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PROMPT ACTION, CO-OPERATION SAVE A YOUNG MOTHER'S LIFE

The following article, taken from last week's Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald, tells in a most interesting way a most unusual occurrence. Local folk will be especially interested since it discussed a hospital technician, who is Kenneth Sikes, a former Talco man:

The article reads:

A drama centered at Franklin County Hospital unfurled Thursday night, Feb. 3, the outcome of which was saving the life of a local mother.

A mother entered the hospital that day to give birth to her first child which arrived at 6:30 p. m. Immediately following the birth, severe hemorrhage set in and immediately preparations were made for surgery.

All day-nurses, the technician and other employees of the hospital were called back to work during the emergency.

At 10:00 p. m., the mother entered the operating room and it was 3:30 Friday morning before she was wheeled from under the bright lights.

In the intervening time, the patient had taken 16 pints of blood, (given by local donors), 5 pints of plasma and 11 pints of Dextran. The surgeon on the case said that the speed of the technician in the drawing and typing of blood was the key to the success of all in the emergency.

The technician, nurses and the porter worked many hours beyond the call of duty with at least some of them staying on the job for 36 hours without sleep.

Not only did it take the help and cooperation of the doctors and hospital employees but others played a big hand in this drama, with employees of the Joy Theatre contacting possible blood donors and serving as a clearing house on this phase.

The Chief of Police served in transporting some of the donors and nurses.

Two other private citizens made a trip to Tyler for blood.

The hemorrhaging was due to rare condition which occurs only once in several hundred thousand deliveries and it is truly a miracle that this life was spared.

It wouldn't have been, however, had it not been for the cooperation of the fine hospital staff, fine doctors and private citizens.

A vote of thanks is due to all who, without concern for themselves, pitched in and unselfishly worked to save this human life.

Cold Wave Drops Mercury to 27

One inch of rain fell in this area Saturday afternoon and night, according to the official rain gauge in Deport. Accompanying the downpour was a cold wave that has dropped the mercury below the freezing mark each day.

Some sleet and a flurry of snow fell early Monday morning, but soon gave way to sunshine as the mercury climbed to the lower 40's. Lowest reading during the cold blast was 27 degrees Sunday morning, with thermometers dropping to 28 degrees early Wednesday morning.

Total precipitation this year is 3.86 inches, compared to 8.06 inches in 1954 to this date.

Publisher Olin F. Hardy Succumbs

Olin F. (Pop) Hardy, 69, Texas newspaper publisher, died Monday following a brief illness.

He had been associated with a number of newspapers over the state including the Amarillo Globe and Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald and had published newspapers at Ennis, Snyder, Waxahachie and Gladewater.

At the time of his death, he was pubisher of the Morris County News at Daingerfield, the New Era at Hughes Springs and the Lone Star Journal at Lone Star.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Olin F. Jr., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Daingerfield. Burial was at Ennis.

Drilling for Oil On Lawler Land Northwest Deport

An oil test well on Mrs. W. I. Lawler's land northwest of Deport was spudded in Friday night and drilling is now underway. Machinery was moved to the location early Friday, and after being set up, drilling began about midnight.

The test is located about two miles northwest of Deport on the Lawler tract, 1232 ft. west of the Raymond Hignight tract in the W. S. Rogers survey.

Drilling was reported down to 960 feet Tuesday afternoon. D. W. Shelton of Denton, assembled the leases for the test.

Former Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Effie Bell Smith, wife of the late George H. Smith, passed away at the Confederate Memorial Hospital in Shreveport, La., Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Mrs. Smith, born Effie Bell White at Mt. Pleasant April 1, 1890, lived in Titus County for many years. Recently she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hollis Blalock of Princeton, La.

She is survived by five children: Two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Epperson of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Nettie Blalock of Princeton, La.; three sons, George H. Smith Jr. of El Dorado, Ark., O. M. Parker, Princeton, La., E. E. Smith of Clarksville, W. Va.; four brothers, Tom White, Irran; Jess White, Kilgore; B. I. White, Breckenridge; John White, Mt. Pleasant; one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Smith of Breckenridge; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Princeton Baptist Church, Feb. 17, under the direction of Elders E. J. Phares and R. G. Merritt. Pallbearers were Bob Debrose of Oil City, Bill Watson, P. E. Haynes, Ed Mashaw, O. C. Barber and John Lester of Princeton. Interment was made in Haughton Cemetery at Haughton, La.

Attending the services from Talco were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock, Miss Dorothy Blalock and Mrs. Mary Belle Collins.

Wilbanks Injured Car Accident

E. E. Wilbanks had an automobile accident on Thursday night about 11 p. m. as he came in from the job in Pewitt field. He was thrown clear of the car as it went out of control near a creek. He suffered severe bruises and scratches about the face and legs; one arm was broken. He had chest injuries also, and remained in the Talco Clinic until Sunday. The car, a 1954 Ford, was badly damaged on the under side, figuring over $700 damages.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harkins and children of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKnight and family of Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clark of Shreveport, La., came over the week end to attend Mr. Wilbanks. He is to go to Dallas shortly for bone work on his arm and will be off from work for a while.

Worm Farms Are Stricken by Mites

Johnny Mathis and J. H. Milligan are reporting large financial losses at their worm farms east of Pittsburg, says the Gazette. Mr. Milligan says he has lost about $400 worth of worms and Mathis has lost an estimated $1,000 worth of worms since both men's worm beds were stricken in recent weeks by mites. Milligan says the worms started coming to the top of the beds and dying and they thought it was a soil condition and changed soils, but now they believe that mites are the cause of the trouble. No remedy has been found that would kill the mites and not kill the worms.

Both men are continuing in the worm business, however.

C. C. Vaiden, owner of one of the largest worm farms in the state, who lives west of town, says he hasn't had any such losses yet.

Mrs. R. V. Parker entered a Paris hospital Sunday.

Blind Man's $9 Loss Made Up by Friends

Hugh Compton, the blind operator of the cigar stand in the Paris post office lobby, got his nine dollars back.

But police are still on the lookout for the person who asked Compton for change of a $10 bill and gave him only a $1 bill.

Postal employees dug into their pockets this week. They gave Compton nine $1 bills to make up for the loss.

Four Announce For City Offices

Voters of the City of Talco will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 5, to name a mayor and two commissioners.

Announcement column of The Times this week includes two for mayor, George W. Bond, incumment, and Jerry Jones, banker.

Two have announced for Commissioner, A. G. Norwood and Renford Sikes, both Talco grocers. The Times has been told there will be others.

The law provided that filing for a place on the ballot shall be made 30 days prior to the election.

Talco Wants More And Better Lights

Talco is interested in having more and better street lights in Talco, according to Jerry Jones.

"What we need in the business district especially is some mercury vapor lights that will really put light where it is needed" said the banker.

The subject has been discussed at recent meetings of the Lions Club, which serves as a Chamber of Commerce for Talco.

Small Boy Lost Following Dog

Billy Charles White, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickinson, who lives with his grandparents, became lost Thursday of last week as he followed his dog.

In passing, a neighbor discovered Mrs. Dickinson hunting him and immediately went to town and sent men to help in the search. In a short time about fifty men were in the hunt. Ed Nugent found him about one-half mile from home, still going the other way, following the dog.

Governm'nt Takes Hand in "Chain" Bond Scheme

This matter of "chain" Series E Government bonds that has had this area in a dither has been brought to a halt in a letter mailed to all banks by the Federal Reserve on Feb. 18.

In it the Treasury Department warns banks not to sell Series E U. S. bonds for "chain" purposes and says the Department reserves the right to reject applications for such bonds.

It was like all the other "chains" that have operated in the past. You received a letter containing ten names. You bought a $25 bond for the top name; and passed the list on, urging them not to break the chain. If the chain was not broken you finished with a whole passel of bonds.

Funeral Rites For Dr. Russell Martin

Dr. R. L. Martin, 52, prominent physician, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Dr. Martin practiced in Pittsburg and more recently in Mt. Pleasant. He established the Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic in 1945.

Dr. Martin is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Randolph Presley, and a son, Russell Martin of Mount Pleasant, and two sisters, Miss Violet Martin and Miss Grace Martin, both of Dallas.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Pittsburg with burial at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Mount Pleasant.

Multimillionaire Leaves $250,000 For 3 Servants

Winter Park, Fla —A secretary, a housekeeper and a chauffeur, all in their 60's, were rich beyond their dreams today under their employer's will.

Andrew J. Hlafter, the secretary, and Mrs. Jeanne Claghorn, the housekeeper, received $100,000 each, and Chauffeur James H. Hughes got $50,000.

Their employer, multi-millionaire Eugene R. Phillips of Providence, R. I., died two weeks ago in Winter Park at the age of 84.

FEDERAL COURT HANDS DOWN DECISIONS AT PARIS MONDAY

Paris Division of Federal Court convened Monday morning for its annual session.

Judge Lamar Cecil moved the court immediately into its criminal and civil dockets.

The jury panel was dismissed minutes after the session opened when the attorneys announced that all six of the civil jury cases set had been settled out of court.

Defendants in four criminal cases entered pleas of guilty before the Court.

First to appear was Rubin Roy Jones, 32-year-old Dallas man charged with burglarizing the Ben Franklin Post Office on Nov. 8, 1953. Only $3.05 was taken.

Jones pleaded guilty and was handed a five-year suspended sentence. Judge Cecil placed Jones on active probation, with a warning that any violation of the probation would send him to the penitentiary.

Larry VonDale McGill, 32, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking into the First National Bank at Deport. He was given a three-year suspended sentence and placed on active probation. The break-in occurred on June 6, 1953, and slightly more than $1 was stolen.

A Red River County Negro, Charles William White, was sentenced to 18 months in prison on each of two counts. White pleaded guilty to one count of operating an unregistered whisky still and another of possessing non-tax-paid whisky.

Judge Cecil set the terms to run concurrently. Four other counts against White were dismissed upon recommendation of the District Attorney.

Claude Terrell Bedford Jr., former messenger for First National Bank of Bonham, pleaded guilty to embezzling funds of the bank, $11 in one count and $12 in another.

FBI Agent Guy Leonard explained to the Court that Bedford rifled letters to the bank and took the money from them.

Noting Bedford's Korean War record and the fact that he had not previously been in trouble and was paying back the stolen money, Judge Cecil gave him one-year suspended sentences on each count.

Dr. Weaver Saunders Buried Tuesday

Final rites were conducted in Sulphur Springs Tuesday for Dr. Weaver B. Saunders, 73, who had practiced medicine in Hopkins County for 42 years. He was a native of Mansfield.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Miss Maurine Saunders, Sulphur Springs, and a son, Maurice Saunders, San Antonio.

Club Will Build Cemetery Fence

The Book Lover's Club has taken as a project, the building of a new fence around the cemetery. They started it off with $50.00 and will appreciate any and all donations. If you would like a part in this, send your contribution to the club secretary, Mrs. B. L. Gieger, Talco, or hand it to any club member.

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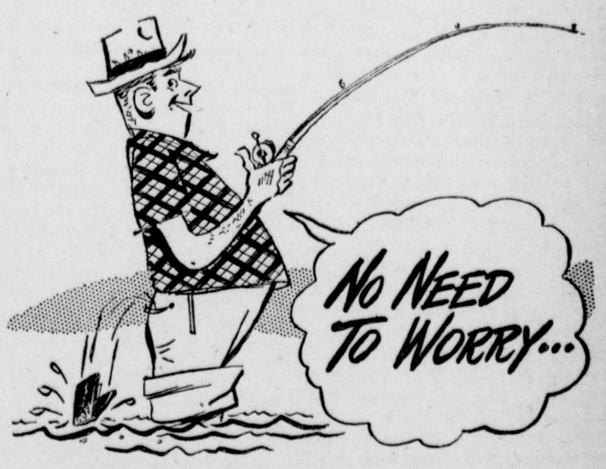
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Fewer, Bigger Farms

Texas A&M College reports that Texas farm population has slumped 47.9 per cent since 1940. The decline for the rest of the nation was only 28.3.

Texas farm population in 1954 was 1,126,000. That is 261,000 less than 1950. The average size of each farm is now 517 acres—twice that of 1930.

There is a good and not-so-good result in the trend to fewer and bigger farms. The good: "Suitcase" farmers are being eliminated. They are replaced by a more stable operator who is handling more land and handling it better, with emphasis on soil conservation and soil diversification. In 1930, there were 301,000 farms operated by tenants. By 1950 there were only 100,287.—Dallas News.

A card of thanks given The Times by the Tidwell family for publication last week failed to get into the paper. It appears this week. Kindly accept our apologies.

Farmers are becoming fewer and their farms larger, the Census Department at Washington advises us. We might add that farmers are becoming better farmers than those of a generation ago. They have to be to make money out of farming. They fight insects, rehabilitate worn out soil and study their soil and the crops it produces and their cattle and their breeding like a lawyer reading up on a case or a stock broker observing financial reports. Wife of one of the best farmers in this area recently related to this editor just one day's activities of her husband. Slow down, man. We don't want any of our good farmers dropping off with heart attacks like executives in the big cities.

Talco Activities Ten Years Ago

Week of February 23, 1945

At a directors meeting of the Talco State Bank, Cashier Felix Jones had been elected president an Mrs. Felix Jones had been made a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former president E. S. Lilienstern.

Mrs. A. B. Wallace had visited her husband in Palm Springs, Calif. He had been returned to the States to recover from wounds received in France.

Mrs. Beulah Whatley had received word that her son, A. C. Whatley had been promoted from private first class to sergeant. He had been overseas since October and was then in Germany.

Milton A. Ferguson, F1c, his wife and son had visited her sister, Mrs. H. A. Hoffpauir. Firemen Ferguson had been stationed at San Pedro, Calif., his wife and son had lived in Bogata.

Mack Pittman, AS, and Donald Swope, AS, had finished boot training at San Diego Naval Base and had spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Swope.

Fred C. Barnwell Jr., Y1c, had visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Barnwell. He had spent 23 months on an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.

A son, Jackie Wayne, had been born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Lowery. Sgt. Lowery had been in France six months. The mother, the former Verbel Whitney, had made her home in Talco.

Rep. Charles R. Floyd of Paris, had died of a stroke at Austin. Floyd had served in the State Senate from 1917 to 1929 and was serving his first House term. He was buried in Paris.

Leon C. Evans of Dallas had died of a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. G. Blackmon. He was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Blackmon of Talco and Mrs. Turner of Dallas, two sons, Ed Evans of Longview and S-Sgt. Ernest Evans, somewhere in Belgium.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackard, formerly of Talco and their identocal triplets, Donna, Diane and Douglas of Valley View, had visited his mother, Mrs. W. R. Blackard in the Oak Grove community. The triplets had been born in a Gainesville hospital Nov. 30, 1943. At two years of age they weighed 22, 23 and 24 pounds. Mr. Blackard was a teacher of vocational agriculture and was formerly superintendent of Talco school.

Capt. Alvis Byrd, with the U. S. Army in Germany, had showed another reason why the Yanks couldn't be stopped. When the water supply of the Seventy-sixth Division, fighting east of Echternach, had failed, Capt. Byrd of Talco, had ignored Nazi guns and ran the division fire engine down to the river. From there he had pumped water to the dry doughboys holding the top of a 350-foot hill.

Pvt. Jack E. Troutt, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Troutt of Bogata, had received his appointment to attend West Point Military Academy. Pvt. Troutt had graduated from Paris High School and Paris Junior College.

James B. Mills, employee of Hughes Drilling Co., Talco, was seriously burned about the body, when spilled gasoline on his clothing ignited as he warmed by a fire.

Births: Son to S2c and Mrs. Gordon Pickering; son to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Keener of Cross Roads; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Elliott of R1, Talco.

HOW HE GOT THRU COLLEGE

The old family physician being away on a very much needed vacation, entrusted his practice to his son, a recent medical graduate. When the old man returned, the youngster told him, among other things, that he had cured Miss Ferguson, an aged and wealthy spinster, of her chronic indigestion.

"My boy," said the old doctor, "I'm proud of you; but Miss Ferguson's indigestion is what put you through college."

WHAT IS MUSIC?

Wagner's music is better than it sounds.—Bill Nye.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

BURT LOCKHART
in Pittsburg Gazette

If you have a few wants you don't have to be rich.

They may yet change it from alimony to alimoney.

Many a man has gone broke waiting for a lucky break.

Time smoothes out many a wrinkle, and also makes 'em.

Remember, Bud, your wishbone is not going to work unless you do.

This is the wrong time of year for chambers of commerce to sell climate.

The divorce courts reveal too often that a fool and his honey are soon parted.

It's a dull day when someone does not discover a brand new temptation to resist.

Scandal can travel faster by the whispering route than truth can by megaphone.

In paying for you experience be sure you are not getting the worst of the bargain.

We might have been just as mean in the old days, but there was no FBI to catch us.

The are having woodchopping contests down in Austrialia. Probably canasta was too strenuous.

Salvation is not only free, but some churches are throwing in a free cup of coffee after the sermon.

Some men who give their wives credit for their success are so close-fisted they don't give them anything else.

It is quite an accomplishment to be a fluent talker, but we should never lose sight of the fact that the world could use more good listeners.

If everybody were satisfied with what they have, most of our industries would close. It is our everlasting dissatisfied mind that keeps the world's wheels turning.

A scientist comes forward with the statement that there is an electric spark in a kiss. The scientist may be correct, but fear of being electrocuted is not going to stop the practice.

The Gazette was 71 years old Sunday. A million thanks to the thousands, past and present, for their kind words and support which has made possible 71 years of continued service to our readers and advertisers. We hope today is the beginning of another seventy-one years of service.

FEBRUARY 22, 1955



"This Nation, Under God . . ."

At the time when our then new-born nation was taking its place among the older, stronger countries of the world, George Washington, as our first President, thus prayed in his inaugural address: "Almighty God . . . keep the United States in Thy Holy protection."

America grew strong beyond his dreams, became the world leader of the fight to keep men free. And thus prayed in his inaugural, Dwight D. Eisenhower, our thirty-fourth President: "Almighty God . . . give us the power to discern clearly right from wrong, and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby . . ."

Blessed the land when its leaders put their faith and trust firmly in God and beseech His protection and guidance.

DAUGHTER OF TEXAS PATRIOT NEARS HER 94TH BIRTHDAY

By ROBERT M. HAYES
in The Dallas News

Mrs. W. M. Parks of Clarksville, will be 94 years old on March 25.

But that is one of her lesser claims to distinction.

The white-haired, genteel woman is the only living child of a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Her father was Albert H. Latimer.

She remembers the celebration that marked the completion of the railroad through Clarksville. She lived to see rail passenger service discontinued just a few years ago.

She had one of the first private schools in this area and taught long before public schools came to Red River County.

She recalls the covered wagons and the freight caravans that went through Clarksville in the early days.

She was one of the first graduates of the old Sam Houston Normal Institute at Huntsville, now the Sam Houston State Teachers College.

She remembers the turbulent days right after the War Between the States and the hardships of a defeated people.

Mrs. Parks lives with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. O'Neill, at 707 West Broadway. She suffers from arthritis and now spends most of her time in bed.

Her mind, though, is keen and she keeps up with local and world events, particularly in the field of politics.

"Politically I am a Southern rebel," she says. "I am a strong believer in State's rights and I feel that segregation is a problem for the individual states and not the Federal Government.

"Though I have been a Democrat most of my life, I thank God for our Republican President. I think kind Providence must have sent us both Dwight D. Eisenhower and Allan Shivers."

She despised Truman's Fair Deal with all the strength of her frail body.

Mrs. Parks was graduated from the Sam Houston Normal Institute. Prior to that time, however, she had taught school briefly. She got her first teaching job at the age of 16 and her salary was $16 a month.

After her graduation she took a full-time teaching job that paid $40 a month—at that time a top-level salary in the teaching profession.

The Latimer family moved to East Texas from Tennessee in 1833, settling in what was known as the Pecan Point area on Red River.

In 1834 they moved to a place about three miles northeast of present Clarksville and helped to establish a settlement known as LaGrange.

Latimer was one of five delegates from this area to the convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos, where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed.

After Texas became an independent nation Latimer represented Red River County in the House of the Fifth and Sixth Congresses of the Republic.

Later, when the outbreak of the War Between the States became imminent, Latimer aligned himself with the anti-secessionists.

He was opposed to secession and at the same time felt the North had no right to interfere with the South's rights to own slaves. Some of Latimers' sons entered the Confederate Army, though his position on secession remained unchanged.

Latimer was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1866 and in 1867 was appointed Associate Justice of the Texas Supreme Court to replace Asa H. Willie, removed because he had been an officer in the Confederate Army.

In the post-war years Latimer had many enemies and his life was threatened repeatedly.

Latimer and his father, James L. Latimer, helped to organize the Presbyterian church in Clarksville and Mrs. Parks has been a lifelong member.

Back in 1936, when Texas celebrated its centennial, Mrs. Parks was among the descendants of the signers of the Independence Declaration who took part in a program at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

This year there's to be another Independence Day program on March 2 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. But Mrs. Parks will be unable to attend.

She has given assurance, though that she'll "be there in spirit" and it is hardly likely she will miss any details in newspaper accounts of the event.

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For Mayor—
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Take a Peek Into Electronic Oven

Peek into the future and consider the electronic oven. With it you can fry fish fillets in 30 seconds, bake potatoes in 2 minutes, broil lobsters in 3 minutes. Left-over spaghetti is steaming hot in 15 seconds. A roast takes only 20 minutes.

This oven cooks with microwaves. A magnetron tube which looks similar to a radio tube does the work. There are no fumes or soot in the oven. Housewives can cook the food right on the dinner plates and remove them with their bare hands—only the food gets warm. Accidentally "cooking" your hand by putting it in the oven is impossible—the unit automatically cuts off when the oven door is opened. This new wonder stove should appear in the stores late this year.—Changing Times.

HE'LL FIND OUT

A little boy attending his first wedding asked his mother why the bride was dressed in white. "Because," answered the mother, "white stands for pretty and joy."

"Then why," was the retort logical, "does the groom wear black?"

Robert's Jewelers Observes Birthday

Robert's Jewelers, 10 N. Plaza, is celebrating its sixth year in Paris this week, A. R. Raphael, owner and manager, announced.

Five years ago, Raphael came to Paris from New Haven, Conn., and purchased the store. He immediately adopted the slogan of "Quality Merchandise Only at Fair Prices." The success of his efforts is evidenced in the steady growth of Robert's Jewelers during the past years.

Besides Raphael, others employed at Robert's Jewelers are Donald Nafus, watchmaker; Miss Gladys Carnahan, sales; Mrs. E. R. Shelton, office and Willie Jones, porter.

New and Renewed Times Subscribers

The Times thanks those whose names appear below for their subscription patronage:

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J. L. Romine

BASEBALL ASSIGNMENT PLACES TALCO IN 13-A

Texas Interscholastic assignment for spring baseball in 13-A includes Talco, Atlanta, Clarksville, Daingerfield, DeKalb, Jefferson, Hooks, Linden, New Boston and Pewitt.

CALLED "HOME"

A minister, making a call, was sitting in the parlor with his hostess when the small son came running in carrying a dead cat.

"Don't worry, Mother, it's dead. We bashed him and beat him until—" and, noticing the minister for the first time, he added in a lowered voice, "until God called him home."

MAN, 47, GETS HIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Philadelphia.—Chester E. Montague got his high school diploma after 11 years of attending special night classes. Montague is 47 and the father of eight children.

College Beauties Named at ETSTC

Sixty-eight East Texas State college women have been nominated for college beauties to be pictured in the Locust, college yearbook. Nominations were made by students of the college during the week of Feb. 7-12. Eighteen will be selected in a campuswide vote Feb. 23 and later will appear before a panel of six judges who will select six finalists.

Those nominated from this area are:

Gladys Anderson, Blossom; Sally Moody and Anna Fletcher, Paris; Rowena Johnson, Bogata; Janet Rose, Clarksville; Carol Russell, Annette Redfearn, Mt. Pleasant, and Nelda Jones, Talco.

CARD OF THANKS

Your many expressions of kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than we can find words to express, but we do want you to know that the many kind things you have said about Sonley and the many many kind deeds you have done for us makes our sorrow easier. Thank you, sincerely for sharing our sorrow.
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By VERN SANFORD, Texas Press Association

Austin. — Veterans land sale scandals overshadowed lawmaking in both branches of the Legislature for another week. Investigations spread still wider. Involved were three departments of the state, both chambers of the Legislature, grand juries of Travis, Bexar and DeWitt counties, and probably others.

More of the approximately 80 "block deals" were brought be- investigators. Mike Rowan, former executive secretary of the Veterans Land Board, testified that several legislators had exerted "unusual influence" to push veterans' applications thru.

He named Senators Doyle Willis of Fort Worth and Warren McDonald of Tyler and Representative Douglas Bergman of Dallas. Rowan said it was "unfair" but he couldn't remember names of the others.

Dennis Wallace, longtime chief clerk of the Land Office, reported that his name had been "signed" by someone else, to minutes of the Veterans' Land Board.

So far Atty. Gen. Shepperd has filed nine suits for forfeiture of block sales and recovery of a total of $1,539,505 to the state.

Tax Slow Down

With land sales taking legislative precedence, taxes, the Legislature's big problem, have taken a back seat.

Rep. Jerry Sadler sharply reminded the House revenue and taxation committee that the session was one-third over and no revenue bills had been reviewed or acted upon. He demanded an "immediate" hearing on his bill for a $3.30 per barrel hike on beer tax.

Rep. Charles J. Kirkham of Cleburne offered a new tax plan —a "road use" tax, as a substitute for the administration's two-cent gasoline tax hike proposal. So far the gas tax hasn't been heard by committee.

Kirkham's plan would levy a $5 fee on commercial motor vehicles, plus a graduated tax scale based on gross weight, ranging from six mills to 22 mills, all estimated revenue to go to highway purposes.

Insurance Clean-up

Final passage of the first major bill to "clean up the insurance mess" was voted by the House. Control of the stock and securities of insurance companies, under the bill, will go to the Board of Insurance Commissioners.

This bill is in for a fight in the Senate where a counter measure would give insurance stock supervision to the securities division of the Secretary of State's office. The Senate bill has been heard and parked in sub-committee.

Water Bills, Too

Favorable report has been given by a Senate committee to the administration's $100 million state issue plan for aid to water districts. Rival measures for the same amount of bonds have been put in House sub-committee.

Passed by the Senate were two of the water bills, regulating pollution from oil wells, and requiring reports to the state by water districts.

Advertising and Newspapers

Representative Vernon E. Smith of Ft. Worth introduced a bill specifically prohibiting the Board of Examiners in Optometry from making any regulations restricting optometrists' advertising.

Attorney General Shepperd had previously ruled void, such an order made by the board but rescinded.

Rep. E. "Kika" de la Garza of Mission introduced a bill to prohibit any court, grand jury or legislative committee from attempting to compel a newspaper or press service employee from revealing the source of his information.

Rudder Honored

Newly-appointed Land Commissioner J. Earl Rudder received honors this week. He has been promoted from colonel to brigadier general in the U. S. Army Reserves.

He also received appointment to a commission to revisit the Normandy Invasion Beachhead, where he made part of his outstanding military record in the invasion.

Red Ink

"In the red" for the first time in 13 years is the State Treasury's general revenue fund. Treasurer Jesse James announced that banks have agreed to cash warrants without discount.

Treasury calls were set for the 5th and 20th of each month, and James said the time lag would not exceed 20 days. The general fund is to get back on a cash basis around May 1.

Auto Dealers' Fight

Authorized car dealers won the first round of a bitter fight with the "independents" or used car dealers. A Senate committee voted a favorable report on Sen. Gus Strauss' bill to license all dealers. The bill also would prohibit sale of new cars by dealers not having agreements with manufacturers or distributors.

Sidelights

Expunged from Senate records was a resolution by Sen. Kilmer Corbin calling for the retirement of Maurice Acres, chief executive aide to Gov. Allan Shivers. Only Corbin voted for it . . Rep. J. O. Gillham's bill to double college fees was parked in sub-committee, after much discussion in which a large representation of students from the University of Texas took part . . Sen. George Parkhouse's labor bill, to prohibit unemployment benefits to workers in an integrated industry was favorably reported by the Senate state affairs committee. The bill is based principally on a case in which Texas Ford Motor Co. employees were idled because of a strike in the East . . Offices of the federal district attorney for West Texas are being moved from Austin to San Antonio. San Antonian Russell Wine has succeeded Charles F. Herring of Austin as US district attorney.

WILKINSON

By MARCIA BLALOCK

A wedding shower was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Holt (Miss Shirley Carraway) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anchutz. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Anchutz and children, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Allen and son, Mrs. J. R. Blalock and Linda, Mrs. Morene Holt and children, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tutt and Virginia, Miss Pauline Griffin, Mrs. Sally Haren, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Byram and Nelda, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dyke and Judy and Marcus, Mrs. Christine Harris, Mrs. Rita Tuck of Dallas, Miss Ruie Adkins, Miss Dorothy Dyke, Miss Barbara Logan, Miss Dorothy Blalock, Miss Marie Dyke, Miss Marcia Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Blalock, Mrs. Josie Barry, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anchutz, Mrs. Morris Blalock and Pallie and the honorees. Refreshments of cold drinks and cookies were served by the cohostesses, Mrs. F. H. Anchutz, Mrs. Josie Barry and Mrs. Warren Anchutz. Those unable to attend but sending gifts were Eld. and Mrs. Paul Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Moles, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock.

Miss Janell Johnson, granddaughter of Mrs. Bob Alien of Mt. Pleasant and Kelton C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith of this community, were united in marriage by the Rev. Alvin Blalock at his home in this community, Feb. 19. The couple plan to make their home in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dykes announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mavis Dyke of Dallas, to James Buchanan of Dallas. They plan to marry on March 16 and make their home in Dallas.

A wedding dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kelton Smith was given at the home of the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dyke, Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Smith and daughter of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Phillips of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson and daughters, Fairville; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Phillips and son of Wilkinson, Mrs. John Smith and Linden and Lavern, Misses Nadine and Maxcine and Barbara Smith, the honorees, the host and hostesses.

Those attending a birthday party in honor of Jeanice Dyke in the afternoon were Tony, Christelle and Sandy Anchutz, Richard and Dewayne Randle, Judy and Marcus Dyke, Janice and Jo Echols, Weldon Dyke, Joyce and Connie Thompson, Rusty Phillips and Linden and Lavern Smith.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyke and children were Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Byram and Nelda, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Wilson and son of Texarkana, Mrs. Ray Barto and Jerry of Texarkana, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Allen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haren and Richard and Teresa, Mrs. Sally Haren, James Adkins, James Buchanan of Dallas, Doyle Dyke and Miss Mavis Dyke of Dallas.

Miss Martha Hays of Winfield, was a week end guest of Miss Marcia Dyke.

Mrs. Murtise (Miller) Thompson and her sister, George Ella of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Miller of Midway, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anchutz and Mrs. Josie Barry, Thursday.

Eld. and Mrs. Paul Hensley and James Hensley and James Sykes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adkins and children. Miss Barbara Logan was a Sunday afternoon guest.

Eld. and Mrs. Paul Hensley were visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hodges of Ahloso, Okla., Monday until Friday.

Eld. James Sykes will bring a message in Spanish at the Church of God Saturday evening. Eld. Sykes will leave Monday, the 28th, for New Mexico, where he will work among the Spanish speaking people.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris Sunday were Mrs. Cecil Shipp Jr. and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brownlee and son of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Parr of Maple Springs, visited Mrs. C. B. Harris, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones and son of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wilson, Wilma and Frances of Argo, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Jones of Maple Springs, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones visited Mrs. Sue Roberts and children at Mt. Pleasant, Saturday.

Helping Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock celebrate a family reunion at their home Sunday were seven of their eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blalock of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blalock of Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Blalock of Princeton, La., Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blaock, Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Blalock of Seagoville, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blalock. Fifteen of their eighteen grandchildren, Miss Dorothy Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roach of Minden, La., Miss Marcia Blalock, Miss Darlene Blalock of Princeton, La., Miss Pallie Blalock, "Butch" and Margaret Blalock of Hooks, Jean Leo and Charlie Blalock of Mt. Pleasant, Bryant, Elizabeth and Wayne Blalock Susan Blalock of Seagoville, Mr. Blalock's sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Harris and the following friends, Jack Barrow of Redwater, Gaylon Riddle, Bobby Cox of Mexia, James Burgin of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Floyd, Mrs. A. V. Flanagan and Mrs. Ardell Flanagan.

Talco Activities Ten Years Ago

Week of February 9, 1945

Mrs. Truman Honeycutt had received word that her husband had arrived in France.

Pvt. B. F. Morris had landed in Belgium, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morris.

A. B. Later had visited his son, Bob Later at Enid, Ok., before he was transferred to a field in Florida.

Cpl. Marlon Trimble had spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trimble. He had been stationed at Platte Field, Tampa, Fla.

Coast Guardsman Kyle Leftwich, Pharmacist's Mate 1c of Talco, aboard the Coast Guard Combat Cutter, had served in the North Atlantic. His ship had convoyed men and supplies to the battle of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cotten of Johntown, had received word that their son, Sgt. Charles Wilburn Cotten, in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific, had been reported missing.

A daughter, named Mary Elaine, had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dured Hall of Talco.

T-Sgt. Jack Griffin, stationed at Ft. Worth Army Air Field, had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work as an engineer gunner on a B-24 in aerial combat from the Italian theatre over Munich, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Gibson had attended the funeral of Mr. Gibson's nephew at Sulphur Bluff. He was the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith, who had died of injuries received when he fell from a horse.

Sgt. Orville White had returned to the States after three years spent in the South Pacific. He had visited his mother, Mrs. Beulah White.

Mrs. Lila Pirtle had received a letter from her son, Pvt. Billy Pirtle, U. S. Marines, on Guam, that he hoped to be home in March or April.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White of Johntown, were the parents of a daughter, born Feb. 4.

Talco High School Band, under the direction of G. W. Collum, had rendered a concert at the Clarksville High School. Fifteen membrs were on the program.

A daughter named Nancy Inez had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gieger, Talco R1.

Pvt. Jack L. Troutt of Bogata, had received appointment to West Point Military Academy.

A picture of triplets, Donna, Diane and Douglas, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackard, former Talco residents, was carried in that issue. They were born Nov. 30, 1944.

Births: Son to Pvt. and Mrs. J. D. Lucas; son to T-4 and Mrs. Jack T. Lowry of Talco; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Evans; daughter to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald R. Perry of Bogata; son to Pvt. and Mrs. Coy Pittman; daughter to Pfc. and Mrs. Richard L. Harris.

1st Lt. Wayne M. Duncan, Talco, was presented the Purple Heart award for wounds received from enemy air action in the Southwest Pacific.

Willie M. Long, 84, had died at his home at Bogata.

The War Production Board had exempted five areas of the country, including the Pacific Northwest and most of Texas, from the national "brown out" of outdoor illumination.

Coast Guardsman Clyde W. Holder, S1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holder, had served aboard a Coast Guard-manned army supply vessel in the Pacific. His ship had carried vital material to American-held outposts.

First Lieut. Wayne M. Duncan had received the award of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in the Southwest Pacific. Lt. Duncan had been assistant finance officer at headquarters of the "Fighting 13th" AAF at an advanced Southwest Pacific base. He had seen action at New Guinea, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Titus County grand jury for the January term of district court had asked that all domino halls in Mt. Pleasant be closed.

James Thomas Watts, S2c, 19 year old son of Stiner Watts of Hagansport, and Mrs. Allie Johnson of Talco, was instantly killed at the intersection of Main street in Bogata and Highway 271, when struck by a car driven by John D. Rogers (colored.)

Births: Son to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Lee Bryson; son to Pvt. and Mrs. Walter Gifford; son to Ensign and Mrs. Frank L. Branson Jr. of Bogata; son to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox of Cunningham; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gieger of Talco.

World War II had cost the United States 238 billion dollars to that date. Seven and one half billion dollars was spent on war projects in Texas.

SUBSTANTIAL DEBTOR

A man who had scarecely paid off his mortgage on the house when he mortgaged it again to buy a car, and then borrowed money to build a garage.

"If I do make the loan," said the broker, "how will you buy gas for the car?"

"It seems to me," the man replied curtly, "that a fellow who owns his own house, a car and garage should be able to get credit for gasoline."

DENOMINATIONAL MONEY

She was one of those lovable women whom everybody likes, but she had no business sense. Her husband handled the family finances, but once when he was out of town he phoned her to meet him in a distant city, so she had to go to the bank for money. "Give me about $200 in bills, please," she told the banker.

"What denomination?" he asked.

"Why!" retorted the lady in surprise. "I thought everybody knew—we're Presbyterians."

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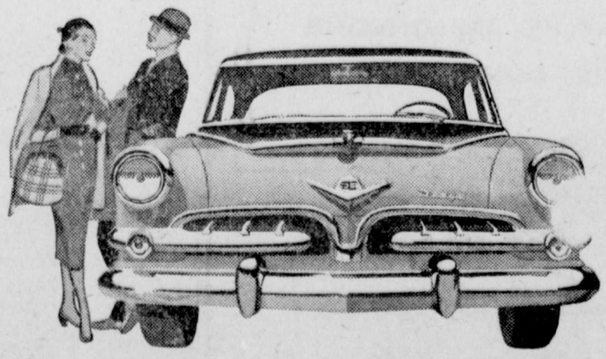
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AREA FFA CONVENTION GIVES AWARDS AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

Three Lamar Countians and a former vocational agriculture instructor were among 10 Northeast Texas men honored Wednesday in Sulphur Springs by Area VI Future Farmers of America.

Awarding Honorary Lone Star Farmer degrees was one of the Farmers degrees will be one of the highlights of the annual Area VI convention, which will draw upwards of 3,000 Future Farmers to Sulphur Springs. Lamar Countys' 11 chapters will be represented with delegates and Area Sweetheart candidates.

Nominated for Honorary Lone Star Farmer degrees are Dewey Trim of Paris and Harry Wilson of Brookston among non-teachers, and Geral Kennedy, vocational agriculture instructor at West Lamar. U. L. Watson of McKinney, formerly vocational ag instructor at Central High School, also will receive the honorary degree.

Others nominated are Aubrey Swain of Pittsburg, Virgil Shaw of Quitman, Rex Pickens of Marshall, Leeman Teetes of Sulphur Springs, E. L. Oates of Carthage, R. D. Dearden of Naples, L. D. Wilson of Como and W. H. Ratcliff of Elysian Fields.

The honorary degrees were conferred for outstanding service to farm youth.

Future Farmers throughout Area VI elected new officers and an Area Sweethart, who will enter the race for State FFA Sweetheart.

The convention program opened Wednesday in the Sulphur Springs High School gymnasium. Johnny Hill, Central High School senior and vice-president of Area VI, delivered the response to the welcoming address.

Gary Pepper, Area president, presided .

Presentation of soil improvement, leadership contest and judging awards, along with an entertainment contest filled the afternooon agenda.

The evening program included presentation of honorary degrees. Delegates also elected a president and installed the new slate of officers. Judging of the Sweetheart candidates climaxes the program.

Lamar County schools represented include Paris, Blosssom, Deport, Cunningham, East Lamar, Delmar, Roxton, West Lamar, Central, Powderly and Chicota.

Cooper-Bean Rites At Las Cruces, N. M.

Patricia Sue Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meurl Bean, and Sgt. Billy M. Cooper, son of Mrs. Donald Fair of Marysville, Calif., and Sgt. Loy Cooper of El Paso, were united in marriage Feb. 14 at Las Cruces, N. M.

Mrs. Cooper graduated from Talco High School in 1954 and attended Paris Junior College the first semester. Sgt. Cooper attended Bogata High School and is making a career of the Army.

They went to California for a while before reporting to New Brunswick, N. J., for further orders from the Army.

CARD OF THANKS

We want you to know we are deeply grateful to each of you who helped in the search for little Billy Charles. You saved us much anxiety and possibly his life. Thanks again and again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickinson.

Albert Einstein, German refugee, arrived and settled in Princeton, N. J., on Oct. 17, 1933.

CPL. H. D. COX AND FAMILY HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox of Johntown, honored their son, Cpl. H. D. Cox and family of Lawton, Ok., with a dinner at their home Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox and daughter, Carol of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Christopher and girls of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Briggs and children of New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cox and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Foster and son of Johntown.

Cpl. Cox, stationed at Lawton, Ok., will leave soon for New Jersey and from there will go to Europe with the armed forces.

GETTING INTO HEAVEN

A little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother:

"How do you expect to get into heaven?"

He though a minute and then said:

"Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the doors till they say 'For goodness sake, come in or stay out!' Then I'll go in."

Book Lovers Club With Mrs. Hood

"Hidden Talent" was the program theme used by Mrs. E. W. Smith at the meeting of the Book Lovers Club Friday in the home of Mrs. Dick Hood. Pretty flowering pot plants decorated the house. The club was happy to have Mrs. D. C. Jenson as a visitor.

During the business session Mrs. J. W. Haynes was voted into the club to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Cox. The resignation of Mrs. Robert Harper and Mrs. M. J. Spruell was regretfully accepted. Mrs. Harper is moving away and Mrs. Spruell felt unable to attend because of illness.

The club also voted to donate $50.00 toward the building of a new fence for the cemetery and would appreciate any contribution from individuals or clubs for any amount. Should any one want to give something to this cause, you may mail your contribution to the club secretary, Mrs. B. L. Gieger, Talco, or hand it to any club member.

Each member signed a petition in regard to the Drivers Education bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives. Also voted to send $5.00 to the Leprosy Foundation.

In the program Mrs. Smith pointd out that more good talent is wasted than there is developed, partly due to the lack of individual attention given school children by their teachers, thus causing many good talents to go unnoticed and untrained. She stressed the need of more cooperation between parents and teachers in helping to recognize and develop these hidden talents.

Mrs. Ed Nugent expressed the pleasure that she derives from her talent which is good cooking, in a reading entitled "I Bake My Blues to a Golden Brown." Mrs. Gieger proved that she has a talent for story telling by relating the beautiful, age old love story of Ruth, taken from the Bible. This was followed by a recording of "Whither Thou Goest I Will Go." To start the social hour contest, that of writing a valentine rhyme, Mrs. Smith wrote one to the club. Mrs. J. L. Cato proved to be a talented poetess and in the Bible cross word puzzle that followed, Mrs. C. E. Griggs was the winner. They were awarded prizes.

Mrs. Hood served delicious strawberries with cream, cake and drinks to Mmes. Ed Nugent, J. L. Cato, Lyndon Reed, B. L. Gieger, John D. Wright, C. E. Griggs, Felix Jones, E. M. Smith, D. C. Jensen, R. R. Kelley and Robert Harper.

The next meeting will be March 4 in the home of Mrs. Dan Cotten with Mrs. Robert Harper as program director.

BETHANY CLASS HAS VALENTINE SOCIAL

Bethany Class of Calvary Baptist Church met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. W. Prestidge with Group 1 as hostesses. The business session was opened with the class song, "In The Garden." The devotional was given by Mrs. H. M. McMasters. After a short business session, Mrs. Fuller brought the origin of St. Valentine's Day. After which each member told a sweetheart story, followed by a Bible game.

The table was decorated with a tree made from japonica branches from which hung small valentines. The Valentine theme was carried out in the refreshments of cake, strawberries and whipped cream. Other refreshments were coffee, tea, hot chocolate, salted nuts and red and white mints.

Those attending were Mmes. Sue Thomas, W. A. Hawthorne, Eva Jones, A. O. Sikes, L .R. Lemay, H. M. McMasters, R. T. Fuller, Guy Farris and R. D. Prestidge. Guests were Mrs. John Cook, Jeanie and Sallie.

SELECT GUESTS

A New Orleans dance hall which attracts a lot of tourist trade because of its reputation as a real tough dive, has the following sign posted right at the entrance:

"The management reserves the right to exclude any lady they think proper."

JUST SO

This country now has so many filling stations, it is easy to fuel all of the people all of the time. —Louisville Times.

GRADERS HAVE MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

A music memory contest by piano students of Miss Ermadine Walls, which has been in progress for several weeks, has closed with Connie Merl Holloway winning first place, Ronnie Webb, second place and Carol Jean Swaim, third place. First place award was a statue of Beetoven and second and third awards were statuettes of Beetoven and Mozart. Contestants were from the elementary grades.

"JUST MARRIED"

It was on a corridor train going south. Among the passengers was a newly married couple, who made themselves known to such an extent that the occupants of the carriage commenced whispering and snickering. The bride and groom stood the remarks for some time, but finally the latter, who was a man of tremendous size, broke out at his tormentors:

"Yes, we're married—just married. We are going 160 miles farther, and I'm going to 'spoon' all the way. If you don't like it, you can get out and walk. She's my violet, and I'm her sheltering oak."

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDED

Her husband being slightly indisposed, a young and inexperienced wife attempted to take his temperature. In a state of great excitement, she called the doctor.

"Doctor, please come at once. My husband's temperature is 136 degrees!" she exclaimed.

The doctor replied: "Madam, the case is beyond my skill. Call the fire department."

HELPFUL

If it accomplishes nothing else, the work of our great critics remins us of our own sophomore days.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Shower in Honor Mrs. T. G. Temple Jr.

A pink and blue shower was given on Saturday afternoon honoring Mrs. T. G. Temple Jr. at the Talco Methodist Church annex. Hostesses were Mmes. E. E. Blalock, P. P. Hendrix, H. M. Pearson, Riley Gibson, Cecil Loftin, Jack Brown, J. R. Poston, A. E. Foster and J. C. Stewart.

The gift table was covered with pink, and a stork was found among the gifts. The serving table was covered with blue and another stork with blue and white flowers as decorations.

White cakes with blue decorations and punch were served to the guests by Mrs. Larry Hodges of Dallas and Mrs. E. E. Blalock. Mrs. J. C. Stewart presided at the registering table. Many registered thru the tea hours and some sent gifts who could not attend.

A CINCH

Walter Pidgeon and his wife, Ruth, were driving through the desert some time ago and around noon decided to stop for lunch.

They pulled in at the nearest town and saw a cowboy leaning against a rail.

"Are there any restaurants around here?" asked Walter.

"Yeh, two of 'em."

"Which one's the best?"

"Wa'al, it's hard to say," drawled the fellow. "It's a cinch, though—whichever one you pick —you'll sure wish you'd picked the other!"

MARRIAGE CHAINS! GETS DIVORCE

A Dallas woman complained in justice court her jealous husband made her wear handcuffs every night. Sometimes she said, she was chained to him by the handcuffs. Sometimes, he put both of the handcuffs on her wrists.

She wanted a divorce.

Don Brewer Weds Darlyne Reeder

Miss Darlyne Reeder, daughter of Mrs. Rad Reeder and the late Mr. Reeder of Wright City, and Don Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brewer, were married Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, and are in New Orleans, La., on the honeymoon.

Miss Reeder finished high school at New London and attended Kilgore Jr. College and North Texas State Teachers at Denton.

Don attended Talco High School and Kilgore Jr. College. He has been employed by Humble Oil in Aransas Pass since the first of the year, and is being transferred now to Leesville, La.

IDENTICAL THOUGHTS

A summer resident in the North Carolina mountains was greatly impressed with the philosophy of an uneducated mountaineer working on his place that at Christmas he sent him a book by Plato. He never heard anything and next summer he asked the mountaineer if he had received the book.

"Reckon I did," was the reply. "Did you read it?"

"I read a few pages," the mountaineer replied, "but then I come to find that fellow agreed with me so perfect-like it weren't no need for me to read no further."

A REAL LOVING ROOM

Sweet young wife: "Now over in this corner, we'll have a love seat—over here by the fire loveseat, and here by the fireplace we'll have another love seat."

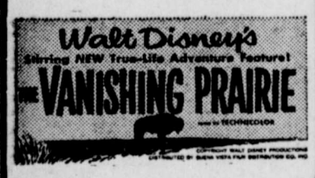
Decorator: "My word, do you call this a living room?"

Young wife: "Why of course—if that isn't living, I don't know what is!"

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LOCAL NEWS

By MRS. O. B. HOPWOOD
DIAL DR 9-3855

Clarks Lovell was admitted to a Mt. Pleasant hospital Wednesday of last wek.

W. A. Perdue entered a Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lon Jones was a patient in Talco hosital from Friday of last week until Wednesday.

J. W. Edwards has been a patient in a Paris hospital since Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Loyd Graf Jr. has been released from a Paris hospital after medical treatment.

Banks will be closed next Wednesday, March 2, in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Earl Edge left Monday to attend the Lectureship at Abilene Christian College in Abilene.

Miss Bettye Taylor of Dallas, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Taylor.

Mrs. Sally Wages of Commerce, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elwood Jones and Mr. Jones.

Silas Jordan of San Antonio, employed in Longview, visited Tom Cunningham and family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Teague were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joda Nelson and family in Nashville, Ark.

Mrs. Garland Jaggers and Tommy, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Trimble, visited in Daingerfield Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frye of Athens, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Frye and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Eaton and children of Conroe, visited Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perdue, the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Shelton and children of Denton, were week end visitors of his aunt, Mrs. S. A. Tidwell and Miss Alice Ruth Tidwell.

A. C. Newsome, one of the seniors' sponsors, took the class to Commerce Friday for senior day at East Texas State Teacher's College.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson was admitted to Talco Clinic Friday of last week and their five year old daughter, Kathy, entered Sunday.

J. D. Mullens has recently returned from thirty days in McKinney Veterans Hospital. Mrs. Mullens was able to leave Talco Clinic Tuesday after treatment.

Connell Kelley of Paris, spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kelley. Her father, Dr. W. L. Kelley, came for her Sunday afternoon.

Sgt. Richard Swarts and mother, Mrs. E. L. Swarts of Ft. Sill, Ok., came home for a week end with their niece and granddaughter, Mrs. Cooter Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Jones of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. David Cato with Gerry Robinson visited Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lewis and children of Texarkana and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson and children of Palestine, were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Jones visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones, from Thursday until Sunday. They are visiting her parents in Ida, La., before John Paul begins spring training in Shreveport.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford entered a Pittsburg hospital Monday for treatment. Her brother, Grover Stephenson, passed away Saturday in California and was buried there, but she was unable to attend his funeral.

Titus County Unit of Texas State Teachers Association met with Talco group Thursday evening, Feb. 17. Ninety-five members and four invited guests had dinner in the school cafeteria. After dinner Miss Helen Joe of Dallas, spoke to this group and several townspeople.

Mrs. E. O. Frye, Mrs. Roy Primm and Mrs. Nora Williams visited Mrs. Williams' son, Richard Williams and family and Mrs. Frye visited her sister, Mrs. W. E. Johnson in Palestine Monday. Mrs. J. R. Lewis, who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, accompanied them home.

LOCAL NEWS ABOUT BOGATA

J. M. Pike of Bagwell, visited friends in Bogata Wednesday.

Mrs. Gus Swaim is employed at Dill's Variety Store this week.

Mrs. F. L. Branson visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Pierson in Paris this week.

J. F. Hood visited his son, Worth Hood and family in Dallas during the week.

Mrs. Floyd Bell and her son, Leon, have receovered from several days' illness.

Mrs. Stella Davidson is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davidson at Corsicana.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Monday.

M. A. Ferguson of Greggton, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ferguson.

Mrs. Martha Barnwell and daughter, Tesa, spent the week end with friends in Longview.

Rev. J. O. Lankford and wife were in Moulton, Ala., where he conducted a meeting last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Clem and daughter of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern George Monday.

Mrs. Johnnie Gill has been dismissed from Red River County Hospital, after undergoing surgery.

Mrs. R. D. Hanson spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Welch and husband at Lone Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Craddock have moved from Gladewater to Longview, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Anna Griffis has returned to her home, after several days in Red River County Hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. Viola Hill has returned home after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Whitt and family at Blossom.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Cook and children of Dallas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horner, over the week end.

Mrs. Gladys Thomas was called to Teague to attend her mother, Mrs. Charlie Young, who suffered a stroke in April 1954.

Mrs. Florence Franklin returned home Friday after spending the week with her son, Murray Franklin and family in Deport.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shelby of Deport, have been attending her father, C. R. Ballard, who is confined to his home at Bogata by illness.

N. A. Gibson is confined to his bed, after falling from his horse and breaking an ankle. He is improving and hopes to be out again soon.

Morris Marcum, SK2, USN, stationed at Pensacola, Fla., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. M. H. Marcum, and brother, Harold.

Mary Williams (colored) has been brought home after spending several days in Red River County Hospital. Her condition remains critical.

Mrs. Russell Grant and son, Steve of Deport, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Garrett of Bogata, were in New Orleans, La., from Friday until Wednesday visiting Mrs. Grant's sister, Mrs. W. H. Langston and Major Langston. They also attended the Mardi Gras while there.

Fred A. Foeh Jr. has recently been promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is with Hdq. Co., 307th Military Police at Fort Hood. He and his wife, the former Miss Ellanora Ferris, are Talco High School graduates.

Mrs. B. L. Gieger went to Tyler Monday to be with her grandchildren, Loren and Gayla Gieger, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gieger attended the lectureship at Abilene Christian College. Mr. Gieger was on this program.

Mrs. Almeeta Lonsford received word Wednesday morning of the death of her brother, B. C. Barnett in Waskom. She left immediately, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Billy Joe Randle and her son, Lorenzo Adams. Burial will be in Logan.

W. H. Harbour, Talco R2, was the winner of a prize in a guessing contest at Swaim's Food Store last week. Stacked from floor to ceiling were many items from the store's stock of merchandise. The contest was to guess how many. There were 336 and Harbour's guess was 333.

WANT ADS

Rates: 3 cents per word first insertion; 2 cents per word each additional insertion. No ad accepted for less than 50 cents per issue. Terms cash unless you are a regular advertiser in this newspaper.

FOR SALE—Good bright hay. B. G. Bailey, Deport, Ph. 52F2. d7t6c

FOR SALE—Three-room house on Mrs. W. T. Edwards property. To be moved. Grace Snodgras. 4c

FOR LEASE — Major company service station on Highway 67. Phone 4-4452, or Write Box 27, Mt. Pleasant. dbt-4c

FOR SALE—T. L. Leake home, corner Crawford and Sixth streets. Contact Luther Truitt, McKinney, Texas. 4-p

1951 CHEVROLET 4-door Styleline. Radio, heater and white sidewall tires. See it today. Kelsey Motor Co., Deport. dbt-tfc

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FOR SALE—80 a. of Isaac P. Stern Survey, Titus County, Talco, Texas, immediate sale. Mrs. I. J. Gardy, Phone OS33912, 8141 East Houston Road, Houston, Texas. 4-c

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Mr. and Mrs. Lyndal (PeeWee) Jeffery and children of Arlington, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jeffery and Jerry at Rosalie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Alexander and daughters of Lubbock, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Gifford, and her aunt, Miss Jodie Craddock, over the week end.

Russ Patterson is erecting a grease rack for the Magnolia Service Station, on Main street. It is made of concrete blocks and will be modern in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ward, their son, James, and her sister, Mrs. Wayne Bryant of Dallas, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Denny.

A son, named Donald Ramsey, was born Feb. 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Amacker of Dallas. The young man weighed 8 lbs. and 4 ozs., and is the grandson of Mrs. Sam Ramsey of Dallas, formerly of Fulbright and Deport. The mother is the former Miss Jacqueline Ramsey.

HAGANSPORT

Mrs. R. M. Harper and Mrs. Shelby Harper of the Harper Ranch, Sulphur Bluff, visited Mrs. A. J. Laws Jr. Monday.

M. R. Tinsley, Hagansport, is on the jury at Mt. Vernon this week.

A. J. Laws Jr., was in Sulphur Springs the first of the week.

The talent show at Hagansport Friday night was considered a success with many from out of town taking part. Chum Dyer was in charge.

Syble Clifton, Lakeview, will go to Baylor Hospital in the near future for a checkup.

Mrs. Orena Humes spent Sunday with Mrs. Mart Talley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry spent the week end at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holmes of Dallas, visited their parents in Hagansport and Lakeview over the week end.

Wilburn Holmes of Lakeview, is getting a new pickup this week.

Mrs. Edgar Palmer of Hagansport, is much improved and visited friends in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Maude Dodson left for Dallas, Monday.

Community singing at the Hagansport Baptist Church Sunday was well attended by local singers.

Northeast Hopkins convention singing will be held at Fairview Chapel on Feb. 27 at 2 p. m., fourth Sunday.

W. H. McCorkle, district lay leader, Sulphur Springs District, will speak at Terry Memorial M. E. Church at the 11 o'clock hour on Feb. 27. Church School at 10 o'clock.

The churches and Hagansport school all co-operated in the March of Dimes drive, and also the Lakeview church. Total donations, $82.80, Hagansport $67.80, Lakeview $25.00.

Bill Barker was in Bogata Monday.

Mrs. Eleanor Keith has been dismissed from Red River County Hospital and is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Burgess and Mr. Burgess, in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gray of Galena Park, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morgan and his sister, Mrs. Anna Gifford. The condition of Mr. Morgan is unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brumley had as their guests over the week end, their children, Morris and Joy of Dallas, Aaron of Donna and Mr. Brumley's brother, Ovy Bullard of Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allen, Mrs. Roy Gullion and her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Watts of Longview, attended the funeral of their cousin, Alvin W. Rogers at Fulbright, Sunday afternoon.

James Thomas has moved from the Roy Gibson house in south Bogata to the Archie Fortner house on North Main street. His mother, Mrs. Gladys Thomas, is attending her mother at Teague.

HUMBLE CAMP

By MRS. A. L. RODGERS
DIAL DR 9-3804

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tietz and Sidney visited relatives in Vivian, La., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Loucks of Van, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bagby Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Helen Jo Nelson of Tyler, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson and Ronnie Saturday and part of Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Roberts and Paula of Winnsboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dyson on Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Compton was in the Talco Clinic, ill, from Thursday until Monday, when she was able to return home.

Cecil Lynn Loftin and G. G. Ryan are among those who have been confined to their homes by illness this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jones and Phill spent the week end in DeQueen, Ark., with her sister, Mrs. Roy Johnson and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Orr and girls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McClung and family in Wylie for the week end.

On her recent trip to Austin, Mrs. Arthur Dyson visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Laughlin, former Camp residents, in Chilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter and children spent Friday and Saturday in Longview, visiting his sister, Mrs. Weldon League and family.

Mrs. Rex Mitchell received word Saturday of the birth of a nephew, Harold Wayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Weston Clark of Dallas, on Feb. 14.

J. T. Rollins of Midland, came Friday night to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rollins, enroute home from Tulsa, Okla. He left Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mitchell and Danna Beth, met his sister, Mrs. Joe David Woolery and family of Jacksonville, in Mt. Pleasant Sunday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Huckabee of Shreveport, La., and E. R. Huckabee of Longview, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rothwell and family on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fennell of Bogata, visited their daughter, Mrs. Billy Ray Dickerson and family in the J. H. Dickerson home, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rodgers visited a cousin, Loyd Love, in Hugo, Ok., on Monday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Rodgers and Randy of Paris.

Jim Bagby was transferred on Monday to the Neches district and is to report for work there next Monday. They will go down then and live in Jacksonville.

Word was received that Fred A. Foeh Jr., formerly of Talco, was promoted to first lieutenant with Hdq. and Hdq. Co., 307th Military Police Battalion at Fort Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parker Sr. spent the week end in Dallas visiting Mrs. C. T. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stewart in Irving. Mr. Stewart recently suffered a stroke, but is much improved.

Mrs. J. H. Dickerson accompanied by Mrs. Riley Gibson, went to Mineola Sunday to attend her father, W. P. Jones, who is ill. He had minor surgery on Tuesday and came home with Mrs. Dickerson to convalesce.

Mrs. S. C. LeNoir of Groesback, visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Cox and family. Also Bobbie Cox of Mexia, visited his parents and Gene and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temple Jr. Gene accompanied Bobbie home to Mexia to visit this week.

Bro. and Mrs. Charles Russell and son, Charles III of Kilgore, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Russell and family on Friday. Bro. Russell has recently moved to Kilgore as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fogarty of Davenport, Iowa, former camp residents, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rodgers on Thursday night, and other friends in town. They were enroute to Abilene for a lectureship. Mr. Fogarty is minister of the Central Church of Christ in Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Gibson and Don had as their guests last Wednesday and Thursday his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson of Henderson and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gibson of Ohio. The Gibsons then went to visit all of them in Henderson on Sunday and Monday.

In high altitudes the Llama is used as a beast of burden.

Will Reveals $60-Per Clerk Wasn't Joking

St. Louis—Armin H. Schmidt, $60-a-week shipping clerk whose talk about investments and retirement was taken as a joke by fellow employees, left an estate worth more than $300,000.

A probate court inventory filed last week listed the estate's value at $60,251 but it included 10,085 shares of stock carried at only $1 a share. Some are worth more than $100 each.

Schmidt, 54, retired last August and then died Nov. 21. Three-fourths of the estate goes to his daughter with the remainder left in trust for his widow.

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Alcorn Not Worried Over Merchant's Fear New Sox Lasting Lifetime

Editor's note: Achin Alcorn, philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sulphur, discusses an economic fact in his letter this week.

Dear Editar: One of my neighbors was in town yesterday and he came back worried, saying he'd been talking to a drygoods man and he'd read something that had upset him.

According to the business man in town, he'd read the night before where some atomic scientist, in describing the future possibilities of atomic energy, provided it ain't all used up in one big swoosh in one war, had casually mentioned that in addition to all other things this new energy will accomplish, it's also produce a pair of silk hose that'll wear forever. Just won't be possible to wear em out.

What worried this man was that if they can produce a pair of women's hose that'll last forever, they probably can do the same to men's sox, shirts, suits, hats, coats, etc., and if they do, where's that gonna leave the average dry goods man? Buy your kid a pair of stretch sox when he gets his first pair of shoes and he's fixed up for sox the rest of his life, which would certainly play havoc with the dry goods man's volume of business.

I do not look at the matter that way. In the first place, while I ain't questioning the ability of atomic scientists to build a bomb that'll blow the world to Kingdom Come, they've got to show me a pair of sox a kid can't wear out. Maybe they can do it, but I believe they'll come closer to sending a rocket to the moon.

But what I started out to say was that, even if they can, I'm not worried over the dry goods man's business, on account of I've got confidence in American ingenuity to always keep three jumps ahead of the average man's income. What if they perfect a pair of lifetime sox? They'll come out the same week with something else that costs just as much and will be considered just as essential and I suppose if a man's margin of profit was the same he'd just as soon be selling one item as another. I'd just as soon switch from cows to June bugs if the market was the same.

My neighbor and that dry goods man just don't understand the economic system. Take four years ago. The average family was already saddled with all the payments it could meet, without adding another single item, they were up to the hilt, but television suddenly developed into a reality and the average family is working that into its budget without a bobble. Don't ask me how, but it's a fact.

There are two things you can depend on: American business' ability to bring out something new, and the public's ability to find a way to meet the payments on it. Yours faithfully, A. A.

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For 10 Days Robert's Jewelers will conduct their Annual Birthday Sale. Once a year and only once a year does Robert's have a store-wide sale.

We know you are interested in real savings and so—for 10 Days only, Starting Feb. 23 to March 5th you can Save up to 50% and MORE. Space does not permit us to list all the items. Listed here are just a few of the many money saving values.

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Wood Salad Bowl with Silverplate Fork & Spoon, Reg. 12.95—NOW	4.95

EXTRA SPECIALS

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Sterling Coast Trays	1.00
Silverplate (Mt. Rose) large server	29c
Lazy Susan (Crystal)	1.15

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JOHNTOWN

By MRS. G. A. VAUGHAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vaughan and son, David, arrived Friday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Vaughan. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Alsobrook of Halesboro before returning to their home in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pirtle, who have been visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Pirtle in Ft. Worth, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Horn and family of Mineola, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boyd of Charleston, visited his brother, T. B. Boyd, who is ill at his home, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Porter and baby of Dallas, who have been visiting her father, T. B. Boyd, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Watts, ill at her home, is improving.

Dick Cox, U. S. Army of Ft. Sill, Ok., who is being sent overseas for the second time, moved his wife and baby to the James H. Cox house near Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox. The family will live here while he is gone for probably two years.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock, Baptist pastor, and wife, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hervey and Wendell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sale, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hope and his sister, Miss Joan Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Don Oliver, all of Bisbee, Ariz., visited their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sale, and his sister, Mrs. Bill Bain and family over the week end.

Miss Myra Pirtle of Longview, spent Saturday with Miss Patricia Bain.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Garren and Wanda and Mrs. Lee Orsack of Dallas, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vaughan, Sunday.

Mrs. C. V. Morris honored her husband on his birthday Saturday evening with supper at their home. Those enjoying the occasion besides the family were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wicks and daughters, Carolyn and Frankie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vaughan of Bogata and Mrs. D. A. Baxter.

Mrs. T. W. Smith and daughter,

Last Week We Ate 10,000 Cars Of Fruit, Vegetables

People in this United States do eat fruits and vegetables, according to J. F. Rosborough. He says:

Here in February when snow and ice covers much of our nation, Texas, Florida and California are busy shipping fresh vitamin rich products to ourselves and our Northern customers.

What products do we eat the most? Well, seasons play an important role. Watermelons wouldn't be very appetizing today—but wait 'till next July.

Lettuce is a year-around favorite. Last week, the USA consumed 1380 cars of lettuce.

Potatoes are standard in all American menus. We ate 4,116 cars last week.

Tomatoes are another favorite, but just now supplies are limited. We ate only 512 cars last week.

Oranges and grapefruit are in demand. We ate 1,529 cars between Feb. 3 and Feb. 9.

Could you imagine the good old USA consuming 366 cars of onions in 7 days? Well, hamburgers "with everything" and winter salads with a liberal portion of onion, make up a part of the food of many American families each day.

March Production Flow Increased

Austin.— Low availability of crude oil in days supply brought a slight increase in the Texas allowable for March by the Railroad Commission.

The permissive flow was upped 37,682 barrels daily to average 3,279,263 through an 18-day producing pattern.

This was a restoration of the rate which had existed in January and also restored the allowable, in barrels, that was sliced off by the cut to 16 days in February.

Placed on the statewide pattern were the East Texas field and Pewitt Ranch pool, which had been on a restricted basis. The Pantex and Sandusky pools were left at 16 and 13 days, respectively.

Outside ET field was granted a daily allowable of 138,052 barrels. This is an increase of 2,277 barrels daily for March.

Mrs. Elbert Westbrook of Talco, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Cotten of Houston and Mrs. Emma Askins of Waxahachie, arrived Saturday to visit relatives here.

Rosie Pearl Black is reported ill at her home with flu.

Mrs. Dessie Hudleston of Artesia, Calif., here visiting her mother, Mrs. N. C. Hinson, visited relatives in Paris Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook; also Mrs. Josie Cole at Clarksville. She was accompanied by Mrs. Rupert Hinson and children.

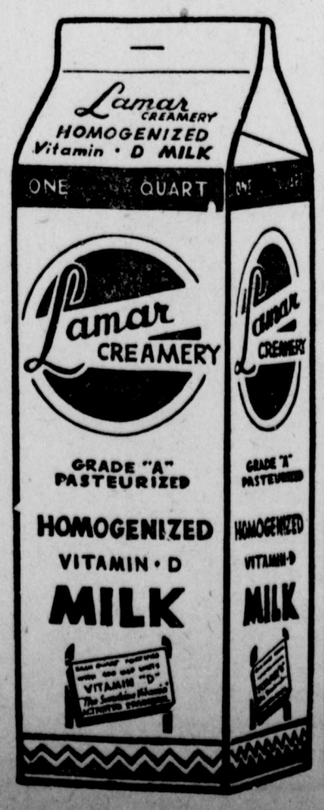
Mrs. Charlie Parker and Mrs. Lucy Hervey, who have been visiting relatives in Dallas, have returned to their homes here.

Mrs. W. A. Cotten of Houston, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker, Sunday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pirtle Sunday were Miss Johnnie Rea Kyle of Houston, Mrs. Emma Askins of Waxahachie, Mrs. Oscar Kyle of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Kennedy, Lonnie and Benny of Cunningham.

Visitors of Mrs. J. A. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Watts over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davenport. Billy Davenport has recently received his discharge from Army service.

Shirley Burns and Betty Corsey of Bogata, spent the week end with Shirley Watts.



Vote of Texas Congressmen On Pay Raise Hike

Washington. — Here are the roll-call votes of Texas members of Congress on a bill to raise pay of Congress and federal judges (passed 283 to 118):

For — Bruce Alger (Dallas), John Bell (Cuero), Jack Brooks (Beaumont), Martin Dies (Lufkin), Frank Ikard(Wichita Falls), Paul Kilday (San Antonio), Joe M. Kilgore (McAllen), Wright Patman (Texarkana), W. R. Poage (Waco), Walter Rogers (Pampa), J. T. Rutherford (Odessa), Olin E. Teague (College Station), Albert Thomas (Houston), Clark Thompson (Galveston), Homer Thornberry (Austin) and Jim Wright (Weatherford).

Against—Omar Burleson (Anson), John Dowdy (Athens), O. C. Fisher (San Angelo), Brady Gentry (Tyler) and George H. Mahon (Colorado City).

Ten on PJC Honor Roll From This Area

During the third six weeks of the fall semester at Paris Junior College several students from this area were on the honor roll.

Making straight A's were Shirley Johnson of Bogata and Dave McGahan of Houston, formerly of Cunningham.

On the A and B honor roll were Elnora Barnard, Elaine Philley and Pat Nobles of Deport, Mary Barnard and Dennis Pettit of Bogata, Patsy Clement of Pattonville, Ann Seay of Talco and Joyce McGahan of Houston, formerly of Cunningham.

Deer Released On Pinhook Preserve

Deer restoration work in Northeast Texas mounted last week when 26 animals were released by the Texas Game and Fish Commission on a 10,000-acre Pinhook deer restoration area in northeast Lamar County. Trapper Carl Thomas trucked them 700 miles from the King Ranch. Other loads are due until 100 are delivered.

FOR MIDDLE-AGED FATHERS

"I do want to marry your daughter, Sir, but I'm not making enough to support her . . "

"Don't let that deter you, son; neither am I."

USE INFRARED LAMPS FOR YOUNG PIGS

Infrared lamps are now being used by some hog raisers for their sows and young pigs at farrowing time and several weeks thereafter. Plenty of warmth prevents sows from crushing their young.

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