

History Of Baptist Women's Missionary Union

their stay in Spearman from 1923 to 1929. She made an excellent president. Every Wednesday we would...

that help was needed. They have visited the sick, have extended hands of sympathy to those who have known of, we have sent flowers in times of sickness...

a three-man sub made of fiberglass. The submarine cost him only \$17,000 and is described as being fourteen feet long and containing its own power plant.

Gruber Senior 4-H Club Met On February 16 at 4:00 p. m. the Gruber Senior 4-H club met at Mrs. Ted McClellan's in Gruber...

Something Needed By Congressional Quarterly Prayer in Congress - The Capitol of the United States will soon have a special room to which senators and congressmen may retire for prayer and meditation...

Covered Dish Luncheon Will Be Held at Methodist Church To bring the senior class of the church together for a luncheon...

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Our family moved here from Old Hansford in May, 1920, after this town was started in the fall of 1919, and after I joined the church, several of us women decided to organize a W. M. U.

When they left and we had Mrs. Loftin no more to depend on, we felt hopeless but then we had to get busy ourselves through the following years several of our women have served as presidents and have made good ones...

My observation concerning this whole proceeding was that if the bill is finally passed and becomes law, it will be the longest step in our government toward the complete centralization of government and could well be the beginning of the disintegration of the United States of America...

Sub Hunts Treasure Edward J. LeCompte, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is an individualist. When he read about the discovery of \$2,000 worth of gold several years ago off the Bahama coast...

Way Ahead to Stay Ahead! A 1955 Oldsmobile Eight Duple Holiday Coupé. A General Motors Value.

Financial Statement HANSFORD COUNTY Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

- Rope Necklace & Ear Screws . . . sets \$1.59 Rapid Shave, two 79c cans, \$1.19 Save 39c Antiseptine, Mouth Wash, Pint size . . . 39c Colgate Tooth Paste, two 49c tubes . . . 69c Free . . . Ball Point Pen . . . with Purchase of 69c Chlorodont Tooth Paste Halo Shampoo . . . 69c size . . . 19c Richard Hudnut Marvelous Shampoo, \$100 size . . . 59c Vicks Cough Syrup, . . . 59c size . . . 39c Arro-Caps Vitamins, 100 capsules, . . . \$3.78 Cardui Tonic, \$1.29 Bottle . . . 98c Pepto Bismo . . . \$1.59 size . . . \$1.09 Teek, Cough Syrup, Cherry Flavor, with Codine . . . 49c



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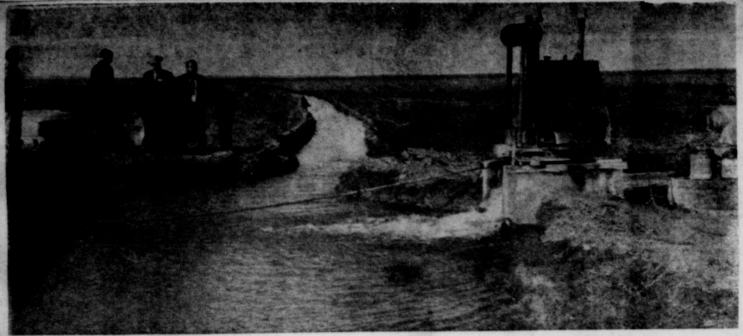
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GUSHING from depths of over 400 feet on the G. H. Eiling farm near Gruber, Texas, legislators got a birdseye view Friday afternoon of the vast underground water reservoirs trapped in the Ogallala formation underlying the North Plains Region. Twenty-four representatives divided into 12 groups studying irrigation projects in Moore, Hansford, DeWitt, Sherman and Hutchinson counties. The lawmakers were invited to the area by North Plains farmers to gain

closer insight into the problems farmers are having in securing economical natural gas for the operation of their irrigation engines. The above well produces about 1,000 gallons per minute and will irrigate about 400 acres of wheat. On January 1, 1955 there were 648 wells such as these north of the Canadian River. Pictured in the background in the center (left to right) are Reps. Lewis Dugan Jr., Guy Hazellett and D. B. Hardman. (Photo by Southerland).

Local Tractor School A Success

Thirty 4-H Boys and Girls attended the tractor school here last Saturday. The activities started in the Court Room at 9:30 with a safety film and talk by County Agent Bill Goldston. The remainder of the school was to be held in the Wilmeth barn but due to the weather the John Deere house was used instead.

The objective of this school was to teach farm safety as well as the daily maintenance of a tractor. Texas Farmers spend several million dollars each year on repairs that could be avoided by taking good daily care of the machinery.

Locally the school was sponsored by John Deere, International Harvester, Massey Harris, Ford House, McClellan and Sons in cooperation with the extension service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin and boys spent the week end in Oklahoma City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Weston.

Brownie Troop 611

Brownie Scout troop 611 met in regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 16. The president, Joan Hackley, called the meeting to order, and the Secretary, Nan Sheets, called the roll. Minutes were read and approved.

Members present were: Nan Sheets, Joan Hackley, Lynda Bailey, Cathy Archer, Sharon Close, Sharon Womble, Janice Phelps, Paulette Hester, Mary Mathis, Mary Markle, and the leaders.

President Woodrow Wilson was football coach at Princeton in 1890.

G. I. Loans

The deadline date for war II veterans desiring to obtain a GI loan is July 24. Veterans desiring to obtain a GI loan must as a preliminary step obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from the V. A.

They can apply for this certificate when they have determined to get a loan, they may request it any time before they have a GI loan guaranty, and they have it handy when they apply for the loan.

For further information contact Johny P. Vernon, County Vice Officer. Located at the House.

Fat Calf Show February 26th

Saturday is the big day for the 4-H boys who have been fitting calves for the local show. According to the County Agent, Bill Goldston, the boys are trying something new this year, and that is Grain fed Commercial calves. Some of the boys wanted to get around the expense of feeding a nurse cow, and still have a good animal to show. According to Goldston the nurse cow for a baby beef calf accounts for half of the expense of the project. Since the price of cattle are low and the cost of feed still high this ought to be a good time to try to get away from the baby beef demonstration.

Some of the Commercial calves have been fed for ninety days on a grain ration while two have been fed one hundred and sixty days. They are good quality stock and should bring a premium from the buyer who wants to fill his deep freeze with high quality beef. Grain fed Commercial Calves for the show this year will be consigned by Bill and Frank Pittman and Bruce Ayers of Gruber and his two sisters.

In addition to these five Commercial Calves, Kim and Joe Lynn Copeland of Spearhawk are consigning two Baby Beef Calves. These are Angus cattle bred by Roger Pearson and have been fed the Copelands since January of 1954. Goldston says they have done a better job this year than Kim did last year on the Grand Champion.

Judging of the calves will be at 10:30 and will sell at 1:15 in the usual place. McClellan and Sons Tractors.

4-H Tractor Operators Contest February 26th

This Saturday immediately following the Calf Show, the 4-H boys of the County will try their skill at tractor driving. The site of this interesting show will be east of McClellan Elevator and across the highway from the Phillips Service Station. The boys will be driving the tractor of their choice and will pull a two wheel trailer. The course they will have to drive would be a challenge to the grand daddy of all tractor drivers. The show should get started about 3:00.

A meter is 3.37 inches longer than a yard. Dry ice is solidified carbon dioxide.



POINTING THE FINGER to one of the problems North Plains farmers are facing to secure natural gas as fuel for irrigation well engines is Bill McClellan of Gruber. McClellan explained to state representatives touring the Flyer Well site 25 miles southwest of Gruber, that a spur line leading from the gas well propelling a nearby irrigation well engine had been cut and sealed off. McClellan and other farmers on the Gruber tour said lessees of the gas well refused to permit landowners to use or buy natural gas for irrigation.

Band Students Present Program

Bandmaster Sam Watson presented some 10 members of his band in a very entertaining musical program at the Lion club luncheon held Tuesday noon at the H. D. Club room. Those on the program were students from the fifth and sixth grade.

Shrine Club Stag Night Tonight February 24th

Jimmy Hester, president of the Hansford county Shrine club is urging all members to be present at the V. F. W. Hall tonight (Thursday Feb. 24th) for the regular February stag meeting of the Shrine club. Lester McLean will be in charge of the feed, and a business meeting will be held.

Stars and Barns was the name given the first Confederate flag, adopted in 1861 by the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala.

Leaders Will Meet

A special all day meeting for Spearman Girl Scout Leaders will be Tuesday, March 1, in the home of Mrs. Oscar Archer. An Art Instructor from Guymon will give lessons on glass painting and other art suitable for Girl scout activity. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Work will begin at 10:00 a. m. and last until about three p. m. All leaders are urged to attend this special instruction meeting.

Ships sailing from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean via the Panama Canal travel from north to south.



LARGER PROBLEMS than the Kodiak bear confronting these state representatives visiting in Gruber Friday studying the battle North Plains farmers are waging to secure natural gas to operate irrigation wells. Pictured above with the stuffed carcass of a 1500 pound Kodiak bear on exhibit in the Gruber State Bank are Rep. Guy Hazellett (left of Berger, holding the bear's paw, Rep. Lewis Dugan, Jr., Orange, and Rep. D. B. Hardman, Denison. The legislators visited the animal exhibit on their return trip of an irrigation well tour covering Sherman and Hansford Counties. (Photos by Southerland).

Card Of Thanks

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to the hundreds of friends who were so kind, considerate, sympathetic with the Wilbanks family during our recent sorrow and loss of our loved one. Truly, only your love and kindness made it possible for us to endure our sorrow. May God's richest blessings rest with each of you.

THE ED WILBANKS FAMILY AND RELATIONS

WHO HAS THEM???

The B. and C. Equipment Company wish they had their Appliance movers! About a couple months ago this Company loaned them to some one, and they have never been returned. They are in need of these movers, and wish the borrowers would search their garage or storage room, and bring them home.

Celebration Meet to Be Held At Courthouse Feb. 25th.

Wilson Buchanan, C. of C. Manager announces a general membership meeting of the organization to be held at the courthouse Friday evening, February 25, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for the coming Celebration to be held in Spearman April 28th and 30th.

This year Hansfordites have the opportunity to stage the finest Festival and Celebration yet held in this county. We have almost doubled the population, and they are folk that like this kind of entertainment.

Everyone is urged to attend the meeting.

Announce Photo Studio Is Open

John Dorch, of the John's Jewelry Store on Main Street, announced this week he had opened a Photographic Studio in the back of his jewelry concern.

John assures the public that in the future they will be able to have the finest photography service right here in this city. The finishing will be done by the Panhandle's leading house of portraits, the well known Powers Studio of Gruber.

Mr. Dorch invites the public in to his new Studio.

President Monroe was the last man in public life in this country to wear knee trousers.



RIOTOUS APPLAUSE was given state representative Guy Hazellett for his part in introducing bills to secure natural gas for irrigation farmers north of the Canadian River. Rep. Hazellett (right) of Gruber is being introduced by Carol Boyd of Dumas at a giant steak bar-b-que at the Ed Strilwitz barn Friday night in Dumas. The feast, in honor of the 24 state legislators visiting the region to study the irrigation farmers problems, was attended by more than 300 persons.

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Sales Tax (Oklahoma)	3,763.56
Miscellaneous Taxes	2,890.00
Income Taxes	30,869.15
TOTAL	\$87,281.47

Do you know of any other business in town that pays as much?

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Official Memorandum

By Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas

QUANTITY PURCHASE SALE!

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GREETINGS: The greatest source of assurance for the future of the American way of life is our Public School System...

We have a great responsibility to maintain and advance the ideals and standards which our people have come to expect of their public schools...

Therefore I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 7 - 12, 1955 as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas...

Corn planting time is at hand. Plant as soon as weather conditions permits so the crop can get minimum growth before summer's heat and weather sets in...

Stocks of canned sweet corn, canned snap beans and rice are so large that they get top billing on the March plentiful foods list...

February and early March is the best time to cut pean budwood and graftwood for propagation...

English peas, Irish potatoes, carrots, mustard and head lettuce are cool season vegetables which can be planted in the home garden now.

You can get rid of your past by building a future out of it. The first permanent iron works was built in Massachusetts in 1645.

The first power-producing public utility was built in New York City in 1882. The first Olympic Game recorded occurred in 776 B. C. in years old.

The first Oxford and Cambridge boatrace was held at Henley in 1829. Dr. James Naismith invented basketball in the winter of 1891-92.

The first car race was from Paris to Rouen in 1894. Argentina was discovered in 1516 by Juan Diaz de Solis. In wrestling, a dog-fall occurs when both combatants touch the ground together.

Clay pigeons are not made of clay, but asphaltum. The largest hall-stones ever measured in the USA weighed one and a half pounds, was 17 inches in circumference and almost five and a half inches in diameter.

In the year 2000, Easter Sunday will be on April 23. Large marketing caused by increased hog numbers will lower hog prices this spring and summer. Later in the year, slaughter should slow and prices improve, leveling off just below those of last fall.

Now is the time to fertilize peach and plum trees. A second application of plant food should be made in the year, slaughter should slow and prices improve, leveling off just below those of last fall.

Only once has the speaker of the house ever become president, when James K. Polk was elected in 1845. John Milton used 8,000 parafios words in his poem "Paradise Lost".

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(a) A statement as to the size and type of casing, size, rated capacity, and type of pump; and the size and type of power unit to be used.

(b) The name and address of the driller or contractor and the date drilling operation is to begin.

(c) A statement as to the exact location of the three (3) closest adjacent wells with a half a mile of the proposed location, together with the names and addresses of the owners.

(d) A statement as to the maximum number of acres to be irrigated.

(e) An agreement by the applicant that a complete well registration and log will be furnished to the District by the applicant upon completion of this well and prior to the production of water therefrom.

Rule 3 - Requirement of Drilling Log and Registration of New Well. No person, firm, or corporation shall produce water from any well hereafter drilled and equipped within the District, except that necessary to the drilling and testing of such well and equipment...

Rule 4 - Spacing of New Wells. (a) Wells to be drilled after the effective date of these rules shall be spaced as follows: A well to be equipped with a 4-inch or smaller pump shall be located at least 200 yards from the nearest existing well...

(b) A special permit shall be applied for when the applicant desires to use larger than a 10-inch pump. Such special permit may be granted if the applicant shows that such operation will not increase the drawdown of the water table, cause waste, or cause contamination of property.

(c) It is contemplated that the pumps of the respective sizes set out above shall refer to the inside diameter of the pump column pipe and shall produce water at the ordinary or usual pumping rates of pumps of such sizes.

(d) If the pump which is to be used by the applicant is of a different size or type, or is to be operated at a different rate, the gallons per minute from the pumps in general use as set out above, such fact shall be made known in the application; and in such case, the actual rate at which the well is to be pumped shall be the determining factor in the spacing for such well in the size of the pump.

(e) Provided, however, that the Board in order to protect vested property rights, to prevent waste, to prevent contamination of property, or to protect correlative rights, may grant exceptions to the above spacing regulations.

(f) If an exception to such spacing regulations is desired, application thereon shall be submitted in writing by the applicant to the Board on forms furnished by the District. The application shall be accompanied by a plat or sketch, drawn to scale of one (1) inch equaling two hundred (200) yards. The plat or sketch shall show thereon the property lines in the immediate area and shall show accurately to scale all wells within half a mile of the proposed well site. The application shall also contain the names and addresses of all property owners adjoining the tract on which the well is to be located...

(g) Such exception may be granted (10) days after written notice has been given to all adjoining owners within half a mile of the proposed location and after a public hearing at which all interested parties may appear and be heard, and after the Board has decided that an exception should be granted for one of the purposes above specified. Provided, however, that if all such owners execute a waiver in writing stating that they do not object to the granting of such exception, then the notice and hearing may be dispensed with and the Board may thereupon proceed to decide upon the granting or refusal of such application without notice or hearing.

(h) Provided further that the above spacing rules shall not be construed or applied by the Board to deny any owner a permit to drill a well on his land and pump water therefrom subject to the rules and regulations of the District for the conservation, protection, or recharge of ground water, or for the prevention of waste.

(i) After a well permit has been applied for and granted, the well shall be drilled within ten (10) days of the location specified in the well permit as granted, and not elsewhere. If the well should be commenced or drilled at a different location, then the drilling or operation of such well may be enjoined by the Board pursuant to Article 7890-3c, Section B(9).

(j) No person, firm, or corporation shall rework, or replace, or re-equip an existing well in a manner that would increase the rate of production of water from such well beyond its previous normal rate of production without first having filed an application therefor and having been granted a permit to do so. Neither shall any person, firm, or corporation replace an existing well without a permit. A replacement well, in order to be considered as such, must be drilled within one hundred (100) feet of the old well and not elsewhere. It must not be located toward any other existing well unless the new location complies with the minimum spacing provided for under provisions of Rule 4 (a); otherwise the filling shall be considered as a new well for which application must be applied for under provisions of Rule 4 (a) above.

(k) The size or capacity of the pump on an existing well shall not be hereafter changed to a larger size or capacity so as to increase the rate of production of a well without a permit from the Board (for example, changed from a 6-inch to an 8-inch pump as set out above). Such permit may be granted only after written notice to adjoining owners and a public hearing, as provided in paragraphs 4 (f) and 4 (g) above, and after a decision by the Board that such change will not cause unreasonable drawdown of the water table, waste, or confiscation of property; provided that if the well is a sufficient distance from other wells to comply with spacing regulations for new wells, no notice or hearing shall be required, and the Board may proceed to act on such application. Provided, further, that if the adjoining owners indicate in writing that they have no objection to the proposed change, then the Board may grant such application without notice or hearing. The Board, on its own motion, may deny such application, or it may set the matter down for a hearing in any event.

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Hansfordites Entertain Legislator

Representative Grady Hogue of Athens, Texas was guest of honor at an informal get-together of farmers and business men in Spearman Saturday morning February 19. The meeting was held at the Steak House in Spearman, and Mayor C. A. Gibber acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The talks at the meeting were all informal, and the business men and farmers were real encouraged with the visit from the state Representative. Mr. Hogue stated emphatically that he would support the two proposed measures that have been introduced by Representative Hazlett of Borger and Representative Sam Wohlford of Stratford.

With the present program, and indicated he felt sure both measures this area is interested in would pass the House of Representatives. He expressed surprise that large corporations would not sell gas locally, and even suggested that we might dig our own gas well and establish our own distribution system.

Among those from Spearman who attended the meeting were: C. A. Gibber, R. V. Converse, Dee Jackson, Virgil Wilbanks, Mr. Kirkland, E. C. Greene, Jr. and E. C. Green. Sr. Willie Seitz, E. L. McClellan and Roy Lee McClellan, Virgil Floyd, Joe Traylor, Bill Miller, R. Y. Jones, Jimmie Hester, Wilson Buchanan, Slim Cates, Claude Owens, John R. Collard, Jr. Billy Ray and A. L. Wilson.

Following the Spearman meeting and completion of the tour of inspection of irrigation fields, the party from Spearman attended the activities at Dumas, Texas.

A report of the Dumas meeting is as follows:

By DON HOUK

DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT DUMAS, Feb. 19—Sixteen Texas legislators were on their way back to Austin this afternoon after inspecting North Plains farm lands and hearing arguments for support of a measure to permit use of natural gas to power irrigation pumps. Rep Guy Hazlett of Borger, who has worked with the Gas for Irrigation Committee to arrange for the lawmakers' trips to the North Plains, told the legislators their action on the

pending bill "will spell the difference between drought and disaster or garden spot farming" in this region.

Hazlett spoke at a luncheon in the Sneed Hotel today. The luncheon was the last item on a program which began yesterday when the chartered Trans-Texas Airways plane landed here and the legislators began individual tours of farms in the area.

The 16 lawmakers, all members of the House of Representatives, were guests at a barbecue in the Ed Stallwitz barn last night in the informal program all the representatives expressed appreciation for an opportunity to see the country and gain a better understanding of the irrigation problem.

At least two of the lawmakers, Reps. Robert Patten of Jasper and R. H. Cory of Victoria, said they will support the bill introduced by Hazlett and Rep. Sam Wohlford of Stratford.

W. R. Rutherford, former Dumas publisher and member of the Gas for Irrigation Committee, emphasized points he had made last week in a talk to the first group of legislators to tour the North Plains area.

After negotiating with the governor, the attorney general and the railroad commission, the committee has decided legislative action is the only way to assure farmers of a change to use the natural gas which is being pumped from under their own land, Rutherford said.

"Only 2 per cent of the production from the Hugoton Field would run all the water wells that will ever be drilled here," he declared. He urged that legislators remember that the minimum price and gas for irrigation bills are entirely separate measures and should be considered on their individual merits.

A solution favorable to North Plains farmers will mean "the end of economic slavery" here, Rutherford said.

Jack Barnes, a hydrologist, explained the special problems of irrigation on the North Plains. The average lift of wells here is

250 feet, he said. Such a pumping operation can be profitable only if the well is powered by a cheap fuel such as natural gas, he said.

W. J. Morton Jr., chairman of the Gas for Irrigation Committee, was master of ceremonies at the luncheon.

Legislators who made the trip included Reps. Jack C. Bryan of Buffalo, Jamie H. Clements, Crockett; Carroll Cobb, Seminole; Cory of Victoria; Ben Ferrell, Tyler; Hazlett of Borger; Grady Hogue, Athens; Charles Kirkham, Cleburne; Patten of Jasper; Herman V. Puckett, Quitman; Elbert Reeves, Matador; Leroy Saul, Kress; O. H. Schram, Taylor; Tom Stillwell, Texarkana; Richard C. White, El Paso, and Wohlford of Stratford.

To The People Of The 18th District:

Much has been said and written about the gas question since the Supreme Court held in effect that you could produce and gather all the natural gas you wanted, but if you sold it to a company engaged in transmission of gas from one state to another subject

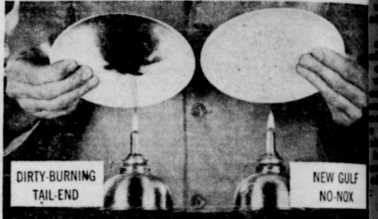
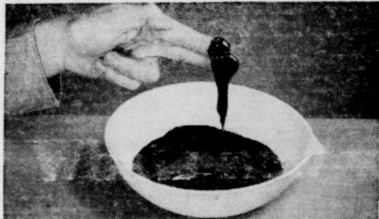
dividual within the state. I shall press for passage of this legislation, because it involves a fundamental principle, not concerned primarily with the gas business nor any other single type of endeavor, but concerned with every segment of the economy of this country. We have reached the crossroads and must decide whether or not we are ready to move into centralized government centered in Washington and thereby change the type of government, if not the name thereof, which we inherited from the founding fathers of this nation.

I sincerely hope that we can count on a united front of those who love America and constitutional government. There are certain elements in this country who pay lip service to free enterprise, to constitutional government, and to the integrity of the individual, but whose greed prompts them to refuse to support or to contest any proposed legislation unless they can gain some selfish concession. Let us hope that it will not be necessary to come to grips with such a policy in our attempt to correct an invasion of individual rights.

Water is Always Important to the People in The Panhandle. We have been holding hearings recently on the progress that has been made in the projects designed to bring about the removal of salt from sea water. As I pointed out last year, this program has not yet developed a method that is economically feasible, but work continues and we hope and pray for success. Four scientists appear before the committee and gave a most interesting discussion on the several methods being pursued. Dr. Hickman briefly, concisely and clearly stated the object of the program when he said that what man was trying to do was to construct a Giant kidney. He pointed out that the function of the kidney of the human body is to separate the salt from the fluid. Nature has a method of lifting water from the sea, desalting it, and placing it on earth in the form of rain or snow. When man learns to do this degree of efficiency that will make it economically sound, it could well be the answer to wars and the beginning of the perpetual peace which we have all sought.

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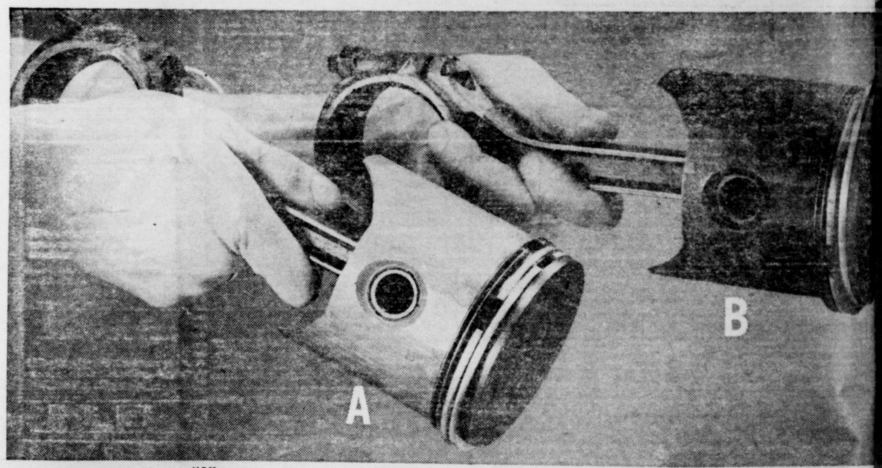
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Asks Help Of Newspapers In Passing Laws To Effect "Open-Door Policy"

The full text of the bill, which would require the Texas Press Association to publish the full text of all bills introduced in the Legislature, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative George Parr, Democrat, Dallas, on February 22, 1955. The bill, which is known as House Bill No. 12, is one of a number of bills introduced by Parr which are designed to effect an "open-door" policy in the Legislature. Parr, who is a member of the Texas Press Association, said that the bill was introduced in order to give the public a better understanding of the work of the Legislature. He said that the bill would require the Texas Press Association to publish the full text of all bills introduced in the Legislature, and that this would enable the public to know exactly what the Legislature is doing. Parr said that he believed that this was a very important step in the direction of a more open and democratic government.

Under the law, Texas laws already in effect for the few instances in which proceedings or records should be kept confidential, so the statute would be one which would make that all others are to be public, and which provides a penalty for any violation by the public official. My recommendations are not based on Duval County alone. To pass state laws because of what happened in one county would be a case of the tail wagging the dog. If I didn't believe in the necessity of these measures for the prevention of further abuses in the future, I wouldn't suggest them. None of the bills ask any additional powers for the Attorney General.

One of the prime causes of Duval County-ism is the stoppage of the free flow of public information. For forty years nobody in Duval County knew what was going on behind the closed doors. They couldn't find out when or where the commissioners met, and school boards were meeting. They saw no financial statements. They didn't know who was on the public payroll, drawing a salary and doing no work. They didn't know the fantastic extent of the take-off system. They only knew they had the highest tax rate in the state and the biggest debt of any county in their bracket. Texas law did not protect them from secrecy. A newspaperman named Bill Mason tried to start the flow of public information, and you know what happened to him.

At the meeting of the Texas Press Association last year I discussed the Mandatory Publications Act in detail, told why it does not work and suggested appropriate revisions which would fix the responsibility for issuing publications to be made. I am happy that you are sponsoring House Bill No. 12 to make these revisions to provide for the removal of any officer violating the act, and to allow suit for its enforcement to be brought by a private citizen. We are also badly in need of a statute requiring the publication of the annual financial statements of all offices, boards, agencies and commissions on all levels of government. House Bill No. 13, sponsored by the TPA, makes that requirement for all school, soil conservation and other districts not now covered by law, and I am for it. It also contains a provision for stopping the payment of State funds to a school district for failure to publish the required statement.

We learn from looking into Duval County affairs that a city could be just as bad as a county under Texas "loophole law." The TPA's proposed bill (H. B. No. 28) requiring the publication of the full text of city ordinances that are now required to be published only by title or digest, should be adopted as statute. If the full significance and effect of an ordinance could be conveyed in a title or digest, it would be enacted in that form. A digest, by its very nature, is only a half-truth, and the public is entitled to the whole truth unless we want citizens to go on half-supporting public issue and casting a half-hearted ballot. The passage of eleven Constitutional amendments, the first November proved that the people do not vote against progress when they know all the facts.

The TPA is sponsoring again this year a bill to require the county commissioners court to publish the records of its proceedings. House Bill No. 12 might be argued that a citizen who wants to know the nature of those proceedings—or for that matter, a citizen who wants the full text of a city ordinance—could go to the meetings of the court or get a copy of the enactment. But governmental information should be more readily accessible. Government is a ball game in which everybody is interested, but not to the extent that they can spend a great deal of time peeping through the few knot-holes provided to the citizens for that purpose. This ball game ought to be so well covered in the newspaper that every citizen's living-room couch is a grand-stand seat. House Bill No. 18, sponsored by the TPA, would allow newspapers to be paid out of the general fund for publishing citations in delinquent tax suits, instead of having to wait for the proceeds of the sale of the property. This is a bill that I consider necessary to correct a very un-businesslike injustice to the newspapers. Few, if any, small newspapers can afford their space on credit if they hope to stay in business, and the government ought to be the first to recognize it. If it were not for the willing assumption of civic responsibility by newspapers, the getting and publishing of public information would collapse. It did collapse in Duval County. Free and ready access to public information is vital to our form of government. For that reason Texas ought to have an anticensorship bill that would prohibit closed and secret meetings of governmental bodies and boards from the State Capitol to the precinct. Any meeting required under the law should be open

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All of these recommendations, including those sponsored by the TPA, comprise 13 bills which have been or will be laid before the Legislature. The five TPA bills have already been introduced, and the rest will be in the hopper Monday. Copies of all these bills have been put into envelopes, and I'd like to urge you to take one and give the whole packet your careful study. These few simple laws, contained in a packet marked "Open Door to Good Government," are about 30 years overdue. If we had had them before Duval, and if we can pass them now, we won't have another.

Official Memorandum By Allan Shivers

GREETINGS: The greatest source of assurance for the future of the American way of life is our Public School System, which enables our youngsters to become familiar with the magnificent history of men and events which has made our Republic the most powerful, respected and favored country the world has ever known. The public schools provide the tools of knowledge which will equip our young men and women to become constructive and responsible citizens in this land of freedom.

We have a great responsibility to maintain and advance the ideals and standards which our people have come to expect of their public schools. We must keep pace with the growing needs of our schools by providing new classrooms, improved methods, and by encouraging loyal, able, qualified men and women to adopt teaching as a lifetime career.

February and early March is the best time to cut peach budwood and graftwood for propagation work. Vigorous shoots from last season's growth make the most desirable budwood.

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Large marketing caused by increased hog numbers will lower hog prices this spring and summer. Later in the year, slaughter should slow and prices improve, leveling off just below those of last fall.

Now is the time to fertilize peach and plum trees. A second application of plant food should be made in April. Consult the local county agent for information on orchard care and management.

Corn planting time is at hand. Plant as soon as weather conditions permit so the crop can get minimum growth before summer's heat and dry weather sets in. Plant the recommended Texas hybrids for your area. Local and also other tips on corn county agents can supply a list.

Stocks of canned sweet corn, canned snap beans and rice are so large that they get top billing on the March plentiful foods list. The entire list is a long one, and homemakers should find it a help in balancing diets as well as food budgets.

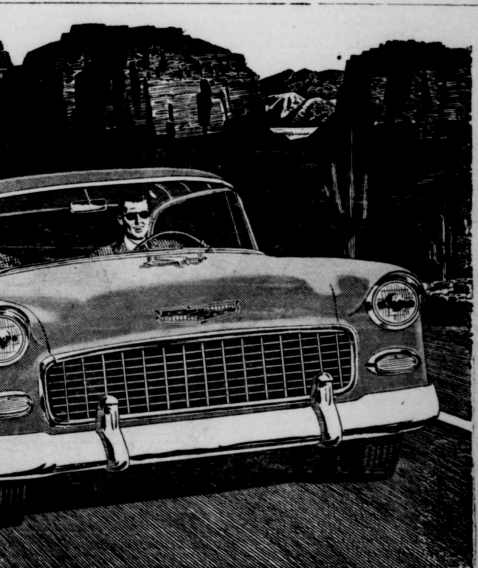
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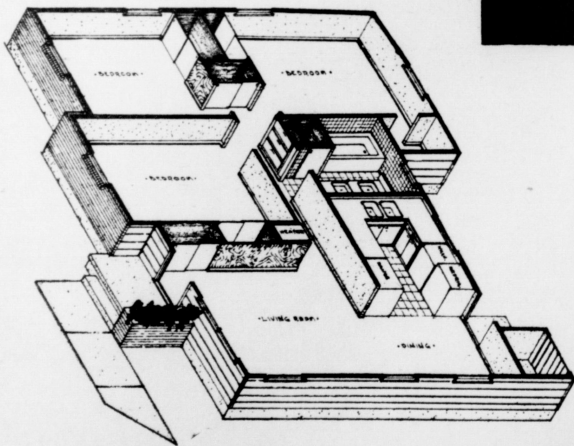
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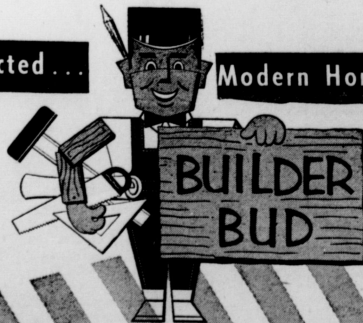
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 ceptably, but in many instances
 God's picture is to the masses
 like the leaning Tower and so
 man has set about to straighten
 the picture and by so doing has
 distorted and corrupted the work
 of God.
 Every picture that God has
 painted is perfectly blended and
 proportioned - the hues and
 shadings are just right and well
 pleasing to God in every respect.
 With this in mind, let us read
 the admonition of Solomon, "Let
 us hear the conclusion of the
 whole matter. Fear God, and
 keep his commandments: for this
 is the whole duty of man. For
 into judgment, with every secret
 thing, whether it be good, or
 whether it be evil" (ech. 12:13-14).
 John, the inspired messenger of
 our Lord said in Revelations 22:
 18-19 that if any man should
 take away from or add to the
 Word of God that he be punished
 for his deed. The unsuspecting
 man tried to change the picture
 of the "Leaning Tower of Pisa"
 to coincide with her own perspec-
 tive and by so doing she violated
 the will of the painter. So it is
 with us, when we try to change
 the Word of God to conform with
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A Tribute To The Late C. C. Newcomb

If we should take the women out of the history, we would only have one side of life and the best part of it would be left out. Any gentleman will take off his hat to the good women who make it possible for men to succeed in this life. The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world and that hand has as much to do with feeding the world, as it does in rocking the world. I take my hat off in honor to the good women, and how in reverence to them, who were willing to suffer the hardships along with their husbands, to settle up a country where distance was about all that could be seen. There was not much to come to and for in the early days. There was no one very much to stay for, save the hardships the good women and good men were willing to endure in order to help build the Panhandle of Texas, into the basket of the world. I want to agree with Laura V. Hamner one hundred percent on the PANHANDLE being the cradle of the world on earth. It took the courageous women of the past who were willing to live in dug-outs, to make this the greatest spot on earth. It took a woman like Miss Hamner with a broad vision, and a search of unwritten history, to give the people the benefit of the progress in the Panhandle of Texas during the last half of a century. When our football team would make a touchdown, the batter would knock a home-run on the college team, or the basketball team would throw a goal, then the college yell was in and the song "Three cheers for the red, white, and the blue." They inserted the college team name for what the song stood for. I believe this would be an appropriate one to be dedicated to Laura V. Hamner. Three cheers for her never tiring efforts to put in print for the coming generation. God bless the good women!

Here is a tribute to the late Mr. C. C. Newcomb. He came to the Panhandle and bought a ranch more than one half of a century ago. All who knew Mr. Newcomb loved him, and his wit and humor, his honesty and his kind and his Christian faith was a benediction to all who knew him. It always gave me heart a thrill and a joy to hear him tell of his conversion. He was out on a lone prairie, miles from anyone, save the Lord, and he felt the need of a Savior. He immediately got down from off his horse and down on his knees, and began asking God to forgive him of his sins and to give him his soul. He arose victoriously and went on his way triumphantly in the faith of God. A man can be saved in a desert as well as being among a multitude of people. God hears the prayers of the sincere mind, regardless of where it comes from.

Christianity is a personal relationship with God. No man can save your soul and no man can keep a sinner from coming to God in a full surrender of his sins. St. Augustine got out of his bed in a hotel, in the wee hours of the night, got down on his knees in prayer and made a full surrender to God. God saved his soul. I have heard preachers try to discredit the fact that any man can be saved in some private place and be saved and find Christ precious to their soul. Those who have found God that way, will stand pat by their own testimony.

I am going to start at the last of my story and then go back to the beginning. The first I wrote "GONE WITH THE WIND" and she wrote the last chapter first. In olden times it was permissible to relate a story and jump from one side to the other, then come back to the middle to start all over going both ways to finish the story. I have heard some things or heard some people tell things that did not make any more sense than that. I very often read the last chapter in a book first, then I will make up my mind whether I want to read the book or not. It has been my good pleasure to have known Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb almost three decades. He always called his wife Lula and she called him Charlie. Mrs. Newcomb is in her eighty-third year. She has been a devoted and a devoted Christian more than three score years. She believes her faith in God has kept her young and spry all these years. She was speaking of the strenuous years on the ranch. She said, "I worked hard but we were content." They were happy for their days would be better than the former days. In their early days they settled on a ranch north of Spearman. It was down the creek from Old Hansford. They had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, before Brother Newcomb went to the Glory Land. I shall never forget what Mr. Newcomb said about his plans to marry "Lula". After he had a got his consent to marry his daughter, he came back to her and chuckled her under the chin, at the same time saying, "You are mine."

Mrs. Newcomb told about them working on a ranch when they were first married, both of them together. They received thirty dollars per month. They saved enough of the work to buy a ranch of their own in Hansford county. Labor was cheap but a dollar bought something worthwhile back at that time. They were willing to start on the ground floor and work their way up. They moved slowly but surely towards having a home of their own. Mrs. Newcomb seems to offset all of the hardships in life, with joy and happiness by the faith she had in God. Her Christian experience is the crown of her achievements in this life. It always gives me a spiritual uplift to hear her talk about the faith she has in God. Her foundation of wealth is in serving the Lord. Her crown of gold is her hope in a reward beyond this life. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb have been a blessing to this world. They always had a sympathetic feeling towards the sick and were ready to lend a helping hand to the needy.

It was both interesting and exciting to hear Mrs. Newcomb relate some of the happenings around the house when she was alone with the children. Coyotes and rattlesnakes were in danger when they were seen prowling around the house. When the children ran came one day and said, "Mama there is a rattlesnake under the log." It didn't take Mrs. Newcomb long to get out the 38-40 Winchester and declare war on the snake. When she was ready to shoot the gun, she couldn't see but one snake and she fired the gun. When Mr. Newcomb came in he was told about the snake being killed. When he made a thorough investigation, he found his wife had killed two rattlers instead of one. While I was in North Carolina I had somewhat of the same experience. It was in a basement I saw a "spreader" snake in the potato bin, when I shot in the bin to kill the snake, I found I had killed two snakes. Mrs. Newcomb never forgot how that Winchester kicked her. After they had moved to the ranch on the north plains, they brought the same gun with them. One day she saw a coyote slipping around east of her house and she layed the Winchester on the gate, and at the crack of the gun, she thought the coyote was several hundred yards away, he turned many summersaults over and over. It took women who play of spunk and nerve to help settle up this western country. Timber wolves would leave the country when they heard a gun, but a dog would dig dirt at their heels. The Winchester was not only the law in the west at that time, but it was the only defense the farmers and ranchers had to protect their chickens, pigs and calves. The varmints were in as much danger lurking around a ranch house, when the man was among the cattle, as they were when he was at home. Sometimes the wild animal realized this too late for him to escape.

Mrs. Newcomb really lives in the echo of the days gone by. I like to hear her begin to tell of the hospitality on the ranch. The people would come to visit without an invitation and stay as long as they wanted to stay. They left at their own will. They always kept an open house. They never locked their homes, even if they were to be away over night. One was as welcome to stop and spend the night, when no one was at home as if they were there. The influx of the people in this country, automatically changed that custom. Mrs. Newcomb remembers the buffalo roaming the plains and the antelope running in herds. She has seen changes from the open range, to the rounding up of cattle, from the plowing up of grass, to the golden wheat fields. She has seen the prairie fires sweep the country and the droughts leading up to the dust storms. Then the blizzards would come and leave the herds of cattle to melt until late in the spring. I wonder who coined that phrase about the GOLDEN SPREAD all up in the air, going south one day, and back north the next day. We will go back to where I started now. Mrs. Newcomb is an unusual character. She has very good health for the number of years she has lived. She gets around remarkably for a woman of her age. She has experienced the lean years of harvest and she has seen the grain where there



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Happy Homes Club

The Happy Homes H. Club met with Mrs. Kenneth Evans Feb. 17 at 2:30. Ball Hall was decorated with "Three reasons why I am here today."

11:00 A. M. Sermon: "Faith In God"

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