

THE BAIRD STAR

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SUPPORT YOUR HOME TOWN

SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

This is it! And if you don't know what national holiday we are celebrating today, just ask any six year old child and he'll tell you in no uncertain terms that this is the last day of school. Three months of golden summer vacation days are ahead and this is the time when a youngster wouldn't trade places with the king of Siam.

Principal Dan T. Overman announced this week that the closing of classes at Baird Elementary school will be marked with special exercises Friday afternoon at one o'clock. A special invitation to patrons and friends of the school is extended. The program will be held in the Cafeteria and will include presentation of merit certificates to students who have neither been absent or tardy for the past nine months. Other certificates indicating completion of state stipulated outside reading will also be awarded. The children who have made these accomplishments are justifiably proud of it and will enjoy having you present for the program.

We had the cutest card from one nice gal — Mrs. James Nash (Polly Settle to us) who is recovering from surgery in the Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. Polly has had a rough time with a broken foot but still can grin and say "Let's form a broken bone association for folks with busted limbs 'n stuff like that." By the way, Polly had a birthday May 23rd and we send our best wishes to her.

Speaking of birthdays, Cindy Warren had a fifth birthday last week and celebrated with a party with all the trimmings. Mrs. Woods had a May birthday in May but you'd never guess the number of candles on that cake and so we won't tell — but she sure doesn't look it.

The Cummings family really celebrated May birthdays in a big way — Billy had a sixteenth birthday last week and daughter Sandy had a tenth one this week — best wishes to both of them.

It was a wonderful time for the Ernest Hills this week end — all of the family came home for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis and son Paul were here from Tulsa, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Goodrich and son Michael came up from Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Young, Craig and Dian of Abilene were here and so were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill and Keith, also of Abilene.

The Frank Gardiners really have some news—the sort headlines should be made of. There is a new baby girl in their family, tiny Margaret Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gardner of Oklahoma City. No doubt her parents are very proud of Margaret but we bet the very happiest is Jane Ann or maybe Nancy who are just pretty thrilled over their new status as aunts.

And while we're talking about our friends the Gardiners, did you know that Maudine Gardner has been appointed to fill the position left vacant when Helen Thompson resigned? Mrs. Gardner took up her duties this week and her intelligence and specialized education should make her a most competent choice for the job.

For us and for their many friends here this goodbye to Ruth and Johnny Bowlin will be a sad one. They will join John in Sweetwater tomorrow. Johnny's fifth grade classmates gave him a farewell party this week and they'll miss that rascal at school and play. As for Ruth, I just don't see how we'll ever fill her shoes as a friend, citizen and teacher, but one thing is for sure, our love and best wishes go right along with her.

A very special bouquet to our County Health Officer, Dr. M. L. Stubblefield and our School Nurse, Eulalia Ault for their untiring services throughout this school term and especially for their efforts which have seen every school child in Callahan County inoculated against polio, except a few who did not wish to take it. It hasn't been an easy or quick job but a satisfying one. So for faithful service that can very well mean life and health to our school children, we offer our sincere thanks.

Guess who has a brand-new puppy? The Voights children have a chihuahua which has been duly named "Steverino."

First graders gave their teacher, Melba Foy, an end of school present last week. It was a lovely (Continued on Page Six)

Two Tests Staked In County

Two wildcats and two field projects have been announced for Callahan County.

M. P. Springer of Tulsa, Okla., No. 1-B C. B. Snyder is a planned 2,000-foot rotary wildcat.

Location is seven miles northeast of Baird, 990 feet from the south and 1,650 feet from the east lines of Section 6, T&NO Survey.

Other wildcat is R. W. Brown of Abilene No. 1 Annie Miller. The proposed 1,200-foot rotary test was spotted 15 miles west of Cross Plains.

Drill site is 330 feet from the north and west lines of Block 23, Victoria CSL Survey 337.

35 Elem. Students To Receive Awards

Thirty-five student of Baird Elementary School will receive Reading Certificate at the Cafeteria Friday afternoon, according to Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Elementary Librarian. The certificates will be presented by Principal Dan Overman.

Ten books are required for the certificates: 5 fiction, 1 biography, 1 travel, 1 history and 2 other non-fiction books. One of the books must be a Newberry Award book.

Those receiving certificates are:

Fifth Grade:
Karen Bearden
Jimmy Drennan
Janee Hatchett

Sixth Grade:
Lee Abernathy
Ann Barton
Linda Dill

Seventh Grade:
Donna Drennan
Stella Griggs
Donny Macdonald
Dorthie McKinley
Edwina Reese
Kitsy Ross
David Walls

Eighth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Ninth Grade:
Donna Drennan
Stella Griggs
Donny Macdonald
Dorthie McKinley
Edwina Reese
Kitsy Ross
David Walls

Tenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Eleventh Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twelfth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Thirteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Fourteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Fifteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Sixteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Seventeenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Eighteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Nineteenth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twentieth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-first Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-second Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-third Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-fourth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-fifth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-sixth Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle

Twenty-seventh Grade:
Reba Bollinger
Shirley Elliott
Dorothy England
Sarah Hatchett
Joy Jackson
Jerry Lynn Kanady
Virginia McIntosh
Linda Shafer
Melba Shelton
Karen Towler
Janis Walker
Edna Kay Whittle



Abilene Truck Driver Escapes Injury When Truck Upsets Near Baird City Limits

An Abilene man, Thomas Griffin Cross, 37, of 118 Meander St., miraculously escaped injury last Thursday afternoon, when his White truck-tractor overturned on Highway 80, 1/2 mile west of Baird. The accident was caused by a blowout on the right front tire.

Cross was going east down the first incline west of Baird when the accident occurred. The right front tire blew out, causing him to lose control of the truck. The big truck plowed over a highway culvert marker, ran wild for 575 feet, climbed almost to the top of the embankment (shown in

picture) and flipped over on its back.

Cross, who was still in the vehicle, crawled out of the window without a scratch. A passing motorist picked him up and carried him to Abilene where he reported the accident to Leroy Bradbury, owner of the truck.

The truck was loaded with 10 cubic yards of gravel and was enroute to the intersection of highway 283 and highway 80, in Eastland, where construction is being done.

Highway Patrolmen George Clark and Ralph Boyd investigated the accident.

Hospital News

The following are patients in Callahan County Hospital:

Tom Brackeen
J. B. Pitzer
Mrs. Nell Curtis
Jack Browning
Joe Alphin
Mrs. Mary Tabor
J. S. Gafford

Recent discharges are: Callie Smith, Edna Kay Whittle, Mrs. J. Q. Morrison, J. H. Weeks, I. G. Mobley, Mrs. Clara Swinson, E. D. McMillan and Mrs. Claud Foster.

Wheat Referendum Up For Vote June 20

Polls will be open between the hours of 8 a. m. and 7 p. m. June 20 for votes to be cast on the Wheat Marketing Quota Referendum.

If marketing quotas are approved, cooperators may market all wheat produced without payment of marketing quota penalty. They will be entitled to price support at a minimum national average of \$1.78 per bu.

Any person who will have an interest in the 1958 wheat crop on a farm on which more than 15 acres of wheat will be harvested as grain will be eligible to vote.

If the husband is eligible to vote, the wife is eligible, and vice versa.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardiner Jr. of Oklahoma City, Okla., announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Teresa, born Wednesday, May 15 at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. The baby weighed 7 lbs. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner of Baird. The Gardiners have already paid the little lady a visit.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joy, of Midland, announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, Friday May 10 at Midland. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Joy of Baird and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Welch of Midland.

Sara Elizabeth has eleven living grandparents.

CUB SCOUTS TO HOLD LAST MEETING OF YEAR

A meeting of the Baird Cub Scouts will be held May 30 in the basement of the Methodist Church. Frankie Crow, Cubmaster, said that this will be the last Pack meeting until October, since school is out and the Cubs will probably have summer plans.

Time for the Thursday night meeting has been set at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Long of Big Spring, visited in Baird on Sunday.

June 6 Last Day For Land Bids

The rain that has fallen over most of Texas recently will probably increase interest in the Veterans' Land Board Sale of forfeited land on June 6. Land Commissioner Earl Rudder said today.

Commissioner Rudder also reminded veterans that time in which they may submit bids is drawing short. Bidding in the sale closes at 10 a. m. on June 6.

Land is being offered in Lamar, Red River, Hopkins, Rusk, Erath, Comanche, Brown, Hamilton, Coryell, Lampasas, McCulloch, Williamson, Bastrop, Bexar, Medina, Karnes, Frio, Zavalla, Maverick, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Cameron, Presidio, Culberson, and Oldham counties.

Bid forms for the sale may be obtained from the Veterans' Land Board in Austin, the Commissioner said.

Richardson Funeral In Admiral Church

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at Admiral Baptist Church for George Thomas Richardson of Greggton, who died Monday at Longview after suffering a heart attack.

Rev. Henry Causey, pastor of the Admiral Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery under direction of Wyle Funeral Home of Baird.

Mr. Richardson was born Aug. 2, 1887, in Alexander City, Ala., and had been a resident of the Greggton community for 17 years. He had been an employee of Premier Oil and Refining Co. in Longview and Baird for nearly 27 years.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Ava Nell Richardson of Greggton; two sons, Thomas R. Richardson and J. B. Richardson, both of Greggton; and two grandchildren.

Baird Students To Receive Degrees

Two Baird students will graduate from McMurry College May 27 in the school's 34th annual commencement exercises.

They are Mrs. Evangeline Drennan and Thomas M. Ivey. Mrs. Drennan is to receive the bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey, will receive the BS degree in business administration. A 1950 graduate of Baird high school, Ivey was president of the FFA and captain of the football team. He served in the army for two years in California and Georgia. While in the service he attended the University of Georgia.

Rev. Durwood Fleming, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Houston, will deliver McMurry's baccalaureate sermon at 8 p. m., Sunday, May 26 in Radford Memorial Auditorium.

SCHOOL DIST. TRANSFERS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 1

Announcement was made by L. C. Cash, County School Superintendent, that parents wishing to change their children from one school district to another must do so before June 1. He also said that certain forms must be filled out before any change can be made and that the forms can be obtained in his office.

Mrs. O. B. Jarrett is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Finto in Ranger. Mrs. Jarrett is the mother of Mrs. Bob Swinson, who is ill in Callahan County Hospital.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Baird Cafetorium

Friday Evening, May 24, 1957

8:00 P. M.

Processional	Leonard Payne
Invocation	George Lambert
Salutatory	Jerry Corn
Valedictory	Lella Lou Griggs
"Graduation Day"	Senior Girls
Introduction of Speaker	Bill K. Ford
Address	John A. Willoughby
Presentation of Class	E. B. Posey
Presentation of Diplomas	Hugh Ross
Presentation of Awards	E. B. Posey
"Now Is The Hour"	Senior Class
Alma Mater	Audience
Benediction	Tony Price
Recessional	Barbara Snyder

(Audience Seated)

Clyde Betterment Talked By Lions; "Courthouse A Possibility"

By KATHARYN DUFF
Abilene Reporter-News

CLYDE, May 21 — Clyde Lions took a close look at their town's assets and needs — one of which they declared is "the courthouse" — at a special "noodle session" Tuesday night.

A community bootstrap operation was outlined, one which will tie in with a special advertising campaign undertaken in behalf of the town by its phone company, the Clyde Telephone Exchange.

Tom Odum, phone company manager, directed the Tuesday dinner program. Special guests for the community "clinic" were representatives of Clyde's three women's federated clubs.

Lions and their guests outlined for Odum the particular assets they think their town has: productive soil, "the finest people in the world," abundant shallow water, good schools and churches, good climate, highway and rail facilities to nearby Abilene (where many local residents work) and so on.

Then, on Odum's invitation, they gave some frank criticism of their town and listed some of the things it needs: public recreation facilities, park, swimming pool, street improvement, marked streets and numbered houses, improved garbage collection, street lights, a bank, a hospital — and a courthouse.

When the needs were all tabulated, Odum told his townspeople: "There is nothing on the list we can't do if we'll pull together."

In Tuesday and Wednesday's edition of The Abilene Reporter-News Odum began the first of a series of monthly advertisements pointing to Clyde as "a good place to live."

The telephone man told Lions his purpose in advertising the community is simply to encourage people of Abilene and surrounding towns to live in Clyde — thereby bringing him more customers and more business to the whole community.

"If I can get two more customers out of that ad, it'll be a good investment," he said.

Clyde's single greatest asset, Odum told the group, is its underground water. The water is found in a football-shaped area about 12 by 6 miles in size with Clyde in about the middle, he said.

To dramatize his appeal for community improvement he displayed two large water colors painted by Mrs. De Witt Chandler, wife of the local Baptist pastor. One pictured Clyde as it now is — vacant lots, a cow grazing in town, the current business area. The other showed Clyde as it might be in the future — rows of modern homes on lots now vacant, a swimming pool, new business houses, a hospital, new churches and such.

"That could be Clyde in five or ten years," he said. "We're in an unusual position. I don't believe we'll grow according to the growth rate of Texas as a whole. I think we'll either say as we are or be five to ten times our present size."

He called for cooperation on the part of the women's organizations as well as the Lions in selling the town, in finding sites for prospective buyers and in selling people generally on the idea of moving to Clyde.

Women's clubbers who were guests at the meeting were Mrs. W. E. Norwood, Mrs. Roy Young, and Mrs. Merwin Eager of the Big Heart Garden Club; Mrs. W. A. Cook and Mrs. J. C. Snow, Thursday Study Club; and Mrs. Tom Odum, Mrs. Jess Pyleatt and Mrs. J. E. Burdick, Clyde Study Club.

EIGHTH GRADE HAS ANNUAL OUTING

Thursday evening, the eighth grade had their annual outing. They left on the bus at 5:30 p. m., and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Casey's in Abilene.

All class members except two were able to go. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Overman, Mr. E. B. Posey and Mrs. John Towler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gravel Pierce and daughter, Jan, who has the measles.

Recent visitors in the A. W. Gibson home were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Taylor of Delhi, La.

STAR'S CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE — 160 acre farm, good fences, modern home, well located. John L. Estes, Clyde. 19-1f-c

NO CASH NEEDED — 3-bedroom homes on lot or acreage. 3 styles to choose from. Phone 2664 or 3872, Clyde. John L. Estes. 19-1f-c

See J. T. Loper for your Porcelain Air Conditioner, Maytag Washers and Dryers. 20-2-p

WANTED — Widow with pension wants board in Christian home. Mrs. N. E. Patterson, Box 798, Coleman, Texas. 20-2-p

FOR SALE — Bedding Plants, Red Petunias, Yard Geraniums, Carnations, and many other plants for your yard. Foresters Flower Shop, Clyde, Texas. 20-2-c

FOR RENT — House with 2 rooms and bath, furnished. 441 Race St., G. A. Gwin. 20-1f-c

RADIATOR SERVICE — Radiator repairing, cleaning, reworking and rebuilding. All work guaranteed. Coley's Automotive & Radiator Service, 242 East 7th, Ph. 138, Baird, Texas. 20-2-c

BABY CHICKS
Each Monday and Tuesday
STARTED CHICKS
Every Day
POWER FEEDS — Supplies & Remedies
STAR HATCHERY
8-1f-c

USED CARS — Clean '52 Dodge & '50 Dynaflow Buick. Also '48 Dodge & '49 Nash. Prices reasonable. W. A. Chrisman. 21-1f-c

FOR SALE — Travel Trailer house. 414 West 1st St. Bill Morgan. 21-1-p

FOR SALE — Air conditioner pads, fittings, floats, hose pumps, copper tubing, belts, etc. White Auto Store, Baird, Texas. 21-1f-c

FOR SALE — Place for sale, 946 West 5th St. Lot 75x150'. Liddle Septer. 21-3-p

Mrs. Lucy Blackshear of Fort Worth spent last week with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield.

Delphians Meet For Fine Arts Program

The Delphian Club met Tuesday, May 14 in the home of Mrs. C. B. Snyder for their Fine Arts Program. Mrs. Jim Asbury and Mrs. E. B. Posy assisted Mrs. Snyder in hostess duties.

Mrs. M. D. Bell opened the meeting and the Club Collect was read. Mrs. S. L. McElroy introduced Mrs. John Bowls and the Senior Declamation winners, Virginia Barnes, who read "Mother of Men," and Dolton Baker who gave "Why I Am Glad I Am An American."

Mrs. McElroy presented Mrs. Sidney Foy and her trio of girls, Toby Barton, Barbara Snyder and Jerry Jones, who sang "Tumbling Tumble Weeds," and Tommy Stephenson, who sang three numbers.

Guest speaker for the day, Mrs. Hugh Ross, was introduced by Mrs. McElroy. Mrs. Ross spoke on the "Development of Musical Instruments."

Mrs. B. L. Boydston gave a report on the State Convention.

Mrs. Bell presented Mrs. E. C. Fulton an honorary Life Membership to the Club. Mrs. Fulton was a charter member and she is the first honorary member.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Hugh Ross, H. D. Hart, Lee Ivey, Davis Harrell, Fred Heysler of Putnam, and sixteen members.

SUNBEAMS HOLD WIENER ROAST

The Baptist Sunbeam children were entertained with a wiener roast Monday afternoon, May 20, at the home of Mrs. E. R. Pruitt.

Thirty-seven children were served by the Sunbeam workers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Elliott spent some time during the week end at Possum Kingdom Lake. Mrs. Elliott relates that they saw plenty of water.

Visiting Mrs. Buford Tyson over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Slim Shindler of Midland. Mrs. Tyson returned home with them for a visit.

Miss Katie Lou Walker of Sweetwater spent the week end with her father, M. C. Walker.

Week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Caldwell were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sims of Bryan, and Miss Yvonne Caldwell of Abilene.

Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilson, of Dallas, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Albro Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Smith's sister and family at Blanket.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Huskins recently was Mrs. Huskins father.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parisher were Mrs. Arch Parisher and children of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Pridgeon and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pyeatt and Tommy of Midland. Sunday visitors with the Parishers were Mr. and Mrs. Lee GaOy of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck McClure, of San Angelo, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. McClure at Eula. Mrs. I. R. Adams and daughter, of San Antonio, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smedley and children, of Big Spring, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright, of Abilene were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Bro. De Witt Chandler and children spent the day Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin. The children enjoyed fishing in the pond.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends for their prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, words of encouragement and deeds of kindness shown to me in every way both times I was in the hospital at Temple and after I came home. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. L. S. Walker.

Visiting W. D. Boydston this week end are Mrs. Mary Reese of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Sam Stokes of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. S. E. Settle recently returned from Fort Worth where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. James Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Abernathy attended a bridal showed at Atwell for Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sessions Monday night.

Visiting Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Manion and Felix were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tatom and family of Abilene.

Families Hold 10th Annual Reunion

The 10th annual reunion of the Thaxton, Bailey, Crow and McGowan families was held on May 18 & 19 with a large group attending. Due to the severe rain storms and high water, it was held in the Community Center in Clyde, instead of the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap.

Many gathered in the home of Mrs. John McGowan in Baird Saturday night for the evening meal and visited until a late hour.

Officers for the coming year are Mr. G. Marvin Thaxton, President, and Mrs. Cordie Bailey, Vice President.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Marvin Thaxton, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Thaxton, Iowa Park; Mon D. Thaxton, Newport, Ark.; Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Claude Thaxton, Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Thaxton and Karen of Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Hart, Stacey Claudette and Larry, Littlefield; Dr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bailey, Joe, Ralph and Lee, Austin; Dr. and Mrs. R. Van Bailey, Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McGowan and John of Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. M. Carroll McGowan and Carol Lynn, Baird; Dr. and Mrs. M. Thaxton McGowan, David and Jeanie, Waco; Mrs. Cordie Bailey, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Clyde; Frank Bailey, Clyde; Mrs. Lella McGowan, Baird; Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Baird; Mrs. Nettie Crow, Sallisaw, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cook, Rodney; Frank and Elaine, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Crow, Jr., Monty and Bob, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barton and Sandra, Brady; Mr. and Mrs. John Valerius, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Harris, and Lisetta Ann, El Paso; Al Renshaw, Lubbock; Mrs. Ella Farrar, Baird and Mrs. Homer Kennard of Clyde.

Visitors Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warren, Altadena, Calif., Mrs. Eunice Bowers and Pearl Taylor of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warren of Altadena, Calif., and Mrs. Eunice Bowers and daughter, Mrs. Pearl Taylor of San Angelo, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Owen Battles and Mr. Battles.

1st. LeLut and Mrs. G. E. Davis Jr. of Salina, Kan., were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis.

Rowden Round-Up

By Theida Crow

Mrs. Dale Gibbs and Gary and Mrs. B. Crow visited Mrs. Lella Gibbs Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence visited Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence and boys in Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Adair and children have moved to Cross Plains where Johnnie is employed at the bank.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow the first of the week were Mrs. Lella McGowan of Baird, Mrs. C. H. Crow of Sallisaw, Okla., and Miss Theida Crow.

Sonny Bains of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains and Sue.

Mrs. Renee Herring and son, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Hernie Martin and Robert and Mrs. Felix Mitchell of Baird, visited Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and Raymond last week end.

Miss Shirley Sessions of Dallas visited recently with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Abernathy.

Mrs. Nettie Crow, of Sallisaw, Okla., attended the Thaxton reunion and remained to visit relatives at Clyde, Baird, Abilene and Fort Worth before returning home.

What To Do In a Tornado

● People in open country can view the approach of a tornado and move at right angles to its path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.
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● The southwest corner of the basement of a frame house is safer than in a brick or stone house. If there is no basement, lie down on the first floor under a table or bed (preferably in the southwest corner).
● Urban schools: Stay inside, away from windows, remain near an inside wall on a lower floor. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums.
● Rural schools: of frame construction; Teachers should remove children to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

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Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis and son, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Tecumseh Topics

By Lillian Crawford

Just been wondering for several days who it was drilling for oil over at Elbert Crawford's place...

Visiting Elbert and family over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Crawford...

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Taylor came over for a short visit with us Sunday.

Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Dee A. Bennett of Oil Center, N. M., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi E. Bennett...

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy DeMoss in Odessa last Friday...

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carey and son, of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goble...

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woody and girls, Miss Minnie Lois, Woody and Kathy Jo of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woody Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright of Raymondville visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey last week.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Grogan of Anson, Rev. Causey and family, Leta Marie White and Ann Smith...

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and Gary Childress returned home from visiting her mother in Stillwater, Okla., last week. She is very ill and is bedfast at her daughter's home, Mr. Courtwright. The Smiths reported plenty of rain while there.

Those who attended the Baptist Bible Clinic Monday at Scranton were Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Newberry, Mrs. Alvin Hargrove, Mrs. D. C. Hargrove, Mrs. B. A. Moore and Mrs. Looney Johnson.

Miss Eunice Hembree, Beulah and Hazel Respass attended the singing at Nimrod Church Sunday afternoon. It was their memorial day for the Cemetery Association.

Mrs. J. F. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey visited in Stephenville Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Dungan have recently remodeled their home on Walnut Street and moved to town. Visiting them Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hazelwood of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Willett of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coffey of Abilene, and their daughter, Mrs. Pauline Edwards of Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Edwards is spending a few days with them.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and boys, all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and family, of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McBride have been visiting their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McBride and daughter in Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer McBride and son of Spur.

Visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gillit are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lee of Seagraves.



AUSTIN — Laws are fine so long as they have no teeth in them.

Apparently that's the feeling of 4 members of the Texas House of Representatives.

At least that's the way they voted as they came down the home stretch to final adjournment.

House members their best opportunity to express their opinions about putting teeth in Texas laws when Senate Bill 55 by Sen. Preston Smith came up for House consideration.

Previously it had passed the Senate with flying colors; it was given a "do pass" recommendation by the House Affairs Committee; and it carried Gov. Price Daniel's endorsement.

SB-55 pertained to publication laws. But only to laws already on the statute books. Specifically only those laws ignored by those public officials who dislike to report their activities to the home folks.

No new public notices were called for in the bill. All SB-55 did was strengthen existing laws. It merely pinpointed WHO is responsible for printing public notices... so that the people might be informed.

Present laws provide that any public official who flatly refuses to follow the requirements of existing laws shall be subject to a fine or removal from office. That's already on the statute books but Texas laws fail to designate specifically who is responsible.

The new bill was even more considerate than existing laws... for it even allowed for delays due to oversights or plain carelessness.

Actually SB-55 applied only to those public officials who intentionally violated the law. It re-

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Also Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth; Hershel C. Sherrill of McDade; Richard C. Slack of Pecos; Max C. Smith of San Marcos; Wade E. Spilman of McAllen; Ted B. Springer of Amarillo; Richard C. White of El Paso; Joe Ed Winfree of Houston; W. N. Woolsey of Corpus

Christi and J. C. Zbrank of Daisetta.

55th Milestones — These measures won out in the waning days of the session:

General Appropriations: An all-time high budget of \$2,090,000 for the next two years was approved. It included salary raises for state employees.

Teacher Pay: Both the House and the Senate approved measures to raise teachers' salaries.

Higher pensions: Both houses okayed a proposed constitutional amendment upping the amount the state can spend on public welfare each year -- to \$47,000,000. If approved by the voters it will bring a \$10 monthly increase in the old folks' checks.

Congressional Redistricting: In a redistricting bill the legislators abolished the Congressman-at-large post now occupied by Martin Dies and gave Harris County a second congressman. They also juggled around eight other districts and divided Harris County into two districts.

Urban Renewal: Approved was a slum-clearance bill which would allow cities to condemn blighted areas for redevelopment by private enterprise.

Teen-Age Drivers: Two bills affecting the hot-rod crowd were given final okay. One makes girls under 18 and boys under 17 responsible for traffic violations. Other gives the Department of Public Safety the say so as to whether youngsters under 16 can have drivers licenses. Previously, county judges had the authority. Another bill, governing destruction of property by

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minors. It would make parents responsible, up to \$300.

55th Gravestones: Apparently dead for this session are these issues:

Law Enforcement Commission: Governor Daniel's plan for a "super grand jury" for investigating crime and official misconduct.

Reform Bills: (1) Prohibiting lawmakers from appearing before state boards for a fee, and (2) eliminating the automatic delay of lawsuits when a legislator is hired as an attorney.

Four-Year Colleges: Making senior colleges of Arlington State College at Arlington; Midwestern at Wichita Falls, and John Tarleton at Stephenville.

Cub Scouts

The last meeting of Den No. 2, Pack 24 of the Cub Scouts met Friday, May 7, with a hike to Hickman Park, followed by a picnic.

All of the boys have earned their Wolf badges and Golden Arrow, and all of them have at least one Silver Arrow.

Cubs making the hike were: Tommy Bearden, Billie Bollinger, Bonnie Brame, Larry Monroe, Bobby Jack Sims, Steve Stanley and Byron Snyder.

Den Mothers are Mrs. James Snyder and Mrs. B. O. Brame. Mrs. Jack Sims accompanied the group on the hike.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. Pogue and Cindy of Eastland.

Time for Someone To Make a Move: Will Lawmakers Act, Asks Writer

By FREDERICK RODGSON

SAN DIEGO Tex.—I'm not sure whose move it is in Duval County, but I get the feeling it's time for somebody to play his hole card.

I have just returned to deep south Texas after several months in New York and Hollywood. In New York negotiating with Random House about a book on Duval County and in Hollywood writing a motion picture with my collaborator Frans Rosenwald on the same fascinating subject.

Now that I'm back I'm wondering about three things. First, what the Texas Legislature will do with the opportunity it has to plug up the loopholes in the law that made this political jungle possible—this place where the strong have lived off the weak and shouted their defiance to the world 'til come back to this.

Second, I'm wondering about the man Parr himself and a couple of his old friends one of whom says he is Parr's enemy while the other says he hardly knows the man at all.

Parr is different nowadays. "Plum crazy" according to several people in this sun-baked county that sithers in oil a few months ago Parr paid a big fine for waving a carbine and threatening to kill Thomas Molins in the dim halls of the Duval court house. He was put under a \$7,500 peace bond.

But a few weeks ago he again pulled a pistol out of the glove compartment of his car and stuck it under the nose of Eloy Ramirez. Another conviction for gun-throwing could cost him that \$7,500. The only reason anybody can figure out for his brassness is that Eloy refused to shake hands with him in Angelina's cafe.

The Duke has always been a gun-waver, but now they say he waxes it with a more deadly vehemence.

Parr doesn't look good, either. He has gone bankrupt, and he is intermittently on trial in Houston on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The trial has started three times. The first ended with one man hanging the jury and since then two juries have been composed by the discovery of an unqualified juror in the bunch.

Parr hates a lot of men, and his hatred seems to obsess him. It centers on District Attorney Sam Burris, now that John Ben Shepperd has left the Attorney General's Office and gone into business in West Texas.

Burris is the symbol of all Parr's troubles. He is the bulwark of the law that won't let an even though the Duke has lost his fortune, his political power, his prestige, everything Burris still gets help from the state, but it was John Ben Shepperd who started tearing down the Duke's feudal empire, and it was Burris who helped him Duval residents say the Duke can't talk about anything but Sam Burris.

The Peripatetic Pale But about those friends of Parr's This is what really prompted me to add this article to the series of 11 which Frans Rosenwald and I wrote recently. They were distributed by the Texas Press Association and published by some 250 dailies and weeklies in Texas with a readership covering more than half the state. Since so many people are listening, I want to add a little to what I said.

Recently Das Tobin, an able and personable young man who was once a Parr stalwart but who turned against the big boss has been running around the state palay-walay with a long-time Parr cronie named Thomas Y. Pickett. The junkies in Dallas and other places were to raise money from the oil companies to get Duval County out of its current financial jam Judge Tobin, by the way, is under indictment because of his past association with the Parr machine.

Pickett is a political fixer of no little renown in Texas, a sporting man who, like Parr, loves fast horses. Also like Parr, he once did time for forgetting to pay his income tax.

Pickett is head of Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. of Dallas. His firm holds the tax evaluation contracts for Duval County and for the county's school districts. For tax purposes Duval property is valued at just over \$41 million, of which some \$36 million represents the valuation of oil and industrial properties including utilities and railroads.

It's the tax evaluator's job, in this case Pickett, to set the value of county property and report to the commissioners (including Judge Tobin) who in turn set the tax rate. Pickett has held the Duval contract steadily since 1934.

This writer talked to Mr. Pickett in his office in Dallas and later at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin. I promised to print a statement from him exactly as he gave it to me. Here it is, precisely as typed by his secretary:

"During the period of 1926-27, and from 1934 to 1950 inclusive, Thomas Y. Pickett and Company were paid total fees from Duval County in the amount of \$247,330.66 and not \$900,000 as reported in Collier's magazine, which is now out of business. Since 1950 we have had a contract with Duval County and they have paid us \$15,000.00 per year."

Note please that Mr. Pickett brings up the matter of Collier's magazine. I didn't bring it up. Note too that Mr. Pickett makes no mention of his contracts with the Duval school districts including the notorious Benavides School District from which Parr and his pals are accused of plucking much of their plunder.

Back in June of 1951 Collier's ran an article entitled "Something Is Rotten in the State of Texas" and the writer, Gordon Schendel, brought Pickett into the picture as being buddy buddy with the Duke.

Time magazine in its issue of February 15, 1954, also suggested a close alliance between Parr and Pickett and the story caused quite a sensation in oil circles.

"Why I hardly know the man," Pickett told me. "Oh, I guess I've seen him a couple of times when he's been down in Duval on business."

Mr. Pickett went on to make this interesting observation: "I was the most surprised man in Texas when I read in the papers what had been going on down there."

Okay, let's look at the record. It's lulu.

At Pickett's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken \$150,000 from W. L. Pearson and Co. of Houston to swing a road bond vote in Hutchinson County.

At Parr's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken a \$25,000 kick-back from the same W. L. Pearson and Co. on a Duval County road contract. Parr was then County Judge.

The two men, Parr and Pickett, are as alike in some departments as two peas in a pod.

In the multitudinous court actions in the sticky Duval situation much has been made of bank checks many of them made out to persons both existent and non-existent.

drawn on the Duval County general fund, all made out in Parr's own handwriting, and all made out either to Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. or to Thomas Y. Pickett personally.

Most of the checks are in the amount of \$1,000 and the endorsements on these are correct, each check stamped on the back Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. and each deposited in the company's account.

Two of the checks, however, stand real scrutiny. They're not piddling little \$1,000 items. They are for big money. And they don't bear the Pickett company rubber stamp, indicating that they didn't go through the company account.

One of these checks, dated simply June, 1951, and not signed by the County Judge as required by Texas law, is for \$5,500. This check is number 544.

The other check, number 17, is dated July, 1952. It is for a whopping \$400. And this one wasn't signed by the County Judge as required by law.

The harder up the county gets financially, the more they dig around in the old records. And the more they dig around in the old records, the more odd-looking checks they turn up with funny endorsements.

As I said, Dan Tobin and Thomas Y. Pickett have been running around the state trying to tap the oil companies for a little financial assistance to the county. Tobin split with the Duke some time back, and Pickett says he hardly knows the man. Maybe they're both smart. A lot of the Duke's old friends have found themselves in trouble.

The Case of Corruption in Texas Which brings me to the third thing I've been wondering about. What is the Texas Legislature going to do about plugging the gaps in the law which John Ben Shepperd said make situations like Duval County possible?

I've read several articles in national magazines about the corruption in Texas on the state level. I've been in and out of Texas, studying Texas laws and lawbreakers and writing a book and a movie script, for about 10 months now. In my humble opinion the corruption in Texas starts right down at the grass roots, in the counties and the little towns. And it starts with the out-moded Texas Constitution and the lack of adequate statutes to enable people at the county level to keep things clean. Your primary trouble, Texan, is not in Austin.

Twice in as many legislative sessions the Texas Press Association has laid a stack of proposed bills in front of the lawmakers, incorporating a number inspired by Shepperd's findings in Duval County along with others that Shepperd and the TPA have urged "for good government in Texas." These others deal mostly with keeping government meetings open to the public eye, keeping public records public, and requiring the publication of information the people have a right to know.

As John Ben Shepperd put it, "Take any four or five of these proposed new laws and enforce them, and you just can't have a Duval County." There are 15 of them altogether.

I came back to Texas to do some final checking on a few things, including these bills. I have to admit that even with my natural newsman's cynicism, I was a little staggered to find that the Texas Legislature had been in session three months in 1957 and was active six months in 1955—and in all that time only a couple of the bills have struggled through to the Governor's desk for signing into law.

Some of the most important of them are staggering through the legislative halls, not expected to live. Others have had their death blow unless interested citizens raised a protest.

Among the staggering is SB 223, which would make it possible for men who steal public funds to be indicted and prosecuted outside the county of the offense. Such a law would prevent

embezzlers from getting off scot free by controlling judges, prosecuting attorneys, or grand juries.

Shepperd says this is the most important bill, from the standpoint of criminal law, and he ought to know. To get the Duval County indictments he had to wait for a district judge, a district attorney and a grand jury to be thrown out. SB 223 is in a Senate subcommittee, and its survival looks doubtful.

Another bill buried in a Senate subcommittee where the death rate is high is SB 88. It would forbid holding government meetings in secret, except as provided by law.

SB 31, you might say, has been sent to Death Row. It was referred to the Attorney General for re-drafting, with the intention of killing it. Its purpose is to remove from office any public official who stands on the Fifth Amendment to avoid showing his public records or answering questions about his official actions.

A bill requiring county attorneys to sue for the recovery of unlawfully expended money, with or without the consent of the commissioners court, is also in a Senate subcommittee but has a little better chance of survival. It is SR 224.

A number of others haven't had any torpedoes thrown into them, but the lawmakers' enthusiasm for them is not conspicuous. In fact, the boys are taking their good old easy time, if not actually stalling. Companion bills to those listed above are kicking around in House committees, faring little better than in the Senate, apparently.

I might say right here that the views expressed herein are mine, not necessarily those of the TPA.

Among the 15 "Better Government" bills, I count only two that have passed both houses of the Legislature, and three others that have passed one House only.

Bills which have gone to the Governor for signature open political precinct conventions to representatives of the press, and require a special audit of county records in any county upon a petition of at least 30 per cent of the qualified voters. Both were designed to provide Texans with more adequate knowledge of what goes on in their counties and their state.

Three others have passed either the House or Senate, but not both of the Legislative bodies. Senators okayed SB 131 to require school districts and other political subdivisions to publish annual financial statements; likewise SB 55, a Mandatory Publications Act to assure that public officials will publish the information they are supposed to under present laws.

I'm told this one can get through if a few citizens interested in good government will speak up for it to urge its passage through the House.

House members passed HB 199 providing for stopping payments to school districts which, like the notorious Benavides district, fail or refuse to furnish an audit of accounts.

In fact, just about any of these bills, even the ones that are all but dead and buried in the subcommittees, might pass if a few interested citizens would speak up for them.

So as I head back for Hollywood, I'm going to stick my neck out and offer Texans a little word of advice. I've known Cabene and some of the other big-time boys, and I've been in Europe where I looked on the faces of bigger, better dictators than Boss Parr. But I haven't seen one yet that couldn't be stopped by a few good laws, properly enforced.

Texas has their "local autonomy," that peculiar Constitutional system by which every Texas county is an island with a fence around it when it comes to enforcing the law and prosecuting by the TPA are especially designed to accomplish good law enforcement without disturbing that local autonomy. That's the appraisal of John Ben Shepperd, former Attorney General who busted Duval wide open from the inside, without violating anybody's local self-government.

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Oplin Observations

By Daphne Floyd

Mrs. Lillie McBride was hon-
ored with a surprise birthday
party at the Community Center
last Saturday afternoon. Clarice
Poindexter and Patricia
Breeding registered close to 40
guests and a host of friends sent
gifts. Mrs. Andrew Johnson was
in charge of recreation, which
was climaxed by everyone join-
ing in and singing "Happy
Birthday, dear Lillie." The gifts
were opened from a table laid in
pink with streamers in white,
with pastel pink roses as the
centerpiece. The hostesses, Mrs.
J. P. West, John Jordan, Ed Kir-
kindoll, Will Johnson, Clyde
Floyd, Andrew Johnson, Lucien
Pierce and B. G. Poindexter served
a refreshment plate of sand-
wiches, cake and punch to the
guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirkindoll
had a full house but a most en-

joyable visit when her sister and
husband, Mr. and Mrs. John
Wampler of Oklahoma City; her
brother, Roy Kyic of Geronimo,
Oklahoma and a nephew and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wamp-
ler and children of Los Alamos,
N. M., all came for a visit last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Breed-
ing announce the engagement
and approaching marriage of
their daughter, Dorothy, to Tho-
mas Sallee of Clyde. The wed-
ding date has been set for June
7th.

Mrs. Tommie Windham was a
guest of her daughter, Paula, at
a Mother's Day luncheon in Abilene
last Saturday. The luncheon
was sponsored by the sorority
of which Paula is a mem-
ber, and has become an annual
affair.

Mrs. Jeanne Tiffany and a
young friend, Smokey, of Santa
Monica, Calif., have been visit-
ing the past three weeks with
her sister and husband, Mr. and
Mrs. Tommie Windham.

Another 2½ inches of rain fell
last week, but that doesn't nec-
essarily mean more rest for
these farmers, for they are tak-
ing advantage of the wet weath-
er to overhaul their combines.



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improvements for which you can
be assessed.

(b) What "covenants" or re-
strictions run with the land? To
protect residents, the plats or
basic deeds of some neighbor-
hood call on you to build a cer-
tain size or type of house. Do
you want to and can you afford
to?

(c) Easements. Either you or
your neighbors may need to run
pipes, or string wires over each
other's land or to share a drive-
way. Have the abstract checked
carefully to disclose any ease-
ments.

2. Zoning Ordinances: For
your protection the local govern-
ment frequently zones some
areas, for example, for single
houses only, for multiple dwell-
ings: for retail stores, for man-
ufacturing, etc.

Unless the local governing
body changes its zoning ordi-
nances, no filling station, for
instance, can go up next to you
in a residential area. Neither
could you turn your home into a
store. In any case, you should
find out what your neighbor-
hood zoning rules are.

3. Building Codes: Be certain
that the plans and construction
will meet the requirements of
the local building code as to size,
location and structure. Munici-
pal ordinances usually impose
strict standards for the building,
the plumbing and the electrical
wiring. In many cases only li-
censed building tradesmen are
permitted to make the installa-
tions.

4. Financing: Financing con-
tracts protect both you and the
lender. Unless you pay cash, you
will use credit to pay for your
house, most likely a deed of trust
or a land contract. Your install-
ments often include principal,
interest, insurance and taxes.
Under a land contract the lender
holds title to your house
until you pay for it. If you fall
behind, the holder can take the
house back. With a deed of trust,
the lender has a lien which he
can foreclose of you default. You
may get some of your money
back on the principal; but you
may also have to make up any
loss then lender makes in re-
selling the house.

Well worked-out contracts can
help make your dream house
come true. A construction con-

tract or a so-called "earnest-
money" agreement or receipt is
no job for an amateur. Too many
legal details are involved. Your
lawyer is trained by education
and experience to protect your
best interests in contracting and
closing real estate deals.

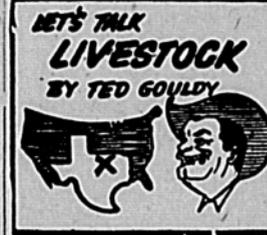
You knew what you want.
You should be careful to get
what you want through careful
planning and a properly prepa-
red and executed contract.
(This column, prepared by the
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inform—not to advise. No per-
son should ever apply or inter-
pret any law without the aid of
an attorney who is fully advised
concerning the facts involved,
because a slight variance in the
facts may change the applica-
tion of the law.)

Marvin C. Weed, Jr., Radar-
man, U.S. Navy, is visiting his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester
Weed.

Paul and George Jones, of
NTSC, Denton, visited Mrs.
Freida Jones and other relatives
over the week end.



ERRATIC TRAIL left by the twister which hit Flint, Mich., on
May 12, 1956 is typical of tornadoes as the funnel weaves and
bores over the landscape, generally in a southwest to northeast
direction. Civil defense rescue squads, trained to dig persons out
of bombed-out buildings in wartime, find their training equally
useful in this type of disaster. (Flint Journal Photo by Russ Scott)



**Stocker Calves Top
At \$23.35 Monday**
FORT WORTH — Increased
supplies of all classes of live-
stock arrived at Fort Worth for
the opening session of the week.
However, there was a substantial
reduction reported around the
major market circle the same
day.

The trade was strong and ac-
tive with some spots higher on

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The good and choice stocker
steer calves ranged from \$18 to
\$23.35, with a shipment of 20
head from Sam Ball, Brecken-
ridge, which averaged 461 lbs.
at \$23.35. The cows along with
these calves sold at \$14, with a
few at \$12.50 to the packers.
Good and choice steer yearlings
cashed at \$17 to \$21.50, and hel-
fer calves and stocker heifer
yearlings averaged \$2 to \$3 un-
der comparable stocker steers.
The plainer stockers sold around
\$14 to \$17, and a few stocker
cows were reported from \$10 to
\$14.

Good and choice fed steers
and heifers sold from \$19 to \$23,
two loads of around 800-pound
heifers topping at \$23. Plainer
butcher cattle sold from \$12 to
\$18. Fat cows drew \$12 to \$14,
a few higher. Canners and cut-
ters cashed at \$8.50 to \$12. Bulls
drew \$10 to \$15.50.

Good and choice slaughter cal-
ves cleared at \$18 to \$22, and
medium and lower grades bulk-
ed at \$12 to \$18.

**Sheep And Lambs Active,
Prices Show Strength**

About 13,000 sheep and lambs
arrived at Fort Worth Monday
and trade was active at strong
prices. In this division the de-
mand for stockers and feeders
also set the pace. Good and
choice fat lambs sold to packer
outlets at \$20 to \$21, and good
and choice feeder lambs, with a
percentage of fats on them, sold
up to \$20 and \$20.50. This re-
presented the most narrow spread
between feeders and fat lambs
in several months. Medium and
low grade lambs sold from \$14 to
\$19. Good and choice clipped
lambs sold from \$18 to \$20. Old
ewes drew \$5.50 to \$7. Old we-
thers sold from \$13 down. Two-
year-old mutton sold from \$16
downward.

**Hogs Open Quarter
Higher, Top \$18.50-\$18.75**

Swine prices started out the
week again with price changes
held to an extremely narrow
range. Opening top on choice
butchers was \$18.50 to \$18.75.

which was 25 cents above the
close at Fort Worth last week.
For several weeks the hog pri-
ces has idled in the \$18.25 to \$18-
75 range here, with fluctuations
rarely more than 25 cents in one
day.

Medium grade butchers sold
from \$14 to \$18. Sows sold most-
ly from \$15 to \$16, a few out-
side that range.

**Slaughter Down, Cornbelt
Replacements Higher in 1957**

Analysis of USDA figures on
in-shippments of stockers and
feeders to nine Cornbelt states
made here this week reveals that
in the January-April period of
1957 stocker and feeder cattle
and calves in that area totaled
877,970. This compared with
844,248 for the same interval in
1956. Up 33,722 head.

In the January-April period
the nine Cornbelt states received
582,206 stocker-feeder sheep
and lambs. In the same interval
in 1956 the total was 534,970. Up
47,336 head.

A factor which makes this in-
creased movement to Cornbelt
farms and feedlots even more
important is the fact that the
slaughter of cattle and calves
under federal inspection this
year in the January-April per-
iod show gains, while hogs and
sheep show declines.

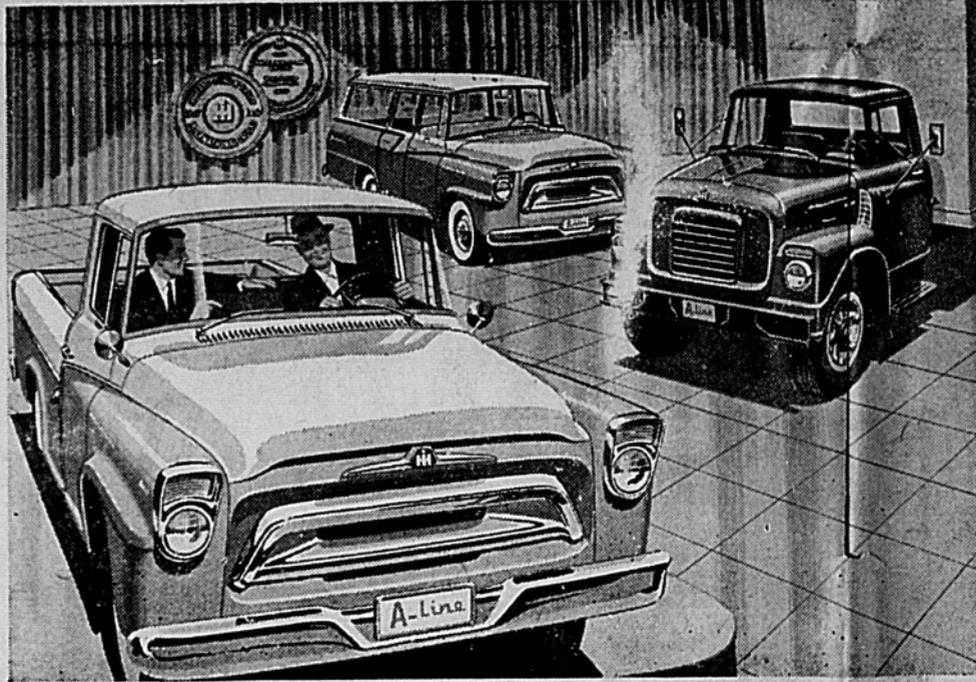
Cattle slaughter in the first
four months of 1957 was 6,351-
411, against 6,291,078. Up 60,333
head.

Calf slaughter January-April
1957 was 2,451,156 against 2,438-
152 a year earlier. Up 13,146.

Hogs slaughter January-April
1957 was 21,019,583 against 24-
206,260 in 1956. Down 3,186,677
head.

Sheep slaughter January-April
1957 was 4,496,156 against 4,837-
328 in 1956. Down 341,172 head.

Visiting in the home of Mrs.
M. R. Simmons Sunday were Mr.
and Mrs. J. B. Comp, Mr. and
Mrs. Bobby Morgan and Mrs.
Pete Sprouse and children, all
of Monahans, and U. A. Sim-
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NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Methodists are conducting a Vacation Bible School this week. Those in charge are Mrs. F. P. Shackelford, Jr., Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, Mrs. I. G. Mobley, Mrs. R. L. Clinton, Mrs. R. E. Taylor and Mrs. Fred Heysler.

Putnam Personals . . .

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks Sunday were: Hump Weeks of Baird, G. W. and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Cross Plains. Mrs. Melvin Stewart, who has recently lived in Washington state, visited her mother, Mrs. Early Hurst last week. Bill Webb, of Burkett, was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. George Biggerstaff last week. Lynda Yardley of Cisco and Lavon Meadows of Baird visited in the J. O. Taylor home Sunday.

Mrs. Buddy Reed of Cisco was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe are spending several days with their son Raymond and family in Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls are visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. George Lee Ramsey returned to her home in El Paso Friday night, after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway and finishing school here. Jack Ramsey and Jo Veri Everett accompanied her.

Benjamin Abernathy, of Fort Sill, Okla., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. El Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen and daughter, of Kingman, Kan., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Edward Sunderman and family, of Cleburne, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

Clint Rutherford was a week end guest of his parents.

Royce White and family, of Fort Worth, visited relatives in Putnam Sunday.

Vernette Hess, of Moran, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gunn Friday.

Charlie Davis is visiting his brother, Bob, in Hurley, N. M.

Mrs. Pete Cunningham of Moran was visiting relatives in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Schrader of Dallas was a guest of Betty, Ruth and Mabel Mobley over the week end.

Mrs. Gladys George of Palo Alto, Calif., is visiting the I. G. Mobleys.

Mrs. Roberts of California, Mrs. Crosby and Jewel Gholson of Eastland were guests of Mrs. F. P. Shackelford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Park Clinton, of Archer City, were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton.

Mrs. Don Wilson and children, of Waco, visited her mother, Mrs. Fred Heysler one day last week.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford Jr. Monday were: her mother, Mrs. Arch Holmes and sisters, Mrs. C. R. Morris and family of Seymour, Mrs. Glenn McWhorter and family of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring had as guests last week Mrs. Wylie Clements of Stephenville, Mrs. Eddie Butler and Mrs. Dewey Williams of Stanton.

Mrs. Lee White and son, Carl, visited her mother and other relatives in Madill, Okla., Sunday.

Clifford Smith of Grand Prairie visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith Saturday. His mother returned home with him.

Mrs. Dave Hargrove of Cross Plains was a visitor with her sister, Mrs. Early Hurst Sunday.

We are very glad that I. G. Mobley is home now after spending several days in the hospital in Baird last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson and Mrs. R. G. Jones of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunham in Cisco Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Mosley of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. El Abernathy Sunday.

Mrs. Ural Holder, of Stanton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. El Abernathy this week.

Bill, Fredalyn and Mike Everett, of Colorado City, were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Mrs. F. P. Shackelford went to Fort Worth Thursday and Mary Thomason returned home with her. Mrs. Thomason has visited several days in Fort Worth with friends.

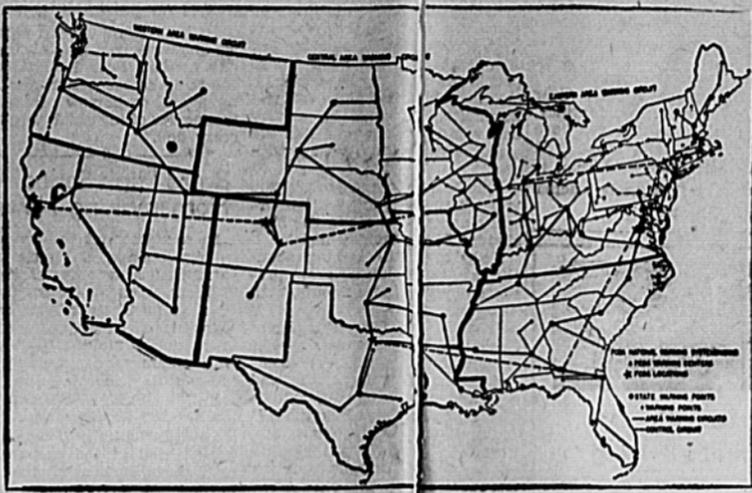
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton, of Sweetwater, spent the week end with Tom Butler.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet and Ricky Sherman spent several days with relatives in Odessa.

Maud Slaughter, of Cisco, visited friends in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Mundt of Mineral Wells was a week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gunn have returned from Salinas, Kan.



NATIONAL WARNING System, including some 25,000 miles of wire, is shown with its intricate connections to 200 civil defense warning points across the nation. The new network may be used to sound a single national attack alarm from the Federal Civil Defense Administration's National Warning Center at Colorado Springs, or if necessary, from similar warning centers at Stewart Air Force Base, N. Y., or Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. From the warning points, state and local civil defense hook ups would pass the word along to the people to evacuate or take shelter.

Betty, Ruth and Mable Mobley visited Miss Cassie Mobley in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and daughter were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Pierce in Slaton.

Mrs. Sipes and son, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sublett and children, of Sheffield, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle Saturday.

L. C. Donaway spent the week end with Doyle Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bradley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark last week.

Press White, of Moran, spent Saturday night with Hulon Smith.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi, neighbor! How's the weather over your way? Hot and windy here today. We had a big rain Friday night, the hardest rain we have had so far.

Seems like the little old feed and corn isn't growing a bit. Been too wet and cold I guess. This old sun will come out pretty soon and then it will be too hot.

Our daughter, Mildred Carter, came Sunday morning. She will spend the week with us, Mildred, Jim and I had dinner with Roma and John Sunday. Had a good dinner.

John, Roma, Mildred and I went to Moran Sunday evening to the high school baccalaureate services.

Roma and I went to the musical recital at Moran last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shrader, Kithy Ricks and Mrs. Emma Roberts had dinner Sunday with the Mark Burnams.

Roma and John McIntyre spent last Thursday with John's parents at Opilin. Sorry you are not feeling any better, Mr. Mc. Looks like we might need some hands to help with the grain, so hurry and get better, you might have to help.

Little Boy Jim went to Abilene today. Think D. A. Yarbrough went with him. No, they didn't take any thing to sell, think Jim bought some sheet iron and nails. Going to have Virgil Brown put on some grainary roofs and get ready to harvest this grain crop, which looks pretty good right now.

Still too wet to plant cotton. Imagine most of the cotton around here will be June cotton this year.

Mildred, Roma and I went to Moran Monday night to the graduation exercises for the high school, so guess we will be ready for something else now as we have Putnam and Moran both graduated for this year.

We read in the paper last week of the death of Mr. Bob Brooks. He was a brother of Mrs. Lucy Brooks Gisham. Sorry to hear this. Our sympathy to the family. We had known Bob for a long time.

Ollie Burnam went to Abilene last Thursday.

Mark Burnam went to Abilene Sale yesterday. Don't know whether he bought any yearlings, but don't think he did.

Most farmers are getting their combines ready so when this grain is ready, which looks like it may be pretty good.

Dick Yarbrough came by a while this morning. Said he thought he would see if he could cut some weeds in the cotton land. Maybe he won't bog down.

Say, have you seen the garden at Mabry's. They are the prettiest gardens I have seen in a long time. Mabry said they were having beans, peas, beets, radishes, and I think he said potatoes. Looks so good to see a garden growing again.

We will have squash soon out of Jim's garden. I got to get busy, so be good and I'll be seeing you next week.

ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

Rev. Causey and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Mrs. Monroe Dawkins of Fort Worth is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthen.

Mrs. Rob Walker visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grogan and children, of Anson, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dallas attended Armed Forces Day in Abilene last Saturday.

Mrs. Jimmy Cauthen has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goosby at Denver, Colo.

Rev. Causey resigned Sunday as pastor of our church. He has accepted the Belle Plain Church in Brownwood.

Mrs. Sim Smith is in Galveston at the bedside of her daughter, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Jones and Kitty Bea, and Barbara Higgins visited in Lampasas Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. White and George White, of New Orleans, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bullock and Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and family.

Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Quinn of Levelland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewes.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dan Havens and children of Lubbock visited from Wednesday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse.

Rev. J. B. Chick and wife and Miss Nona Lawson visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black Sunday.

Mrs. Bobby Dillard and baby, of Abilene, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nathan Foster honored Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sessions with a bridal shower Saturday night in her home. Many nice and useful gifts were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Mendan McWilliams and Mrs. Ila Rouse, of Baird, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sessions visited Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sessions over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Foster in Cross Plains Sunday evening.

Mrs. D. L. Sessions is spending a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Abernathy in Baird.

Mrs. Bill Pope visited Mrs. Beard in Coleman one day last week. James and Stevie Foster spent

Sunday night in Cross Plains with Alvin and Elvin Hutchins, Jim Hutchins, of Big Spring, and a lady friend visited Mrs. Alton Tatom Saturday.

Mrs. Herschel Lynch Hosts Jr. Wed. Club

The Junior Wednesday Club met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Herschel Lynch for their last meeting of the club year. Fourteen members answered roll call.

President Mary Black opened the meeting and asked the Club members to stand and repeat the Club Collect.

Mrs. Black, Mrs. Bruce Bell and Mrs. Emil Ringhoffer, chairman of the Finance Committee and Civic Committee, respectively, presented a check in the amount of \$100.00 to Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield, a member of the City Park Board, to be used as the Park Board deem best. Mrs. Stubblefield expressed her appreciation for the check.

Minutes of the April 29 and May 6 meetings were read and approved.

The 1956-57 Outstanding Club Member was elected and the winner will be announced at the annual President's Dinner in September. Course of Study for the coming year was selected and the club will study "The Family and It's Home."

Marion Warren and Irma Crow gave their report of the State Convention held in Waco this year on May 8 and 9. They brought back many interesting ideas and informed the club that

the Junior Department of the Federated Clubs will sponsor the Meals for Millions this coming year.

Mrs. Black installed the new officers and presented each new officer with a pennant bearing the name of their new office. The small pennants were on gold cards with the names of the office in green and green and gold ribbons were attached. Mrs. Black told the incoming officers what their duties were and wished them well. Mrs. George Warren was installed as president and she presented Mrs. Black with a small memento for her faithful service.

Mrs. Warren appointed Mrs. Bruce Bell as chairman of the float committee for the coming rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stanley showed a film on Nephrosis and answered questions concerning the disease.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Mary Black, Marion Warren, Bobby Bell, Margaret Green, Jane Ringhoffer, Laurie Eubanks, Rosemary Jefferies, Cubelle Harris, Betty Hatchett, Irma Crow, Joan Walton, Dort Carrico, Pat Sims, M. L. Stubblefield, Misses Beckye Griggs and Floy McCaw.

Mrs. Mattie Shipp, of Greenville, mother of Mrs. Lynch, was also present.

Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mrs. Felix Mitchell were Sgt. and Mrs. H. M. McElrath and family of Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, and his mother, Mrs. R. H. McElrath of Clyde.



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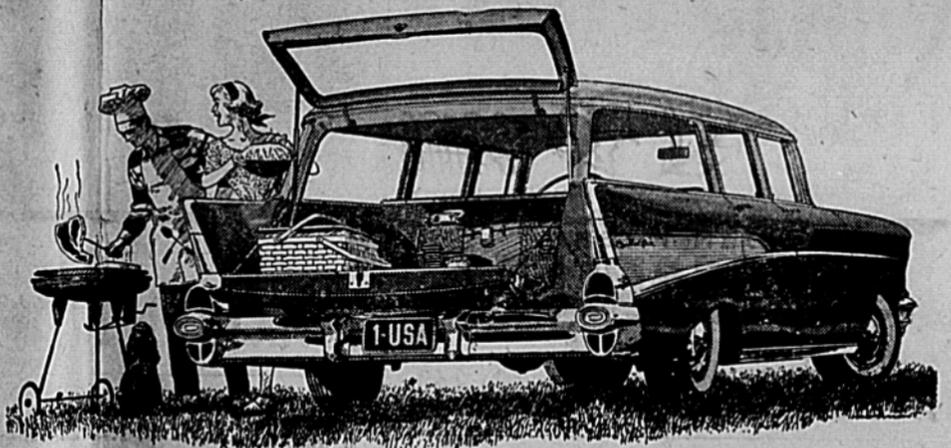
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One reason why we like to live in Baird is the folks here - Big Blakely, for instance, who found a starving dog and fed it. The good things people do have more faith in humanity. It can't be a very bad world with people like Sig and good are with us.

Bon Volap to our Seniors who embark on their trip to New Orleans and points along the Mississippi River Sunday night.

Folks are still talking about the last M.F. club program presented by the Baird Scouts, both boys and girls.

Ethelyn McGowen's Scout Troop No. 1 presented a style show with the youngsters modeling skirts which they made, and a second show of spring bonnets fashioned (can you imagine it?) of paper plates, ribbons and flowers. Mrs. McGowen arranged her scout program and the clever lyrics of the style show music were original with that talented leader.

Mrs. Dressman's Troop No. 1 of Girl Scouts gave an informative skit based on the scout laws and promises.

Frankie Crow's lively Cub Scouts rounded out the program with a flag service, scout sing-song and the awarding of achievement badges to members of the troops.

The whole program was most impressive. We owe a vote of

thanks to our scouts and their leaders for presenting it.

To keep peace in the family, we must say that Linda's birthday present, Poor Pitiful Pearl, the Steig cartoon character, arrived and to borrow from the vernacular of my child "Dig that crazy doll!"

Baird High School Homemaking News

In rounding out the 3rd year in homemaking, the girls have carried out some entertainments such as: luncheon for the faculty; a tea for Clyde 3rd year home economics girls; preparing a left over lunch; making pop-overs with cream sauce; a party for pre-school children, and the Home Ec Juniors prepared a picnic for the Senior girls.

In Homemaking II the girls participated in the preparation of desserts, such as sherbet, TV party mix, doughnuts, pop-overs, pudding mixes, banana nut bread, etc. They have also learned to use the electric washer and dryer, dishwasher and garbage disposal.

In Homemaking I, the girls have been learning to use the electric stove, and other equipment, as well as light food preparation.

All homemaking girls made their cook aprons and one cap for use in the department.

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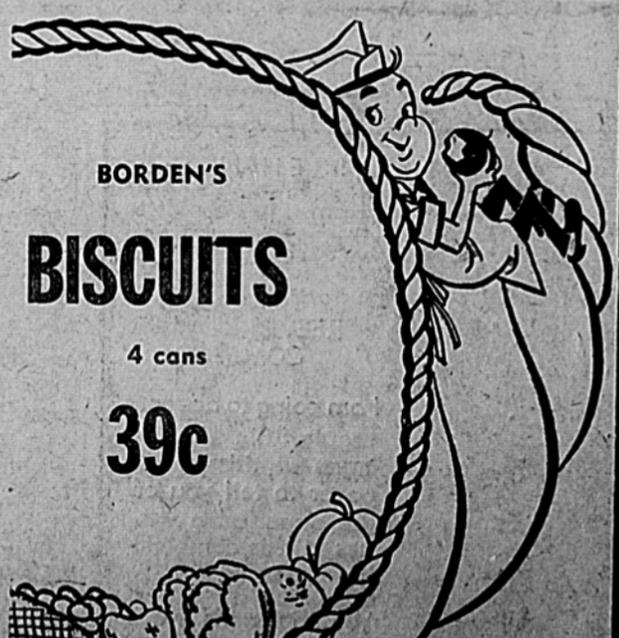
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