

Masons Plan Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner



Members of the Ranger Masonic Lodge and their wives, together with members of the Eastern Star Chapter of the Eastern Star and their husbands, will celebrate their annual George Washington Birthday Dinner at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:30, it is announced.

An outstanding feature of the dinner will be three young girls from the Masonic Home and School, who will come here to put on the evening's program.

Jess Sutton, Choir Director of the First Baptist Church, will have charge of the musical part of the program. Robert Bailey, Worshipful Master, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Members of the Eastern Star will have charge of the table arrangements, and Morris Newham is in charge of the food committee.

The Birthday Dinner honors George Washington not only because he was the father of his country and the first president of the United States, but because he was a pioneer Mason in this country and one of the most famous ever to belong to the Lodge.

County Ordered To Pay \$1667 To W. H. Hailey

An Eastland County Court jury Thursday ordered the County to pay \$1667.50 as market value of property condemned and as damage to remaining property of W. H. Hailey.

The jury set the "reasonable cash market value" of the 5.323 acres condemned at \$667.50 and ruled that damage to the remaining acreage amounted to \$1000.

The land involved is located two miles south of Staff on Farm Market Road 2214. It is located in Commissioner B. M. Bennett's precinct.

A special commission appointed by County Judge John Hart earlier had awarded Hailey \$1000 and "in addition the terms agreed upon by the parties concerning fences, water lines, etc." The County filed an appeal to the ruling.

Young School Wins from Olden Grade School

The Young School Yellowjackets won a basketball game from the Olden Grade School Hornets by a score of 14-7 Thursday afternoon in the Olden Gym.

J. B. O'Shields was high point man for the Yellowjackets, making a total of 7 points. Buddy Harper and Jimmy Hogan also shared in the scoring.

The Young School defense, highlighted by the alertness of Bobby Owen and the rebounding of Jerry Jones, held the Hornets to their low score of only 7 points.

Other Yellowjackets getting into the game were Danny Wayne Robinson, Alfonso Dasquez, Floyd Ainsworth, Frankie Sugg and Stephen Hunt.

Ranger Must Ask If X-Ray Survey Wanted

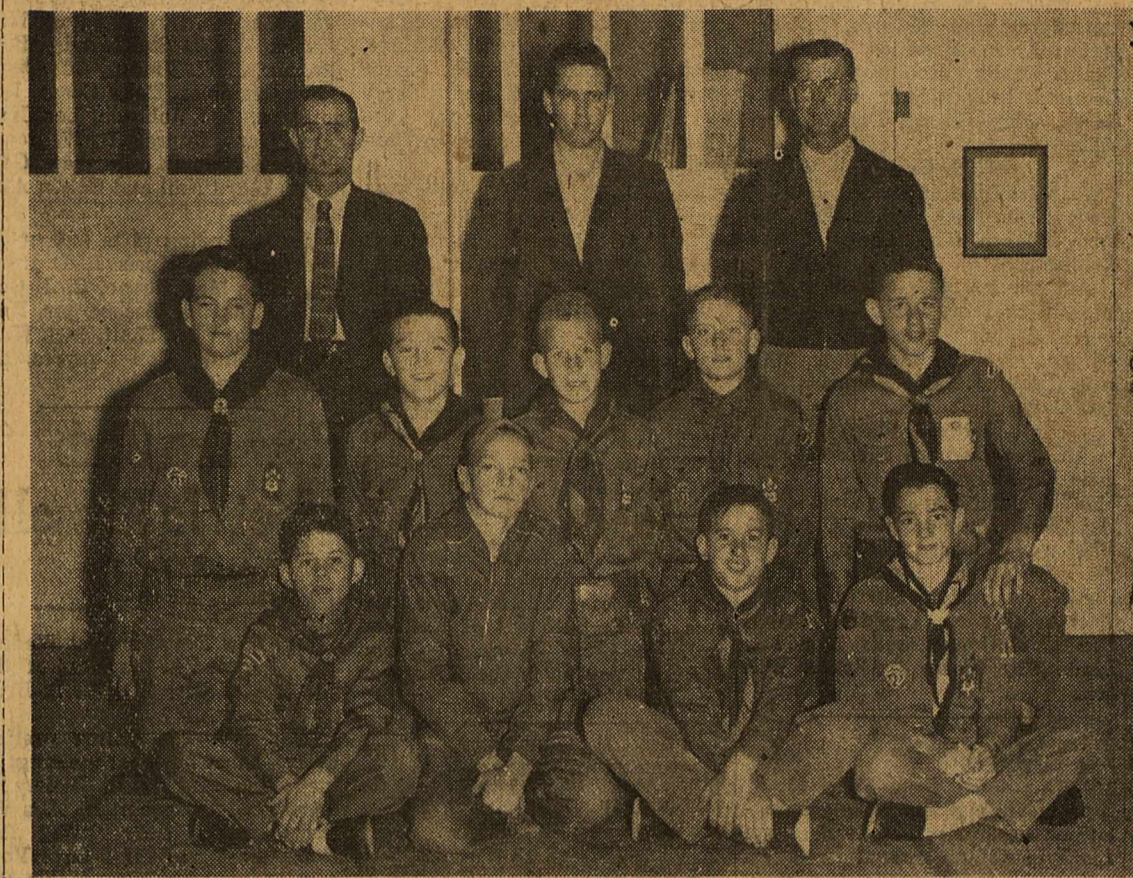
If Ranger wants the State Health Department's mass chest x-ray program to come to this city in April during the x-ray machine's visit to Eastland County, someone here must meet in Eastland on Tuesday, February 26, at the Texas Electric Company building, at 10 a.m. with County Health Officer E. R. Townsend who will schedule each town that wants to take part in the program.

It is all free, and it has been three years since the x-ray unit was in Eastland County. If the x-ray survey shows that anyone is afflicted with TB, he is notified immediately, so that treatment may begin before it is too late.

This is an excellent opportunity for some club in Ranger to sponsor the survey. It should not be passed up, but someone must ask in Eastland to ask for it.

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Scouts Advanced In Court of Honor



COURT OF HONOR PARTICIPANTS: Shown above are the Scouts and Scout leaders who took part in the Court of Honor held for Troop 10 last Tuesday night at the First Methodist Church. Purpose of the Court of Honor was to recognize achievements of the Scouts and to promote them to higher ranks. Scout leaders in the back row are J. S. Wilhelm and Fred Bennett, assistant Scoutmasters, and Leonard Pounds, Scoutmaster. In the second row the boys and their new ranks are, left to right, Tommy Robinson, Star Scout; David Webb, Star Scout; Wayne Ross, First Class Scout; Tim Covington, First Class Scout; Richard Robie, Star Scout. First row, left to right, Richard Cozby, Second Class Scout; Roy Gene Ainsworth, Second Class Scout; Joe Grissom, Second Class Scout and Richard Wilhelm, First Class Scout. J. F. Donley, president of the Hall Bible Class, gave the welcome address at the program.

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National Guard Seeks Ten New Recruits Here

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Service Battery 648th Armd. Fa. Bn. of the Texas National Guard with headquarters in this city has served our community, the state and the nation honorably in times of peace and in war,

AND WHEREAS service as a citizen soldier in the National Guard provides a young man or a veteran an opportunity to serve in a reserve military force,

AND WHEREAS such service is important to the defense and preparedness of this nation,

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the authority vested in me by the city of Ranger, I do hereby proclaim that the 21st of February, 1957, shall be known as National Guard Muster Day in honor of the service rendered by George Washington, our first president, as a citizen soldier in the Colonial Militia.

A. H. Williams, Mayor

50 Crappie Nabbed Thurs. Weigh 70 lbs.

J. B. Craig and Luther Kirkpatrick won the fun-lined pot for their fish catch of the week when they weighed a total of 70 pounds of 50 big crappie at a spot near the dam Thursday afternoon.

Craig said they started fishing about sundown and fished until dark, and in that short space of time pulled in the 50 fish that weighed a total of 70 pounds.

Craig said the string was "just all one man could carry."

F. P. Bourland, R. L. Bratton and B. J. Lemley, also caught 50 crappie Thursday night after dark, but there were three of them fishing instead of two as in the Craig-

Kirkpatrick party. H. H. Vaughn, who reported the Bourland-Bratton-Lemley string said the 50 fish weighed 75 pounds, and the biggest was 2 1/2 pounds.

Vaughn also reported a string caught by Lee Legerra, of Strawn, and which were brought by his service station. Legerra had 27 crappie weighing 40 pounds, and the biggest being 2 pounds.

Last Wednesday Fred Ellis caught nine bass, one of which weighed 3 pounds, and all of them averaged out 1 1/2 pounds apiece. He also caught three crappie that weighed 1 1/2 pounds each, and two channel cat, one of which weighed 4-pounds and the other 1 1/2 pounds.

Charlie Dowden and Jack Rawls caught 10 bass Wednesday, one of them weighing 3 pounds and one 3 1/2 pounds. Eight of them weighed between 3/4 pounds and one pound each. They were spin casting and lost more fish than they landed because they were casting in the brush.

These are only a few reports that have reached the Times. Needless to say there were many, many others, because everybody's talking about how the fish are biting. If the weekend continues to be a pretty one, the lake will probably be lined with fishermen from now until Monday morning.

The Times is still in the market for every fish story it can get, and you are invited to please call us at 224 and tell us what you caught. The Chamber of Commerce is also trying to get all the information it can about big fish strings, and Rip Galloway would appreciate a call at No. 31. Every string of fish brought in will advertise Ranger and Lake Leon just that much more if it can be reported. All of this data is also sent to the big state daily papers from time to time for their Lake Reports, and your cooperation is solicited.

Retired Civil Employees Name 1957 Officers

Officers for the current year were elected Saturday by the Eastland Chapter No. 555, National Association of Retired Civil Employees. New officers include Mrs. Stella E. Morrow, Gorman, president; J. E. T. Peters, Cisco, time-president and Mrs. Eunice F. Gallagher, Eastland, secretary-treasurer.

A Group Hospitalization plan for these retired Federal employees, as well as proposed legislation for bettering the financial outlook, were the subjects of much spirited discussion.

"All who have retired from any form of Federal Civil Service, their families and friends are invited to attend the next meeting of the Chapter, which will be held March 9, in the Baptist Educational Building in Eastland, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Morrow said.

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Is There Another Boom at 6,000 Feet?

Tremendous Leasing Activity Is Rumored

150 Member Special Venire Called Mon.

A 150 member special venire will report Monday morning in 91st District Court in Eastland where selection of a jury in the George Crawford murder trial is due to begin.

Six RJC Boys Tell Chief of Shooting Hoax

After being cornered by Ranger Chief of Police W. G. Pounds and told the facts of life, six Ranger Junior College have confessed they were the perpetrators of the fake shooting that took place in front of Shorty Varner's Cafe on Highway 80 Wednesday night.

Although at liberty at the present time, their fate will hinge on the outcome of a meeting scheduled for Saturday between Chief Pounds, Sheriff J. B. Williams and Texas Ranger Jim Riddle.

The boys said they did it all as a Ranch Day prank, but it is said they violated so many laws it was hard to find a starting place to consider their case.

The case was broken by the black and white 1957 Ford car which has been a prominent vehicle on the RJC campus for weeks.

As a matter of fact, the car and its occupants were picked up by Ranger City Policeman Don Butler only a short time after the "shooting" took place. Butler took the car and the boys to the police station where Shorty Varner was asked to identify them and Varner said that was not the car and those were not the boys.

However, the more Chief Pounds thought about it, the more he decided it could not have been any other car because black and white 1957 Fords are not plentiful in supply around here.

Thursday afternoon the car drove up and parked at the curb across the street from the Ranger police headquarters and Pounds decided right then was as good a (Continued on Page 2)

Wadley Blood Unit Scheduled Here Feb. 27

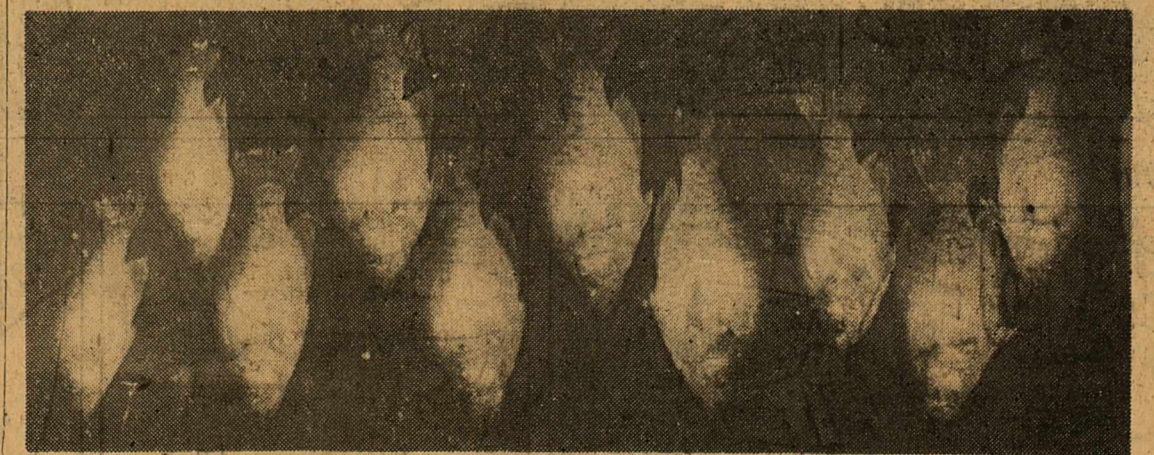
The Wadley Mobile Blood Unit, which is coming here from Dallas to take transfusions for Robbie Robinson, will be here on Wednesday, Feb. 27, it is announced.

The unit will be set up in the basement of the First Baptist Church and will operate from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

There are now more than 100 people who have volunteered to give blood for Robbie. They are asked to make a note of the date, and also the hours, and be prepared to report at that time. However, the Times will make another announcement between now and then.

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BARN DOOR SIZE: Shown above are 10 "Barn Door" Crappie that Eb Richardson, caretaker at the dam, caught last Monday near the dam. The 10 fish weighed a little more than 11 pounds. But the Times should have waited before taking this picture because Eb went back the next day and caught 16 more just like them. But even at that, this string wouldn't compare with the one caught by J. B. Craig and Luther Kirkpatrick Thursday, 50 of them that weighed 70 pounds.

The Times has been hearing some big rumors this week, from three or four different sources including real estate men and lease men in both Ranger and Eastland, all of whom are in a position to know what they are talking about, to the effect that two major oil companies in particular are getting ready to lease everything they can get their hands on East of Ranger, including parts of Eastland County, Erath County and Palo Pinto County.

The two major oil companies involved are known, but the Times hesitates to mention them publicly at the present time until some further or more definite word comes from them.

The Times' source of information say these two companies are leasing on top of leases, that is, leasing for exploration down to 6,000 feet or more. Nearly all of the land in the counties mentioned is leased for shallow exploration only.

It is said that heavy leasing has been going on in counties east of here, and is coming this way.

It is a known fact that core drilling crews tested the territory mentioned all last year, and there has always been a lot of opinion from both experts and wishful dreamers that there is more oil in this section that can be recovered when, and if somebody gets ready to go down far enough to get it.

All of this brings up the question that has been asked thousands of times by people of this area, Is There Another Boom At 6,000 Feet?

It has also been reported to the Times that another outfit is getting ready to sink a 10,000-foot test 8 miles North of Ranger, using a drill that was perfected in Russia and which is said to be four times faster than the present rotary drills used in this country.

That would put the well in Stephens County but it would nevertheless be within spitting distance of Ranger.

One prominent real estate man in the county offered to lay betting odds that a coal mine would be in operation in this section within six months.

DuPont, Dow Chemical and Lone Star Steel all have vast coal leases all around here. Some nine miles south of Thurber coal deposits have been found so near the surface that strip mining is possible.

From Mingo to Dodson Prairie there is a strip of coal from 9-feet to 20-feet thick, which is estimated to be 400 feet down.

Nobody knows exactly how many different things are being made out of coal during these days and times. Everything from nylon hose to house paint is being made from the product, and it is said the coal, in this part of West Texas is a hard quality which is in great demand.

Of course rumors are rumors, but they make mighty good listening and mighty good reading, more especially when they come from sources not given over to propaganda.

Lions Club Hears Bill Wood Talk High Finance

Members of the Ranger Lions Club were dealing in high finance at their Thursday meeting in the Civic Room at RJC Cafeteria when they listened to a talk by Bill Wood of Fort Worth on how the New York Stock Exchange operates.

Wood, who is a member of the firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Bean, world's biggest stock brokers, was brought here from Fort Worth by Charles Milliken, program chairman for the day.

Wood first showed a color cartoon movie that explained how stocks come to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange to begin with, and the Walt Disney (Continued on Page Two)

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What's Cooking-

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ing. He has always been on a government gray train. He administers to the old folks in his county like every dime he allowed...

them in some extra money, don't notice it so much, but the sad part of the whole thing is, the big vast majority of the old folks, 90 per cent of them at least, don't have a dime!

Honor Roll-

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Services for K. W. Sullivent Set for Sunday

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hammer Chapel at Eastland for Kenneth Wayne Sullivent, 20, who died in the home of his parents...

Pink and Blue Showers Honor Mrs. James Witt

Mrs. James Witt was honored at a pink and blue shower Wednesday, Feb. 6 in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Vinson.

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Shooting-

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time as any to have it out with the boys. He got the owner of the car on the carpet and told him there was no use beating about the bush, that the police knew it was the car involved...

Lions Club-

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type movie explained the manipulations so simply that even the Lions could understand it. Following the movie, the broker made a short talk on who should try to dabble in the stock market...

Boyce House Visits In Ranger

Boyce House, former editor of the Times and author of several books about Texas, was a visitor in Ranger Friday afternoon.

Nat'l Guard-

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home, can earn extra money and build up a retirement pension, and has an opportunity to learn new skills which can be valuable to him in civilian life.

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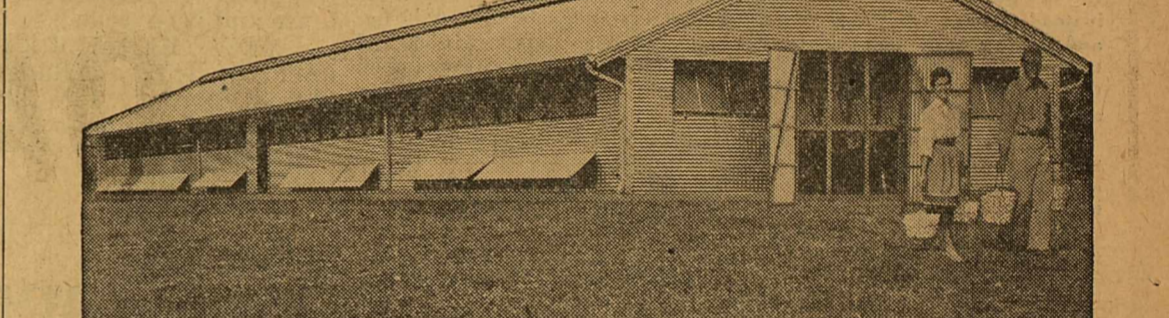
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Mrs. Arthur Murrell Speaks to Garden Club On Civic Improvement

Mrs. Arthur Murrell, president of the Eastland Civic League and Garden Club, was guest speaker at the Ranger Garden Club meeting held Thursday morning at the Community Club House.

Mrs. Murrell spoke to the group on "How Club Women Help on Civic Improvement." She pointed out that the aim of any garden club is beautification, and gave several projects that have been accomplished by the Eastland Civic League, that improved and beautified their city.

Mrs. R. L. Hamrick, president of the Ranger Club, called the meeting to order and asked that Mrs. O. C. Warden read the minutes of the last meeting. She then turned the program over to Mrs. Floyd Killingsworth, who introduced Mrs. Murrell, and other

guests from Eastland, Mrs. Frank Castleberry, Mrs. Milburn Long and Mrs. M. L. Keasler.

A valentine motif was used in table arrangements throughout the club rooms. The dining table was centered with a beautiful arrangement, donated by the 1947 Club, through the courtesy of Mrs. A. W. Brazda. Other arrangements were donated by the First Methodist Church, sweetheart banquet sponsors. The serving table was laid with a cut work cloth with silver appointments. Mrs. J. T. Robinson poured.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mmes. P. T. Smith, James Ratliff, W. J. VanBibber and Floyd Killingsworth.

Those attending were Mmes. Roberson, Hamrick, Warden, F. E. Langston, Lelo Martin, O. G. Lanier, H. C. Edwards, P. M. Kuyken-

dall, E. L. McMillian, R. H. Harrison, Sam Aills, W. W. Mitchell, J. T. Killingsworth, Bill Clem, M. H. Hagaman, F. W. Hummell, G. A. Fyffe, Robert Jackson, J. O. Jackson, Glenn Hamner, L. L. Bruce, Glynn Covington, H. E. Lawson, R. W. Gordon, C. B. Pruet,

W. A. Lewis, Charles Garrett, Charles Milliken, Arthur Deffenbach, L. D. Tankersley, R. H. Boyd, A. P. Thomas Jr., A. J. Ratliff, Joe Dennis, R. A. Pharris, Charles Hummell, Bob Allen, C. E. May Jr., the guests and the hostesses

VISITING FROM PECOS

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Oakley of Pecos will visit with Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Galloway for the next few weeks. Mr. Oakley broke his arm in an accident last week.

VISITING IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. V. A. Galloway is visiting with her daughter in California.

Women's Activities

February 18

The WSCS will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the third session of the Bible Study.

February 18

The Royal Neighbors will meet Monday night at 7 at the IOOF Hall.

February 19

The Columbia Study Club will meet in the home of Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall with Mrs. J. P. Morris as hostess Tuesday afternoon at 3.

February 21

The 1920 Club will meet Thursday afternoon, 3:30 at the Community Club House. Roll call will be gardening tips. Mrs. T. J. Anderson will be leader and Mrs. C. E. May Sr., and Mrs. J. S. McDowell will be on the program.

February 21

The AAUW will meet in the home of Mrs. L. L. Bruce with Mrs. A. P. Thomas Jr. as hostess, Thursday evening at 7:30. Roll Call will be My Secret Desire and Mrs. R. L. Hamrick will speak on Interesting and Unusual Occupations.

Progressive Dinner Planned By Youth Crusade

A progressive dinner has been planned for Saturday night, Feb. 16, by the Youth Crusade of the First Baptist Church. Friday noon was the deadline for reservations. There will not be a program at the church.

Plan now to be at the Church next Saturday night for the recreation program and movies at 7.

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Noted Violinists Plan Concert At Eastland Sunday

Billie Beal Wendland and Weldon Wendland, duo-violinists, will be presented in concert on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m. in the First Methodist Church in Eastland, sponsored by the Eastland Music Study Club. They will be assisted in the recital by Sarah Herron Baker.

The program will include duo-violin works by Loeliet, Juon, Leclair, and Moszkowski. Mrs. Wendland is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Beal of San Angelo and the granddaughter of Mrs. F. L. Drago of Eastland. She studied under the late Wilda Drago in Eastland. At the Juillard School in New York, Mrs. Wendland also studied with Conrad Held. Her other studies include work at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and the West Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, Calif. She and her husband were coached in duo-violin works by Emanuel Bay and Jasha Veisi while at Santa Barbara.

Mr. Wendland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wendland of Temple, is a graduate of SMU with a major in violin and attended National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan, the Aspen Institute of Music, and played with the Aspen Festival Orchestra in Aspen, Colorado. He is presently a string instrument instructor for the Dallas Public Schools and is director of the orchestra for Hillcrest High School.

Mrs. Baker holds a master's degree in piano and organ from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, and is the organist for the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Dallas. She formerly served on the faculty of Mary Hardin Baylor College; the Knox School, Cooperstown, New York; and the Hockaday School in Dallas.

A reception will be held in the Women's Club in honor of the performers following the concert.

Cub Scouts Have Meeting

The Cub Scouts, Den 6, met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. John Swinney, Mrs. Garrett Hise as assistant den mother.

Those attending were Daryl Swinney, Butch Seymour, Bob McCleskey, Richard Herweck, Gary Hise, Bob Earnest. Refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Herweck.

Eastland Church Plans Dedication Services Sunday

The First Methodist Church in Eastland will be dedicated Sunday with Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas officiating. He will be assisted by District Supt. A. A. Peacock of Cisco and the church pastor, Rev. Richard R. Smith III.

In connection with the dedication, Eastland Methodist will have a homecoming and all-day visitation at the church, during which old time acquaintances can be renewed and old times discussed.

Church of God Services Set

The following is the weekly schedule of services for the Church of God, Strawn Road and First St. as announced by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Atkins.

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Breckenridge Boys Choir Presents Program Tuesday Afternoon Here

The 1947 Club of Ranger presented the Breckenridge Boys Choir Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in a musical program.

Guests were received by Mmes. Charles Milliken, Bill Clem, Morris George, Marshall Jolly and Bill Anderson, while Mrs. Morris Campbell registered. The Camp Fire Girls, Group 1, a group sponsored by the 1947 Club, served as ushers.

Mrs. Milliken gave the welcome address and introduced Mrs. Ben J. Dean, Jr., director and accompanist for the choir, who in turn introduced the Breckenridge Boys Choir.

The group opened the program with a religious group, "Let Us Praise Famous Men" by the choir; "Carol of the Lonely Shepherd", which featured the soprano ensemble, Jimmy Derrick, Frey Pitzeo, and Harry Ledbetter with the choir. Following "The Bell", "Darkness is Falling," and "One God" by the choir, a solo, "The Crown of Roses" was given by Harry Ledbetter.

The secular group opened with the Alphabet by the Alto ensemble, Jim Bob Coody, David Clark, and Hank Black, and the soprano ensemble. The choir sang, "Lindy Lou", "Three Figs," and "Down in the Valley."

The production number, a Spanish Ballad, was presented by the soprano ensemble, alto ensemble and Mike Fields, and acted out by Randy Black, as the sailor; Tim Ball as the Spanish girl; David Satterwhite as the captain.

The closing number was "O Brother Men" by the choir. Mrs. Robin Rominger is president of the group.

Among the guests attending were the Robin Blue Birds and their leader, Mrs. C. E. May Jr., and the Cub Scouts, Den 4, with their den mother, Mrs. Morris Swinney of Paul's Valley, Okla.

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cloth and centered with arrangements of white mums, white stock, white candy tuft and red kalanchoe presented to the club by Mrs. Brazda. Silver appointments were used.

The boys choir was served separately in the annex. Mrs. J. B. Craig presented each member of the club with a carnation corsage.

Out-of-town guests were Mmes. Tom Ford and Sylvia, Paul Christerson, J. V. Derrick, B. J. Ditto, M. A. Nutt, B. W. Clegg, P. W. Pitzer, Jr., Bill Black and John Ball Jr.

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Rev. R. H. Boyd Announces Methodist Service

What I Mean To My Church, is the sermon subject for the Sunday morning worship at the First Methodist Church at 10:50 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing the anthem, "Sanctus" by Schubert.

The evening worship will be at 7 o'clock. The Methodist Men are to sponsor the church attendance for this service. The pastor will speak on, Asking, Seeking, Knocking. Come and enjoy the singing.

'The Trinity' To Be Baptist Sermon Subject

"God's Elect," will be the message by Rev. Perkins at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church. The scripture text, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect, Romans 8:33. The question, for each to answer, 'Am I One of God's Elect?' Church member if you doubt your salvation it will be to your advantage to hear this message. Read the eighth chapter of Romans before you attend, if possible.

Eastside Church of Christ Begins Gospel Meeting

The Eastside Church of Christ, located at Strawn Road and Young Street, announces the beginning of a Gospel meeting this Sunday, Feb. 17, which will continue through Friday, Feb. 22. Bill Cavendar will be the preacher.

Rev. Herring Is Sweetheart Banquet Speaker

"The Gateway To the Stars" was a theme well carried out in the Sweetheart Banquet at the First Baptist Church Thursday night when 87 enjoyed the romantic setting under scores of stars and cupid hanging from the ceiling of the banquet room. The banquet is an annual affair for the Training Union Department of the church.

Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church: Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Merriman Baptist Announcements

The following is the weekly announcements for the Merriman Baptist Church, Sunday school, 10 a.m., church services, 11 a.m., evening service 7:30 p.m., Wednesday night prayer meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. Jack Walker will do the preaching. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Study club for the high school students, Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m. Study club for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Religion class for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

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STORY NO. 10—in a series of articles on Duval County by Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, New York newspaper and magazine writers who visited Duval County and wrote the series exclusively for Texas readers.

People Take Over in Duval County; County Government Has New Look

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—Things are different in Duval County. No matter how brightly the lust for liberty burns, it takes a little know-how to jump in and operate a government according to the Constitution. Before the "clean-up" Duval County leaders had had their government run for them since before World War One, and unashamedly admitted they were rusty as the nails in the Ark. They obtained and circulated elementary textbooks on county government and read them like dime novels.

As a result, Duval County became a textbook on democracy. It would have made any county in the United States ashamed of itself to see Duval citizens religiously attending every meeting of the school boards and the commissioners court in such numbers that crowds had to stand out on the courthouse lawn.

This is the courthouse here in San Diego, Texas, where Parr's non-supporters say they were never allowed to enter unless they were summoned. They never saw the inside of the district courtroom, they say, "unless we were being tried for something we did not do." The meetings of the commissioners court and school boards were always held in secret, if at all.

After "Operation Clean-up" an invisible line developed down the middle of the courtroom, dividing the Parr people from the non-Parrists. Many of the Parr people had relatives under indictment. Every day was a big day in court, with overflow crowds. One day the Duke himself appeared to answer an indictment. Another day a handful of school trustees arrived, with a motion to quash an indictment. The next day half a dozen lawyers tangled with District Attorney Sam Burris and the "State men." Now and then a Ranger stood up or shuffled his feet to remind the participants that "It's peaceful here, and we aim to keep it peaceful."

The courthouse is the Sanctum Sanctorum from which all but Parr's "Old Party" members were excluded. There are other places besides the courthouse that used to be rigidly off limits to Parr's opposition, but not any more. The San Diego Community Center, a public building, now is accessible to any group of citizens, no matter how they vote. And that's new in Duval County.

No sir, you wouldn't know the old Duchy with its new look. People stand around in the drug stores and talk about whatever they please without whispering, without looking over their shoulders to see who is near. This is maybe the biggest, the most striking change.

Business has picked up in the Duke's domain. Manuel Marroquin, whose tortilla bakery was put out of business by Parr, started over again before he began publishing his newspaper, the New Duval. He had to set up his cafe across the line in Jim Wells County, just outside San Diego. But all the old customers who had quit trading with him on the Duke's orders came back. They bought his tortillas and his milk, and now they read his newspaper.

A lot of Duval residents are coming back home to work from the surrounding counties where they say Parr drove them by forbidding their employment in Duval. Some have been traveling 20

already have written their copy for the morning edition.

What does the Duval story mean to the State of Texas? My colleague, Franz Rosenwald, has seen more than one dictatorship rise, flourish, fizzle and die. He says there are two things to remember about dictatorships. First, they don't just fizzle by themselves. They have to be helped along by people who are fed up with them. Second, there's not much hope for people who get rid of one dictator and fail to lock the door against the next one. And there is always a next one.

Under the Texas Constitution there's not likely to be a dictatorial governor, nor even a Legislature that gets too far out of line. The old state charter was written in 1875, when all carpet-baggers were crawling all over the capital, and the men who wrote it made provisions against abuses of power on the state level. They made Texas counties relatively autonomous, letting them retain much authority which ordinarily belongs to a state. This is especially true of the criminal law.

This local autonomy is a good thing, provided you have safeguards against its misuse. But once a county boss learns enough law to take advantage of the loopholes, you've got a dictator on your hands. This is the way former Attorney General John Ben Shepperd explains it:

"By controlling elections through threats, bribery or the miscounting of the ballots, you control the sheriff, the county and district judges, and the county and district attorneys. Your puppet district judge appoints the grand jury commissions, and they appoint the grand and petit juries. Since you control the offices, you can lock up or destroy the records, thus removing the evidence. You cannot be arrested, indicted, tried, convicted or sentenced. You are the law in your county."

If you steal or misapply the county funds, nobody will know it because you can just refuse to let them see the records. There are few penalties for such secretiveness. Besides, whether you are accused of hiding records or stealing money, or both, you have to be indicted in the county of the offense. And, remember, the grand jury is in your own pocket along with the judge and the prosecuting attorney.

In most cases you can't even be sued for the money you have scooped out of the till, because recovery suits can only be started with the permission of the governing body of the agency you have stolen from. When Shepperd's office and District Attorney Sam Burris filed a suit to recover money misapplied by the Duval County Commissioners Court, the Commissioners effectively stalled it by refusing to go along with it. It took a couple of dozen court hassles in three different counties and several changes in county commissioners to straighten the mess out.

Back to those secret records. There is no adequate law under which you can be removed from office for refusing to show them. And you can always do as the county auditor of Duval County did. He stood on the Fifth Amendment and refused to say where his records were kept on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate him. There's no law against that, either.

Texas needs many new laws to protect its citizens against another "Duval County." Fifteen corrective measures have been introduced in the Legislature, by the Texas Press Association. Each of these "Better Government Bills" merits public support.

Over 350 Attend Conference At Second Baptist

The Workers Conference meeting in the Second Baptist Church on Tuesday night was by far the largest in attendance in the history of the Association. Thirty-one of the 38 churches had a total representation of over 350 members. There were three visitors.

Training union, under the leadership of Jesse N. Sutton, was the order of service and each department had conferences and then extra conferences for the children.

The Sanctuary Choir of the First Baptist Church furnished the special music. Rev. Ralph Perkins, moderator, presided at the conference and in the absence of the chairman of the executive board, served as chairman pro tem.

Rev. Lawrence Trott, district secretary spoke to the board and the conference. The March meeting will be held in the Olden Baptist Church March 12, at 2:30 for the pastors and at 4:30 for the executive board, and the evening program at 6:30. An Evangelistic program will be furnished with Dr. Frank Weedon in charge of the entire service.

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