

# The Gorman Progress

HAVE YOU STARTED THE DAY WITH A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

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## QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR

Saturday: - This is "Waste Basket Day" - the day I try to clean off my desk and throw all of the news releases (mostly firms seeking free advertising) in the waste basket.

One pamphlet caught my eye although I will not take time to read it. It is titled, "TRUMAN IS RIGHT. History will credit his Administration with Important Achievements." What I am wondering is - will there be any CREDIT left by the time he gets out of office and Historians take over.

Monday - 5:30 a. m. - France tot receive \$600 million from Uncle Sam, and here am I hoping some body will come along and buy me a cup of coffee and a cigar to start the day off. Sure enough at 5:45 a. m. Freddie Lee Bennett, former assistant to your aPe and now associated with the B & B Oil Well Servicing Co., came in to announce the arrival of a six pound son. Freddie bought the coffee and I bought a cigar on the cuff. So the day is starting off fine.

Tuesday - Monday finished out fine with the Football Banquet at the High School. The hot turkey dinner, and it was hot, which is unusual for a banquet of that size, added to the enjoyment of the program. Superintendent Gibbs introduced Harvey Parker as master of ceremonies and the ball was in play. Dr. Brandon, president of the Business Mens Club, was called on and made a "Glad to be here" talk. Othell Clark, president of the Quarterback Club, expressed the sentiment of all when he spoke of the training our three coaches, Wilson, Michael and Goodwin were giving our boys. The efforts of the players showed how this training was taking affect. Wayne Scott former Panther center, of 28, who has been coaching an Air Force team at San Marcos, read about the banquet in the Progress and made a special trip to attend. He stated that he hoped to be able to see some of the games next year.

The Panther Band entertained during the banquet. Musical numbers were sung by a girls trio and boys quartette - Band Director Nicholls played a piano medley of old school favorites.

Coach Abe Martin of T C U, spoke of his early days as a football player and how the game had changed from a "slug-fest" to where a player had to have a quick, active mind and body to stay in the game. He mentioned the fact that while some schools might be paying members of the Southwest Conference gave scholarship tuition, board and room and \$10 for laundry and if the player did not keep up his grades he was not permitted to play. (I personally know of one star athlete who went to TCU and had a rugged four years trying to make ends meet and still keep up his scholarship record). He made it though and is now teaching and coaching football. Abe wound up his talk by saying that the Frogs took a good old "country whipping" from Texas Tech and that the word Tech was taboo on the campus. They just didn't like to think about it. (With their mind on the Cotton Bowl, why should they?) Motion pictures were shown of the TCU-Baylor Game.

Odie Monroe, stanch TCU supporter, almost had Coach Martin convinced that he would be a good man to have on the sidelines at the Cotton Bowl. Wouldn't be surprised if Odie didn't get a special invite to see the game.

To Supt. Gibbs, the school faculty and students and ladies who prepared the food, I say thanks for a good dinner and a pleasant evening.

Before we bid a final goodbye to football would like to call your attention to the all-conference team in our District. They only picked five players from the Panthers for the first team. Did I say ONLY.

Wednesday - Made a quick trip to Ranger this morning to pick

## WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Herman Bennett has talked over telephone to his parents. He hopes to get back home for Christmas as his assignment is at this time being delayed. The Progress enjoyed a newsy letter from Herman from Idaho.

Benny Burdette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burdette, has been visiting his father. He is soon to report to the United States Navy as a reserve.

Lt. Wayne Scott of San Marcos visited in Gorman on Monday and attended the Football banquet. Accompanying him was G. J. Hecker, a student and football player, who hopes to make T. C. U. upon graduation.

Seaman Doyle Lee Jobe is reported to have been on a refueling trip to Sasbo, Japan with his destroyer scheduled to return to combat waters.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Band Students to Present Concert**  
Our rapidly improving Panther Band will present a concert on Thursday evening in the gymnasium at 7:00 P. M. The concert, under the direction of Mr. Nicholls, will carry out the Christmas theme as this will be the regular Christmas performance of the band. The public is invited and it is hoped that many will turn out to enjoy the music and to give encouragement to the band folks as they are working very hard to better themselves. They are improving tremendously as all who heard them Monday night will verify.

**New Students in High School**  
Four new students have been enrolled in the high school during the past four days. They are Jerry Dupey from the Odessa Schools, Rita Crosby from the Stephenville Schools, Tommy Moody and Gary Downard from Ranger High School. Tommy and Gary are ninth graders, Rita is a junior and Jerry is an eighth grader.

**Panthers to Open At Home Fri.**  
Panther boys and girls basketball teams will play De Leon here Friday night, depending upon the outcome of the De Leon team in a tournament. If the De Leon girls win the first round in their tournament play, then they will not play here Friday which will mean that only the boys will play. Next Tuesday the Panthers entertain Cisco and on the week end go to Desdemona for the annual tournament. Admission prices for the two games will be 25 and 15 cents.

A last minute report states that the game with De Leon has been postponed and Gorman Boys will play the A and B Teams from Eastland at the Panther Gym Friday night.

## School Presents Community Concert

One of the most beautiful and entertaining program of the holiday season will be presented by the school, tonight (Thursday) in the school auditorium.

Word gets around that the students and teachers are working, decorating and rehearsing for the Christmas Concert.

The program presents an opportunity for a community get together.

Band Director Nichols is directing and coaching. So the public may expect the best from the students in vocal and instrumental music.

up an ad. Just out of Eastland I picked up a young sailor. He said he had just returned from Korea and had been in the States only a few days. Bitter is hardly the word for it. He told me of some of the atrocities committed against our boys by the Koreans that make stories of Hitler and his gang sound like members of the ladies aid. How long must we continue to bow and scrape to Stalin and her satellites. Perhaps Mr. Truman knows the answer.

## Five Panthers Make All-District Team

First Team:  
Ends: Eugene Palette, May Jack Eison, Gorman  
Tackles: Danny Ryan, Blanket Jerry Skaggs, Gorman  
Guards: Robert Rankin, Gorman Robert Crawford, Blanket  
Center: Thomas Poorman, Blanket

Backs: Donald Porter, Blanket Bob Self, Gorman Jimmy Rachel, Gorman Edward Lee, May  
Second Team:  
Ends: Dwayne Westfall, Early Jack Friend, Early  
Tackles: Weyland Snipes, Early David Yoes, May  
Guards: Von Knight, Blanket Jackie Brown, May, and Dell Royce Brooks, Early, tied.  
Center: Carl Curtis, Gorman, and Alan Townsend, Early, tied.  
Backs: Billy Joe McCullough, Early Wayne Isham, Blanket Valton Sudderth, Early David Walls Early

## ELIZABETH ANN PARR HAS A NEW SISTER

Elizabeth Ann Parr has a new sister. The new arrival came at one o'clock in the Blackwell-Rodgers Sanitarium on Wednesday morning, December 5th. The daughter of the W. O. Parrs weighs 7 pounds.

At this writing neither parent can decide whether the young miss shall be christened Mary Catherine or Virginia Rogers.

## PIE SUPPER DECEMBER 6th AT KOKOMO

There will be a pie supper at Kokomo Thursday night, December 6th at 7:00. The purpose of the pie sale is to raise funds to have the Simpson Cemetery worked for another year. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Are You Starving Democracy?

Homefront apathy is letting democracy die of malnutrition while our soldiers in Korea are defending democracy from death by a blow on the head, State Legion Commander Charlie Gibson said in warning Texans that the failure to vote is the greatest weakness today.

Urging Texans to pay their poll taxes promptly to crush apathy, Gibson said that too many eligible voters call the obligations and duties of citizenship "privileges" and think they can take them or leave them alone.

"It is inexcusable to let American boys die in Korea for the principles of democracy, if we make a mockery of those principles at home," Gibson said on the eve of the Legion's annual state-wide "Operation Democracy" Day, a campaign to wipe out complacency and neglect of citizenship duties.

The tenth anniversary of the at-

## Shivers Proclaims - "Operations Democracy" Day



Voting is the best insurance of freedom, Governor Allan Shivers said in proclaiming December 7 as "Operation Democracy" Day in Texas. State Legion Commander Charlie Gibson, left, and Americanism Chairman John Ben Sheppard, right, urge Texans to observe the Legion's special get-out-the-vote program.

## Final Rites For Wilburn Underwood Held Wednesday

Funeral services for John Wilson (Wilburn) Underwood, 73, who passed away at the Blackwell Sanitarium at 7 p. m. Tuesday, were held Wednesday afternoon, 3 P. M. at the Church of Christ with Brother Layton Plaster officiating. Interment was made at Oakland Cemetery.

Mr. Underwood was born December 9th, 1878, in the same year that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Underwood, came to Leon County from East Central Texas. The family lived for a number of years on their farm southwest of Gorman, the house of which has been razed during the past several years. He was married to Miss Gertie Ogden who lived west of Gorman. Five boys and three girls were born to the couple.

The family lived for a time near Abilene at Hawley. At which place two of the sons, grown to manhood, died. The wife died sometime later and was buried by her sons at Hawley.

It was Mr. Underwood's request that he be buried at Oakland where his parents rest and where his maternal grandfather, Wiley N. Burleson, had been the first interred into the then new cemetery.

Neighbors of Mr. Underwood recall that although he was not one to visit, he shared the fruits of his hobby with those close by, the vegetables from his garden.

Surviving the deceased are Mrs. George Miller of Colorado City, Jake Underwood of Gorman, Mrs. Jessie Hensley of Deming, New Mexico, Jim Underwood of Gorman and Rayford Underwood of Wichita Falls. There are also two sisters, Mrs. Floyd Nunley of Gorman, Mrs. W. R. Swan of Rising Star and one brother, Walter L. Underwood of Gorman. Pallbearers were: L. A. Ogle, A. L. Butler, Arthur Littlefield, H. H. Kirk, Whit Russell and Conley Field.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. W. S. Roberts

Funeral services for Mrs. Eula (W. S.) Roberts were held on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd at 2 p. m. in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Tom Small, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Mrs. Roberts had passed away at her home, Route 3, Gorman, at 3:25 p. m. Friday, November 30th following a protracted illness. Interment was made at the Gorman Cemetery.

The deceased was born Eula Alsobrook April 2, 1881 in Clay County, Alabama. She was married to W. S. Roberts in Cleaborn County, Alabama. She had been a long time resident of Gorman. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive her.

Included in her survivors are her husband; four daughters, Shirley Hirst and Christeen Roberts of Gorman, Hazel Sharp of Cicero, Illinois and Orpha Shurley of Rankin, Oklahoma; and two sons, Jesse of Gorman and Clarence of Prague, Oklahoma; one sister, Lexie Carter of Mexia, Texas; two brothers, Estes Alsobrook of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Arthur Alsobrook of Gorman. There are nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. With the exception of a grandson, Billy Jack Vanzandt of Tokio, Japan and a granddaughter, Mary Susan Roberts of Prague, Oklahoma, all of the immediate family were present.

Pallbearers were Bassett Hirst, Rob Burns, Johnny Burns, Jack Adecock, Jim Johnson and Luther Wright.

## Mother Parr Dies At Home Of Daughter

Mrs. W. B. Parr, familiarly known by many friends as Mother Parr, passed away early Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Wallace. Her death followed several weeks of a critical illness.

Funeral services were announced for Thursday afternoon.

## MAIL PACKAGES EARLY

The United States Post Office Department urges everyone to mail Christmas packages early for arrivals before the 25th of December. Packages mailed on routes or in drop box without sufficient postage must be returned to sender for correct amount.

Mail coming to Gorman from the east has been delayed through out the week. The same may be due to increased Christmas mailing.

## ORMSBY HOST FIRM FAMILIES AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bill Ormsby was host to the families of his firm on Sunday at the Annual Christmas Party of the Clover Farm Stores. The party was held in the dining room at the Union Station in Fort Worth from three until seven o'clock. Officers of the Company greeted the guests and brief addresses were made at the chicken supper. Door prizes were awarded and gifts were distributed from the Christmas Tree.

Accompanying Mr. Ormsby were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westmoreland. Mr. George Eppler did not attend.

Mr. Ormsby is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bluebonnet Division of the Clover Farm Stores.

## M. Y. F. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

New officers recently elected by the Methodist Youth Fellowship were: president - John Askew, vice-president - Manning Fairbetter, Secretary - Treasurer - Jack Shelley and Reporter - Jan Acrea.

Several members of the group attended a school of instruction held in De Leon this week. Mrs. Claudia Henson, Conference Youth Leader, taught the classes.

A Christmas Party is being planned by the M. Y. F. for the night of Wednesday, December 19th.

## Hampton-Grimm Wedding Vows Said At Brownwood

Miss Joy Hampton and Captain Tom Grimm said their wedding vows in Brownwood at a chapel on Friday afternoon. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fred Jay of that city.

Captain and Mrs. Grimm left immediately for Cassville, Minnesota where they will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grimm. The couple expected to return in about ten days.

## REV. E. F. COLE TO HOLD REVIVAL FOR BAPTIST FOR SECOND YEAR

Rev. E. F. Cole of Fort Worth will be preaching for the revival at the First Baptist Church December 9th - 16th. Mr. Cole comes to the church for the second year.

In 1950 the minister met with great success and he was especially well received in the many homes where he visited carrying the gospel message.

Mr. Cole is the father of the local physician, Dr. C. T. Cole.

Evening services will be held at 7:30 P. M. Morning services beginning at 10:00 A. M. will be held Monday through Friday.

## CHILDREN BROUGHT TO GORMAN TO AVOID POLIO EXPOSURE

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dupuy of Odessa and formerly of Gorman brought their children to Gorman last week and left them with her mother, Mrs. Goodwin, until the polio epidemic subsides.

Glenn Donaldson of Goldthwaite brought Mrs. Donaldson and Michael to Gorman during the week end. They will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Echols.

Mrs. Wayne Eaves had hoped to go to Goldthwaite to make her home on Sunday but because of the danger of exposure to polio she and Baby Johnny have remained with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler.

The report regarding the large increase in enrollment at the local school because of the Odessa epidemic is erroneous.

## MIKE STACY TO START HOME SATURDAY

Mike Stacy will be released from Warm Springs, The National Polio Foundation, on Saturday, December 8th. He and his grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Ormsby, expect to start home immediately.

Mike will be using a thumb and forefinger that have failed to function for more than a year. His treatment at the Foundation will be resumed at a later date.

## CORRECTION

Lines in the death notice of Talbot Cozzo of Dallas in the November 29th edition of this paper, "he began work with Mr. M. Scales at the telephone company," should have read, "he begin work with Mr. M. Scales at the Katy Depot as a telegraph operator."

## MR. AND MRS. MCMILLAN EMPLOYED AT BORGER

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon L. McMillan of Borger, Texas visited their parents over the week. Eldon has employment with the Phillips Oil Company in Borger. Mrs. McMillan, the former Frances Claitor, has accepted work in the Panhandle Continental Bank of that city and will assume work in January of 1952.

## W. S. C. S. ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR X-MAS PARTY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will have their Christmas Party on December 17th at 3 P. M. in the home of Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey.

Members and guests will bring a gift for exchange at the Christmas Tree. Gifts which include groceries will be brought for the shut-in activity sponsored by the group.

In Egypt the man doesn't know his wife until after he marries her... same as here.

## FACT FORUMS ORGANIZED WIDELY IS GORMAN INTERESTED

Will Gorman be interested to the point of organizing a Fact Forum? Fact Forums being organized widely are groups of 42 individuals who meet together in their search for facts regarding their country and its government. Members of a Fact Forum believe "to inform yourself is to arm yourself" for action best benefiting the country as a whole.

A local organization is a unit of the National Fact Forum, a non-partisan, non-profit, non-sectarian, public educational venture. Its sole purpose is to arouse public interest in important current events.

## FREDDIE BENNETTS ANNOUNCE SON'S ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Lee Bennett are announcing the arrival of their son, Gary Don Bennett.

Gary Don was born at 3 A. M. Monday at Blackwell-Rodgers Sanitarium. Both father and mother as well as the baby are doing fine.

The maternal grandparents of Gary Don are Mr. and Mrs. George Bell and the paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ruby Bennett.

## WORLD WAR II VETERAN EDWARD CLARK DISMISSED FROM HOSPITAL, TUESDAY

Edward Clark at this writing, Tuesday, was expected to be dismissed from the Blackwell Sanitarium. He will however be confined to his bed at his home over a period of weeks, as complete rest is a necessity for his continued recuperation.

Ed received a bayonet wound during the fighting at Luzon in World War II. The blade stabbed his heart leaving him with a permanent total disability.

His present serious illness is said by a relative to be caused by the recent development of an acute heart disturbance.

## RECENT BRIDE HONORED AT MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Eldon L. McMillan, the former Frances Claitor, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Tom Small.

Refreshments of cup cakes and punch were served to a number of guests from a lace covered table centered with pink carnations.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Tom Small, Mrs. Gene Mehaffey, Miss Gay Nell Whitley, Miss Juanita Turner, Miss Peggy Poyner and Mrs. Jimmie Sparks. The bride received many beautiful gifts including pieces of Fostoria crystal.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Edna Nunnally will present her music class in a recital in the school auditorium Monday night, December 17th at 7:30. The public is invited.

## KING THEATRE

Thursday - Friday  
Clifton Webb - Joanne Dru  
IN  
Belvedere Rings The Bell  
Also  
Color Cartoon - Pro Football

Saturday  
ROCKY - ALINE TOWNE  
IN  
Youth Riders of Durango  
And  
Raymond Walburn - Walter Catlett  
IN  
FATHER TAKES THE AIR  
Also  
Color Cartoon

Sunday - Monday  
George Montgomery - Gale Storm  
IN  
THE TEXAS RANGERS  
Also  
Color Cartoon

Tuesday - Wednesday  
Howard Duff - Peggy Dow  
IN  
SHAKEDOWN  
Also  
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Thursday - Friday  
John Ireland - Marie Windsor  
IN  
LITTLE BIG HORN  
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### Illness In Gorman

G. R. Whitley has been dismissed from the hospital after being treated for flu.

Mr. Tip Ross was dismissed from the hospital on Monday in an improved condition.

Mrs. R. B. Lane who has continued at the hospital since Tamara Ruth's birth may be expected to go to her home after several days have passed if her improvement continues.

Mrs. Mollie Bennett has returned to her home for the second time since entering the hospital last month. Mrs. Jack Bennett stays with her mother-in-law at night. The attending physician prescribes complete rest for Mrs. Bennett.

Walter Underwood and Mrs. Underwood continue as bed patients. Mr. Underwood has had several bad days. Mrs. Underwood has been able to be up for several hours in a wheel chair. Her burn has decreased about one-half in size since she left the hospital in August.

### BIRTHS

Richard Ray Couch born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couch of Gustine on November 27 weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

Allen Michael Walker born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis Walker of Stephenville on November 28 weighed 7 pounds and 5 1/2 ounces.

Barbara Ray Weaver born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Norris Weaver of Comanche on November 29 weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Gary Eugene Golden born to Mr. and Mrs. Seborn Eugene Golden of Route 2, De Leon on November 30 weighed 7 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces.

Teddy Dean Jordon born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Otho Jordon of Route 1, Gorman on November 30 weighed 9 pounds.

Oleta Fay Ellis born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Ardell Ellis, Democrat Star Route, Comanche on December 1st weighed 9 pounds.

Shirley Ann Kendrick born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaburn Kendrick of Route 2, Rising Star on December 4th weighed 7 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces.

### C. M. BALEYS INVITE FOLKS TO COFFEE SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Baley are inviting folks to come in and see them at their new place of business, The Hotel Coffee Shop.

Newly renovated they have an attractive meeting and eating place.

The Baleys have come to Gorman after a year's stay in Fayetteville, Arkansas but formerly of Stephenville, they were long time residents of Erath County.

### NEWS TO SERVICE MEN INSURANCE AFTER DISCHARGE

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many servicemen from Korea and elsewhere are being discharged now. Their most frequent questions concern their rights to Government life insurance. This is the first of a series of four articles prepared by Veterans Administration, that will attempt to answer these questions.

Two new types of low-cost Government life insurance are available to eligible veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces who served anywhere in the world since the Korean Campaign started on June 27, 1950.

The first of these two types is a non-convertible five-year level premium term policy that may be renewed every five years at the premium rate for the then-attained age.

The second type is a special form of National Service Life Insurance, on either term or permanent plans, that may be issued to disabled veterans whose disabilities have been found to be service-connected.

In this article, we will discuss only the five-year level premium term plan. The special NSLI provided for disabled veterans will be discussed in the next article.

To qualify for the five-year level premium term policy (under Section 621 of the NSLI Act), veterans must have been ordered to active duty for 31 days or more; they must have served since June 27, 1950, and they must have been released from active

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### PINK AND BLUE SHOWER HONORS MRS. PLASTER

Mrs. Layton Plaster was honored with Pink and Blue Shower on Thursday afternoon.

Invited guests came to the home of Mrs. Tom Hallmark where they registered in the service.

These veterans are eligible, without physical examination, for a five-year level premium policy in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, less any other Government life insurance in force at the time of application.

They must apply in writing to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., within 120 days after their release or separation from active service, and pay the required first premium.

The premium rates for most ages under this policy are the lowest of any Government life insurance yet authorized by the Congress.

While this policy may be renewed every five years at the premium rate for the then-attained age, it is not convertible to any insurance, nor will it earn dividends.

Because it is a term policy running for only five years, it does not have any loan value, cash surrender value, or extended insurance value. It merely provides life insurance coverage while premiums are being paid for the five-year period.

A veteran taking out this type of policy may name any person or persons, firm or corporation, or his estate as the beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom payments shall be made in event of his death while the policy is in force under premium-paying conditions.

Death payments made to the beneficiary or beneficiaries are exempt from taxation, but the exemption does not extend to any property bought with this money. These payments also are fully exempt from claims of creditors against the insured veteran or his beneficiary or beneficiaries, but this exemption does not apply against the United States.

Veterans who plan to apply for this insurance may do so immediately following separation or release from active service, but they must meet requirements within 120 days after separation or release.

For further information, veterans should contact their nearest VA office immediately after separation or release.

white-satin-covered book, designed by Mrs. Burnett Eison.

The honoree was invited to the dining room where the gifts had been arranged on the table centered with a miniature ruffled umbrella. Corners of the lace tablecloth were caught up with pink and blue carnations, giving a petticoat effect to the undercloth of pink crepe paper.

Another attractive arrangement was the rocking-horse vase with pink and blue flowers on the coffee table (by Preston).

Group games furnished diversion for the social hour. Sandwich plates with cokes and Dr. Peppers were served. Favors were tiny white gowns tied with the theme colors.

Co-hosting with Mrs. Hallmark were Mrs. Eison, Mrs. Gabe Wright and Mrs. Dick Foster.

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### CHILDREN...



We Want Your PICTURES

Don't forget our invitation to have your pictures taken FREE and published in this newspaper. Remind your parents it costs them nothing!

We are having Wolts Studios, of Des Moines, Iowa, nationally known children's photographers, take your pictures expressly for publication in a new feature titled "CITIZENS of TOMORROW."

Remind your parents that nothing need be subscribed to; they do not even have to be a reader of this paper. There are no strings of any kind! Every youngster in this trading area is eligible. There is no age limit. Extra prints may be obtained by arranging with the studio representative when the pose for publication is selected; but this, too, is entirely up to your parents.

Clippings of these pictures will become treasured mementos of childhood, so be sure to call on our photographer during the time mentioned below. We do not want a single local youngster to be disappointed. Appointments are NOT necessary, but one of your parents or another adult must accompany you.

Below is the time and place to have your pictures taken without cost!

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### How Do You Feel About U M T

#### WHY I FAVOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE

From the September 20th edition of The Christian Advocate the Progress gives these excerpts for the reader's information. The question of Universal Military Service will be before Congress when it convenes.

President James B. Conant of Harvard University in telling why he favors Universal Military Service expresses the following opinions:

Quoting General Eisenhower, "We have to devise a scheme that we can support (for building a secure wall of peace) if necessary over the next 20 to 30 years, as long as the announced threat of aggression remains in the World." To this end President Conant says we must have a system of Universal Military Service. "To my mind," Conant continues, "it is quite clear that a man's military service had best be done before he enters productive life, or begins his collegiate education."

Conant quotes an army psychiatrist of World War 11, "A program of universal military service is far more practical than the present system of selective service." The present system he says creates hostility and uncertainty for the youth.

That would be hostility toward those who are deferred and uncertainty as to when calls will come.

But Conant is for selection of and deferment of officer material. Another reason he gives, "The danger of all-out war is so serious that all our young men must have military training for their own protection as well as the protection of the country."

#### WHY I OPPOSE UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE

John W. Swomley, Jr., associate secretary for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and director of the National Council Against Conscription, gives his reason why he opposes universal military service.

1. It aims to make war training and military attitudes a part of the normal boy's life.

2. Universal service will not prevent war. If our possession of the atom bomb, our huge Navy and Air Force and the Selective Service did not scare the world into peace, it is absurd to suppose that masses of teenage boys will have that effect.

3. Universal military service is war-breeding.

4. Universal military service is anti-democratic.

5. Universal military service will not reduce casualties. (Compare casualties of Germany and France with their universal military peacetime service in World War 11 with those of United States).

6. The trend in modern mechanized war is increasingly in the direction of fewer combat soldiers and more workers and suppliers to fill their needs.

7. There is no need to give the Army a permanent universal military service law when Congress can at any time provide adequate emergency draft regulation.

8. The idea of a peacetime mass army is exploded by the logic of Hanson Baldwin's comment, "Attack can come to the United States, and we can attack only by air and sea."

9. Education would be inter-

rupted which could only continue at the expense of the government.

10. The hope of the world lies in policies that will win the masses of the world away from Communism.

11. Teenage boys would be subjected to all the moral hazards of the armies of occupation without contact of their families, teachers and girl friends.

12. It would lower the physical and mental standards if every 18 year old boy were inducted.

### CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

About the funniest-and by that I mean the most laughable item I have read in many a moon, was the column titled "News from the Front" in last week's Progress. Friend husband chortled when we read it aloud to him. Also the relatives over the way got a big honest to goodness chuckle from it, when it was read to them. But then they tell me, I am always finding something funny to read. I really think though that the most good comes from sharing the fun with others about you, don't you?

I saw one of my neighbors, Mrs. Wilbur Overstreet the other day, Saturday, and she didn't know that I had moved over on another farm. Just goes to prove that the local paper should be read from Cover to Cover.

Mrs. Zelia Perrin, who has been ill for a long while at the Ranger Hospital, has taken another turn for the worse, as reported Sunday. She has been able to be in her wheel and partake of food but now the outcome seems unfavorable.

Others who have been ill are Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lemley, but they were able to attend Alameda Church services Sunday.

Miss Betty Jean Love came home ill from Brownwood, during the week end. She suffered one of her recurrent attacks of appendicitis. She was much better Sunday.

Mr. Johnny Walton suffered a severely strained left hand which was in a sling Sunday. We know

### FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CLASS ENJOY PARTY IN ANNEX

Members of the Fellowship Bible Class of the Methodist Church enjoyed a party in the Annex on Wednesday evening, November 28th.

Mrs. G. C. Acrea gave a clever impersonation of Dr. I. Q. when she conducted a quiz program. Most contestants showed greater ability to coach from the audience than to give correct answer on the stage. Other group games brought entertainment to a successful climax.

Coffee and pie were served by the food committee, Mesdames Marvin Nix and Erin Haile.

### HUNTERS RETURN WITHOUT VENISON

Hunters and huntresses, Mayor and Mrs. T. L. Jay and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Armstrong of Brownwood spent the week end on their deer lease but returned without the venison.

he must appreciate that new butane system since he will not be having to chop firewood.

What should have been last week's news was the visit to John Tucker's home by Miss Minnie Walton, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walton and Billie, Ranger, and Mrs. Hattie Love, Ranger. Mrs. Love stated her intention of making an extended stay in Comanche with her daughter, Mrs. Mont Manchester and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Case were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker, on Sunday. They also made a short call in the J. D. Moody home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moody went to Cisco Sunday for Church.

Mr. Jim Grice went to Breckenridge Tuesday, where he is joining Mrs. Grice and their daughter Mrs. Denzil Cozart. He plans to stay until crop time again. Mrs. Cozart is a nurse in the Breckenridge Hospital.

George Stanley DeVal and family were dinner guests in the Arthur Love home Sunday, following his regular preaching engagement.

Mrs. Melva Love was brought home Tuesday from the Blackwell Hospital. She is feeling just fine and dandy.



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Crime in America

By ESTES KEFAUVER United States Senator

Twelve of a Series

Detroit: Where Underworld And Business World Merge

An alarming aspect in the pattern of crime in America is that certain manufacturers have deliberately allied themselves with racketeers as a means of controlling labor relationships.

In Detroit, the Senate Crime Committee turned up four instances in which large industrial concerns awarded lucrative contracts to gangsters or men who had underworld connections.

Typical was the link between Santo (Sam) Perrone and the Detroit-Michigan Stove Co. The bespectacled, balding Perrone once served a six-year sentence for violating the prohibition laws, and both he and his brother, Gaspar, had been arrested for questioning on murder charges, though later released. Ironically, San-

to had a license to carry a revolver at the time we questioned him. It was promptly revoked by Detroit authorities.

Perrone barely can read and write English. He went to work more than 40 years ago as a core-maker for the stove works, perhaps the largest non-union plant in the area. Perrone insisted he never even had discussed labor problems with John A. Fry, company president, and Mr. Fry testified he never had heard of any labor difficulty or any physical violence at the plant.

Around 1934, however, there was a serious strike when a union made a strenuous effort to organize the stove works. Twelve years later, Fry told a grand jury investigating labor rackets that during the dispute "I talked with some of the fellows in the plant, including the Perrones, and I wanted to know whether or not we could get some help to come in, and they said they thought they could."

"There was some fights outside the gate on the part of the pickets attacking the men when they came in to lunch. I think after the first day we had 75 or 80 policemen around the plant."

Shortly after this violent strike, Santo Perrone, the coremaker, was given a contract to purchase and haul away the scrap from the stove works. Thus, the illiterate manual laborer acquired an income which in recent years has netted him between \$40,000 and \$65,000 a year. He lives in a luxurious mansion, drives a costly car, and has been able to lend large sums of money.

The company also took care of Santo's brother, Gaspar, changing its coremaking department to a subcontracting. Using company materials and the same company-owned equipment with which he had worked as an employee, Gaspar became the contractor who supplied the factory with sand cores.

Later, Santo and Gaspar were sent to the penitentiary for illegally manufacturing whisky. The company kept Santo's scrap contract in effect for him when he was in prison. Also, while the Perrones were imprisoned, the United Auto Workers, CIO, which previously had been kept out of Detroit-Michigan Stove, was able to organize one of the plants. A UAW organizer said, though, that when Mr. Perrone got out of jail, "the organization disappeared."

An Immigration and Naturalization Service inspector told us that, while investigating aliens illegally in the United States, he learned that 20 such violators were working at the Detroit-Michigan Stove Co. Gaspar was questioned by the committee about a speed boat which he owns and operates on the Great Lakes between Michigan and Canada, but he denied that he ever smuggled in any aliens.

The Perrone-Stove Works story fits neatly with that of a larger plant, Briggs Manufacturing Co., makers of auto bodies. President Fry of the Stove Works and President Dean Robinson of Briggs are close friends.

For approximately 20 years, Briggs had contracted with an established firm, Woodmere Scrap Iron, for removal of ferrous scrap from the Briggs plant. In 1945, Santo Perrone's son-in-law, Carl Renda, 28, suddenly applied for the contract.

The contract was taken away from Woodmere and awarded to Renda, despite the facts that he had no knowledge of the business, no equipment and not even a telephone or office where he could be called.

Then, Perrone's son-in-law turned around and made a subcontract with Woodmere, the old contractor, whereby Woodmere kept right on

doing the work. But Woodmere paid Renda \$2.50 a ton more than he had paid Briggs for the scrap, giving him an income which has reached \$101,000 a year. As our report commented: "The inference is inescapable that what Renda was being paid for was the service ('muscle') of his father-in-law, Perrone."

Six prominent officials of the Briggs union were badly beaten by unknown persons in the year that followed granting of the Renda contract.

Before going to Detroit, the committee explored in the New York-New Jersey area the tie-up between the Ford Motor Co. and the notorious gangster, Joseph D'Anna, alias Joe Adonis. Adonis is a principal stockholder of the Automotive Conveying Co. of New Jersey, which transports automobiles away from the Ford plant at Edgewater, N. J.

Because of this, the committee looked into possible relationships between Ford's plants in the Detroit area and other racketeers. We found that the principal haul-away operator was the E&L Transport Co., in which one Anthony D'Anna, ex-convict and former sugar supplier to bootleggers, was a 50 per cent stockholder. D'Anna drew a \$27,000 salary from E&L but apparently he did nothing to earn it.

Before acquiring his E&L stock, D'Anna, through negotiations with Harry Bennett, labor boss for the late Henry Ford Sr., had obtained a 50 per cent share of a profitable Ford agency in Wyandotte, Mich.

Bennett, now retired, had, as the committee noted, "employed virtually a private army recruited from ex-convicts and criminals to engage in battles against labor and in other anti-social activities." Subpoenaed from his California ranch to testify, he was a hostile and difficult witness. When we asked him about the gang factions in Detroit, he snapped: "Do you want me to get my head blown off?"

Bennett admitted that, although he was a key man in one of the largest plants in the world, he kept no files, records or memoranda of any kind.

"In fairness to Ford," our report observed that the company "is taking vigorous steps to disassociate itself from these racketeer-held contracts." It now is attempting to terminate by some legal means its deal with Adonis.

Also in Detroit, the committee cleared up the mystery of how Cleveland gamblers acquired an important block of stock in a vital industry, the Detroit Steel Corp. Max J. Zivian, president of Detroit Steel, told us that in 1944 Detroit Steel merged with Reliance Steel Corp. of Cleveland.

Zivian undertook to purchase the Reliance president's stock for approximately \$580,000. He said he was in Cleveland when gambler-businessman Morris Dalitz, whom he had known slightly, "bumped into me in the street." Zivian said he told him that he was attempting to close a big deal but was short \$100,000. Dalitz, without even looking at a balance sheet, arranged a bank loan for the necessary money. So the Cleveland syndicate acquired 10,000 shares of Detroit Steel stock.

Zivian subsequently became friendly with the Cleveland gambler and once took a trip on Dalitz' yacht.

Next week: Philadelphia; Police tactics in the City of Brotherly Love.

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HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN, Oct. 31.—Although the high cost of food has made feeding the family a more expensive undertaking than ever before, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is opposed to any lowering of nutritional standards. It is still possible for the careful housewife to provide an adequate balanced diet for her family.

"To maintain mental alertness and physical fitness certain foods should be regarded as essential," says Dr. Cox. "Each day's diet should include milk, a citrus fruit or canned tomatoes, a green or yellow vegetable, other fruit and vegetables, whole wheat or enriched bread or cereal, butter and meat, fish or poultry. Eggs should be eaten at least five times a week, liver once a week and dried beans and peanut butter occasionally."

"Milk remains a good buy, although its price has risen considerably, as it is an excellent source of calcium, phosphorus, protein and certain vitamins. The equivalent of one pint of milk for adults and one quart for children should be included in each day's diet."

"Although meats have become more expensive than other foods they are still essential as sources of protein. It should be remembered that less expensive cuts of meat provide the same food values as the luxury items. Prices of pork, chicken and fish have risen less in recent years than other meats."

"Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables have not increased in price as much as fresh ones and they retain most of the original food values. In buying fresh fruit and vegetables it is more economical to limit purchases to those that are in season and therefore more plentiful."

From Texas Almanac

There has been almost as much economic progress in Texas during the last ten years as in all preceding history, according to data in the 1952-1953 edition of the Texas Almanac which has just been issued by The Dallas Morning News.

Highest percentage of gain was scored by the manufacturing industry which more than doubled during the last decade, as measured in employment and volume of physical production. The number working in Texas manufacturing plants increased from 163,978 in April, 1949, to 449,800 in June, 1951. All classifications of

industry showed gains, but especially notable were developments of the chemical, aviation, and iron and steel industries.

Retail stores of the state now do approximately seven billion dollars of business annually as compared with \$1,803,716,000 in 1939. This leaves a wide margin of increase in turnover of goods after allowing for price inflation.

These changes have been accompanied by an increase of 20.2 per cent in the total population, 1940-1950, and with an increase of 66.2 per cent in urban population. The great shift of rural to urban population consisted primarily of removal of tenant farmers to industrial centers. Figures presented in the new

Texas Almanac show comparable gains in civic, educational and cultural activities. Changes in the public school system after two years under the Gilmer-Aikin act are presented, including tables giving data on all independent and common school districts.

About 10,000 subjects are covered in the new volume, including Texas history, population, government, politics and elections, natural resources, weather, crops and livestock, industries, trade, transportation, finance, commercial services, recreation and athletics. A pronunciation guide to names of Texas counties, cities and towns is included. The new state senatorial and representatives districts are shown.

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**Desdemona News**

Mr. Dick Owens who has been a patient in a Veterans Hospital for several days was able to be at home Tuesday. Mr. Owens is resting satisfactorily.

Miss Alva Brown was in the hospital at Gorman a few days last week for a general checkup.

Mrs. Vera Bennett was a week end visitor in Waco with her sister, Mrs. Era Whitehurst.

Pvt. 1st Class James Howard Pool left Tuesday for Ft. Leonard wood, Mo. where he is serving in the U. S. Army. James, after spending a 10 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Pool, Miss Peggy Chambers of Electra, spent the holiday with James and his mother.

Mrs. Ford Reed is visiting in Baton Rouge, La. with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townsend who are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

Miss Margie Brown and her friend, Mrs. Oleta Kelley, and three children all of Dallas, and Robert Brown spent a few days recently with the R. A. Browns. Also for Thanksgiving the Brown family had Mr. and Mrs. Butler Hadley of Coldwater, Kans. and daughter, Jean, of Dallas. Also Marge of Dallas and Robert Brown of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sparkman spent the week end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Joe Sparkman, of Freer.

Clyde Owens who has been at his fathers bedside left Sunday for Jamaica where he is stationed in the U. S. Army.

Mrs. John Shackelford and son, Eldon of Kerrville, Texas, Mrs. Whitt Richard and Billie of Breckenridge, Texas visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Genoway, over the week end.

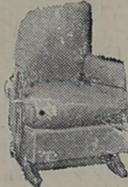
Mr. and Mrs. Ott Ragland visited Saturday with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Ragland, of Dublin.

**Card Of Thanks**

To neighbors and friends who extended so much sympathy and kindness on the occasion of the death of our loved one, Mrs. Eula Alsbrook, we express our sincere thanks. Especially are we grateful to those who prepared and those who helped serve the food.

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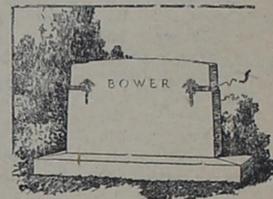
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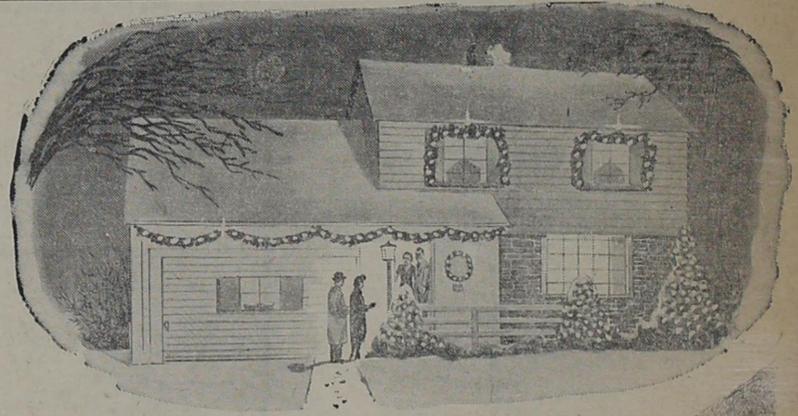
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<b>OLIVES</b> CLOVER FARM Queen	No. 7 1/2 Jar	<b>29c</b>	<b>TIDE</b>	Giant Box	<b>79c</b>
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<b>COCONUT</b> WHITE SWAN MAIST	4-Oz. Can	<b>17c</b>	<b>IVORY FLAKES</b>	Large Box	<b>29c</b>
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**PERSONALS**

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins all of Odessa visited with Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bennett Sunday. Mrs. A. B. Campbell and Mrs. W. R. Collins remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. M. A. Wooten and daughter, Dorothy of Stephenville, were in Gorman on Tuesday.

T/Sgt. C. G. Wilshire and family of Albuquerque, New Mexico are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Shelley Hirst. They will remain with her through the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. C. B. Sharp of Cicero, Illinois is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Hirst, and with her father, W. S. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement of Hamlin spent the week end visiting with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Underwood of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Oliver and Calvin Swan of Brownwood were among the out-of-town visitors at the Walter Underwoods during the week end.

Sam Richey of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. Elvie Clark with Mr. Clark of Waco visited with their mother, Mrs. S. E. Richey, during the week end. Mrs. Richey returned to Tulsa with her son where she expected to remain through the Christmas Holidays.

Mr. Ab Butler and Mr. Lewis Anders attended the horse races in Abilene last Sunday.

Paul Ormsby of Borger was in Gorman during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brooks of Odessa visited with his sister,

Mrs. Jack Bennett, and children during the week end.

Mrs. Thurman Jay and Mrs. George Smith were shopping visitors in Fort Worth on Friday.

William Boyd returned with his parents on Sunday to his home from Downing where he had spent a week with his grand mother, Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. R. G. Buckley of Abilene visited her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Dennis and family during the week end. Mrs. Glen Crosby was also a week end guest of the Dennis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burnette and children of Odessa are visiting with her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Jones visited with his mother, Mrs. Mae Dunn, during the week end.

Miss Ruby Rae Moore of Brownwood visited with her mother during the week end.

Homer and Mrs. Mason left here on the 18th of November in a car with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Winters for a few days visit in South Texas. They visited in Calliham and Three Rivers and while there Ery Mason carried them to Corpus Christi and set them up to a big fish dinner. After a two weeks stay Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason and Myrna brought them home on December 1st.

**Card Of Thanks**

My friends have been of so much pleasure to me during my illness. Your visits, your cards and your flowers I have enjoyed and I wish I could express to each of you personally my grateful thanks. I do appreciate each of you. Let this not be my thank you for now.

Mrs. Mollie Bennett

**What Is Right?**

Tom G. Small

Gorman Baptist Church

The time covered in the book of Judges could well be called "The Dark Ages of Israel". This period of Israel's history came shortly after they had gone into the promised land and lasted for about four hundred years. It was a time characterized by people doing what they pleased. The last verse of the book of Judges tells us, "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Over and over God had to punish them in various ways so that they would repent and worship the true and living God.

It has often been said that history repeats itself. Perhaps it is true at least in this attitude toward life. Many people today tell me, "It doesn't matter so much what you believe, just so long as you do what you think is right." The error to this kind of thinking is apparent. If a person believes wrong he can do wrong and think it is perfectly all right. Many a person has done something believing it was all right and found later, to their dismay, that it was all wrong. Such a person was Paul who at one time believed with all his heart that persecuting Christians, even unto death, was good in the eyes of God. Looking back upon the way of life he had once believed right, Paul called himself the chief of sinners.

The truth is that a man may do what he thinks is right and go straight to hell. A man may do what seems right in his own eyes and yet be sinning grievously in the eyes of God. One day I was quite sure that I was on the right road and could not be convinced differently until it began to narrow down to a lonely country trail. Finally, after being convinced that I did not know the way, help was asked and right directions given me.

The way to God and eternal life must be traveled over the road which God points out rather than the aimless trail of self-knowledge. As the explorer who dares not trust his own sense of direction but constantly checks his compass, let us ever prayerfully seek guidance in God's Word. The Bible, like the road sign, is of no help to us unless we read it and heed it.

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