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The Mirror Through Which The Public Views The Community As It Is Week By Week

On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

"A kick in the teeth", indeed. One of Colorado City's Councilmen, Mr. Jeff Taylor, feels that Loraine has kicked Colorado City in the teeth. He says, according to the Colorado City Record, "We have done lots for Loraine and got kicked in the teeth."

I would like to ask Mr. Taylor just what it is that Colorado City has done for Loraine. The only thing I can recall at the moment is that their Lions Club helped us organize our several years ago.

The occasion for the outburst from Mr. Taylor was at a council meeting when the matter of granting water to Loraine from the proposed lake on Champion Creek was the issue.

The council voted to "sell" Loraine water if and when it is available. In the first place Loraine did not ask Colorado City for the privilege of buying water but that this city be included in any water rights granted on Champion Creek.

It so happens that Champion Creek drains all the water from the Loraine territory and Loraine feels that she is entitled to first water granted from a lake on Champion Creek. Because we are standing up for our rights perhaps Mr. Taylor thinks that is another "kick in the teeth."

Loraine feels that she was "left out in the cold" by the Texas Electric Service Company and Colorado City when the proposal for the lake was made. We do not aim to stay out in the cold.

We're going after the water rights on Champion Creek and if Texas Electric Service Company wants to make us the same proposition it made Colorado City I think the city council would listen and I am sure would be willing to "sell" water to Colorado City if and when they need it and it is available.

Loraine was ignored but she isn't mad at anybody and she is not kicking anybody in the teeth but she is going after what is rightfully hers. We may never need the water but we feel we should have the first right to it. It could be that we will need the water some time. We want our town to grow just as much as Colorado City and want their town to grow. Would Colorado City object if Loraine tried to get water rights on a creek that is in Colorado territory?

Colorado City was handed her present lake on a silver platter. Loraine can afford one like that.

I believe that the City Council of Loraine, the Texas Electric Service Company and Colorado City can sit down together and work out an agreement about water on Champion Creek so long as Loraine is treated fairly.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted: Rosa Maria Costello, Mrs. Rosie Ayres, Mrs. Bert Serviner, Cary May, Mrs. Rudolph Ybarra, Colorado City; Mrs. J. B. Walker and Carolyn, Dwayne Walker, Silver; Janie Hernandez, Mrs. D. L. Bollinger, Roscoe; Gilbert Willmon, Inadale; Debbie Brame, Mrs. J. C. Green, Tony Cardoza, Mrs. Young Hester, Mrs. Enslin Garcia, Mrs. W. J. Hogue, Gay Green, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Phil Saunders, Mrs. Ben Adams, Jess Lee, Mrs. Silverio Coutre, Leroy Raglin, Jr., Sue Cox, Jimmy Tarit, Mrs. J. R. Isbell, Jesus Pineda, Jr., Mrs. Eugene Murphy, Luis Espinoza, Mrs. Thomas Guerrero, and Sandy. Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Peggy Phillips, Joyce Hare, Glenn Linder, Loraine.

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Saunders, Roscoe, a girl, Feb. 10, Judy Elaine; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bollinger of Roscoe, a girl, Amy Lou, Feb. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Pineda, Star Route, Colorado City, a boy, David C., Feb. 16.

Dismissed: Roy Dee King, Jessie Pineda, Mrs. J. C. Green, Will Mitchell, Tony Cardoza, W. C. Harlow, Mrs. J. B. Walker and Carolyn, Mrs. Bessie Mahoney, Mrs. Willie Coley, Dwan Walker, Gay Green, Mrs. Darwin Bollinger, Rosa Maria Costello, Mrs. Eusilio Garcia, Mrs. W. J. Hogue, Janie Hernandez, Mrs. Phil Saunders, Mrs. Silverio Coutre, Mrs. Cometo Arelano, Mrs. Rosie Ayres, Mrs. Bert Serviner, Sue Cox, Jess Lee, Mrs. Eugene Murphy, Luis Espinoza, Mrs. J. R. Isbell, Jimmy Tarit, Cary May, Mrs. Rudolph Ybarra, Glenn Linder.

HOST PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Furlow entertained with a 42 and canasta party Saturday night, Feb. 16. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Bowlin, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goodlett, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ray Linder of Colorado City.

Ground Soaking Rains Are Unusual In February Here

Although the fall has not been heavy in this part of Texas, soaking rains have come and penetrated deeply into the dry soil.

February, a month of little or no rainfall in this part of the country, had already dumped more than average life giving moisture to land that has been parched with drouth for years.

The fall Sunday was only .30 inch here in town, heavier in some parts of the territory, but every bit of it went into the ground.

The rain period that is with us now gave heavy rains to the Davis Mountain country and much of South Texas. Almost everywhere February rainfall records have been broken.

Farmers and ranchers in all parts of the state have a smile on their face and are hopeful that the long dry years are on the way out.

Car Registrations Light In County

With approximately 5,000 cars to be registered in Mitchell County by the time the deadline comes, April 1, Tom Glover urges motorists to register early to avoid the rush.

Wednesday morning only 596 cars and trucks had been registered, according to Glover. The registrations were divided as follows: 478 passenger; 61 commercial and 47 farm.

Fire Extinguisher Free With Each New Subscription

Even though it has been rather dry and crops have been short around here for several years, The Mitchell County News has lost very few subscribers. In fact we have gained subscribers for every time someone quit a new one took his place.

There are still a few who live in this territory who are not subscribers to The News and those are the ones we want to get on our list now. We know that once a family gets the habit of reading The News it will continue as subscribers. Because we want those new subscribers we are offering free with a year's subscription a Little Giant Fire Extinguisher. The extinguisher alone has a retail value of \$1.95 and we are offering it with a one year subscription (new) for \$2.00 a \$3.95 value for \$2. Any way you look at it it's a bargain.

Every home, every car and store needs a fire extinguisher. It might save your home, car or business from destruction by fire.

If you are numbered among those who are not subscribers to The News now is a chance for you to get it and a fire extinguisher at a real bargain.

Shop Early For Car Tags Says Garrison

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, prevailed upon Texas automobile owners to "do their shopping early" this year in an effort to reduce the last minute rush for inspection stickers at the close of the 1957 motor vehicle inspection period. The deadline in April 15.

On information received from George W. Busby, chief of the department's Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, the state police director said only one-third of the state's four million vehicle owners have obtained their 1957 inspection stickers to date. He urged motorists to have their cars and trucks inspected now, as a means of saving time for themselves and to avoid a last minute congestion at inspection stations throughout Texas.

Last year, as was true in most preceding years, vehicles overcrowded inspection stations during the last week of the inspection period. More than a million automobiles were caught in a loss of even more millions of manhours for the owners of those vehicles.

Garrison called upon the motor public to adopt a "shop early" policy in this year's inspection program as a means of saving time and to afford better convenience for the vehicle owners involved.

Deacons Host Supper For Wives

The Deacons of the First Baptist Church hosted a supper at the fellowship hall Thursday night honoring their wives and the pastor, Rev. Bobby Rine and Mrs. Rine and Wanda Ann.

H. L. Leach, chairman of the Board of Deacons, was in charge of the program.

Invocation was given by C. D. Taylor. Mrs. D. W. Haralson gave a talk on What my Church Means to me and Rev. Rine talked on the subject, What a Pastor may expect of his Deacons.

H. L. Leach gave a short talk on What deacons may expect of the pastor and W. H. Lang, who had served as deacon the longest number of years gave a brief talk. Edwin Hallmark, Vice chairman also gave a brief talk.

Ray Preston, clerk of the deacons led in closing prayer.

Present were Rev. and Mrs. Rine and Wanda Ann, Messrs. and Mrs. W. H. Long, Ray Preston, Ben Bowlin, Richard Phillips, D. F. Butler, Bob Horton, Clifton Henderson, D. W. Haralson, C. D. Taylor, H. L. Leach, Edwin Hallmark, B. B. Lee, and Ken Haralson and Harold Ray Preston.

Future Farmers To Observe FFA Week

By Kenneth Hoover

Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation are scheduling special activities to focus public attention on the work of their organization during National F. F. A. Week, February 16-23.

Locally, members of the Loraine F. F. A. Chapter plan to observe one day as FFA Day and other activities.

Membership in the F. F. A. is made up of farm boys who are students of vocational agriculture in high school. The organization's activities are designed primarily to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate the boys to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming.

The Loraine F. F. A. chapter has 35 members. Officers are Billy Stribling, President; Billy Preston, Vice President; Gary Mathis, Secretary; David Redwine, Treasurer; Tommy Linnam, Reporter; Joe Templeton, Sentinel; Raymond Holt, vocational agriculture teacher in Loraine high school serves as advisor of the F. F. A. Chapter.

The national Future Farmers organization has more than 383,000 members in the 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Membership in Texas totals 40,000.

Future Farmers choose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National F. F. A. Week. Although generally recognized as a revolutionary General and our first president, Washington's love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There, he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, fertilization and other soil conservation and improvement methods. It was more than a century after Washington's death before general use was made of the sound agricultural practices that he advocated.

HONORS FATHER ON BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henderson hosted a dinner Sunday honoring their father, L. D. Teaff of Camp Springs on his 83rd birthday.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trice, Camp Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Teaff, Dolores and Phyllis, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Moore, Larry and Diana, Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chalker and Glenn, Colorado City.

Mr. Teaff was presented gifts and Happy Birthday greetings by the group and received a surprise at noon when another daughter Mrs. Erroll Derryberry from South Dakota telephoned to wish him Happy Birthday.

HAS SURGERY

E. B. Stewart had surgery at the St. Ann Hospital in Abilene Tuesday for the removal of a tumor on his neck. He was given a good report from analysis after the surgery and his condition is reported very satisfactory.

Girl Scouts Host Banquet For Fathers

The Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops of Mitchell County hosted a father-daughter banquet at the Civic House in Colorado City Thursday night.

Upon entering the banquet hall there was an arts and crafts table along the wall with each troop displaying their handiwork for the year.

The tables were covered with white cloths and red and white Valentines used on each side. Place cards marked each place with a small gift made by the girls placed at the fathers place.

The toastmistress was Janet Stone, Colorado City Scout. The presentation of Colors was performed by Troop 3 Girl Scouts of Colorado City.

Invocation was by the Rev. Don McCoy. Donna Harris, Scout of Colorado City, gave the welcome address. Response was by James E. Payne.

Introduction of honored guests was by Janet Stone. These included Mrs. Jewel Rietter, Mr. Jay Craddock, Colorado City; Mrs. Buster Reed, Lamesa; Miss Margaret McAdams, Abilene, all active in West Texas Girl Scouting.

Frank Ginzler, county attorney was the guest speaker. He gave a short history of Girl Scouting and what scouting means to the girls and their families.

Sidney Edwards, Sweetwater, Girl Scout, showed slides taken on her trip to Melford, Michigan, site of the Girl Scout Roundup, where Scouts from all 48 states and 9 foreign countries were represented.

The songs were led by Brownie Nancy Coffee of Loraine. All Brownies sang "We're the Brownies". The Brownie Smile Song then were joined by the Girl Scouts in singing Let Me Call You Sweetheart, dedicated to the fathers present.

The benediction was given by the Rev. Jack Selcraig of Colorado City.

The retiring of the Colors closed the evening's program.

Those attending from Loraine were Brownies and their fathers: Aleta Martin, Bobbie Schroeder, Beverly Doyle, Kathy Merket, Janet Hall, Jeanette and Sandra Channess, Judy Tarr, Linda Gohar, Nancy Coffee, Reta and Jane Templeton, Sharon Byrne, Sandra Claxton, Vicki Baird, Barbara Brewer, Susan Terry, Evelyn Clifton, Girl Scouts and their fathers, Cindy Mahon, Barbara Doyle, Carla Britton, Joyce Furlow, Maggie Clifton, Loretta Tarr.

HOSTS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Mrs. Bessie Johnson was host at the regular meeting of the Wednesday Club last week.

The Valentine theme was used in decorations. The foursome tables were laid with white cloth and red napkins were used. Valentines were strung on red ribbon and placed across the mantle and doors.

Refreshments of lemon angel squares, chicken salad on lettuce, ritz crackers and heart shaped chocolate cookies were served.

Guests were Mrs. Allen Adams, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Mrs. Pauline Smiley. Members playing were Mmes Clyde Smith, W. F. James, J. D. McDonald, W. I. Barron, T. F. Finely, Henry Riden.

IN KOREA

24th Div., Korea (AHTNC)—James M. Morris, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Morris, Route 2, Colorado City, recently was promoted to specialist third class while a member of the 26th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion in Korea.

Specialist Morris, a mechanic in the battalion's Battery C, entered the Army in June 1955 and arrived overseas the following December.

Free Chest X-Rays Will Be Available Saturday At Lions Club Building

Saturday, February 23, has been set for the annual chest X-Ray survey in Loraine.

The X-Ray machine will be set up in the Lions Club building and will be open from 11 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Every person above 15 years of age in this community is urged to take advantage of the opportunity to have a chest X-Ray made without cost. The fact that you had your chest

Meat Judging Team Fifth At Abilene

The Loraine FFA meats judging team recently participated in the second annual Gooch Packing Company Invitational Meats Judging contest held at their packing plant in Abilene.

The Loraine team placed fifth out of 12 teams that participated and received a plaque. The Stephenville FFA placed first with 365 points; Wylie, 2nd with 344; Hawley 3rd with 342; Clyde 4th with 333; and Loraine 5th with 322 points.

Members of the team were Roy Little, Jr., Ronald Haley and Joe Templeton.

County Teachers Meet At Colorado

The Mitchell County Teachers Association had a dinner meeting in the civic house at Colorado City Monday evening, Feb. 18.

A musical program was presented by eighth grade pupils under the direction of Mrs. Montgomery. Mr. Johnny Moore, president of Colorado City teachers, spoke on current legislation pertaining to education.

A short business meeting was conducted following the program. A nominating committee consisting of Winston Gann and Olson Sweet of Colorado City, Mrs. D. W. Haralson, Loraine, and Mrs. Moore of Westbrook was appointed. Delegates to the district convention were also elected.

Those attending from Loraine were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston, Mrs. Floyd Coffee, Mrs. Inez Cope and Miss Edith Wilkerson.

Warning Given Kite Flyers

Texas Electric Service Company today appealed to parents to caution their children about flying kites near electric wires.

The windy season brings kite flying time and this traditional sport is one that is lots of fun for children if it is done safely. A. L. McSpadden, Texas Electric Service Company manager, pointed out, "Many youngsters don't realize the dangers in this innocent pastime if certain rules are not observed, the most important of which is to never fly kites where there is the possibility of them getting tangled in electric power lines."

Other dangerous practices in connection with kite flying include using metallic cord or wire for the kite string, making the kite frame of metal, flying kites in the rain when even a cotton kite string can become dangerous conductor of electricity and trying to retrieve a kite in case it does get caught in electric wires, Mr. McSpadden stated.

Local youngsters who fly kites have been careful and cooperative in the past and we've had no serious mishaps in several years, but each year, over the nation, there are many cases of injuries due to kite flyers," McSpadden said. "If kites are made right and flown right, kite flying is an enjoyable wholesome sport."

To further impress children that safety is all-important in kite flying, Texas Electric Service Company is providing posters for all schools bulletin boards and announcements for school principals.

SUPT. ROBBINS ATTENDS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Don Robbins, superintendent of Loraine schools, left last Wednesday for Atlantic City, N. J., where he is attending the ten day national school superintendents convention.

Mrs. Cora McKee of Nolan visited Mrs. Joe Bennett Wednesday afternoon.

Valentine Queens Crowned At School

Three queens, Minta Jane Dobbs, Carlie Britton and Nancy Coffee were crowned Valentine Queens of Loraine High School in a colorful coronation setting at the gymnasium Thursday night, February 14.

Tommie Linnam was master of ceremonies and Priscilla Givens and Linda Cary dressed in identical red tulle formal, were ushers.

Miss Dobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs, was escorted by Billy Cornutt; Miss Britton's escort was Johnnie Belvin, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Britton; and Miss Coffee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee, was escorted by Mike McDaniel.

The Royal court was made up of Princes and Princesses: Bob Furlow, Jean Graham; David Hoover, Kathleen Cain; R. J. Baumann, Judy Tarr; Donnie Phillips, Sandra Claxton; Keith Hamilton, Sherry Graham; Mike Lee, Carol Little; Larry Beights, Linda Ross; Lorenzo Maneno, Carmen Galvan; Teddy Polk, Ruby Edwards; Jerry Templeton, Dora Griffin; Billy Jay Long, Peggy Belvin; Darrell Owens, Shirley Craighead; George Martin, Virginia Templeton.

Peggy Phillips played piano selections before the program started and Maxie Sheppard played the Royal march. After the queens were crowned by Loraine Dickenson, Principal of Loraine High School, Miss Kenzie Sue Butler and Miss Maxie Sheppard sang Sweetheart of Loraine High.

The stage floor and aisle were covered with green grass and the stage was decorated to represent a royal court scene. A huge red heart pierced with an arrow made back ground for the triple thrones where the three queens were seated. The center throne was covered with red satin and flanked by the two wrought iron chairs where the grade school queens were seated.

The walls of the stage were white and dotted with various sizes red hearts. Red hearts hung from the ceiling and at the foot of the stage three large red hearts were placed on the white background.

Tommy Linnam announced the program, which consisted of numbers by pupils from Mrs. Lambert's dance studio, Snyder; a group from the second grade presented a skit; piano solos by Janet Sue Hall, Vicki Baird, Larry Beights; Pantomime by Sugie Bowlin and Joe Templeton; Larry Rankin as Elvis Presley; Joretta Hall playing accordion solo; readings by Loretta Tarr, Carolyn Schroeder and Charlotte Sura; solo, Freckles, by Ken Haralson accompanied by Tina White, Judy Hudgins, Gayla Liles and Barbara Hale, accompanied by Golda Cary; and vocal duet by Virginia Hoover and Shirley Robertson.

The queens were presented gifts from the Loraine Furniture and Hardware, Loraine Drug, Thomas Grocery, Adine Howell Furniture, Beaty Grocery, Green Grocery, Barthlett-Preston, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Vances, Best Yet Cafe, Whiteway Cafe, Loraine Cleaners, Mrs. Edd Small, Avon representative, Fay's Beauty Shop, and flowers from Mary's Flowers, Colorado City.

VALENTINE PARTY

Mrs. Hal Bennett and Mrs. Wade Preston were co-hostesses Thursday night for a Valentine party at the Bennett home honoring their husbands who have birthdays in February.

After a period of visiting, the group played progressive 42. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, Sr. and Mrs. R. K. Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Taylor, Mrs. Vanda Martin, Mrs. Stella Welch, a house guest of the Bennetts.

At refreshment time the foursome tables were laid with white linens, Valentine napkins, nut and mint cups. Refreshments of pimento cheese sandwiches, olives, pickles, cherry pudding topped with whipped cream, coffee and fruit punch were served.

ATTEND GIFT SHOW

Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr. and Mrs. G. K. Baker returned Tuesday night after attending the Allied Gift Show in Dallas Monday and Tuesday.

State Water Board Gives Loraine Opportunity to Defend Water Rights

Baptist WMU In Royal Service Pro.

Eighteen members of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the fellowship hall at the church at 3 o'clock Monday for a program from the Royal Service magazine given by the Willie Mae Kennedy Circle.

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler gave the Y. W. A. Dedication and Watchword: "and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Mrs. Bud Shepherd led the program titled "Like a Watered Garden". Mrs. Dan Butler and Mrs. Pauline Smiley dramatized the dedication of Y. W. A. and Mrs. L. E. Crutcher read a very interesting story on the life of Ann Hasseltine Judson, the first woman missionary to go out from this country to serve in foreign service.

Mrs. Harold Hallmark gave a short sketch of the life of Grace McBride, medical missionary to China in 1916, who joined the Red Cross at the beginning of World War I and went to Siberia where she died of typhus fever.

She was the first nurse among Southern Baptist missionaries to die in a foreign land.

Mrs. Dexter Taylor gave the Golden Outlook of YWA. The song Send the Light, was sung at this time and Mrs. W. D. Green led in prayer.

Mrs. A. R. Miles played special music during the program.

After the program Mrs. Tony Snyder directed a short business session and Mrs. B. B. Lee closed the meeting with prayer.

Punch and cookies were served by members of the Willie Mae Kennedy Circle to Mmes Pauline Smiley, Dan Butler, J. C. Hall, Sr., Jack Richer, Tony Snyder, Bud Shepherd, W. D. Green, L. E. Crutcher, Ed Miles, W. C. Rogers, Dexter Taylor, A. R. Miles, B. B. Lee, Della Claxton, R. K. Thornhill, Harold Hallmark, Raymond Wheeler and J. W. King.

Loraine-Westbrook In 3-Game Playoff

The first game of the best two out of three between Westbrook and Loraine to determine the championship of the district in basketball was held off at the Loraine gym Tuesday night.

Loraine won the right to play Westbrook by defeating Fluvanna at Ira last week.

The next game of the series between Westbrook and Loraine will be played at Westbrook on Thursday night. Westbrook won the first game 63 to 55.

MOVE TO ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Laseter and little daughters visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Leach over the weekend and first of the week and left Tuesday for Abilene, where they will make their home, moving there from El Paso.

Keith has accepted a position with Paymaster division of Anderson-Clayton. He has worked the past three years for Stand and Oil Co. in El Paso.

They have bought a home at 1265 Glenhaven.

Use Classified Ads

Fifteen Years Ago In Loraine

(Taken from files of the Mitchell County News Feb. 19, 1942)

Marvin Beights, student at Tarleton State College, is taking the standard Red Cross First Aid course that is being offered at the college. 350 students are enrolled and after completing the course will be given one hour college credit.

Funeral services were held for Roy Haggerton.

Funeral services were held in Colorado City for Mrs. W. H. Bodine, 83, mother of Mrs. C. H. Thomas of Loraine.

Mrs. Frank Johnson hosted the Gleamers Sunday School class. Alene Walker and Carl Lucas were introduced in the high school senior news.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henley have moved back to Loraine after living in Sterling City.

Mayor Vance Dickenson received a letter last week from the State Water Board stating that no water rights on Champion Creek would be granted until Loraine has an opportunity to present her case in the matter.

The letter was in answer to a telegram the mayor sent the board asking that Loraine be given a chance to present her claims to water on the creek.

The matter of water rights on Champion Creek was brought to a focus recently when Texas Electric Service Company in cooperation with Colorado City propose to build a lake on the creek to provide additional water for their present lake. The water from the Champion Creek lake was to be pumped into Lake Colorado City to assure a better supply.

Feeling that Loraine should have been included in the plans since Champion Creek drains all the Loraine watershed the City Council at Colorado City was petitioned for water rights. The Colorado City Council voted 6 to 1 to sell water to Loraine if it should be available.

Loraine City officials and the Lions Club felt that this offer on the part of Colorado City was not what Loraine wanted so a wire was sent to the water board asking for a chance to defend Loraine's rights to water on Champion Creek. Mayor Dickenson says the matter will be pursued until a satisfactory settlement is made.

FHA Presents Program At PTA

The February meeting of the Parent Teachers Association was held at the lunch room Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14. The FHA girls presented the program, opening with the FHA song and bringing an inspiring devotional on love.

Mrs. Earl Phillips was in charge of the business meeting in the absence of the president, Don Robbins.

It was voted to give \$2.50 each to the Brownies and Cub Scouts each month to help in the work of these organizations. It was announced that the organization had received a box of vanilla flavoring to sell, proceeds of which would go to buy two coffee urns for the lunch room.

In the room count for the most representatives present, Mrs. Preston's fifth and sixth grade had the largest number present in grade school and all four high school grades tied.

Masons Observe Washington Birthday

Members of Loraine Masonic Lodge will be hosts Friday night at a George Washington birthday supper at the school cafeteria at 7:30.

Wives of the members and others will be guests for the annual affair.

Ralph Parrott of Snyder will be the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Owens and sons spent Saturday night with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Osborne, at Comanche, and returned to Bangs Sunday, where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Owens.

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STORY NO. 7

Duval "Refugees" Cut Population By 43 Per Cent in Fifteen Years

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—In Duval County there has existed "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror." So states John Ben Shepherd, Attorney General of Texas.

If Shepherd be right it is any wonder that Duvalians flee to freedom through the Mesquite Curtain?

Between 1940 and 1955, inclusive, Duval County lost 43 per cent of her population.

In 1940 there were 20,565 people living in the County according to the U. S. Census.

By 1950 the population had dropped to 12,000.

By 1955 the population had dropped to an estimated 12,000, give or take a hundred or so either way.

This figure is based on a usually accurate barometer, on the school population which varies directly as the total population.

In 1950 there were 5,077 children attending public schools in Duval. By 1955 the number of children in school had dropped to 4,150, a loss of 927 in five years. The 1940 figure was 6,213.

All of the above figures are taken from the authoritative Texas Almanac—except the per centages.

Seven other Texas counties touch on the borders of Duval. These are Brooks, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, La Salle, Live Oak, Webb and McMullen.

All but two of these counties show population increases for the same period; the exceptions are Live Oak and Jim McMullen—and their losses are small.

In sharp contrast Brooks gained 44.5 per cent; Jim Wells, 38.3 per cent. These figures are for 1940-50. School population jumped in these three counties between 1940 and 1955, indicating a proportionate population gain.

Ask a Parr proponent to explain the exodus from Duval and he has a ready answer, the long drought and the trend to the big cities.

It isn't explained how the drought affects Duval more than her seven neighbors.

Nor what big cities exist in these seven counties. The only "big city" is Webb's Laredo with an estimated 59,000 people.

There can be but one answer for the Duval exodus. Too many people found life there unpleasant, unbearable, unsafe or unprofitable. So they packed up their families and vanished.

I was sitting in a restaurant in Jourdanton, the Atascosa county town, when a man came over and wanted to know what was going on at the courthouse. He thought I was a lawyer, and visiting lawyers are celebrities in Jourdanton.

I told him that Judge Barrow was hearing a case having to do with Parr's 55,711-acre Dobie Ranch.

"Use'ta live in San Diego one't," the man said.

I asked him why he left the place.

"Couldn't raise my kids there proper," he said. "I got beatened up one't and we didn't want our kids to see their daddy get beatened up."

When I pulled out my note book to jot down his name the man added this: "Nope. Nope, got a married sister still livin' there."

The list of people forced to leave Duval County for one reason or another, frightened out or ordered out, is as long as your

arm, people whose names are on the record.

Let's consider a speech by Ricardo Barton, wealthy Duval and Jim Wells rancher, former Parr stalwart and now a foe of the Machine.

It takes courage to face up to one's past and obey the dictates of conscience. Barton, over the protests of his fearful family, showed up at an anti-Parr election rally and made a speech.

This, in part, is what he said: "I've been with the Duke in stealing from the school kids . . . Sixteen years ago Parr ran my own brother out of the county . . . I could tell you a few things about an unsolved murder or two . . . I want you all to know the truth about the Possum (the Latin's nickname for Parr, El Tiaqueche—the Possum) even if I have to go to prison for it."

The exodus is not only from Duval. People are deserting the Parr camp in droves.

Most important of the defections, of course, is the present District Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin, a former Parr man who was once unceremoniously tossed out of office by the Texas Supreme Court. Duval County Judge Dan Tobin is another. Yet another is Manuel Marroquin, now editor of the anti-Parr bilingual tabloid newspaper "New Duval."

Marroquin, the man described by Assistant Attorney General Sidney Chandler as having "more intestinal fortitude than any other man in the county," gives an interesting sidelight on the Duke of Duval—and it's by the sidelights, the little things, that we understand people. Here's Marroquin's story, taken directly from a tape recording:

"I started to sell milk in my store and George Parr came in. I said 'George, will you do me a favor, take a bottle of milk and go outside with it, let people see you with it?'"

"George said to me, he said 'Meme'—he always called me Meme, that's short for Manuel you know—he said 'Meme, you know I don't drink milk' and he started to go out."

"I said, 'George, I know you don't drink milk, but if people see you with my milk they'll buy it from me.'"

"He said, 'Sure, Meme, give me a bottle of milk.'"

"And I said, 'I won't charge you anything.' He put the money down anyway and I said 'If you want to throw the bottle away after the people see you with it, then throw it away. Just let the people see you with my milk and they'll buy my milk.'"

"He went out of my store and held up the bottle of milk and he waved it and before he got in his car he told everybody what fine milk I had. And he waved the bottle of milk out of the window of his car after he got in his car and drove off."

"For three days everybody in San Diego buys my milk. Everybody in San Diego's drinking my milk. Then . . . Wham! Nobody at all buys my milk. I had all my milk and it went bad. I lost plenty of money. You know what that blankety blank so and so did? His pistoleros found out they could make money with milk so George gave the milk business to a deputy sheriff."

If that isn't a whimsical switch on old-style Bossism I'd like to know what it is. If the men who crossed Chicago in the days of Al Capone ever hear of it they'll be doing a dervish act in their graves. Milk!

Later Marroquin opened a tortilla bakery. Parr put him out of business.

Marroquin today is one of the Duval emigres. The five members of the Marroquin family have helped swell the census of neighboring Jim Wells County.

"Meme," with his Winchester always at the ready, lives just across the county line on Highway 44.

Take the case of another refugee, Jose Serna, brother of Donato Serna, now the Duval County auditor. Jose owned a cafe in San Diego and incurred the displeasure of the Boss. Here's how Donato tells the story:

"George Parr drove my brother out of the County, out of San Diego. Deputy sheriff blocked the entrance to his place of business. They'd arrest customers who had one beer and charge them with drunken driving whether they owned automobiles or not. They didn't press any charges, just scared them so they wouldn't go in my brother's place any more."

"I went across the street with a loaded camera to take a picture for evidence and George Parr grabbed his pistol and ran across the street to me, cursing in Spanish. Tried to grab my camera. Amaya (Manuel Amaya, then deputy sheriff and now chief of police in San Diego) hit my camera with the barrel of his gun."

"Amaya said 'You're both (Donato and Jose) under arrest. Get in that car.' We got in and I said 'All right, arrest me but don't hit me.' They took us to the courthouse. George put his gun in his holster and hit me hard on the head with a five-cell flashlight. I sat down on the jailer's bunk. He was beating me when Amaya took the flashlight away from him. Amaya put the camera on the table and they tore it to pieces. Then George told us 'Get the hell out of here! We want.'"

Donato Serna stayed in Duval to fight.

In Duval these days a man either fights for Parr or fights against him. The days of "inactive subversion" are over. In Duval it's physically impossible to sit on your hands and straddle the fence at one and the same time.

I first heard that term "inactive subversion" a few weeks ago in Austin as I sat and talked about Duval with John Ben Shepherd, who knows more about the county, probably, than any other person outside the immediate vicinity. Shepherd's knowledge has grown out of his early, undercover visits to Duval back in 1953, when he waited in a dark ranch house to talk with anti-Parr citizens who he said came stealing out of the bushes in the dark after parking their cars a mile away. Sometimes, he tells, they changed cars two or three times on the way to the rendezvous to keep from being followed by Parr men.

Months of this undercover investigation gave Shepherd enough information to sustain a frontal attack on the stronghold of Parr. When the Parr dictatorship was first battered down on Duval, consolidating itself into "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror," the people were ignorant, miserable, exploited and politically inexperienced. Perhaps they cannot be blamed for letting themselves get caught in the coils. Today they're still miserable, still exploited and the literacy rate is among the very highest in the State of Texas. But they've had political experience thrust upon them.

Quien sabe? Who knows, perhaps with upsurge of real democracy in the county that catastrophic population drop will be halted, even reversed.

Thanks to men like Serna, and Marroquin, and Shepherd, and many, many others, Duval may yet come into its own.

Outstanding ability to use and demonstrate dairy food products brought individual state honors in the 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration program to Cinda Ellis, 16, of Lancaster, and Karan Prechel, 17, of Fort Worth. Each girl was awarded a beautiful inscribed wrist watch by the Carnation Company.

Cinda's demonstration was called "Cheese Pie," and Karan's was entitled "A Dip to Delight a Teen-age Appetite."

The Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Texas, directs the program with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture cooperating.

Church Activities

TO DALLAS MEET

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Adams will leave early Monday for Dallas where Rev. Adams will attend the area meeting of Conference members of the Board of Ministerial Qualifications. This meeting is set to discuss the new discipline and rules as it concerns required courses of studies for Methodist ministers. The meeting will be held at Southern Methodist University.

ATTEND LECTURESHIP

Gary Freeman of Clarksville is visiting in the Glen Coon home this week and attending the ACC lectures in Abilene. Mrs. Coon and Mrs. Doyle Hester attended the Monday session.

W. S. C. S. MEETING

Members of the Womens Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met at the church Monday afternoon continuing the study in the book, Pauls Letters to the Local Churches.

Meeting opened with Mrs. K. L. Taylor leading and accompanying in singing More Love to Thee.

Mrs. Jim Johnson brought the devotional from Corinthians and Mrs. J. G. Bruce brought the lesson. Mrs. Percy Bond led in round table discussion of the study for the afternoon and Mrs. J. D. McDonald led the closing prayer.

ATTEND MYF MEETING

The local M. Y. F. group presented the dramatic worship service at the meeting of the Eworth Sub-District meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held at the Methodist Church at Dunn Monday night.

The sub-district consists of the two Methodist Churches in Colorado City, three in Snyder, and the Lorraine, Hermiligh, Cosahoma and Westbrook churches

and meets each third Monday evening. The next meeting will be with the Saint Luke Methodist Church in Colorado City on March 18.

Attending from Lorraine were Tommie Llam, Frances Jackson, Billy Dale Blair, Fran Griffin, Virginia Templeton, Beverly Johnson, Katrina Wells, Ester Moser, Billy Jay Long and the counselors Mrs. Bruce Johnson and Rev. Adams.

Y. W. A. S. HAVE SUPPER

Members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church and their counselors, Mrs. Bobbie Rine and Mrs. Kenneth Butler enjoyed a pot luck supper in the fellowship hall preceding their regular program meeting Wednesday evening.

After the supper they made Valentines to take to the Johnson Hospital for trays on Valentine Day.

Girls present were Wanda Wells, Bessie Miles, Kennie Sue Butler, Linda Linder, Sue Narrell.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my friends neighbors and relatives who came and plowed my land and for every other kindness and help extended me, I am deeply grateful. Maggie Hamrick

CANCER UNIT MEETS

The local unit of the Mitchell County Cancer Society met in their second meeting at the Lions building Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14.

Surgical dressings and hospital jackets were made. Mrs. Clyde Smith, head of the local unit, urges all women to meet each second Thursday and prepare dressings and other sick room needs for local use, which will be kept in the loan closet and dispensed to those who need them at the order of their doctor.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. T. J. Green, Jr. hosted a party Saturday afternoon honoring her little daughter, Marsha Ann, on her third birthday.

The circus theme was used for party decorations, refreshments and favors. A miniature merry-go-round complete with canopy and ponies in harness was later revealed as the birthday cake which was served with ice cream and pink lemonade.

Circus clowns, horns and hats were favors.

Present were Terry Don Johnson, Gay Adams, Nubbin Mahoney, Diana and Pat Baumann, Mrs. Hedy Johnson, Mrs. Allen Adams, Mrs. George Mahoney and Mrs. T. J. Green, Sr.

MRS. LILLIE STARLING FUNERAL SET FOR FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Starling are to be held at the Canaan Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, Feb. 22.

The Rev. C. C. Campbell and the Rev. R. D. Burke will have charge of the service.

Mrs. Starling died in a Houston hospital Tuesday night after a long illness. She is the wife of Joe Starling.

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Karan Prechel

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith spent the weekend in Abilene visiting their son-in-law and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spence.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crutcher Friday night and Saturday were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grigsby, Jane and Judy, of Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Baromre of Matador were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Riden and visited with other friends in Lorraine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Ray Finch and Clayton spent Thursday night and Friday in Midland visiting his brothers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Idus Finch and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Finch.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vest Thursday was an old time friend, Mrs. Kirk Spears of Riverton, Wyoming. Others visiting in the Vest home during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sturdivant and son Randolph of Lubbock.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merket Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Walls and children of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie and Kay of Sweetwater.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry were a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Johnson and son, Jonnie and a son, Hester Faulkenberry of Fort Worth. Others visiting Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. David Faulkenberry and children, Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry, Jr., of Lamesa and Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Faulkenberry and family of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Thompson and son of Jal, N. M. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Claxton.

Mrs. Cora Hall returned after spending last week in Sweetwater with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simons of Champion spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weatherman.

Mrs. Len Clopton accompanied her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie King, Jr. of Sand Springs, to Fort Worth Friday, where she is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie King, and with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cleveland at Arlington. The Clopton children are staying with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White while their mother is away.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Terry spent Sunday night and Monday with relatives in Coleman.

Tom Bennett accompanied his son Harold Bennett of Snyder to Stephenville, where he visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Thompson while Harold was in Dallas on business several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richburg of Sweetwater visited his father, J. W. Richburg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee and Nancy spent the week end in Andrews visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Ray McCollum.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richey Sunday afternoon were her sister, Mrs. Myrtle McDonald, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark, of Lubbock.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Banks and Mrs. Jack Banks and daughter of Big Spring. Others visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banks and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers and children, Big Spring, Jack Bagwell, Regana Colorado City and Mrs. W. J. Coon and Mr. Jasper Doyle and daughters, Lorraine.

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Mrs. Clarence Cain accompanied her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Woodard of Sweetwater, to call last week where Mrs. Woodard was guest speaker at the Parent-Teachers Association. She and Mrs. Pay Payne of Sweetwater, district PTA president, were guests in the Cain home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lee and Janie carried Annette Lee back to Wayland College in Plainview Sunday after she had spent the week end home.

Roy Linder visited his brother, S. E. Linder and a tended to business in Gorman Monday.

Mrs. Troy Kegans and sons Rusty and Chad of Odessa are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin and Stanley spent Sunday in Weatherford visiting her father, J. K. Mahon, and Mrs. Mahon.

Mrs. Bob Price of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Narrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris and little son of Midland spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Maxine Harris.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett Monday was Mrs. C. E. Welch of the Lowe Community.

Mrs. Stella Welsh of Colorado City is here visiting her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Bowlin spent the weekend in Dallas visiting her mother, Mrs. George Owens of Midland, who is a patient in a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. G. A. Hutchins returned home Thursday from Houston, where she has been since November with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Templeton.

Mrs. Jack Linam returned home Thursday after visiting since Thursday in Monahan with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Tillison.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hallmark spent Thursday afternoon in Big Spring visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richardson.

Mrs. J. C. Green, who is working in Roscoe, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Coldewey and little son of Midland spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coldewey, and Mr. Coldewey and Maurice made a trip to Brownwood Saturday.

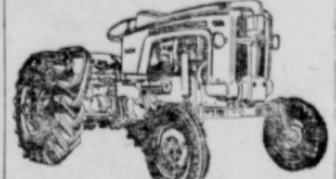
Mrs. B. A. Parker returned home Monday after spending three weeks in Fort Worth, Dallas and Houston visiting relatives.

Mrs. D. L. Collier, who has lived in an apartment at the Rev. W. D. Green home for several months, has moved to Odessa.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long Sunday were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hodges of Roscoe, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Monroe of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Narrell spent Monday night with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Narrell and Dian in Abilene and were there Tuesday to be with her brother, E. B. Stewart, when he had surgery. Dian returned with them and is spending this week with them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall of Big Spring spent Sunday with his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Marshall and Mrs. Ruby Robertson.

Billy Haggerton, who is working for Standard Oil Co. at Monahan, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haggerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Finley and Nelda of Anson spent Sunday in the home of their son and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finley.

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Filling Underground Lakes

A large group of Southwest Texans are really taking the drought to heart—and trying to do something to ease its harmful effects.

Their pet project, called the Edwards Underground Water District, is aimed at filling much depleted great natural underground reservoirs which lie southwest and in the vicinity of San Antonio.

These reservoirs, in normal times fed by flow of the Nueces, Frio, Sabinal and other streams from the Edwards Plateau over the line of the Balcones Fault, have been failing steadily in recent years from over-use and lack of replacement water.

The new water district has devised a plan which they hope will refill these lakes through partial containment of flood waters which build up easily

with even spotted rains on the upper plateau. The plan sponsored by the South Texas Chamber of Commerce is to build a great many retarding dams along the streams in this area so that flood waters will be released slowly enough to sink into the ground when they cross the Balcones Fault line.

Capacity of the reservoirs is not known, although it is much greater than that of man-made surface reserves. If the Edwards Underground Water District plan is successful, it is certain to benefit water conservation efforts everywhere.

Success depends largely on the current session of the Texas Legislature whose responsibility it is to provide legal and financial means for keeping this worthwhile project in operation.

The Seed Catalog

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Traditional as the order-book is, though, it has started to take on a new look by a sort of fashion nomenclature. Take zinnias, for instance. They're not just zinnias anymore, or "old maids" as some people call them. Late reports are that the hottest numbers this season are "Ortho Polka", "Peppermint Stick", "Cherry Sundae" and—a real newcomer—"Crackerjack". And they're all zinnias.

It would be much better if they dispensed with the naming and gave out with some of their planting secrets. They must have some secrets, because nobody can grow anything as pretty as it looks in the seed catalog.

Mrs. W. L. Hester of Lubbock visited during the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Young Hester.

BAUMAN H. D. CLUB

The regular meeting of the Bauman Home Demonstration Club was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Alfred Hackfeld.

Mrs. Floyd Griffin led the club prayer and roll call was answered with "the first lie I ever told."

Mrs. Jasper Doyle read the minutes of the last meeting. Announcement was made of the upholstering school at Buford. The club voted to buy a game book for the recreation chairman to use, and also voted to buy each of the Clifton children a gift in the way of something they can wear.

After the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed as Mrs. Ben Adams, program chairman, was sick and unable to bring a program.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. August Hackfeld, a visitor, and Mmes. Walter Teeters, Lester Webb, Cullen Payne, R. D. White, Floyd Griffin, Jasper Doyle, M. J. Sura.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Cullen Payne March 5.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson spent the weekend in Dallas.

NORTH LORAIN H. D. CLUB

Mrs. Henry Taylor was host at the regular meeting of the North Lorain Home Demonstration Club at 2:30 Feb. 19.

Mrs. Taylor pinned favors of red hatches on guests as they arrived and roll call was answered with each giving "the first lie I ever told."

Mrs. Jack Linam led the club prayer. During the business meeting it was voted to sponsor a rabbit drive on March 20, all to meet at the Willie Taylor home for the drive. It was also voted to sponsor a 42 party for their families at the Lions building, which will follow the first aid course that evening, February 22.

Mrs. Taylor announced the dates for the upholstering school that is being held at the Buford school as Feb. 20, 22, 25, 26 and March 1.

There were six club members present at the meeting of the local cancer society unit which met at the Lions building last Thursday.

Mrs. Willie Taylor brought the program, giving a demonstration on Swedish darning on huck towels.

Refreshments of gingerbread, coffee, tea and ritz crackers were served to Mrs. A. C. Taylor and Mrs. Neel Miles as visitors and Mmes. Bud Shepherd, Otis Hamrick, Harold Hallmark, Willie Taylor, Roy Wells, Raymond Wheeler and Jack Linam.

HOST 42 PARTY

Mrs. Dan Butler and Mrs. Earl Hallmark were co-hosts Tuesday night for a 42 party at the Butler home. The occasion honored Mr. Butler on his birthday.

Four tables of 42 were played after which the foursome tables were laid with colorful cloths and napkins and refreshments of ritz sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, cookies and mints were served.

Present were Mmes. Vanda Martin, Josephine Marshall, Ida Baird, Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Bennett, C. C. Hamilton, T. C. Wilson and Marie, Hugh Hallmark, Floyd Richey and T. R. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hallmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Twaine Price and Jana Sue of Crane visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Finch, a short time Sunday.

Sarah Pratt Honored On Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt hosted a dinner at noon Sunday honoring Sarah on her 16th birthday.

The dinner of baked ham trimming was served from two white laid tables. Gifts were presented the honoree and after the dinner the group enjoyed piano music by Maxie Sheppard.

Enjoying the occasion were Maxie Sheppard, Kenzie Sue Butler, Marger Lou Thompson, Linda Linder, Peggy Williams, Virginia Templeton, Wanda Wells, Fran Griffin, Frances Jackson, Jackie Coffee, the honoree and Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and Judy Williams.



Urging Better Government Legislation

A Senator from the Panhandle and a West-Texas Representative have joined hands in sponsoring one of the 15 anti-secrecy bills requested of the Texas Legislature by the Texas Press Association. Measures advocated by the press stem from recent scandals in Duval County, the Land Office, and in a less spectacular way in several areas of the state. Pictured above are Rep. Howard Green of Fort Worth (standing) and Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress (seated), as they confer on HB 167 and SB 224. Their companion bills require that suits be filed by county and district attorneys for the recovery of misappropriated or unlawfully expended monies belonging to a county, school district or other political subdivision. Should these officials refuse to act, then the Attorney General is empowered to do so.

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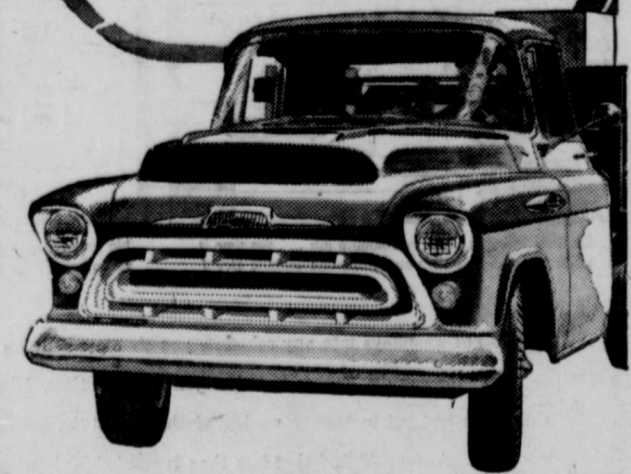
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