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From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

Farmer King Michael of Romania and his wife, Ann, of the House of Bourbon-Parma are now the parents of a daughter born March 25. The baby has been named Margaritha.

Since the dormant Romanian throne only is inherited by sons the new daughter will have no claim to it.

King George of England is still in a serious condition, due to an operation to improve the flow of blood to his right leg but is improving slowly according to his attending physicians. They say the king faces a prolonged period of convalescence.

Prince August Wilhelm, the youngest son of former German Kaiser Wilhelm II, died recently in a hospital in Germany.

The prince had been ill for several months suffering from a lung ailment. He was the only son of the Kaiser Wilhelm to join the Nazi party. Prince August was 62 years old at the time of his death.

Here in our own country Dennis Day has let it be known that he has canceled his visit to Ireland and Europe as previously announced, and will tour the United States filling Theater engagements this coming summer.

It is said the largest known meteorite ever to fall, hit an uninhabited portion of Siberia in 1908 and weighed some forty thousand tons according to the report.

Women's voice on phone: "Hello, are you Harry?" Man: "Not especially, lady, but I am a long way from being bald."

The young housewives were having lunch in a department store. "Have you bought all your presents yet?" asked the woman with a green suit and red hat. "Oh, yes, replied the friend with the red suit and the green hat, "but I haven't decided yet what to buy for the rest of the family."

Influenza is said to be sweeping over Britain and the Ministry of Health was said to have reported several deaths during the past week due to complications occurring from the disease.

It is reported that a study of weather in the upper stratosphere will soon be undertaken by the Army Signal Corps in New Mexico. Rockets will be sent up to a height of more than 38 miles. The signal corps said it expects the data will improve the forecasting of weather on the earth's surface and this is the purpose of the experiments.

Mrs. John Shertzer returned to Cisco Saturday night from an absence of several weeks. While away she visited friends in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and stopped in Houston on her return for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Schmitt.

Samuel C. Barr Buried At Cross Plains

Samuel C. Barr, a pioneer resident of Cross Plains, age 71, died Friday morning in a Brownwood hospital. He retired from the insurance business recently on account of ill health. Mr. Barr had been in failing health for some time before his death.

Funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in Cross Plains.

Survivors are two sons, Hulan Barr of San Angelo and Alton Barr of Brownwood; and two brothers, C. W. Barr and Jim Barr, both of Cross Plains.

The Barr family was one of the first families to settle in the Cross Plains area where Mr. Barr has lived ever since.

Burial was in the Cross Plains cemetery under the direction of the Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Pritchard Resigns As Superintendent Of Baird Schools

Superintendent A. H. Pritchard of the Baird High School resigned the past week, when the School Board met in special session Wednesday night. After serving in that capacity for the past four years, and his present contract had two more years to go. Mr. Pritchard stated that he had accepted the position as superintendent of the Itasca Public School, and would assume his duties there July 1. It is reported no action was taken by the board to employ another superintendent. The matter will be considered at an other meeting after the School Board election.

Oil Development In Putnam Field

Chapman and Dean Bros. are coring tests on the Harwell estate, the Hutchison estate and Sandlin Bros. holdings, with a view of putting down a deep oil test in the near future in the Caddo lime.

B. T. Phillips and others are coring on the Williams northwest of Putnam with a view of testing the Caddo lime in this territory. This area has never been tested for oil in the Caddo.

West Bros. are planning to begin a shallow test on the Heyser about six miles south of Putnam. The well will be located on Section 20 just south of the Battle Creek bridge on the Scranton - Putnam road, and just east of the creek. This will be drilled to about 550 to 600 feet unless they strike oil before reaching this depth.

Mr. West stated they will move the rig on the lease at once and begin drilling the first of the week.

Senate Passes A Bill To Force Car Drivers To Carry \$5,000 Or More Liability Insurance To Drive A Car

Cutworms Damaging Garden This Year

Cutworms are damaging nearly all garden crops this year. So if you have planted garden seed, be prepared to fight the cutworms. There are two ways to kill the cutworms. One is by using a poison bait. The bait is made by mixing 5 pounds of wheat bran or shorts with one-fourth pounds of Paris green or sodium flouride. Pour into this mixture a pint of cheap molasses in between the plants and in the garden late in the afternoon, as at night is when the cutworm will do his damage. This bait is also good for sow and pill bugs.

The other thing that can be used to kill the cutworms is a 5% mixture DDT dust. This should be dusted just thick enough to cover the ground in the garden. If DDT dust is used, be sure and do not get it on any cucurbit crop as mellons and cantaloupes.

These cutworms usually spend the days in the ground around the base of the plants and in the ground in between the plants. During the night is when the cutworm feeds. So during the night is the time to have the bait out for the worm to eat.

4-H Club Work Very Important

Many people have heard of the 4-H Club all of their lives but many of them still do not know just exactly what is the 4-H Club work.

4-H Club work is a national organization, supported by the United States government, the state and county. Therefore, a boy does not have to pay any initiation fees to join. Its purpose is to develop within the boy the finer things of life.

The training that a boy receives along agricultural lines will help him through life whether he expects to follow agriculture or not. The club gets its name 4-H from the fact that the work trains the HEAD for clearer thinking, HANDS for greater service, the HEART for true loyalty and firmer sympathy and the HEALTH for efficient living for the community his country and his God.

West Brothers And Others Plan Well On Heyser Estate

West Brothers and Associates announced today that they were moving in on their Heyser Estate No. 1 location and that drilling operations on the 550 foot test would begin soon. The well is located 380 feet south of the north line and approximately 300 feet west of the east line of the northeast 40 acres in the NW quarter of section 20, BOA Survey.

William P. Hudgins Electrocuted Near Cross Plains

Cross Plains, March 30 — Funeral services for William Pruce Hudgins, age 54, of Hallsville, who was accidentally electrocuted Tuesday night, were held in Burnett Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Hudgins was killed while working on a power line three miles east of Cross Plains. He had been doing this type of work for about 30 years. He is survived by the widow and six children, all residents of Hallsville. The body was taken to Burnett Thursday by the Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Legislature Votes Against Gossett- Lodge Resolution

The Constitutional amendment to the Federal Constitution, proposed by representative Ed Gossett of Texas and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, proposing to limit the presidential term of office in the future to one six year term was presented to the Texas 50th Legislature for ratification and the resolution was turned down by the legislature by a heavy majority.

Now it appears the legislature is meeting itself coming back with the Gilmer - Aiken bill proposing the reorganization of the Texas educational department by making the office of State Superintendent appointive instead of elective as it now is.

There's not much question that this bill is for the purpose of destroying long term in office. It appears that Mr. Woods has been in the office as state superintendent so long and built up such a political machine that it is impossible to defeat him. But the 64 dollar question is, if long term in office is a bad thing for Texas, isn't it a bad thing for the national government? Let some member of the legislature explain why the legislature is reversing itself on this question.

Air Force Band To Play At Abilene

ABILENE, April 6. — The United States Army Air Force band, on a tour through Texas, will be in Abilene Thursday. The air force musicians will give two concerts at Hardin - Simmons University, one at 3 o'clock and the other at 8 p. m. The tour is being directed by Gib Sandefer, former Abilene resident.

The Safety Insurance Bill has been passed by the Senate and now goes to the House for action on the bill.

This bill would require that all car owners take out as much as five thousand dollars worth of insurance for liability in case of a wreck by the driver of a car. As we understand the law, it requires that each driver of a car must make a financial report showing that they have property to the amount of five thousand dollars subject to execution in case of damage provided the operator of a car had a wreck causing damage.

Each car operator will be required to purchase insurance to the amount of five thousand dollars if he or she failed to prove to the satisfaction of the authorities that he was worth more than five thousand dollars that could be levied on as damages. If this law is passed, it will add several dollars more tax on people who operate cars, either for business or pleasure.

The bill, passed by the senate, will go to the house for action this week and the house may pass it and send it on to the governor for his signature. The governor's position on the bill is not known.

Two Day Singing Meet To Be Held In Eastland

Henry Carter, county commissioner and president of the Eastland County Singing Convention announced that the group would meet in the high school auditorium in Eastland at 7:30 p. m. Saturday for a two day singing and meeting.

The convention, under the direction of Judge Milburn S. Long, plans to entertain more than 100 noted singers from over the state. Visitors from the Stamps-Baxter Music Co. and the National Music Co. will be present and the Stamps quartet will assist with the singing.

Mrs. Clyde Fisher is arranging for a basket lunch to be served Sunday noon at the high school and urged the women of the area to bring well filled baskets.

The convention has been organized for more than 50 years and has held many conventions over the county.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOL

District 3, Section 4, Order of Eastern Star of Texas, will hold its School of Instruction at Eastland on Friday, April 8, according to an announcement here. The sessions will begin at 9:30 a. m. and continue until 4:30 p. m. There will be no night session or banquet as originally planned. All members have been urged to attend.

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Motorcycle Races Scheduled At Mineral Wells

MINERAL WELLS, April 1.—Travelers along the highway between Mineral Wells and Breckenridge, not far west of Metcalfe Gap, for years used to wonder at a queer streak of ground which had been swept completely bare of vegetation along the side of a steep hill clear to the top.

The clearing was man-made, having been done along about 1930 to provide a location for one of the most exciting and dangerous of sports — a motorcycle hill-climb.

And now the spot has been cleared away again and will be the scene of another hill-climb by daring riders aboard snorting, roaring "motor-bikes" on Sunday, April 17, beginning at 2 p. m. There are expected to be so many entries that five hours of thrilling action will result. The Four-Star Motorcycle Hill Climb is sponsored by the Asphalt Aviators Club of Mineral Wells, Harvey W. Evans, president, with the cooperation of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a 30-foot run which will enable a contestant to get a speed of 40 miles an 440 feet long and so steep it hour before he hits the climb, looks impossible. But Freeman Matatall, in charge of arrangement-displacement in the second contest and then the three best of

these two events will meet in the final event. The contests are under the sanction of the American Motorcycle Association. B. K. Pounds, Dallas, is Southwestern district A. M. A. referee. William Cameron, Mineral Wells Index editor, will be local judge, with two others to be designated by the A. M. A. Prizes totaling \$550 will be offered and a large attendance on the part of the

public is expected. Motorcycles with 45 cubic-inch piston displacement, or under, will meet in the first event; motorcycles of larger displacements, is confident one or more will succeed.

Legal Institute To Be Held In Abilene In April

Lawyers from the 12 counties of the 17th Congressional District will gather in Abilene, April 9, in the U. S. Court Room for a State Bar sponsored legal institute, announced J. C. Harrell, State Bar director for that district.

Speakers for the Institute, one of a series in the State Bar program for Continuing Legal Education, have geared their sub-

jects to fit the needs and interest of the lawyers in this region, Harrell said.

Opening the institute at 3 p. m. will be Hrney Strasburger, prominent Dallas trial lawyer, who will speak on "Preparation and Trial of Negligence Cases."

A banquet in the Windsor Hotel at 6 p. m. will highlight the Institute. The Honorable R. G. Storey, Dallas, president of the State Bar, and the Southwestern Legal Foundation, will be the principal speaker.

Robert M. Turpin, Midland, State Bar director of the 16th Congressional District, will discuss "Common Problems of Oil and Gas Practice," following the banquet.

Supervising local arrangements are Ed. E. King, chairman, Tam Eplen and John N. Alvis. Registration fee, including the dinner is \$3, Mr. King announced.

College Basketball Players Awarded Letters Thursday

In a special assembly program held in the Cisco Junior College auditorium Thursday

morning, Coach Stormy Davis and Athletic Director Jack Everett presented jacket awards to 12 members of the 1949 Wrangler basketball team.

Prior to the presentation, nine members of the girls basketball team were also awarded letters. Sam Gorman, president of the student council, was handed two trophies — the Ranger tournament and the Clifton tournament — to be placed in the college display case.

Lettermen receiving "jackets" were Homer Tompkins, George Owens, Leon Parris, James Swanner, Harold Sides, Bob Travis, Glenn Johnston, J. C. Trammel, Don Whitaker, Garlyn Lee and Charles Adair.

Members of the girls' team who were presented jackets included Francis Surles, Jeanette Akers, Maxine Morris, Patsy Phippen, Sue Graham, Betty Conner, Betty Skinner, Ann Spenny and Marjorie Hinds.

Glenn Johnston, forward, was voted the most valuable player on the 1949 Wrangler team.

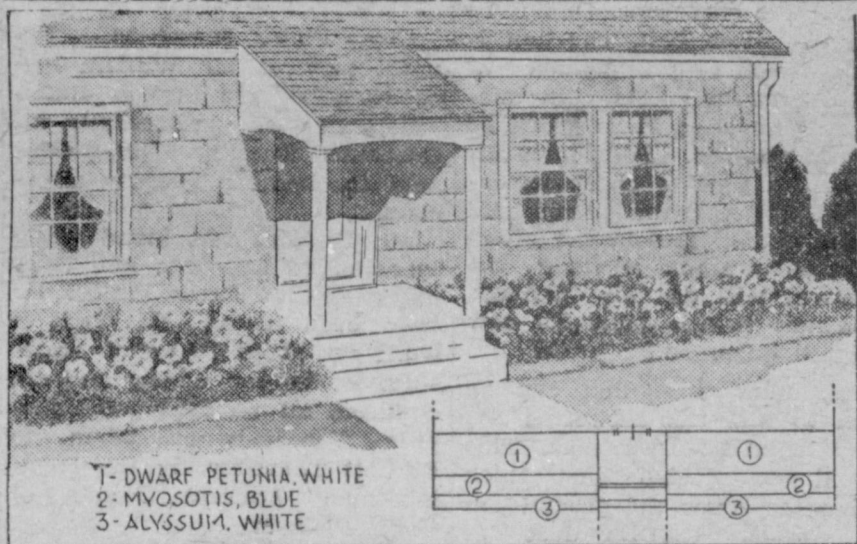
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Bevin Arrives For Pact Signing



Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, center, stands behind microphones during press interview aboard the Queen Mary as the ship docked in New York City. Bevin will attend the signing of the Atlantic Pact in Washington. — ACME.



Annual Flowers Best for Low Foundation Planting

For a one-story house set two steps above the ground level, a planting of flowers along the foundation line is an ideal solution of the front yard planting problem.

Where shrubs or evergreens would soon grow so tall as to screen the windows, and make the house appear lower than it is, flowers will remain at a desirable height, and present a band of attractive color at the base of the house.

The simply designed small homes now being built need an attractive frame, such as the flowers would provide. Its effect will be heightened if the colors of the flowers harmonize with the colors of the house and its trim.

The planting suggested in the illustration uses white and blue flowers. This combination will harmonize with any other colors. It will be especially attractive with a buff or light yellow house, but will also be excellent with red brick, and gray. White petunias are in some

ways the most desirable of their race, and may be depended upon to produce their flowers abundantly throughout the summer.

Sweet alyssum is equally free blooming, as well as fragrant. If it shows signs of age in midsummer, it can be sheared like a hedge, and will soon be blooming again at a youthful rate. Myosotis is the true forget-me-not, growing just enough taller than the alyssum to register as a band of blue.

A fashion for dooryard gardens, to take the place of trees and shrubbery in front yards is spreading through the country. It is based on the feeling that too much shade has been the rule in the past. Modern architecture demands that sunshine be admitted freely, not only to the outside, but also to the inside of the house through the increased use of glass. Flowers in the front yard revel in the sunshine, and cast no shade to the detriment of the house and lawn.

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American Red Cross Is At Work Rehabilitating Disaster Victims Over Wide Area in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas

The rebuilding of homes damaged or destroyed by week-end tornadoes in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas is already under way as 16 American Red Cross chapters and 16 national Red Cross staff members begin interviews with 300 families whose homes were demolished or damaged, according to John C. Wilson of St. Louis, manager of the 16-state Midwestern Area.

Rebuilding in which the Red Cross will replace or repair homes whose owners are unable financially to do the work themselves, is being preceded by registrations for aid and interviews in which disaster and building experts plan the work on the basis of dwellings needed to restore the families to normal living, Wilson said. The rehabilitation work already under way in 2 Oklahoma, 10 Arkansas, and 4 Texas communities includes paying the costs of medical care for the injured who lack the resources to meet their own bills and the replacing of household furnishings under the same conditions, Wilson added.

Meantime, the March fund campaigns of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas chapters have been seeking public contributions for just such purposes, the Red Cross area manager pointed out. "It is worth noting," he said, "that for the past four years the Red Cross has been engaged almost continuously either in disaster emergency or rehabilitation work in Texas, Oklahoma, or Arkansas. Victims of the 1947 tornadoes near Woodward, Oklahoma, of the Texas City explosion almost two years ago, and of the 1947 Arkansas tornadoes who were unable to meet their expenses still are having medical care paid for by funds which the people give each March to the

Red Cross. A preliminary allocation of \$100,000 has been set up for this work on behalf of last week's tornado victims. More money will be available from Red Cross disaster reserve funds contributed by the public. The extent of our aid which, even now, is being asked by almost 4,000 local chap-

ters to contribute to Red Cross so that work like this can go on."

In the three states affected most of the Red Cross rehabilitation work centers in Crowder in Oklahoma; Whelen Springs, to these people is limited only by the generosity of the public England, Loanoke, Prairie Coun-

ty, Bulltown, Beedenville, Balch, Wynne in Arkansas; and Springtown and Desdemona in Texas where disaster workers have been assigned to aid home owners whose resources are insufficient to rebuild or repair their dwellings. These same workers will aid in replacing necessary household furnishings that, Wilson pointed out, make up a large and often unrecognized part of a family's needs. Some 80 Oklahoma, 105 Arkansas, and 29 Texas houses were completely destroyed and about 20 Oklahoma; 117 Arkansas, and 65 Texas homes damaged in the tornadoes.

These professional disaster workers, the Red Cross spokesman explained, are advisors to Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas chapters who, after giving emergency aid, are now setting up hometown committees who will advise them in determining amounts needed for rebuilding, medical care, occupational training, home repair, or household furnishings for those families affected by the storm. Awards for any purpose, Wilson emphasized are made after planning with families involved and are outright gifts. No repayment of any kind is asked or expected, he said. Complete aid is given to those wiped out by the tornadoes and partial aid as needed is given to those whose insurance, savings,

or credit is not sufficient to pay total rehabilitation costs, he explained.

"Red Cross help in rebuilding lives and homes after disaster can mean almost anything from a set of tools for a one-man carpenter business to a new home for a large family," Wilson said. Such aid, for example, came to \$355,000 in Texas, \$15,000 in Arkansas, and \$152,000 in Oklahoma last year in post-disaster work that included payment of long-term medical bills, work training for those unable to resume their former occupations, or new or repaired houses and outbuildings as well as other disaster-caused needs. The national staff workers now interviewing the stricken families plan with them and then present their needs to hometown committees who give individual and careful thought to recommending rehabilitation plans of the families."

The Red Cross manager commended volunteers of Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas chapters who gave emergency food, shelter, and medical care to the storm victims and gave assurance that both chapters' and national staff members would "stay on the job until the last family needing our help is back in its home and the last injured person is released as cured by his physician."

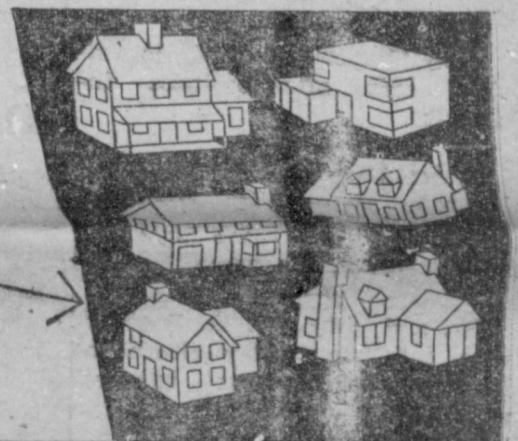
BOY OF THE YEAR



Jimmy (Stuffy) Montgomery, left, 14, "Boy of the Year," arrived in New York City with his dad, right, from Hot Springs, Arkansas. The big surprise waiting for him, was his mom, center. Mrs. Montgomery arrived ahead of Jimmy and his dad and surprised them when they arrived at Grand Central Station. Jimmy was chosen for his honor from 309,000 members of Boys Clubs of America.—NEA.



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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Damron had as guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitchell the past week end. Mrs. Damron and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell attended the opening of Mrs. Baird's new bakery in Abilene on the following Monday evening. Mrs. Damron said they served barbecue lunch which was really delicious.

Mrs. S. W. Jobe underwent a major operation in the county hospital Monday afternoon. At last reports she was doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Ruth Mobley has been employed as a special nurse for Mrs. S. W. Jobe who underwent an operation in the County hospital the first of the week.

Roland Nichols was in from the ranch about five miles southwest of Putnam recently and in talking of the grain crop thought we had a chance to make a fair crop yet with plenty of rain from now on.

Mrs. Gwen Braey and daughter, Ida Gwen, of Coessa, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brandon a short while Saturday. Mrs. Braey is the former Gwen Sprawle.

Mrs. Cathlyn Pruet of Eastland visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet Wednesday morning.

Bob Harper was in Cisco Friday looking after business interests.

J. C. Earp was in from the Nimrod community Saturday looking after business interest and giving the domino boys a few lessons in the game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay were in Cisco Friday afternoon looking after business interest and visiting with relatives.

Homer Boatwright was in Cisco transacting business and meeting old friends Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards of Cisco were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Odom Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan have returned from an extended visit with their children in New Mex. and Lubbock. They have been gone several weeks.

Henry Bailey was in from the Hart Community Saturday afternoon and stated he had a nice rain at his place about nine miles north of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen of Merrell spent Friday night visiting in the home of Mrs. L. B. Moore and Daughter Miss Eava. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were in a car wreck a short time ago but Mr. Allen thinks he has recovered sufficiently that he can return to work the first of the week.

Mrs. Dave Ramsay of Lamesa was here the past week end visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam and other relatives and friends in Putnam and the Union Community.

Stewart Bentley of the Zion Hill Community brought in an egg laid by a hen of his flock which was just about the largest one this editor ever saw. It was mistaken by someone who saw the egg to be a turkey egg.

Mr. Gius Brandon returned to Snyder with her son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandon where she will visit for a few days and then go to Big Spring before returning to Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clark of Fort Worth spent the week-end

visiting in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark.

Dale Wirt who runs the Phillips Petroleum station here reports that Alton White, grocerman here has gone into the grain and hog business. He has two acres of wheat and two hogs and both doing fine.

Represent A & M In College Rodeo

Jim (Punk) Sauls, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sauls of Cisco, is one of three calf roping students selected to represent Texas A & M College in the annual Intercollegiate Roping Contest at San Francisco, April 9-11.

Cadet Sauls, a senior major in animal husbandry, was expected to leave for the West Coast late Tuesday afternoon

with the Texas contingents, it was disclosed here. His expense paid trip is being sponsored by the Vanity Fair Club of Texas.



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Square Dance Revue At Putnam April 15th

Vernon Carr and the square dance team from Brooksmith and Brownwood are to be featured in a dance revue in the Putnam Gynnasium Friday night, April 15, at eight p. m. Mrs. Carr will comment briefly on Shaw's explanation of what square dancing is and where it came from. Her talk will be well illustrated by dances. Then Mr. Carr will take over and call squares "Old West." He has planned quite a variety, ranging from teenagers to "fat and forties."

Mrs. Carr, one of central Texas interesting reviewers came to Texas from Central High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has a Ph. B. degree from University of Chicago, M. A. from Columbia University, and work on doctorate from University of Chicago and University of Washington. She possesses the great gift of toying higher education to the appreciation of "free life" and "the open spaces."

Carr is an ex-football star from Southwestern University at Georgetown and is a native rancher of Brooksmith community in Brown County. He is a current outstanding leader in soil conservation service of that county.

This revue is under the auspices of the senior class of Putnam High School. The gymnasium will be well equipped with a public address system.

The public was invited to attend. Any neighboring square dance clubs who desire to collect authentic information and ideas are urged to be present. This program will be in observance of Putnam High School Ranch Day.

bucket would aid the blaze in spreading, Thornton grabbed the container and ran towards the door. Meanwhile, his clothing had caught fire, it was reported.

Brooksmith Square Dance Team, front row, left to right — Mrs. John Stough, Miss Gladys Coledewey, Miss Louise Ohlenbusch, and Miss Marilyn Ohlenbusch — second row, left to right, John Stough, Gene Tongate, Vernon Carr (director), Bill Tongate and J. L. Smith. Mrs. J. B. Shannon, Reporter

Cash Prizes To Be Awarded In Dairy Show Judging

A total of \$88.00 in cash

prizes will be awarded the winners of the adult and junior judging contests held in connection with the annual Eastland County Dairy Show to be held in that city on Friday, April 15, according to officials in charge.

The senior judging contest is open to any adult farmer or rancher of the county while the junior contest is open to any regularly enrolled 4-H or FFA Club boy in the county.

L. R. Higginbottom, Gorman and other veteran agricultural teachers will have charge of the judging contest which will start promptly at 10 a. m. Two classes of heifers and two classes of adult cows will be placed by the contestants in the contest. No oral reasons will be given for placing the animals, it was said.

A. M. Mcekma, dairy specialist from the A & M College Extension Service will officially place the animals following the judging contest. It will be a classification show with six different classes. No bull classes are listed.

E. R. Eudaly, formerly dairy specialist of A & M College but now connected with a Fort Worth feed concern will talk during the program on the importance of roughage to the dairy cow's ration.

Man Burned While Trying To Stop Lumber Yard Fire

An alert 32-year-old lumber yard employee was credited today by city firemen with the saving of a framed building, which shelters a 37½ KW generator, from destruction after fire broke out shortly after 5

p. m. Monday.

Laurence Thornton, an employee of the Cisco Lumber and Supply Company, was receiving treatments in a local hospital Tuesday morning for painful burns about the hands and legs he sustained while attempting to carry a bucket of gasoline from the building.

Company officials said Thornton had been cleaning the generator with a metal brush and had accidentally touched the ignition wire to the battery, throwing sparks on the gasoline soaked machinery.

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Elbert Tipton Is Trying Out With Abilene Blue Sox

Elbert Tipton, 21, son of Mrs.

Carrie Tipton of Cisco is one of the leading candidates for the second base position on the Abilene Blue Sox professional baseball team, according to an announcement by Hayden (Stubby) Greer, manager.

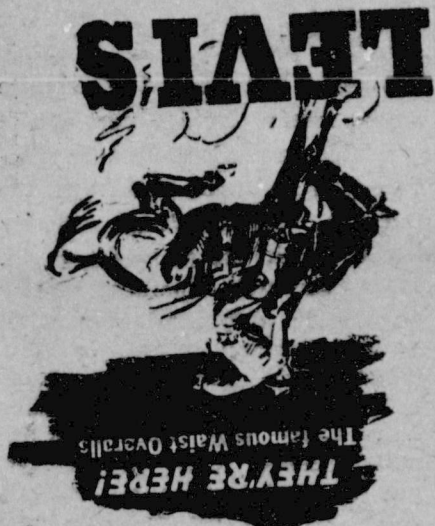
Young Tipton is a graduate

of Cisco High School and Cisco Junior College. During his four years in the local high school he was an outstanding athlete and has played on amateur and semi-pro baseball teams in Cisco and surroundnig

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Rotary District Conference To Be Held April 24-26

Rotarians of the 126th District are making plans to attend the district conference to be held at Mineral Wells on April 24, 25 and 26. District Governor W. B. (Bill) Todd of Fort Worth who has recently accompanied International Rotary President Angus Mitchell on a Texas tour, says "feeling seems high in the 126th District for another good conference."

Such Rotary stalwarts as R. F.

Jones of Fort Worth, Tom Taylor of Brownwood, C. C. McDonald of Wichita Falls, Dean J. T. Davis of Stephenville, Walter Alexander of Bowie, and many others will appear on the program during the meeting.

Convention Chairman Lem Peters, independent oil operator of Mineral Wells, pointed out that advance reservations were the best he had seen in years.

Social Security Benefits Cited

"Individual owners and partners in business concerns sometimes lose old-age insurance

benefits because of their failure to file an application." R. T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene Social Security Administration said today. He said that in a recent claims case there was a loss of \$3,028.28 to a wage earner and his wife due to the failure to file an application. The wage earner and in this instance had been a full time employee for several years under social security. This employment was sufficient to give him a permanently insured status. Some time later he became a partner in the firm, and as such, became self employed, and exempt from coverage by social security. He continued in this capacity until age 70, five years past the time of his and his wife's eligibility to old age insurance benefits. During the five years, total benefits of over three thousand dollars could have been paid to this elderly couple.

Fisher emphasized that if all workers would contact the nearest social security office on attaining age 65, whether or not they intend to continue to work, such loss of benefits could be kept at a minimum.

The Abilene social security office is located at 308 Post Office Building, Abilene.

Floyd C. Poole Named Moran's Leading Citizen

The introduction of Floyd C. Pool as the leading citizen of Moran was the highlight of

SOME BRAG!



Proof positive that fish caught in Lake Cisco are something to brag about is Mrs. H. O. (Andy) Anderson's seven pound Bass, pictured above, which she recently snagged near the boat house. Mrs. Anderson, who is an ardent fisherman, caught the big one while fishing for crappie

the annual Moran Luncheon Club Baiquet held in the Moran high school gymnasium there Thursday night. More than 160 Moran citizens and visitors from other Texas towns attended the dinner.

Boyce House of Fort Worth was the principal speaker, and he cited loyalty to the community as the first essential in building a great town.

B. A. (Cowboy) Elliott was toastmaster and Rev. H. W. Gaston, minister of the First Methodist Church, gave the in-

vacation. Musical entertainment was given by a quartet composed of Mrs. R. L. Martin, Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. Paul Harper and Mrs. Glen Cottle.

Reports of Chamber of Commerce work were given by L. L. Walker, retiring president. Officers for 1949 were introduced as follows: C. B. Chaney, president; vice-president, Morris Cottle; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Cady, Directors, S.B. Barnett, L. L. Walker, Floyd C. Polle and Morris Cottle.

Visitors from Cisco, Albany, Abilene, Merkel, Breckenridge, Olney, Austin and Marshall attended the annual meeting.



Dr. Willard H. Dow, chairman of the Board and President and General Manager of the Dow Chemical Co., who with his wife and three other persons was killed in an air crash in Canada. —ACME.

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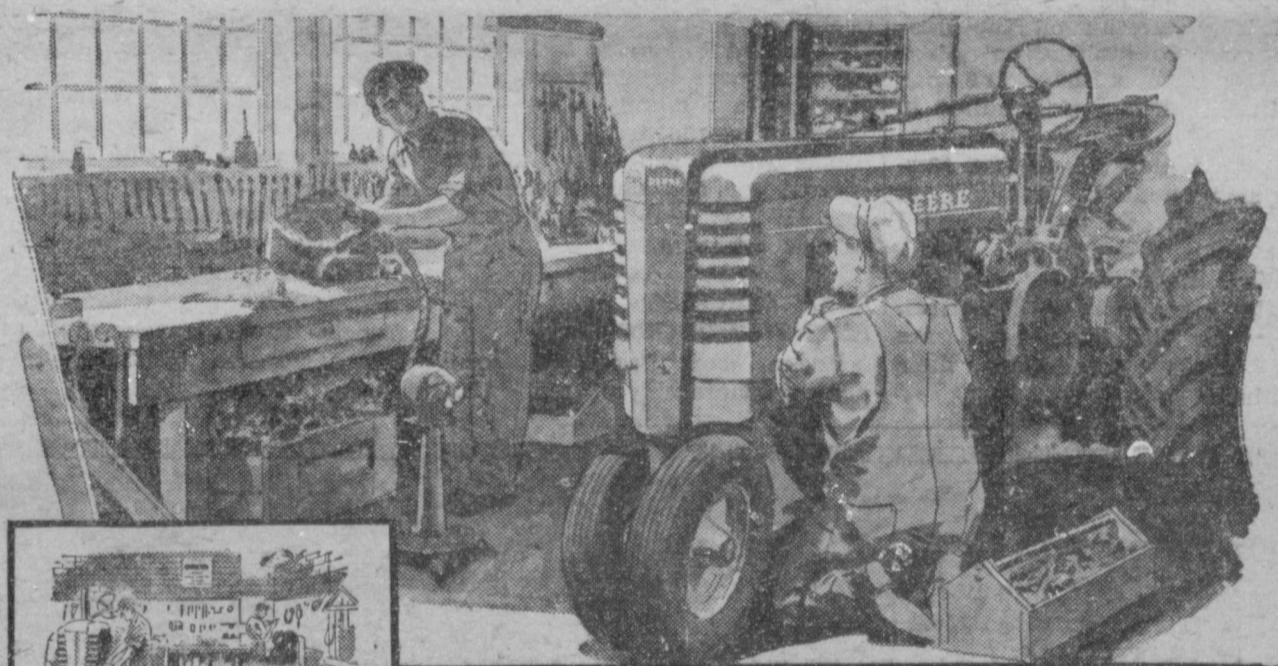
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April Designated As Cancer Control Month

AUSTIN TEXAS March 31— Throughout the nation April is observed as national cancer control month, and on April 10, 17, and 24, the Texas State Department of Health is presenting special broadcasts over WOAI in San Antonio, at 7 a. m. outlining twenty different sites of cancer, the common age at which they appear, the accepted methods of treatment. The only percentage of cures and known preventative measures. Dr. Cox, State Health Officer says that cancer patients now have a better chance of recovery and that any time before in history, and agrees wholeheartedly with the national movement to stamp out cancer through educating the public that "early discovery can mean recovery".

Surgery, Radium, and X-ray therapy are working wonders in many different types of cancer except leukemia and there is a possibility of cure if the patient diagnosed in the very early stages. Any suspicious symptoms should be investigated by a competent physician at their very first appearance.

Best Fish Story Told This Season

Taken from one of our exchanges — Diplomats of the State Department tell this fish story which reflects the tense situation in Berlin. Two Germans were fishing on the side of the river that runs through Berlin, one on the Russian side and the other on the American side. The German on the Russian side couldn't even get a bite, let alone a fish. The man on the American side pulled in one big fish after another. Finally, the fisherman on the Russian side shouted, "Why is it that you get all the fish and I can't even get a nibble here." "Why that's simple," explained the man on the American side, "the fish over here are not afraid to open their mouths."

WTCC Offers New Plan On Section Water Problem

ABILENE, April 6. — A new approach to the West Texas water problem has been offered by John D. Mitchell, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in a letter to committee members in which he points out economic loss from lack of water as well as from flood water.

In this letter, addressed to Mayor Lawrence Hagy of Amarillo, chairman, and R. M. Wagstaff of Abilene, co-chairman of the WTCC Municipal Legal Rights Committee, he urges a study to submit to congress a plea for amending flood control laws so that economic loss due to lack of water may be compensated for on a parity with areas having an economic loss due to flood damage.

Staff of the WTCC, under General D. A. Banteen, has recently been making a study of this economic loss from lack of water, pointing to towns of the area that now are having to haul in water in tank cars.

"These towns not only are paying a higher price per thousand gallons for their water, but they are suffering other economic losses," Banteen said. "Service stations can't wash automobiles, it is impossible to have yards or flowers, which not only eliminates nursery and floral sales, but reduces real estate value. There isn't sufficient water for air conditioning units, and other necessary uses are curtailed beyond the safety margin. We believe assistance to towns suffering from lack of water is just as important as assistance to towns with flood problems."

President Mitchell's letter also gave support to a program for the creation of an interim legislative committee to study Texas water problems and has offered the services of the various WTCC committees to aid in this program.

BABY CONTEST ENTRY LIST GROWS

Rogan and Burkman, local photographers, reported that

Haslett Funeral Is Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Thomas Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Pearl Haslett, 44, who died at her home at 308 West 11th early Monday. Mrs. Haslett had been in ill health for some time.

The services were conducted by Rev. Otis Strickland, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery. Thomas Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Haslett was born on September 18, 1904, and moved here with her parents in 1927. She had lived here since that time except for a short while that she lived in Fort Worth.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ellen Ballard; two sisters, Mrs. John Hudson of Anson and Mrs. B. B. Boles of Cisco; and two brothers, W. C. Ballard of Abilene and Alvin T. Ballard of Haskell.

Pallbearers were G. B. Langston, D. L. Kisner, R. F. Slaughter, S. N. Poe, Harry Schaefer and W. W. Fewell.

Seniors Rehearse For Class Play Friday Evening

Members of the cast of Cisco High School senior play, "Almost Eighteen", a three act comedy, are completing rehearsals for their performance on the stage of the High School Auditorium Friday evening. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

Much interest was being shown in the Baby Contest which they are sponsoring. They announced that entries in the contest must be in not later than Saturday and stressed the fact that no charge was being made for the contest photo.

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College, will appear in concert at 11 a. m. Wednesday (April 6) in Cisco High School.

Directed by Herrold Headley director of choral activities at the College, the Singers will be here during a three day tour. Other cities to be visited are Hamilton, Lampasas, Kerrville, Coleman, Ranger, Breckenridge and Throckmorton.

The students will travel by chartered bus, accompanied by Donald W. Bellah, chairman of the TWC fine arts division, and Miss Mary Slawson, assistant professor of piano.

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