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On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

Quite a few people in this area received a sample copy of The News last week and will receive one again this week. A few days previously each of these persons received a special offer to new subscribers. Since the offer was sent out a number have responded by taking the special offer or subscribing for a full year. We appreciate this response and we feel sure that many more will want to get on the subscription list to receive their home paper regularly. Those who depend on buying a copy each week may be disappointed occasionally when the supply is exhausted.

We also sent out expiration notices to subscribers whose time has expired inviting them to renew. A lot of those have responded but there are still some who have not. We just want to remind you here that the United States mail will not permit us to send the paper to you unless it is paid for in advance. If your time has expired and you have not renewed by February 1, 1937, it will be necessary for us to take you off our list. We hate to do it but we can not do otherwise. Unless you get your home paper regularly you are not well informed about the happenings in and around Loraine.

Some of our merchants use the columns of The News each week to list their prices on merchandise and we know you will want to keep posted on prices. We hope that other merchants will also advertise regularly in The News during 1937 for your benefit and theirs.

Halls Host Holiday Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall was beautifully decorated throughout when the Halls and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Thornhill entertained with a 42 party during Christmas week. Three tables of 42 was played. A sandwich plate with coffee and cake was served. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor.

Attends Girl Scout Council In Lamesa

Mrs. Joe Terry attended the annual meeting of the West Texas Girl Scout Council in Lamesa Tuesday and received the evaluation awards for the Mitchell County district. The annual report of the district showed that there are 170 registered Girl Scouts in Mitchell County which is 22 percent of the 775 girls enrolled in the 2nd through 12th grades of the schools in the district.

More than 93 adult Girl Scout leaders attended the Lamesa meeting which was held in the new Lamar Forrest Community Center, where a noon luncheon was followed by the annual business meeting of the association.

Reports showed that there are 11 troops in this district and 100 percent of the leaders are trained; camping experiences were furnished 118 girls during the past year; 102 attended day camp and 16 attended established camp; 70 percent of the girls registered in the Mitchell County district had camping opportunities, the report revealed. Other leaders from Mitchell County attending the meet were: Mmes John Russell, Frank Ginzl, D. M. Castlow, Vern Kling, D. G. Roberts, N. P. Windham, Bob Brannon.

HOST DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mrs. Vanda Martin were guests at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Taylor Thursday evening, helping the Taylors celebrate their wedding anniversary and Mrs. Taylor's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. W. R. Akins left Tuesday for Edgewood to visit her son, Luther Akins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cranfill spent Thursday and Friday in Big Spring visiting their daughter and family.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rankin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rankin of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. James Miles and children of Colorado City.

Ray Harmon of Denton spent the week end in the Plez Beaty home and Mrs. Harmon and daughter Pamela returned home with them after spending the week with her parents.

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Mrs. Henry Taylor Heads North Loraine Home Demonstration Club

In a meeting of the North Loraine Home Demonstration Club on January 2, Mrs. Henry Taylor was elected president for the new year. Mrs. Taylor along with other officers for 1937, was installed in the regular club meeting in the home of Mrs. Otis Hamrick, retiring president. Mrs. Willie Taylor led the club prayer. Roll call was answered with The Most Outstanding Thing I have Learned This Year. After the business session Mrs. A. K. McCarley gave a report on her trip to San Antonio as a delegate to the national and state convention.

Mrs. Taylor and other officers were installed by Mrs. Luther Hamrick who wrote the installation program. Other officers installed are: Mrs. Ralph Lankford, vice president; Mrs. Harold Hallmark, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Willie Taylor, Council delegate; Mrs. J. E. Price, reporter. The following committees were appointed by the new president: Program chairman, Mrs. Ralph Lankford; Finance chairman, Mrs. Otis Hamrick; Publicity chairman, Mrs. Jack Linam; Expansion chairman, Mrs. J. E. Price; Education chairman, Mrs. Willie Taylor.

Visitors present were Mrs. Floyd Richey, Mrs. A. K. McCarley and daughter Mona, and Mrs. Luther Hamrick. Members present were Mmes Bud Shepherd, Ralph Lankford, Willie Taylor, Henry Taylor, Harold Hallmark, Jack Linam, and J. E. Price. The hostess served refreshments of coffee, fruit cake, cheese ritz and candy. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jack Linam on January 16.

Local Boys Exhibit At Odessa Show

Ronald Haley, Maylon Beaty and Wendell Banks participated in the fine wool lamb show when Odessa hosted the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarterhorse show last week. Billy Cornutt showed a Hereford steer in the lightweight class.

CEMETERY FUND

Contributors to the cemetery fund the past week included Mrs. T. F. Finley of Loraine, \$10; Mrs. G. T. Rankin of Wasco, California, \$10.

Mr. and Mrs. Maylon Compton returned home Thursday from Corpus Christi where they have spent several weeks for his health.

Wade Preston visited in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Landtroff in Plainview Monday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson and children of Aspermont, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and children of Garden City.

Texan Donates Savings Bonds Flags to Nation



WASHINGTON, D. C. — E. B. Germany (right) of Dallas was so pleased by the new flag of the Treasury's Savings Bonds Division when it was unfurled at the 15th anniversary bond conference here that he pledged enough to provide one or two for each state. Admiring the division's first flag are Jesse L. Adams, Jr. (left) of Dallas, Texas state director, and John R. Buckley, national director.

Mrs. H. B. Wilson Celebrates 90th Birthday In Home Of Youngest Son



Mrs. H. B. Wilson, a resident of Loraine for 50 years, was honored on her 90th birthday on Tuesday, December 31. Her youngest son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Wilson of Midland, were hosts for the occasion when all of her eight children, their husbands and wives, were present.

Mrs. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson came to Loraine in 1906 and bought land one mile south of Loraine. They lived there until Mr. Wilson's death in 1939. In 1946 Mrs. Wilson built a home in West Loraine next to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler, and has resided there since.

Mrs. Wilson remains active, does all of her house work and by her black hair and erect carriage one would never guess her to be 90 years of age.

Mrs. Barron Hosts Wednesday Club

Mrs. W. L. Barron was host at the regular meeting of the Wednesday 42 Club last week. A sandwich plate with fruit cake and coffee was served. Those playing were Mmes: T. P. Finley, W. S. Thomas, Minnie Fairbairn, Clyde Smith, J. D. McDonald, Cora Hall W. F. James, Wade Preston, Anna Hantsche, Henry Ruten, Bessie Johnson.

Lions Members Hear International Prexy

The Odessa Lions were hosts to the Mid-winter Conference for Lions Clubs of District 272 in a meeting there Wednesday night and Thursday. Speaker for the Thursday program was Jack Stickle, president of Lions International from North Carolina. Dr. Joe Terry, local president, Woodrow Pratt and Gene Baird attended the Thursday program and Ray Preston, zone chairman, attended the executive meeting there Wednesday night and the Thursday meeting.

Mrs. B. M. Willford and children of Odessa spent from Thursday until Sunday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Mathis. Others visiting in the Mathis home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGowan and children of Abilene and Elwanda Allen of Raton, N. M.

Mrs. Patsy Dillon and Jan of Anaheim, California, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler.

Hal Bennett and son, Bob of Midland visited his uncle, C. E. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett in Stephenville Saturday.

Mrs. M. D. Cheek spent Tuesday in Westbrook visiting in the home of her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee.

Otto Hackfeld Civic Leader Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Otto H. Hackfeld will be held at Salem Lutheran Church at 2:30 today, the Rev. E. A. Rode, pastor, officiating. Previous to the services at the church private services will be held at the home.

Mr. Hackfeld, 62, died about 2 p. m. Tuesday a few hours after being admitted to Johnson Hospital after suffering a stroke at his home earlier in the day. He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Hackfeld was born July 27, 1894 in Runge, Karnes County, Texas, and came to this area in 1908. He was a prominent farmer east of Loraine. He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, the Sons of Herman and the Loraine Lions Club and had served the Lions Club as president. He was very civic minded and could always be counted among those who were doing something for the betterment of the community.

He was married to Miss Emma Heine in September, 1915. Burial will be in the Roscoe Cemetery with Wells Funeral Home of Roscoe in charge.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, Victor of College Station, and Oscar and Willie of Loraine; three daughters, Mrs. Alma Green of Sweetwater, Mrs. Bernice Patterson of Big Spring and Mrs. Viola Dean of Lubbock; two brothers, Henry and Adolph both of Sweetwater; one sister, Mrs. Willie Backhaus of Loraine; and three grandchildren. Nephews will serve as pallbearers: Alvin, Robert, Alfred, Raymond and Marvin Hackfeld; Leroy Pletsch, George Rannefeld and R. D. Pletsch.

Mrs. Martin Hosts Game Club Meeting

Mrs. Vanda Martin hosted the regular meeting of the Game Club Tuesday night. Four tables of 42 were played and visiting enjoyed.

Refreshments of apple pie topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mahon. Members playing were Messrs Russell Cope, Floyd Walker, Russell Cope, Floyd Coffee, Clyde Smith, K. L. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Mrs. Otis Muns.

Mrs. Butler Hosts Y. W. A. Supper

The members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church and their counselors were complimented with a supper at the home of the co-sponsor, Mrs. Kenneth Butler, Wednesday night.

During the business meeting it was voted to start a fund for the trip the girls plan to take to Glorietta next summer. The girls plan to do odd jobs to make money for the fund. A good offering was taken for the Little Moon Mission fund. Annette Lee resigned as program chairman and Margaret Horton was elected to this office.

After the business meeting, the supper of hot dogs, chili, french, potato chips, pickles, onions, cookies and punch was served to Linda Linder, Peggy Williams, Bessie Miles, Annette Lee, Sue Narrell, Maxie Shepard, Margaret Horton, Sue Butler, Mrs. Bobbie Rine and Wanna Ann.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald, Mrs. Bessie Johnson and Miss Elizabeth McDonald were guests of Mrs. Dera Winn in Colorado City Wednesday evening. Games of canasta was played during the evening and a sandwich plate served with coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Payne and children of Poteet visited her father, V. L. Richards and Mrs. Richards during the holidays.

Loneta Phillips returned last week after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Angelo.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Mathis Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. D. Dunn and Jean of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Allen and Nelda of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young of Sweetwater spent Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Young and Larry.

Bauman Home Demonstration Club Installed Officers At Last Meeting

Johnson Family Has Reunion

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Ee-noy and Sonny and Mrs. Bessie Johnson were host at a holiday dinner and get to gether for members of the late J. H. T. Johnson Sr. family. The get to gether was held at the Dr. Johnson home.

The house was beautifully decorated with holiday decorations with pink and silver predominating. The Christmas tree in the living room held prominent place and over the mantle was a lovely pink centerpiece flanked by pink and silver candles. The piano was centered with a lovely clock with pink stryfoam angels sprinkled with silver on either side.

The dinner of baked turkey and ham and trimmings was served from the dining table and two long tables in the living room. One bed room was arranged to seat the small fry, with decorations of Santa plates and napkins and a Christmas tree as center piece for the table laid with Santa cloth.

In Sonny's room was a long table where the young men of the family were served and the young women were seated at a table in Beverly's room. All the tables were laid with holiday coats, and held Christmas centerpieces, and napkins.

The 60 guests present were served at the noon hour, after which family group moving pictures were made and visiting enjoyed. The oldest member of the family and the youngest member were present, they were John Johnson of Loraine and little Frank Johnson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson of Abilene.

From with their families were Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Loraine and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Stafford, Claudia, Sylvia, Lynn and Beta Fay, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Colorado City; Mrs. Mildred Smith and Sylvia Ann and Mr. and Mrs. John Hale and Marilyn, Ackerley; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, Loreine; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook, Margaret Jo and Billy, Garden City; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Jimmy and Judy, Aspermont; Dr. and Mrs. Norris Porter, Pat, Margie and Mike of Dennison; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barkley, James Ernest, Robert and Gary, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Merl Hoover and son, Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Poe Burleson, Betty and Mildred, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Max Caswell, Loreine; Mrs. Grace Jackson and Mrs. Lydia Collins, Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. John Hamblen, David, Joan and James, Snyder; Dr. and Mrs. Homer Johnson, Jerry, Cynthia and Peggy, Midland; Dr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson, Carol Ann, Ginger, Patricia and Frank, of Abilene; and the hosts.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett of Midland and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeder, and little daughter of Odessa.

New Year dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hall were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Dickenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Small and son and Mrs. Otis Muns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Parker spent Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Barzie Parker in McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stribling and Billy spent the holidays with relatives in Dallas.

Earl Hallmark Has Good Irrigation Well

Several farmers in this area have drilled new irrigation wells the past few weeks, some getting fairly good wells and others getting very little water. The largest well we have heard of recently was the Earl Hallmark well which tested more than 450 gallons per minute. In fact the well took the capacity of the test pump and there was still more water.

With the added wells and those already in production this section should show a marked increase in production this year even if it does not rain.

Basketball Team In Jayton Tourney

The Loraine high school basketball team will play basketball in the semi-finals of the Jayton tournament Thursday night, January 10, at 9:30. The local team was victorious over Rotan in the second round after drawing a bye in the first round.

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Dallas to enter school. Gordon Richard, who recently received a discharge from the Army, has been notified to report for duty at Camp Wolters within the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman of Dallas visited in the J. F. Bennett and Betty Davis homes during the holidays.

Dr. Dale Johnson of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Fifteen Years Ago In Loraine

(Taken from files of the Mitchell County News January 8, 1922) Funeral services were held for Sterling McDearman of Lone Star. Bobby James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James, is one of 26 lettermen named on the Abilene Christian College football squad this year. A total of \$18,664.45 in defense bonds and stamps were sold at the First State Bank and Post Office the first three days of this week. Gladys Ruth Mahoney left for

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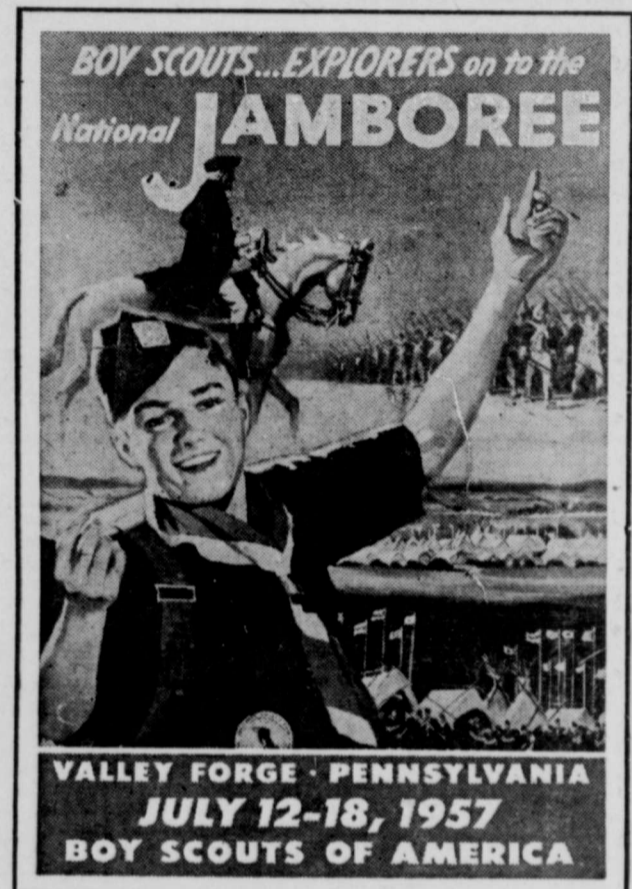
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 In Advance

Plan Valley Forge Scout Jamboree



Official Poster of Fourth National Jamboree
 Fifty thousand Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders from all parts of the nation and some from other lands will camp together at the Fourth National Jamboree July 12-18. A 1,500-acre tent city is being prepared at historic Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. It will have its own water supply, electricity, telephone service, post offices, and other services for the largest gathering of boys in the Western Hemisphere. Jamboree campers, all of them at least twelve years old, holding Second Class rank or higher, will share daily camp chores, cook their own meals, take part in displays, campfires, demonstrations, intercamp visits, and excursions to historic shrines in and near Philadelphia. Outstanding Americans will take part in principal events.

Guests of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Adams and Gay were over the weekend were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reese of Odessa. Mrs. Ralph Alsbrook is in Rotan this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faley and children visited relatives in Norton Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Payne of Orlando City visited in Sweetwater Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Preston spent Wednesday night in Midland with her sister and family. Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Beights and Ray attended the Lions zone meeting in Odessa Wednesday night and Thursday.



CIVIL DEFENSE underground control center for Portland, Ore., is dedicated at the site on the outskirts of the city. Center is equipped with heavy electric entrance doors with pneumatic alarm and closed-circuit TV control of personnel entering, air locks and radiological decontamination facilities, electric generators, a private radio station, air filter and ventilation system, telephone, press and Conelrad facilities, and space for civil defense and other emergency offices. In addition, the \$667,000 structure includes space for weather and radiological specialists, and living facilities. Inset shows arch construction of control center. (City of Portland and Oregon Civil Defense Photos)

Soil Conservation Service Has Responsibilities In Soil Bank Program

The Soil Conservation Service has been given specific responsibilities in the Soil Bank Program. The duties of the SCS can be broken down into three phases as follows:

- (1) Program development and counseling. This includes program formulation and setting up practices within the framework of state standards. Explaining the Soil Bank Program details to farmers is also done individually and in meetings at the occasions arise.
- (2) Assisting farmers in selecting land to put in the Soil Bank Program. Some of the technical assistance available to prospective Soil Bank participants. Recommendations on putting land into the Soil Bank are based on SCS soil surveys. Land which is very steep, shallow, badly eroded, or subject to severe wind erosion is always recommended over better land which can be farmed with less hazards. If adequate surveys are not available when assistance is requested special surveys will be completed to assist landowners with needed soils information. If Conservation Plans which have been worked out on farms are not adequate to meet Soil Bank planning, assistance will be given by SCS personnel in revising these plans to include Soil Bank plans.
- (3) As soon as structural practices are set up in the Soil Bank County Handbook, Soil Conservation Service personnel will have the same responsibilities that they now have under the County ACP. This includes determination of needs, site selection and layout, supervision of installation, and certification of performance.

GLEANERS S. S. CLASS
 Mrs. W. S. Thomas and Miss Annie Jarratt were hosts for the January meeting of the Gleaners S. S. Class at the Thomas home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Price led in opening prayer and Mrs. J. G. Bruce led in the Bible study, reviewing the first Twelve chapters of Solomon. Mrs. T. C. Wilson led in prayer closing the study session.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald had charge of the business meeting after which the group sang "We Have in Jesus and Mrs. Cora Hall closed with prayer."

Fruit cake topped with whipped cream, sandwiches and spiced punch were served.

Present were Mrs. Lula M. Gowan, T. C. Wilson, J. B. Mahon, C. C. Hamilton, J. G. Bruce, Marshall Bruce, C. M. Duke, J. D. McDonald, Floyd Richey, Bessie Johnson, Cora Hall, J. E. Price, C. T. Beights, and Jim Johnson.



MATERNALLY YOURS—
 With tender, loving care that is universal in all mothers, "Astina," a giraffe in the Rome, Italy, zoo, gives a cheerful but wet "good morning" kiss to her two-day-old daughter, "Maya."

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Veterans' News

Land Board Members Are Sworn In

Austin, Jan. 2—Wednesday was a day of re-dedication for Land Commissioner Earl Rudder and Texas' General Land Office. Commissioner Rudder was sworn in Wednesday morning by Judge Ruel Walker, thereby beginning his first elective term as the state's land commissioner.

Today is a day of re-dedication, Commissioner Rudder said. With considerable help from the people of Texas, we have made great progress in these last two years, but we in the Land Office do re-dedicate ourselves to push to completion the task begun in 1955.

Mr. Rudder concluded: We shall also continue unwavering in our goal to give the people of this state the kind of service in the Land Office they deserve.

Mr. Rudder was appointed as land commissioner by Governor Allan Shivers in January, 1955. The new commissioner then immediately promised to give to the people of Texas the kind of service they are entitled to from me and the Land Office.

Also Wednesday, two new members of Texas' Veterans Land Board were sworn in. They are William Gossett, El Campo, and L. E. Page, Carthage. They replace the governor and attorney general on the Board. Judge Meade Griffin, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, swore in the new members of the Veterans' Land Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mrs. A. B. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Willie Mae Thompson of Midland, spent Sunday in Denver City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

Recognized as the world's record for sub-freezing temperatures was a reading taken in Siberian village of Verkhoyansk. The thermometer there hit 90 degrees below zero.

No pitcher has ever tossed a no-hitter in a World Series game. Closest was Bill Bevens of the New York Yankees in 1947 against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Bevens, with just two outs to go, lost not only the no-hitter, but the game as well.

The month of July was once known by its name of Quintilia from the Latin meaning "five." In the ancient calendar of Romulus, it was the fifth month of the year. The name was changed to July in honor of Julius Caesar.

First of the original 13 states to ratify the Constitution was Delaware, while the last was Rhode Island.

The heaviest organ in a fully developed medium-sized human body is the liver, which averages between 55 and 60 ounces, according to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Storm Door Needs Good Looks, Too

When a storm door does nothing but keep out cold it doesn't belong on the front entrance of a home, says Beatrice West, New York color stylist. "A front entrance," says Miss West, "is one of the most conspicuous areas of the house. It offers the initial welcome and must be warm and friendly." For this reason, the color stylist points out, a combination storm and screen door should have the dual role of beauty and utility. Wood doors of ponderosa pine meet this requirement because they can be stained or painted to harmonize with the front entrance. This makes the combination door enhance the appearance of the house, rather than detract from it.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Terry and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Terry, in Lamesa Sunday.

LOCAL CIRCLE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held a business and social meeting Monday at three o'clock in the home of Mrs. Clyde Smith, with Mrs. Wiley Walker assistant hostess.

The program chairman, Mrs. J. D. McDonald, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Harold Martin gave What I Should Know as a Local Society Member About Epiphany, and read the story of the wise men visit as recorded in the second chapter of Matthew.

Mrs. Jim Johnson led in prayer and gave a brief review of The Story of the Other Wise Man, by Henry Van Dyke. Mrs. McDonald gave an interesting talk on Evangelism in a Changing World and read an inspiring article about Women's Society in the Philippines. Mrs. C. C. Hamilton led the closing prayer.

The president, Mrs. Harold Martin, was in charge of a short business meeting. A note of thanks was read from the State Hospital at Abilene for a love offering sent at Christmas time. A card was also read announcing a sub-district meeting at the Buford Methodist Church on January 17, at 10 o'clock.

The hostess served delicious fruit cake topped with whipped cream and spiced tea to about 20 ladies.

Bible study, which is Paul's Letters to Local Churches, will begin Monday at 3 o'clock at the church. Mrs. J. G. Bruce is a very capable leader and all who will be invited and urged to spend just one hour each Monday for the next six weeks and you will surely count your time well spent.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

Thirteen members of the Baptist W. M. U. met at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in regular business meeting which was directed by the president, Mrs. Tony Snyder.

The meeting was opened by the group singing My Faith Looks Up To Thee, led by Mrs. B. B. Lee, accompanied by Mrs. Dexter Taylor. Mrs. H. L. Leach led the opening prayer.

Responsive reading of the 10th chapter of Romans was led by Mrs. Snyder during the devotional period. She closed the devotional with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Jack Richey, followed by the treasurer's report by Mrs. Pauline Smiley.

Mrs. E. J. Schroeder offered her resignation as program chairman and Mrs. B. B. Lee was elected to this place.

Mrs. Kenneth Butler was elected to take the place of Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, who had resigned as assistant counselor for the Y. W. A.

Mrs. B. B. Lee was elected general chairman to make plans for the senior banquet which is to be given in the W. M. U. some time in this month. The food, decoration and kitchen committees for this banquet were also appointed by the president.

Mrs. Dexter Taylor gave a very interesting report of the work the Willie Mae Kennedy Circle did during December. Mrs. Bobbie Rine reported on the Y. W. A. work.

The meeting was closed after the group joined hands as they sang Bless Be The Tie That Binds.

It was announced that the Willie Mae Kennedy Circle will meet with Mrs. Bud Shepherd and the Mae Taylor Circle with Mrs. Jack Richey in regular circle meetings next Monday, January 14.

JUNIOR G. A.'S

The Junior Girls Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Roy Little Monday afternoon at 4 P. M.

The girls worked at their Forward Steps.

Refreshments were served to Carolyn Sue Schroeder, Sherry Graham, Ann Compton, Rachel Beights, Loretta Tarrt, Joyce Purlow, Ann Dickenson, Joretta Hall, Peggy Phillips, Janis Lee, Carol Lyle, Susi Wimmerley, Janet Sue Hall, Mrs. Wimmerley, Mrs. Little.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Terry and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Terry, in Lamesa Sunday.



FIRST BLUE CRUTCH SOLD—Governor Allan Shivers became the first Texas purchaser of a March of Dimes Blue Crutch in Austin this week. Making the sale was Major General K. L. Berry, Adjutant General of the State of Texas and 1956-57 March of Dimes Campaign Chairman, above left, fastening the Blue Crutch to Governor Shivers' tie clasp. Blue Crutches will go on sale all over Texas on Saturday, January 5. January has been officially proclaimed March of Dimes Month in Texas by Governor Shivers.

June Ann and Sue Alsbrook of Dallas spent the New Years holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alsbrook and Sue remained and will return to Dallas this week end.

Mrs. Glenn Bowlin and sons of Snyder spent New Years day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cline Taylor.

Mrs. V. J. Phillips, Roy and Ellis, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sipes and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Phillips in Colorado City on New Year day.

FLOUR Gladiola 10 lb	.98
Pure Lard Armour's 3 lb Carton	.55
SPUDS Red McClure lb	.05
ORANGES 5 lb bag	.33
Grapefruit 5 lb bag	.33
RICE River 2 lb pkg	.35
Tissue Charmin 4 rolls	.35
Boneless Stewing Meat	.39
Chuck ROAST	.35
Tall Korn BACON	.45
Pure Pork Sausage 1 lb roll	.25
Gladiola Biscuits can	.10

Sr. T. J. Green Jr. Grocery & Market

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF FIRST STATE BANK

of Loraine, Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1956, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	336,413.22
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	311,171.10
Corporate stocks (including \$1,800.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	1,800.00
Loans and discounts (including \$863.13 overdrafts)	425,246.94
Bank premises owned \$4,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$3,000.00	7,000.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Other assets	3,369.80
Total Assets	1,085,002.06
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	928,708.71
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	5,781.29
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	56,580.92
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	3,446.71
Total Deposits	\$994,517.63
Other liabilities	3,000.00
Total Liabilities	997,517.63
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	30,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Undivided profits	27,484.43
Total Capital Accounts	87,484.43
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	1,085,002.06
*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$30,000.00.	
MEMORANDA	
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	50,000.00
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	8,629.74

I, Herbert Mearse, Cashier of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Colorado Federal Savings and Loan Association was organized in 1934 and is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Savings and investment accounts are insured up to \$10,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

Ross Dixon, Sr. Dies In Colorado City

Ross Dixon, 62, of Colorado City, son-in-law of Mrs. Bee Wilkerson of Loraine, died in the Root Hospital at Colorado City at 3:25 a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. Dixon was associated with the R&R Theatres. He had been ill several weeks.

Born December 14, 1894 in South Carolina, he married the former Annie Bess Wilkerson of Loraine. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Ross Dixon, Jr., and one daughter, Judy, of Colorado City; one brother, J. T. Union, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Blake of Houston; and a half sister, Mrs. Martha Blake of San Antonio; a half brother, Banks Honson of Great Falls, S. C.; and four grandchildren.

Tentative plans for the funeral were for Thursday afternoon to be held in the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Baker Sunday and Monday were her mother, Mrs. S. W. Jennings of Abilene, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duesterhoff of Austin came in Thursday night and Mrs. Duesterhoff remained to be with her mother, Mrs. Bessie Mahoney who is a patient in the Johnson Hospital.

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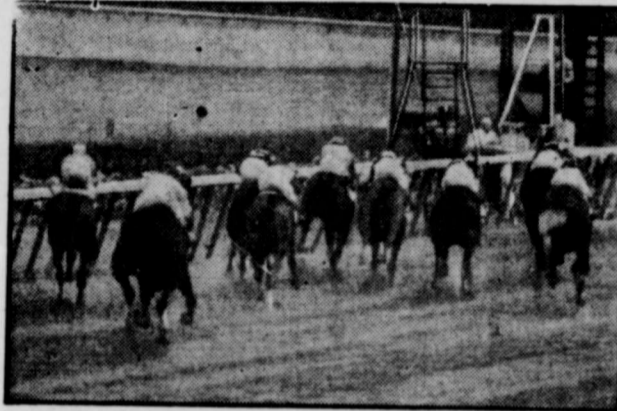
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B. J. Epperson of Clyde spent last week with his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cornutt, and accompanied the Cornutts to Odessa, where they spent the weekend in the Leon Carroll home and attended the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hughes of Hobbs, N. M., spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White, and their children Johnnie and Cathy, returned with them after spending last week in the White home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dudley and son of Amarillo visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hickson of Graham visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scarborough Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Wimberley New Years Day were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Abb Black and Dian McCollum of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Payne were supper guests Saturday night in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Healer in Sweetwater.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Polk Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herman McMullin of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cranfill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marchbanks and children brought her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, home Saturday and spent the weekend here after the Martins had spent the Christmas and New Year holidays in their home in Dallas, and with other relatives in Lufkin.

Johnny and Cathy Hughes of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White.

Mrs. Willis Cornutt spent two weeks in Albuquerque, N. M., with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glasgow, The Glasgows are the parents of a baby daughter, born Dec. 21.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cornutt Sunday was her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Kimbler, of Big Spring.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clint McCollum and Mrs. Lucy Britton Sunday were Mrs. D. F. Brians and Darla of Abilene and Mrs. Paul Terrell of Sweetwater.

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Social Security Rates Went Up On January 1, 1957

Tax rates under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security) and filing requirements under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act have been changed by recent amendments to the law, according to A. E. Fogle, Jr., Administrative Officer of the Abilene office.

New F.I.C.A. rates on wages paid on or after January 1, 1957 will be 2 1/4 percent each for employers and "employees, a total of 4 1/2 percent. Mr. Fogle said.

The changes in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, he explained, provides that employers who had four or more employees in at least one day of each of 20 calendar weeks during 1956 will be required to file Form 940 by January 31, 1957. The filing of Form 940, Annual Federal Tax Return of Employers, was formerly required of employers who had eight or more employees.

Mr. Fogle said that copies of this return have been sent to most of the employers in this district. However, he suggested that employers who have not received this form by January 9, obtain copies from the local Revenue office at Abilene.

Pvt. Jackie McDonald returned to his base at Fort Knox, Kentucky, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Fritz Hantsche and Mr. Hantsche. Others visiting in the Hantsche home were Gloria Looney of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Willis and three daughters of Grand Prairie, Mrs. Wade Rayburn and two children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and children of Hobbs, New Mexico, visited in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Market, Tuesday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. David Faulkenberry and children, Big Spring, Mrs. L. L. Taylor and Patsy of Monahan and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Faulkenberry and children, Debra and Mike of Pittsburg, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Graham and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tippitt in Roscoe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney McAdams and children of Spearman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hays, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor spent Saturday and Sunday in Odessa visiting their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edd Taylor.

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By John C. White, Commissioner

Texas Agriculture In Review

A backward glance at the 1956 crop year reveals no startling new facts to Texas farmers but should give high-level farm policy planners some cause for sober reflection. Something went haywire somewhere.

Drought, lack of irrigation water, decline in farm prices, higher production costs—these and other factors contributed to the decline in farm income. Yet, we had bumper crops in several commodities that counterbalanced severe crop failures in others.

Total value of principal crops in Texas was placed at 1.1 billion dollars in 1956. This is 9 percent below both last year and the 10-year average. Cotton was the most important crop and contributed more cash value than all other crops combined.

The corn crop was the shortest since 1873 with 27,465,000 bush-

els. Responsible factors were the smallest harvested acreage in 81 years and a low yield of 15 bushels per acre compared with the 10-year average of 17.6 bushels. Wheat production totaled 25.4 million bushels, nearly double the 1955 short crop but only about half the 10-year average. Although most of the acres were lost to drought, the average yield on land that escaped its full effects was 12.5 bushels or nearly 2 bushels above average.

The fourth largest sorghum grain record was established at 124.2 million bushels. Yield per acre at 26 bushels exceeded the previous record by two bushels. Irrigation made the difference here.

About 3,610,000 bales of cotton were estimated for the state but the final figure is not yet completed. A yield of 278 pounds per acre was extremely good but

the record high yields per acre in irrigated districts were contrasted with very low yields on most dry land acreage. Along the coast, crops were harvested ahead of the drought, although excellent early season prospects were not realized in that area.

Farmer production costs rose 3 percent in 1956 and are heading still higher in 1957, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Everything the farmer buys and pays in the way of farm expenses is up above the 1947-49 average, except those things he buys from other farmers—seed, feed and feeder livestock. Interest and taxes are up more than any other farm production costs.

The bright hope for Texas farmers is that 1957 will bring an end to the 7-year drought. This one factor, more than any other, would help put Texas agriculture closer in balance with the national economy.

Tom Land of Ballinger visited his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Land Sunday.

Miss Birdie McArthur returned home Thursday from Valonia, Arkansas where she spent several months with relatives.

JAMES EDWARDS IN NAVY
San Diego, Calif. (FHTNC)—James R. Edward, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Edwards of Loraine, arrived at San Diego, California, December 19, aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Lexington after seven months in the Far East.

The Lexington is one of the most modern aircraft carriers afloat with mirror landing system, angled flight deck, steam catapults and guided missiles.

During the cruise the ship visited Pearl Harbor, Japan, Okinawa and Hong Kong.

TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:
The tax folks spend a lot of time sending back income tax returns that Papa signs and forgets to have Mama sign. If the return is a joint return, Papa and Mama are both responsible and both have to sign. Prepare for a watch party, Miss Isla Bruce of Washington, D. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bruce and Juanita of Colorado City.

Mrs. Pearl Bruce and sons had as their guests New Years Eve for a watch party, Miss Isla Bruce of Washington, D. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bruce and Juanita of Colorado City.

Tax Booklets For Individuals and Small Businesses

This year two booklets have been developed by the Internal Revenue Service to assist tax payers in preparing 1956 tax forms.

The 1956 edition of Your Federal Income Tax booklet, a very popular publication in past years contains a wealth of information. There is a sizeable increase in subject matter, and covers such subjects as: who must file a return, when and where, nontaxable income, personal expenditures, sick pay, retirement income, deductions, medical expenses, traveling expenses, collections and refunds, what type of return to file, and the substance of many of the regulations based on recent tax laws.

In addition, this year is a new companion publication entitled Tax Guide For Small Business.

This informative booklet provides the answers to tax questions and problems common to most small businesses, deals with Federal income, employment, excise tax problems of corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and covers the operation of a going business, the establishment of a new business, and the liquidation of a business.

Copies of either, or both of these booklets, may be had for 30 cents per copy, from the Dallas Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Room 3-104, Merchants Mart Building, Dallas 1, Texas. Sorry, a remittance of postage stamps is not acceptable.

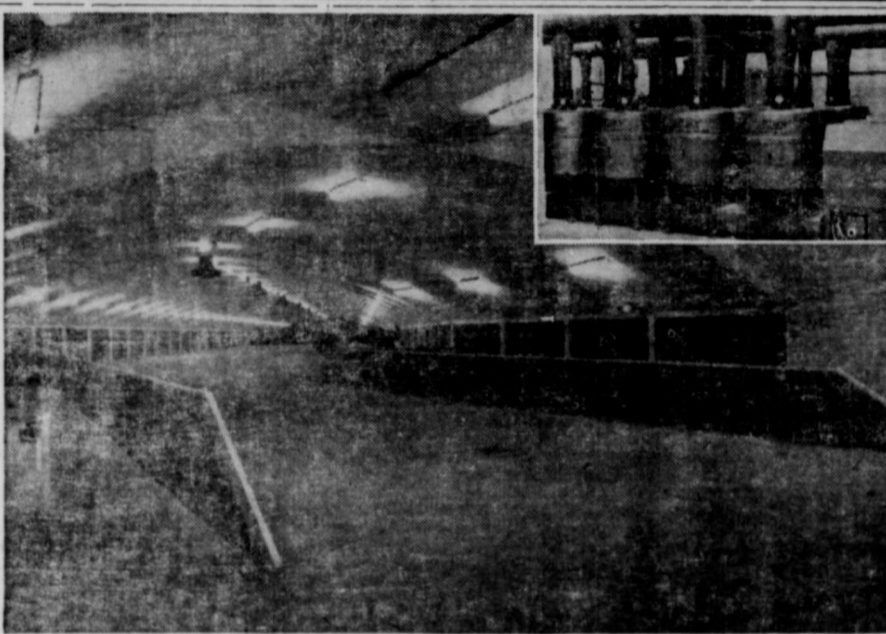
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Guests of Mrs. Josephine Marshall and Mrs. Ruby Robertson Sunday were Mrs. H. P. Slagle, Mrs. Harry Landers and Mrs. Harvey Cook of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook.

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Miss Isla Bruce returned to her home in Washington, D. C. last week after visiting during the holidays with her father, J. M. Bruce, and Mrs. Bruce and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Homan and daughters Ann and Sarah, and Emma Hepnes of Big Spring visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Land, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Lillie Faulkenberry, Mrs. Janice Taylor and Patsy of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Faulkenberry, Debby and Mike, of Pittsburg, California, visited in the J. W. Reich home during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Millsap and sons of Arlington returned to their home Tuesday after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall.

Stephen Philip is the name given the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ackerman of Las Cruces, New Mexico, born January 2. Mrs. Ackerman is the former Melba Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lee of Loraine.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bruce Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Elliott of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler.

STORY NO. 2 Duval's Background For Dictatorship is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,897 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44, and catycorner to the West is the Courthouse and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade.

The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion.

George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be burned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a pook, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans," but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontier still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other counties of the area. A man from north of the Nueces River is a

"Yankee" and an alien.

The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host slam a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him."

Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing out of a bar when said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexican as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

maughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the railroads, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of the documents the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medic.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Sheperd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition. He knew of the other things that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bi-lingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the Boss and his henchmen.

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