



On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

Wanted: One or two hundred more kids to go to school in Loraine.

Five hundred is the minimum number of children the State Board of Education has or will recommend to the Legislature that each school district must have or else.

The or else means that if a school district has less than 500 enrolled in school the district must consolidate with another school district.

Should such a recommendation ever become law and there is a very grave possibility that it will be the Loraine school district would have to consolidate with some other school district for at this time there are not 500 children in the district.

When this district has to consolidate with another school Loraine would no longer have a football team, basketball team or baseball team. That would be bad, but even worse, Loraine would have no school.

The thousands of dollars this district has spent to build and equip a school would be lost. And in all probability the district to which Loraine is transferred would have to build additional room to take care of the new pupils.

The recommendations of the Board of Education are preposterous. The State Board claims the cost per pupil in schools with fewer than 500 enrolled is too high and that the smaller schools can not offer all the courses necessary for a good education.

It may cost a little more per pupil to educate children in a small school but I am inclined to believe it is worth the cost for it seems to me that the small schools offer just as good or better education than larger schools.

City schools are already bursting at the seams for lack of room. If these recommendations are made law those already large schools will become so overcrowded that they will have to build more room or the pupils will lack the attention they need and are getting in the smaller schools now.

By the time the larger districts get their buildings ready to receive the new pupils the cost per pupil would probably be higher than it is in the small districts now.

This column pointed out months ago that small town schools were in danger of being lost unless trends changed. Now it appears that this community, with others of comparable size, are up against the real threat and will have to put up a tremendous fight to save the school. And we had better start the fight NOW or it will be too late.

Lutheran Women Have New Officers

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church met Wednesday afternoon, January 9, at 2 o'clock with 18 members present.

The newly elected officers were in charge of the meeting. They are: Mrs. Elvora Baumann, president; Mrs. Ina Althoff, vice president; Mrs. Lera Hrbacek, treasurer; Mrs. Emma Lee Flatsch, secretary.

The president greeted the group and the meeting opened by everyone singing Hark! I Hear the Savior Walking. Mrs. Ina Althoff led in prayer and gave scripture taken from Luke 7:36-50. Rev. E. A. Rode gave the Bible study taken from the 12th chapter of Romans.

Mrs. Jessie Marsh gave the topic: The Marys and Marthas of 1957.

The group sang Work For The Night Is Coming and repeated the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

MRS. FAIRBAIN HOSTS CLUB
Mrs. Minnie Fairbairn entertained at the weekly meeting of the Wednesday Club, in the home of Mrs. Bessie Johnson January 9.

A tuna salad plate with fruit cake and coffee was served to Mrs. Alfred Richey, T. F. Finley, Clyde Smith, Cora Hall, J. D. McDonald, Debra Preston, Bessie Johnson, Henry Riden, W. F. James, W. S. Thomas and R. R. Waggoner.

SUPT. ROBBINS IN AUSTIN
Superintendent Don E. Robbins was in Austin from Wednesday until Saturday last week attending to business in the interest of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Narrell and Dian of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huse Narrell Thursday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Moore Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of Big Spring.

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Mitchell County 4-H And F.F.A. Livestock Show Friday and Saturday

The 20th annual Mitchell County 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Show will be held at the rodeo grounds in Colorado City Friday and Saturday of this week.

More than 100 entries are expected from the three agriculture departments of Loraine, Westbrook and Colorado City FFA chapters and the 4-H Club members of the county.

Loraine FFA and 4-H boys will join with other boys from over the county in exhibiting their calves, lambs and swine they have fed and cared for during the year.

Judging will begin at 9 a. m. Saturday when the swine will be judged. Judging of fat lambs will begin at 1:00 p. m. Saturday and will be followed by judging of dry lot and milk fed calves.

Stanley Anderson, Professor of Animal Husbandry at Texas Tech College, Lubbock, will be the judge.

Premiums and expenses of the show, amounting to approximately \$3,000, is provided through the Mitchell County United Fund.

In addition to the cash premiums, awards will be given for the Best Calf Showman; Best Lamb Showman; and Best Hog Showman. Exhibitors can not compete for these awards if previously won in the same division.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas Honored At Party
Mrs. W. S. Thomas was complimented at a surprise party at her newly purchased home on Grey Street on Friday afternoon.

The group gathered at the home of Mrs. Jasper Doyle and went in a group to Mrs. Thomas home at 2:30 bringing miscellaneous linen and household gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Doyle, Bessie Johnson, S. H. Hart and J. D. McDonald, who served refreshments of cookies and coffee to the honoree and Mrs. Bert Sheppard, Murry Carpenter, Ace Lee, W. W. Woods, Phil Horton, Minnie Fairbairn, Cora Hall and Wiley Walker.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted after Jan. 1: Mrs. L. L. Medlock, Harold Brazil, Willis Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Treadway, Roscoe, Mrs. Lettie Ann McCarty, Mrs. Benny Cornutt, James Herm, Mrs. Freddie Bowlin, Colorado City; Anita Brooks, Westbrook; Ricky Dale Wenken, Hermleigh; James Weldon Hale, Mrs. Albert Beights, Ricky Beights, Mrs. R. J. Baumann, Mrs. Sylvester Rose; Elbert Stewart, Mrs. Clyde Banks, Bessie Mahoney, Howard Preston, Mrs. R. H. Hays, Mrs. W. C. Courtney, Larry Young, Belin Garcia, Joe D. Garcia, Jr., Mrs. Julian Lopez, Maylon Compton, Marcell Sheppard, Otto Hackfeld, Mrs. Clifton Henderson, Debra Compton, Mrs. Jose Jimenez, Jerry Robertson, Mrs. Lee Roy Cornutt, Milton Robertson, O. W. Matlock, Leroy Ragain, Jr., Sue Cox, Mildred Moppin, Charles Lee Griffin, Stephen Griffin, David Lee Griffin, Johnnie Claxton, Carolyn Garcia, E. C. Gale, Yvonne Chanez, Gloria Aguilar, Mrs. Abraham Castro, Loraine.

Surgey: Mrs. Sylvester Rose. Accident: Mrs. Clyde Banks. Dismissed: Mrs. L. G. Slatter, Earlie Rose, Mrs. Clyde Banks, James Wayne Hale, Mrs. Albert Beights, Ricky Beights, Willis Hughes, Mrs. R. J. Baumann, Howard Preston, Elbert Stewart, Larry Young, Foyd Owens, Mrs. Sylvester Rose, Belen Garcia, Mrs. Walter Courtney, Mrs. H. Hays, Mrs. Lettie Ann McCarty, Joe Garcia, Jr., Mrs. Julian Lopez, Mrs. Milton DeWitt, Mrs. L. L. Medlock, Debra Compton, Mrs. Benny Cornutt, O. W. Matlock, Harold Brazil, Leroy Ragain, Jr., James Herm, Mrs. Clifton Henderson, Jerry Robertson, Sue Cox, Milton Robertson, Mrs. J. H. Treadway, Anita Brooks, Mrs. Jose Jimenez, Johnnie Claxton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mercer of Hermleigh spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Finley of Anson spent Sunday in the Charles Finley home.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hollis of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scarborough Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Land and children of Big Spring spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Land, and Mr. and Mrs. Land returned home with them to spend a few days in their home and with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Homan.

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Judging Team Takes Third At Iraan Meet

A livestock judging team from the Loraine F.F.A. Chapter placed third in overall judging at the Iraan Invitational Livestock judging contest held at Iraan on Saturday, January 12.

Ronald Haley of Loraine was high individual in sheep judging and also tied for first place as high individual in overall judging.

Odesa placed first in the contest with 1039 points; Ozona was second with 1034 points; Loraine third with 1031 points; and Fort Davis fourth with 1027 points.

Members of the Loraine team were Ronald Haley, Tommy Linam and Darrell Owen.

Former Lorainian Dies At Colorado City

Mrs. L. W. Compton, 41, died at her home in Colorado City Tuesday afternoon following a long illness.

Mrs. Compton was born in Loraine, Ina Bess Lee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee. She was married to L. W. Compton September 19, 1936. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, four children, Mary Beth, Marsha Ellen, Clinton and Steven, all at home; four brothers, Olen Lee of Loraine, Aldin Lee of Roswell, New Mexico, Raymond Lee of Westbrook, and Elvis Lee of Houston; four sisters, Mrs. Jess Davidson of Odesa, Mrs. Clyde Slaughter of Eagle Pass, Mrs. L. D. Brookshire of Midland, and Mrs. Terry Turnbow of Eagle Pass.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. today at the Church of Christ in Colorado City with Minister Floyd Spivey officiating. Burial will be in the Colorado Cemetery under direction of Kiker and Son.

MRS. ISOM TEACHING IN COAHOMA SCHOOL

Mrs. Henri Gay Isom, who for many years taught in the Loraine school, has accepted a position in the Coahoma school as English teacher and will begin work next Monday.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Ray Preston hosted a dinner Friday evening complimenting Ray on his birthday anniversary.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Riden of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Preston, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Furkew, Jr.

During the evening a singing and visiting were enjoyed. Others visiting during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hamilton and Keith.

WINS TRIP TO NEW YORK

Willard Pratt of Arlington, agent for Equitable Life Assurance Company, the past 9 months received a place for sales in a 17 state district for the year 1956 and won an expense paid trip to New York for himself and his wife.

Willard has only been with the company since April 1, 1956, when he received his discharge from the U. S. Navy but came out in second place in the contest with his sales amounting to \$1,700,000.

He and Mrs. Pratt are expected to return from New York today. Their little son Ross has been here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt, while his parents have been away.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Anders returned home Tuesday after attending the funeral of his cousin, Edward Grier, in Dallas Monday and visiting with his mother, Mrs. J. L. Anders, and with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shields, in Fort Worth.

Two New Teachers Added To Faculty

Two new teachers were added to the grade school faculty beginning at mid-term.

Mrs. Ray Preston began work Monday as teacher of one of the classes of the 5th and 6th grade students. These two grades had been together and were divided into two classes.

Mrs. Rosemary Servies of Colorado City is the new teacher for the seventh grade and also teaches English 1. Coach Esterlin, who has taught the seventh grade, will teach high school English, taking the place of Gerrell Moore who resigned this position.

Supt. Robbins announced this week that 49 new pupils had been enrolled in the school since the Christmas holidays; 47 of these were in grade school and 2 in high school. This brought the total grade school pupils to 305 and the high school to 101.

Basketball Teams Win At Fluvana

Loraine won second place in the Jayton tournament Saturday night, January 12. Jayton was winner of first place.

Both boys and girls teams of Loraine won over the Fluvana Buffaloes at Fluvana Tuesday night. Gerald Martin was high point boy and Patsy Hudgins was high on the girls team.

The local teams will play Ira here Friday night in district games.

P. T. A. Meeting Held Last Thursday

The January meeting of the Parents Teachers was held at the lunch room at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 10, with Mrs. Garland Cary in charge of the program.

A group of girls, Judy Hudgins, Tina White, Dora Griffin and Gayla Lee sang Six Full Hours, accompanied at the piano by Golda Cary.

Mrs. Cary read the devotional from Proverbs and Mrs. Earl Phillips led in opening prayer. Mrs. Cary gave a talk on the subject, We the People Link our Schools with Life.

After the program, Mrs. Earl Phillips directed the business meeting in the absence of the president, Don Robbins.

The second and fifth grades in Grade School and the Freshman class in High School received books for having the most representative present.

Cookies and coffee was served.

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Rickie Don, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Audie Graham of Ackerley under went surgery for the removal of one eye in a San Anisotio Hospital last week.

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Visiting in Ackerley in the Graham home and with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiggins, maternal grandparents of Rickie, were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiggins and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Wiggins.

Mrs. Bob Price and friend of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huse Narrell Saturday.

Sue Alsobrook Honored At Party

Miss Sue Alsobrook, bride elect of Edward Ralph Barnett of Sweetwater, was complimented at a prenuptial gift shower in the home of Mrs. Elmer Johnson Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Pink and white, chosen colors of the honoree, were used in floral and table decorations.

The table was laid with a white linen outwork cloth over pink satin and was centered with the crystal punch bowl surrounded with a wreath of greenery and pink carnations.

Centering the buffet was a big white wedding bell and miniature bride couple flanked by crystal vases holding pink carnations.

The living room mantle was centered by a miniature white church flanked by burning tapers in crystal holders.

Plate favors were pink wedding bells. Misses Priscilla Givens, Jackie Coffee and Juanelle Finley served cake squares and punch.

Misses Jackie Richey and Connie Liles registered guests and gifts.

Mrs. S. R. Wilkinson played accordion music, Melody of Love and Always and accompanied by Connie Sue Butler and Maxie Sheppard sang My Happiness, and as Jackie Richey sang Because and I Love You Truly. As the last strains of her song were heard, a love song from record in the little church on the mantle began playing.

Mrs. W. F. James gave a toast to the bride. A Recipe for Happiness and the Prayer of the Bride.

Miss Berta Alsobrook made the announcement of details of the coming wedding of the couple by having the guests help her fill in blanks in the story with descriptive adjectives. When completed, a very humorous story was read.

Out of town guests registered included Mrs. S. R. Wilkinson and Miss Jettie Richardson of Colorado City.

Co-hosts with Mrs. Johnson for the occasion were Mrs. Ira Coffee, Luther Anders, Jay Thompson, Gene Liles, R. B. Cope, Hubert Thomas, Lester Finley, L. V. Templeton, Glen Coon, Doyle Hester, Tom Finley, Paul Barron, W. I. Barron, R. F. Mote, S. R. Wilkinson, Harold Johnson, Olen Lee, A. Baumann, Frances James, R. H. McDaniel, S. J. Coffee, Ivan Rhodes.

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Mahon Introduces Bill In Congress To Help Stricken Farmers-Ranchers

Washington, Jan 10 (Special) Rep. George Mahon of the 19th District has joined with several other Texas Congressmen and Senators in introducing legislation in the new session of Congress designed to bring early assistance to the drought stricken areas of Texas and the Southwest.

The proposal as worked out and presented was termed a two-fold approach to the drought problem.

The bill was described on the floor of the house by Rep. Bob Poage of Waco, vice chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, as calling for immediate assistance to farmers and ranchers in the wide area of Texas and the Southwest who are in desperate need of help.

Mahon and Poage pointed out that the prime purpose of the bill would require the Department of Agriculture to make payments to land owners who will agree to defer the use of their depleted pasture lands for periods of not less than 12

Jack Walker Has Good Irrigation Well

Irrigation wells continue to be drilled in the area at a regular pace.

One of the best wells reported recently was one that produced more than 800 gallons per minute for a period of three hours and at the end of the test water in the well was not lowered below 71 feet.

The well is on the old Baker section just South of Champion Creek on land that now belongs to Jack Walker. The well was drilled to a depth of 130 feet and has 67 feet of water sand.

Soil Conservation Work Progressing

In spite of the current drought or because of it, conservation work is progressing in Mitchell County. Soil Conservation Personnel have had a full schedule servicing requests for terrace systems, diversion terraces, sprinkler irrigation systems and irrigation reservoirs.

Terrace system have recently been designed and are in the process of completion on the following farms: Mr. A. R. Moore, James Kelley, Richard Howell, Roy Howell, Don Burrus, H. Cranfill, Mrs. C. O. Powell, Essie E. Kirby.

Requests have also been received for terrace systems from the following persons: Warren Anderson, Tom P. Williams, Thomas F. Mathis, James C. Hall, Jr., D. W. Wallace Estate, Mrs. Jewel McFarland, Don Blasingame, Chas. F. Franklin, Jr.

Sprinkler irrigation systems have been designed for John Turner, James Barkley and Earl Hammark.

Diversion terraces have been designed for Romaine Hammond, David S. Bodzin, Roy Howell, John Latty and Jack Walker.

Course Offered In Civil Defense

The Federal Civil Defense Administration today broadened its program for drawing up civil defense plans designed to assure the survival of 55,000,000 persons who live in rural America.

The agency scheduled for January 14-15 at FCDA headquarters, Battle Creek, Mich., the first course ever given in rural civil defense planning.

Designed primarily for county and rural area civil defense directors, the course will emphasize the vital support role which these men play in the nation's potential target cities would be expected to play in the event of an attack on the United States.

The course will feature a briefing on strategic civil defense problems. It will detail our possible enemies' potential for attack and the possible nature and scope of assault.

The threat of radioactive fallout, capable of being carried to rural areas hundreds of miles downwind from the point of explosion, also will be stressed. Also on the agenda will be a discussion of defense against atomic, biological and chemical warfare aimed at animals and crops.

A special feature of the course will be a two-day exercise in which a civil defense plan will be organized for hypothetical county. Course participants will be assigned operating positions in the organization and will act upon situations that might arise before, during and after an attack. Situations emphasizing agricultural production, processing and distribution problems in the post-attack and rehabilitation periods will be included.

The FCDA Staff College, in cooperation with the Tactical Operations Office, will conduct the course.

There is no tuition charge. Enrollment forms are available from FCDA Regional, Territorial, State and local Civil Defense Offices or from the Director, FCDA Staff College, Battle Creek.

ATTEND LUBBOCK CLINIC

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Electrolysis dealers for this territory, were in Lubbock Monday attending an Electrolysis clinic and banquet.

SON IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Battle of Austin are announcing the birth of a son, Richard, on January 14. Mrs. Vanda Martin is maternal grandmother.

Dr. and Mrs. Garland Faulkenberry and children of Brownfield visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry, Sunday

Farmers Union To Secure Mexican Nationals For Farmers of This Area

Victor Hackfeld Gets Degree At A & M

A Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education will be conferred upon Victor W. Hackfeld of Loraine at Texas A. and M. College January 19. He is the son of Mrs. Otto H. Hackfeld and the late Mr. Hackfeld.

While at A. and M. he has been a Distinguished Student and a member of the Collegiate FFA Chapter and Alpha Zeta, an agricultural honor society.

A graduate assistantship in Agricultural Economics has been awarded Victor and he plans to remain at A. and M. until he completes a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics.

He and his wife, the former Wilma Nations, live at College View apartments. Mrs. Hackfeld is employed as a secretary in the Agricultural Extension Service of A. and M. College.

Dr. Webb Speaks At Texas Tech Jan. 22-23

Lubbock, Jan. 17-World famed Historian Walter Prescott Webb will be principal speaker at a West Texas Assembly on Regional Development, scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 22-23, at Texas Tech.

Dr. Webb, a recognized authority on Texas water problems, will speak on that subject during an Assembly dinner at 6:30 P. M. Tuesday in the Tech Union building. He is a history professor at The University of Texas.

Representatives of citizens' groups in 35 or more West Texas communities will attend the Assembly, which will draft recommendations for area development.

The Tech Adult Education Program will sponsor the assembly.

HERE TO ATTEND HACKFELD FUNERAL

Relatives from out of town here to attend the funeral of Otto Hackfeld were Mr. and Mrs. Arno Stratman, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Poe, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fritsch, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spies, Mrs. Tim Ehlers, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Bessie Spies, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, Victoria; Mrs. Joe Klitsch, Mrs. Arthur Spies, Shiner; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Spies, August Spies, of Hallettsville; W. E. Adams, San Antonio; Otto Stroach, Rowena; Mrs. Leon Ford, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Zetman, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Patterson, Henry Vogler, Marvin Onken, Winters; August Bredemeyer, Bradshaw, John Onken, Winters.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ
Most of us have our income tax withheld from our salaries by our employers during the year and like it that way. Some of us, however, pay income tax through quarterly payments. Folks who pay their income tax through quarterly payments often make a very common error. In filing their tax return, they claim to have paid four quarterly payments on their tax when actually they have paid only three. Payments and are filing their tax returns and paying the tax instead of making the fourth payment. If you paid estimated tax during the year, be sure to claim only the tax you have paid.

ATTEND TEA HONORING GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers attended a gift tea honoring their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Murphy, at the Dr. Jarratt home in Big Spring Tuesday night.

The couple, married January 14, will make their home in Amarillo, where Mr. Murphy is employed by Amarillo Hardware Co. Mrs. Murphy is the former Rita Kay Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reeves and family of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Price Hall.

Fifteen Years Ago In Loraine

(Taken from files of the Mitchell County News January 15, 1942.)

The Craighead Hatchery installed two new Robin Incubators with a capacity of 64,000 eggs.

Fire at the Lorex Theatre Monday night did considerable damage to the projecting machines and a small place in the ceiling.

Mrs. Horace Miles and Mrs. John Marshall were host to the Gleaners S. S. class.

James Wayland Roberts was introduced in the Senior News.

Two Loraine High School seniors, James Loftis and Thomas Robertson have joined the U.S. Navy.

Supt. Ed E. Williams attended a Conference of school executives and teachers in Austin.

The Mitchell County Farmers Union met at the Lions Club building in Loraine Tuesday night with 36 members present. The new officers for 1957 were in charge.

The meeting opened with the group singing with Peggy Williams at the piano and her sister Penny directing.

In the business session directors were elected to organize and direct an association to secure Mexican Nationals for local farmers. Those elected are Anton Henderon of Westbrook, Hulet Williams and Dennis Fortenberry of Colorado City, Jack Linam and Guy Hildebrand of Loraine.

Price Hall was elected as the Mitchell County Farmers Union delegate for the bus trip to Washington, D. C., on January 25th. The trip is sponsored by the National Farmers Union to present the ideas of local farmers on farm legislation to Members of Congress. Two full bus loads will take the trip from various counties of Texas.

Jack Linam made a short talk, giving the latest information on the Soil Bank.

After the group sang God Bless America, coffee and cake were served by the ladies.

Extension Service Issues Publication On Irrigation

College Station, Jan. 10-"Thinking of Irrigation" is the title of a publication just released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and it is available without cost from the offices of local county agents or from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

Extension Irrigation Specialist R. V. Thurmond, the author, has listed in concise form the most important considerations for those contemplating an irrigation program for their farm. Illustrations are used to emphasize and clarify the facts listed.

Such items as water supply, soils, crops, methods of applying water, equipment and planning and designing the system are covered in the publication. The final test comes, says Thurmond, then these cost factors are all added together-water cost, extra equipment, taxes, maintenance, fertilizer, depreciation, interest on investment and labor-and compared upon as short time proposition but as a change in far management and operation which will affect farm production and income for a long period of time, says Thurmond.

To be profitable, the engineer emphasizes that income must be increased enough through the use of irrigation to offset the additional costs. Installing an irrigation system should not be looked upon as short time proposition but as a change in far management and operation which will affect farm production and income for a long period of time, says Thurmond.

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HOST CLASS PARTY

The January meeting of the Couples Sunday School class of the Methodist Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Blair Thursday evening, January 10.

Games of 42 were played and visiting and active games for the children were enjoyed.

Coffee, Cokes and cookies were served to the class teacher, J. B. Mahon, Rev. and Mrs. Allen Adams and son Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Templeton and the Blairs.

JUNIOR G. A.'S.

The Junior G. A.'s met Monday at 4 P. M. in the home of Mrs. Roy Little.

The mission program was presented by Peggy Phillips, Janie Lee, Joyce Lynn Furlow and Loretta Tarrt. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Wimberley.

G. A.'s attending were Sue Wimberley, Ann Dickenson, Carroll Little, Ann Compton, Rachel Beights, Janie Lee, Peggy Phillips, Joyce Lynn Furlow, Loretta Tarrt and Joretta Hall.

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OFFICE POOL—For a cool office, it's a pool office. The steering committee of the National Swimming Pool Institute demonstrates the theory, and the boss doesn't have to keep his shirt on, either. As mid-90 degree temperatures roasted Chicago residents, Jere Gottschalk, left, Dan Baldwin and Phyllis Ryan, all from the northern Illinois area, pooled efforts for convention fun.

BAPTIST W. M. U. CIRCLES

The Willie Mae Kennedy Circle met with Mrs. Bud Shepherd Monday afternoon with Mrs. Dan Butler bringing the lesson from the last chapter in the study book, The Tarnished Helmet.

Mrs. L. E. Crutcher led in opening prayer. Mrs. Shepherd brought the devotional, reading the 15th Psalm.

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler led in closing prayer. Refreshment were served to Mmes: L. C. Crutcher, Pauline Smiley, Dexter Taylor, Della Claxton, Dan Butler and Raymond Wheeler.

The Mae Taylor Circle met with Mrs. Jack Richey Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. D. Miles and Mrs. J. W. King co-hosts.

Meeting opened with group singing Take Time To Be Holy and prayer by Mrs. J. C. Hall.

In the business meeting it was voted to ask Mrs. Lucas to write Miss Dale Moore in Nigeria, Africa, for new information on the life of the missionaries the circle is now studying about.

Mrs. Lucas taught the second chapter in the book, Back Side of Nowhere, and Mrs. Leach led the closing prayer.

The next meeting of the circle will be with Mrs. Edwin Hallmark.

Refreshments of frosted Cokes and cheese filled crackers were served by the hostesses to Mmes: Lucas, R. K. Thornhill, H. L. Leach, Dottie Marshall, B. B. Lee, A. J. Barron, Jr. C. Hall.

W.S.C.S. STUDY

Mrs. J. G. Bruce gave the introduction and the first chapter in the new study book, Paul's Letters to the Local Churches, at the regular meeting of the local W.S.C.S. Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Martin arranged the worship center in front of the altar in the sanctuary. A miniature white church centered the arrangement with greenery in the background.

Mrs. Jim Johnson gave the devotional and prayer which was followed by group singing Just a Closer Walk With God.

Mrs. Martin gave a talk on The Church and brought out four points: 1. I am your Church; 2. What is the Church; 3. The Church of God is There; and 4. My Church.

Mrs. Percy Bond led the discussion of interesting questions on the life of Paul and Mrs. Allen Adams closed the lesson with prayer.

Mrs. Martin announced a meeting of the Sub-District W. S. C. S. to be held at the Buford Methodist Church Thursday, January 17.

Fourteen members were present.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Zuch of Austin visited Mrs. W. C. Dueterhoef and Mrs. Bessie Mahoney as they were returning from Lubbock. Mrs. Dueterhoef of Austin has been here with her mother the past week while she is a patient in Johnson Hospital.

Owen Nelson of Abilene spent Wednesday night with his aunts Miss Lillie Nelson and Mrs. W. E. Dickenson.

Connie Liles of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Liles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thomas attended a Chinchilla meeting in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

W. C. Dueterhoef of Austin spent the weekend here with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Mahoney and Nubbin. Mrs. Dueterhoef has been here the past ten days with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Mahoney, who is a patient in Johnson Hospital.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Mrs. Bessie Johnson were guests at a six o'clock dinner hosted by Mrs. C. P. Gary and Miss Elizabeth McDonald in Colorado City Friday evening.

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SMELLS AS SWEET—Billy Chapman does an untidy bend to take a man-size whiff of a rose blossom in his back yard at McLean, Va. Only 15 months old, Billy goes from plant to plant, making his own floral inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Kegans, Rusty and Chad, of Odessa spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker. David Terry returned home with them for a visit with Rusty.

Lt. and Mrs. Ragain Martin of Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, visited his mother, Mrs. Doris Martin last week after being in Dallas where they visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. David G. Hunt and twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leach visited in the home of his niece, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parsons and baby, in Colorado City Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mahon made a business trip to Lubbock Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Mrs. Bessie Johnson were guests at a six o'clock dinner hosted by Mrs. C. P. Gary and Miss Elizabeth McDonald in Colorado City Friday evening.



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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richey Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong of Colorado City.

Mrs. M. M. Page of Lubbock spent Friday night with her mother and sister, Mrs. Sallie Clement and Mrs. G. K. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Carpenter and children of Andrews spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter.

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The highest temperature ever recorded under standard conditions was taken in northwestern Libya, 25 miles south of Tripoli, on Sept. 13, 1922. The thermometer soared to 136.4 degrees.

A new bill providing public library services for millions of Americans in rural areas has been signed into law. States would be required to put up funds to match federal grants, which benefit only towns of less than 10,000 population.

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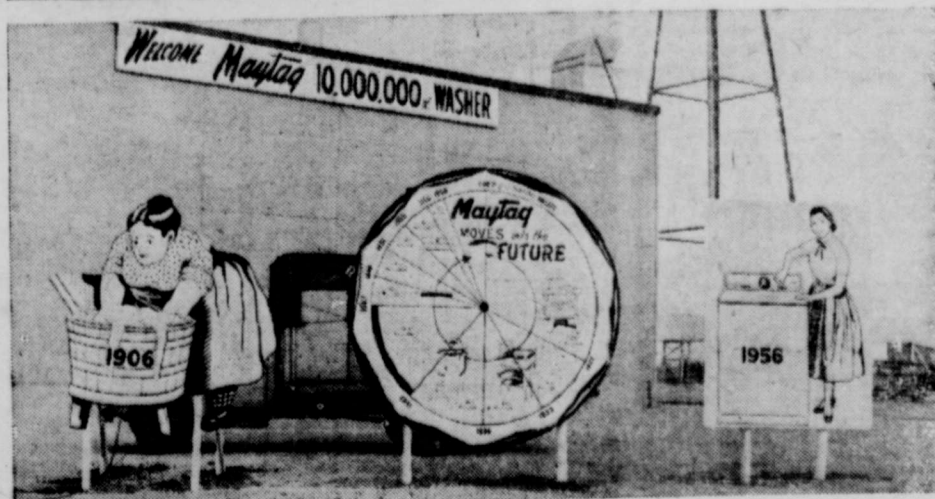
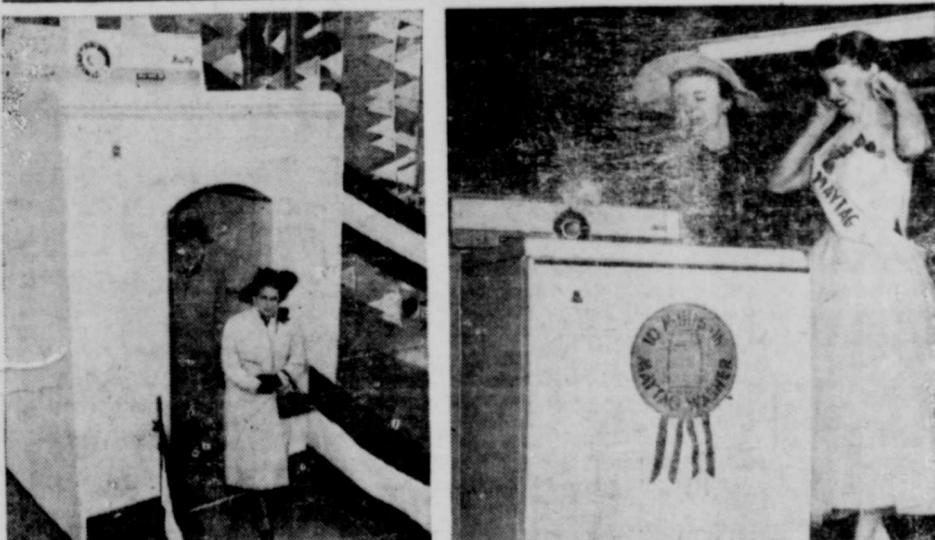
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Maytag Produces 10-Millionth Washer



The 10-Millionth Maytag washer truly came off the production line with a 'splash' as this independent laundry appliance manufacturer set a production record unequalled in the industry. Aerial bombs signaled completion of the historic machine, christened with a flagon of cold water, symbolizing Maytag's pioneering in cold water washing for synthetic fabrics. Christening (upper right) was done by Mary Margaret Christenson, Maytag home service director, as Maytag Queen Jerry Bellvaldi looks on. The ceremony was held at the Newton, Iowa, automatic washer and dryer plant of the 43-year-old firm. Besides production line ceremonies, the 10-millionth celebration included an open house and plant tours for the

community and an all-employee party and dance in an adjoining warehouse. Tour visitors passed through a giant replica of the Maytag All-Fabric automatic washer (upper left). Chronology of Maytag's 10 million washers was shown on a large sign (above). At a 10-millionth day luncheon, B. J. Hank, president of the American Home Laundry Manufacturers' association, said, "This is a production milestone reached by no other company in the industry. One of the oldest companies in the home laundry appliance industry, Maytag is not only the leader today in the total number of washing machines produced, but also in the total number in use."

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By John C. White, Commissioner

More Eggs Per Hen

Texas egg production may come into its own during 1957 if the Legislature gives it the needed boost through a uniform grading inspection law.

Such legal protection, assuring the consumer of good quality by approved standards, should increase considerably the value of the egg on the market shelf. The next logical step for the farmer is to get increased egg production through efficient management.

High egg production, high efficiency and low mortality in the laying flock are going to be related to the bird's comfort. An extra two dozen eggs per layer, a saving of one-half pound of feed per dozen on all eggs produced, and a reduction in mortality of 5 percent can mean \$120-\$150 extra income per 100 laying hens.

One item often overlooked is ventilation. Proper ventilation of laying houses is necessary for

providing fresh air and removing excessive moisture. Faulty ventilation can result in wide variations in house temperatures which will affect feed consumption and egg production.

Insulation of the poultry house makes ventilation fairly easy and helps: (1) Conserve heat in winter, (2) Keep houses cooler in summer, (3) Prevents extremes in temperature changes, (4) Promotes better circulation because of temperature difference between inside and outside air.

The tendency is to under-ventilate in cold weather to avoid chilling the birds. Reports from a number of experimental stations show that "comfort zone" of laying hens is between 40-65 degrees.

As a rule, inlets for bringing fresh air in through openings not less than two feet above the floor.

Windows and other openings

should be adjusted to protect birds from direct drafts. In general, "top tilt" windows are most satisfactory and they should be protected with side shields. Outlets for foul air should be at the highest point of the ceiling and should be designed to prevent closing to drafts or excessive heat losses.

Attention to these factors will help reach the goal of a more profitable laying flock.

Cities Add Water To Low Supply

Temple, Jan. 10. Water-short Texas towns are waking up to the opportunity of adding to their water supplies through the Department of Agriculture watershed protection and flood prevention in the Trinity and Colorado River watersheds and in local projects assisted under Public Law 566.

State Conservationist H. N. Smith of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service reports growing interest on the part of municipalities eager to pay added costs to provide needed water storage behind floodwater retarding dams.

Smith explained that the dams are designed as detention struc-

tures primarily. Their purpose is to slow down floodwaters and release them automatically at a rate stream channels can hold. Each dam must first be justified on the basis of its usefulness in flood prevention. Water storage for any purpose other than flood prevention must be secondary and in keeping with state law.

Applications for SCS help under the comparatively new Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 566) now total 113, Smith reported. Modification of the Act has made it easier for municipalities and special purpose districts to make use of the program in meeting local water needs.

In the new watershed protection program, municipalities or other authorized organizations can build water storage into a floodwater retarding structure by paying the difference in cost, Smith explained. The city of Kaufman, in the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil Conservation District, was the first Texas city to take advantage of the water-storage opportunity.

Added capacity of 1834 acre feet was built into a floodwater retarding structure on Big Cottonwood Creek, a small watershed in the Big Upper Trinity flood prevention program.

The 1834 acre feet of storage—nearly 600 million gallons—was provided at a cost to Kaufman of \$18,114.

Smith said construction has started on a similar project near Coolidge, Texas, to provide 355 acre feet of storage for that city in the Pin Oak Creek watershed program.

In the new watershed protection program the government can lend up to \$5 million for periods of as long as 50 years at a rate of about 2½ percent. The loan is retired on an annual basis. There is no such loan provision in the older Upper Trinity and Middle Colorado flood prevention program.

SCS is authorized by the new law to cooperate with local subdivisions of government in building structures up to 5000 acre feet of floodwater detention capacity. Additional storage up to 25,000 acre feet in total capacity can be provided for municipal water supplies.

A city or water district must use its own engineer or employ one to determine water needs and suitability of the watershed and the proposed structure for a municipal supply. The local engineer may re-design the dam to include the additional storage, or the city or water district may use SCS engineering help and reimburse the agency.

Smith explained that the objective of the locally sponsored watershed programs to give protection to land, crops and property against flood damage. Soil conservation treatment of land in the watershed fundamental. It insures a longperiod of usefulness for the floodwater retarding structures by reducing sediment carried by runoff into streams and reservoirs. It also benefits

the farmer and rancher through more efficient use of land and available moisture.

Tim Hamilton spent Friday night with Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Hartley in Sweetwater.

Attends Lions Meeting in Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston, Dr. Joe Terry, Varnell Templeton, Gene Baird and Woodrow Pratt attended the Midwinter Conference for Lions Clubs of District 272 in Odessa Thursday.

Ben Clifton is in the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring for treatment.

Leo Schultz of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schultz, Wednesday.

STORY NO. 3

Mexican Border Troubles of 1915-17 Hatched in Parr Capital, San Diego

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—Like his father, George Bertram Parr is a small man as Texans go. In him there is a curious touch of Pancho Villa, or Robin Hood.

A psychologist could explain Parr much better than I can explain his sometimes baffling behavior.

"Unlike his father, George Parr is trigger-tempered, often to the point of rashness. For example, there is the incident of a few weeks ago when a Duval County commissioner, Thomas H. Molina, angered him. Parr grabbed a rifle and raged out of his office and into the Courthouse across the street, shouting for Molina. He was cornered in the basement by Ranger Walter Russel and disarmed.

Parr's white hair is dyed red, a mahogany red. In contrast to both the "Anglos" and the Latins, he always dresses neatly in a business suit. He is deep-tanned, soft spoken and there is much about him that is charming—and disarming. He lives high and, among other things, loves fast horses and bull fights.

"And he won't listen to anybody," one of his top lawyers told me. "If he'd listen to his attorneys when they flash a red light on him he wouldn't get into half as much trouble."

George Parr, age 55, is a lawyer himself although his only client is George B. Parr.

I watched Parr on the night of the July 28 primaries. The polls were just about to close when I talked to him. He was a very busy man, issuing orders right and left in rapid Spanish, giving followers crisp green bills and sending them on errands. He seemed harassed, even wistful. The scene was the Mexican-style plaza in front of the church of San Pablo.

Parr's people, hundreds of them, milled around in the dusk under the trees. Across the street from the Parr house was anti-Parr headquarters—and between the two groups armed Texas Rangers under Captain Alfred Allee moved quietly. The atmosphere was tense and electric. San Diego police, often called Parr's pistoleros, under Chief Manuel Amaya, circulated through the two groups, guns slapping against their thighs. The street in front of the City Hall, across the plaza from the church, had been roped off by the Rangers.

I was watching Parr when the soft bell of the angelus rang from the Church of San Pablo. He stopped talking and stood quite still. Around him his people became silent. Hats came off. Here and there a woman lifted her mantilla, nun-like, over her dark hair.

The last echo of the Angelus had long gone when the spell was broken by juke box music from a candy store.

It was difficult just then to imagine San Diego, Texas, as the hottest spot in Texas politics, as

the scene of plundering, of murder—sixty three murders in just over a dozen years according to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd.

Yet the story of San Diego, of the Parris and of Duval is on the record. Beside my typewriter as this is written is a long list, three foolscap pages, of men and women who met sudden death in Duval in recent years. Duval from the first has been a county of violence. The man whose name the county bears, Capt. Burr H. Duval, was massacred with Fannin's men at Golad.

That frightening list of homicides, most of them unsolved and unpunished, might be doubled if the truth were known about many cases listed officially as suicide or accident.

For example, the death of Border Patrolman Ed Wheeler was first listed as accidental. Wheeler was, to use his own words, "about to blow the lid off Duval" in a narcotics report when his car went off the road and his body was found in the flaming wreck. Then the undertaker found a small bullet hole at the base of his skull.

Just for the record here are a few of the cases officially on the books as homicide:

Honorio Garza, knifed to death in San Diego; Jacinto Gutierrez, shot, San Diego; Ricardo Escobar, shot, Freer; Juan Elizondo, shot, Benavides; Rolando Ruiz, shot, San Diego; John F. Gilbert, shotgun, Freer; Rodolfo Munoz, shot, San Diego; Guy Hastings, shot, Freer; Frank Lotto, shot, San Diego... but why go on?

There is nothing on the record to show that these murders were political. Certainly the wanton slaying on September 9, 1932, of Jacob Floyd, Jr., was political. So were the killings of radio newsmen Bill Mason and of Edwin Wheeler.

Assistant Attorney General Sidney Chandler puts it this way: "Before Shepperd came here, if a man committed a crime in Duval, including murder, it depended on which side of the fence he was on whether he got punished or not. The evidence didn't matter. It was how the jury voted. If the machine wanted you acquitted, you were acquitted."

"It worked another way, too. If a man killed another man, in a fit of temper or for any other reason, and he was acquitted, then the machine could count on his loyalty and the loyalty of his family from then on."

No matter how the figures for violent death in Duval are interpreted, one fact is grimly clear: they are far higher than the national average. The suicide rate, for example, is more than four times that for the United States as a whole—and Latins, being Catholic, do not commit suicide. The Mexican-American is intensely religious and to him suicide is a mortal sin, punishable by an eternity of damnation. It was just forty-one years ago,

January 20, 1915, when George Bertram Parr was in his 'teens, that a man named Basilio Ramos, age 24, was arrested in McAllen, Texas, with a copy of the utterly fantastic "El Plano de San Diego" on his person. Ramos, alias Garza, promptly became a celebrity and the Federal Government moved fast to take over jurisdiction.

The plan was for revolution against the United States.

In San Diego today they'll show you the sun-blasted building where the plan was hatched in August, 1914, and they'll tell you of the future comings and goings of mysterious men supposedly agents of the Imperial General Staff in Berlin.

The San Diego plot wasn't taken too seriously at the time, but in 1917 when the famous Zimmerman note, a document that helped put the United States into World War I, was intercepted and suddenly realized as a plan was real and not the product of raving crackpots. The mysterious strangers who conferred in San Diego with Mexican-Americans and with Huerta agents from Mexico were what they seemed to be.

Huerta, it will be remembered, was violent Mexican because President Wilson had refused to recognize his "government by assassination." Americans had captured Vera Cruz and Marine snipers had killed many Mexicans. Feelings ran high on both banks of the Rio Grande.

Under the plan Mexicans in five states—Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California—were to revolt on February 20, 1915, and declare an independent Mexican republic. A "liberating" Army would then "free" six states to the north and set up a Negro republic as a buffer state. All "Anglo" men—except Germans—were to be killed.

The whole insane idea from Germany's point of view was to keep the United States so busy on the Mexican border that she'd be unable to join the Allies in fighting the Central Powers in Europe.

Certainly the plan was mad and just as certainly it did have part of the effect the plotters wanted. The border area, including Duval, seethed with excitement and killings, with raids from both sides of the Rio Grande, with train robberies and the flames of burning ranch houses. More than 500 Americans lost their lives in the fighting before General Pershing and his troops restored a semblance of order.

A curious fact in the border troubles just preceding America's entrance into World War I was the deference paid to the word "Aleman"—German—by parties of raiding Mexicans. More than one "Anglo" saved his life by proclaiming himself "Aleman" when guns were leveled at his head.

It is against this background that the Parr political empire was erected and it is against this background that it still lives, tottering on its last leg under the continual legal slugging of Attorney General Shepperd, but still alive.

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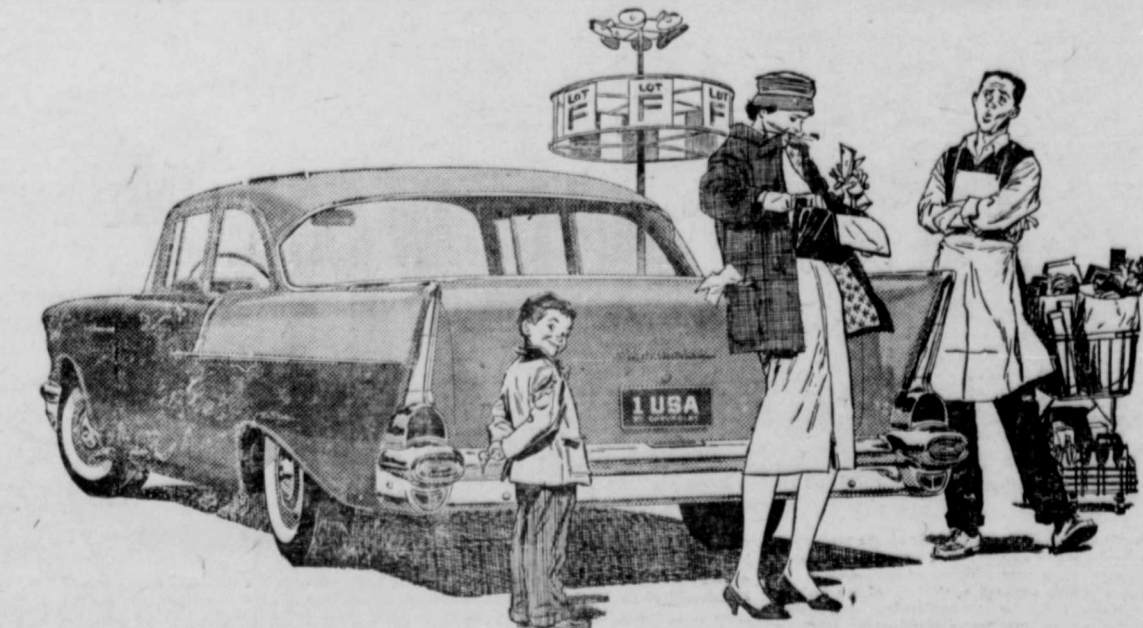
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