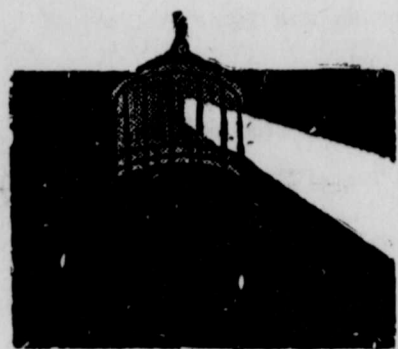




On The BEAM

J. W. KING, SR.

Congratulations to the First State Bank of Loraine for the historical marker that will be unveiled this week in appropriate ceremonies. The services offered by the bank have increased considerably since its organization.

Jack Scott, publisher of the Cross Plains Review, had a letter in the Dallas News Sunday pointing out some inaccuracies in the report published by the governor's committee on education. Mr. Scott pointed out that the committee published as a statistic that the dropout rate of public schools in Texas is 23 per cent. "This may be true in the large factory-like education; al systems, but is grossly exaggerated as far as smaller schools are concerned," Mr. Scott said.

Mr. Scott went on to say that Texas Small School Association reported in December that the dropout rate for schools in its membership was 1.5 per cent. Since this is only one fifteenth as many losses as are being suffered by the big-city schools, one wonders if change should not be in direct contradiction to the committee's report. More small schools should be established, certainly none abolished. Mr. Scott closed his letter with this paragraph: "There are so many questionable statements in the report by COPSE that one wonders about the accuracy of any of it. It is particularly doubtful that the suggested changes are worth the 240 per cent tax increase which proponents admit is necessary for financing."

Miss Boyd Honored At Gift Party

Miss Marie Boyd, bride-elect of Harvey Mallard of Roby, was complimented at a pre-nuptial gift party in the home of Mrs. Texter Taylor, from 7 to 9 p. m. Thursday evening.

Mrs. Taylor welcomed guests and introduced the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Audie Boyd, and the prospective bridegroom's mother, Mrs. W. B. Mallard of Roby. Complimenting their costumes, they were corsages of pink carnations.

Mrs. A. J. Barron and Mrs. George Lee presided at the refreshment table, serving punch, cookies, nuts and mints. The table was laid with lace cloth and held an arrangement of pink roses.

Miss Rita Sue Barron registered gifts and Miss Teresa Brewer registered guests. Also in the house party was Mrs. Stella Ellington.

Mrs. A. R. Miles played selections of old time love songs during the calling hours, with others joining in singing verses of the songs.

The array of miscellaneous gifts was on display and shown to callers.

Miss Boyd and Mr. Mallard will be married at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Boyd in Colorado City on Feb. 14th.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Taylor were Mmes. Wade Preston, Jap Doyle, Hubert Thomas, Earl Phillips, Ed Small, Edwin Hallmark, Vance Dickenson, Thomas Riden, Bob Trout, George Lee, Joe Terry, Moody Richardson, Jack Brewer, Stella Ellington, Price Hall, Roy Baird, Loyd Brame, A. R. Miles, Herbert Mearse, Buck Taylor, A. J. Barron, Howard Tartt, Jeff Parker, W. D. Cain, Elton Young and Evert Henderson.

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Jr. High Boys Basketballers Win District 10-B Champions Crown

Loraine Junior High basketballers came through the season with a very impressive record of 15 wins and 0 defeats. The district tournament was played in Hermleigh last week with Loraine winning the title in the game played Saturday.

The Loraine team compiled a

total number of points for the season of 673 against the opposition who had 458 in scoring against the Loraine club. These points were compiled on 286 points scored on field goals while the opposition scored 179 -- the Loraine club scored 101 in free throws to 100 for the opposing teams. This brought the season average to 44.9 to 30.55 for the opposition -- the season average on free throws 211 - 230.

Individual players on this District Jr. High Championship team are:

David Minton, 77-25-179-11.9
Cleon Williams, 75-22-172-11.5
Mike Jones, 66-26-158-10.5
Robert Darnell, 45-16-106-7.1
Bobby Rose, 9-4-22-1.1
Isalah Williams, 5-4-14-99
Don Crawford, 5-1-11-7.4
Mike Givens, 3-11-7-47
Gary Scarber, 0-2-2-02
Doug Graham, 1-0-2-02

These young men are to be commended for their efforts to represent Loraine in the surrounding communities, they have represented our school well and have played their heart out as their record shows.

The basketball season has ended for the, and track will begin Monday.

Bank Marker Dedication

The Historical Marker dedication ceremonies for First State Bank will begin at 2:30 today at First Methodist Church. In appreciation of the many services rendered by the Bank for over 50 years, many interested citizens are expected to be present.

You will enjoy music by the local High School Band, and join in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. Most of all you will hear bits of history of Loraine and the Bank, as remembered by sons of pioneers.

Much could be said of the many men who have served faithfully on the Board of Directors. Mrs. Kirk Taylor, who will cut the ribbon to unveil the Historical Marker, is a member of the present Board. She is the widow of the late K. L. Taylor, who assumed the presidency of the bank in 1949. He held that office until his death, October 29, 1962. His first work in the Bank was as bookkeeper in 1928 and later as cashier. Mrs. Taylor was declared "inactive president" for a few months before Herbert Mearse became president.

The only other woman to serve on the Board of Directors was the late Mrs. R. E. Bennett of Loraine and Lubbock. She was chosen to replace her husband at his death June 12, 1932. She attended monthly meetings of the Board through 1947.

Registration at the church will begin at 2 p. m., to give time for a period of fellowship. Mrs. A. L. Geer, daughter of the late J. C. Hall, Mrs. Doyle Hester, a former bank employee and daughter of the late S. E. Brown, and Mrs. Rex McDaniel, presently a bank clerk and granddaughter of the late E. N. Riden, Loraine's first Justice of the Peace, whose office was in the Bank, will be in charge of registration.

Mrs. Preston Hosts Mary Martha Class

In a meeting of the Mary Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church Monday night, members voted to change the name of the class from Mary Martha to Ready Class.

The meeting was hosted by Mrs. Ray Preston and opened with members singing the class song, "Ready."

Mrs. E. J. Schroeder told the story about Birds and their habits and compared them to class members. She read scriptures from the Song of Solomon. She closed with telling her resolves of the Spring and each member told what Spring means to me.

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, class teacher, was presented a lovely vase for her birthday.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mmes. Schroeder, Wheeler, Herbert Mearse, Loyd Brame, Price Hall, Loyd Wiggins, Kenneth Butler, Jack Richey, Ed Small, Tom Graham, Billie Ruth Tartt and one visitor, Patsy Graham.

W. R. Ragain Rites Monday

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday at Smiley Street Church of Christ for William Robert Ragain, 76, who died Saturday at 1:15 in Johnson Hospital.

Archie Scarbrough, minister, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Clarence Minton, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Ragain married Ola Belle Shults on Dec. 19, 1914 in Checotah, Okla. She preceded him in death. He was a retired service station operator, and had been a resident of Loraine 35 years.

Survivors include two sons, Leroy of Colorado City, and Stanley of Nolan; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Evert Henderson, Jack Brewer, J. C. Hall Jr., Roy Richard, Marlin Moore and Murry Carpenter.

MOVE TO SNYDER

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chamness recently moved to Snyder. Mr. Chamness had been working in Snyder for several months as mechanic.

National Honor Society Chapter Hears Information on 'Careers'

The Loraine High School chapter of the National Honor Society met Tuesday, with President, Gaye Green, presiding. Joey Lucas gave the invocation.

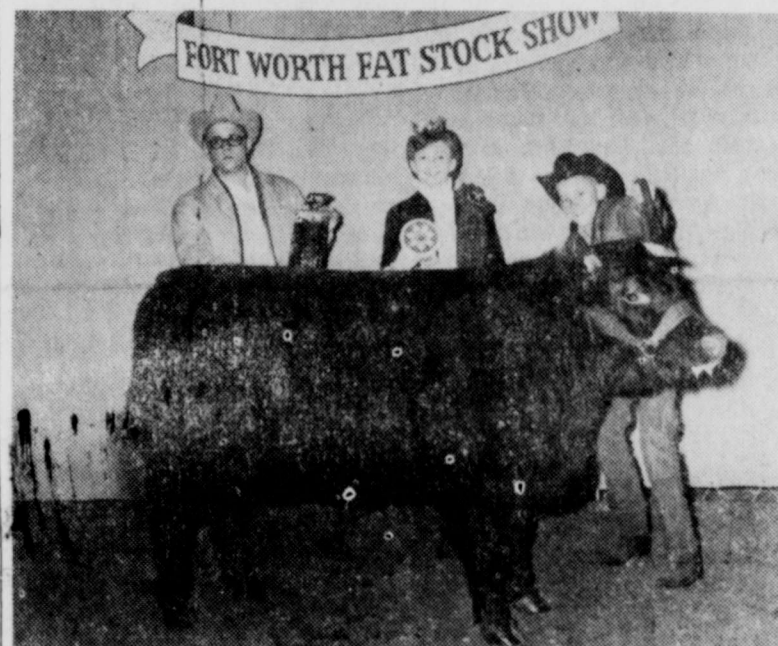
Karen Long, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Diana Chavez, Treasurer, gave her report. Debbie Oliver presented a report on the NHS scrapbook.

Information on Careers was presented by the sponsor, Preston C. Lightfoot. Bulletins were issued on Start Planning Now For Your Career, Career Opportunities and Preparations, Answers To Three Why's and Answer To Four Why's.

Tim Hamilton, Vice President,



Senior Calf Shorthorn Steer, Junior Show — Becky Merket, Loraine, Mitchell Co. 4-H



Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer, Junior Show — Terry King, Lyna Lowe, Eddie Merket, Mitchell Co. 4-H Club.

Hospital News

Admitted — Benito Valasquez, Ross Marshall, A. G. Redwine, Mrs. Ramona Meraz, Mrs. Gertrude Compton, Mrs. Cora Hall, Mrs. Effie Huntsman, Travis Hallmark, Wayne A. Mayfield, Mrs. A. J. Cajanek, Mrs. Amy Medlock, Mrs. W. D. Cain, R. J. Baumann, Mrs. Tanis Moreno, Jackie Dale Rogers, Von Dale Henry and Tommy Henry.

Dismissed — Mrs. Epigmenia Munoz, Mrs. Nellie Boone, Mrs. Ramona Meraz, Mrs. Jimmy Oden, Mrs. Earl Harris, Benito Valasquez, A. G. Redwine, Olen Howell, Wayne Mayfield, Mrs. A. J. Cajanek, Ross Marshall, Mrs. Effie Huntsman, Mrs. Gertrude Compton, Travis Hallmark, Charles Rogers, John Ellis.

IN ABILENE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Nellie Boone has been a patient in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene the past week, and was due to undergo surgery on Tuesday of this week.

Eddie Merket Is Ft. Worth Winner

Eddie Merket, of Loraine, has won Reserve Champion Heifer of the Junior Shorthorn Heifer Show at the 73rd Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which completed its 10-day run Feb. 2nd.

More than 10,000 animals competed in this year's show. W. R. Watt, Stock Show President and Manager, review the event as "one of our most outstanding," and announced that he and other officials are ready to begin work toward next year's show, scheduled Jan. 30 through Feb. 8th, 1970.

Eddie will carry one steer to enter in the Houston Show the last of February.

Baptist Women To Hear Book Review

"In Aloha Land," a Home Mission book, by Sue Saito Nishikawa, will be reviewed at the Baptist W.M.U. when they meet at 9 a. m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the church.

Mrs. Thomas Riden will review the book. This is a Home Mission book for the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Easter offering, which the church has set as a goal of \$350.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. All women of the church are invited.

Lions Pancake Supper February 28th

In a meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday, plans for the annual Pancake Supper were discussed. Date for the supper has been set for Feb. 28th, in the High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be 75c and 50c.

The Scouting program was discussed and Eddie Puckett and Jerry Watson will head the program.

School Board Sets Election Date; Extend Contracts of Five Teachers

In a meeting of the Loraine School Board Monday night, a Trustee Election was called for Saturday, April 5, 1969, and contracts renewed for five teachers.

The Trustee election will be April 5, and absentee voting will be conducted in the High School Principal's office, during regular school hours. Absentee voting judge is Vance Dickenson. Dates for absentee voting is from March 16 through April 1.

Final date for filing for candidacy for a position of trustee is midnight, March 6th. Applications for filing may be secured in the Superintendent's office. Qualification for being a candidate is that a person must be a qualified voter of the district. Terms of Dr. Joe Terry, Kenneth Butler and Loyd Brame expire this year.

Contracts of Vance Dickenson, High School Principal, Edith Wilkerson, Elementary Principal, Eddie Gill and Cherry Eldredge, Coaches, and Jerry Church, Title I, were extended for the school year 1969-70.

In other action, a report was given on the lunchroom. Attendance report was given for the third six weeks. A review of tax collections was given and the textbook committee's selections were ratified by the Board.

Fire Department Elects Officers

In a meeting of the Loraine Fire Department Monday night, all officers were re-elected for the new year, 1969.

These are: Chief J. C. (Bustle) Hall; Assistant Chief, Royce Beights; Captains, T. J. Green Jr. and Clay Graham; Secy-Treas. Wendell Banks; Chaplain, Rev. Ray Copeland; Sgt. At Arms, Tony Snyder; President, Archie Scarbrough.

Plans were made to have two banquets this year, one in May and the other in December. A program committee, composed of Royce Beights, chairman and Wendell Banks, Tony Snyder, Clay Graham and Ronald Bruce was appointed.

A committee composed of Edgar Halton, chairman, Earl Phillips Alton Robinson was appointed to contact members who have not been attending regular meetings.

Lunchroom Menu

Monday — Sandwiches, oven fried potatoes, pickles, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday — Frito pie, macaroni, pineapple salad, buttered peas, wheat muffins, butter, apple sauce.

Wednesday — Fresh ground pork, mixed greens, Cole slaw, cornbread, butter, orange juice.

Thursday — Barbecue beef, peanut butter, potato salad, green vegetable salad, hot rolls, butter honey.

Friday — Chicken fried steak, gravy, beans, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, cherry-pineapple cobbler.

Ginger Preston Has Surgery in Dallas

Ginger Preston, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Preston, was admitted to Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas Friday, and underwent hip surgery Monday, Feb. 10.

Ginger has had several operations on her hip, and extended treatment there the past 2½ years for a mis-located hip, and has been doing very well. Doctors found the hip joint had slipped slightly when she was carried back for her annual check-up and advised surgery at this time.

A cast was applied and she will remain in the hospital for two weeks and will be in the cast for six weeks.

Louis Espinoza In Vietnam

Marine Pvt 1st Class Louis V. Espinoza, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Espinoza of Loraine, is serving with the First Battalion, 26th Marines, First Marine Div., in South Vietnam.

The battalion conducts large scale operations against the enemy. His unit is also engaged in a civic action program designed to assist the Vietnamese people in completing self-help projects, such as building of wells, culverts, small bridges and schools.

Granddaughter's Husband Killed In Plane Crash Near Hondo, Friday

Ray White, 49, of Monahans, was killed about 5:35 Friday morning when his Piper Cherokee plane slammed into a mesquite tree, about 1 mile east of Hondo. Mr. White was alone in the plane and was found by a farm hand several hours later.

Mr. Whites wife was the former Lucille Hamilton, granddaughter of Mrs. W. H. Long, and a niece of C. C. Hamilton of Loraine.

Mr. White was owner of the White Well Service Co. in Monahans. He had suffered several heart attacks and it was thought he might have become ill and had tried to make an emergency landing. He was flying to Eagle Pass to see a son, Johnny, teacher in the Eagle Pass School system.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Monahans Sunday afternoon with the pastor, Rev. Ken Andrews officiating, assisted by Rev. L. A. Patillo of Pecos.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille; four sons, Robert Ray, Johnny and Bobby, of Monahans, and Cecil of Midland; his father, Ike White of Monahans; five grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters.

Attending the funeral from here were Mrs. W. H. Long, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hamilton, and Lynn Hamilton. Also attending were Mrs. Grace Hodges of Roscoe and Bud Richburg of Colorado City.

Robert Santiago In Vietnam

Army Specialist 4 Robert H. Santiago, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Santiago of Roscoe, was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a clerk, Jan. 9.

Robert is a graduate with the 1966 class of Loraine High School. He entered the Army in September 1967.

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North Loraine Club Meeting Feb. 5

Miss Janice Miller brought the program on Proper Human Relations when the North Loraine H. D. Club met Wednesday, Feb. 5th, in the home of Mrs. Buck Taylor.

The meeting was opened by singing "Home On The Range." Mrs. Raymond Wheeler led the Club in recreation and led the Club prayer, which was repeated in unison.

Mrs. W. A. Taylor read Matthew 6:33 for a devotional, and roll call was answered with An Exercise I Do Each Day.

Miss Miller titled her talk, Family Harmony, and used decorated potatoes as members of the family in her story.

The District Agent, Mrs. Aubrey W. Russell, was a special guest. In a short talk, she emphasized that the club has a project and stated the purpose of Home Demonstration work in leadership, community service and fellowship.

The next meeting will be Feb. 19th in the home of Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

Refreshments were served to one new member, Mrs. G. R. Gale, and two visitors, Mrs. Russell and Miss Miller, and members: Mmes. Victor Galvan, J. E. Price, Jack Linam, Raymond Wheeler, W. A. Taylor, T. L. Holman and Roy Wells.

James, William and Ginger Duke, of Rotan, spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. W. J. West.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cain Sunday was her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Denton, Chris and Mark of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett returned home Sunday after spending the weekend in Pecos visiting a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Bennett and Kristi.

Mrs. S. E. Meadows spent from Monday until Thursday in Fort Worth visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Crippliver, and Mrs. Mae Crippliver returned with her.

Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting Held Mon.

Mrs. Russell Cope, Mrs. Drew Givens and Mrs. Jim Johnson attended a meeting of Beta Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in the Medallion Room of Lone Wolf Cooperative in Colorado City Monday night.

A musical program and social hour was enjoyed by 20 members and guests when old time Texas songs were sung and played.

Mrs. Ruth Long and daughter, Mrs. Scott Johnson and little son, from McKinney, came in Thursday and are visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Dottie Marshall, and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Porter in Roscoe. Also visiting in her home Monday was her son, Jim Marshall of Abilene.

Mrs. Scott Johnson and little son, from McKinney, came in Thursday and are visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Dottie Marshall, and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Porter in Roscoe. Also visiting in her home Monday was her son, Jim Marshall of Abilene.

Mrs. McCollum Hosts 1950 Club

The Valentine theme was used in decoration and refreshments by Mrs. Fay McCollum when she hosted the 1950 Club Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Three tables of canasta were played and a salad plate, cake and red punch served.

Those playing were a guest, Mrs. Lily Bennett and members Mmes. Bernice Hallmark, Wilma Adams, Vanda Martin, Lynne Compton, Alfred Richey, Clara Butler, Vada Preston, Howard Tarrt, J. D. McDonald and Pauline Smiley.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. McDonald on Feb. 18th.

J. W. King Jr. of Plainview visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King Sr. Friday night and Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Compton, Donnie and Debbie, spent Sunday in Dallas visiting a son and family, Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Compton and Ronnie.

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Lydia Class Meets In Furlow Home

The Lydia Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. A. G. Furlow Jr. Monday night, with Mrs. George Lee as co-hostess.

As they group arrived, they were shown through the lovely new home of the Furlows.

Mrs. Woodrow Pratt opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Raymond Hackfeld, president, presided over the meeting, with Mrs. Gene Britton reading the minutes of the last meeting and giving the Treasurer's report. Finishing the repair work on the fellowship hall was discussed and also the buying of curtains for some of the class rooms.

Mrs. Burdett Lee brought the devotional on "Gentleness, Meekness and Goodness," bringing out the importance of each in all of our lives.

The hostesses served cherry tarts topped with whipped cream, coffee, Cokes and Valentine candy to Mmes. Donald Graham, Shep Compton, Atwood Sheffield, Howard Tartt, Royce Beights, Joe Graham, Raymond Hackfeld, Hubert Meadows, Melvin Baumann, Gene Britton, Hubert Thomas, Woodrow Pratt, A. J. Barron, and guests Mrs. Burdett Lee and Mrs. D. M. Smith of Colorado City.

Gleaners Class In Hallmark Home

The Gleaner Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Hugh Hallmark.

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus," was led by Mrs. Hallmark, accompanied by Mrs. J. D. McDonald, to open the worship, followed with prayer by Mrs. J. E. Price.

Mrs. Marshall Bruce, Bible study leader, brought the lesson from the 7th chapter of Matthew.

Mrs. John Mahon, president, presided over the business. Secretary's report was given by Mrs. Floyd Richey, and Mrs. McDonald gave the Treasurer's report. Social report was given by Mrs. Charlie Hamilton.

The Happy Birthday song was sung to four members, Mmes. J. E. Price, Earl Hallmark, Susie Hallmark and Charlie Hamilton who have February birthdays.

Other business in the interest of the class was discussed and Mrs. Jim Johnson dismissed with prayer.

Refreshments of chicken, salad, pear salad, ritz crackers, potato chips, olives, cake, coffee and tea were served. During the social hour the group was entertained with recordings by the Loraine quartet.

Present were Mmes. John Mahon, Marshall Bruce, J. E. Price, J. D. McDonald, Charlie Hamilton, Joe Bennett, Floyd Richey, S. E. Meadows and Mae Crippliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson spent the weekend in Lubbock with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tharon Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd were in Dallas over the weekend visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Davidson and little son, Scott.

Aubrey Caswell of Midland visited in the Wiley Walker and Kenneth Butler homes Friday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Williamson and John of Colorado City.

Jana Britton Is Birthday Honoree

Mrs. Gene Britton complimented her little daughter, Jana, with a party Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8th, on her 4th birthday. Her little friends arrived at 3 o'clock and had fun playing with noise makers and balloons. The group gathered around the table and sang the Happy Birthday song as Jana blew out her four candles on a big pink frosted Valentine cake, surrounded by individual cup cakes. Red punch was served with the cake.

Pictures were made of the group and Jana showed much excitement opening her gifts.

Guests were Teri McCollum, Tracy Beights, Sheila Hill, Pat Terry, Roger Graham, Jamie Meadows, and Billy Miles of Midland, Kathy March and her mother, Mrs. Duile Marsh, and Jana's grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Fowler of Colorado City, Renee Beights, Mrs. Lennis McCollum, Mrs. Joe Graham, Mrs. Joe Terry, Mrs. Hubert Meadows and Mrs. A. R. Miles.

The Current Missions Group of the Baptist W.M.U. met in the home of Mrs. Hal Bennett Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. L. E. Crutcher, group leader, directed the meeting.

O Zion, Haste, was sung by the members to open the meeting. Names of missionaries whose birthdays were on that day was given by Mrs. Edwin Hallmark, as she read the prayer calendar. Mrs. Crutcher closed this period with prayer.

Mrs. Cline Taylor directed a program, using the subject, Reclamation, In Jesus' Name. The question for discussion was "How can a Christian family become involved in the reclamation of People." She was assisted by Mrs. H. C. Taylor.

In the business meeting, plans were made for W.M.U. work for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Riden led the closing prayer.

Those attending besides the names mentioned above were Mmes. Dexter Taylor, H. L. Leach and J. W. King.

STATE CAPITAL

Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas legislators now are busy with committee hearings on dozens of bills the 181 members would like to turn into laws.

Even though Gov. Preston Smith may not have his budget and tax message ready this week there is plenty of business before the legislative committees to keep them occupied.

Perhaps the most talked about legislation in that dealing with the public school reorganization plan recommended by John Connally's Committee on Public School Education.

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes joined Governor Smith in doubting that the forced consolidation of school districts would pass. And all the legislators are getting from parents and administrators in the smaller districts leads others to agree that the proposal will have to be modified.

Smith is urging reform on the basis on which state aid is given to local school districts.

PSE Committee's study revealed that a great many school districts are getting bonanzas from the state by failing to properly tax their own property. It seems that the less they collect locally, the more they get from the state.

Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr. of Paris and Rep. George Hinson of Mincola have signatures of more than half of the members of each house on the Texas State Teachers Association pay raise bill for school teachers. This package of changes will cost the state's taxpayers some \$206 million a year, plus \$20 million increased state funds for school operation, maintenance and transportation.

Smith said that he will recommend new taxes to finance projects he will recommend in his spending program. But he is not yet ready to say what sort of tax he will suggest.

WETS ACT FAST — Liquor by the drink legislation received instant action in the Senate.

Sen. Joe Christie of El Paso introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to legalize mixed drink sales on a local option basis, then minutes later, his own senate constitutional amendments committee set it for hearing Wed. (Feb. 12).

A similar amendment was introduced in the House at the same time by Rep. Cletus Davis of Houston.

Both Lieutenant Governor Barnes and Governor Smith gave the amendment a cautious approving nudge.

Barnes said he viewed prospects for approval of liquor by the drink as improving and added he feels "people ought to have an opportunity to decide the issue" by popular vote.

Smith made an almost identical

cal observation and noted the proposal advanced by Christie and Davis gave voters "several checks" through local option elections.

Constitutional amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature before they can be submitted for approval or rejection of a majority of qualified voters.

The Christie-Davis proposition would delete the old constitutional ban on "open saloons." It would empower the Legislature to "regulate the manufacture, sale, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, including the power to establish a state monopoly on sale of distilled liquors."

A separate bill spelling out the recommended regulations to take effect on passage of the constitutional amendment will be introduced later. If the amendment fails to get two-thirds support, the sponsors will try to pass the bill anyway and risk a law suit challenging constitutionality.

Barnes predicted some senators who oppose liquor by the drink will go along with submitting the issue to a vote. One of these, Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas, is a co-author of the proposed amendment.

TEXAS AND JUSTICE — Governor Smith has announced the beginning of detailed studies by the Criminal Justice Council to develop a State plan for improvement.

ATHENAEUM CLUB — Mrs. Doyle Hester and Mrs. Glen Coon will narrate as they show films when the Athenaeum Club meets with Mrs. Hester on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Films taken while the Hesters were on their European trip in December and January will be shown.

Roll call will be answered with "A European Country." Mrs. W. A. Taylor is moderator for the program.

Visitors in the Loyd Wiggins and Walter Wiggins homes Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiggins and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Graham of Ackerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Sanford of Lubbock spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coldewey were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coldewey and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coldewey and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Coldewey and daughters of Colorado City.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richard during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pruitt and children, Mrs. Virgil Troutt and Tanya and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coldewey and children, all of Midland.

ing all segments of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Such a plan must be submitted to the U. S. Justice Department by June 1 for Texas to take part in the \$1.3 million Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Smith also announced several appointments to the Criminal Justice Council. He named Hugh W. McLeland, Austin management consultant, as program director for research and development. C. G. Conner, inspector of the Inspector and Planning Division of the Department of Public Safety, was named program director for Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention.

William H. Gaston, of the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville, was selected to serve as program director of post sentence processes.

COURTS SPEAK — Texas Supreme Court said the Legislature can provide different amusement tax rates for different types of entertainment.

High Court will hear arguments March 5 between two

banks over control of the \$800 million Sarita Kenedy East estate in South Texas pending outcome of will contest.

Harrison County Commissioners Court must canvass results of a justice of peace election even though it had ordered the office abolished. Supreme Court found, J. P. was not ordered reinstated. He will have to go to district court for remedy.

Austin federal district judge once more has held a law student previously granted deferral for an academic year cannot be drafted until the year ends.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF LORAINÉ

Take notice that an election will be held on the first Saturday in April 1969, the same being the 5th day of April, at the City Hall in Loraine, Texas.

Purpose of the election shall be the election of Mayor and three (3) Councilmen for the City of Loraine and no other. Every person who has attained the age of 21 years and who has resided in corporation limits of said city for six (6) months preceding the date of said election, and is a qualified voter under the laws of the State of Texas, shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Claude E. Neely has been appointed to serve as presiding judge for said election and he shall select one judge and one clerk to assist in holding same. Said election shall be held in the manner prescribed for holding election in other matter.

Last day on filing for Mayor and three Councilmen is March 6, 1969.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Loraine, Texas this 3rd day of February, 1969.

Dr. Bruce H. Johnson,
Mayor, City of Loraine
Attest: Homer Hart
City Secretary 41-5-c

CARD OF THANKS

We express our thanks to the doctors and nurses at Johnson Hospital and to friends for flowers, food and all kindness shown, and the pallbearers who served at the passing of our loved one.

The Family of
W. R. Ragain

Don Brame of Irving visited his grandmother, Mrs. Frank Brame, and in the Loyd Brame home, and she returned with him and is visiting in the Audrey Brame home in Dallas, and the Lanthus Brame home in Irving.

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Athenaeum Club Has Americanism Program

Athenaeum Study Club enjoyed a program on Americanism when they met in the home of Mrs. C. H. Martin last week. Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Chairman of the Department of Education of the Club, presented the class sponsor, Mrs. Billie Ruth Tarrt, who introduced five students of High School. Each of these spoke on the theme, "Americanism - What Democracy Means To Me." This subject, chosen by Federated Clubs as an Education project, is designed to promote the idea of good citizenship among our youth.

The speakers, Micky Jacks, Karen Long, Debbie Oliver, Joey Lucas and David Terry, gave thought-provoking and inspiring messages on the idea of being an American citizen, with its freedom of speech, of thought, of religion, and of the right to choose a vocation, and many other advantages to be enjoyed in the U.S.A.

Mrs. Percy Bond, Public Affairs Chairman of the Club, reviewed an article by Eisenhower on "An Open Letter to Students." His idea was to encourage better American citizenship among the youth of today.

Mrs. Woodrow Pratt led the American's Pledge, and conducted roll call on Quotes From History.

Mrs. T. L. Finley conducted a business session. Plans were completed for planting a non-bearing mulberry tree at King Park on Arbor Day, Feb. 22nd, at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Hal Bennett announced the meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 13 at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist Church for the purpose of presenting a Historical Marker for the First State Bank of Loraine. After the program, the official unveiling will take place in front of the bank. Sons of Loraine's earliest settlers will participate in the ceremonies.

Mrs. K. L. Taylor, a Bank Director, will unveil the marker. Club members attending the Mitchell Co. Federation Tuesday were Mmes. T. J. Riden, C. R. Green, Hal Bennett and Jim Johnson. Mrs. Green gave the program at this meeting, speaking on "Laws Concerning Women."

The hostess, Mrs. C. H. Martin served dainty refreshments to the visitors and 12 club members. Members present were Mmes. W. T. Taylor, B. H. Johnson, Pratt, Hester, Green, Finley, Bond, Hal Bennett, Glen Coon, Lily Bennett and Cora Johnson.

Mrs. Wiley Walker Hosts Local Circle

Mrs. Wiley Walker was hostess for the monthly Local Circle meeting Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Mrs. Marshall read I Cor. 13 in giving the devotion on "A Well Rounded Life." She brought out that a well rounded life would include work, play, love and worship.

Mrs. Jack Linam gave a talk on The Local Church, from Together magazine, which told us not to be afraid of change if it will help the church, but not sacrifice our principles.

President Mrs. C. H. Martin

had charge of the business. Mrs. Walker read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. James Watkins reported on the meeting held in Hermleigh. Mrs. K. L. Taylor gave the Treasurer's report and Mrs. Frank Crownover gave the local report.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Watkins, Cecil Tune, Percy Bond, J. D. McDonald, C. H. Martin, James Bennett, J. D. Norman, Frank Crownover, K. L. Taylor, Jack Linam, Marshall Bruce, Martin Dobbs and Wiley Walker.

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IN ABILENE HOSPITAL

Mr. Walter Wiggins returned home Thursday after being a patient in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, where he had medical tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Finch and children of Midland spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Dee Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and Mrs. Roy Baird visited relatives in Midland and Big Spring last Thursday.

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