

The Gay Philosopher

By J. W. S.

CALLLED AT THE courthouse the other afternoon and found all officials duly installed in their offices for the coming terms of office. Most of the elective officers took their oaths in "swearing in" ceremonies last Saturday morning in the county judge's office. A few who were unable to be sworn in were qualified later at the county clerk's office.

Mr. H. R. (Pop) Garrett was on the job in the county superintendent's office. He was still looking through the files and answering mail and getting acquainted with the duties of the job. Mr. Carl Elliott, the former superintendent, is teaching school at Ranger, we heard.

SHERIFF J. B. Williams was busy with a robbery case down in Rising Star. Last Thursday night, thieves broke into a cleaning plant and made off with 50 more suits of men's clothes and a hundred or so pairs of slacks. It was estimated that the loss was over \$2,000, the sheriff said.

AT THE OFFICE of County Agent J. M. Cooper, we received an invitation to attend an old-fashioned con hunt. It will be held on Saturday night, Jan. 15, at the Homer Boyd place on the old Harrell Ranch northwest of Cisco. The local 4-H Club boys are to meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Katy depot for transportation to the hunting grounds.

Mr. Cooper says they've made arrangements for con dogs. The boys are to bring some weiners for a midnight snack.

THE PASTORS of the churches of Eastland County met the other morning over at Eastland. It was a monthly gathering, and an FBI agent was present to talk to the group. The Rev. Grady James, local minister, told us that the meeting was well attended and that the talk was informative.

THE REV. D. M. Duke of Cisco is president of the county ministers association.

IN TO RENEW their subscription to The Press was Mrs. Jimmie Lee, who lives out on Route 1 near Lake Cisco. She said that the grain crops look good since the recent snow. They'd still like to have a good rain, and the Lees are doing everything they can to encourage rain — like leaving the pickup windows open at night and so forth. . . . This is to extend an apology to the East Ward Mothers Club. A notice of their meeting at 3:30 p. m. today was telephoned to The Press and it was inadvertently left out. We'll try to do better next time.

LAST DECEMBER 30 was a big celebration day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morris. They observed their 57th wedding anniversary. The Morrises have seven sons, one daughter, 35 grand children and nine great grand children. . . . Let's all help Bob Franklin find a small black carrier dog missing from his house. The little fellow answers to the name of Buzzy and there's a reward offered. Call Bob at 155. . . . Sorry to see the Bobsons move to Odessa, where the A&M Oil Company has sent them. They almost moved to Denver City, but a last moment switch sent them to Odessa. Understand the M. L. Kents will occupy the Latson home out in west Cisco.

DOWN AT THE Henry Produce Company, they've gone into the rubber business. Mr. Henry has a rubber plant that is almost ready to hit the ceiling. He's studying the situation to determine just what to do. An ivy plant is doing well there, too. It has almost gone around the office wall in less than a year. The Henrys, by the way, visited out at Midland over the weekend, and Mr. H. reports that the snow was a lot heavier out that way. . . . The Norman Hustons were up at Wichita Falls last weekend, and Mr. NH says the snow was still waist deep in drifts beside the road. They had a real blizzard up that way. He was amazed at the growth of Wichita Falls. Says they now have over 100,000 people and are building special additions right, left and down the middle.

A CLIPPING sent us says a man who earns \$4,500 a year uses his 8-hour work day to earn his money, as follows: taxes, 2 hours and 35 minutes; food, 1 hour and 15 minutes; housing, 1 hour and 15 minutes; clothing, 36 minutes; transportation, 42 minutes; medical, 23 minutes; recreation, 20 minutes, and miscellaneous, 23 minutes.



MUSIC FROM THE PAST—An ancient Chinese musical instrument called the Pi-pa is played for his daughter, Carolyn, by Dr. Graham M. Chen, a laboratory director in Detroit. The Chinese-born scientist can play many instruments, some of which date back to 1000 B.C.

Texans Are Asked To help Restore Game Birds, Fish

AUSTIN, Jan. 5. — The Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission suggested Texans interested in helping reinforce the hard hit birds and beasts and fishes "can find no better time to act than now."

He said the present low population status of many species provides good opportunities for effective teamwork to help the inevitable comeback.

"Everything will be harnessed to the pickup in habitat when the rains finally come, said the Director of Restoration. "Nature will do the usual good job in pacing restoration of food and cover. But the squeeze has become so acute that hunters, land owners and nature lovers will find plenty of chances to help out."

He said persons interested, for example, in helping re-production of quail cover may write the Commission headquarters in Austin for special literature. There is a pamphlet prepared by Wildlife Biologist Dan Lay on quail culture which provides specific information on planting and cultivation of especially recommended plant cover, such as multiflora rose and bicolor lespedeza.

"There's not much that can be done while the drought lasts except to plan," said the Director. "Of course, in rare irrigated areas actual planting of cover may begin. Generally, interested persons may work with their local sportsmen's groups."

The Chief Aquatic Biologist (Marion Toole) said the dry spell provides a good opportunity to improve farm tanks for restocking with fish when water levels are restored. A special bulletin is available on that, too. He said so many requests have been made for the Commission to salvage game fish from shrinking tanks that the inquirers have to be informed that they should harvest the fish for the home "deep freeze" and look ahead to the time when restocking may be undertaken.

WRANGLERS SCORE 64-53 WIN OVER H-SU FRESHMAN QUINTET

The Cisco Junior College Wranglers, in their first game since December 17, downed the Hardin-Simmons Buttons 64-53 at the Hardin-Simmons gym Tuesday night. It was the second time during the current season that the Wranglers had defeated the strong Abilene team.

The Cisco team took the lead early in the game Tuesday night and held on for the win. The score at the end of the first 10 minutes of play was 17-12 with the Wranglers on top. At the intermission they had increased the lead to 30-22. The score going into the final 10 minutes stood at 49-33.

Byron Welborn led the Wranglers in the scoring department when he made four field goals and nine free throws for 17 points. He trailed Cunningham of Hardin-Simmons who had eight field goals and five charity shots for 21 points. Burnell Stevens made 14 of the Cisco points and Palmore made 13. Huckabee of the Buttons made 12.

The Wranglers had not fully recovered from the long Christmas holiday and missed a large percentage of their shots from the field. Accuracy on free shots gave them the margin of victory.

Friday night the Cisco team begins its conference race when the potent Allen Academy team comes to community gym for a game. Saturday night Blinn comes to Cisco for a conference contest and Tuesday night, January 11, Decatur visits Cisco for a conference contest.

Deborah Denise Bryan Was First New Year's Baby

Deborah Denise Bryan was little Miss 1955 for Cisco when she put in her appearance at 4:26 a. m. Saturday, January 1, at Graham Hospital.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan of 505 East 12th. Rev. Bryan is pastor of Wesley Methodist Church and Bible instructor at Cisco Junior College.

Deborah Denise weighed six pounds at birth, and is now home with her mother and daddy. She has a sister, Terry, 18 months old, and a brother, Larry, three years old.

Kent Word was to undergo major surgery in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene today. He is in room 322.

A/3c Charles T. Smith has returned to his base in Denver, Colorado following a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Thetford, and family.

William Howard Taft was the first President of the 48 states.

CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE				
Player	fg	ft	pf	tp
Scroggins	0	0	4	0
Welborn	4	9	2	17
Palmore	4	5	2	13
Slatton	1	6	5	8
Stevens	6	2	1	14
Bennett	4	4	1	12
Totals	19	26	15	64

HARDIN-SIMMONS				
Player	fg	ft	pf	tp
Hogue	0	2	5	2
Rhodes	2	2	3	6
O'Day	0	0	4	0
Denton	1	0	1	2
Cunningham	8	5	4	21
Byerly	3	0	1	6
Huckabee	5	2	4	12
Perry	0	0	1	0
Worsham	2	0	2	4
Totals	21	11	25	53

Service Officers Are Reappointed By Court

Lee Dockery of Ranger has been appointed as County Veterans Service Officer for the coming year, County Judge John Hart has reported. He and three assistants were re-named by the Commissioner's Court.

The assistants are James Wright of Eastland, Paul Brashear of Cisco and John Nunnally of Rising Star.

Mr. Dockery has held the post for several years. Judge Hart praised the four men for their work in helping veterans of the county with various problems.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Green have returned home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hoffman in Wichita Falls.

In Paraguay there is a firefly called the railway beetle, which flashes a red light at the ends of its body and a green light along the sides.

Theodore Roosevelt discovered the Teodoro river in Brazil which newspapers called the River of Doubt until its existence was confirmed.

1954 poll tax payments must be made by midnight, January 31. Several elections of interest to Ciscoans are coming up during the year, including city and school board elections.

Brucellosis Fight Planned In State During This Year

AUSTIN, Jan. 5. — The Texas Brucellosis Committee today revealed a 3 point program to rid Texas of brucellosis in man and animals. Brucellosis, known as undulant fever in humans and Bang's disease in livestock, is responsible for at least a 15 million dollar livestock loss in Texas every year, according to reliable veterinary authorities. No estimate has been made of effect of illness and suffering caused in humans by the disease.

The statewide committee, made up of official representatives of 28 Texas livestock organizations and allied interests was formed in 1954 to combat the disease.

This broad interest group developed the following recommendations which it is recommending to its member groups for action:

1. An area wide eradication program when approved by a substantial majority of livestock owners in the area. An area was defined as either a county or group of counties as determined by livestock owners of areas concerned.

2. Legislation requiring pasteurization of all milk sold for human consumption, except that coming from certified brucellosis free herds. Although the large bulk of processors and distributors of milk sold in Texas are already complying with this standard, the suggested legislation is intended as a further public health safeguard.

3. A modification of present laws to allow producers to take advantage of approved plans for eradication of brucellosis in livestock as recommended by U. S. livestock health authorities.

The need for a stepped up brucellosis program in Texas was pointed up by a Southern Brucellosis Conference held early in 1954. Following that meeting a group of interested livestock men and leaders saw that brucellosis must be knocked out of the state's livestock population or owners might suffer severe economic penalties at the market over and above the usual losses from a disease. A steering committee was appointed. This group called a meeting of representatives of Texas livestock groups to discuss the problem.

The Commissioners' Court of Eastland County had under advisement today the proposition of what to do about the constables.

County Judge John Hart reported that the court took no action at its first 1955 meeting Monday on setting salaries for the county's constables. Five precinct constables have been drawing fixed salaries of \$100 monthly, and one other gets \$50 — a total of \$6,600 per year.

Judge Hart reported to the Court that a deficit of \$22,708 exists in the constables' salary fund for the past three and a half years. The deficit represents the amount of money paid the constables less fees collected for the county by the constables.

Since March, 1951, the county has paid out \$24,700 in salaries to the constables. In the same period, the six constables collected \$1,992 in fees. Judge Hart added, "I am not trying to blame any constable for not turning in a lot of fees. If there isn't anything to do, we can't expect them to do it."

A check with Brown County revealed that county has only one constable with a salary of about \$190 per month. Stephens County has one constable and pays him \$125 monthly, Judge Hart said. In Callahan County, three constables hold office, and they are paid \$1, \$10 and \$50 monthly, respectively.

Judge Hart found that in Comanche County, the number of constables was cut from three to two. They are paid \$25 and \$750 monthly, respectively.

Each year, the salaries of Eastland County constables has exhausted appropriated funds, necessitating deficit funds to be taken from the county's general fund. A county grand jury suggested two years ago that the court make some changes in the constables' salaries.

One suggestion to the court was to cut the salaries to a sum equal to the amount of fees received. The court plans to study the matter further before acting, Judge Hart said.

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SABANNO NEWS

Visitors in the J. L. King home last week were Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Fambrough and son of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. John Nichlos and daughter, Mary, of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Barron, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba and Janie. Mrs. Z. W. Green and Arza visited Mr. and Mrs. Zed Green in Cisco New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and Floyd of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Brooks and children of Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Dawkins visited Mr. H. N. Lawson and sons Sunday.

Visiting in the A. C. Evans home during the holidays were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodden, of St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Evans and baby of Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans and daughter of Germany. Floyd has returned to training camp at Fort Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba and Janie visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ray Gage, and family in Moran over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Holcomb of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Holcomb, New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCann visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parkinson, in Romney Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jensen and children of Topeka, Kansas, visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin, Thursday night and Friday.

The Eastland County Singing Convention will be held at the Sabanno Presbyterian Church Sunday with a basket lunch spread at noon. The public has been invited.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Webb and children of Cisco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, Sunday.

O. B. Switzer visited relatives in Bangs last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Engrim and children of Crocker are moving to the Sabanno community this week and will live in Mrs. Harter's home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Wilcoxon are the parents of a son, Joe Lynn, born December 29.

C of C Appoints Committee To Attend Water Board Hearing

Plans for sending a committee to Austin next Monday to help represent this city when the State Board of Water Engineers will hear an application of the City of Cisco for an appropriation of water from the Battle Creek watershed were completed Tuesday at a luncheon meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon was held at the Victor Hotel with President Anton White in charge.

A committee composed of W. B. Wright, E. L. Jackson and James P. McCracken was chosen by the board to attend the hearing as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. Several members of the City Commission and City Secretary Hal Lavery plan to attend to complete the Cisco delegation.

Homer A. Hunter, Dallas engineer, will be the delegation's spokesman at the hearing. Paul Brashear, who takes office next Tuesday as a member of the State Legislature from the 76th District, will accompany the Cisco group to the hearing, which has been scheduled for 10 a. m. Monday, Jan. 10, at the Board quarters at 302 West 15th Street in Austin.

Both President White of the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor G. C. Rosenthal of the City of Cisco have emphasized the importance of the hearing. The application seeks 1,000 acre feet of water per year for use by the city. Plans call for the water to be pumped to Lake Cisco.

Completion of the new water project has been described by Mr. Rosenthal as "vital to the future growth and prosperity of our city."

Illness is expected to prevent the mayor from attending in person. He recently wrote the State Game Commission, which has a fish hatchery at Lake Cisco, and invited them to send representatives to the hearing. In the invitation, Mr. Rosenthal told the agency "your hatchery has been closed several years due to water shortage, and we feel that you might like to join us in this effort to secure more water for Lake Cisco."

The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee composed of George Davis, Zan Burroughs and J. L. Stafford to nominate new directors to replace those whose terms of office expire. The list of nominees is due to be submitted to the board at its second meeting this month and then forwarded to the City Commission for action.

Manager Paul Brashear reported that the sum of \$509 was collected for use in financing the Christmas season program, and of this amount the sum of \$450 was spent, leaving a balance for use next year. Other routine committee reports were heard.

Present for the meeting were Mr. White, Zan Burroughs, Gene Abbott, Mrs. Peggy Gallagher, E. L. Jackson, George Davis, R. J. Stevenson, W. B. Wright, J. L. Stafford, Paul Brashear, James P. McCracken, Rev. Leslie Seymour, C. W. Henry and J. W. Sifton.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT SALARY OF CONSTABLES IS COURT PROBLEM

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Lobo Queens Are Defeated 34-31 By Putnam Team

Cisco High School's Lobo Queens lost a close basketball contest to the Putnam High School girls at community gym Tuesday night. The game wound up with Putman in possession of a 34-31 lead.

The game was close all the way with never more than four points difference in the score.

The first period ended in a 10-10 deadlock and the Queens were leading 18-14 at halftime. Putman rallied in the third period to tie the count 25-25. In the final quarter they outscored the Queens for the win.

Donnice Johnson was high scorer for the Queens with 13 points. She tied Bailey of Putman for game honors. Bonnie Owens and Donnie Owens each made nine points for the Queens to round out the scoring. Reed of Putman made 12 and Speegle made nine.

Other girls playing for the Queens were Lorelei Lipsey, Treca Edwards, Sue Moore, Joyce Lancaster and Lata Faye Keller.

Thursday night the Queens meet Stephenville at the community gym to open their 1955 conference race. There will be three games on the card Thursday. The Lobo "B" team and the Yellowjacket "B" boys meet at 6 p. m. The Queens and the Stephenville girls play at 7 p. m. and the Lobos and Jackets meet at 8 p. m.

Pago Pago, in American Samoa, is pronounced pango pango.

Group Will Go To Austin On Monday

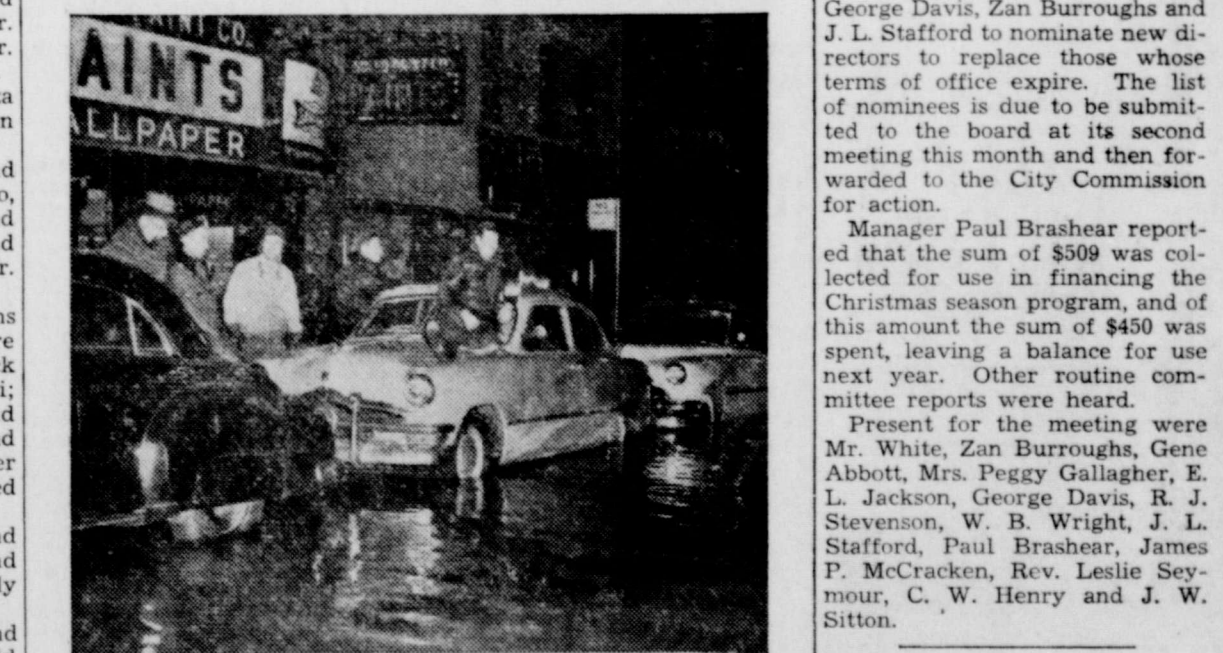
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Hospital News

Tommy Baltimore McCoy of Eastland, who received severe injuries in the automobile accident near Cisco on January 1 that claimed four lives, was reported as improved at Graham Hospital Wednesday. His condition was described as favorable.

Other patients in the hospital Wednesday were Mrs. R. D. Hitt of Rising Star, Mrs. Lynn Williams of Moran, Mrs. J. D. Stephens and Tommy Stephens of Abilene and Miss Ellen Bacon, Mrs. Stella Wilson, Silas Whately, Mrs. Raymond Jackson and C. H. Kile, all of Cisco.

Dismissed recently were Carol Ann Lucas of Irving, Richard Vestal of Cross Plains, Benjamin Munoz of El Paso, W. E. Poutinen of Dallas and Mrs. Bob Hammond and infant daughter, Miss Alice Bacon, and Mrs. L. B. Bryan and infant daughter, all of Cisco.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE — The top photo shows the scene at 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan after a water main broke and flooded the intersection. Pedestrians were forced to seek refuge on top of cars and policemen, sporting hip boots, carried some to drier pavement, below. When the flood occurred, New York was in the grip of sub-freezing temperatures, which added to the discomfort.

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TEACH 'EM TO DRIVE

One of the goals of the Committee on Traffic Safety Education of the President's Highway Safety Conference is establishing standard Driver Education and training courses in all the high schools of the nation.

Taking note of this The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in their convention last November, decided to lend support to the program by adopting as their Safety project the development of public support for increasing and improving the teaching of Driver Education in the public schools of Texas.

It takes money to do these things, and a minimum of \$35 per pupil, and enrolling in driver classes of 100,000 young Texans, have been set as goals. It will take legislation to provide this money on a continuing basis, but in support of their thesis the Federated clubs point out that 2,368 persons were killed in traffic accidents in Texas in 1953 and the economic loss from the same cause was \$149 million. Anything that will reduce that frightful toll would demonstrably be worthwhile, to say nothing of the saving of lives and limbs.

Lack of adequate funds, permanently provided for, has handicapped the high school training program in Texas, where only half the high schools offer such courses, and then usually only in the senior grade. A great many traffic experts believe the age should be lowered to include junior high school instruction.

Abilene's among the high schools providing this training, but as elsewhere the numbers trained have been small due mainly to lack of adequate financing.

Whenever given a thorough trial and pushed vigorously, the education of young drivers has paid off handsomely. It works on the principle that as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. A youngster who has been taught from his first contact with a steering wheel to drive safely and circumspectly and competently becomes an asset to the community instead of a menace and a liability, as so many untalented youngsters are.

We wish the ladies of the Federation success in their worthy undertaking. — The Abilene Reporter-News.

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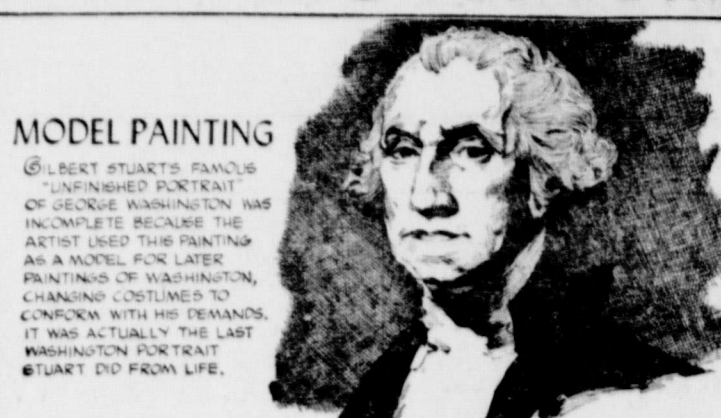
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HOLIDAY HISTORY



By Robert C. Preble
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Epiphany, or Twelfth Night (January 6) has been observed as a Christmas feast as long as has Christmas itself. It originally marked the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

At one juncture in Jerusalem the physical and spiritual "birth" were both observed on Epiphany, and the Bishop of Jerusalem noted that neither commemoration was kept fully and reverently.

In the Teutonic West, the date became the festival of the Magi, the Three Wise Men whose coming is described in the New Testament by Matthew. Following the miraculous star the Magi, who were supposedly skilled in interpreting dreams, came to Jerusalem seeking Him born King of the Jews. Great artists of the Renaissance, attracted by the romance and mystery of their story, delighted in picturing them as kings, robed in splendor and bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Legend held that one was a Moor, and he is sometimes depicted with a black face. The names of Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar have even been given them, and there is a story that their bones rest in the great Cathedral of Cologne.

The story of the Magi is often found in nativity plays and Christmas carols, and their legend has become inseparable with the Epiphany feast. But earliest observations of this feast repeatedly centered around the purification of waters, and tradition even held that in many places on this day water turned into wine.

Achievement Pays Off for Texas 4-H'ers

MERITORIOUS achievement records in the 1954 National 4-H Beautification of Home Grounds, Leadership, and Meat Animal programs have brought state honors to four club members from Texas. A 19-jewel watch was awarded to each. The winners and some of their major achievements are:

The state award for all-around accomplishment in the 4-H Meat Animal program in 1954 went to Hudson Climp, 17, of Burnet.

Hudson has shown profits on his projects, which will help to finance his college education. He exhibited the grand champion shorthorn heifer at the state fair in 1952 and the reserve champion steer in 1953 at the county contest.

For greatly improving his family's homestead surroundings, Henry Haswell, 16, of Dallas, has been named state winner in the 1954 4-H Beautification of Home Grounds program.

Beginning with three shrubs, and four trees on 1 1/2 acres, he helped to plant 38 evergreens, 57 flowering shrubs and trees, nine shade trees, 16 fruit trees, 15 rose bushes and 11 climbing roses.

He helped to sod the yard with grass, kept it watered and mowed. He helped to make a lawn chair. He assisted his father in planning landscaping and preparing beds. His local leader is John Shero.

Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen, of Chicago, rewarded Henry's efforts with a handsome 19-jewel wrist watch appropriately inscribed.

Farm Families And Social Security

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles prepared for farm families by R. R. Tuley, District Manager of the Social Security Administration Office in Abilene.)

In a previous article in this series we told you about farm workers and self-employed farmers coming under social security — many for the first time — on January 1, 1955. Beginning then earnings for farmers and farm hands will be counted under Social Security. But no doubt many of you are wondering what you are "buying" when you pay your social security taxes. You are buying old-age and survivors insurance; that is, when your earnings stop because of your death or because of your retirement at age 65 or later, payments will be made from the fund you helped build up, and will be made to you and your dependents, or to your survivors. Here are the types of benefits payable:

1. Retirement payments.
 - (1) Monthly payments to you as a retired farm hand or farmer.
 - (2) And monthly payments to your —
 - a. Wife, age 65 or over.
 - b. Child under 18.
 - c. Wife, regardless of age, if caring for child entitled to benefits.
 - d. Dependent husband.

2. Survivors' or death payments.
 - (1) Monthly payments to your —
 - a. Widow, age 65 or over.
 - b. Widow (regardless of age) if caring for child entitled to benefits.
 - c. Child under 18.
 - d. Dependent widower, age 65 or over.
 - e. Dependent parent, age 65 or over.
 - (2) Lump-sum payment to your —
 - a. Widow or widower, or
 - b. To the person who paid burial expenses.

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Baptist Sunbeams Name New Officers

The Sunbeams of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday afternoon at the church for their first meeting of the new year. The meeting was called to order by Karen Moore and the secretary called the roll. The group joined in repeating the watch word and rally cry and in singing the sunbeam song and the

prayer song. Mrs. Flournoy Cleveland closed the prayer.

During the business session, officers were elected as follows: president, Ellen Crain; vice president, Cinda Gafford; secretary, Nancy Shingle; song leader, Alice Everett; and scriptures, Val Jean Loudder. A social committee composed of Joan Parkinson and Betty Shingle and a hand work and room committee composed of Becky Johnson and Brenda Mayhew, were also elected.

Mrs. Cleveland told a story of the Seminole Indians. For their hand work, the Sunbeams started making books and for the first page colored a Seminole Indian boy and girl.

Refreshments of butterfingers and suckers were served following the meeting to Joan and Ronnie Parkinson, Nancy and Betty Shingle, Alice and Diane Everett, Don and Tommy Williams, Marcia Glenn, Cinda Gafford, Ellen Crain, Sue Collier, Charles Cleveland, Mark Linebarger, Becky Johnson, Patsy Tate, Brenda Mayhew, Betty Callaway, Patti Morrison, Shirley Petty, Val Jean Loudder, Karen Moore, a visitor, Tim Norvell, and the leaders, Mrs. S. E. Parkinson, Mrs. Flournoy Cleveland, Mrs. Jack Everett and Miss Willie Frank Walker.

CWF Group One Has Meeting On Tuesday

The weekly meeting of Group One of the C.W.F. of the First Christian Church was held Tuesday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Mrs. I. A. Brunkenhoefer.

Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, president, was in charge of the meeting which was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. S. Stockard. Mrs. George Estill gave the devotional on Faith In The Bible and Mrs. Armstrong taught the mission lesson on India. The meeting was dismissed with all praying the missionary benediction.

Refreshments were served following the meeting to Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. George Estill, Mrs. A. L. Clark, Mrs. J. S. Stockard, Mrs. L. C. Burzenski, Mrs. R. Y. Siddall, Mrs. Sidney Spain, Mrs. Brunkenhoefer and seven children.

Christian Group Has Weekly Meeting

Group Three of the C.W.F. of the First Christian Church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Al Snider for their weekly meeting and for the first meeting of the new year.

Mrs. Snider led the opening prayer and Mrs. Ada Mobley gave the devotional entitled "Prayer." Roll call was answered by Mesdames G. W. Troxell, W. R. Huestis, C. B. Powell, Al Snider, Ada Mobley, Willierue Logan, and two children, Mary Ann and Jimmy Snider, and reports were given.

A social hour followed and refreshments were served. The meeting was dismissed with all praying the missionary benediction.

Blanche Grove Circle Has Meeting Monday

The Blanche Grove Circle of the East Cisco Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at the church for their regular meeting with Mrs. J. O. Warren in charge.

Mrs. N. J. Tarver opened the meeting with prayer and the group sang "Send The Light." The devotional was given by Mrs. Warren, followed by prayer by Mrs. A. A. Coats. Mrs. M. Slaughter gave the missionary lesson and routine business matters were transacted. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. E. Shirley.

Those present were Mesdames Warren, Slaughter, Tarver, Shirley, Coats, Lizzie Williams, and a visitor, Mrs. J. C. Trimble.

Babies Set New Survival Record

The 4,060,000 babies born during 1954 set a new mark in their ability to survive the hazards of early life, statisticians for a life insurance company report.

Infant mortality for the year dropped to an all-time low rate of 26.7 per 1,000 live births. This represents a reduction of almost 5 percent from the previous low recorded in 1953, and of one third from the rate of a decade ago.

The number of births was more than 2 percent above the previous high established the year before, and corresponded to a rate of 25.2 births per 1,000 population residing in the country, the statisticians note. The continuing boom in births has added more than 36,750,000 babies to the nation's population within the last 10 years.

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State Capitol NEWS

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — No one envies the job of the Texas legislators who convene here on the 11th. They must solve the state's biggest financial problem in years. Cut out for them is the task of: (1) providing more money for increased enrollment in public schools; (2) finding additional

funds for public welfare; and (3) locating construction dollars to maintain and enlarge public highways.

A heavy load of students during the next two years will add \$24 million to school expenditures.

Public welfare, increased by a November constitutional amendment, will take \$14 million more over the same period.

An estimated \$50 million per year is needed for highway maintenance and construction.

Education, public welfare and highways already take 90 cents of each tax dollar. And there is pressure for more money from other quarters.

In the general fund is slightly more than \$12 million.

A two cents per gallon increase in the gasoline tax is one proposal.

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HANDS FULL—French stars Jean Pierre Aumont and Maria Maudan, right, became godparents of two tiger cubs at a benefit for aged circus performers in Paris. Christened with champagne, the squirming cubs seem to be fighting over the "lion's share" of the sparkling beverage.

posals. Present tax is four cents state, and two cents federal. That would meet highway needs.

Adding \$2.75 per barrel to the present \$2 per barrel beer tax is another proposal. This would bring in an estimated \$10 million annual revenue.

Colleges may be asked to increase the present \$24 per semester tuition fee to \$50. That would bring in \$3.5 million more per year.

Legislators are eyeing natural gas production. A 1954 tax law allowed a levy on the market value at the well, with a one per cent tax reduction each following year. They may vote to cancel the reductions. By so doing the state would keep \$14 million per year of the tax money.

Hearings will be resumed next week by a Senate Investigating Committee looking into "block" land sales made to the state under the Veterans Land Program.

Testimony during the first two-day session showed that individual land sellers had made as much as \$200,000 on a single deal.

Indicated by the committee were suits to cancel some block sales to veterans, criminal prosecution in other cases, and changes in the law.

Investigations were being held at the request of the Veterans Land Board itself. All its members, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, chairman; Governor Allan Shivers; and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, testified.

Complaints have been received in other land transactions, besides the 11 now under investigation. These too will be investigated, say officials in the Department of Public Safety, the State Auditor's Office and the Attorney General.

Veterans to whom the land was re-sold by the state testified that they didn't know they were buying land. They thought they were getting a cash bonus, or prolonging their rights to buy land on credit, or "selling their signatures" and waiving their rights for \$100 to \$300 each.

Attorney General Shepperd is turning over the investigation of Duval County affairs to District

Attorney-Elect Sam Burris. Shepperd, who forecast recovery of some \$500,000 in stolen public funds, said he was in complete agreement with Burris. The transfer brought to an end a two-year personal investigation of the county's affairs by Shepperd.

A bill to abolish the ad valorem property tax on motor vehicles will be presented to the Legislature by State Rep. Douglas E. Bergman of Dallas.

His bill also would propose a one-third increase in the registration (license tag) fee.

Another Bergman bill would allow banks to close Saturdays.

A third bill would permit judges to deny bail on second felony indictments when the accused is out on bond for a previous felony charge.

A cheerful note from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA office in Austin reports that the value of Texas crops for the year reached \$1,036,000,000 despite the drought. That's \$67 million higher than the preceding year.

Brightest spot in an already bright 1954 business year was the construction industry.

Building permits issued during the first 11 months of the year ranked 26 per cent higher than a like period in 1953, reports the UT Bureau of Business Research. Their findings were in line with a U. S. Department of Commerce estimate that new construction in the USA reached an all-time high in November — eight per cent above November, 1953.

Texas' draft quota for February will be the smallest since June, 1952.

Selective Service Headquarters has called for 587 men during the month.

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1954 was a busy year

The year 1954 was a busy one for the people who furnish your telephone service. To give you some idea of some of the accomplishments of 1954, we've arranged the highlights in the form of a box score at the right.

The figures are impressive, but there's a human side of telephone service, too. We tried especially hard all year to be friendly, cooperative, and pleasant to deal with. We worked out new ways to handle your calls faster and better.

We kept our telephone equipment operating at a higher peak of efficiency, too — often stopping trouble that would have interrupted your service before it happened. Today telephones in Texas are reported "out of order" on the average of only once in 25 months.

To serve Texas farm families better, we added 3,000 telephones in the rural areas last year. This brought to 90,000 the number of telephones in service on the farms and ranches in Texas at the end of the year. As rapidly as our finances permit, we are replacing crank-type telephones with lift-the-receiver and dial telephones. A healthy farm economy is essential to the progress of Texas, and we want to do our part by seeing that Texas farmers and ranchers have good, dependable telephone service.

The financial side of the story

It's not easy to keep earnings up when expenses are rising rapidly and when you have to keep investing additional huge sums of money to keep pace with the growing needs of Texas. But, we're glad

THE 1954 BOX SCORE OF TELEPHONE PROGRESS IN TEXAS

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- We erected 53 new buildings, enlarged 13 other telephone buildings.
- We added complex new equipment in 63 central offices to handle more calls and handle them better.
- We placed 26,000 circuit miles of storm-resistant cable and radio relay to protect service from bad weather interruptions.
- We added 85,000 telephones in Texas.
- We provided good jobs for 25,600 Texans.
- We added to the prosperity of the many Texas towns we serve through the \$97 million telephone payroll, most of which is spent locally.
- We paid \$16,721,000 in state and local taxes.
- We paid \$36,346,000 in Federal taxes.

to report, the telephone company's earnings showed some improvement in 1954.

As we put more money into new telephone facilities, at present day prices, our expenses increase also, because it takes more money to operate the larger telephone system. Operating expenses last year were highest in the company's history and we must expect further increases in 1955.

The problem is to make it "good business" to continue investing additional huge sums of money for more telephone facilities in Texas. It certainly is not good business to spend large sums for expansion and improvement unless this money is put to work where it will earn a fair return.

More Telephone Expansion in 1955

You can look forward to more telephone progress in Texas in 1955. During the year we plan to add 86,000 more telephones in Texas for new families, new

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It all adds up to spending an additional \$82 million through our telephone construction program in Texas in 1955. Good earnings must be maintained, on the money already invested and on the new money to be added this year.

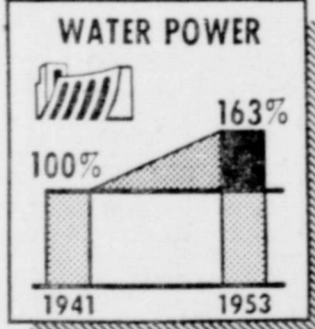
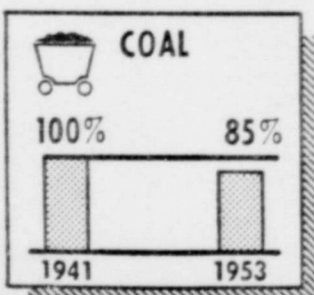
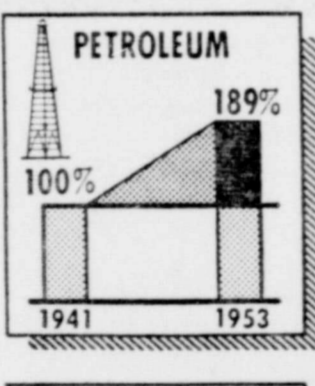
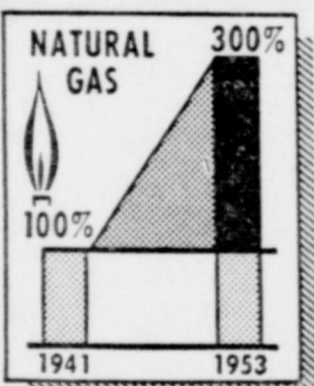
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