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If You Didn't Catch 'em, You Didn't Try!

## Anglers Strike It Rich As Fish Strike at Leon

From all indications and reports, anglers who made any effort at all to catch a string of fish over the week-end, caught 'em! Ranger's Lake Leon, naturally, was the place.

Among the home folks, Boone Yarbrough and Jack Rawls turned in about as good a report as anybody. They caught 22 black bass, weighing from 1 to 1½ pounds, and one of them was a whopper that weighed 5-pounds and 9-ounces. Boone said they caught

them all over the lake, spinning, as they tried first one place and then another just to test it out. The big bass was hung right across from Frank Williamson's place, it is said.

E. F. Arterburn, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arterburn, Fred Ellis and H. E. Brooks nabbed 25 crappie and one black bass weighing 1½ pounds. One of the crappie weighed 2½ pounds. All of them were caught near Arterburn's cabin.

According to reports turned in by Frank and Earl's Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bonham of Fort Worth caught 9 crappie that weighed a total of 7 pounds.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic visitors to Frank and Earl's Lodge were Dr. George Siddon and RHW Dreschel of Fort Worth. They caught 29 crappie that weighed from 1 to 2½ pounds, with the whole string weighing 32 pounds. When these two gentlemen filled out a fishing blank recording their catch they placed a notation on the bottom which said, "Had wonderful time—finest fishing we have ever seen."

These two fishermen also returned home to Fort Worth and got themselves written up in the Star Telegram. After giving a glowing account of their fishing experiences, the Star Telegram closed its story by saying:

The lake, Dr. Dreschel continued, is easily reached by turning south from the Ranger-Eastland highway. This road, about six miles to the lake, is well gravelled. They caught their fish due north of the lake warden's house. The lodge can be reached by phoning 686-W-3, Ranger, and it is advisable to engage rooms ahead. As there are only two cabins at the present time.

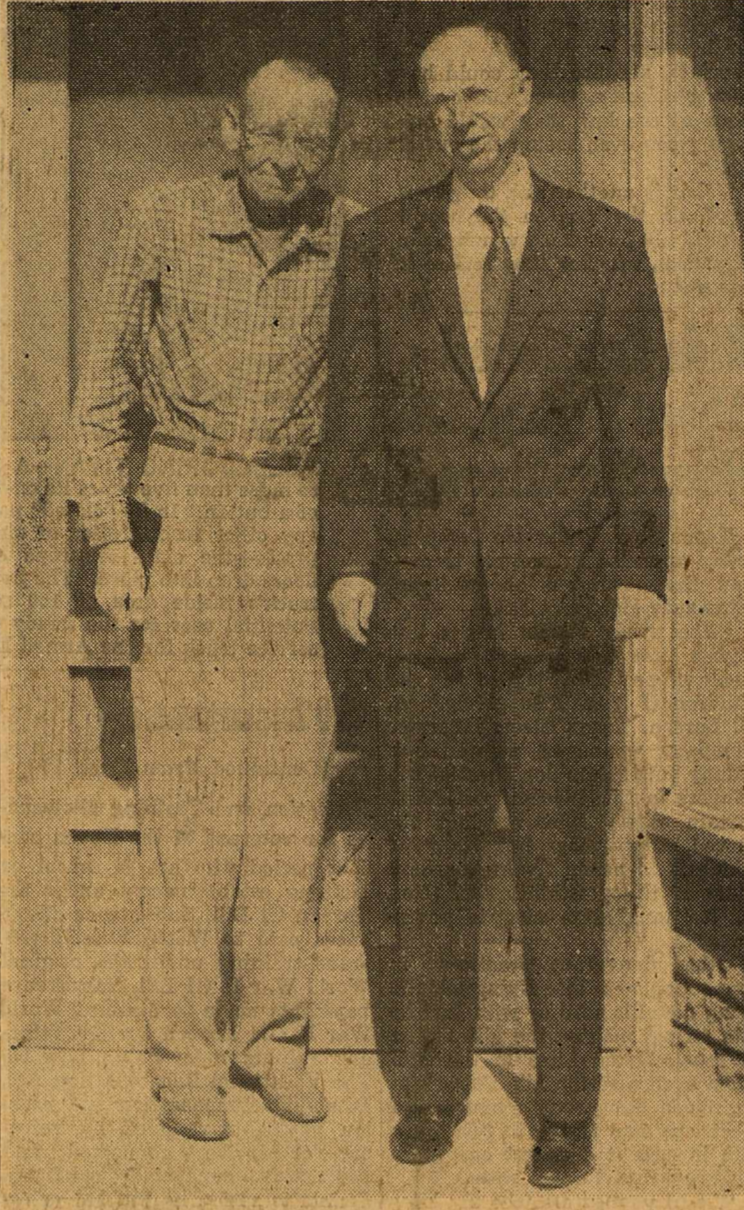
Rip Galloway, manager of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, said it was stories like this that Lake Leon needed, in order that its fame might be spread over as much of the state as possible through the big dailies with state-wide circulation. Galloway has made arrangements to collect as many reports as possible from the various camps and sporting goods stores, and that is another reason why local fishermen are asked to report their catches either to the Chamber of Commerce or to the Ranger Times.

As previously reported in the Times, F. U. Bourland, R. L. Bratton and B. J. Lemley caught 11 crappie on Wednesday, Feb. 14, weighing a total of 70 pounds, but it has not been reported that this same group returned to the lake the following night and caught 30 more crappie weighing a total of 50 pounds, with the largest weighing almost, but not quite, three pounds.

C. S. Entler and W. F. Lovelless of Ranger caught 11 crappie weighing 16 pounds on Friday, Feb. 16, and returned the next day to catch 10 more. Morris Leveille of Ranger caught

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### Boyce House Visits In Ranger



**OLD EDITOR AND NEW:** Boyce House, former editor of the Ranger Times, is greeted at the Chamber of Commerce last Friday afternoon by Norman Wright, present editor, as House stopped here briefly enroute to Albany where he was to be chief speaker at the Albany Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. House is the most famous editor the Times ever had, or any other Texas newspaper for that matter, and perhaps the wealthiest. His stories about Ranger and the Boom, and about Texas in general, have been best sellers all over the nation. Two of his very best sellers were entitled "Were You in Ranger," and "I Give You Texas." He can talk all day long with the rapidity of a machine gun telling stories about Ranger, and all of them are good ones. When he walks down a Ranger street, it seems that everybody in town knows him, especially the old timers. **Capps Studio Print.**

## Muster Day Starts In Days of Washington

Muster Day, which is being celebrated in Ranger by Service Battery 648th Armd. Fa Bn, of the Texas National Guard, on Thursday, Feb. 21, is being revived for the second successive year since Colonial Days when the National Guard observed George Washington's Birthday.

On that day the National Guard throughout the United States and its territories will culminate an enormous recruiting campaign which began Feb. 1 to get young men to join the organization, and the goal for the local National Guard Unit is 10 new recruits before the close of the day next Thursday.

Back in colonial days the able-bodied men in a village and the surrounding countryside would gather once each year on the village green, armed with muskets and powder horns. On these occasions, the local militia commander would stand by as his men answered roll call. This was the annual muster.

Times have changed and so have weapons. The musket has long been a collector's item. Wars are fought these days with weapons more deadly than ever imagined. But the principles and ideals for which the colonial militia fought have endured. And, fortunately, so has the determination of this nation to fight for the preservation of those principles—freedom and the dignity of man.

Despite the changes in weapons and the development of massive military forces, the militia concept, which George Washington championed as a means of preserving democracy, also remains. Today, there is just as great a need as ever for a force of citizen-soldiers.

This militia concept has been preserved by our National Guard, many units of which perpetuate this history and traditions of Revolutionary War units.

Though it is proud of its heritage, dating back more than 300 years, the National Guard today bears little resemblance to the small militia companies of old. It too has undergone many changes. There is today both an Army National Guard and an Air National Guard. Their combined strength is nearly a half million men.

This tremendous force of citizen-soldiers is organized into 21 infantry divisions, six armored divisions and hundreds of combat and service support units. This ground force is in a good state of readiness. The Air National Guard counts 27 tactical flying wings.

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### No Interruption In Service

## RJC Cafeteria Damage Estimated at \$6,614

### Rainfall Here Measures 6.59 Since Dec. 18

Checking back over files of the Ranger Times since the first good rain fell here last December 18 when rainfall was measured on that date at 2.30 inches, a total of 6.59 inches has fallen to date, as of Monday afternoon. That covers a two-month period exactly.

According to records at the Times, rainfall has been recorded as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2.30; Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1.34; Thursday, Jan. 31, 1.34; Tuesday, Feb. 5, .55; Sunday, Feb. 17, .20; for a total of 6.59.

This represents by far the most moisture this section has recorded in many a day for this time of the year, and has given encouragement to everybody.

Fields all over the area are covered with green carpets of small grain, and a bountiful crop of grass is in prospect. Conditions are perfect right at this time for putting in a crop, and it is pointed out that the really good "rainy season" has not started yet, as that usually comes in March and April.

Also, the weather experts have indicated that the entire State can expect rain all through May and June, and this is a prediction they have not made in a long, long time.

With the moisture we already have, even if half of the predictions made by the experts come true, this country will be in a wonderful shape indeed. If this section should happen to make a crop this year, it will be one of the most wonderful things to come to it since the first oil well was brought in.

### Farm Bureau Hopes for New Office Nearer

Eastland County Farm Bureau directors have announced that they hope to have a full-time office opened in the county by March 4.

The announcement came this week following a meeting of the FB's board of directors. Mrs. Bill Tucker, publicity chairman, said directors voted to "leave no stone unturned to help establish a full-time office in order to give better service to the membership."

Mitchell Campbell of Gorman, Farm Bureau secretary, Don Kincaid of Eastland and Ben Freeman of Ranger on a committee to make a survey of available office space which will accommodate the farm organization's needs and at the same time be large enough to hold the monthly director's meetings.

"The need for such an office has long been needed," Campbell said.

"An increase in membership dues from \$8 to \$10 was the first definite move to get the office established. The extra \$2, plus a "kick-back" fund from insurance programs allowed for the maintenance of a full-time office will materially help in reaching the objective," the president explained.

Campbell will work with the committee named to screen possible locations for the office and the same committee will accept applications for an office secretary. The committee is to make recommendations to the board of directors Feb. 28, at which time a secretary for the office is to be named.

### GI Insurance Dividend Taxable

Interest earned on GI Life Insurance dividends left on deposit with the Veterans Administration no longer is tax free, Mr. Scott B. Harrington, Manager of the VA Office in Dallas, said today.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the interest received in 1956 now is taxable and should be reported on 1956 Federal Income Tax returns as such Mr. Harrington said.

Veterans Benefits that are tax free and need not be reported in 1956 Federal Income Tax returns include: Dividend and all other proceeds except interest on dividends from GI Insurance policies.

Damage to the brand new cafeteria at Ranger Junior College which was caused by a severe blaze that broke out in the kitchen about 1:00 o'clock last Saturday morning, has been estimated by

### Masonic-OES G. Washington Dinner Tonight

All members of the Ranger Masonic Lodge and their wives, and all members of the Ranger Chapter of the OES and their husbands, are reminded that the Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner gets underway tonight at Masonic Hall at 6:30.

An outstanding program has been prepared, featuring three young ladies from the Masonic Home and School. Jesse Sutton, Choir Director of the First Baptist Church, has charge of the musical part of the program.

Members of the OES have arranged to serve the feast, which is being prepared under direction of Morris Newham. All members are urged to be present.

### Fat Lamb Class At Stock Show May Set Record

The fat lamb class at the annual Eastland County Livestock Show to be held in Eastland March 29 and 30 is expected to be the largest in years due to the popularity of the project among FFA and 4-H Club boys according to C. M. McCain, general show superintendent.

Over 100 lambs from all parts of the county are expected to be shown. They will be judged on a packer basis at 9:30 a.m. on the second day of the show. Jimmy Kehoe of Ft. Worth, buyer for one of the largest meat packers in that city, will place the lambs as either prime, choice or good in grade.

Boys with lambs grading prime will receive \$5, while those grading choice will get \$3, and those with lambs grading good will get \$2. As the lambs are graded they are marked with blue chalk to designate their grade. A grand and reserve champion lamb is picked from those grading prime.

Clinton Ray Humphries of Eastland, will be in charge of this class. Lambs will be either ewe or nutton lambs.

Fat pigs can either be gilts or barrows. They must come within a weight limit of from 175 to 300 pounds. Those coming below or over this weight will be disqualified and not allowed to be shown.

Entries of fat steers, fat lambs and fat pigs are limited to boys and girls from Eastland and adjoining counties. However, only the Eastland County animals can sell at the auction.

### Anybody Want More Turnips?

Tom Fox, 1028 Vitalious Street, who furnished all the turnips the school kids sold for the March of Dimes, says he still has plenty of nice, fresh tender ones that you can have by coming after them. Anything you wish to give for the March of Dimes will be accepted in lieu of payment for the turnips.

This is Fox's third year to raise turnips for the March of Dimes.

### Another Honor Roll Omission

The Times has been notified of another name left off of one of the honor rolls, but thank heavens it wasn't our fault this time as a mistake was made in typing the original list.

The young man is Butch Owens, who should have appeared on the Seventh Grade Honor Roll under the classification, "All A's and B's."

Congratulations, Butch, old buddy!

VISITING IN ABILENE  
Johnny Robinson, one of the pressmen at the Ranger Times, is visiting friends and relatives in Abilene this week, taking a well-earned vacation.

President Ashton to be approximately \$6,614.

Dr. Ashton made an itemized list over the week-end of all the damage done, and the list was broken down as follows:

Damage to contents, \$1,816; materials needed for restoration, \$3,079; estimated labor costs, \$1,720.

Greatest damage took place in the kitchen where the fire started around the dish-washing equipment. All of the kitchen equipment suffered heavy damage from fire, smoke and water, and the walls and ceiling of the kitchen were destroyed. Much of the kitchen equipment was completely destroyed, one item being 150 sets of china dishes valued at \$212.50.

Other items suffering heavy damage included food supplies, \$300; damage to drain tubs, \$198; damage to double commercial refrigerator, \$210; damage to a \$750 steam kettle, \$125; damage to 15 stainless steel pots and pitchers, \$200. A long list of other damaged items ran from \$90 down to \$10.

Some of the heaviest expenses in the list of materials needed for restoration include \$500 for 10 complete window units; \$122 for sheet rock; \$225 for panel replacement; \$120 for wiring; \$240 for floors; \$125 for roof; \$200 for stove hood; \$105 for rubber base paint; \$170 for light fixtures; \$112 for window glass; \$200 for cleaning and repainting 100 chairs and \$200 for cleaning walls and floors and refinishing with paint and wax. Many other items in the materials category also ran from \$90 down to \$10.

Dr. Ashton said damage to the roof was not at first suspected, but an investigation showed that bubbles were over a large area of it and they could be expected to start leaking at any time if the damaged part of the roof was not repaired. Practically everything on the inside of the cafeteria, including floors, walls, tables, chairs and everything else, will have to be refinISHED because of smoke and water damage.

In the meantime, no interruption of service is contemplated. A small family dining room on the south end of the building, near the damaged kitchen, has been converted into an emergency kitchen where cooking can take place, and 10 men worked all through the weekend cleaning fixtures and equipment, and tables and chairs, sufficiently to be used for the time being.

Dr. Ashton said the Lions Club and Rotary Club would be served as usual on their regular meeting dates. This portion of the building was least damaged of all because it was in the opposite end of the cafeteria from where the fire broke out.

Insurance was carried on both the building and contents.

### Varmint Has Folks Guessing What It Is

There's a strange-looking varmint on display in a cage out at Purl Hunt's Gulf Service Station, next door to King Kove Drive-In, that has folks guessing what on earth it might be.

The varmint was put on display there by city policeman Don Butler after Butler had bought him (it or she) off of some fellow who caught the whatzit in the cedar brakes in Grover Jennings' pasture north of town.

This odd-looking creature has a head like a beaver, but where a beaver has a flat paddle-like tail, this thing has a long hairless tail like a miniature kangaroo, or a possum. It also has webbed feet behind and claw feet in front. Its weight is about 30 pounds.

Old timers who have spent most of their lives tramping the woods around here say they have never seen anything like it. They would pass it off as a beaver if it were not for the strange looking tail.

If there are any animal experts around, they are invited to stop by the service station and take a gues on what they think the creature is.

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### WHAT'S...



### COOKING?

By NORMAN WRIGHT  
After all these years we finally had the honor Friday afternoon of meeting Boyce House for the first time. Boyce made a brief stop in Ranger as he came through here enroute to Albany where he spoke at the annual banquet of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

We bought coffee for Boyce and Rip Galloway at a place in downtown Ranger that charged us 15c a cup (10c a cup for black coffee, and ours was 15c because it had cream in it) all of which is designed to have customers pouring back in there in droves and to have strangers leaving town singing the praises of Ranger.

House, a former editor of the Times, gave the Albany Chamber of Commerce an 8-point program for building a better town and creating more good will among home folks and strangers alike.

His eight points were: (1) Determine what is desired. (2) Keep an eye on the objectives. (3) Strive for a friendly town. (4) Enjoy what you're working at. (5) Employ as much humor as possible. (6) Be happy and you will radiate happiness to others. (7) Do the best you can for God in your own way. (8) Have faith in the future.

House emphasized the importance of boosting and being sold first and foremost on your own town if you wanted it to get anywhere, and illustrated his point with a story that Lloyd Bruce has been telling around Ranger. It was about the Arkansas farmer who went to the real estate man and told him he had the lusiest piece of land in the country and he wanted to try to sell it. The real estate man wrote out an ad on the farm and handed it to the owner to read.

The farmer read the ad, tore it into little pieces and started to leave, saying, "Take it off the market. That's the kind of place I've been hunting all the time."

They are having a tiny little bit of inconvenience at Teen Town. Not much, but a tiny bit. Nothing that can't be fixed up real quick with a little cooperation.

There are rules and regulations that govern Teen Town, and one of them is that the youngsters refrain from running in and out all the time, leaving the door open and getting out of pocket.

The best meaning parents in the world are causing them to do this. They leave their children at Teen Town and tell them they will be back after them at such and such a time. After a while the kiddies start running out to see if their parents have come yet, not wishing to keep them waiting. Or after a while they start leaving their games or whatever they are doing every few minutes to ask what time it is as their parents

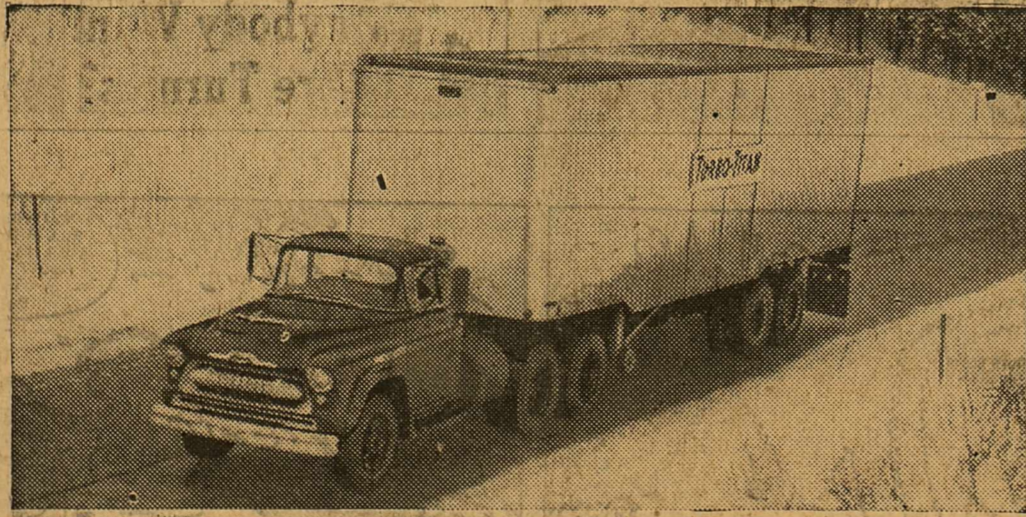
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### Weather Reports

Continued cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle with possibility of few showers or thundershowers, turning cooler. Wednesday, Low 40s Tuesday night, High Wednesday in the 50s.

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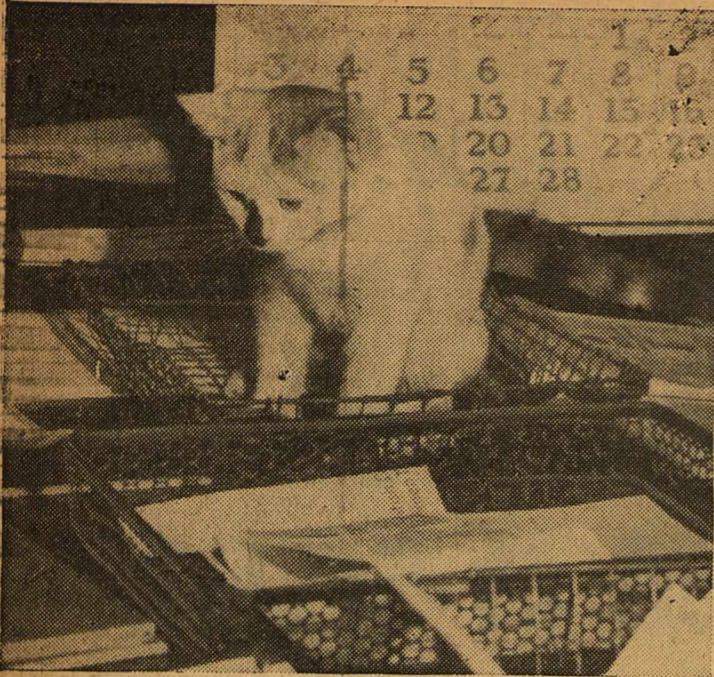
### CHEVROLET TESTS GAS TURBINE TRUCK



Chevrolet Motor Division has unveiled an experimental gas turbine truck which it has been road testing for six months. Developed cooperatively with the General Motors Research Staff, the Turbo-Titan contains an experimental 200-horsepower engine, examined here by Chevrolet's Chief Engineer H. F. Barr, left, and W. A. Turunen, head of GM's gas turbine research. "Among gas turbine advantages over piston truck engines," Barr said, "are better hill-climbing abilities, less maintenance, wide fuel choice, and easier cold-weather starting." Chevrolet has no immediate production plans.

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**PUSS-IN-PROOFS**—An extra copyreader at the Columbus (Ohio) Citizen carefully scrutinizes papers on the city editor's desk. Editorial workers discovered this cat, named "Noisy," sitting in the basket and looking glum about the general state of world affairs.

on and feel a sense of responsibility in discharging their duties.

The kids do not feel they are being ordered around, but at the same time they are under close supervision. When time is hanging heavy on their hands they do not have to stand around on street corners wondering what to do and finally wind up doing the wrong thing. They know where all their friends are so they naturally congregate at Teen Town. There are plenty of things for them to do there, parents know where they are, and everybody is happier all the way around.

Everyone in Ranger who has had anything to do with this fine program is to be congratulated because Teen Town ranks right up next to the Church in the good that it can do and is doing. We hope that its growth and influence is just beginning and that it continues to get bigger and better month after month until it is a model youth center for other towns to copy.

Perhaps the less said about the Ranch Day "shooting" the better, and let's hope some lessons can be learned from the incident. Everybody knows it was an innocent college prank and intended to be perfectly harmless. But it nevertheless cost the county and state and city a lot of money and pulled a lot of officers away from their places of duty leaving the field wide open for something really serious to have happened while they were gone.

Any boy big enough to be in college ought to have sense enough to foresee at least some of the consequences of his actions. If not, he needs to be in some sort of an institution different from a college. For one thing, the boys stood a good chance of getting their brains blown out with no feeling about it. It is understood the proprietor of the cafe where the "shooting" took place was closing for the night, and at such times as

this business men usually have quite a little sum of cash on them from the day's receipts. Some store owners go armed on such occasions and some of them have been known to start shooting and ask questions afterwards when somebody starts pulling guns and firing them.

Also, it is entirely possible that those boys could have encountered a road block, or could have run afoul of some of the officers under such circumstances as would have made it unsafe for them.

If they had managed to get off with a reprimand they had better be very humble and thankful about it, because they could have been charged with so many violations of the law they would have been years even seeing the outside again.

That is another risk they ran, and all the fun in the world would not have been worth their freedom, whether they realize it or not.

### Kids Cautioned About Flying Kite Near Highlines

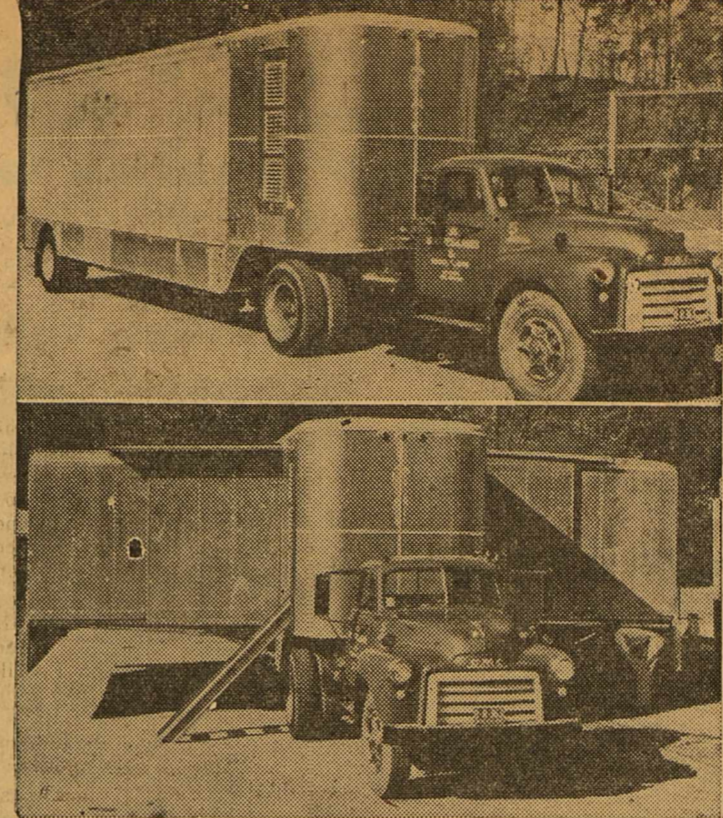
Texas Electric Service Company today appealed to parents to caution their children about flying kites near electric wires.

"The windy season brings kite flying time and this traditional sport is one that is lots of fun for children if it is done safely," A. N. Larson, Texas Electric Service Company manager, pointed out. "Many youngsters don't realize the dangers in this innocent pastime if certain safety rules are not observed. The most important of which is to never fly kites where there is the possibility of them getting tangled in electric power lines."

Other dangerous practices in connection with kite flying include using metallic cord or wire for the kite string, making the kite frame of metal, flying kites in the rain, when even a cotton kite string can become a dangerous conductor of electricity and trying to retrieve a kite in case it does get caught in electric wires, Larson stated.

"Local youngsters who fly kites have been careful and cooperative in the past and we've had no serious mishaps in several years, but each year, over the nation, there are many cases of injuries to kite flyers," Larson said. "If kites are made right and flown right, kite flying is an enjoyable wholesome sport."

To further impress children that safety is all-important in kite flying, Texas Electric Service Company is providing posters for all school bulletin boards and announcements for school principals.



**TELESCOPING TITAN**—A 14-ton aluminum truck expands to more than five times its on-the-road dimensions at the touch of a button. In its "closed" position, top, the vehicle looks like any other truck-trailer of similar size. Press a button and presto—the sides telescope outward while accordion-folded floors drop into place. The five-minute operation increases the truck's inside area of 150 square feet to 780 square feet. Potential uses for the newly developed vehicle range from a service truck for the Armed Forces to a mobile home.

### GI Insurance

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Education and Training allowances for veterans of the Korean conflict period who are in school or training establishments under the Korean GI Bill, Subsidize allowances paid to World War II veterans training under the original World War II GI Bill, Subsidize payments made to disabled World War II and Korean conflict veterans training under Public Law 16, The Vocational Rehabilitation Act, Disability compensation and pension payments received by veterans for service - connected and nonservice - connected disabilities, Grants to seriously disabled veterans for homes designed for wheelchair living, Grants for motor vehicles to veterans who lost their sight or lost the use of their limbs, World War I Emergency Officers Retirement Pay, VA death benefits to families of deceased veterans also are exempt from taxation. They include death compensation and pension indemnity and all GI Insurance payments.

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### All-District Teams Named By 23-B Coaches

Selection of All-District teams in District 23-B were revealed today.

Making the all-district boys basketball team were Eddie Munn of Olden, Johnny and Bobby Standridge, both of Gorman, and Leon Rogers and Guy Owens, both of Desdemona. Desdemona won the district championship.

Named on the all-district girls' basketball team were forwards Ann Mangum and Maxine Stacey both of Carbon, and Linda Cloninger of Gorman. Guards making the team were Ruth Rasberry of Carbon, Eeligena Barker of Desdemona, and Janie Thompson of Gorman. Gorman edged out Carbon for the title.

### ANGLERS

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three crappie that weighed six pounds on Friday. H. H. Vaughn and W. A. Reuwer caught 15 crappie, also on Friday, a half dozen weighing 18 pounds, the largest crowding three pounds mighty close.

We are still looking for someone to bring in that 3-pound crappie.

### Olden Gives \$139 To Dimes March

OLDEN—A final count shows that Olden gave \$139.43 to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Randle Covington, community chairman, said most of the money came from the Mother's March on Polio.

### What's Cooking

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have told them they will be on the outside at such and such a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Perry, who are the adult overseers at Teen Town, have suggested that parents instruct their children that whenever they are ready to take them home, they will come INSIDE for them. "That way," said Mr. Perry, "the children will not have to keep running in and out all the time. And besides," he said further, "it just places us all over when the parents come on the inside to have them drop in, and by coming on the inside for their children, it would give us an opportunity to pay us a short visit,

and would help us a lot at the same time in trying to solve our problem and operate according to the rules."

In our opinion, the establishment of Teen Town is one of the finest things Ranger has done in a long time. Towns and cities which do not have such a place are getting their organization as fast as they can. One nice thing about it is, the kids run most of it themselves. Members of the Board of Directors have laid down a certain broad set of rules as a framework in which to operate, but outside of that the youngsters handle their own affairs. They have their own class representatives and officers, and they meet and make plans, and they learn to consider the other fellow, and they take

**STORY NO. 11**—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.

### TPA's Anti-Secrecy Legislation Will Help Prevent Another "Duval County"

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—Texas law requires certain offices and political subdivisions to publish financial statements in the newspapers. But if they don't, there is generally no penalty and there is no fixed responsibility for removing from his public post an official who fails to comply. If there is no newspaper in the county independent enough to push the issue, the publications laws are just so much wordy manuscript.

Suppose the people are suspicious of the way the school board or the commissioners court is running things. All you have to do is hold the meetings in secret. Texas has no anti-secrecy law that says meetings have to be open.

In a sewed-up, boss-run county there is no danger that the people will come in with an auditor and expose everything. The only way they can do it under existing law is to get an order from the district judge at the direction of the grand jury, or from the commissioners court. This law just assures that the judge and the commissioners will be honest, upright fellows with nothing to hide and nobody to protect. There is no way for the public to force an audit.

There are plenty of other ways for a smart boss to keep his county sewed up and his supporters happy. Suppose he wants to put the bus stops in front of his friends' stores to help their business. His controlled city council can fix him up quick. The law says that descriptive titles of all city ordinances have to be published in a newspaper. Even if the boss chooses to comply, there's no problem. A "descriptive title" can be anything he wants to make fit. All these loopholes together, and a few more besides, explain how Duval County fell under boss rule and stayed there.

Before going to Duval County, I was frankly a little incredulous when I learned there hadn't been a county audit in forty years in spite of the repeated demands of the county's citizens. I thought the statement that Duvalans asked to see the public records at an exaggeration. I smiled when I heard that the people in Duval County had been trying for many years to find out when and where their commissioners court held its meetings, and in some cases whether the statutory school boards even existed.

But then I talked with men whose lives were threatened just because they were curious enough to ask questions about the county government. There's a woman in Freer, Texas, who repeatedly asked all the members of the Benavides School board for permission to attend one of their meetings. Her letters were never acknowledged.

The State of Texas has charged that hundreds of thousands of dollars from Benavides school funds were shoveled into private pockets.

John Ben Sheppard, in three years of court battles, became pretty familiar with the Texas Constitution and the criminal and civil statutes as they serve the purposes of dictators. He came out convinced that the best protection against crookedness in office is an alert newspaper backed up with laws. Publication laws, anti-secrecy laws, auditing laws, open-records laws, and laws for removing public officials who do not keep faith with the people. Most of all, laws to indict and

prosecute malefactors outside their own sewed-up counties.

It happened that the conclusions tallied with those of the Texas Press Association, which for several legislative sessions has asked for laws to strengthen the people's right to know what is going on in government. President of that group is David G. Leavelle, publisher of the Galveston News-Tribune. Under his guidance the TPA is pushing 15 bills "for better government" at this legislative session, most of which are aimed at plugging the loopholes that made Duval County possible.

TPA members, by and large, believe Duval County is a warning of worse things that can happen unless the people of Texas act. Chief among these are probably Russell W. Bryant, publisher of the Italy News Herald, who is TPA's Legislative Committee chairman, and W. R. Beaumier who publishes the Lufkin Daily News, and is vice chairman.

Sheppard is quick to deny that the TPA's bills are proposed just because of Duval County, which he says would be a case of the tail wagging the dog.

"The defects in the law that we found in Duval County were not new discoveries," he says. "They have been there for decades and longer. The Duval County business simply shows what can happen in any of the 254 counties of Texas if something isn't done about the loopholes."

The bills which Sheppard and TPA think would improve and safeguard the quality of government in Texas are simple.

One of them would make it possible for persons charged with embezzling or misusing public funds to be indicted in any county adjoining the county where the offense occurs, or in Travis County.

Such a law would keep crime and punishment apart from local politics. This "outsiding" indictment is already provided by law in rape cases, so it isn't new.

Another proposed law would require District or County Attorneys to file suit for recovery of misappropriated funds in any political subdivision of the state without the permission of the governing body. Another would make an audit of the records mandatory when 30 percent of the qualified voters petition the District Judge.

An anti-secrecy bill is included in the bunch, requiring that all meetings of official bodies be open to the press and public except as now otherwise provided by law. There are a few cases in which closed meetings are necessary—such as when job applicants are being considered. In all other cases, Sheppard puts it, there is no business in public office that is not the public's business.

If one of the TPA bills goes into effect as law, public officials who stand on the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer questions about their official conduct would be removed from office. Sheppard maintains that this is not inconsistent with the Constitution.

"The Fifth Amendment is a guarantee that a per-son does not have to incriminate himself in a criminal proceeding. It was never intended to shield bad office-holders from just criticism or to keep unworthy men in office. Such a distortion of its use is not consistent with the honor of public service."

A number of laws governing publications would protect the people against bad government, the TPA says. One would require the full text of city ordinances to be published, not just a descriptive title. All offices, boards, agencies and commissions on all levels of government would be required to publish an annual financial statement under another proposed bill, and there is a related bill which would authorize the removal of any official who failed to publish this or any other required information. With still another TPA bill providing for the removal of any official who refuses to show his records, things may be getting tough for officeholders who have anything to hide.

There are provisions, too, for stopping the flow of State funds to school districts and other political subdivisions which fail to publish reports according to law. According to Sheppard, misappropriation of funds in Duval County was so rife that it didn't stop immediately when the State moved in. Efforts to cut off the flow of money to the Benavides school district until "lost" records were found and the money better accounted for failed for lack of a law under which the State could control the flow of its own funds.

So, another of the 15 bills in the Better Government packet would make it unlawful to steal, conceal, alter or deface a public record—penalty three to seven years—with indictment and venue lying in the county of the offense, any adjoining county, or Travis County.

When you stop to think about it, there are ways of withholding public information from the public which are sanctioned by law. A lot of folks believe precinct, county and state political conventions are public business from which reporters, at least, should not be arbitrarily excluded. You couldn't very well let the public in, lest the bona fide delegates get lost in the milling crowd. But a TPA proposal at this legislative session would allow the presence of the press, radio and TV—"that the people may know."

The need for this legislation is statewide, TPA believes, but if you want a Duval County illustration, there are plenty. Residents tell how they were forcibly excluded from political conventions and his candidates. If they tried to hold conventions of their own, they were raided by goon squads. Since the TPA came out with a proposal to admit the press and TV to such conventions, Duvalans speculate on what would have happened to the goons if they had come in swinging their carbines and found themselves on statewide television, and their pictures in the newspapers.

Franz Rosenwald and I talked to a lot of people in South Texas. We had heard about the "better government" bills that Sheppard and the TPA were urging upon the Texas Legislature two years ago, and the ones they are urging now.

"No," one of these South Texans said, "more laws would have no effect." He had heard about the "better government" bills that Sheppard and the TPA were urging upon the Texas Legislature two years ago, and the ones they are urging now.

I looked at Rosenwald. He does not know everything about law, or dictators, or South Texas. But he lived under the Nazis and the Russians, and he says there's nothing unique in this Duval County history. It's all so painfully familiar.

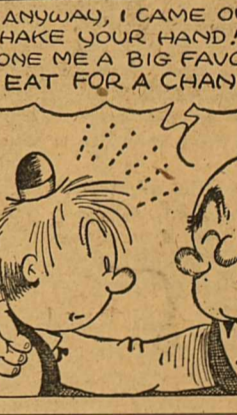
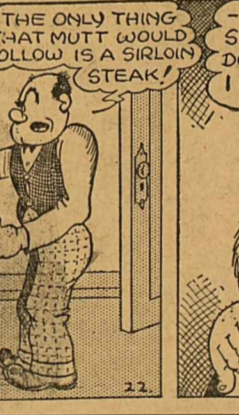
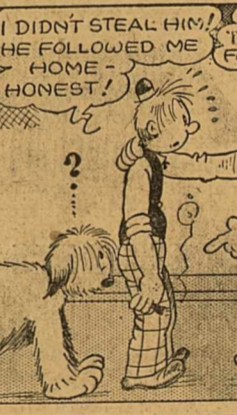
When the South Texan said, over a cup of coffee in the Alice hotel, that laws don't stop the world's little dictators, Rosenwald said, "You want to bet?"

### The Supreme Court of Texas Says:

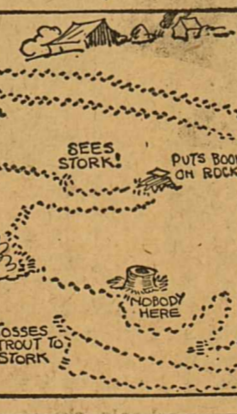
"If a purchaser will not look to the character of title by virtue of which he enters and improves land, but will close his eyes and recklessly act on the presumption that any one who will sign a deed has a valid title, he has no one to blame but himself." (Miller vs Brownson, 50 Texas Supreme Ct. Reports, page 507.) Recklessness in accepting deeds to lands without first investigating the title is bad business, says the Court.

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### MUSTER DAY-

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also in an advanced state of readiness. Many of the Guard's ground and air organizations are actually performing fulltime defense missions manning anti-aircraft guns and standing runway alerts with combat ready aircraft at key locations throughout the nation.

On February 21 the National Guard in all of the states and territories will observe its annual Muster Day. On this day Guardsmen will assemble at their armories and air bases and do honor to a man who once served as a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Militia—George Washington.

Americans may be thankful and take confidence in the knowledge that the militia concept of voluntary part time military services has been preserved and that such an active force as the National Guard continues to grow in strength and readiness.

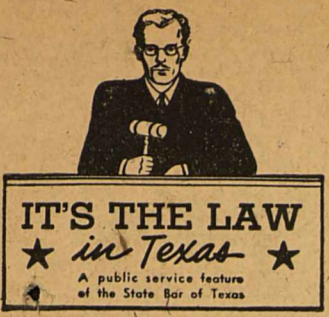
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Why is that? Because we think everything that takes place in a courtroom is important. Your property, your personal or civil rights—even your family's welfare or your life or liberty—may rest upon the truth of testimony in court.

Eager as courts are for facts, their tests fall short of those of science. When a scientist doubts the outcome of an experiment, he need not rely upon somebody else's word. He just repeats the experiment in question.

But not so in court. The acts told of in courts cannot be lived over again, for the court to see first hand. For example, you cannot bring back and ask a dead man whether he signed a will or whether the accused killed a man. We cannot re-do a murder; we can only get the witnesses to tell what they know first hand.

To protect each party, there are a number of safeguards. One of these is that we put the witness under oath or pain of penalties for lying. Another is that we cross-examine the witness.

The relevancy test is still another example. Evidence which does not meet the test may be excluded from consideration in determining the facts of the particular case, upon objection by the opposing attorney.

Evidence is "relevant" only when it legitimately tends to answer some question of fact involved in the controversy or case at hand.

Lawyers may seem always to be objecting to testimony. They have a duty to their clients and the court, to see that the judge and jury hear only what is true and relevant under the law.

If a lawyer protests, the judge may rule out some kinds of facts and tell the jury to ignore them. Sometimes too, some facts seriously break the rules of evidence.

Then the judge declares a "mistrial" and orders a new trial.

He does this when the testimony is so unfair as to put the rights of the accused in danger. He does this also to protect the public.

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**LAWS OF OTHER STATES**

We're all proud that Texas is a growing state. Each year thousands of people swarm here from other parts of the country to benefit from the many opportunities in business and industry. In addition to their skill and brainpower, these newcomers bring with them a variety of legal papers and ideas which are based upon the laws of other states.

We don't always remember that federal laws are only a part of our system and that each of the 48 states has "reserved powers" under the constitution to make its own laws. "States' rights" is one of the most jealously-guarded principles in American government.

Because of this difference in state laws, for example, a state like Nevada becomes a popular spot to get a divorce, many businesses incorporate in Delaware, and other states become havens for quick marriages. But there are many lesser-known variations in state laws which can have quite a bearing on your legal affairs.

If one is new in Texas he should take a second look at his legal standing in the light of Texas law. If one should move to another state, he should do the same thing when he gets settled there. Or if one has a plot of land in Florida or California as part of his retirement plans, let's say, or even minor interests in another state, he should protect himself beforehand against any possible complications due to differences in

**Divers Study Habits Of Fish To Catch More**

AUSTIN — Gangland tactics of feeding black bass and immunity of fish to noise at shallow depths are reported by Texas Game and Fish aquatic divers in their studies to familiarize anglers with secrets of the deep and to improve fishing luck.

The Chief Aquatic Biologist for the Commission said the noise observations particularly as concerns the increasing popularity of motorboats, "may provoke some adjusted attitudes toward surface disturbances and their effect on fishing."

He suggested for "more entertaining reading" the reports made by Aquatic Biologist John E. Tilton, assistant project chief, on observations in Lake Travis of the Highland Lakes chain about one kind of fish preying on another.

Tilton wrote that black bass seemed to use organized gangster tactics in rounding up some elusive perch. He stated: "Two small black bass were seen feeding on a school of Rio Grande fry. Five or six of the fry became separated from the main school and sought cover in a small patch of vegetation approximately one foot in diameter. The two bass took stations

state laws. The best-laid plans in your home state might put you or your heirs at a disadvantage when interpreted under the laws of another state.

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on opposite sides of the vegetation patch and waited. As the perch fry left the cover to rejoin the main group, they were instantly captured by one or another of the bass."

The diving technicians, who penetrate to depths of as much as one hundred feet, noted "It appears strange to see the predator and prey species sometimes existing so harmoniously together until some spark sets off a feeding splurge when many of the prey species are devoured." They added: "Other instances have shown small black bass slicing viciously through schools of Rio Grande perch fry, taking one or two with each dash. While the bass are actively feeding, the young are frantically seeking cover in moss or crevices. Suddenly, when the bass becomes gluttoned or stop feeding, the perch fry leave cover, congregate again into a compact group and move on, often side by side with the bass which had been feeding on the school."

Concerning surface noises, Tilton's crew wrote: "A ten-horse power outboard motor is used frequently in the diving areas while observations are in progress. No difference in numbers of fish seen or general activity can be seen during periods of extensive use of the motor and periods when the motor is not in use. On one occasion the boat was run at full speed back and forth over a test area. The fish in the area completely ignored the motor noise and continued normal activities. . . . Other surface sounds are believed to have little effect on fish activity. The fish observed completely ignored common surface sounds such as movement in the boat, talking by helpers on the surface, and even low flying jet aircraft."

Below surface noises actually attracted fish, noted the divers, who reported "It was noticed that certain fish could be enticed within inches of the diving team by tapping two small rocks together. . . . Although most species appear curious only, the longear sunfish

seems to be infuriated by the tapping sound and would often viciously and repeatedly attack the rocks. . . ."

"In addition to the rocks, a small metal can containing steel bolts was sealed and used as a noise producer. By shaking the can, a drum-like noise was produced which could be heard distinctly at a range of 100 feet. . . . Obvious interest was shown by bass, sunfish, and Rio Grande perch."

**Self Reliance Is Asked In Filing Income Return**

No longer can an able-bodied wage earner walk up to the desk at Internal Revenue and order, "Fill 'er out."

Even greater emphasis is being placed on Revenue's "Self-Help Program" this year, A. E. Fogle, Jr., Administrative officer of the Abilene, Texas office explains.

This marks the third filing period that taxpayers are being asked to be self-reliant whenever possible. Under this successfully tested set-up most taxpayers are filling out their own returns, unless they are incapable of doing their own with the assistance provided by the self-help IRS methods.

Revenue, nationally, through the "self-help program," cut the total taxpayer assistance cost by almost \$3,000,000 in 1956.

"In an effort to keep as many of our collection officers and auditors on their regular jobs, emphasis again this year is placed on group instruction and self-help techniques rather than on individual assistance," Fogle explains.

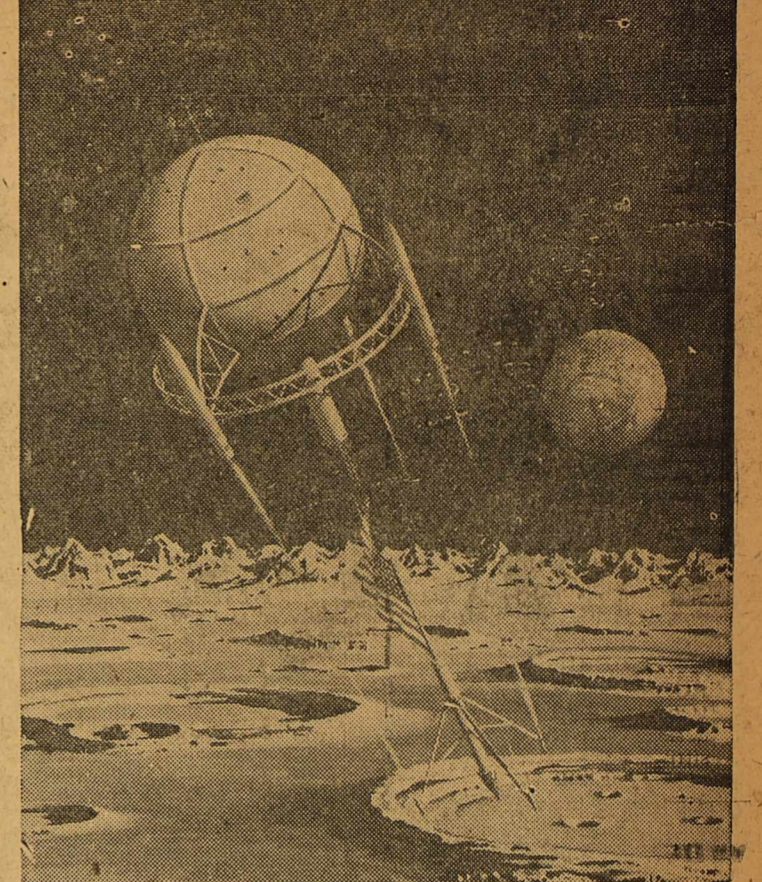
**NEWS FROM DESDEMONA**  
By Anell McMasters

Mrs. Burns is on our sick list this week. She is reported not doing so well.

Mrs. Katie May is still a patient in the Gorman Hospital. She would appreciate visitors.

Visiting Mrs. Ethel Keith Sunday from Dublin were her mother, Mrs. N. S. Partain, a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maddux and sons Richard and Bill.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fonville and children and Mr. and Mrs. Q. Z. Rainey and children all of Ranger.



**IT'S UP FOR GRABS**—When you and your girl are staring at that romantic moon some night, look carefully; somebody may be establishing a beachhead up there. This sketch by artist Ken Fagg shows the American flag being planted on the lunar landscape from a space ship. Proponents advocate this move before the Russians can claim the moon with radio-controlled rockets. They say the U.S. has a prior claim by virtue of radar contact with the moon in 1946. Sketch is from Mechanix Illustrated magazine.

Odess Sharp of Rotan, visited this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sharp and girls.

Visiting Mrs. Roberts this weekend were all five of her daughters. They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fonville and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Fonville and children Mr. and Mrs. Q. Z. Rainey all of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jody Lewis and children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lané and daughter, Mrs. Minton Hanna, Marsha and Julia of Eastland visited in Big Springs and Slanton with relatives and friends over the weekend.

C. M. Pinkerton, his two brothers Lous and Weldon of Lamesa, visited a while with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sharp Friday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubart Rainey last weekend was George Hughes of Blanket, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rainey and children of Gorman.

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**VISITING IN HOUSTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Crawford and Cindy are visiting in Houston.

**HERE OVER WEEKEND**  
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### Eastland County Council P-TA To Meet Friday

The Eastland County Council Parent Teacher Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 22, in the home of Mrs. La Vern Carroll, 114 South Miller. Rising Star, it is announced by Mrs. Norman Rawson of Cisco, press correspondent.

All members of the association are invited and urged to attend.

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### Double Ring Ceremony Unites Miss Ashcraft, Dennis D. Baughman

Miss Florence Rhea Ashcraft became the bride of Dennis Dean Baughman, Saturday, February 16th, at 4 p.m. in the First Methodist Church of Ranger.

Miss Ashcraft is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ashcraft of Ranger and Mr. Baughman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baughman of Houston.

Rev. Herman Boyd, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony which was read before an altar centered with white gladioli and jade foliage flanked by four branch candelabras burning red tapers.

Pre-nuptial music was given by Miss Mary Ellen Deffebach, organist and Miss Vivian Simmons,

vocalist. Before the ceremony Miss Simmons sang, "Why do I Love You" and "Through the Years." The traditional wedding march and "Wedding Prayer" were played by Miss Deffebach.

The bridegroom was attended by Robbie Baughman of Houston as best man. Ushers were Bill Wallace of Andrews, Noel Kim of Ranger and Bobby Bohler of Midland. Candles were lighted by Bill Wallace and Bobby Bohler.

Miss Pat Halton of Midland was maid of honor. She wore a red lace dress and carried a colonial bouquet of red carnations and white nylon net.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Capt. Warren R. Cozby of Lake Charles, Louisiana, wore a princess styled gown of white lace over silk taffeta fashioned with a scalloped neckline and scalloped apron effect over rows of full ruffles. A large taffeta bow in center back completed the trim. Her fingertip veil was caught to a crown encrusted with pearls.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the Community Club House. Those assisting in the house party were Lynn Harrison, Nancy Lewis and Lois Wallace of Andrews; Mrs. W. R. Cozby of Lake Charles, Louisiana and Mrs. Ralph Kessler of Texon.

When Mr. and Mrs. Baughman left on a short wedding trip the bride wore a beige embroidered linen sheath and matching duster with accessories of gold and toast. On their return the couple will make their home at 3410 Morrison St., Houston, where Mr. Baughman will be employed by the Humble Oil Co. and Mrs. Baughman will teach music in the Aldin schools.

Mrs. Baughman is a graduate of Ranger High School, Ranger Junior College and Texas Tech where she was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon. For the past two years she has been teaching piano in Andrews. Her husband is a graduate of Jefferson Davis High School in Houston and attended the University of Houston.

Out-of-town guests attending included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goddard and children of Dallas; Miss Zoma Sneed of Amarillo; Meta Pruett,

Mr. and Mrs. H. York, Bud Baughman of Houston; Mrs. H. J. Williams of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Medford and girls of Rising Star; Louise Dean, Dan Green of Andrews; Mrs. J. L. Brown of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Butler of Gordon; Mrs. Bobbie Edwards and sons of Santo; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baughman of Houston.

### First Christian Bible Study Meets Monday

Mrs. B. S. Dudley, Sr., Spring Road, was hostess to the weekly Bible Study group of the First Christian Church Monday afternoon at 3.

Mrs. Dick Jones was leader. The meeting opened with the group repeating the Lords Prayer in unison. The lesson was taken from 1st Samuel.

Those present were Mmes. Edgar Black, R. A. Jones, O. R. Ervin, Lottie Davenport, Dick Jones, Miss Janice Black and the hostess, Mrs. Dudley.

The next meeting will be Monday in the home of Mrs. Dick Jones.

### Baptist Churches To Have Group Services Wed.

The Baptist Churches of Ranger, Cheaney, Staff, Newhope No. 3, and Necessity will have a group worship service Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Ranger. The Rev. Ed L. Scarbrough will bring the evening message.

Classes will meet from 7 until 8 and then the prayer meeting service will follow. Everyone is invited to attend this special service during the Group School of Training for all members of the churches.

Five churches were represented on Monday night, and seventy-five were in attendance.

Rev. J. T. Ferguson of the East-side Chapel is teaching the adults, who are not teachers, the Outlines of Bible History.

Rev. Perkins is teaching the Young People and Intermediates "The Meaning of Church Membership."

Mrs. J. T. Ferguson is teaching the Junior children "This is My Bible."

The Elementary Children are being taught by Mmes. Mabel Greer, J. W. White and Eddie-man.

The course will run through Friday night.

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## Women's Activities

**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.

### Lacasa Lines

Mrs. D. B. Raney

Visitors at the New Hope Baptist Church Sunday were La Donna Crook of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Norma Morrison of Ft. Worth, Mary Lou Tarks of Breckenridge and Beverly Gailey of Ranger.

Ennis Jackson, a long time resident of this community, was buried at Macedonia Cemetery Thursday afternoon. He passed away at Mineral Wells, where he had been living in the home of a niece, Mrs. Christine Crabtree. Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church, of which he was a member and deacon. Rev. Ralph Perkins, officiated. He is survived by one brother, Jim Jackson of California and a number of nieces and nephews.

The community club of Lacasa met Wednesday in a called meeting for a business session. A community valentine party was planned for Friday night at the club house.

Charles Raney spent the weekend at home from Texas University.

Mrs. Van Templeton and children brought Mrs. Myrtle Templeton home from Abilene Saturday where she has been staying for the past month. Mrs. Carlton Templeton and daughter accompanied them to Ranger for a visit with her parents there.

**VISIT FROM WICHITA FALLS**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook of Wichita Falls spent the weekend here.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

### HOSPITAL NEWS



Mrs. Howard Flowers of Ranger and the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moreland of Compton, Calif. are new patients in the West Texas Clinic.

New patients in the Ranger General Hospital are: Mrs. Ersie Mathis, Ranger, medical; N. E. Underwood, Ranger, medical; Mrs. H. E. Wagley, Putnam, medical.

### PERSONALS

**RETURNS HOME**  
Mrs. Stanley McAnelly has returned from Cleburne where she visited with Dr. and Mrs. Gate Barker, Kay and Rick. Mrs. Homer Heatly of Pampa also visited with the Barkers.

**VISITING IN BRAZDA HOME**  
Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazda have as guests their daughter, Mrs. M. A. Howe and children of Dallas and Mrs. Brazda's sister, Mrs. Beauford RJordan of New York City. Mr. Howe spent the week-end here, but returned to Dallas Sunday.

**RETURNS HOME**  
Miss Nelle Shorey of Des Plaines, Illinois, left Sunday for her home, after a three week visit in the Edgar Cotton home.

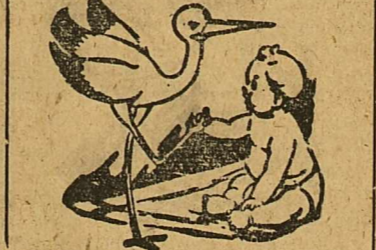
**VISITS FROM HOLLYWOOD**  
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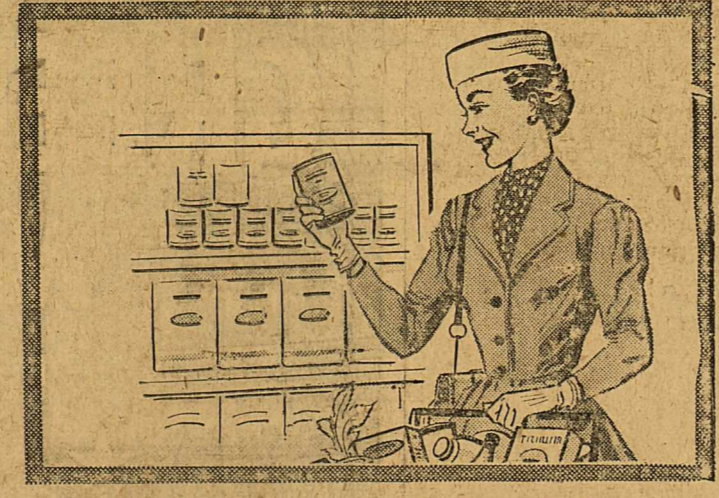
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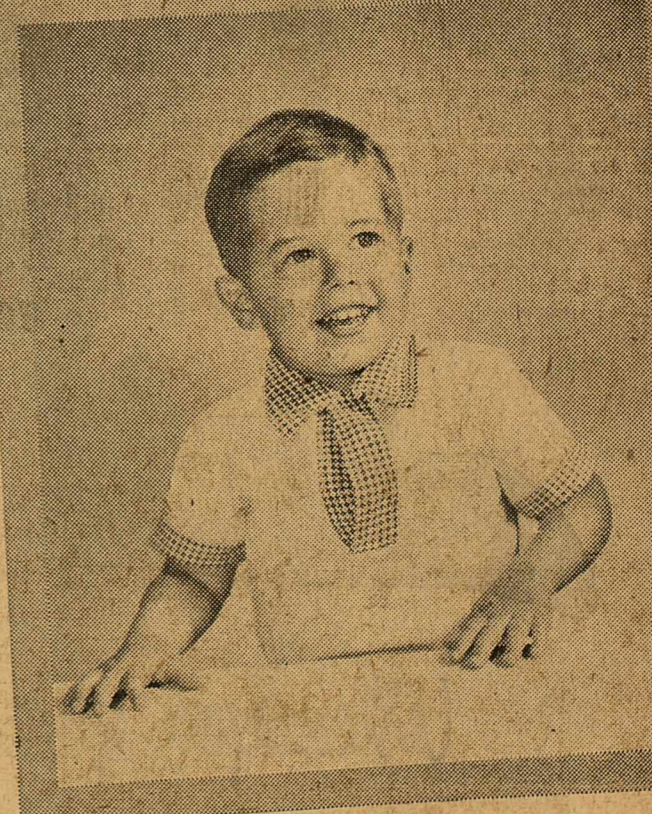
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