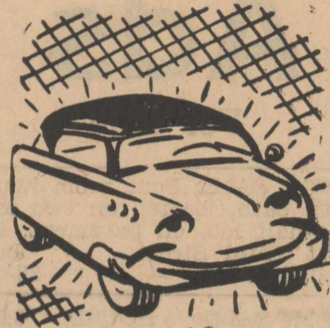
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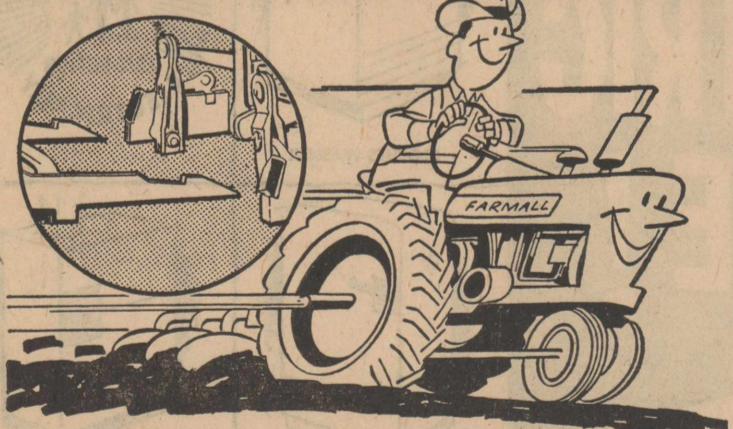
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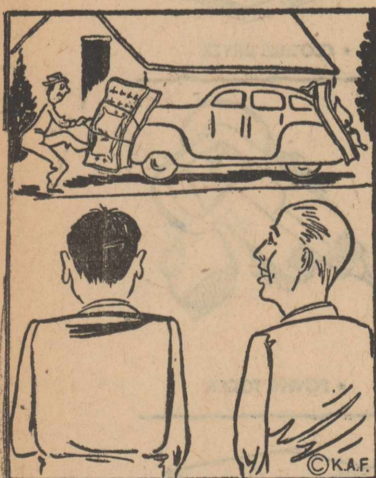
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