

President Eisenhower has delivered a message to the nation, and while there are those who will not agree with some of his policies, all must admit that he is frank and intelligent, and seems to be working for the best interests of America.

On the other hand there are millions of people who will be encouraged, because Eisenhower doesn't accept secret pacts, and he has abrogated those existing in the past.

The world has been wondering about a number of the problems he has been facing, but now the world knows. The removal of the 7th U. S. fleet has caused considerable speculation, but whether you agree or disagree you will have to agree that Eisenhower is a schooled military man, one of the world's greatest, and any decision he has made of may make will come after due consideration.

Eisenhower apparently felt that it was not logical for the U. S. to feed Chinese Reds with one hand and fight them with the other. The removal of the 7th fleet will aid in taking care of this situation.

General Chiang Kai-Shek's followers on Formosa were released and they are now permitted to do their duty as they see fit. We are not sure just how Great Britain and Uncle Joe will take this, but Ike who is president of the United States, only, doesn't seem to be worrying.

So long as we feel that the president is exerting his energies toward the best interests of the United States we are for him. So far we think he is doing just that.

Secret pacts seem to arouse doubt and suspicion, even when every thing is honest and above board, but we are glad that our new leader is willing to let us in on his private "hoss trades." After all we are partners, and we do the fighting and paying.

No one man can hope to clear this country of every communist, but we can make it so hot for them that they will wish they were out.

It's peanut time in Texas and peanut growers in Eastland county are already making plans for another crop. Only last week there was a meeting in Gorman, and at that time more than a hundred new members were accepted as members of the Gorman Peanut Growers Association. This can mean only one thing and that is that farmers are entering the association in an effort to better themselves. We are for them.

The Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth seems to be attracting the attention of many Texas people and others this week. The entertainment you will find at the show is worthwhile, but people directly interested in the livestock industry are the people who will be the most benefitted.

In the prize stock division, some wonderful purses are being distributed to Texas growers, many of them young people in the 4-H or FFA clubs.

Texas has always been a livestock producing state, and we are glad to note that each year our showing are better and better.

This is true in both the beef and dairy branches of the industry. Our beef steers could easily be winners in anybody's show, and our dairy cattle are second to none.

Time was when the Texas longhorn didn't create a great sensation, but the Herefords, Shorthorns and other varieties we have today are qualified to make anybody take notice.

Dogies Showing Much Strength; Likely Winners

Weekend ball games resulted in both losses and gains for the Eastland ball clubs, but so we are still in the running says Coach Wayne Brock.

Last week Carbon defeated Scranton for the consolation, but permitted the Dogies to trounce them with two points to spare.

Eastland girls divided into "A" and "B" groups and had a good time playing themselves.

Saturday the Dogies defeated Cisco at Carbon, with a score of 25-22 in their favor. The game made them champions. Dogies, however, were defeated by Olden, but the teams will play again Thursday, and if we defeat them, our record will be in excellent shape.

Monday night the Dogies clashed with Cisco, and won by a score of 33-26.

The season will soon be over, but Eastland still has an opportunity for a top win, it is said.

HEADS UP! Here comes the New Rocket OSBORNE MOTOR COMPANY Eastland, Texas



RUSSELL RESIGNS—Southern Methodist University head football coach, H. N. (Rusty) Russell tells a sportswriter that "it is too big a job to coach football and answer criticism at the same time," as he announces his resignation from the coaching job he has held since 1950. On the wall above Russell hangs the picture of Southern Methodist's all time great, Doak Walker, often mentioned for a coaching spot at his alma mater.

Soil Meet Is Set For Feb. 18 At Eastland

Supervisors of three Soil Conservation Districts and business men of 13 towns will meet in the American Legion Hall at Eastland Feb. 18 at 9 a. m. for discussions intended to create better understanding among the business men of the districts' programs. The meeting is being sponsored by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The Central Colorado, Upper Leon and Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos districts will be represented by members of the boards of supervisors. Towns to be represented are Albany, Baird, Breckenridge, Cisco, Coleman, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Eastland, Moran, Ranger, Risner Star and Santa Anna. Business men invited include bankers, chamber of commerce president, managers, and agriculture committee members. WTCC directors of the respective towns and other interested business men.

J. C. Porter of Wichita Falls, chairman of the WTCC Soil Conservation Committee, will preside. He is the agricultural director of the First National Bank of Wichita Falls. Spokesmen will be present from the Texas Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors of the State Soil Conservation Board. R. M. Fielder, Abilene, chairman of the WTCC agriculture and livestock committee and Loyal H. Walker, manager of its agriculture and livestock department, will take part in the discussions.

Mavericks Drop Game To Bangs; Score Was 53-45

Mavericks dropped a game to the Bangs quint in Bangs last evening, though the game was much closer than the score would indicate. The final score was 53-45 in favor of Bangs, but up until the last quarter it was not possible to tell who would finally win.

Pittman was high score man with 11 points, with others trailing as follows: Williamson, 9; S. Harris, 8; G. Harris, 7; Hanson, 5; and Franklin, 5.

Tyson with 15 points was high score man for Bangs.

We still have a chance to win first place, for the final games come on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week when all teams will meet in Brownwood. Games will be played in the HPC gym, and most anything may happen before this time.

Mrs. P. G. Wright Dies In Lubbock

Funeral rites are pending today for Mrs. P. G. Wright, Eastland resident, who died this morning in Lubbock.

She will be laid to rest in the Eastland cemetery following the funeral services yet to be set by the Hamner Funeral Home, Eastland, in charge of arrangements.

GIVE VOLUNTARILY! Join the MARCH OF DIMES FEBRUARY 2, 1953

MOD LEADER SEES TEXAS DOING DUTY

Texas has "a fighting chance" to redeem itself in financing the drive against polio, according to General Robert I. Smith, chairman of the 1953 March of Dimes.

He said "clean up work" still is going on in the annual MOD which ended in most of the state January 31 but that several communities are still engaged in polio fund raising. Several will have their annual Mothers' March on Polio this week.

General Smith said it was the mothers' marching over a wide area last week, "who have been the big factor in getting Texas at least part way out of the red ink in polio financing."

The state, he pointed out, has not been able to contribute any money toward research into prevention or cure of polio in recent years because of the recurring epidemic of the crippling disease.

During this time, according to the General, Texas has received \$4,000,000 from National Headquarters of Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in addition to what was raised in the state, with slightly more than \$1,000,000 of this to combat the 1952 outbreak.

"From preliminary reports on the campaign, we should be able to finance our patient care as well as making some contribution of March of Dimes funds for so necessary research," said General Smith.

"I think all Texans will agree that it is about time that this state meets its own obligations in fighting polio just like it has traditionally acted on its other obligations."

Education Plays 2nd Fiddle In State of Texas

AUSTIN — Though Texas now ranks 28th on the national per capita income scale, low appropriations for higher education make Texas fall far behind in 44th place on money spent per college student.

Texas has lagged far behind other states in meeting increased costs of higher education, according to a recent survey by the Council of College Presidents of State Supported Colleges and Universities.

While other states increased appropriations per student from \$340 in 1930 to \$437 in 1950—an increase of 25 per cent—Texas raised its expenditures over the same period from only \$310 to \$318.

Failure to pay more for higher education evidently did not come from lack of ability to pay. Since 1940 Texas income has risen from \$2.6 billion to almost \$11.3 billion—far exceeding national income increases. Total income earned in Texas has more than quadrupled while per student appropriations for higher education in Texas have remained almost static.

Comparing the Lone Star State with others in the same average income bracket shows even more that the biggest state is providing one of the smallest purses to colleges and universities.

Louisiana, which has a much smaller per capita income than Texas, increased expenditures per student from \$318 to \$591 during the 1930-50 period. And two states within the same per capita income group as Texas, Kansas and Minnesota, jumped appropriations per student from \$355 to \$564 and \$351 to \$482 respectively according to the most recent compilations by the U. S. office of Education.

Even Mississippi, which ranks 48th in ability to pay, spends almost two hundred dollars more per student than does Texas.

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Leonard White Given Two Years For Car Theft

The Eastland County Grand Jury recessed Monday afternoon after being in session for one day. Three true bills were found, and one defendant, Leonard White, entered a plea of guilty, today and was sentenced to two years in the state prison.

He was charged with the theft of a car in Ranger, on Jan. 28th, was arrested the same day in Colorado City, returned to Eastland and was indicted Feb. 2, and sentenced today. It all happened within a week.

Services For Mrs. Truly, 93, Be Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. R. B. Truly, 93, who passed away at her home in Eastland, at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, following a short illness, will be conducted from the Hamner Funeral Chapel at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with pastor J. Morris Bailey, of First Methodist Church in charge.

Mrs. Truly, widow of Judge R. B. Truly, who passed away in 1929, was one of the few remaining pioneer settlers in this county, having moved to Eastland county in 1875. She was born Miss Velpaun Johnson, in Pickens County, Ga., on May 7, 1859, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson, but moved with her parents, at an early age, to Alabama.

In 1875 the family moved to Texas and Eastland county, and she spent the major portion of her life in this county. After her marriage to R. B. Truly they moved to Balinger for some years, but returned to Eastland.

She was a charter member of First Methodist Church here, and was an active worker in former years, and during her life made a host of friends, many of whom will regret her passing.

Survivors include four daughters and two sons, five grand children and seven great grandchildren, as well as two sisters-in-law. They are Mmes. J. M. Davis, Eastland; C. E. Lewis, Wichita Falls; Dan J. Carithers, Eugene, Ore., and Miss Genevieve Truly, Eastland. Brothers are C. W. Johnson of Pallinger and R. C. Johnson of Big Spring. Sisters-in-law are Mrs. J. I. Johnson and Mrs. T. M. Johnson.

Funeralbearers are Russell Hill, T. M. Collier, Chas. B. Harris, Fred Davenport, O. O. Mickle, J. Whitley, M. P. McCarney and Johnny Goode.

Eastland Girls Lose To Bangs Score Was 25-17

Eastland girls met the Bangs sextette in Bangs Tuesday night, but they failed to change their luck, despite the fact they played a good game and a hard game. Norman Gene Robinson won high score honors with 9 points. The final score was 25-17 in favor of Bangs.

Girls taking part in the game included J. Parker, Shirley Freeman, Ben Hardin, Arzell Erock, Norma Gene Robinson, Betty Trout, Wanda Beck, Lou McFatter, Linda Beckman, June White and Margie Lane.

When asked what he thought of Navy life he admitted that it is not so bad, and he has no regrets for having served.

It is now time to start the 1953 farm record book. The first job is to complete the beginning and ending inventory.

Chamberlain Is Out Of Navy

J. H. Chamberlain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chamberlain of Eastland, has just received his discharge from the United States Navy, after serving for five years.

He has arrived in Eastland where he was greeted not only by his parents, but a wife and daughter, as well. The wife and daughter have been here for some time. In better days when sailors lived in real houses the wife and daughter lived with him in San Diego, Calif., where he was stationed, but during recent weeks this has not been possible.

They are to make their home in Eastland and he will be connected with his father in the oil business.

Mrs. Hillman Buried Today

Mrs. Martha Edith Hillman, 61, who passed away early Sunday in Waxahachie as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident, was buried in Eastland cemetery, following services at the Hamner Funeral Chapel at 10 o'clock this morning. Austin Varnier, minister for the Church of Christ in Eastland, had charge of the services.

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CRAWLEY IS APPOINTED TO COLLEGE POST

Mayor Price Crawley, Ranger city head and popular civic leader, was one of numerous appointments Gov. Allan Shivers announced Tuesday to various college boards and other agencies.

Mayor Crawley was appointed to the board of directors of Texas Southern University. His term will run until February 1, 1959, Gov. Shivers announced in Austin.

The Ranger civic leader is one of two new members which were named to the board of directors of the university. The other appointee



PRICE CRAWLEY Named to Post As Director Southern University

is Ralph Lee, Houston attorney and former member of the state Democratic executive committee.

The new board members succeeded Dr. Grover C. Boswell, formerly of Ranger and ex-president of Ranger Junior College who is now associated with the Texas land office in Austin, and Tom Miller of Austin.

Crawley learned of his appointment to the TSU board post Tuesday afternoon when he received a telegram from Gov. Shivers.

The message said, "I am happy to announce your appointment as a member of the board of directors of Texas Southern University for a term to February 1, 1959. Congratulations and best regards, Allan Shivers."

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Mangum Baptist Brotherhood To Close Meeting

The Mangum Baptist Brotherhood revival which began Monday night will continue through Wednesday evening. Durwood Barbee, Dublin layman is speaker, and is delivering some good messages, it is said.

Tonight will be the concluding service and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments are to be served.

Lee Horn Named Deputy Sheriff

Lee Horn has been chosen by Sheriff Frank Trehear as chief deputy, following the resignation of Les Threet, Cisco, who has been serving in that capacity for several months. Horn was sworn in early today.

Mr. Threet will serve on the Cisco Police Force in the future.

Oil Patch Reports—

Gasser Gauged Near Eastland

Completion of a shutin gas well and plugging of a wildcat test highlighted Eastland County oil news today.

McElroy Ranch Co., Fort Worth announced that its No. 1-B F. D. Well, located two miles southwest of Eastland, has been completed as a shutin gas well. Daily potential was six million cubic feet of gas. Operator set the casing at 3,492 feet while the hole is bottomed at 3,796 feet.

The gasser is located in Section 3, Block 3, H&C Survey.

In the Nimrod Caddo field, six miles south of Nimrod in Eastland County, the Woodson Oil Co. of Fort Worth announced that the No. 1 State - Pierce unit, located in Section 4, BS&F Survey, has been plugged at 2,758 feet.

Other area oil developments: J. B. Clardy, et al, No. 1-E. O. Bridge, J. F. Smith survey, wildcat 12 miles west of Grafton in Palo Pinto County, has been completed for a daily flow of 5,150,000 cubic feet of gas. Total depth was 1,752 feet and casing was set at 1,742 feet.

Wesley Stephens, Graham, spotted No. 1 C. C. Jones Estate as a Dalton Field project six miles southwest of Grafton, 359 feet from the north and 712 feet from the west lines of W. T. O'Neal Survey. Proposed depth is 1,995 feet with cable tools.

Stephens will drill No. 3 Jones Estate in the same area 959 feet from the north and 712 feet from the west lines of the same survey.

Jet Guns Co., Fort Worth, will drill No. 2 Mrs. Hettie Harrison as a 1,900-foot project nine miles west of Grafton, 185 feet from the northeast and 3,885 feet from the northwest lines of R. Clark Survey.

Southern Stephens County pined two wildcat locations Tuesday. Both were spotted by Fort Worth Exploration Co. and are slated for 1,999 feet with cable tools. Drillsite for both is six miles northeast of Leary.

The firm's No. 1 H. Thompson was spotted on a 65.4 acre lease. Site is 1,600 feet from the south and 330 feet from the west lines of Section 121, HT&B Survey.

No. 1 Langford, was spotted on a 104.4 acre lease. Site places it 2,536 feet from the north and 1,502 feet from the east lines of Section 121, same survey.

Gerald Ables Gets Bid From Dodger Scout

Gerald Ables, son of H. C. Ables of Eastland, has just been notified by the Brooklyn Dodgers to report at their training camp at Vero Beach, Fla., to begin practice. Gerald has been watched by scouts for some time, and was told last year by a Dodger scout that he would use him this season, and that he would get him a good contract for the year.

But it so happens that he is now in Uncle Sam's army, and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, and he will be unable to accept the Dodger's offer.

Last Rites For Cisco Pioneer Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Lela Walters, 84-year-old retired Cisco grain farmer and a resident of the Cisco area for 67 years, were held at the Thomas Funeral Chapel in that city Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. H. M. Ward, pastor of Cisco's First Baptist Church, officiated during the final rites, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery. Masonic services were held at the graveside.

Funeralbearers were Les Threet, Roy Williams, L. Turner, W. F. Colwell, Frank Leech, Walton Baum, Joe Britain and J. J. Callaway.

Mr. Walters, who was born in Missouri on March 3, 1868, died Saturday night in an Abilene hospital as a result of complications resulting from a fall at his home in Cisco Friday morning. He suffered a broken hip and shock in the fall.

He came to the Cisco area from Arkansas in 1886 and was married to Miss Julia E. Rutherford in Cisco on Jan. 12, 1890. Mrs. Walters preceded her husband in death several years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. V. V. McMurry of Cisco and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Rites W. H. Reddell, 69, Set Tomorrow

Funeral services for Walter H. Reddell, 69-year-old Ranger resident, will be held at the chapel of the Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery with the Killingsworth mortuary firm in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Reddell, who was born at Lingleville in adjoining Erath County on Dec. 15, 1883, died at his home out on Caddo Road early Tuesday morning following a brief illness.

Prior to moving to the Caddo address recently, Mr. Reddell and his surviving widow had resided in the Bullock community, north of Ranger in neighboring Stephens County, for a period of 39 years.

Mr. Reddell had been engaged in farming for more than half a century.

Survivors of the deceased include the widow of Ranger; three daughters, Mrs. J. F. Smith of Ranger, Mrs. R. C. Hefner of Compton, Calif., and Miss Zella Reddell of Ranger; two brothers, I. E. Reddell and A. B. Reddell, both of Ranger; one sister, Mrs. Raymond Reson of Beaumont; three granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

Capl. Jasper C. Masseege, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Ranger, will officiate during the final rites.

Funeralbearers will be Jess Searcy, Jim O'Shields, Nath Pirkle, Levi Demsey, Lee Cantrell and Rudy Wells.

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WORST IN CENTURY—Shaded areas on newsmap show approximate location along British, Netherlands, Belgium, and French coasts hardest hit by floodwaters and storms called the worst natural disaster to hit the area in this century. Latest reports said about 564 were dead, including a number of American airmen. Holland was hardest hit on the continent as North Sea waters rolled over century-old dykes in the worst flood in 500 years.

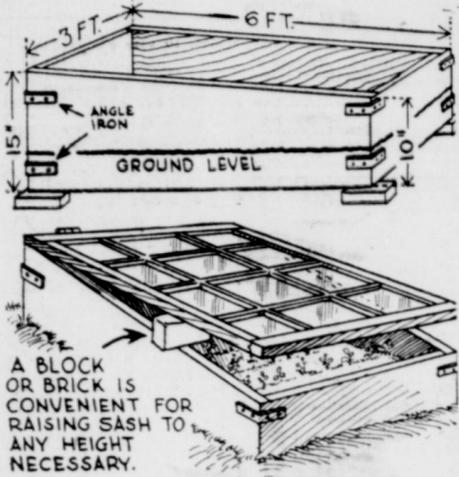
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Working Drawing for standard Single Sash Cold Frame.

About this time winter begins to be tiresome, doesn't it? Here is a way to relieve it, the sash, and make the days until spring seem fewer: Build a cold frame. While a cold frame can be used the year around, it is difficult to find time to build one during the active garden season. But now there is plenty of time, and little to occupy it, and all you need are a few elementary tools and space in a warm garage or basement to swing your arms, and handle lumber.

Cold frames are usually made 365 feet or some multiple of this, to fit the standard glazed sash. But there are so many glass substitutes available now, that you can change the size to fit the most convenient location available for it in the garden.

This should be entirely free from shade especially to the south, so that the sun may shine directly on the frame. The frame should be constructed of 1-inch boards, of cypress, white pine or some wood which resists rot. First, dig a hole in the ground slightly larger than the size of the frame. It should be at least a foot deep. Into this hole put the frame you have built so that 6 inches of it is beneath the surface and the remainder above. This will insure that no drafts enter from beneath. Construct the frame so that the front is 4 inches above the surface, and the rear, 9 inches. It must slant toward the south, where the winter sun shines. It is well to hinge the sash at the top of the frame, so it can be easily opened for transplanting purposes and airing.

A sunny spot in the garden, protected as much as possible from the full force of winds and driving rain, is the best situation for the cold frame. It may be too cold now to dig in the garden, but the sash may be procured and the lumber frame made, so that when the first warm days arrive you are ready for serious gardening.

Glass substitutes are worth considering for the sash. They do not break, and the breakage of glass in windy localities is sometimes considerable. They are much lighter than glass, a merit which women appreciate. They do not let in as much light as glass, but for growing seedlings they let in enough.

The substitutes most commonly used consist either of wire screens covered with material resembling celluloid, or fabrics treated with wax to make them waterproof, and let more light through.

Tips On Buying Household Linens



Homemaker's pride—symbol of gracious living and home comfort—the well stocked linen closet—household textiles by Cannon. It's a wise homemaker who shops for household linens at the traditional January White Sales.

Some useful shopping tips to help you choose wisely and well are offered by the Cannon Homemaking Institute.

Whether you buy muslin or percale, decide in advance whether you want regular sheets or the fitted type. Fitted sheets, by the way, can be chosen for top or bottom use. You'll find fitted sheets in color, six different pastels, and, of course, white. There's new pink lilac, for homemakers who have been seeking orchid sheets. And a lovely rich true blue.

In buying bath towels, look for a firm, close weave. This is best seen at the plain area of the towel, near the hem or border, where there is often a strip without loops. For drying, a terry towel's loops, being like small sponges, create its absorbency. The more loops a towel has the faster it will dry you.

there was a surge of faith in air power. But today air power is deliberately being born of this aura of importance. Why is this being done? "Because," says de Seversky "there is a deliberate, well-calculated plan to 'cut aviation down to size' on the part of Army-Navy propaganda, an Operation Deflation bent on unselling America on its belief in the supremacy of air power in modern war."

"Our boys are not afraid to fly," says de Seversky. "They are being driven to doubt whether it is worth their while to take up flying under leaders who do not understand its true functions. In the era of sea power, the strength of Great Britain, the dominant sea-power nation, was in the fact that every Englishman, even if he had never been to sea, was a sailor in his heart. The American people today must become airmen in their hearts if we are to survive in the era of air power and atomic bombs."

Corn Almost Popped

N7BRASKA CITY, Neb. — Parched corn fields—ripe for a fire—called for emergency measures by farmers harvesting the crop this year. The corn was so dry growers feared sparks from tractor or tobacco might start a blaze which could burst out of control quickly. Consequently, many farmers carried portable fire extinguishers on their machines.

Aquarium Fish Gives Birth To Siamese Twins

A fresh water aquarium fish, added to the Marine Laboratory of the Texas Game and Fish Commission, has relegated the predominantly salt water species to obscurity by bearing Siamese twins.

And the two little Peruvian guffies, appearing to laymen something like a small housefly, are still alive and trying to navigate eight days after birth.

The Chief Marine Biologist said the birth of Siamese twin fish is apparently not so rare although it has not happened at the local marine laboratory. The oddity is that the twins seem to be thriving and are learning to swim about their household-sized glass tank. They are joined at the chest and are held at about a 130 degree angle. Thus, according to Reid, they have not yet mastered swimming straight.

The tiny fish each has an outer eye and they have a common eye between them which is about half again as large as the separate eyes. Each has a mouth, gills, a tail and a full set of fins.

Howard Lee, Marine Biologist, observed the arrival of the twins which were born along with 51 other little guffies during a 75-minute period. When Reid observed

ed the joined pair, he placed them in separate quarters and now watches the water temperature carefully and feeds them punctually.

Lee said the Siamese twins have grown slightly but not in proportion to their fellow fry. He said this type of guffies achieve a maximum growth of about one and one half inches in length. The baby fishes are scarcely discernable to the naked eye. Lee uses a microscope to observe them. An effort will be made to photograph the twins with a powerful lens.

Fertilizer To Be Plentiful, Chemist Says

The total tonnage of fertilizers available in 1953 is expected to be about 11 per cent higher than in 1952. The overall situation, says M. K. Thornton, agricultural chemist for the Texas Extension Ser-

vice, is good but the seasonal shortages may develop because of transportation problems.

Farmers, says the chemist, should keep this fact in mind and plan to purchase early the fertilizers needed for the 1953 crops. Nitrogen supplies for 1953 are expected to be about 11 per cent above those available in 1952; phosphates 10 per cent higher and potash 17 per cent higher.

Thornton says the demand for fertilizers is expected to be heavy. To make sure that the desired grades will be available when needed, he recommends they be bought early and stored on the farm.

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DECLINING USAF ENLISTMENTS DUE TO MINOR KOREAN ROLE OF AIR POWER, EXPERT SAYS

The sharp decline in Air Force volunteers and the growing disillusionment of American youth with flying is basically a disillusionment with the minor role air power is being forced to play in our national defense. It is not a retreat from danger or duty by our young men, according to Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky.

The belief that American boys are afraid to fly has been bolstered by episodes like the so-called "mutiny" of some reservist pilots in Texas who refused, when recalled to duty, to go aloft. "If there has been a lack of enthusiasm

for flying both in Korea and at home," Major de Seversky declares, "this must not be mistaken for a lack of courage. The trouble is that our airmen in Korea are acutely aware how their skills and weapons are being misapplied because they have been obliged to operate not as genuine air power but almost entirely as an auxiliary to ground action."

Million-dollar planes and pilots with years of scientific training have been used like so many expendable shells—hurled in a bloody heap against Jane Russell Hills and Pork Chop Ridges points out the expert. They have been obliged to skim tree-tops, to be mowed down by withering ground fire at close range. They can hardly be expected to respect the military leadership that has made such profligate misuse of air power necessary. It would be too much to expect intelligent young West Pointers to clamor for air service under such circumstances.

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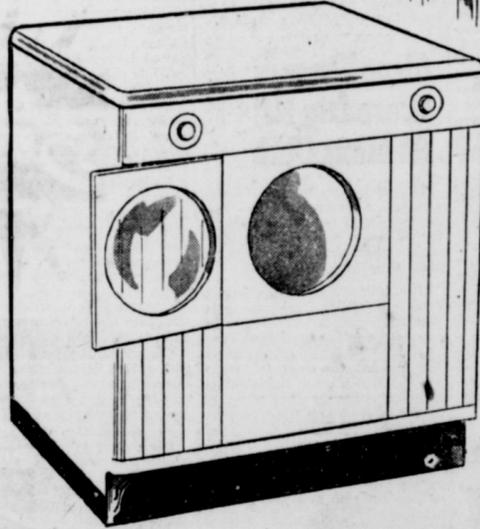


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PRECIOUS BY THE PAILFUL—Typical victims of the worst drought in Kansas are George Clark, left, of Colony, and W. D. Howard, of Garden City. To feed their 59 head of cattle, they have to go to the nearest available water supply point, buy as much water as their truck can carry and then pour it by hand into field tanks scattered over the Howard ranch. Also typical of the drought's impact on the domestic front is the picture, right, of Mrs. George Lesco, of Thayer, pumping a bucket of water from her cistern for cooking. The water is hauled from Chanute, 15 miles away, in a 1150-gallon truck. It costs \$6 a load. Many Thayer housewives do the family laundry only once every two weeks because of the water shortage.

Governor Shivers Presents Plan To Legislature That Should Guarantee Aid For Our Teachers And Schools

By ALLAN SHIVERS Governor of Texas

The public school system is a subject close to the hearts of all of us. We want to see our schools rank among the best in the nation. To have good schools, we must have good teachers. And to keep good teachers we must pay them decent salaries. The lot of Texas teachers has improved considerably since 1949, when the Legislature installed a new system popularly known as the "Gilmer-Aikin program." But inflation has wiped out some of their financial gains.

Texas teachers must have cost-of-living salary raises. There is hardly anyone who disagrees. I have listed this as one of the necessities faced by the 53rd Legislature now in session at Austin.

As governor, I have to ask a couple of questions—and you, as citizens and taxpayers, need to do the same: How much? Who pays it?

There isn't enough state money in sight for next year to cover salary increases for our 55,000 teachers. Thus we will either have to raise more money, or redistribute what we have or do both.

The plan I suggested for the Legislature's consideration had something of both factors in it. It would mean, in effect, that (1) some state funds now going to make rich school districts richer would be spread among the less fortunate schools of the state, and (2) the local districts would be asked to pay the same proportion of the total Gilmer-Aikin program expense as they did when the program was started in 1949.

Before I explain this plan in more detail, a couple of terms need to be defined.

The "available school fund" consists of money dedicated by the constitution and statutes to the public schools and distributed by the state on the basis of scholastic-age population. This is the familiar "per capita apportionment." At present this payment is \$68 a year per student.

The "minimum foundation fund" was set up by the Gilmer-Aikin program in 1949 to equalize educational opportunities throughout the state. This Gilmer-Aikin plan, a great milestone of progress provides money for school districts on a basis of need. The more prosperous districts get no Gilmer-Aikin assistance at all. Poor districts receive sufficient amounts from this fund to maintain a "minimum standard" program.

These two funds represent entirely different kinds of aid. The State's school finance pants have two pockets.

What can we do now to raise the teachers and yet avoid an increase in State taxes?

Obviously, it would help if some of the excess payments now going to certain districts by "per capita" allocation could be given instead to districts that really need the money. Then we would not be continuing to enrich a few districts out of one State pocket while we spend millions of dollars from another pocket to keep needy schools up to recent standards. Some of the money from the luxury pocket belongs in the necessity pocket.

The per capita payment automatically would be lowered from \$68 to about \$58 per student if we would go back to a strict interpretation of the State constitution. Actually, about \$15 million is going into the "available school fund" now from taxes not earmarked by the constitution. That is a generous situation except, as

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I indicated before, the extra money goes into the wrong pocket. I think this \$15 million ought to be reallocated to the Gilmer-Aikin pocket.

What else can we do? We can restore the former one-to-three balance between local and state support of the Gilmer-Aikin program. That one-to-three ratio was considered fair in 1949 when the program went into operation. At that time \$45 million represented a fourth of the Gilmer-Aikin cost. But the school districts are still paying the same \$15 million annually—while the cost of the program has risen steadily. The state has been making up the difference. I think the old ratio of one local dollar to every three state dollars ought to be reinstated.

In this connection, let me quote from the annual report of the State Board of Education:

"It is highly important that an appropriate balance be maintained between local and state support of the public school system. The maintenance of a proper balance between state and local financing of the public school program will help insure the continuation of local control of public schools."

The board evidently believes that local control cannot be maintained unless proper local support is maintained. We face the same problem at the state level when we accept too much "easy" money from Washington. We find that Washington wants to tell us how to spend the money.

I don't want to see any weakening of local control of our public schools. The school is too close to the home to be controlled by anyone besides the homefolks.

Census Records Used As Substitute For Birth Certificates; Available

Persons lacking birth certificates or other legal evidence of citizenship, age or family relationships can obtain transcripts of their personal census records which are, in most instances, acceptable substitutes, according to District Supervisor James M. Hamilton of the U. S. Census Bureau.

More than 100,000 Americans turned to the Census Bureau for such evidence in 1952. They needed proof of identity or age for Government and defense jobs, Social Security, passports, the Armed Services, and in connection with insurance and estate cases.

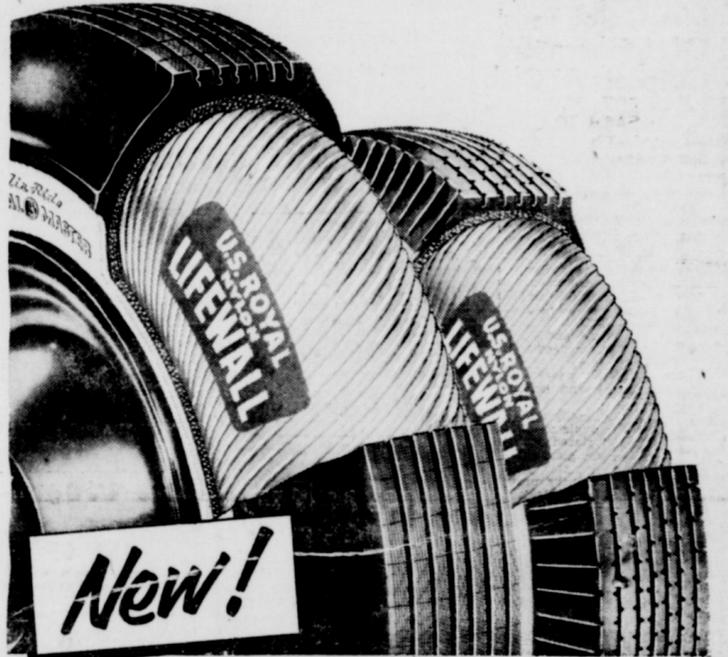
Supervisor Hamilton pointed out that personal information recorded by the Census Bureau is entirely confidential and may be furnished only upon the written request of the individual to whom it relates or his legal representatives. The normal fee is \$3.00 for searches of two censuses for one individual, each application being handled in regular turn which generally requires approximately 30 days to complete service. Expedited handling is furnished for a \$4.00 fee.

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Church... Society ...Clubs

Mrs. I. C. Heck Gives Program For WSCS

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday afternoon at the First Methodist Church for a year book program under the leadership of Mrs. Pearson Grimes.

Mrs. Grimes presented Mrs. I. C. Heck, who talked on "Modern Samaritan" and was assisted by several other members, who gave short parts.

Mrs. W. P. Leslie, president, presided and opened the program with the hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming", and heard reports of officers and committees. Mrs. Frank Crowell gave the prayer.

Present were Meses Grimes, Heck, Leslie, James Horton, Crowell, Fred Davenport, J. Morris Bailey, Ora B. Jones, A. E. Cushman, J. A. Caton, O. O. Mickle, Milton Gaines, Frank Castleberry, Margaret Welch, Milburn S. Long, B. O. Harrell, Ida B. Foster, L. C. Brown and Mrs. Blanchard, a guest.

Mrs. Caton Tells Of Northern Outposts At Club

Mrs. Wayne Caton described the hardships and handicaps suffered by the builders of the Polar Outposts, Monday evening for members of the Ladies Club at their meeting at the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Eunice Nell was hostess for the evening and presented Mrs. Caton, whose informative talk on the air bases built in Greenland and the surrounding islands was well received by her audience.

Mrs. H. L. Hassell, president, presided heard reports from officers, and had the roll called, with answers of news from behind the Iron Curtain.

Those attending were Misses Verna Johnson, Nell, Jessie Lee Ligon, Meses Caton, D. E. Frazer, H. L. Hassell, L. E. Huckabay, Rudolph Little, Don Parker, Wendell Siebert, Thura Taylor, W. Q. Verner, J. C. Whatley.

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Baptist WMU Reports Gain For January

Members of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church heard reports of an increase in tithers and a total of one hundred and thirty-one visits made to the sick and shut-ins Monday afternoon at their regular monthly meeting at the church.

Mrs. H. W. Sims, president, presided.

Mrs. Mary Copeland gave the program on Stewardship.

The Stover Circle, with Mrs. H. T. Weaver, chairman, was hostess to the group and served refreshments.

Twenty-six members attended.

Joe Muirhead Hosts Bachelor's Class Breakfast

Joe Muirhead was host to members of the Bachelor's Class of the First Baptist Church for their monthly meeting Sunday morning in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Muirhead, 900 S. Seaman.

Breakfast of coffee, hot chocolate, doughnuts, toast and fruit was served.

Present were Charles Layton, teacher, Don Martin, Bobby Womack, Gail Hogan, Ben Green, Don Roff, Douglas Crabtree, and guests, Hoyt Mulkey and Rev. C. Melvin Rethal, pastor.

EHS Publishing Special Edition Of Maverick

The Eastland High School pupils are having a special edition of The Maverick High School paper Thursday because of "Twirp Week" beginning February 9th.

Mrs. Evelyn Whitley sponsor, said.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harlow and daughter, Rosemary visited here with Mrs. Etta Harlow enroute from their home in Dallas to Abilene where Miss Harlow registered as a student in Abilene Christian College.

Glen Miller has been transferred to reserve status and with Mrs. Miller is now at home, after having been stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. for the past two years.

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Social Calendar

February 4th. Music Study Club 8:30 p.m. Woman's Club.

February 5th Thursday Afternoon Club 3 p.m. Woman's Club.

February 4th Rotary Club 12 noon Connellee Hotel. XI Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi 7:30 p.m. W. B. Barrow home.

February 10 Lions Club 12 noon First Methodist church.

Taylor Study Spring Recital, 7:30 p.m. First Methodist Church. Home Makers Class monthly covered dish dinner 7 p.m. Mrs. Don Daniels, hostess, Winona Davis co-hostess.

Feb. 11. Civic League and Garden Club 3 p.m. Woman's Club.

Feb. 12—Alpha Delphian Club 3 p.m. Woman's Club.

February—Rotary Club, 12 noon Connellee Hotel.

Feb. 17th West Ward P-TA, West Ward Cafeteria 3:15 p.m.

Feb. 19th Past Matrons Association 7:30 p.m. in home of Mrs. Lena Kincaid, East Highway 80.

PERSONALS

Billy Brasher, who is stationed at Grand Prairie Naval Station visited here Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brasher.

Mrs. P. L. Parker accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Walter Durham of Comanche attended services Sunday at the First Baptist church and visited Sunday afternoon with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. A. Ranney and Lynda left Monday with their household goods to join their husband and father in Grand Prairie.

Mrs. Perry Wheeler of Eastland is in an Austin hospital, where she will undergo surgery today for a mastoid trouble.

Guests over the weekend in the home of Mrs. Florence Miller were her children, Mrs. Lee Puckett, Mr. Puckett and Carolyn of Midland, Mrs. Thomas H. Denny and Denise of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. E. Puckett of Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sims and children visited Saturday in DeLeon with relatives.

Interest Rate Would Be Less Under Loan Bill

The small loan bill drawn up by a special committee of the State Bar of Texas and endorsed by the State Junior Bar sets a ceiling on what the borrower will have to pay and this ceiling is less than now permitted by statute and the regulations of the State Insurance Commission.

So declares Tom Reavley of Jasper, president of the State Junior Bar.

What is called interest can now not exceed 10 per cent a year but the present statutes permit a lender to collect other charges which can run the cost up to 100 per cent or more, Reavley points out.

Extra charges are called "credit investigation", "drawing papers", and "credit insurance."

"Put," said the Junior Bar head "it doesn't matter to the borrower what the items are called. The practical test is, how much does he have to pay besides the principal?"

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THE STORY: In an effort to solve the murder of Ames Warburton, Jim O'Grady, private detective, has been questioning Sally Cravath, niece of O'Grady's client, Marney Cravath, a partner of the murdered man. Suspects include Jack Dumont, another partner, and his wife Dolly Dumont, and a wealthy client, Mrs. Eve Wheeler, a widow.

DAVE SLADEN and Ames Warburton had been rivals for Sally Cravath. And now Ames Warburton was suddenly and thoroughly eliminated. I didn't develop that idea verbally. Sally had shown a reluctance the moment I mentioned Dave. I didn't want her clamping up on me.

"Dave," she began, "seems to have been born with a terrific inferiority complex. I doubt if he'll ever get over it. He'll have a chip on his shoulder all his life. His story is simple, but I hate telling you. I'll sound rather snobbish."

"You couldn't," I assured her. "Well, if you've got to have it, Dave comes from some whistle stop in the Middle West. He was one of a big family and there wasn't any money. But he is very bright and ambitious. I'm practically quoting him—he's told me a lot about himself, but not all. You see, Dave is very bitter."

"I'd noticed that. "Financially speaking," she went on, "he didn't rate a college education at all. He was just plain poor. But he wasn't willing to settle for some little job. He got himself a preliminary education, by hook or crook, and then went to college. Some place called Griskine. I'd never heard of it until he mentioned it. But, apparently, they have some phony standards out there, even as our respected Ivy League. And because Dave did all sorts of menial jobs, he was made to feel that he didn't belong. Naturally, that's all rot and he ought to forget it. But he can't. It

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now had about the people at Windover. These, I thought, were pretty sketchy, despite Sally's efforts. Bolted down, they came to this: Dolly Dumont was a dipsomaniac; Jack Dumont a reputable business man, sometime college athlete and presently long-suffering husband.

Eve Wheeler had a hatful of money, a chequered marital career and an awful lot of steely strength under a deceptively languid and soft exterior.

Dave Sladen had been forced to hoe the hard row. And slights and snubs, I gathered, had left him with a certain worminess of soul.

PRESENTLY I saw, too, that straight thinking required another pair of suspects to be put on my list. It seemed the height of absurdity even to entertain the bare notion that Sally Cravath might be a killer. But Sally was one of us. She'd had as good an opportunity as anyone else. And as for motive... well, who but Sladen, apparently, had one? So, feeling like a complete heel, I jumped the girl I was going goofy over in with the rest of the prospective homicide.

Marney Cravath, though, was a different proposition. I liked him, and didn't like thinking of him as a killer. But suppose, for example, that behind the respectable and venerable facade of Cravath & Company something was rotten, and that Ames Warburton had been on to it. Perhaps even, despite his clean honest appearance, Ames had gone in for a bit of blackmail. Or what if Ames, although ostensibly he had been at Windover on neither occasion, was actually behind the crashing flower pot and the hurtling car? And if Cravath had somehow discovered it, coincident with my coming, and made quick opportunity to beat Ames to the next punch?

None of all this appeared very probable. But the possibilities had, I thought, to be taken into consideration. It was all, however, a hopeless, crazy-quilt of conjecture. (To Be Continued)

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