

PLAIN TALK

By BILL PERKINS

The McLean News is carrying a series of articles on the Duval County oligarchy that we think will open the eyes of our readers to the dangers that exist in the never-ending fight for freedom of individual rights. Included in this 10-part revelation of graft and corruption are many heretofore unrevealed incidents.

These articles have been written by two New York newspaper men who were able to approach the subject without bias and without political leanings of any kind. One of these men, Franz Rosenwald, is a German refugee who was forced to flee from Nazi terrorism. The other, Frederick Hogson, is a newspaper correspondent and magazine and screen writer.

Their approach to the Duval County story is so different and presented in such style that the reader will be engrossed from the very beginning. Those who saw advance proofs on the series say they could not put the copy down until they had read every article and we believe our readers will have the same reaction.

Throughout the series the thoughtful reader will be impressed with what can happen when people become complacent and negligent about their governing bodies. The reader will be able to grasp the awful significance of secrecy in government and how a cancerous growth of corruption and oppression can develop almost imperceptibly until the citizens of a county are gripped in fear for their very lives and property.

The concluding articles of this series will show how this reign of terror never could have happened had Texas had laws that make public business public. They will show how 16 proposals for better government being sponsored by the Texas Press Association can complete the cleaning up of Duval County and prevent such a situation from ever arising again in Texas.

We commend this series of articles to our readers and ask that they lend their support to Texas newspapers in their effort to obtain better government in Texas. You can do this by appealing to your representatives and senators to pass these bills when they come before the Texas Legislature.

Just bear in mind that what happened in Duval County could happen in any county in Texas under today's lax laws.

'57 FICA Tax Rates Are Increased Effective Jan. 1

Tax rates under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security) and filing requirements under the Federal Unemployment Act have been changed by recent amendments to the law, according to Walter J. Bowen, administrative officer of the Pampa Internal Revenue office.

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

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

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

McLean P-TA Meet Is Scheduled Next Wednesday, Jan. 9

The next regular meeting of the McLean Parent-Teacher Association will be held next Wednesday afternoon, January 9.

The meeting will begin at 3:45 in the grade school cafeteria.

Rev. Jack Riley, pastor of the McLean Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Angie Butrum is ill from a heart condition at the home of a daughter in Tulsa, Okla. C. H. Butrum visited her last week.

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County 4-H Girls and HD Women REVIEW 1956 PROGRAM



At Home—

NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson of Canyon are the parents of a boy born December 30 in Canyon. He weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and has been named Eddie Kent. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Williams of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phillips of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pampa Firm Donates \$100 to Lions for Youth Recreation

The McLean Lions Club received a \$100 check from the Pampa Machine Company for use in the 1957 summer recreation program, the club secretary, Freeman Melton, Jr., has revealed.

This is the second year that the Pampa firm has made a generous donation to the McLean club to aid in its youth work.

The letter to McLean Lions says, in part . . . "So, we use this holiday message to tell you that we are showing our gratitude this year by donating money, we formerly spent on small, individual gifts, to worthwhile charities where it will do the most good. Our sincere good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, bright New Year. Sincerely, Pampa Machine Co."

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SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENU

Monday 7-11
Monday—Kraut and wieners, creamed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, bread and butter, milk, plums.

Tuesday—Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread and butter, milk, cake.

Wednesday—Spanish rice, deviled eggs, greens, cornbread and butter, milk, fruit jell-o.

Thursday—Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, English peas, celery sticks, bread and butter, milk, peaches.

Friday—Fish and tartar sauce, potato salad, beets, bread and butter, milk, peanut butter squares.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 6—W. C. Simpson, Donald Stafford, Jimmie Shaw, Billie Mae McClellan, Audrey Denise Littrell.

Jan. 7—Mrs. C. L. Wood, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Donna Hinton, Mavis McCurley, Mrs. W. E. Kennedy.

Jan. 8—Mrs. Joe Graham, Leota Milam, George W. Baker.

Jan. 9—Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Pete Fulbright, Janice Page, Mrs. Don Light, Mrs. Richard Griffin.

Jan. 10—Mrs. W. W. Boyd, Mrs. Rosa Smith, Gary Turner, Ray Hupp, Bobby Ray Agee.

Jan. 11—W. E. Bogan, George Anders, W. J. Hanner, Buddy Atwell.

Jan. 12—Mrs. K. E. Windom, Mrs. C. M. Jones, John Cooper, Mrs. Jack Brooks.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Bunia Kunkel Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson and family of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kunkel of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Kunkel of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Oba Kunkel and family of McLean.

The results of the 1956 program for the 4-H girls and home demonstration club women reveal the fact that they are helping to feed and clothe the family, as well as to manage and beautify the home.

Their reports show that they made a total of 2,443 garments at a saving of \$7,107.38. The 15 leaders, who learned to tailor garments last fall, held seven training schools where 36 coats and suits were made at an estimated saving of \$546.95.

The women and girls together canned a total of 2,673 quarts of fruits, vegetables, meats and pickles; 1,064 containers of jams, jellies and preserves were made and stored for the non-productive season.

The women conserved, by freezing, 2,500 pints of fruits and vegetables, and 16,128 pounds of meat, fish and poultry.

The women improved 61 kitchens, 76 living rooms, 80 bedrooms and 20 bathrooms. They added 149 major pieces of furniture, 57 woolen bed covers, 1,041 household articles and 25 mattresses. They refinished 68 pieces of furniture, re-seated 68 chairs, and upholstered 36 chairs and sofas.

Continuing with the work they learned a number of years ago of yard improvement, the home demonstration women this year added 69 pieces of recreational equipment, built seven barbecues, 28 safe trash burners, added 10 lawns, made two drives and one walk, and planted three windbreaks. They planted and have living 77 shrubs, and grew from seeds or cuttings 17 shrubs and trees.

A part of the extension program is to give information and show others how to do many of the things taught in the club programs. The club women and the girls do this by answering questions and by showing how to do a new method by giving demonstrations to groups or individuals who are not club members. They have helped 1,052 such people during 1956.

Recreation for the boys and girls offers an opportunity for them to direct games at their parties each month. Three boys and three girls received special training during the summer in junior leadership at Bastrop State Park. With these six trained young people, the agents are assisted very materially with these activities.

Sheriff Rufe Jordan Takes Office Oath In Hospital Tuesday

Sheriff Rufe Jordan was administered the oath of office as Gray County sheriff Tuesday in Worley Hospital in Pampa.

Sheriff Jordan, because of pneumonia, was unable to take the oath with other officers in the court house. Since the sheriff was in the hospital for an "indefinite" period, Judge Lewis M. Goodrich went to the hospital to install Jordan for another term.

In other action Tuesday, Judge Goodrich re-appointed Ray Wilson as Gray County auditor. Wilson will serve a two-year term.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scherer of Vernon and Wanda and Robert Scherer of Dallas spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Irvan Alderson.

James Massay, who is working in Amarillo, was at home with his family for Christmas.

REVEILLE



with the boys

Airman Bobby Boyd left Monday for Bermuda after spending the holidays with home folks here. His wife expects to join him in Bermuda later.

Ruel Smith's Car And Deer Collide North of Wheeler

Ruel Smith got a deer this year, but he's not happy about it.

Almost \$200 in damage was done to the Smith's family Ford Thursday night when Ruel, Mrs. Smith and Carey Don were returning from Higgins and collided with a deer on Highway 83 north of Wheeler.

Ruel said that he was driving between 40 and 45 miles per hour when the car struck the deer, and probably much more damage would have occurred had he been going faster. He said that he had reduced his speed when he saw another deer a few hundred yards before the deer he hit jumped from a bar ditch.

Estimated damage to the Smith car was \$194.10.

Ruel took the young buck to the game warden at Shamrock. The warden said that the deer would be given to the hospital or some needy family.

No one was injured in the accident.

Cap Humphreys Named Manager of Richardson Plant

Editor's Note: The following is an article taken from the Kermit newspaper about the promotion of C. L. (Cap) Humphreys, former resident of McLean. When the Humphreys family lived in McLean he was superintendent for Smith Bros. Mr. Humphreys is the father of Mrs. Cleve Hancock of McLean and Mrs. Leonard Glass of Alameda.

Kermit—Dave H. Huff, superintendent of Sld Richardson Gasoline Plant, has been transferred to Fort Worth where he will assume active management of all of Richardson gasoline plants.

C. L. (Cap) Humphreys, process superintendent in the Kermit plant since February, 1949, will assume management of the plant here.

Huff left Monday to take over duties of his new position. His wife and daughters will follow later. Their oldest daughter, Sallye, is a senior in Kermit High School.

Humphreys and his wife came to Kermit in 1949 from Bastrop, La., where he was in business for himself. They live at the Sld Richardson Camp and have six children, Mrs. Cleve Hancock of McLean, Mrs. Leonard Glass of Alameda, Mrs. Coy Shell of Wayne, Mich., S. K. C. Ray Humphreys stationed in Japan, Earl Humphreys of Lubbock, and Mrs. Bill Lively of Orem, Utah; and nine grandchildren.

BAPTIST INTERMEDIATES HAVE WATCH PARTY

The intermediate department of the Training Union of the First Baptist Church met in the Fellowship Hall Monday night for a New Year's Eve watch party.

Twenty-eight were present. Sponsors present were Mrs. Boyd Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor and Dr. Buell Wells.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McPherson and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie McKee of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farmer and girls of Waco spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coffey of McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Alexander of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alexander of Amarillo were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. J. P. Alexander.

Guests in the J. N. Smith home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, Jr., and Vicky of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Horton and Terry of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Vergal Smith and Lane of McLean.

McLEAN MAN'S MOTHER DIES IN WRECK

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Dixon, 67, mother of Morris G. Mullanax of McLean, were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Graham with the minister, Rev. Foust, officiating.

Mrs. Dixon was killed in an automobile wreck Wednesday of last week around 12:30 p. m. when her car overturned near Skellytown. She was born July 24, 1888, in Glen Cove, and was a resident of Graham.

Mrs. Dixon was trapped in the overturned car. Her husband was thrown clear and was seriously injured in the accident.

Survivors are her husband, James E. Dixon of Graham; four daughters, Mrs. G. L. Funderburg of Pampa, Mrs. C. H. Matthews, Mrs. J. E. Morrison and Mrs. H. F. Magerkurth of Dumas; and two sons, M. G. Mullanax of McLean and Doyle K. Mullanax of Graham.

Interment was in a Graham cemetery under the direction of Richardson-Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

VILLAGE



GOSSIP (More or Less)

A. E. Stafford was awarded \$88 in merchandise certificates at the Appreciation Day activity Saturday.

Cecil Bible, former resident of McLean, died Saturday night of a heart attack at his workshop in Canyon. He was 75 years of age.

McLean high school basketball squads will compete in the Lefors tournament beginning today and continuing through Saturday. Both boys and girls teams will play.

Hospital Reopening Seen In Near Future, Mayor Lander Says

Prospects for the reopening of the McLean Hospital and Clinic in the very near future look good, Mayor Ed Lander reported Wednesday.

"We hope to have the hospital operating on full schedule again within 30 days," Mayor Lander said.

At the present time the city council is negotiating with several medical doctors who have indicated that they would like to come to McLean.

Dr. Norma Shultz announced last week that she would be leaving McLean at an early date and closed the hospital Monday.

Drs. Norma and Don Shultz have operated the new hospital since its official opening July 1, 1956.

Tax-Man Sam Sez:

The tax folks spend a lot of time sending back income tax returns that Papa signs and forgets to have Mama sign. If the return is a joint return, Papa and Mama are both responsible and both have to sign. Prepare your tax return and both sign it, if it is a joint return, now. It may be to your advantage to file early.

VISITORS FROM EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt, Jr., and children, Audra and Diana, of Weisbaden, Germany, are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt Sr.

Mr. Myatt is presently employed by the U. S. Air Force in Europe and is visiting home this Christmas for the first time in five years.

Feb. 1 Is Tentative Opening Date FOR NEW LOVETT LIBRARY

Lela Funeral Rites Held for Father Of McLean Man

Thomas Elmer Trostle, 85, the father of a McLean man and a resident of Wheeler County since 1895, died last Tuesday morning at his home in the Plainview community about 9 miles northwest of Shamrock.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the First Methodist Church of Lela. The Rev. O. C. Evans, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Trostle was born September 25, 1873, in Blaine, Kans. He was married to Miss Lillie Jones, member of a pioneer Wheeler County family, in 1898.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Nevin of Brownwood, Roscoe of Lubbock, Winston of Amarillo, Tom of McLean, and Robert B. of the Plainview community; and ten grandchildren. Burial was in the Shamrock cemetery.

Supper to Honor Wells Family Friday

Members of the First Baptist Church will hold a farewell supper Friday evening at the church for Dr. and Mrs. Buell Wells and family.

Everyone is invited to bring a basket supper to Fellowship Hall at 6:30 o'clock.

From the State Capitol HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

By Vern Sanford
Texas Press Association

Conflict, complications and suspense made 1956 one of Texas' newswiest years. Many of the biggest stories didn't run out with the calendar. They're marked "to be continued in 1957."

These were some of the headline makers:

POLITICS wore everyone to a frazzle. Gov. Allan Shivers took his first political tumble when Senator Lyndon Johnson won control of the May Democratic convention. Price Daniel won over Ralph Yarborough for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in a narrowest-ever margin of a little more than 3,000 votes. Daniel gained shaky party control by getting a most-friendly executive committee at the September Democratic convention.

But he held on to the senate seat too long. Governor Shivers wouldn't buy the election-now, resign-later plan. And Shivers came to the end of his historic seven-year tenure as leader of the again-triumphant Democrats for Eisenhower.

DROUGHT, in its seventh year, grew steadily worse. Crops burned up. Streams stopped flowing. Reservoirs dwindled. State Water Control Board had its hands full trying to referee squabbles over water rights. Agricultural groups banded together in the Texas Drought Emergency Committee finally gained expanded federal relief. All but five of Texas' 254 counties were designated disaster areas. Texas Water Resources Committee, a legislative study group, put in a lot of overtime readying a state-wide water program for the next legislature. Suggestions: a \$100,000,000 bond program to help finance local projects, fishing and boat taxes to buy water storage space in federal reservoirs, "rainmaking" research at Texas colleges.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION had Texas repercussions. Eisenhower supporters groaned when he vetoed the natural gas bill. But the federal highway building bill passed. It means \$57,000,000 a year more for Texas road building. Texas Highway Department started using it at once, predicted an era of unparalleled progress. To move things faster, it reversed its long-time policy, is now buying right-of-way for interstate roads. This brought a new headache—a hue and cry from county officials for help in buying land for state highways.

INTEGRATION VS. SEGREGATION made news on many fronts. Voters overwhelmingly approved three interposition bills July primary. But what would come of them at Mansfield and Texarkana citizens blocked efforts at federal court-ordered school integration, and Governor Shivers sent Texas Rangers to maintain order. Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd took on the NAACP in a Tyler district court and won a temporary order banning the organization in Texas.

INVESTIGATION by legislative committees into US Trust and Guaranty Co.'s \$7,000,000 downfall brought demands for new lobby laws, controls on legislators' dealings with state agencies. US Trust's many creditors are still unpaid. It's all tied up in their numerous lawsuits for priorities.

INSURANCE INDUSTRY underwent a state-wide solvency check. Seven per cent, out of more than 1,300, failed to qualify for new licenses.

POLIO VACCINE restrictions were completely removed in late summer. But with plenty for everyone, an indifferent public let vaccine supplies stock up. Some 80% went unvaccinated. Unless interest increases, Texas will have to return nearly half of the states \$3,000,000 federal vaccine allocation when the fiscal year runs out next June.

BUSINESS LEVEL HOLDS—Capital expansion, the building of new and growth of old industries, has kept Texas' 1956 business index at its 1955 high.

University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported the 1956 11-months total as the same as 1955. Rapid industrial expansion has kept the average up, says the bureau.

It offset declines in residential building, consumer spending and farm employment.

CROP VALUE DOWN—Value of Texas' 1956 crops is estimated at \$1,100,000,000—9% below last year and the 10-year average.

U. S. Department of Agriculture said reduced production is due to drought, acreage restrictions and the soil bank plan.

Increased irrigation accounted for some bright spots. Per-acre yield of cotton was the highest on record—278 pounds. But dryland farming reached new lows. Corn crop of 27.4 million bushels was the shortest since 1873. Sorghum, with half the total acreage irrigated, produced 124 million bushels, the fourth largest crop in history.

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Society

Miss Barbara Ruth Carter Becomes Bride of Donald Arthur Trew Saturday Evening

Miss Barbara Ruth Carter and Donald Arthur Trew were united in marriage Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the McLean Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Trew, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trew.

Rev. J. T. Trew, former pastor of the church, read the double-ring service by candlelight. Mrs. Frank Rodgers, organist, played a prelude of nuptial selections and accompanied Rev. Jack Riley, pastor as he sang "I Love You Truly," "Always," and "The Lord's Prayer." The traditional marches were used for the processional and recessional.

White tapers banked with huckleberry, white chrysanthemums and heather decorated the altar rail. The chancel was similarly decorated and accented with white and blue satin. The bride wore a white and blue tulle and white tulle and white carnations with blue satin ribbon.

Mrs. James Smith was matron-of-honor, and bridesmaids were Miss Billie Mae McClellan of Clarendon and Miss Sammie Jane Wood of Pampa. They wore identical princess style dresses of pastel blue taffeta and carried crescent bouquets of purple irises and white carnations.

Delbert Trew of Alanreed was his brother's best man, and groomsmen were Ricky Mantooth of McLean and James Jolly of McLean.

The bride and groom were lighted by Mary James Wheeler Carter, sister and brother of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a gown of white nylon net and rose point lace over satin, fashioned with a round neckline trimmed with white satin and seed pearls. The sleeves terminated in white satin and the bouffant front and back panels of lace and side panels of net. Her veil of French illusion fell from a scalloped tiara of seed pearls. She carried a Rainbow Bible topped with a white orchid showered with stephanotis and white satin ribbon.

Mrs. Carter, mother of the bride, wore a printed paisley silk dress with black and white accents and a white rose corsage. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Trew, wore a brown cotton taffeta dress with white accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bridal party was honored at a reception in the church parlor. Laid with white nylon net over blue satin, the serving table was centered with a wedding band encircled with purple irises and white carnations. Mrs. Roland West of Pampa and Miss Rolena Chase served the guests, and Mrs. Delbert Trew of Alanreed presided at the guest register.

For travel, the bride chose a sheath dress of printed silk with a blue tulle and white orchid corsage. After January 7, the couple will be at home on the Trew Ranch near Alanreed.

Mrs. Trew is a graduate of McLean High School, and until her marriage was employed by the Panhandle Insurance Agency in Pampa. The bridegroom, also a graduate of McLean High School, attended West Texas State College in Canyon.

Many Out of Town Guests Attend Rhodes Anniversary

Out of town guests attending the Golden Wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rhodes Sunday, December 23, were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rhodes and Jack of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. Rhodes and Andy Gene of Spearman, Mrs. Sim Rhodes and Grady of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bogard, Jake, Barbara, Dusty and Opal of Bula, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gaston, Bo and Becky of Bula, Mrs. Flora Stiles of Farmington, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fuqua of Spur, Kenneth and Ivan Stone of Spur, Mrs. Ralph Grady, Mrs. Glenn Huggett, Mrs. Horace McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chamberlain and Evelyn all of Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Reimer of Alanreed, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gatlin and Mrs. Thelma Hopkins and Jean of Pampa, Mrs. Bobbie Crisp of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Longino, Clay, Joe and Bob, of Tyler, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Pettit and Sharon Kay of White Deer.

Largest of the Egyptian pyramids has an estimated weight of 5 million tons.

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NEWS FROM KELLERVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Bruton and children of Wichita Falls and the Kenneth Bruton family of Amarillo spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thompson and Luther of Hobbs, N. M., spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Pike Smith, in Shamrock, and visited in Kellerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Williams and Carl Ray visited their families in Oklahoma over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gossett,

Leona and Kenneth, had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Gossett's mother, Mrs. O. L. Derrick, and her sisters at Pampa.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Lawson and children are spending the holidays with his parents in Missouri.

Gene Pike is spending his holidays with his parents at Gainesville.

Mrs. J. B. Brown and children visited her parents at Chillicothe Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Morris visited her niece, Mrs. Dan Burns, and family at Snyder over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dierksen and children of Meno, Okla., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Broome, during the holidays.

L. P. Shellburne was honored

with a surprise birthday dinner on the 21st. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shellburne, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George Digger, Bill Puckett, and Mrs. Shellburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Curby Morris and boys spent their holidays with their parents at Waggoner, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Price and children spent a week with her parents at Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shellburne visited their son, E. E. Smart, and family at Strawn over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. McReynolds, Burnell and Mike, spent Christmas in Pampa with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Holmes and children.

Mrs. Leora Rose and Mrs. Ruth Sewell of Pampa visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kinard Sunday. The

Kinards spent Christmas Day in Pampa with the Ralph Chisum family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim L. Newton and children went to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Conan Reddick and daughter of Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gholson of Amarillo spent the holidays with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynch.

Personals

Mrs. Hal Mounce and son, Jerry, were in Pampa Monday.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Sue VanHuss and granddaughter, Doris, were Mr. and

Mrs. Perry Roby and LaVerne Williams of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Dunn and baby of Amarillo, Lee VanHuss of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. George VanHuss and family of McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Aldridge of the Roach Ranch near Groom.

In Memoriam

In memory of our Dad and Granddad, Mr. J. A. Hayes, who passed away six years ago December 19.

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Congressman Rogers Reports TO THE PEOPLE

The Administrative vs. The Legislative

Two branches of the federal government are eyeing each other like strange dogs. Although on the surface everything is very friendly and cordial, both branches are sleeping with one eye open, so to speak, the big question being: will the administration be first to announce its program for the coming two years, or will the Congress act first and announce a program of its own? It must be remembered that the three branches of this government—the administrative, the legislative and the judicial—constitute the tripod upon which this government must rest. The branches are separate, distinct and independent of each other. To subject one branch to the control of another would be like breaking one leg of a three-legged stool. Therefore, it is much healthier for the government that the legislative and the administrative branches keep a watchful eye on each other and provide the safeguard intended by the Constitution. Otherwise, these two branches could become so interwoven that the very strength and purpose of the three branches of government, so indispensable in maintaining a democratic form of government, could be lost.

Actually, it makes little difference who first advocates or pronounces a program for the next two years. Unless there is a definite change from the happenings of the past, which is not expected, the 85th Congress will have plenty of issues, plenty of proposals and plenty of needed legislation to work on. Whether it is proposed by the President as a part of his program or by the opposition party in Congress should be of little consequence. The deciding factor should be whether or not the legislation is needed by the country as a whole. It should not be determined on a strictly party political basis either by the President or by the Congress. It should not be decided simply because it might furnish a needed vehicle to control a large bloc of votes.

Many members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, are wondering today what the President will ask for on certain subjects, but seem to be especially anxious concerning the highly explosive Taft-Hartley act. It will be remembered that there are those who have demanded the outright repeal of this act. There are others who staunchly support the act in its present form. The third group, and the one led by the present administration, advocates amending the act. The mystery lies in the fact that the administration has not yet said what amendments it has in mind, and whether it wishes to

change the act. Several members of the Congress have indicated to me that the administration's recommendations on the subject will be in the nature of an expansion of the federal law to include many additional people under the maximum hour work-week and the minimum pay requirements. If this is done, it will be an amendment to the fair labor standards act rather than an amendment to the Taft-Hartley act. Such action would also require the federal government to extend its power and control directly and indirectly into transactions that are now wholly within the jurisdiction of the several states.

Another item causing concern has to do with another natural gas bill. The talk here is that the President doesn't want to recommend a gas bill, but will not veto it again if it passes the Congress; that the members of Congress do not want to initiate a new gas bill unless the President requests it, the reason being that the entire gas situation was misrepresented. The people in the big cities were led to believe that the owners of the gas in Texas and elsewhere would get large, fat profits at the expense of the poor consumers. Although this was not the case at all, the argument was used in many political campaigns in the East and Middle East. The truth is that the consumer is paying a higher price for gas, but it is not going to the producer. The producer gets approximately 8 cents per unit from the pipeline. The pipeline carries the gas to the large cities and sells it to the utility companies for approximately 35 cents per unit. The utility companies then sell it to the consumer for various prices ranging up to \$2.89 per unit. It is unfortunate that the whole truth is not told in legislation of this kind. The misrepresentation results in the natural resources in one section of our country being removed, under federal rules and regulations, to other sections of the country at a disproportionate low price to the owners of the natural resources. Yet the same natural resources are sold to the consumers at a disproportionate high price. The one who has to pay the disproportionate high price blames his plight on the one who receives the disproportionate low price. Let us hope that we get this dilemma cleared up during this session.

The limited space available makes it impossible to discuss more than these two examples at this time but it will give you some idea of what we can look forward to in the 85th Congress.

There are three miles in a league.



MRS. BRYAN HAMILTON CLOSE

Miss Laura June Stubblefield and Bryan Hamilton Close Exchange Vows December 27

In a candlelight service Thursday evening, December 27, at 8 o'clock in the McLean Methodist Church, marriage vows were repeated by Miss Laura June Stubblefield and Bryan Hamilton Close. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Stubblefield of McLean, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. George Close of Shamrock and the late Mr. Close.

The setting for the double-ring ceremony, read by Rev. H. A. Longino, former pastor of the church, was an illuminated white cross banked on either side by cascades of orchid statice and white carnations. Colonial arrangements of orchid statice and white carnations were draped from the lighted cathedral tapers lining the chancel and altar, which was covered with white satin and flanked by tiered candelabra.

Miss Fae Marie Beck of Borger played a prelude of nuptial selections. She accompanied Bob Stubblefield, brother of the bride, as he sang "If I Could Tell You," by Idabelle Firstone, and "Because," by D'Hardelot; and Miss Caroline Stokes, who sang "The Lord's Prayer," by Malotte, as a benediction. The traditional marches were used in the professional and recessional.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a gown of imported Swiss organdy over peau de soie. The sculptured, elongated bodice was designed with a deep V-neckline. The neckline and lower edge of the bodice and the bracelet-length sleeves were trimmed in soft alcedo lace encrusted with seed pearls and iridescent paillettes. The bouffant skirt swept into a chapel train. The fingertip veil of French illusion fell from a crown of rhinestones and pearls. Miss Stubblefield wore a pearl necklace, gift of the bridegroom, and carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid, showered with stephanotis and white satin streamers.

Wedding Party
For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Stubblefield chose a champagne lace dress with mauve accessories and a pink carnation corsage. Mrs. Close, mother of the bridegroom, wore a mauve brocade dress with mauve accessories and a white carnation corsage.

Attending her sister as matron-of-honor was Mrs. Don Light of Austin, who wore a waltz-length gown of violet crystalline fashioned with a square neckline. Her headdress was a crown of pleated violet net with a circular veil. She wore a double strand of pearls and violet accessories, and carried a colonial bouquet of orchid statice and pink carnations. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Dabney Williams of El Paso, Mrs. Bobby Close of Austin, Mrs. Eugene Collingsworth of Lefors, and Mrs. Mike Murff of Amarillo. Miss Zena Stribling of Shamrock was junior bridesmaid, and April Lynn Reeves was flower girl.

The bridesmaids' dresses were of violet crystalline styled identically as that of the honor attendant, and each wore a crown of pleated violet net with circular veils, double strands of pearls, and violet shoes. Their colonial bouquets were of orchid statice and white carnations. The flower girl wore a white Swiss organdy dress styled with a Peter Pan collar and straight sleeves. The long torso bodice was scalloped at the hipline, joining the floor-length bouffant skirt. Her hat was a crown of pleated white net with circular veil, and she carried a white net basket filled with pink rose petals. Jo Beth Stubblefield of Hale Center and Floella Cubine of McLean lighted the candles. Both wore pink dresses identical to those of the bridesmaids.

Bobby Close, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The groomsmen and ushers were Wayne Martin of Tulla, Glenn Terry of Amarillo, Don Light of Stinnett and Eugene Collingsworth of Lefors. Jerry Stubble-

field, brother of the bride, was junior groomsmen.
Dinner and Reception
The bridal party was honored with a rehearsal dinner at the Dixie Restaurant in Shamrock Wednesday, and following the ceremony Thursday evening with a reception in the church parlor.

At the reception, the table was laid with a pink organdy cloth encircled with sterling candelabra encircled with the bouquets of the bridesmaids. Miss Jo Beth Stubblefield poured punch and Miss Floella Cubine served the wedding cake. Miss Mary Ann Reid registered the guests. Others assisting were Mesdames C. T. Cline, Clifford Allison, Mary Bledsoe, Erey Cubine, Odell Mantooh, Charlie Corcoran, John O'Gorman and Jack Delkile.

Wedding Trip
Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Close left for a wedding trip to Dallas and points south. For travel, the bride chose a soft blue taffeta dress with cow-neck bolero, white accessories, and a white orchid corsage. Upon their return they will be at home at 615 Main Street, Shamrock.

Mrs. Close is a graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State College. She was a member of the Wesley Foundation, Buffalo band, Tau Beta Sigma, national sorority for bandwomen, Home Economics Club and Kappa Omicron Phi, national home economics sorority.

Mr. Close is a graduate of Shamrock High School and attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock, where he received his degree in agronomy in 1953, and was a member of Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity. Following graduation from college he served with the Seventh Army in Germany.

Out-of-Town Guests
Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Ann Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Stubblefield, Elaine, Kay, Lynn and Lyman Stubblefield, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Art Knorpp, Jr., Nancy and Raymond, Suzanne Parker, James Knorpp, Chose Dyeche, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cline, Jr., and Judy, Jimmie Cline, Cynthia Hull, Mrs. J. M. Stubblefield, James Stubblefield, Mr. and Mrs. Art Knorpp, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cline, Mike Murff, and Mrs. C. T. Cline, Jr., all of Amarillo.

Mrs. Josephine Draper, Mrs. Carl Linkey, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Byars, Mrs. Virgil Snell, Mrs. Selbert Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stribling, Ann Scribner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scribner, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Adkins and Noel, Mr.

and Mrs. Vernon Tarbet, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lile, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Gorman, Sandra Treece, Mrs. Leon Treece, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Delkile and Zena Stribling, of Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin of Tulla, Alice Faulk of Athens, Fae Marie Beck of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Light of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell, Jerry and John Crowell, of Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stubblefield, Joe Melvin, Rita and Beth Stubblefield of Hale Center, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Collingsworth of Lefors, Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Williams of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Close of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Light of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stubblefield of White Deer.

Mrs. George H. Beavers of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rathmell and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Suggs of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Claude, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knorpp and sons of Gannett, Idaho, Mrs. T. J. Worrell, Virginia Worrell and Mrs. Joe Y. Rogers of Pampa.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rippey of Fort Worth spent Saturday night, December 22, with Mrs. Nida Rippey Green.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd Smith and Linda spent Christmas in Nocona with her mother, Mrs. Alice Stout.

Miss Marcie Slaughter of Vernon spent Christmas Day in the George Humphreys home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Gunn returned to El Paso Tuesday after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Odessa Gunn, and other relatives. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Havens, in Maysville, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooke and daughter of Beaumont spent the holidays in McLean visiting his mother, Mrs. Vita Cooke. They also visited in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Everett, Jr., and children of Texas City visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peb Everett, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel McCarty and boys attended a basketball tournament at West Texas State College in Canyon Friday night. His brother, George, is a coach at Texas Western in El Paso and was attending the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercer of Abilene visited relatives and friends in McLean during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simpson in Pampa Sunday.

Mrs. George Humphreys attended a shower in Shamrock Friday for Miss Marcie Slaughter, bride-elect of Jack Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercer of Abilene visited relatives and friends in McLean during the holidays.

Visitor home
Mrs. M. Stevie, Debbie, Kay and Betty of Jacksboro, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lankford, Billy and Mickey of Tulla. Other guests on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kohls and Roger and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rippey of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Holder, Kenneth, D. Alton and Wayne, of Amarillo, Mrs. Loula Ladd and Mrs. Nida Rippey Green.

Ruel Smith spent three days last week in Denver, Colo., on business.

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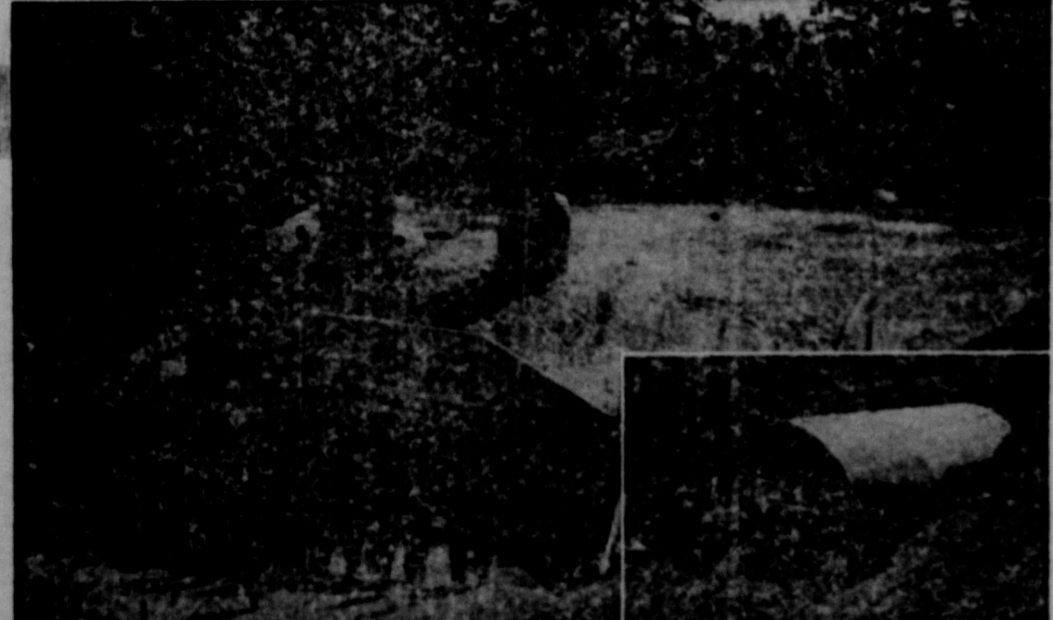
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CIVIL DEFENSE underground control center for Portland, Ore., is dedicated at the site on the outskirts of the city. Center is equipped with heavy electric entrance doors with photo-electric alarm and closed-circuit TV control of personnel entering, air locks and radiological decontamination facilities, electric generators, a private radio sta-

tion, air filter and ventilation system, telephone, press and Comrad facilities, and space for civil defense and other emergency offices. In addition, the \$567,000 structure includes space for weather and radiological specialists, and living facilities. Inset shows arch construction of control center. (City of Portland and Oregon Civil Defense Photos)



He gave the world faith in the American Dollar

The year was 1789. A new republic had been born. On the shoulders of this slight, dynamic, young man—32-year-old Alexander Hamilton, our first Secretary of the Treasury—fell the tremendous responsibility of establishing a national currency that could be trusted.

The task seemed unsurmountable. The country's currency was so poor that it earned the phrase "not worth a continental." Debts owed by the Federal Government and by the 13 colonies totaled almost 80 million dollars—a towering sum in those days. The Government had practically no revenue, and its bonds sold at ten cents on the dollar.

But Hamilton was a man of vision and a man of action. His bold, new program to the Congress for re-establishing the nation's credit and giving America a sound dollar was based on three simple but vital principles:

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That the nation must balance its budget by collecting enough taxes to pay its bills;

That we must have a sound banking system working for the public interest.

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Editorial

A LAW AT WORK

"That plunge of livestock prices last fall and winter is still receiving attention from farm economists," says a publication of the American Meat Institute.

The explanation of it has been presented in chart form by Professor of Agricultural Economics, L. Thompson of Iowa State College. The Institute sums up his findings in these words: "There was the production of beef and veal—still pushing higher as in every year since 1951. Then hogs did a surprising turnabout from their cyclical decline and added a huge tonnage of pork for the market to absorb. Never before had there been a high point in beef production and another one in pork simultaneously. Combined, they made a 27-billion-pound total which was absorbed satisfactorily by consumers but only at lower prices. The lower prices at retail crept back along the meat pipeline all the way to the producer on the farm."

In other words, what happened simply illustrated the working of a natural law, with an old and honorable name—the law of supply and demand. Under this law, generally speaking, when supply is large in relation to the normal demand, prices decline. That law, in a free market, governs everything, whether it be the sale of automobiles or of farm crops.

On these occasions the law works to the advantage of the consumer—on others, to the advantage of the producer. In the long run, it averages matters out—with fairness to all.

WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT

The total cost of government in this country is far higher than most of us realize, one reason being that many of its costs are of an indirect, or "hidden" nature.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis & World Report states, "Governments in this country—federal, state and local—are spending \$110 billion a year. That is the equivalent of about one-third of all the money earned by all people and businesses in the United States."

In effect, you spend one-third of your working time working for government.

NOT A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Dramatic values being what they are, fiction and drama often present a misleading picture of business and economic affairs.

An example is the vastly and justly successful movie "Giant," with its background of fabulous Texas. At one of its most entertaining scenes gives the impression that the depletion allowance allowed oil producers simply serves as a tax dodge.

That is an excellent analogy. Explorations for oil wells is enormously costly and, to boot, most of the wells sunk turn out dry and worthless. Then the best of producing wells are diminishing assets—eventually all the oil is taken from them and they must be replaced. So the depletion allowance allows oil producers to help offset these losses by deducting 27½% in making up their tax returns. The remainder, or 72½%, is then taxed at the prevailing rates.

Without such an allowance, the great risks involved in oil seeking, oil finding and oil production could not be taken. Then we'd have oil shortages as sure as night follows day.

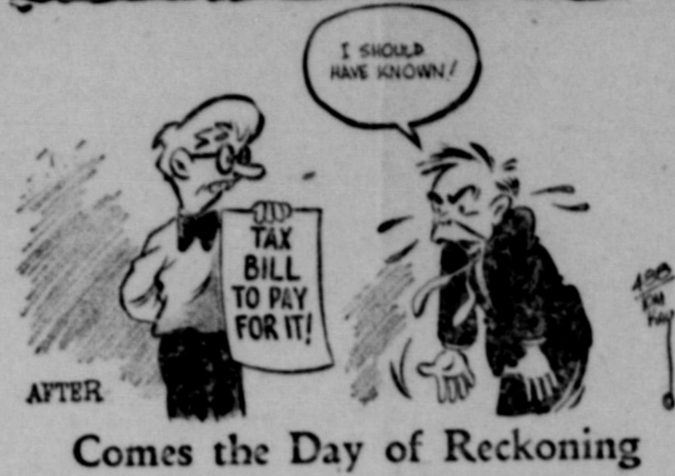
Actually, the depletion allowance is one of the factors that assures that this country will continue to have oil in the huge amounts we need. It is not new—it was devised by the government in 1926 after much study and experiment. As Craig Thompson writes in "The Industry Nobody Really Knows," this allowance " . . . was not considered a special privilege then, nor is it one now. It can be compared to the standard deduction allowed every individual income taxpayer. Under this provision, Congress has reckoned that each taxpayer spends money from which he gets no benefits, and suffers losses each year for which he cannot be compensated."

"GRASS ROOTS OPINION"

Mantorville, Minn., Express: "The reason you sometimes hear more 'news' on the street corner than you see in the newspaper is because the newspaper has to stand behind what it prints for all to read."

Boone, Iowa, News-Republican: "Now the general election is over for another four years. And after a few days of rest the politicians will be back at work campaigning for the next."

Sisseton, S. D., Courier: "William H. Pringle, national president of the Izaak Walton League . . . maintains



Comes the Day of Reckoning

that potholes and wetlands are an asset to farming, and that farmers are piling up probable trouble in years ahead by too much drainage. "A farmer who drains his surface water lowers the water table and loses the humidity in the air," he said on a visit to Walton groups in Wisconsin. "All he has to do is go out to Arizona to see what happens without surface water. Any piece of land that will hold water for three months of summer ought to be kept."

Altoona, Pa., Mirror: "It makes dismal reading that for the second successive year the Nobel peace prize committee meeting in Norway has been unable to find anyone worthy of its cherished award. . . . In many corners of the earth leaders in varying walks of life are striving desperately to accomplish it. Despite their efforts, the Nobel committee had to say sadly: 'None of these will do.' And as the committee returns to the search for another year, the explosive events of Europe and the Middle East underscore their trials."

IT HAPPENED HERE

Taken from the Files of The McLean News, 1917

Haynes-Bailey On Sunday evening, December 24, 1916, at 7 o'clock at the Heald church occurred the marriage of Miss Mattie Haynes and Mr. Frank J. Bailey. The house had been artistically decorated for the occasion and a large party of invited friends gathered to witness the ceremony.

The bridesmaids were Misses Sallie Lou Haynes and Ruth Bailey, and were attended by Henry Bailey and Leon Waldrop. Mrs. Carrol Sloan of Pampa played the wedding march while the bridal party came in; the ceremony was read in an impressive manner by Rev. R. F. Hamilton.

The bride wore a lovely white satin gown with lace and pearl trimmings, and a handsome corsage bouquet of white chrysanthemums, while the groom was attired in the conventional black. After the ceremony the happy couple received congratulations and the entire bridal party, the relatives and a few intimate friends repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes, and enjoyed a well appointed supper. On Christmas Day, Misses Fannie and Ruth Bailey entertained a large party of friends at dinner at the Bailey home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have resided in the Heald community for many years and their wedding was no surprise to their friends, having been sweethearts since early childhood. Both are Christian young people and have a host of friends to wish them a long life of happiness. They were the recipients of many handsome gifts.

Smith-Robinson At the home of the bride on Wednesday morning, December 29, at 9:30 occurred the marriage of Miss Odessa Smith and Mr. J. F. Robinson. Rev. Hamilton read the ceremony in the presence of only a few most intimate friends.

Miss Smith was a graduate of the local high school last year and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burrows. Both young people have made their home here for a number of years and have many admiring friends who join The News in extending congratulations.

Easterwood-Cunningham Mrs. Lizzie Easterwood and Mr. Prock Cunningham were married in Amarillo December 24. They will make their home in Amarillo.

Personals Mrs. D. A. Davis and children are spending the holidays at various places with relatives.

Misses Anna Lee Harris and Vida Montgomery are spending the holidays in Fort Worth with the former's mother.

T. A. Crockett has gone to Clay County to spend Christmas with his mother.

R. N. Ashby is spending the holidays with his mother in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bates are spending the holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Misses Clara Turner and Juanita Langley entertained a party of friends at the Turner home Friday night in celebration of their 15th birthdays.

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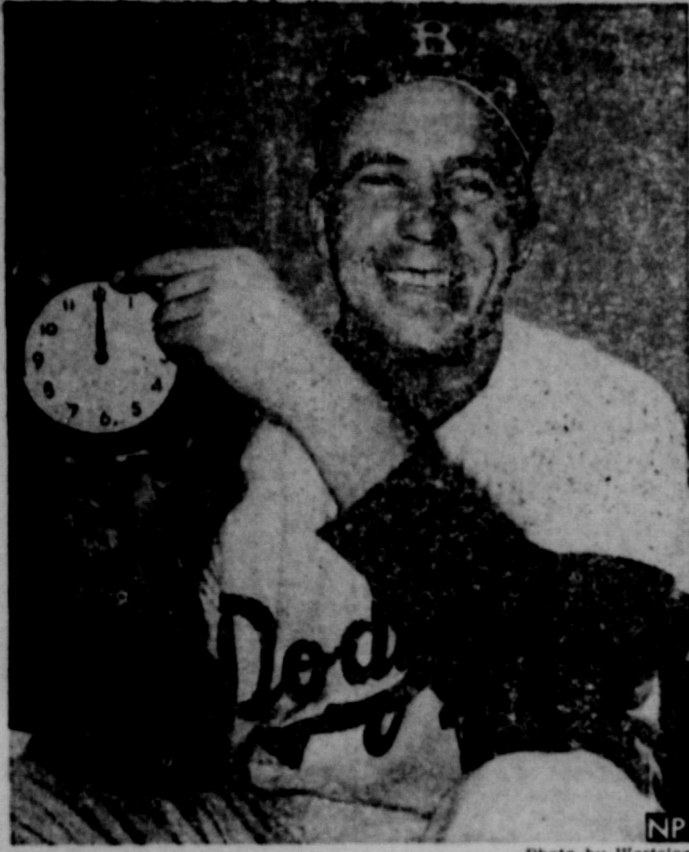


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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Pee Wee Reese, captain of baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers, whose World Series defeat last October brought anguished cries of "Wait till next year!", points a hopeful finger at his Big Ben and announces that "next year" is here at last. With that, Pee Wee wishes everybody a happy 1957 . . . and the same to the Dodgers.

Personal

Visitors in the homes of C. G. and L. H. Nicholson during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Immel and LaVetta of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nicholson of Ashland, Kans., Hershel Nicholson of Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Muri Stevenson of Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wells of Plainview spent the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Buell Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Harris King.

Mrs. A. C. D'Spain and daughter of Briscoe visited in the Leon Crockett home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Howard and daughter, Hazel, of Borger, Leslie Howard of Midland and Miss Audrey Parrea of St. Louis, Mo., visited in the Leon Crockett home Saturday night.

Mrs. Johnny Beggars and children and grandchildren were in Pampa Monday.

Kenneth Gibson of Louisiana State University was home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gibson. The Gibson family visited with relatives in Kansas Christmas.

Friends and relatives visiting in the home of Mrs. W. E. Kenned during the Christmas holidays were Miss Alice Hommel and Chauncey Hommel of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and family of Quail, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Bradenton, Fla., Mrs. Lucille Gaines of Tulsa, Okla., Ollie Hommel of Alanreed, Mr. and Mrs. Petie Everett and son, Perry, and Dan Kennedy of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Farley and children, Mike and Patsy, of Merkel spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Earthman.

Fred Day and family of Las Cruces, N. M., spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Day.

Pete Graham of California, formerly of McLean, and his father-in-law visited the Luther Pettys last Wednesday.

Guests in the J. E. Smith home during the holiday season included Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Smith and family and the J. E. Smith Jr., family of Alamogordo, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shelton and family and Earnest Leon Smith of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunt and family. Other relatives from Houston also visited the Smiths.

Ernest James of Plainview and his brothers-in-law, D. A. and Eddie Caldwell of Pampa, were callers in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Luther Petty, and family Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Reeves of Amarillo spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Massey of Dumas spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Massey. Mrs. Massey remained for a longer visit.

Those visiting in the C. A. Myatt home Christmas Day were the following children and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myatt, Jr., Audra and Diana, of Weisbaden, Germany; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Bruce and Sheral, of Odessa; Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Myatt and Terri Jean of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gibson, Kay, "Hootie" and Shelia, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williamson, Jimmie and Susan, of Stinnett; Mrs. G. A. Shull, Jerry and J. Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Myatt and Ramona of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Little of Laramie, Wyo., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tedder, and other relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carpenter and boys of Tulsa, Okla., visited Mrs. D. C. Carpenter, Mrs. Odessa Gunn and other relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Adkins of Clarendon visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peabody, Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Butrum of Lefors spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butrum and boys. Herby came home with her after spending a few days in Lefors.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allison and Jim on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murff and girls and Mrs. Joe Hargrove of Amarillo, Mrs. J. L. Allison and Naomi Allison of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Murff of Brice, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allison and children, Faye and Glenn, Jr., of Midland. Mrs. Murff and daughters remained for a longer visit and to attend the wedding of June Stubblerfield and Bryan Close. They returned home Friday.

Mrs. Larry Fuller was admitted to a Pampa hospital last Thursday.

Lindy Smith of Amarillo is spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Turner, Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Burrows of Pauls Valley, Okla., and A. J. Worley of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mertel and daughters Christmas.

Mrs. E. L. Price left Monday afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. R. M. Pittman, in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty McDonald and children of Borger visited relatives and friends in McLean during the holidays.

Mrs. T. A. Massay has gone for a few weeks visit with relatives in Greenville and Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Longino and children of Tyler visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peabody and Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Longino.

John Sublett spent Christmas in Weatherford with his sister, Mrs. B. F. Boyd. He also visited in Poolville where he attended his first school 72 years ago, and saw three of his former classmates. Mr. Sublett hadn't seen his sister in 23 years. She is 83 years of age and he is 80.

Mrs. Troy Teel and daughter, Kay, visited with Mrs. T. A. Massay and family Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Archer and daughter, Laura Ruth, of Seminole, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Horrell and four girls of Lubbock visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fulbright during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Day's Duane and Debbie, of Konawa, Okla., visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rippy and Mrs. Nida Rippy Green last week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rippy, Mrs. Loula Ladd and Debbie Kohls visited the Linkford family at Tulsa and returned the week of Jan. 2. They turned home with their families.



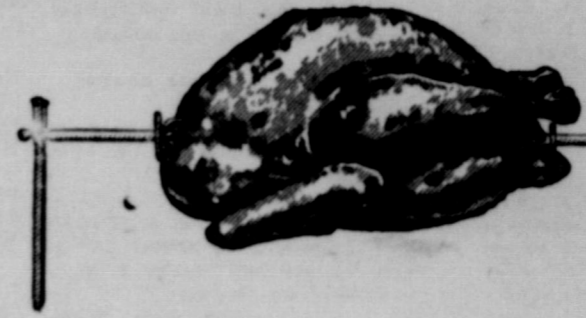
OVEN CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 2 Teaspoons salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon pepper
- 2 Teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 cup instant Pot (or dry form)
- 1/2 cup water
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 Tablespoons vinegar
- 1 cut-up frying chicken (about 2 lbs.)

Mix in a 1 1/2 quart bowl the flour, sugar, salt, pepper, paprika and instant Pot. Stir in a little cold water, a mixture of water, tomato sauce and vinegar. Put pieces of chicken into an 8 x 12-in. baking dish. Pour tomato mixture over chicken. Turn pieces until well coated. Turn this side down. Bake, uncovered, new center of 350 oven (moderate) 30 min. Then turn chicken and bake 30 min. longer, or until drumstick is tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from oven and serve from baking dish. Makes 4 servings.

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I would like to take this means of thanking the McLean Lions Club and all our many friends for making this Christmas such a happy one for us. Thank you so much.
 Mrs. O. K. Lee

CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to our friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement at the death of T. E. Trostle. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trostle

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.
 Morris, Irene and Gayle Mullanax

CARD OF THANKS

I am sincerely grateful to my friends and neighbors for the lovely flowers, cards, visits and other acts of kindness during my recent illness.
 Mrs. R. L. Harlan

Visitors during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt were Miss Oeslia Hunt of Denver City, Mrs. Glen Thompson and Mrs. Ollie Greer of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hunt and children of New Deal.

My Neighbors



"My husband said to vote for our pocketbook—but I don't see it listed here!"

CHURCH CALENDAR

(Churches of this area are invited to run their activity calendars weekly in this column.)

McLean Methodist Church
 Each Sunday:
 Church School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:55 a. m.
 Vespers 5:00 p. m.
 MY Fellowship 6:00 p. m.
 A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend any or all the services. Make plans to attend every Sunday.
 Jack Riley, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church
 Bible School 10 a. m.
 Worship 11 a. m.
 Westminster Fellowship 6 p. m.
 Evening worship 7 p. m.
 Nursery for children
 Ladies Auxiliary 2:20 Tuesday
 The Mission of Our Church: To provide the public worship of God; to preach the redeeming love of Christ; to comfort the sorrowing and help the needy; to create the spirit of Christian fellowship; to serve the community, the nation, and a needy world; this is the mission of our church.
 You are invited to all services.

Church of Christ
 Sunday Services: 10 a. m.
 Bible School 10:50 a. m.
 Preaching 11:45 a. m.
 Communion 11:45 a. m.
 Young People's Classes 6:00 p. m.
 Evening preaching 7:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Services:
 Ladies Bible Study 2 p. m.
 Bible classes, all ages, 7:30 p. m.
 We welcome your attendance, investigation, and support. You need the church and the church needs you. "We preach only Christ and Him crucified."—1 Cor. 2:2. "We speak the truth in love."—Eph. 4:15. You are never a stranger but once again.
 J. F. Doggett, Minister

Church of the Nazarene
 Sunday Services:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Preaching 11 a. m.
 Evening worship 6:20 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m.
 Missionary service each 2nd Wednesday
 Come and Get Your Faith Lifted.
 W. E. Bond, Pastor

First Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Worship service 11 a. m.
 Training Union 6:20 p. m.
 Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday:
 W. M. U. meetings
 Wednesday:
 Sunday School teachers and officers meet at 7 p. m.
 Prayer meeting and Bible study at 7:20 p. m., followed by choir practice.
 Buell T. Wells, Pastor

Pentecostal Holiness Church
 Sunday Services:
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 Youth meeting 6:20 p. m.
 Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
 Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
 Woman's Auxiliary meets on Thursday, 1 p. m.
 Prayer changes things for soul and body—4 Thurs 5:20
 Leon Bird, Pastor

Alanreed Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning worship 11 a. m.
 Training Union 7 p. m.
 Evening worship 8 p. m.
 Monday: W. M. S. 2 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer meeting 8 p. m.
 Come and worship with us. Be among those who say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."
 Psalms 122:1.
 R. M. Cole, Pastor

Molokai, the Hawaiian leper colony, is supported by the U. S.

Highlights and Sidelights FROM YOUR State CAPITOL

(Continued from page 1)

Other reports: rice, smallest crop since 1949; wheat, double last year's crop, but half the 10-year average; peanuts, smallest crop since 1934; oats, 19% under last year; barley, about average; hay and forage, about two-thirds of average; commercial vegetables, up 16% from last year.

OIL RECORD PREDICTED—An all-time production peak in 1956 and continued heavy demands for the first quarter of '57 are foreseen for the Texas oil industry.

Texas Railroad Commission pegs 1956 production at 1,075,829,000 barrels, an increase of more than 54 million barrels, or 5.3% over 1955.

A commission report said closing of the Suez Canal seems likely to be reflected in two ways: (1) decreased importing of oil into the U. S. and (2) increased demand by other countries for U. S. oil. Both would mean heavier demands on the Texas industry.

But, it noted, above-ground storage of gasoline stocks is still "quite excessive."

WHODUNIT?—Austin city officials promise every effort to find out who, if anyone, set fire to O. Henry's Honeymoon House. People over the state and nation took sides in the local fight over the house where the famed short story writer took his bride. History-lovers moved it to a residential-area park to make a shrine.

But nearby home owners howled. They called the 80-year-old frame cottage a "pile of junk." Suit was filed to have it removed from the neighborhood.

Then a swift, night-time blaze completely destroyed the house. It wasn't likely accidental, said Austin's fire marshal, but probably set by some mischief-maker taking advantage of the already-heated controversy.

Returning and Exchanging Gifts

With every wedding, birthday, or holiday season, there comes the day-after-the-day-before—the returned gift headache. The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us.

Most business establishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime, but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is

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more in order than demands for adjustment.
 Department stores are under no legal obligation to take back a purchase and refund your money or deliver other goods in exchange just because you changed your mind. Most stores do make refunds and exchanges, but that is because it is their policy to do so—not because they are required to.

However, a promise to refund or exchange merchandise made by the store or the salesman should be honored. Similarly, if a store misrepresents the quality of goods or if the goods are defective, you are justified in expecting a satisfactory adjustment. But you have no more legal right to expect a store to refund or exchange because you change your mind about a purchase than the store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold to you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

Suppose you buy a coat in one store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competitor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it.

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase.

When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

The same principles apply to a trade-in allowance on used merchandise towards the purchase of a new article. Such a trade-in allowance is considered the same as a deposit.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

STORY NO. 2

Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

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

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,397 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacas," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

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

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him." Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, 1913 a rip-roaring wide county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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