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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

## PLAY TO BE PRESENTED

Class of Mobeetie will present "You With You" by Moss George S. Kaufman, Friday night, May 10.

Meet the following: Penelope Sycamore; Essie, Melba, Joyce Hooker; Tommy Corcoran; Bonnie Gattin; Ed. Donald; Autry Wall; Wanda Gudek; Henry Simpson; Tony Wayne Hogan; Boris Archie Scriber; Gay June Wallis; Mr. Kirby Williams; Mrs. Kirby; Mac; Bobby Hill; Hathaway; Olga Katherine Morgan.

L. R. Reeves and Helen director is Helen

plenty of fireworks in every sense of the word. Don't miss the play. Admission will be 50c. Starting time is 8:00 p. m. For reservations, call or Mobeetie Drug Store.

performance will be on Tuesday night for visiting groups. Groups are from Wheeler, Allison, and Kelton.

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**CAMILLA Y. EILAND** was born October 6, 1939, and is the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Eiland of Briscoe. She has participated in FHA; was the class historian and in the junior and senior class plays. She was class favorite one year and FHA Sweetheart her senior year. Camilla was the annual editor and Annual queen. Vice-president of the class one of the high school years and basketball manager her senior year. Her senior year she was also Who's Who in business, history and English. Camilla is the valedictorian of the Briscoe graduating class with an average of 88.91 for the four years.

## COUNTY 4-H BOYS WIN DISTRICT

4-H District Elimination Contests were completed at West Texas State this past Saturday, May 4th, according to Bryan Swain, County Agent, Jim Teegenstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Teegenstrom, was awarded first place in Public Speaking for his speech "The Soil, our Heritage."

The Electric Demonstration Team composed of George Lee Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boots Cook, and Mike Cantrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cantrell, placed first in District Elimination with their demonstration on "The Proper Use of the Proper Place." The team was coached by Ronnie Cantrell, 4-H Junior Leader.

The above named boys belong to the Shamrock 4-H Club. These boys have won the privilege of representing Wheeler County and Extension District One in the State Elimination Contest to be held at Texas A&M College, College Station, June 11-13.

Other teams representing Wheeler County in Extension District One State Elimination Contest are: Grass Team composed of Goson Tarbet, Ronnie Cantrell, Don Henry and Bob Martin; Livestock Team composed of Jerry Lackey.

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## CLEAN-UP DAY BIG SUCCESS HERE TUESDAY

Once again the Wheeler community has demonstrated what can be done when organizations and citizens unite to do a job.

"Clean-Up Day" sponsored by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and with the active support of a dozen other organizations, was literally a clean-up.

Strangers in town Tuesday were impressed by seeing merchants sweeping streets in front of their places of business, citizens cleaning their premises and nearby vacant property, and the buzz of activity everywhere they went.

City employees marked parking strips on Texas and Main streets in the business section, as business men and housewives joined forces to rid the community of trash, dirt, weeds and unsightly objects. It was perhaps the most thorough cleaning the town of Wheeler has ever witnessed at one time.

"We've made a wonderful start, now let's finish the job," said Lewis Lancaster, president of the chamber of commerce. Lancaster, Wayne Edwards, Percy Farmer, Earl Barnes and James Verden were among those who manned clean-up trucks.

Trucks were furnished by Wheeler Lumber Co., Frank Lee, O. W. Pendleton, and Percy Farmer. Hibler Implement Co., Carl Laffin, and others to haul rubbish out of town.

Members of the Kiwanis Club took on the softball park as their project while Boy Scout units directed their attention to the Scout Hut and Premises.

Dick Guynes, manager of the chamber of commerce, expressed the thanks of his organization for the wonderful cooperation extended by everybody.

## MUSIC WEEK WELL ATTENDED

Music Week Home Night Program was well-received by an enthusiastic audience Monday evening of this week. Hostesses report that there were approximately 190 in attendance at the various homes.

The Inter-Club committee representing the four Federated Women's Clubs feels that from the response of those who attended, Wheeler joins with the rest of the nation in the Music Week slogan, "Life Means More With Music."

The Thursday Review Club, '54 Study Club, Progressive Study Club, and Wednesday Study Club wish to thank all those who opened their homes to the public and all those who participated in the program.

Mrs. R. William Brown, general chairman, thanks the people of Wheeler for the wonderful reception given to the program.



**SHEILA PATTERSON**, daughter of the late Winston Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, is valedictorian of the 1957 Wheeler Senior Class. She was also valedictorian of the 8th Grade Class. Sheila has been active in band in her high school days. She was vice-president of the class in her Sophomore year, Treasurer of the class in her Junior year and Sec-Treas. in her Senior year.

She was on the Annual Staff her Junior year and on the Corral Staff for two years, and in the Pep Squad for four years. She has been a member of the FHA for three years was a FHA Delegate her Junior year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, entered the Interscholastic meet three years, and was a member of the Summer Playhouse.

## INSTALLATION HELD BY P-TA

In an impressive ceremony, Mrs. Roy Ford was installed as president of the local unit of Parent-Teachers Association in the final meeting of the year.

Also installed were Mrs. Adrian Risner, vice president; and Mrs. Bob Douthit, secretary-treasurer.

A feature of the installation ceremony was the forming of a chain by the new officers and representatives of student, parent and teachers groups, illustrating the strength that comes from unity in a common goal.

Those taking part in the ceremony were: Shari Lee representing the students, Carroll Killingsworth representing the teachers, Mrs. N. D. Ware, the parents; Mrs. W. A. Goad, Jr., retiring president of P-TA; Mrs. Risner, vice president; Mrs. Douthit, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Ford, president.

Mrs. Goad was installing officer. After the reading and approval (Continued on last page)

## Wheeler FFA Boys On Talent Show

The Wheeler FFA Talent Team will appear on KGNC Radio and TV on Saturday, May 11 over Cotton John's Program at 1:00 p.m. and on Channel 4 TV at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

Dale Wofford, Wallace Johnson, Jim Erwin and Kearby Weatherly comprise the FFA Talent Team. They placed first in the Top O' Texas district and will represent the district in the Area I Convention being held in Amarillo at that time.

Voting representative from the Wheeler FFA Chapter to the Area Convention will be Joe Richard Hyatt.

## TOP ENGINEER TO SPEAK HERE

The public is invited to the monthly dinner meeting of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce at Nora's Cafe Tuesday night, May 21, when a program of unusual importance will be given.

The speaker is Marvin C. Nichols of Fort Worth, partner in two consulting engineering firms and a member of Texas Water Resources Committee for the past five years.

A former state highway engineer, Nichols was city engineer in Amarillo and has been consultant (Continued on last page)

## CITY COUNCIL SELLS WATER & SEWER BONDS

Announcement was made this week by Mayor C. B. Kirk that the City Council had accepted the offer of The First Southwest Company for the purchase of the \$110,000 bond issue of the City of Wheeler. This action was taken at a called meeting of the council held on Monday, May 6, 1957.

After the election in April the matter of the referendum was taken up by the Mayor and Council with the law firm of McCall, Parkhurst and Crowe. The irregularities in the election, for which no one was to blame, were a cause for doubt in the minds of the city officials so they submitted the facts to the law firm for an opinion as to the legal status of the bonds. Following is an excerpt from the information they sent Mayor Kirk:

"On April 2, 1957, an election was held for the purpose of revoking the authority to issue the bonds voted on May 1, 1956. The official return from this election, signed by the election judge and other election officials shows that a majority of the voters voted against each proposition which would have the effect of revoking the authority to issue the bonds, in other words, the official return just mentioned, shows that when the last election was held, the people still wanted the bonds issued.

"I do not believe we have a law authorizing a City to hold an election on the question of voting off bonds heretofore authorized but unsold. (There is such a law for school bonds but I do not believe we have one for city bonds.) At any rate, the official return of this election shows that the people still favored the issuance of the bonds.

"Included among the papers sent me was one of the official ballots with the written notation at the top, 'Final count by City Council'. The figures placed on this ballot show that the people voted in favor of selling the water works bonds and against revocation of the authority to issue the waterworks bonds. As to the sewer bonds these figures show that the people voted against revocation of the power to issue them.

"If this referendum election is valid, and if the figures placed on this ballot are controlling, the City still has the right to issue and sell the waterworks bonds but it seems that the people voted both ways as to the sewer bonds.

"I do not believe that the referendum election of April 2, 1957, carries any legal effect, and further (Continued on last page)

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**RUTH FILLINGIM** was born on September 29, 1939, and is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fillingim. She has played on the basketball team for four years and was captain of the team her senior year. She also played softball and volleyball. Ruth was FHA president her senior year, and was in the class plays both junior and senior year. She was class favorite her sophomore and senior years. She was harvest queen her freshman year and personality queen her senior year. Ruth was also chosen best all around girl in her senior year. She is also salutatorian of her class, with a four year average of 88.58.

## SERVICES FOR S. A. MAXWELL

Stephen Arthur Maxwell was born in Mississippi, on December 17, 1887, and passed away at his home at Wheeler, May 4, 1957, at 4:30 p.m. at the age of 69 years, four months and seventeen days.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were married November 21, 1909, and had resided in this community for 42 years. They came from Denton County to Wheeler County. He was a farmer and still lived on the farm east of Wheeler. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 6, 1957, in the Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. M. E. Smith of Pampa officiating. Interment was in the Wheeler Cemetery, under direction of Kirk Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers included: Chester Hampton, Frank Hyatt, Roy Weatherly, Earl Willard, Arthur Whitener, Olen Pendleton, Clifford Mason and S. D. Conwell.

Serving as pallbearers were: Bill Hampton, Dorsie Hutchison, Hershel Anderson, J. D. Herd, Wayman Herd and Ocie Ford.

Survivors are: the widow, Mrs. Clara Maxwell of Wheeler; the children, Elmer Maxwell of Ervin, Calif.; Mrs. Lola Shira of Wheeler, Calif.; Mrs. Lola Shira of Wheeler, Calif.; Mrs. Olen Maxwell of Phillips; Mrs. Inetta Hyatt of Borger; and Furman Ray Maxwell of Borger.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. One brother, Clarence Maxwell of Denton; and six sisters; Mrs. L. A. Morgan; Mrs. Nathan Solomon; (Continued on last page)



**CAROL JOYCE MASON** was born March 10, 1940, and is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mason. Carol played basketball her freshman and sophomore years. She was secretary of the sophomore class and assistant editor of the annual at Briscoe. She moved to Farmington, N. M., during her junior year and was a member of the state Commerce club, vice-president of FTA, a member of FHA in Farmington. She remained in Farmington for part of her senior year and then returned to Briscoe where she will finish. She is third highest in the graduating class with an average of 87.66. Her plans are to enter West Texas State College in Canyon in September.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

**PATIENTS ADMITTED**  
S. P. Britt, Wheeler, May 3  
Annette Reeves, Twitty, May 6  
Lucille Bradshaw, Wheeler May 6

**PATIENTS DISMISSED**  
S. P. Britt, Wheeler, May 5

## Vacation Bible School Staff Now Complete

The staff for the Methodist Vacation Church School is now complete, according to a statement made by Mrs. Max Wiley, director. Administrative worker include Reverend Carlton Thomson, pastor; Mrs. Max Wiley, director; and Mrs. Elva Hubble, refreshment chairman.

Mrs. Bob McNeil is Kindergarten lead teacher and will be assisted by Mesdames Harold Nicholson, Terrell Gunter, Ted Crowder, and Miss Elaine McCasland.

Miss Beth Stiles is leader for the Primary Class. Others in her group are: Mesdames J. R. Clark, Dick DeArment, Loyd Davidson, and Miss Kitty Hibler.

The Junior staff is headed by Mrs. Carlton Thomson. Her teachers are Mesdames Lloyd Courtwright and Lowell Farmer and Miss Annette Hutchison.

As a follow-up of the District Institute, a general staff meeting was held in Fellowship Hall on May 2nd. Lead teachers have scheduled division meetings to continue planning and preparation for the school, which will begin on Sunday May 19, and continue through Sunday, May 26.



**SHARON GREEN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Green, is salutatorian of the Wheeler graduating class. She has attended Wheeler Schools most of her life. She was active in band two years, and in basketball, volleyball all four years. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

In her freshman year Sharon won third in the District Poetry Reading. Her sophomore year she was Best All Around Girl, class secretary and Class Favorite.

Her junior year she was Student Council president, was chosen Most Beautiful and Best All Around Girl and won third in State Poetry Reading. She was Basketball Queen and Football Queen Attendant, was in the Junior Play and was presented the Meeks \$25 bonds in 1953 for Best All Around Student.

Her Senior year Miss Green was chosen Wheeler High School, Most Popular, Football Queen Attendant, basketball captain, and was chosen on the All Tournament teams at Shamrock and Canadian. She was also in the senior play.

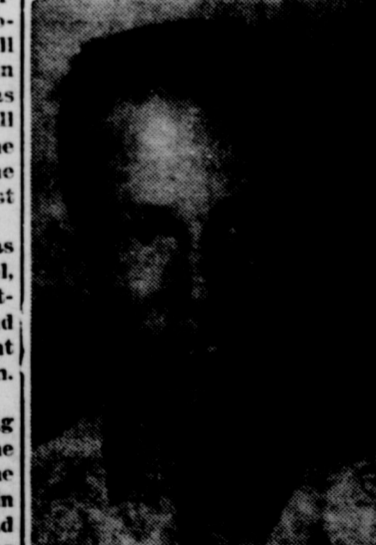
She received an award for being the Outstanding Teenager in the community and won second in the Regional Poetry Reading, won in the district tennis playoff. She had a leading role in the Summer Playhouse production and in the Kiwanis Road Show.

## JOHN KONGS SERVICES HELD

Funeral services for John Kongs, were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at San Pedro, Calif., Mr. Kongs passed away Saturday, April 4th in the in San Pedro.

Mrs. Kongs was a farmer Wheeler resident for many years. She and her husband and son have visited here many times. Mr. Kongs died of a heart attack.

Survivors include the wife, Winona, a son Erick Kongs, Carroll Adams of Wheeler, Walter Adams of Chappell Neb., Clyde Adams of Kansas City, Mo., and Bonnie Adams Harmon of Vega, left for California Sunday to be with Winona. Mrs. Jack Gibson of Shamrock and Mrs. Jewel Holt of Borger, flew to Los Angeles Monday to be there for the last rites.



**ELVIE WILLIAMS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams is the highest ranking boy. He was active in football, basketball and track during his high school days. He was president of the class his Sophomore year, also Class Favorite and FFA Historian.

He was President of the class his junior year and chosen Most Friendly and Most Intellectual his Senior year. He is a member of the First Baptist Church. He was in the Senior play and in the Summer Theatre in 1956.

Elvie was active in all FFA work. His Freshman year he won an award in Greenbelt District Chapter Contest, and won an award in Senior Farm Skill in '55 and '56. He was an FFA Delegate to State Convention at Houston in 1955.

He won honors in the District Ready Writers in '56 and District Tennis in '56 and '57.

## CORRECTION

The last Honor Roll for the Grade, the name of Wanda appeared with the group A's and B's. Her name have appeared as making A's. The name of Paula Sue should have been with making A's and B's.

## NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Eastern Panhandle Division of the Tri-State Milk Producers Association will be held in the Wheeler County courthouse Monday night, May 13th, according to Secretary Bob Zybach.

## NOTICE

According to Judge Morris, the day to get commodities in the market will be Wednesday, May 15th.

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tion of any person, firm or corpora-  
tion, which may appear in the  
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gladly corrected upon due notice  
being given to the Editor person-  
ally at the office at Wheeler,  
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**Insulation Shows  
Housewife How  
It Can Save Heat**

A White Plains, N. Y. house-  
wife discovered the value of  
thick insulation in her home the  
first winter washday after it  
was installed. Her wet laundry,  
left in the attic to dry, was  
frozen solid.  
Before her home was insu-  
lated with mineral wool, heat  
escaping from the house through  
the ceiling did an efficient job  
of drying Mrs. Michael J. Walsh,  
Jr.'s laundry. But a four-inch  
thickness of mineral wool blown  
into the attic floor kept the  
heat out of the attic, causing  
the washday freeze.  
Mineral wool also was blown  
into the outside walls of the  
house. Since the insulation was  
installed, the Walsh's winter  
fuel bill has been reduced by  
half and the house is more com-  
fortable in all seasons.

**WOMEN DESIGN  
CARS BY ACTION**

Cars of the future will very de-  
finitely show the influence of fem-  
inine tastes, the head of Ford  
Motor Company styling said re-  
cently.  
Simplicity of line, even greater  
ease of operation and greater use  
of subdued colors are among the  
features which, as the result of  
preferences expressed by the A-  
merican woman, probably will be  
found in tomorrow's automobile.

according to George W. Walker,  
Ford vice president and director  
of styling.

He also predicted that recent  
and imminent technological ad-  
vances, increases in our standard  
of living and gross product, and  
other "very significant transforma-  
tions" in the national economy  
promise to lend added importance  
to styling and industrial design.

"A lot has been said about the  
part the automobile plays in your  
life, but the opposite is equally  
true," Walker told the Kansas  
City Women's Chamber of Com-  
merce. He said there is already  
considerable evidence of feminine  
influence in automotive styling.

"When you complained that the  
glove compartment was too small,  
stylists enlarged it," he pointed  
out. "Door buttons were restyled  
after early tests showed that they  
might break your fingernails. The  
steering wheel was lowered so  
that you could see more easily.  
And a jeweled lock was added to  
the instrument panel in order to  
make them more attractive to  
you."

"We are so thoroughly convin-  
ced of the excellent prospects for  
prosperity that we are expanding  
Ford Motor Company facilities in  
order to be able to meet the new  
demand we anticipated," Walker  
said. "We are convinced to the  
extent that we are willing to back  
our convictions with billions of dol-  
lars. By the time our currently  
planned facilities and projects are  
completed, we shall have spent  
since 1946, including tooling costs,  
more than \$4 billion to become  
competitive and to stay that way  
in what we expect to be a rapidly  
expanding market."

**Wheeler County Soil  
Conservation  
District News**

Shinnery spraying time is al-  
most here. Commercial spraying  
will start on May 10, weather per-  
mitting. Sprayed acres showed 30  
to 50 per cent increase in grass  
yields last year in spite of the  
drought. Good moisture conditions  
usually give better results.

Some of last years spraying have  
been checked by Soil Conservation  
Service personnel assisting the dis-  
trict. Top kill was about 80 to 85  
per cent on the pastures checked.  
The live shinnery left in the spray-  
ed pastures did not bloom this  
year. Since the bloom is the poi-  
sonous part of the plant, it is not  
so risky grazing pastures sprayed  
a year or two ago even though  
some shinnery is left alive. The  
sprayed plant apparently does not  
develop any bloom buds for some  
time after spraying. The bloom  
buds are also poisonous.

Best results are obtained if  
sprayed areas are not grazed un-  
til fall. Spraying part of a pas-  
ture and leaving cattle on it will  
cause them to concentrate on the  
sprayed area. This can damage  
the grass rather than help it. Al-  
lowing the grass to grow helps the  
spray kill the brush.  
A wet year following the  
drought always produces lots of  
weeds in range land. Spraying will  
control these weeds and leave all  
the moisture for the grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holdeman and  
children and Mr. and Mrs. O. L.  
Stokes of Pampa, visited in the  
Ernest Dyer home Sunday.

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It doesn't seem so long since she was  
a little girl herself, picking out a card  
for her mother on Mother's Day. Yet  
this morning there was a card at the  
breakfast table, reading, "To Mommy,  
with love..."

On this day, she feels a special mean-  
ing as she goes to church with her little  
girl's white-gloved hand clasped tightly  
in hers. As they kneel in prayer to-  
gether a wave of tenderness comes over  
her, and as she looks at the small figure  
by her side she at once feels grateful to  
God for making her a mother, and awed  
by the responsibility which is hers.

She prays God to endow her with the  
qualities all mothers need: common  
sense, a touch of humor, tenderness,  
wisdom, the capacity for comfort, a  
large measure of courage, quick laugh-  
ter, and just a dash of sternness. And  
she is deeply thankful that in this, the  
most important task of her life, she has  
her Faith and her Church to guide her.

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ALL FOR THE CHURCH**  
The Church is the greatest fac-  
tor on earth for the building of  
character and good citizenship. It  
is a storehouse of spiritual values.  
Without a strong Church, neither  
democracy nor civilization can  
survive. There are four sound  
reasons why every person should  
attend services regularly and sup-  
port the Church. They are: (1)  
For his own sake. (2) For his  
children's sake. (3) For the sake  
of his community and nation. (4)  
For the sake of the Church itself,  
which needs his moral and mat-  
terial support. Plan to go to  
church regularly and read your  
Bible daily.

Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Ruth	1:14-22
Monday	Song of Solomon	2:8-17
Tuesday	Luke	2:40-52
Wednesday	Acts	1:1-14
Thursday	Hebrews	11:1-19
Friday	2 Peter	1:1-11
Saturday	Psalms	109:1-5

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Congress has done a lot of work this year on sundry matters, it has tackled the really tough course, the leading one is the Civil Rights bill now pending in the Rules of the House. It has been in that Committee time and efforts are being made to have it reported out, one Member of Congress introduced a discharge

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Dr. Daniel Russell (right) of Texas A & M received a plaque for 10 years of outstanding Christian leadership in the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Greeting Dr. Russell is the Rev. R. Scott Cepeland, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church of Richmond, Texas, Texas CROP chairman. Dr. Russell has served with CROP since its beginning and accompanied a CROP shipment to Germany. He heads the rural sociology department of Texas A & M and has been loaned to the Federal Government on several occasions as an overseas advisor. CROP is the food-and-fiber program of Church World Service.

petition to discharge the Rules Committee from further consideration of the bill so that it may come before the House of Representatives forthwith. This discharge petition will require the signatures of 218 Members before

the Rules Committee finally acts on it. Most of these are in opposition to the measure.

In any event, it is anticipated there will be a hot fight on the Floor of the House when it comes up. It is a bill on which there is no middle ground. Those who are opposed to it are at one extreme while those in support of it are at the other. The reason for this is that the bill has been advertised by the proponents as a "Civil Rights" bill. The people generally have never been given information explaining the various whys and wherefores in the measure. This situation places many Members of Congress who hail from districts populated by various nationalities, on somewhat of a spot. They are not asked to discuss and explain the bill but are merely asked the question, "Are you for or against Civil Rights?" Of course, everyone is for the right of each American citizen as guaranteed under the Constitution, but it is impossible to assume that the bill in question would serve to protect or preserve those rights.

In fact, a statute does not have the effect of a provision of the Constitution. Therefore, if the rights guaranteed under the Constitution are not protected by the Constitution, how in the world could such rights be protected by a statute? The truth is that the rights due every American citizen are guaranteed under the Constitution and are so protected and so preserved. There is no need for a bill such as that now pending before the Congress as the "Civil Rights Bill." This bill was designed in the minds of those who are intent upon prying into the personal affairs and business of others, to invade the right of privacy of more.

Although I would not charge the proponents of these measures were promoted by desires to bring about federal dictatorship in this country, I would hasten to warn that one of the necessary tools to an effective dictatorship is the right to invade the privacy of the home and to encroach upon private and business affairs of free people.

I would warn these advocates that they weigh very carefully the tools with which they profess to save so-called minority groups, lest

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the part of the populace as a whole to awaken government officials to what the people were actually thinking. Especially was this true with relation to a tax cut. I am deeply encouraged by the statements that have been issued by many in the Executive Branch of this government, as well as the Legislative, that a tax cut was in sight. In fact, a number in the Legislative Branch have advocated the program I have been supporting since coming to Congress; that is, the increase in the individual and dependents exemption allowance. Several more bills to bring about this result have been introduced recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters and Keith of Happy, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Waters and baby of Borgerville; Mrs. Wanda Herd of Amarillo; and Mrs. Joe Weatherly and children of Wheeler were dinner guests of the Fred Waters' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Greenhouse and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sosbee of Borgerville visited in the Beatrice Greenhouse, J. B. Barr, and Cliff Bradstreet homes Sunday.

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they destroy the rights of all people in this country.

Other matters yet to be decided include housing legislation which may prove highly controversial but which must be forthcoming at an early date if many segments of our economy are to be stabilized. Also to be considered will be the highly controversial federal aid to school program. Of course, the appropriation bills that have been passed by the House, but not acted upon by the Senate, will be returned to the House after Senate amendments have been added. This will undoubtedly cause much controversy in the closing days of this session of the Congress.

Most of the controversial issues which require the expenditures of money (and practically all of them do) always come up for double treatment. First, they are hotly debated on the authorization legislation; secondly, on the provision of funds to administer them. We are also without agricultural legislation this session, but hope

that something can be worked out to correct this. Several veterans bills of importance are yet to be heard and the Congress has not yet faced the perennial Alaska-Hawaii statehood matter.

The bombshell that was dropped into this session of congress, and slowed things down considerably, was the President's \$72 billion dollar budget. As soon as this hit Capitol Hill the battle was on, and incidentally it still is. The great clamor from the grassroots for a measurable cut in the budget increased the mail of Congress several times. This situation also focused the minds of the people of this country on the fact that a tax cut would be in order for those who needed it most and who have not received it. The insistence for a cut in the budget and a tax cut took precedence over numerous other matters in the minds of many Members of Congress.

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"But if the shingles are a neutral brown or gray, we use three colors on the rest of the house—two harmonizing shades for the siding and trim, and a bright accent on doors, shutters and window boxes."

## Society

### Father Of Local Man Honored On Birthday

S. F. Johnson of Hedley was honored with a surprise ice cream supper April 26, on his 80th birthday, by his children.

Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and Blackie, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Johnson all of Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mays and Gloria of Amarillo, Mrs. A. Babash of Roswell, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson of Wheeler. Grandchildren were: Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Shelton and three children of Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd D. Leeper and three children of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bull of Amarillo; and Roger Gibson of Pampa.

### Mrs. R. J. Holt, Jr. Hostess To Review Club

The Thursday Review club met April 30, in the home of Mrs. R. J. Holt, Jr., as hostess.

Mrs. N. D. Ware, Jr., president, presided over a business session. Mrs. Spud Moore was program leader. She gave "Driver Education for Accident Prevention." Club collect was given.

Refreshments of strawberry cake and coffee was served to the following members & guests: Earl Barnes, David Britt, Richard DeArment, Roy Ford, Jack Garrison, Gene Hall, Harrison Hall, Marion Moore, R. W. McNeil, Delbert McWhorter, Carroll Pettit, Thurman Rives, N. D. Ware, Jr., Joe Weatherly, Coy Revious, Bob Henderson, Buster Callan, Harold

### Progressive Study Club Met In Brown Home

The Progressive Study Club met Thursday night, April 25th, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Brown. Mrs. Doreen Owen and Mrs. Zinna Bailey were co-hostesses.

Subject of the program was "Talent." They were graciously entertained by Mrs. Harrison Hall, singing international songs, Italian, Scotch, Russian, Spanish, German and Irish. Then we were favored with some well known American numbers. Mrs. Harold Loyd Lee accompanied Mrs. Hall at the piano.

Delicious refreshments of salad and punch was served by the hostesses to eleven members and two guests.

### Family Reunion In Burke Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burke enjoyed a family reunion, Saturday night and Sunday with their three children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren present.

Those enjoying the festivities were: Mrs. C. E. Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eubanks and children of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Deltor Burke and Rose Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Godwin Hank and Carroll all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Burke, Loy and Roy of Liberal, Kansas Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lancaster of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baird and Ferrell of Mobeetie.

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While our losses occasioned by this practice have been relatively small, the point is well taken, as our rates are based on receipts, not on booked sales. We are required to handle our collections at a minimum expense, and the opening of delinquent accounts and handling delinquent collection naturally entails additional expense of operation, and lost accounts.

Few of you know it, but the gas business is the only utility in Texas which has a legalized state rate making authority. Ninety percent of our states have such a Corporation Commission which govern prices of Gas, Water, Electric and Telephones. Texas has no such an organization or authority, except for

Business rules governing utilities require like treatment of all customers, regardless of circumstances, or inability to pay. We regret that under the circumstances, we are having to discontinue the practice of extending credit.

If you have a delinquent gas bill at this time, we insist that hereafter you pay your current bill promptly, and some on the back bill until it is paid in full.

If you are not in position to pay promptly, kindly make other arrangements for fuel and ask us to discontinue your service, thus saving us the embarrassment of doing so on our prerogative, since under the present circumstances, we have no other choice.

We ask for, and believe we merit your full co-operation in this matter.

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## WHEELER GAS COMPANY

## ALLISON NEWS

Mrs. Lester Levitt

Dinner guests in the Frank Chandler home Sunday, celebrating Katherine Chandler's 16th birthday were: Rev. H. Smelser and family, Caroline and Cletus Morse, Sandra and Linda Walker, Jerry and Peggy Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Chandler, and Kenneth Chandler and family of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Black visited in the home of their daughter Mrs. Dora Lee Dupont and family Sunday.

Miss Edith Hayes of Oklahoma City, is visiting here for a few weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hayes.

John Dan Bowman and family of Miami visited in the parental Glen Elmore home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weibe of Tulsa visited in the Nick Weibe home over the week end.

Walter Hollbrook is in the Hemphill Memorial hospital in Canadian, where he was taken Saturday after he suffered a heart attack Friday night.

J. E. McCatherine and family of Hereford spent Friday night here in the parental Ken Ball home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harrison had as their dinner guests Sunday: Cliff Sanford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Henson and Roxie Sanford of Reydon; Elmer Sanford and family of Stinnett and Clifton Boydston and family of Pampa. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallace of Sweetwater, Jimmy Wallace and family of Stinnett, and Mrs. J. R. Hall visited in the afternoon on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James DeBauche are the proud parents of a baby son, Jimmy Phillip, born in the Canadian hospital Saturday.

Lucy, Jack and Andrew Markham of Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Markham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters of Happy spent Friday night here with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Levitt.

A large crowd attended the Baccalaureate services at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, with Joe Dukes bringing the sermon. Rev. McPrayer gave the invocation, Joy Gilmer sang, "He," Rev. and Mrs. Howard Smelser sang, "Tenderly He Watches Over You." Choir sang, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus" and "Guide Thou Me O My Great Jehovah." Mr. Malin, said the Benediction & Mrs. Lee Kiker played the recessional and processional.

The Commencement exercises will be Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at the school gym. The seniors will give the program for these exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Levitt spent Friday night in Borger with the Jimmy Levitt family.

Bill Wise and family of Dumas visited Mrs. G. A. Wise here Saturday and Sunday.

Gene Levitt and Edwin Begert of Canyon College spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Levitt were in Gonzales over the week end visiting Tommy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watchous and daughter of Skellytown visited friends here over the week end and were over night guests in the Rex Miller home.

Raymond Jones and family of Pampa visited relatives here over the week end and attended the baccalaureate services at the Methodist Church.

Fred Begert visited in the Bill Begert home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Rives are attending a Tax-Collectors Convention in Ft. Worth this week.

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## Wednesday Study Club Entertains Husbands

The members of The Wednesday Study Club entertained their husbands on April 30th, when the club met in Fellowship Hall with Mesdames H. E. Nicholson, C. J. Meek, L. C. Laffin, and M. McIlhenny as hostesses.

Mrs. Harry Wofford, club president, welcomed the group. A play featuring a mental health theme was presented under the direction of Mrs. Frank Walker. The play "Fresh Variable Winds" dramatized some of the most baffling relationships between parents and children.

In her introductory remarks Mrs. Walker said, "The Wednesday Study Club presents this program in cooperation with Mental Health Week. Physical hygiene we have studied for a long time, but mental hygiene belongs to the 20th century. The chief aim of mental

## hygiene is to preserve and develop good mental health.

Every human being, old or young, constantly faces the problem of making the most of himself and getting along with teachers, playmates, parents and co-workers.

Since these principals are most helpful when applied in early life they are being used by parents, teachers, doctors, and clubs to stimulate interest in the great science of hygiene. In this interest we present this one act play."

Mesdames Fred Farmer, C. J. Meek, Cora Hyatt, Harold Nash, and Max Wiley appeared in the cast. Following the performance, Mrs. Walker asked for audience participation in discussing some of the problem dealt with in the play.

The hostesses served a delicious refreshment plate to: Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer, Mrs. Cora Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Laffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash, Mrs. H. E. Nicholson, Mrs. Harold Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, Mrs. Madge Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Wofford, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wofford, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Yarborough and their granddaughter, Bethany.

Laverta Harrison of Amarillo visited this week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison of Mobeetie.

## Guests of the A. J. Williams nett Williams of Borger.

Steady were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. S. D. Miller of Borger; Mrs. S. D. Conwell of Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holcomb and Susan of Borger; and Maxine, Bobby Lyn and An-

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## FOOD MARKET

## Time for Someone To Make a Move: Will Lawmakers Act, Asks Writer

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO Tex.—I'm not sure whose move it is in Duval County but I get the feeling it's time for somebody to play his hole card.

I have just returned to deep south Texas after several months in New York and Hollywood. In New York negotiating with Randon House about a book or Duval County and in Hollywood writing a motion picture with my collaborator Franz Rosenwald of the same fascinating subject.

Now that I'm back I'm wondering about three things. First, what the Texas Legislature will do with the opportunity it has to plug up the loopholes in the law that made this political jungle possible—the place where the strong have lived off the weak and shouted their defiance to the world. I'll come back to this.

Second, I'm wondering about the man Parr himself and a couple of his old friends, one of whom says he is Parr's enemy while the other says he hardly knows the man at all.

Parr is different nowadays. "Plumb crazy" according to several people in this sun-baked county that slithers in oil. A few months ago Parr paid a big fine for waving a carbine and threatening to kill Thomas Molina in the dim halls of the Duval court house. He was put under a \$7,500 peace bond.

But a few weeks ago he again pulled a pistol out of the glove compartment of his car and stuck it under the nose of Eloy Ramirez. Another conviction for gun-thrusting could cost him that \$7,500. The only reason anybody car figure out for his brashness is that Eloy refused to shake hands with him in Angelina's cafe.

The Duke has always been a gun-waver, but now they say he waves it with a more deadly vehemence.

Parr doesn't look good, either. He has gone bankrupt and he is intermittently in Houston on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The trial has started three times. The first ended with one man hanging the jury and since then two juries have been spoiled by the discovery of an unqualified juror in the bunch.

Parr hates a lot of men, and his hatred seems to obsess him. It centers on District Attorney Sam Burris, now that John Ben Shepperd has left the Attorney General's Office and gone into business in West Texas.

Burris is the symbol of all Parr's troubles. He is the bulldog of the law that won't let go, even though the Duke has lost his fortune, his political power, his prestige everything Burris still gets help from the state but it was John Ben Shepperd who started tearing down the Duke's feudal empire and it was Burris who helped Duval residents say the Duke can't talk about anything but Sam Burris.

**The Peripatetic Pals**  
 But about those friends of Parr's. This is what really prompted me to add this article to the series of 11 which Franz Rosenwald and I wrote recently. They were distributed by the Texas Press Association and published by some 250 dailies and weeklies in Texas with a readership covering more than half the state. Since so many people are listening I want to add a little to what I said.

Recently Dar Tobin, an able and personable young man who was met a Parr stalwart but who turned against the big boss has been running around the state palsy-walsy with a long-time Parr crony named Thomas Y. Pickett. The junkies to Dallas and other places were to raise money from the oil companies to get Duval County out of its current financial jam. Judge Tobin, by the way, is under indictment because of his past association with the Parr machines.

Pickett is a political fixer of no little renown in Texas, a sporting man who, like Parr, loves fast horses. Also like Parr, he once did time for forgetting to pay his income tax.

Pickett is head of Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. of Dallas. His firm holds the tax evaluation contracts for Duval County and for the county's school districts. For tax purposes Duval property is valued at just over \$41 million, of which some \$36 million represents the valuation of oil and industrial properties including utilities and railroads.

It's the tax evaluator's job, in this case Pickett to set the value of county property and report to the commissioners (including Judge Tobin) who in turn set the tax rate. Pickett has held the Duval contract steadily since 1934.

This writer talked to Mr. Pickett in his office in Dallas and later at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin. I promised to print a statement from him exactly as he gave it to me. Here it is, precisely as typed by his secretary.

"During the period of 1926-27, and from 1934 to 1950 inclusive, Thomas Y. Pickett and Company were paid total fees from Duval County in the amount of \$247,330.66 and not \$900,000 as reported in Collier's magazine, which is now out of business. Since 1950 we have had a contract with Duval County and they have paid us \$15,000.00 per year."

Note please that Mr. Pickett brings up the matter of Collier's magazine. I didn't bring it up. Note too that Mr. Pickett makes no mention of his contracts with the Duval school districts including the notorious Benavides School District from which Parr and his pals are accused of plucking much of their plunder.

Back in June of 1951 Collier's ran an article entitled "Something is Rotten in the State of Texas" and the writer, Gordon Schendel brought Pickett into the picture as being buddy buddy with the Duke.

Time magazine in its issue of February 15, 1954, also suggested a close alliance between Parr and Pickett and the story caused quite a sensation in oil circles.

"Why I hardly know the man," Pickett told me. "Oh, I guess I've seen him a couple of times when I've been down in Duval on business."

Mr. Pickett went on to make this interesting observation:

"I was the most surprised man in Texas when I read in the papers what had been going on down there."

Okay, let's look at the record. It's a lulu.

At Pickett's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken \$150,000 from W. L. Pearson and Co. of Houston to swing a road bond vote in Hutchinson County.

At Parr's federal trial for income tax evasion it came out that he had taken a \$25,000 kick-back from the same W. L. Pearson and Co. on a Duval County road contract. Parr was then County Judge.

The two men, Parr and Pickett, are as alike in some departments as two peas in a pod.

In the multitudinous court actions in the sticky Duval situation much has been made of bank checks many of them, made out to persons both existent and non-existent.

In the Pickett trial the evidence showed that he had no less than six hidden bank accounts. Testimony of federal experts admitted to by Pickett on the stand showed that he used the system now attributed famously to Parr. Checks were endorsed in Pickett's own handwriting with such names as J. S. Carnes, C. O. Carnes, J. C. Jones, Jack Jones and Jack Johnson.

I have a stack of checks beside me as I write. All of them are

drawn on the Duval County general fund, all made out in Parr's own handwriting, and all made out either to Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. or to Thomas Y. Pickett personally.

Most of the checks are in the amount of \$1,000 and the endorsements on these are correct, each check stamped on the back Thomas Y. Pickett and Co. and each deposited in the company's account.

Two of the checks, however, stand real scrutiny. They're not piddling little \$1,000 items. They are for big money. And they don't bear the Pickett company rubber stamp, indicating that they didn't go through the company account.

One of these checks, dated simply June, 1951, and not signed by the County Judge as required by Texas law is for \$5,500. This check is number 544.

The other check, number 17, is dated July, 1952. It is for a whopping \$6,500. And this one wasn't signed by the County Judge as required by law.

The harder up the county gets financially, the more they dig around in the old records. And the more they dig around in the old records, the more odd-looking checks they turn up with funny endorsements.

As I said, Dan Tobin and Thomas Y. Pickett have been running around the state trying to tap the oil companies for a little financial assistance to the county. Tobin split with the Duke some time back, and Pickett says he hardly knows the man. Maybe they're both smart. A lot of the Duke's old friends have found themselves in trouble.

**The Cause of Corruption in Texas**  
 Which brings me to the third thing I've been wondering about. What is the Texas Legislature going to do about plugging the gaps in the law which John Ben Shepperd said make situations like Duval County possible?

I've read several articles in national magazines about the corruption in Texas on the state level. I've been in and out of Texas, studying Texas laws and lawbreakers and writing a book and a movie script, for about 10 months now. In my humble opinion the corruption in Texas starts right down at the grass roots, in the counties and the little towns. And it starts with the out-moded Texas Constitution and the lack of adequate statutes to enable people at the county level to keep things clean. Your primary trouble, Texan, is not in Austin.

Twice in as many legislative sessions the Texas Press Association has laid a stack of proposed bills in front of the lawmakers, incorporating a number inspired by Shepperd's findings in Duval County along with others that Shepperd and the TPA have urged "for good government in Texas." These others deal mostly with keeping government meetings open to the public eye, keeping public records public, and requiring the publication of information the people have a right to know.

As John Ben Shepperd put it, "Take any four or five of these proposed new laws and enforce them, and you just can't have a Duval County." There are 15 of them altogether.

I came back to Texas to do some final checking on a few things including these bills. I have to admit that even with my natural newsman's cynicism, I was a little staggered to find that the Texas Legislature had been in session three months in 1957 and was active six months in 1955—and in all that time only a couple of the bills have struggled through to the Governor's desk for signing into law.

Some of the most important of them are staggering through the legislative halls, not expected to live. Others have had their death blow unless interested citizens raised a protest.

Among the staggering is SB 223 which would make it possible for men who steal public funds to be indicted and prosecuted outside the county of the offense. Such a law would prevent

embezzlers from getting off scot free by controlling judges, prosecuting attorneys, or grand jurors. Shepperd says this is the most important bill, from the standpoint of criminal law, and he ought to know. To get the Duval County indictments he had to wait for a district judge, a district attorney and a grand jury to be thrown out. SB 223 is in a Senate subcommittee, and its survival looks doubtful.

Another bill buried in a Senate subcommittee where the death rate is high is SB 88. It would forbid holding government meetings in secret, except as provided by law.

SB 31, you might say, has been sent to Death Row. It was referred to the Attorney General for re-drafting, with the intention of killing it. Its purpose is to remove from office any public official who stands on the Fifth Amendment to avoid showing his public records or answering questions about his official actions.

A bill requiring county attorneys to sue for the recovery of unlawfully expended money, with or without the consent of the commissioners court, is also in a Senate subcommittee but has a little better chance of survival. It is SB 224.

A number of others haven't had any torpedoes thrown into them, but the lawmakers' enthusiasm for them is not conspicuous. In fact, the boys are taking their good old easy time, if not actually stalling. Companion bills to those listed above are kicking around in House committees, faring little better than in the Senate, apparently.

I might say right here that the views expressed herein are mine, not necessarily those of the TPA.

Among the 15 "Better Government" bills, I count only two that have passed both houses of the Legislature, and three others that have passed one House only.

Bills which have gone to the Governor for signature open legislative precinct conventions to representatives of the press, and require a special audit of county records in any county upon a petition of at least 30 per cent of the qualified voters. Both were designed to provide Texans with more adequate knowledge of what goes on in their counties and the state.

Three others have passed either the House or Senate, but not both of the Legislative bodies. Senators okayed SB 131 to require school districts and other political subdivisions to publish annual financial statements; likewise SB 55, a Mandatory Publications Act to assure that public officials will publish the information they are supposed to under present laws. I'm told this one can get through if a few citizens interested in good government will speak up for it to urge its passage through the House.

House members passed HB 199 providing for stopping payments to school districts which, like the notorious Benavides district, fail or to refuse to furnish an audit of accounts.

In fact, just about any of these bills, even the ones that are all but dead and buried in the subcommittee, might pass if a few interested citizens would speak up for them.

So as I head back for Hollywood, I'm going to stick my neck out and offer Texans a little word of advice. I've known Capone and Costello and some of the other big-time boys, and I've been in Europe where I looked on the faces of bigger, better dictators than Boss Parr. But I haven't seen one yet that couldn't be stopped by a few good laws, properly enforced.

Texans like their "local autonomy" that peculiar Constitutional system by which every Texas county is an island with a fence around it when it comes to enforcing the law and prosecuting by the TPA are especially designed to accomplish good law enforcement without disturbing that local autonomy. That's the appraisal of John Ben Shepperd, former Attorney General who busted Duval wide open from the inside, without violating anybody's local self-government.

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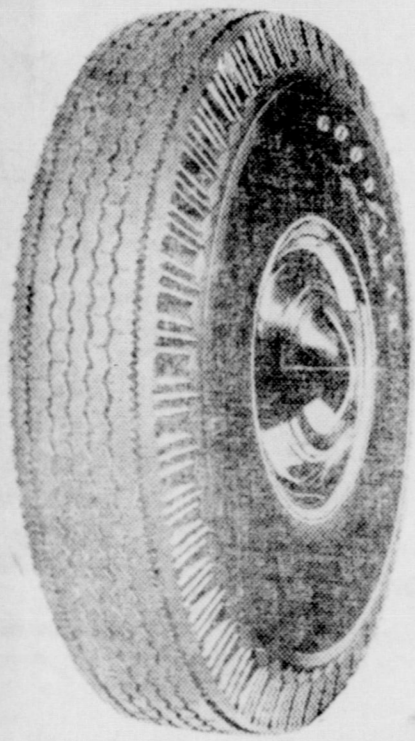
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Progress in the Southwest is also shown in the fact that 77.7 per cent of telephones in service at the end of the year were dial operated compared on only 4 per cent in 1946. Uncle Sam came in for 15% increase in taxes. Taxes for the year were the equivalent of \$21.60 per telephone or over \$1.80 per month per telephone, including customer excise taxes collected by the company and paid directly to the Federal Government.

The report cites 1956 operating revenues as increasing 13% over 1955 and net earnings for the year up 24% over 1955. The increased cost of doing business is well illustrated by the fact that the company has an investment of \$243 at the end of 1956 for every telephone in service as compared to \$121 at the end of 1946.

This report does not contain figures concerning the merger of the Texas and Oklahoma Telephone Companies with General because the merger officially took place April 1 of this year. However, it should be pointed out that General Telephone Company of Southwest is now serving over 24,000 telephones in its five state area it serves.

In conclusion, the annual report states that the company plans a 1957 construction program which will exceed the record breaking expenditures for expansion and improvement last year in order to meet the continuing demand for more and better telephone service.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin May and children had dinner in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos May Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Counts of Borger, were visitors in the Delbert McWhorter home Sunday. Delbert Jr. returned home with them for a few days visit.

## Locals

Rev. Sanford Cole and family of Canadian were guests of the First Baptist Church in Wheeler Sunday. Sanford brought the messages at both morning and evening worship services.

Guests of the Virgil Heltons Sunday, were their children; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Helton and sons; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Zybach and daughters and Scott Helton.

Mrs. M. McIlhany is visiting this week in Dallas and Comanche, with relatives.

Grainger McIlhany of Austin was in Wheeler over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations spent Sunday in Memphis visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mann spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Don Alexander of Perryton. Mrs. Alexander returned home with them to spend this week.

Guests in the Truitt Jennings home over the week end were their children; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peckham and baby of Lubbock; Alma Jean of Hollis; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lackey of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barker of Shamrock, and Mrs. J. A. Callan visited Elvold and Clayton of Pampa, Sunday afternoon.

Carl Ray Holdeman and Jimmy Latham of Booker, visited in the Clarence Holdeman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laffin visited the Carroll Pettits and the C. L. Laffins of Pampa Sunday.

Darville E. Atherton is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. He can be reached by his friends, by addressing his mail in care of the hospital Ward 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright and family of Amarillo were visiting relatives and friends in Wheeler from Tuesday until Friday, last week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Caswell and daughters on Easter Sunday, were: Mr. J. D. Childress, Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Childress and grandsons, Canadian; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Childress, Kenneth and Carol of Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Childress of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Childress and family of Allison; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bresciani and baby of Ft. Benning, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. DeVonne Childress and children, and Bo Childress of Briscoe; Mr.

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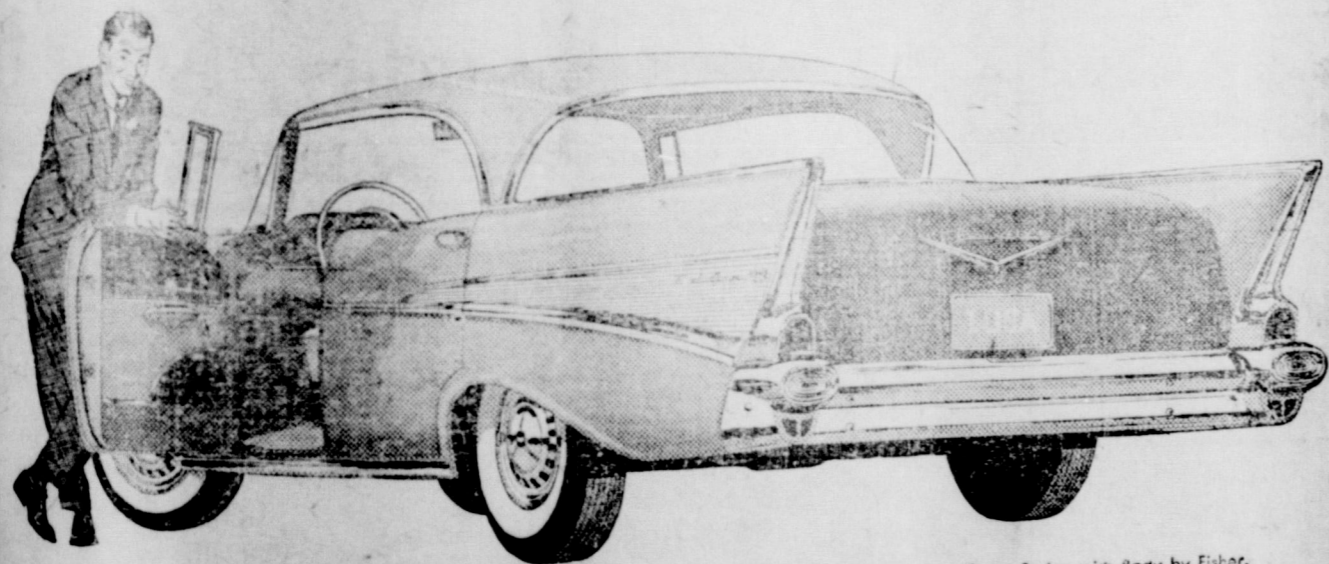
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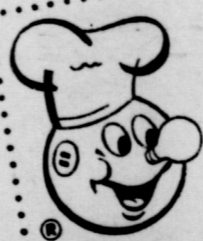
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