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## SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

We had some pretty wonderful news this week. Don Cook, Paul and Maurine Cook's young hopeful, who is a senior in Lawton, Oklahoma high school, took just about every first place possible in the state contest for Trade and Industrial High School Clubs. The school's T&I Club was named the best in the state. Don was named the state's most outstanding high school photography student and a plaque for this achievement will be presented to his school. Don also won first place in his news photo exhibit. Photography is Don's first love and aside from his work at school, he is employed by the Constitution-Press in Lawton as photographer engraver and gained state-wide recognition last summer when a news photo he made clinched a case of hit-and-run against an arrested suspect.

Did ya' know our long awaited annual, The Headlight, will in all probability be ready for delivery next week. Mrs. Clyde White, annual sponsor has had letters from the publisher to that effect and around Baird HI that's plenty good news.

Our very best get-well wishes to Mrs. John Alman who is recuperating from pneumonia. The road back to good health is sometimes a difficult one but if the good will of her many friends can help then Mrs. Alman will surely have smooth sailing from here on in.

Good-to-see dept. -- Mrs. Dub Griggs up and about after major surgery.

And here's more get-well wishes which we are sending up Abilene way to Esther Green, who suffered a broken arm in a fall and is now with her son in Abilene. We hope her recovery will be a speedy one and that she'll soon be home with all her friends who love and miss her.

Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, who has been visiting with her sister in Gainesville, is home again and right glad we are to welcome that lady back 'cause home town just isn't the same without that smilin' face around.

You've heard of it rainin' cats 'n dogs? That's pert' near how it's been here lately. Nancy Deal has a family of little fur balls (two of 'em) and Vickie Jones has a kitten joys at her home. Jenice Hatchett is the proud owner of siamese kittens and that's something to brag about, isn't it? Debby Bessie and Tommy Vines are thrilled as can be over their chihuahua puppies -- five of them. There's only one thing nicer than puppies 'n kittens and that's the youngsters who love them.

Schools out for the Easter holidays 'n there'll be no more class work until Tuesday. Some of the classes celebrated with egg hunts and parties but the more sophisticated (beginning with the fourth grade, mind you) are taking their spring holiday in picnics scheduled for early May.

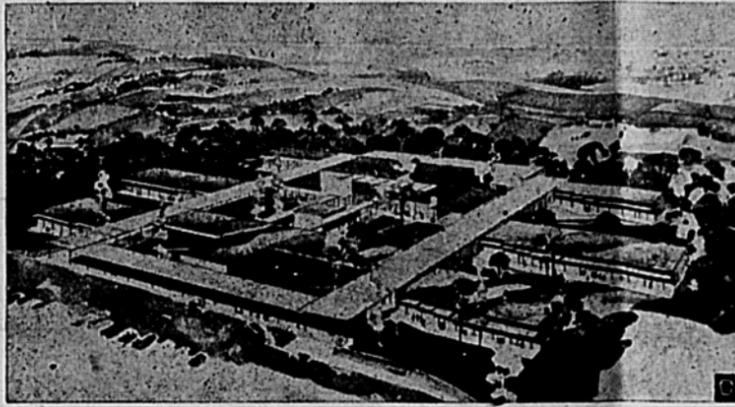
If you missed the MFT meeting Monday night -- well, not only shame on ya' -- but gee, you missed a wonderful program. Mrs. Hamrick's Homemaking girls took over the entertainment half of the evening and gave one of the cleverest style show presentations imaginable.

The stage was centered with a huge shoe for a modern Mother Goose skit, which featured all the girls in the three homemaking classes of high school. Mrs. Hugh Ross (and she has the beautiful voice for it) narrated the story with warmth and humor, while Martha Payne and Barbara Snyder furnished background music and special effects. The style show was judged by Carolyn Chambers and Mrs. Foster of Abilene, with the following results: in the first year division Linda Bryant won first, Anna Schaffrina second, and Virginia Barnes third. In the second year class Mary Helen Jaggars placed first, Ann Dennis second, and Jean Vines third. Lella Lou Griggs won first in the third year group, Mary Maxwell second, and Galle Cunningham third. The judges added this criticism to their decisions, that they have never, in all their teaching experience, seen better dressmaking on the part of high school girls. That's a nice bouquet for both teacher and students, isn't it?

During the second half of the program, Dale Glasson, in his own pleasing style, cajoled forty-five dollars into the MFT treasury at the auction of ser-

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## A NEW LOOK IN PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING



Even Tom Sawyer would have made class on time in this fairland of steel, concrete, aluminum and brick that will be completed this summer at Morrilton, Ark., as one of the nation's most unique elementary schools. Created as a joint project of Philanthropist-Industrialist Winthrop Rockefeller and the Morrilton School Board and financed by a grant from the former's Rockwin Fund, it is a teacher's and pupil's dream that glitters with the ultimate in educational design and equipment. The model unit has attracted national attention, while both the Federal and Arkansas Departments of Education have kept an enthusiastic eye on the project and contributed ideas.

The trim nine-structure layout embodies design and facilities to serve the newest methods of teaching and child development, both curricular and extra-curricular, including special purpose classrooms for the exceptional, mentally retarded or handicapped child, a health center, an auditorium whose wall

opens onto a courtyard, covered walkways that double to reflect sunlight into classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and scores of other features. Despite its many innovations it will cost less than many more conventional schools of comparable size. In keeping with the unique design, the construction pattern centers around unusual application of structural steel, most of which was shipped by the Birmingham, Ala. mills of U. S. Steel's Tennessee Coal & Iron Division. The steel frame structures were so designed by Ginocchio-Cromwell & Associates, Little Rock architects, that the steel serves both for support and decorative effect, and for further economy members are so placed that they also hold in the window panels generously used for lighting. Dickmann-Pickens-Bond Construction Co., Little Rock and Muskogee, Okla., are general contractors and structural steel was fabricated and erected by Arkansas Foundry Co., Little Rock.

## Baird People Urged To Support Broom Sale Here Next Tuesday

The Annual Lions Club Broom Sale will be held next Tuesday, April 23, beginning at 8 a. m. and continuing throughout the day.

The service clubmen are going all out in a city-wide sale, designed to dispose of the products produced by a Texas factory, manned entirely by blind workers. A truck load of brooms, mops, ironing board covers and pads, brushes, aprons, etc., made by blind workers, will be parked in the center of Market Street all day Tuesday, and merchants and householders are being urged to purchase a year's supply at that time.

Beginning at 5 p. m., members of the Lions Club will make a house-to-house canvass of every home in Baird. If you can possibly

make your purchases at the truck during the day, it will save you being disturbed by the Lions as they make the house-to-house drive, according to Fabian Bearden, chairman of the drive.

It is pointed out that through efforts of Texas Lions, is the factory which employs blind workers able to profitably market its products. The sales, however, make it possible for the enterprise to employ handicapped workers and Baird people who have purchased the merchandise in other years, are highly complimentary of the quality of the products produced by the blind.

"Let's have more new brooms in Baird home Tuesday night than any other city of equal size in the nation," Bearden urges.

## Foster Addition To See First Home Soon

The new Foster Addition, located in West Baird, will have its first home completed in approximately ten days. A. B. Foster, builder of the homes, reports that the new home will be finished and ready for occupancy about May 1.

The new location is the former site of the old Baird Drive-In Theatre. Lots for the project were purchased from Frank Gardiner.

Construction will begin next week on two new streets, Thelma Avenue and Stella Avenue. Another street, Foster Avenue will be added in the future.

Mr. Foster has built twelve homes in Clyde, where he also lives. Although he generally builds a home and finds a buyer, he will also construct a home and build to a person's own specifications.

## Presbyterians Plan Services Tonight

Good Friday will be memorialized at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 Friday night, April 19.

Rev. H. G. Markley, Presbyterian minister, will speak on the fourth cry from the cross "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me."

This service is open to the public and a most cordial invitation is extended to all not attending any other service.

Mrs. M. O. Moring and children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey, have gone to Stephenville to spend the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tait Moring, before returning to their home in Austin.

## Clyde Loses 3-A Opener To Wylie

Joe Schulle and Richard Teten combined pitching talents in Wylie Tuesday to set Clyde down 5-4 on a three-hitter in the District 3-A opener for both nines. Teten relieved Schulle in the fourth and was the winning hurler. Bill Patton got two of the three Clyde hits.

A double by Vernon Allen with the bases loaded in the sixth provided three Wylie runs. Wylie now has an 8-2 record.

Odom and Powers were battery mates for Clyde, with Schulle, Teten and Henry for Wylie.

## Rites Held Here For C. H. Walker

Funeral for Charles Henry Walker, 59, a Texas and Pacific Railway car inspector, was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Wylie Funeral Home Chapel here with Rev. Davis Harrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Admiral Cemetery.

Mr. Walker died enroute to a hospital Sunday night following a heart attack. He was born at Admiral, and had lived in this area all his life.

Survivors include one son, Charles H. Jr., of Pecos; two stepdaughters, Mrs. J. T. Dunnigan of Miami, Ariz., and Mr. Bob Floyd of Louisiana; one sister, Mrs. Ben Ross of Baird; three brothers, Tom of New Boston, Jack of Oklahoma City and Walter of California.

Pallbearers were Leon Chelf, Hubert Ross, Grady E. Davis, Otis Bollinger, C. R. England and Archie Nobles.

## Mrs. Cutbirth Dies At Big Spring

Mrs. Ora McGee Cutbirth, 74, of Pecos, died Wednesday morning in a hospital in Big Spring. She had been ill for two weeks.

Mrs. Cutbirth lived in Callahan County until 1938. She was later a resident of Abilene until moving to Pecos.

Mrs. Cutbirth is survived by two daughters, Mrs. O. K. Payte of Pecos and Mrs. Carol Griffin of Hawthorne, Calif.; one son, T. B. McGee of Venice, Cal.; one brother, D. F. Holland of Los Angeles, Cal.; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday in Abilene.

## Eula Defeats Moran

Eula edged Moran 6-5 in a 10-B baseball contest in Eula Tuesday, as McIlvain struck out 14 for Moran and Jarrell Martin whiffed nine for Eula.

## Emergency Feed Program Extended

Walter T. McKay, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, today advised Herschel A. Lynch, County Supervisor of the redesignation of Callahan County for assistance under the Emergency Feed Grain Program. Under this designation, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through April 29, 1957 to provide feed grain for basic livestock herds through May 15, 1957.

## Former Baird Man Killed

Joseph Winton Pearce, 45, of San Angelo, was killed instantly Friday when high winds toppled a 96-foot steel oil well rig onto the car in which he was sitting.

The accident occurred about 12:25 a. m. three miles north of Bronte on the Humble-Rowlings No. 2. Pearce was drilling superintendent for Pool & Gerlich Drilling Company of San Angelo.

The derrick fell across the car, crushing both the vehicle and the occupant. There was about \$10,000 damage to drilling equipment, but the well was not damaged.

Mr. Pearce was a former resident of Baird. While here, he was employed by Woodley Petroleum Co.

Four men were on the floor of the rig when the accident occurred, but no one else was injured. Earl Upton of Big Lake, tool pusher on the job, had just stepped out of the car when the derrick toppled.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of San Angelo. Burial was in Masonic Memorial Cemetery. Graveside rites were conducted by Big Lake Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Gordon Pearce of San Angelo; a nephew, Jack Flores Jr., of Andrews; an aunt, Mrs. John McClendon of Baird. Other relatives are Lyndell Andrews, Dorothy Parsons, Pete and L. G. Barnhill, all of Baird.

## Workshop Held For Agriculture Workers

A Workshop for Agriculture Workers was held at Baird in the district court room, Tuesday April 16.

E. J. Hughes of the Soil Conservation Service and R. G. Burwell of the Extension Service were co-chairmen.

Agricultural Workers from Throckmorton, Coleman, Taylor, Shackelford, Nolan Concho and Callahan counties were present for the meeting. In addition to these representatives W. Urguidi of Bolivia and Tsn-Kao-Wang from Tai-Wan Provincial College of Agriculture, Tai-Wan, China were present.

Speakers and their subjects were: Horace C. Dean of San Marcos, "Soils"; A. H. Walker of College Station, "Range"; E. H. Cooper of College Station, "Wildlife"; and E. L. Alexander of Uvalde, "Engineering."

## Eula School Elects New Board Members

J. A. McKee was named president and F. T. Staley secretary of the Eula School Board at a recent organizational meeting of the school board.

New members elected to the board in the recent election were W. B. Caton and Jack Shipman. Holdover members, in addition to McKee and Staley, are R. D. Favors, L. G. Wallick and W. E. Gardner.

The entire faculty, bus drivers, cafeteria cooks, and the custodian have been re-elected and their contracts extended for another year. Superintendent Geo. M. Beard was given a two-year extension on his contract at a previous meeting.

## JACK P. HENDRICKS ENLISTS IN US ARMY

Jack P. Hendricks, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Opal Shelton of Baird, enlisted in the Army in El Paso on April 9 for a three-year hitch. He has been assigned to the Medical Corps and will take his basic training at Fort Ord, California.

Joseph Bentley, of Eula, was a visitor in the home of Mrs. H. E. Dennis last Thursday evening.

## 200 Attend Baird Meeting Of Firemen's Convention

Mid-West Texas firemen, 200 strong, selected Hamlin for the 38th annual convention in October, elected officers, staged hose and pumper contests, and climaxed Thursday with a barbecue and dancing.

Bill Brown of Snyder was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year. James C. Asbury of Baird, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Lawrence Hayes, Rotan chaplain, were re-elected. Leo H. Welch of Albany was elected first vice-president, and J. W. LaCour of Baird, second vice-president.

Snyder won first places in both the six-man hookup and the pumper races staged on Market Street and witnessed by approximately 700 people. Rotan and Haskell tied for second place in the six-man race, and Roby

was third. Baird set the pattern with 16.4 seconds.

In the pumper races, Haskell was second with 26.6 and Roby third with 27 seconds. Prizes in each of these contests were \$20, \$18 and \$8.

In the two-man hookup, Haskell was first with 11.6; Roby second with 12.3 and Hamlin third with 12.8 seconds. Prizes were \$22, \$14 and \$9. Rotan and Clyde tied for fourth with 13.8.

President Charlie Bennett, Rotan, called the business session at 1:30 in the American Legion Hall. Following invocation by Chaplain Hayes, attorney Randall Jackson of Baird welcomed the firemen and their wives. Response was by N. W. Autry of Snyder, past president of the Texas Firemen's Association. Secretary Asbury reported disbursements of \$176.55 with a present balance of \$321.47 in the treasury.

Clyde was unanimously voted admittance as a member of the association. Retiring president Charlie Bennett was elected as delegate to the State Firemen's Convention at Waco in June. Asbury was elected alternate.

Guest speaker Wayne B. (Red) Smith, manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, kept the crowded Legion Hall in an uproar with his jokes until he launched into an address on "Wants."

A brief but impressive memorial service was conducted for members who had died since the last convention. Chaplain Hayes presided. Those who died were J. Parker Sharp, Merkel, an honorary member and former secretary of the association; Wylie Quattlebaum, Haskell fireman, and Erma Dee Butler, fireman, Spur.

Towns represented at the convention by delegates or visitors were Lubbock, Fort Worth, Killeen, Lampasas, Clyde, Throckmorton, Stamford, Snyder, Rotan, Roby, Merkel, Haskell, Hamlin, Colorado City, Albany and Baird.

## Baird Girls Winners Of Poster Contest

Miss Artie Mae Stokes won first prize and Miss Billie Ruth Walls second prize for the High School Division Fire Prevention Contest, given by the Mid-West Texas Firemen's Association at the meet held here last Thursday. Although the prizes were small, they were given by the district association to help create more interest in these contests.

The posters of the winners of the district will be entered in the State contest, sponsored by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, which meets this year in June at Waco.

Other winners at the Baird meeting were: Primary Department: Karen Lenamon of Albany, first; Jerry Don McWilliams, Merkel, second; Adrica Adcock, Merkel, third.

Intermediate Department: Larry Teaff, Merkel, first; Robert Shouse, Merkel, second; and Barbara Priest, Albany, third.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McWilliams were Mr. and Mrs. Buddy McWilliams and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walker and children, all of Abilene.

## Annual Cantata To Be Presented Sunday

The Annual Easter Cantata will be presented at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:30. The choir, directed by Glenn Rockey, includes singers from most of the choirs in our community. Mrs. C. M. Peek is the organist with Mrs. W. O. Wylie Jr., at the piano. A cordial invitation is given to all to come to worship through this service of Easter music.

The cantata this year is "The Easter Sunrise Song," by Fred B. Holton. It includes:

- "The City Lies In Shadow" ..... Choir
- "Lament" ..... Alto Duet  
Donna Drennan, Linda Bryant and Choir
- "God So Loved The World" ..... Choir
- "O Ye Of Little Faith" ..... Soprano Solo  
Martha Ann Martin
- "Who Shall Roll Away The Stone?" ..... Women's Chorus
- "At The Rising Of The Sun" ..... Choir
- "He Is Not Here" ..... Men's Chorus with bass solo  
parts by Tommy Stephenson and L. C. Cash
- "Christ Arose" ..... Choir
- "The Light Of The World" ..... Tenor Solo  
Leslie Nichols and Choir
- "With Healing In His Wings" ..... Duet  
J. V. Thompson, Harold Wristen and Choir
- "Hallelujah" ..... Choir
- "The Easter Sunrise Song" ..... Choir

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CARD OF THANKS  
We would like to take this means of expressing our deep appreciation to everyone for the many deeds of kindness shown us during the illness and for the beautiful flowers and words of comfort in the passing of our dear mother, wife and sister. We can never tell you how humbly grateful we are to you all. We know that God will reward you and help you in your hour of sorrow as you have helped us. May God bless you and keep you.  
The Family of  
Geneva Flores Murphy.  
Tommy and Robert Loper, of Abilene, spent the week end with Wallie Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

## Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mrs. Felix Mitchell, of Baird, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woody were shaking hands with friends here last week. He and Mrs. Woody will be stationed in Florida soon. He is still in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hale, of Cisco, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swafford last Thursday.

Mrs. Hazel Coppinger and Gaylon, of Abilene, were here last Saturday.

Mrs. Raymond Demere, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, W. J. Coats, Beulah and Hazel Respass attended Conference at Putnam Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Edwards and children, of Cleburne, visited Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton Sunday.

The Baptist people had family night at the church last Friday. Served cake, hot chocolate and coffee. They surprised their pastor, Floyd Newberry with a nice birthday cake on his 30th birthday.

Mrs. C. R. Myrick was called down to Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee's at Talpa last Thursday because of sickness in the family.

Melvin Bowman made a business trip to San Angelo last Friday.

Mrs. Jim McKeehan and children, of Pioneer, attended the revival Sunday night at the Baptist church.

Mrs. E. K. Coppinger gave a demonstration of cooking ware in the home of Mrs. Jesse Sparks last Thursday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS  
We wish to express our deep appreciation and love to all who were so kind to us in our hour of bereavement. We gratefully acknowledge the beautiful flowers, food and the many expressions of sympathy.  
Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker Jr., Randy and Jan  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ross  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker  
Mr. Walter Walker  
Mrs. Louise Duffan and Family  
Mrs. Floyd and Family.

## Girl Scouts Attend Clyde Council Meet

Senior Girl Scout Troop No. 5 of Baird completed one of the requirements for their five-point program by attending a city council meeting in Clyde Thursday night.

We wish to thank Mayor Young and the councilmen for the invitation to the meeting, for their interesting explanation of how a city council works, and for their invitation to attend any future meeting that we may desire to attend.

In the last regular meeting, April 8, we worked on our discussion topic for the Senior Conference to be held at Camp Holland in Weatherford, May 4 and 5.

Mrs. Eddie Konczak, Linda Drennan and Evette Meadows are planning to attend the Conference.

Artie Mae Stokes, Reporter.

## Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Rev. J. B. Chick's father and mother from Bangs, and sister and children, from Fort Worth, attended church Sunday.

There were several relatives and friends from Atwell community attended the funeral for Lynn Brashear Friday in Cross Plains. Our deepest sympathy for his parents, brother, sisters and their families.

Pat Hughes, who has been in a Fort Worth hospital, has improved and has been moved to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Wrinkle, where she has been staying.

Edgar Sessions visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sessions Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Smith, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis Sunday.

R. J. Kolb, of Echo, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foster last week.

Mrs. Nathan Foster and son, Randy, visited Mrs. Howard Pilians in Abilene last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom attended the singing in Rising Star Sunday evening.

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## GEORGE JONES NAMED FRATERNITY TREASURER

George Jones, of Baird, has been named treasurer of Sigma Nu, national social fraternity, for the 1957-58 school year at North Texas State College.

Jones, son of Mrs. W. B. Jones, is a junior business administration major.

Will D. Boydston and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper attended the wedding and reception of Mary Charlene Mahan and J. C. Hufstедler, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mahan in Abilene Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mahan are former residents of Baird.

Mrs. Dick Young entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital Tuesday, for surgery Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Carman Fuller, of Fort Worth, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McBride of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gilmore over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell and son spent the week end in Graham with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCoy.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and the many friends, for the food, flowers and other expression of thoughtfulness shown at the time of our loved one's illness and passing.

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# Highlights and Sidelights

## State CAPITOL

USTIN—"Sine die" is the phrase around the Capitol today. It's the phrase traditionally applied to the final adjournment time agreed on by a house of the Legislature. Only three weeks remain of 120 days recommended in Constitution for sessions, or that (May 7) lawmakers' stops.

Sentiment appears strong for the sine die resolution set on or near that deadline. It's a rough session, say many members. Investigations, bribery charges, counter-charges and a lot of more have frayed nerves. Provoked hot words, deep sentiment.

They've made it harder to get through the usual hush of measures requiring debate and some sort of agreement. Many are still backed up in discouraging stacks.

Even so, say members, they seem to shove through the bills and go home on time. Likely differences of opinion what constitutes "musts" arise even more tension and anger for the final weeks.

Each Raise — One of the most issues still gathering steam in the Legislature is the pay raise. Despite strong feeling, the drive has been without stumbling blocks.

Public school teachers want a 3-year boost. Total cost for biennium is variously estimated from \$45,000,000 to \$70,000,000.

Members have become increasingly impatient of delays. Bill stymied by House rule which

prohibits consideration of any other spending bill until the general appropriations bill is finally approved. This is in conference committee.

Then the attorney general ruled the teacher's bill was not an appropriation bill. This seemingly opened the door to quicker action. But budget-watchers intervened. They said passage of the bill first would leave the treasury \$20,000,000 short of enough to cover the general appropriations bill.

This focused attention on Rep. Tom Joseph's "just in case it's needed" tax bill. It would tax dedicated natural gas reserves, produce an estimated \$35,000,000 in two years. Gov. Price Daniel had recommended a levy of this sort should more revenue be needed.

But this one, by some slip, was introduced without an enacting clause. Joseph sought the necessary two-thirds House vote to permit a correction. Vote was 63 to 66 against.

Ethics Bill Zips Out — After weeks of haggling in the House, the code of ethics bill whizzed through the Senate in one day. It goes to the governor's desk with 29-0 Senate approval.

Bill provides that no legislator, state official or employee shall engage in any outside activity "in substantial conflict with the public interest." Penalty is expulsion or dismissal.

Narcotics Bill Passed — A possible death penalty for dope peddlers seems almost certain to become law.

House and Senate have passed the bill which was recommended by Gov. Price Daniel. It would permit juries to assess the death penalty on second conviction for sale of any narcotic drug to a minor.

Auto Registration Tax — State car taxing system would be overhauled under a measure which won preliminary House approval.

If passed, the constitutional amendment would abolish the property tax on motor vehicles. Legislature would be given authority to increase registration fees by one-third. Revenue would be divided between school districts and city or county.

Meanwhile, Texas Research League released a study suggesting further revision of the registration laws. License fees based on weight results in inequities, said the League. It proposed a flat fee for all size cars.

Farm Bill Shelved — A bill to replace Commissioner of Agriculture John White's office with a 21-member board went to House sub-committee.

White declared the bill was dead.

Hearing brought prolonged and heated testimony. Proponents of the measure contended lack of state-federal cooperation has resulted in inadequate crop inspection.

Opponents declared the 21-member board would be unwieldy and cost the state more in travel expense.

Segregation Bill Okayed — A bill regarded as the cornerstone of a program to maintain school segregation won its second-round House vote.

It would allow local board to assign pupils to schools on basis of "qualifications, aptitudes, etc." An amendment also gives the board authority to exempt a child from compulsory attendance at an integrated school.

Senate Confirms — Joe P. Gibbs will serve on the Board of Insurance Commissioners until Sept. 1. Measures now before the Legislature should abolish the present board and substitute

a new set-up between now and September.

The Senate quickly confirmed Gibbs' appointment and that of Brady Gentry of Tyler to the Highway Commission. Both were made by Gov. Price Daniel.

Also confirmed, after long debate, was the appointment of R. M. Dixon as a member of the State Board of Water Engineers. This appointment kept unbroken the record that none of the recess appointees of Gov. Allan Shivers has been removed from office by Senate rejection. Other Shivers appointees confirmed by the upper house were R. F. Newman of Borger to the Employment Commission, and nine other interim appointments made by the former Governor.

Short Snorts — Board of Insurance Commissioners granted a second delay in the show cause hearing on Physicians Life and Accident Ins. Co. because the firm's president, Former Gov. Coke Stevenson was ill. But hearing will be held April 22, said Comm. Chmn. John Osorio, regardless. What Texas needs is an anti-wire tapping law, said U. S. Sen.-elect Ralph Yarborough. He claimed his campaign headquarters telephone lines had had uninvited listeners. Both House and Senate gave final passage to a bill which would allow a farmer to use his pick-up or other vehicle with farm license plates for family and household errands.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Harris has not been feeling very well lately.

Rev. Aubrey McAuley visited in the Harris home Sunday afternoon.

Ira Crawford, Lynda and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crawford and son, Sunday Later in the day Hulon Crawford and Alice Ann Collins arrived, then we drove to Albany and on out to the State Park at Ft. Griffin. Nothing but the ruins and some memorial markers left there, but we did see some real Texas Longhorn cows.

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Hrs. Vada Bennett visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pierson and Kitty, of Big Spring, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Loper and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pierson, Sr. over the week end.

Visiting Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mayfield was Mrs. Mayfield's sister, Mrs. Walker Respass of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Barnard and Mrs. McQueen made a trip to Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George and family of Siloam Springs, Ark., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson, of Odessa, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Berry here and relatives at Clyde.

### ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

Ethel Eastham and Ruebelle Smartt attended church at the Highland Baptist Church in Abilene Sunday morning and attended the Taylor County Singing Convention Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Tom Smartt visited with her cousin, Mrs. Nettie Miller of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Reta Dallas and Mrs. John Woodard visited in the R. C. Joy home Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Causey and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Osborn and son, of Waco, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Jones visited relatives at Dallas over the week end. Mrs. Jones grandmother, Mrs. L. O. Pickett returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goosby, of Denver, Colo., spent the week end with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cauthen.

Mrs. Tom Green, of Wichita Falls, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Virgil Cole and her mother, Mrs. C. H. Morgan.

Mrs. May Payne, of Scranton, spent last week with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McWilliams.

Mrs. Felix Mitchell left Saturday for a visit in Fort Worth with her daughter, Mrs. Owen Rouse and Mr. Rouse.

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### TORY NO. 8

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

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—No self-respecting boss-run barony is complete without its quota of vindicated sin. And Duval County, Texas, is no exception.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The cargo is heroin and marijuana. Sometimes the shipment includes diamonds and gold.

It is said by those who should know that 90 percent of all the illicit narcotics coming into the

United States is brought across the border from Mexico, most of it coming through Texas and through San Diego. And only a small proportion of the total amount of dope brought into Texas, and from here spread all over America, is ever seized.

I checked with the United States Air Force. South Texas is 180 degrees out of phase to the radar screen, concentrated as it is to spot planes coming in from the Atlantic or from the Pacific. Unless I've been badly misinformed, the Mexican border is wide open to any airplane, Russian or smuggler. Besides, a plane coming almost at ground level would be safe from radar in any case.

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

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

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

According to one of Parr's top attorneys, dapper Luther Jones of Corpus Christi, Shepperd, Burris et al are dripping wet. They couldn't be more wrong. So says Jones.

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

As Luther Jones talked my mind went back to long ago when I was just breaking into newspaper work on the old "Chicago Evening American." In those days Al Capone was running the racket. I once met the King of the Racketeers and a right charming fellow he was. Nobody ever pinned a murder rap on Al. He went to Alcatraz for income tax evasion.

In New York I've met Frank Costello, he of the television hands that Senator Kefauver made so famous. Talking to him at the Vesuvio Restaurant on West 48th Street, one of his favorite haunts, you'd never think he'd ever heard of a slot machine or a gaming table. Charming fellow. Lovely fellow. He's in jail.

And all this business about political killings in Duval, Jones went on. "They've been trying to pin a killing on Parr for years. Don't you think he'd have been charged with murder long ago if they could've got something on him?"

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

The well-dressed little lawyer, who presumably knows what is going on inside the Parr machine, has some interesting ideas about the future of Duval.

Should George B. Parr lose his battle, even be sent to prison, this does not mean the end of the Parr dynasty. Another Parr, the Duke's nephew, Archer Parr II, is ready to take over.

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

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

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

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

George took over the power in Duval. His father went into exile, to live at the Nueces Hotel in Corpus Christi until his death.

Again George Parr is under indictment for income tax cheating, and again his followers say he is being persecuted for their sake. Should he agree or any one of a number of other Federal or State charges now pending against him, including a charge of using the mails to defraud, anything can happen in the county of Duval.

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

Twenty years ago the Parr power was solid as the Rocky Mountains, and seemingly as permanent. Men in Austin and Washington fawned upon the Duke, courted his favors, jumped when he crooked his little finger.

Parr could, and did, deliver 100 to 1 majorities in any election. He could loftily ignore the mundane doings of ordinary politics. He was the puissant prince, after the fashion of the Middle Ages.

But Parr has been projected, head over heels, into the unappreciated new world of the mid-Twentieth Century. The alchemy of his time has changed his county. George B. Parr was born just 500 years too late.

Actually, it was more than alchemy that changed Parr's county. The last two articles of this series will deal with what radical changes can be made in a boss-ruled county when one Attorney General gets it into his head that feudalism has got to go.



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**Oplin Observations**

By Daphne Floyd

All of you have often heard  
that if it thunders in February  
there will be frost in April. May-  
be that accounts for our ice  
last Saturday morning with a  
few of 28. We might say it is  
just Texas' way of frost on a  
large scale. Quite a few say it  
was probably our Easter spell.

Whatever the reason, it sure  
caused fruit trees to be wrapped  
up, young tomato plants to be  
covered, but a lot of the young  
gardens didn't escape without  
heavy damage.

Speaking of Easter, everyone  
is invited to the Sunrise Easter  
Service, which is held each year  
atop the mountain 3 mi. west of  
Oplin. This makes the 11th or  
12th successive year of these me-  
morial services, and we, the Ray  
Floyds, are among the few who  
have attended every service.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Frymire  
and children Kenneth and Bren-  
da, of Sweetwater, were week  
end visitors with her parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher.

Clyde Floyd was at the bed-  
side of his brother, Charlie, of  
Ablene, when he underwent ma-  
jor surgery last Thursday. Ray  
Floyd visited with his brother  
at the hospital on Sunday, and  
found him some improved after  
a few pretty rough days and  
nights.

Monroe Hopkins, of Austin,  
was a week end visitor with his  
mother, Mrs. Alice Hopkins, and  
with his sister and family, Mr.  
and Mrs. Dad Poindexter and  
Clarice.

Mrs. Jack Landers, of Abilene,  
is on the convalescent list and  
will visit with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Clarence Breeding most  
of this week.

Mrs. Bill Guest and small  
daughter, Andrea Sue of Abilene,  
were Sunday afternoon visi-  
tors with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie  
Windham and Paula.

Our deepest sympathy way  
out Casa Grande, Ariz., way to  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lambert  
in the loss of their six-year-old  
son, Larry, who was fatally shot  
when playing with a gun last  
week. The young parents were

born and raised at Oplin. Maternal  
grandparents are Mr. and  
Mrs. Robert Poindexter of Casa  
Grande, also former residents of  
Oplin.



**CURBED GIANT**

The world's mightiest law mak-  
ers -- the United States Con-  
gressmen and Senators -- sit  
down each year to make laws.

But mighty though Congress  
is, the constitution won't give it  
certain powers:

1. Neither Congress nor any-  
body else can suspend the writ  
of habeas corpus (unless the  
public safety demands it during  
rebellion or invasion.) All offi-  
cers or others must obey a court  
and bring in anyone in their  
custody to see whether he is  
held lawfully.

2. Congress cannot pass "bills  
of attainder," special acts to  
punish someone. Congress can-  
not by-pass the courts.

3. Congress cannot pass an ex-  
post facto law -- a law which  
makes an act a crime which was  
not one when done, or which  
punishes the offender more  
than called for when done.

4. Congress cannot tax exports  
from any state nor by regulation  
favor one state's ports over an-  
other's, nor make one state's  
vessels clear or pay duties to an-  
other state in order to enter.

Besides these denials from  
within, the constitution curbs  
Congress and the executive and  
judiciary in the amendments,  
especially the first ten.

Among other things, Congress  
cannot make a law respecting  
an establishment of religion or  
prohibiting its free exercise, or  
abridging the freedom of speech,  
of the press or the right of the  
people peaceably to assembly  
and to petition the government  
for a redress of grievances.

The constitution also curbs  
the courts (for example, they  
cannot deny a person a fair  
hearing duly represented by  
counsel). It curbs the executive  
(he cannot, for example, take  
private property for public use  
without just compensation.)

The constitution, which di-  
vides the work of the three  
branches of government, winds up  
by telling where the rest of the  
power rests -- just in case any-  
body gets any fancy ideas of  
dictatorship. There are things  
no state can do, for instance,  
"make or enforce any law which  
shall abridge the privileges or  
immunities of citizens of the  
United States."

If there are any powers not  
given to the United States gov-  
ernment or reserved to the states,  
they belong to the people.  
The constitution does not seem  
to limit the people.

**Auto Insurance To  
Increase May 1st**

A majority of Texas motor-  
ists will have to pay about 11 per  
cent more for their automobile  
insurance beginning May 1, 1957,  
F. Darby Hammond, Executive  
Secretary of the Southwestern  
Insurance Information Service  
in Dallas, announced today.

Hammond said the increase in  
automobile insurance was grant-



ed by the Board of Insurance  
Commissioners because of a huge  
underwriting loss experienced by  
most casualty insurance compan-  
ies last year, he said the com-  
panies suffered a \$266,000,000  
underwriting loss. Much of the loss  
was attributed to the bad record  
of Class 2 owners and operators--  
individually owned automo-  
biles of male operators under age  
25, used for business and non-  
business use. He pointed up the  
need for closer parental control  
of young drivers, and the need  
for driver training in Texas pub-  
lic schools as a method of im-  
proving this situation. In fact,  
a 10% rate credit is given to  
passenger car owners who can  
give proof that every male op-  
erator under 25 years of age re-  
sident in the same household has  
successfully completed a driver  
education course sponsored by a  
recognized high school or col-  
lege and conducted by a certified  
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Class 2C operators in Houston  
under the new rate will have to  
pay \$109.00 beginning May 1, as  
compared to \$73 in 1956, an in-  
crease of 49%. Dallas operators  
under the same classification  
paid \$55 last year but will pay  
\$73 this year. Even so, 2C rates  
for Texas cities are considerably  
below those of such cities as San  
Francisco (\$150); Los Angeles  
(\$107); and Miami (\$156), ac-  
cording to Hammond.

"Rates on bodily injury and  
property damage insurance have  
been reduced or remained static  
since 1951, and this year  
marks the first time since 1951  
that the casualty companies  
have received rate increases. Rates  
on comprehensive coverages  
and collision have been reduced  
nearly every year since 1951. May  
1, rates on comprehensive  
coverage statewide will increase ap-  
proximately 16.6 per cent. Glass  
losses accounted for 57.4 per  
cent of the total comprehensive  
coverage loss," Hammond said.

"For \$25, \$50 and \$100 deduc-  
tible collision combined a state-  
wide, increase will also become  
effective. On \$25 and \$100 a 4  
per cent increase will be made,  
and on the popular \$50, 6 per  
cent will be the increase."

Reviewing the automobile in-  
surance underwriting losses last  
year, Hammond pointed out that  
"basically insurance rates are  
determined by an equitable dis-  
tribution of loss costs among all  
those who enjoy the protection  
of insurance. If losses increase,  
then the rates must increase.  
If losses decrease, then rates are  
lowered. Unlike the merchant  
who can arbitrarily increase or  
decrease the price of his com-  
modities over night, adjustments  
in insurance rates require a care-  
ful review and study of accumu-  
lated statistics over a long pe-  
riod of time in order to determine  
a trend. While no one, especial-  
ly the casualty insurance com-  
panies, want to see insurance  
rates increase, we cannot over-  
look the fact that last year in  
Texas one person was killed  
every 3 hours and 20 minutes,  
and one person was injured every  
4 minutes in a traffic accident.  
As a result of the death, injury  
and property damage on our  
highways and streets, the people  
of Texas suffered a monetary  
loss of over \$62,556.00 every 24  
hours. Automobile insurance pre-

mum dollars must pay these  
losses."  
Insurance executives state  
that it now costs 41 per cent  
more to settle a claim than it  
did five years ago. A smashed  
fender, which could once be re-  
paired for a few dollars, because  
of today's new auto design with  
molded panels and fancy lights,  
now costs up as high as \$100. A  
bumper which cost \$5 in 1940,  
now cost upwards of \$60. Wind-  
shields, which could once be re-  
placed for about \$12, are now  
about \$125. Two-tone paint jobs,  
sweeping curved-up rear ends,  
elaborate interiors, power brak-  
es and steering have all mater-  
ially increased body repair costs.  
Hospital expenses, like every-  
thing else, have been caught in  
the whirlwind of inflation,"  
Hammond reported.

There's another item that  
must be taken into considera-  
tion in determining insurance  
rates. I speak of enormous jury  
awards. Since 1940, the average  
jury verdict has increased 230  
per cent. Extravagant awards by  
some juries have gone far be-  
yond the realm of reality. We  
currently read of jury awards of  
\$50,000, \$100,000 or even \$200,-  
000. What the public should  
realize is that the money is not  
the insurance company's money  
it is their money they are reading  
about. If jurors will stop  
and think while deliberating a  
case, and base their verdict on  
facts, rather than sympathy  
passion or prejudice, insurance  
rates can then be lowered,"  
Hammond stated.



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# NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

## SCHOOL NEWS

### E. L. PARKS HONORED ON 57TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Park of Abilene, entertained Sunday with a luncheon at their home honoring his father, E. L. Park of Knox City, on his 57th birthday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nell Logan and son, Lannie and S. E. Park, Jr., of Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Park of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Park and children, Lee, Sandra, Billie and Randy of Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. David of Archer City; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton of Putnam.

### Putnam Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Abernathy had as their visitors Sunday Sp3 and Mrs. James Abernathy, of Fort Sill, Okla., Sp3 Benjamin Abernathy, Fort Sill, Okla., Jerry Abernathy and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and daughter, and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Jobe and children, of Nevada, Missouri, were week end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet.

Mrs. Everett Williams of Crosbyton, and daughter, Betty, of Casper, Wyo., were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clements and Mrs. Louie Williams.

Those visiting Charlie Davis Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jess McCanness, Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey of Cottonwood, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gaines of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser left Thursday for several weeks vacation in Washington and other points in the West.

Patricia Gunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gunn, had an appendicitis operation Saturday. She is doing fine.

Dale Rutherford and family, of Abilene, were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rutherford.

Artie and Bruce Bolick, of Abilene, visited her mother, Mrs. Mitt Cook, Sunday.

Mrs. Brady Leveridge of Breckenridge was a Monday visitor with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Mobley attended a Commissioners' Convention in San Angelo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cochran of Breckenridge were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. B. H. Yeager, of Brownwood, was a Sunday visitor with her mother, Mrs. D. D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman had as week end guests, their sons, Earl of Fort Worth, and Edward and daughter, Anne, of Cleburne.

Mrs. Nora Allen of Scranton is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco spent the week end in Grand Prairie with their son, Reid and family. Their grandson, Jimmy returned home with them.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett Sunday were their three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Sandlin of Corpus Christi, Mrs. B. B. Sutton and daughter of Alice, Mrs. Byron Lee and daughter, Mrs. Gene Bartee and granddaughter of Eunice, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Luttrell in Cross Plains Sunday.

Betty, Ruth and Mabel Mobley met their sister, Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey and family of Gorman at Lake Leon Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffey have a cabin there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. O'Brien of Olden visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fry were week end visitors in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobble Tatom and son, of Breckenridge, were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Clements of Stephenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring Sunday after seeing Mr. Urie Butler, who is in the hospital at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hopkins and family, of Abilene, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds.

The Methodist members of Putnam, Scranton and Cottonwood held their Quarterly Conference Sunday with an all-day meeting and dinner at the Putnam church. District Supt. Rev. Peacock, of Cisco, was in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols visited his sister, Mrs. Floyd Jameson and family in Coleman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls of Coahoma were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet spent a few days last week in Sealy.

Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown, of Cisco, were Monday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hoosier, of South Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford.

Last week, I failed to mention R. B. Cunningham as one of our City Aldermen.

Mrs. Early Hurst is visiting in Cross Plains.

Mr. Webb, of Burkett, was a business visitor with George Biggerstaff Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White visited Mr. and Mrs. Royce White in Colorado City Sunday.

Mrs. Owen Shackelford of Abilene was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon Sunday.

Mrs. Adolph Brandon visited the Charlie Brandons Tuesday.

## Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi, neighbor! We really had cold weather last week, lots of ice Friday night and Saturday. Don't think it killed too much of the feed and corn. Got part of the beans that were up.



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Enoch and Maurine McCollum went to Fort Worth last Thursday.

John and Roma McIntyre went to Abilene Thursday afternoon. Had dinner with John's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randal McNece.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Earp went to church Sunday in Putnam. We were so glad to have them worship with us. We hope you come back soon.

Betty and Ruth Mobley and Mabel Carrico visited with Jim and I Sunday afternoon. So glad to have you girls. Come back when the weather is warmer, we might go fishing.

Louise Isenhower visited with us Wednesday afternoon. We were glad to see her. Come back Louise, maybe we won't have everything tore up as we are about to get things back in place about to get things back in place again.

Mark and Ollie went to Fort Worth and Dallas last Friday.

Glen Burnam and family and the Mark Burnam family, and Cathy Ricks had lunch Sunday with Mrs. Mary Ramsey.

I visited a while Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Ramsey. Mark and Ollie Burnam, Dick and Annie Yarbrough, Mrs. Clarence Earp and I attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlie Davis Thursday afternoon in Putnam. Mrs. Davis passed away in Callahan County Hospital early Wednesday morning. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

Jim went to Abilene Sale last Thursday. Didn't buy any cows, just bought more feed.

Roma and I went over to Moran this morning. John is busy measuring Soil Bank wheat land this week.

D. A. Yarbrough spent Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Onie Abernathy in Baird.

Sunday is Easter. Do you have a new Easter bonnet? you do, well good! Maybe I will manage to wear one I already have.

Roma and John visited one evening last week with the Welton Isenhawers.

Little Boy Jim took the lawn mower to Cisco to have it sharpened. From the looks of the weeds around here, will take a real sharp mower to get them.

I must get busy, so happy Easter to you. I'll be seein' you next week.

## Gleaners Meet For Business, Social

The Gleaner class met last Thursday at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. H. N. Ebert with Mrs. J. A. Jackson as co-hostess. Mrs. George Jones, president, presided at the meeting.

The meeting began with a song, followed by a prayer. The class voted to send \$5.00 to the orphans home in Dallas. Several things were discussed for the good of the class. A number of

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get-well cards were signed by the members to send to sick members.

After singing "God Bless America" the meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Virgil Hughes.

A social hour followed, with delicious refreshments served to Mmes. J. C. Lee, Harry Berry, T. D. Boyd, Mary Kehrer, Arthur

Johnson, Virgil Hughes, George Jones, J. A. Jackson, E. C. Fulton, Joe McGowen, Joe Balwin and H. N. Ebert.

Charley Mosley, Lugenia, Larry and Mrs. J. R. Stroope attended funeral services of a cousin, Harry Rogers, which was held in Coleman last Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Rogers died of a heart attack.

## PRE-EASTER SALE

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3 yds. 36-in. Prints	\$1.00
50c Towels, 3 for	\$1.25
11 Wash Rags	\$1.00
7 Wash Rags (heavy)	\$1.00
\$1.95 Sandals (a few left)	\$1.50
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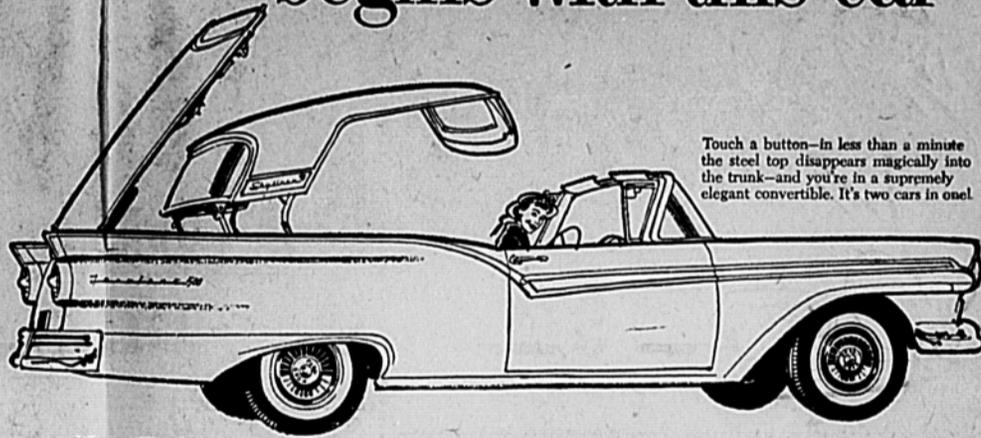
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And in signing the customary 30 to this weeks chat, let us add our voice in wishing you and yours a most blessed Easter season. If you have doubts as to whether your Easter bonnet is exactly right for Sunday's celebration, stop and think what was the style for that first Easter parade -- the one that traveled up Golgotha in the cold morning light to pay their last tribute to their crucified Lord. An humble heart is still the most becoming thing any of us can possibly select.

**NOTICE!**  
Beginning May 1st, we will be closed all day on Saturdays until further notice. We will have 2 pickups each day, at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. Please call your laundry in early.  
Thank you,  
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Mr. and Mrs. John Hearn, Baird and Callahan County "Old Settler" couple now living at 5116 Langley Road, Fort Worth 14, Texas, are visiting their daughters in San Fernando Valley. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Perry Hughes of Baird who stopped to visit Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Miller in Yuma, Arizona. Mrs. Hearn, who was Mattie Taylor of Eula, is a sister of both Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Dent, another sister from San Diego, California, joined the group in Yuma for a sister reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearn will be back at the address in Fort Worth, Texas, Easter Sunday, April 21, to observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary with their six children and six grandchildren. The occasion will be marked by an informal open house.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciations to our friends and neighbors for the nice floral offering and the sympathetic words at the death of our loving brother.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin  
Mr. and Mrs. Mat Warren  
Mrs. Ida Bradshaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren  
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren  
O. L. Warren  
Lucien Warren

**Wed. Club Meets In Brightwell Home**

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell was hostess to nineteen members of the Wednesday Club, and a number of guests for a Friendship program April 10th.

Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., discussed "The Philippines, Our Best Friend in Asia." Film strips of scenes in Korea and Japan were shown by Mrs. Frank Windham. Mrs. V. E. Hill gave two violin numbers "Banana Boat Song," and "La Cucaracha," with Mrs. N. M. George, accompanist.

Guests were Mmes. Ed Hampton of Clyde, John Petty of Putnam, M. O. Moring of Austin, Frank Windham, Lea Macdonald, Glenn Rockey, H. D. Driskill, B. L. Boydston, S. L. McElroy and C. B. Snyder, Jr., of Baird.

The next meeting of the Club will be on April 24th, with Mrs. Lee Ivey as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Putnam and daughter, of Colorado City, were week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dennis, Kay and Ann, visited in Gorman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gamble and son, of Haskell, spent the week end visiting Mrs. Freda Jones.

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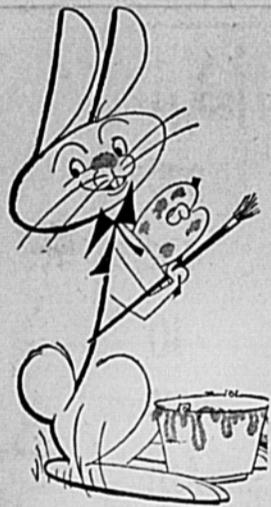
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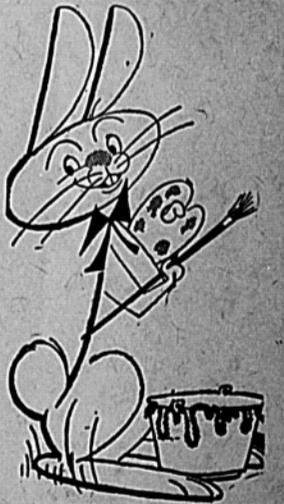
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