

about dimmitt and castro county by bascom nelson

As he tells the custom that has come down to us will stuff—nay, stuff—ourselves with turkey, salad dressing, pies and all the other things that have come to mean Thanksgiving and then go on to a chair in front of the football games, trying to arrange our midriffs so as to obtain the measure of comfort from the inner excesses.

We will give a cursory glance at the salute of thought for the day which we feel we ought to be thankful. And there will be those among us who will think "Sure, I've got a lot to be thankful for but I had to work for it." This is, perhaps, a fitting eulogy for the material things of life which we have received.

But there are a few things, worth more than everything else, that we do have really worked for. While as citizens we have shouldered arms, contributed to and supported with our efforts our churches and schools and other institutions that have gone to make this the greatest nation on earth, there are other blessings which should be uppermost in the consciousness of all of us.

One of the greatest blessings is that we are here at all. For about a year now the world has been in danger of a nuclear holocaust and we have no guarantee that we won't be blown to smithereens tomorrow or the next day or the day after that. We can be certain that it does not happen the world will have at last found some key-stones through fear—that will let nations exist in peace with one another. Then mankind will have the time and energies to approach the great apex for which we hope it is destined.

We should feel thankful for the peace on whose words and deeds the hopes of mankind's peaceful future. There are perhaps a half dozen men in the United States who are charged with the nerve-racking, awesome responsibility of maintaining an honorable peace while dealing with an unpredictable spread nation seeking world domination. It would not be pleasant to be in the shoes of President Kennedy, US Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, secretary of State Dean Rusk or the notably few other men who are their frustrating, demanding and sometimes hopeless battles in diplomatic circles and over the conference tables of the world.

Despite all assumptions to the contrary, the United States is existing under the terms of an honorable peace. We have declared our intentions to fight before giving in and letting the Communists have their way with the world. To hold the situation static is our hope, in which it is the best for which we can hope.

If we thank God for anything today it should be for the peace we enjoy, our determination we have developed and the men who stand for our representatives in the warring cold war against communism.

It has always seemed a tragedy that such figures of fact and fancy as Beowulf, Sir Lancelot, Wyatt and Billy the Kid could stir such more admiration in the hearts of mankind than the diplomats who daily face infinitely greater challenges and dangers to the peace and honor than some of the par heroes of yesteryear.

It is sometimes deceptively easy to make unfounded claims against individuals or groups. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society found it sometimes backfires. When he said that "one-half of the front of all Catholic priests are Communists (ie., Communist sympathizers), he was asked to produce the source of his information. Monsignor Lally, editor of Boston's archdiocesan Pilot, Welch andly replied "This figure with regard to the Catholic clergy is simply pulled out of hat as a complete guess and without any substantiation being claimed." Sad to say about it is that his thousands of disciples picked it up and used it in attacks on the Catholic religion without ever knowing that Welch simply made up the figures and accusations.

Barry Goldwater found himself in the same situation before a "Meet the Press" panel Sunday. He made the statement that President Kennedy, his assistant Arthur Schlesinger and others in the administration seemed to hold views (voiced) by the highly liberal Americans for Democratic Action (ADA). "The President six or seven years ago discovered this group of being too liberal, and today he seems to be in perfect harmony with them." Asked for specific instances of this harmony, Goldwater admitted that "It's kind of hard to find anything that has done."

Early Farmer Had Share of Troubles

Cotton farming of yesteryear was a pretty hard proposition according to W. J. (Old Man) Jordan of Dimmitt.

"I had a cotton crop here in 1920," Mr. Jordan relates, "and at the first of the summer the South Texas price was about 21 cents a pound but by the time I was ready to pick it was down to 8 1/4 cents and before I was through it was down to 4 cents.

"I had a couple of boys working for me," he continued, "and gave them the last few acres of cotton I had and furnished them with a wagon and team to bring it to Henry Stalcup's gin in Dimmitt. They picked a couple of bales and gave up because they couldn't even make wages."

That was about the story of Mr. Jordan's cotton experiences. "1924 was a good year and the price started out at 24 cents but it was down to 6 cents in 1925. I farmed eight years and it took everything the wife and I had saved up. I used a tractor my last year of farming in 1941. That makes a lot of difference. A tractor doesn't get tired until it breaks down."

"Farmers are worrying about getting their cotton out this year," he said. "In 1925 we started out with a dry year, but on August 10th it started raining and it didn't quit. We got a hard

freeze on October 11th and it stayed wet, sloppy and cold until the end of February. It was in early March before we could finally get into the field to pick the cotton."

"1924 was a good cotton year," he continued. "One man at Sunnyside raised 75 bales on 100 acres dryland."

Mr. Jordan had dropped by the Office to tell about postponing his more or less annual Racon Dinner until his birthday on March 11th. He had been planning on having it this month but there were too many conflicting activities. It will be at his home at 102 S W 6th St. where he also sharpens saws, scissors and knives.

Asked why he didn't plan to have the dinner sometime between now and Christmas, the 82-year-old ex-farmer grinned. "I gonna get me a cotton sack and some knee pads and go to work soon's this weather clears up. I can't have no big feed when it's cotton picking time!"

From Plymouth Rock to Present Day:

Traditional Thanksgiving Has Lengthy History

Thanksgiving has been observed longer than any other holiday in the United States with the exception of Christmas. This day of feasting is traditionally an American day, although it has spread to other countries.

The Thanksgiving we observe this week in Castro County has its origin in the second winter spent at Plymouth Rock by the Pilgrims.

People of the United States have since set aside one day each year as Thanksgiving Day. On this day, people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they have received during

the year. The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. For this reason, the holiday still takes place late in the fall, after the crops have been gathered.

For thousands of years people in many lands have held harvest festivals. The American Thanksgiving Day probably has its basis in European festivals.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is usually a family day, celebrated with big dinners and joyous reunions. Many persons travel hundreds of miles to spend the day with their parents. Thanksgiving is also a time for serious religious thinking, church services and personal prayer.

The first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World. The first terrible winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half the members of the colony. But new hope grew up in the summer of 1621. The corn harvest brought rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive.

The women of the colony spent many days preparing for the feast. Foods were boiled and baked and roasted. The children were kept busy turning roasts on spits, or rods, in front of open hearth fires.

More than eighty friendly Indians came to the feast. The Indians brought wild turkeys and venison, or deer meat, as their share. The tables were set outdoors, and all the people sat around them like one large family. Prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were a major part of the celebration. Three days spent in feasting and prayer. Then the Indians returned to the forest and the colonists to their tasks.

The custom of Thanksgiving Day

yearly day for giving thanks, "unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities."

For many years there was no regular national Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Some states had a yearly Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Some states had a yearly Thanksgiving holiday and others had not. But by 1830 New York had an official state Thanksgiving Day and other northern states soon followed its example. Virginia was the first southern state to adopt the custom. The Virginia state government proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day in 1855.

Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, worked for thirty years to promote the idea of a National Thanksgiving Day. She sent out pleas through the columns of her journal and wrote letters to the various Presi-

idents. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday of November in that year, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent father." He issued a similar proclamation in 1864.

Each year afterward, for seventy five years, the President of the that Thanksgiving day should be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. The governors of all the states also called on their people to give thanks. In 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed



spread from Plymouth to other New England colonies. During the Revolutionary War, eight special days of thanks were observed for victories and for being saved from dangers. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. In the same year the Protestant Episcopal Church announced that the first Thursday in November would be a regular

Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated one week earlier. His purpose was to help business by making the shopping period between Thanksgiving and Christmas longer. Some governors refused to follow his example, and their states celebrate Thanksgiving on the traditional day. Congress finally ruled that after 1941 the fourth Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day and would be a legal holiday.

County Cotton Acreage May Be Cut in 1962

ASC Secretary Charlie Hill said this week that cotton acreage allotment notices will be mailed out prior to the December 12 referendum on marketing quotas for the 1962 cotton crop.

The state cotton allotment of 7,689,169 acres will be apportioned to counties on the basis of past history for the five years from 1956 through 1960. "For 1961 the years from 1955 through 1959 were used to arrive at the average acreage history," Hill said. "Since we will drop 1955 with an acreage of 54,851 and pick up the 1960 year with an acreage of 51,720, we will probably receive some reduction in our 1962 cotton allotment in the county."

Farmers eligible to vote in the referendum are those who were engaged in the production of upland cotton in 1961. "All eligible producers and their wives are urged to vote," Hill concluded.

County Grain Meeting Here On Wednesday

A county-wide meeting of grain sorghum producers is scheduled for 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 29th, 1961, in the Community Room of the First State Bank.

C. W. Anthony, Castro county chairman of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association, said the meeting has three items of business of great importance to county farmers. They are: (1) review of the effectiveness of this year's feed grain program in raising farm income; (2) appraisal of proposed 1963 grain sorghum legislation; and (3) the election of county officers to direct the Association during the coming year.

Bill Nelson, GSPA Executive Vice President of Amarillo, will be the principal speaker. He has been in Washington in recent weeks discussing possible future legislation with officials there, and has conferred with individual members of Secretary Freeman's farm advisory groups. Nelson points out that these county meetings are the place where farmers who have supported the Association's Research, Market Development and Service program through deductions at the local elevator, should assist in developing the program for the coming year.

The Association leader has indicated that 1961 was a decisive year in getting grain sorghum recognized on an equal basis with corn in farm legislation but that the real challenge ahead in 1962 is to maintain this gain and to establish positive expansion programs in the production, marketing and utilization of grain sorghum.

Other County Association meetings will be held as follows: Hale, November 27th, Deaf Smith, November 28th, Farmer, November 30th.

Livestock May Be Fed on '61 Diverted Acres

Livestock can be turned on diverted grain sorghum designated acreage according to a telegram received dated November 14 by the local ASC office.

The note, from the Deputy Administrator of the Department of Agriculture and concerning 1961 diverted acreage, read: "In view of the fact that a participant in the 1961 Feed Grain Program may now cultivate or plant diverted acreage for harvest in 1962 and in consideration of the problem of some producers who are faced with unreasonable cost for fencing in order to utilize adjoining stalk fields or get livestock to an available water supply, the 1961 Feed Grain Program Regulations are being amended to authorize turning livestock on designated diverted acreage on and after this date."

Gas Users Association Meets Tuesday, Nov. 28

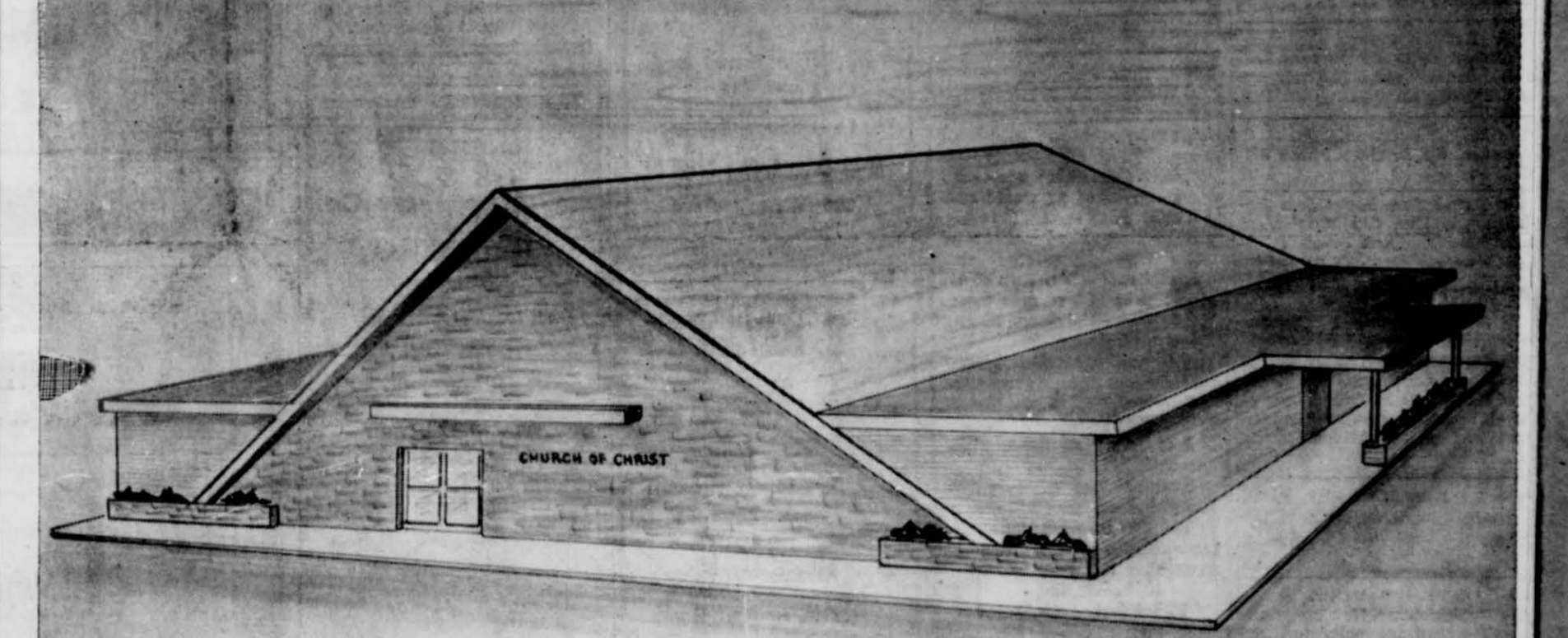
There will be county meeting of the Castro county Gas Users Association Tuesday at 8 p. m. November 28 in the District Court Room.

Purpose of the meeting is to bring members of the Association up to date on the report of Dr. Steinberger, gas rate consultant. The attorney for the Association and Jess Osborne, state representative will be present.

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New Northside Church of Christ Building Slated

Dimmitt's Northside Church of Christ announced this week the offering of \$50,000 in six percent bonds to pay for a new modern church building on their present location on the corner of North-west Third and Halsell Streets.

The new church building based on Straight-line, modern architecture, is slated for completion early next year.

Builder is Killingsworth Construction company, a local firm specializing in church construction over the Panhandle-South Plains area.

The building committee for the church is composed of Ray Beard, J. H. Flood, B. L. Moore, Garland Jarvis, Clarence Bearden and Bill Harman.

Of concrete tile and brick construction, the building will feature also the use of laminated wooden beams to encompass a total seating capacity of 330 in the auditorium plus ten classrooms, preacher's study and utility rooms.

The auditorium will be carpeted and oak furniture will be used. A nursery will overlook the auditorium. A speaker system will be utilized for even sound distribution. Gas refrigerated air and heating units will be installed also.

The new building will also feature a unique all-weather drive through carport so cars can be sheltered while being unloaded in inclement weather. The building

will be approximately in the center of the quarter block owned by the church and it will be surrounded by a hard-top parking area.

The present structure will be used during the building process and will be removed upon completion of the new church.

The front of the building will be of Arkansas ledgestone. Over laminated wooden beams, the ceiling will be three-inch wood decking.

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Elders of the Church are A. Barnes, and V. G. Wood. The Deacons are B. L. Moore, Ray Bearden, Garland Jarvis, J. G. Flood and Oscar Gross.

The church was organized July 14, 1959.

LOCAL MAN DISCHARGED

Harold Presley returned home Sunday from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, after receiving his discharge. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Presley.

Area REA Spokesman Gives its Side in Expansion Controversy

(Ed. Note: Electric cooperatives have come under fire recently in this area. Accused of plans to build a new generating plant. The protest came in a petition from 150 electric co-op customers on the High Plains and was given heavy emphasis by some area daily newspapers. Since a large portion of its readers use co-op power, The Castro County News publishes the article below, written by Leo Forrest, manager of the Deaf Smith County REA, which serves a large part of this area. The Castro County News believes that the REA program has fulfilled a definite need in supplying farm families with electricity where it was previously unavailable. But this newspaper takes no stand on this particular subject of generating plants and general expansion because of the complexities involved which can best be interpreted by economists and technicians. We prefer, instead, to print the best factual accounts available on the issue by people in a position to have an informed opinion. Because of the involvement of REA power in this area, the News will be happy to print any other factual treatments of the subject, pro or con, provided all claims are substantiated.)

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By LEO FORREST
Manager, Deaf Smith County REA

There is a saying, "When a man jumps to a conclusion, his mouth is working faster than his brain." There was an article in the Amarillo Sunday Globe Times November 12, 1961 entitled "Power Plant Proposed." It is an example of someone "jumping to a conclusion" which gets published on the front

Page. The article was about a few people who are petitioning against funds to build an electric generating plant. They got 150 signatures on the petition out of a possible 264,000.

It is the unquestioned right of everyone to believe as he desires only one issue. However, it is the social duty of that person to become fully informed on the subject before carrying it to the public. The people who jumped to a conclusion on this issue were certainly uninformed or misinformed.

Apparently, this group wanted the public to believe that there had been a request for \$15,000,000 of federal funds to build a generating plant on the High Plains area. The truth of the matter is that there has been no application for funds whatsoever. There is a power procurement committee representing the cooperative named in the newspaper article. These people making the protest must have concluded that this might be a group wanting a generating plant.

Again, the truth of the matter is that the Power Procurement Committee was appointed to represent some 35 electric cooperatives

and see that they have an adequate supply of power.

The need for this type of committee is very easy to understand by any reasonable group. In 1959, for example, our operating contract with Southwestern Public Service Company ended, and we needed another contract for wholesale power for the area. After long and hard hours of negotiation, we finally had to sign a contract with Southwestern Public Service Company which contained a "fuel adjustment" clause.

Instead of increasing the wholesale power costs from 15 per cent to 17 per cent as we had anticipated this fuel adjustment clause increased it from 25 per cent to 27 per cent. By all the rules of good business, the cooperatives should have raised their rates to the consumer, including this protest group, by one third. Instead, we chose to make an effort to get cheaper power either by negotiation or generation.

Eight cooperatives signed and have been granted a charter as a generating cooperative. A number of cooperatives who were not included in the study but were mentioned in the article were probably

embarrassed over this type of publicity.

This jumping to conclusions not only misleads the public with inaccurate statements but embarrasses innocent people. As an example, if this group had wanted to be of service to their neighbors, they would have checked the facts before seeking publicity.

The facts are that through the efforts of this Power Procurement Committee, Southwestern Public Service Company now has offered a new contract much better than the one signed in 1959 and it still has three years to run. According to their own figures, I quote from a letter written by an official of Southwestern Public Service Company on July 26, 1961, and I quote, "At a gas price of twenty cents (20) per M.C.F., this saving would become \$210,244.00 over the five-year period. The present agreement has nearly three years to run and the new proposal amounts to a two year extension of the present agreement at the new rate." This rate is for the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative, Inc. area only.

Actually, the Power Procurement

Committee has been able to get the Southwestern Public Service Company to agree to a ten year contract which could very easily save the farmers and ranchers \$500,000 over a period of ten years in the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative, Inc. area.

Multiplying this figure by 15 cooperatives which the Power Procurement Committee serves, this would be a sizable figure saved by the farmers and ranchers in the "golden spread" area. We feel that if this protest group was sincerely interested in their neighbors, they would be helping to keep the power cost down.

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ANALYSIS OF PETITION

There are a great many statements in the petition which we believe are inaccurate and unfounded. The petition and our opinion follows:

PETITION: Opposing a Federal loan for the construction of generating plants. Whereas: There is no need for public or REA electric generating plants in our area.

OPINION: The only people who can answer this question with authority are economists and electri-

cal engineers. Good business requires this planning to be done years in advance of construction. Who made this study for those who prepared the petition? They should state the authority for this statement.

PETITION: And whereas: Private utility companies are amply taking care of present and future electric power needs, and at a lower cost than a rural electric coop-

OPINION: The group of electric cooperatives who are considering a generating plant would be happy to accept this information if it comes from a competent, independent electrical engineering firm that has made a study of the area.

PETITION: And whereas: The rural population is decreasing and will decline further in the future.

OPINION: Those who made this statement failed to check the census. The population in this area has increased. The average KWH Farm and Home consumption has increased 300 K per meter per year for the last ten years in the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative area. Economists believe the demand will continue to increase for some time.

PETITION: and whereas: The Federal Government is spending billions of dollars for the construction of a constant shrinking of income, electric power, thereby causing increased burden on the tax payer for the deficit.

OPINION: The Rural Electrification Administration is a Federal Government program in the de-

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curry want to thank all those who expressed their sympathy and appreciation for the loss of their son, Cecil Curry, who passed away on November 18, 1954.

LOST & FOUND

THE SOUTH CIRCLE MEET: The South Circle of the W.S.C.S. met in the home of Mrs. Roy Hester Monday afternoon with thirty members present.

Jimmy Adams Named Company Honorman

Mr. Jim Adams was notified this week that his son Jimmy had been made honorman of his company at the 100th Training Center, San Diego, Calif. According to his commanding officer, Captain William Cooper, young Adams was "selected for this honor by his superiors for his ability, initiative, and leadership."

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REA...

(Continued from Page 1) ment of Agriculture. It does not operate electric distribution lines anywhere. There is a state law in Texas that limits the area of operation of electric cooperatives in the state. It was pushed through the Legislature by people who hate electric cooperatives. The investor-owned electric utilities had an unquenchable thirst for monopoly so long they cannot bear the thought of competition. It is strange that these people feel that electric cooperatives are a burden on the tax payers. Records will prove that the program of electric cooperatives has been the most successful Federal program ever instituted. The electric cooperatives have saved money from REA and pay it back with interest.

The Federal Government has given the investor-owned electric utilities more money through an accelerated tax write off program than has been loaned to electric cooperatives. Who is increasing the burden of the tax payer? PETITION: And whereas: Private utility companies are not permitted to share Federal State and local taxes which the REA does not. OPINION: We assume that the uniformed petition writers mean to say that the electric cooperatives that are owned by the people they serve do not pay their proportionate share of taxes. Electric cooperatives pay every tax and other property owner pays except income tax. They do not pay in come tax because they do not make profit to pay it on. PETITION: And whereas: Every federal dollar is needed for defense and preservation of our country and free enterprise system. OPINION: We believe the above statement is true. An electric cooperative is a truly free enterprise system. What can be more free than an enterprise that is owned by the people who use it. PETITION: And whereas: We do not want to assume an additional fifteen (15) million dollar debt; rather we want to start reducing our tremendous indebtedness to the U.S. Treasury. Therefore: Be it resolved We are opposed now and will oppose any future attempt for the REA to build generating plants for this area. OPINION: If a generating plant were to be constructed it may cost \$15 million. The electric group has not had a study made and does not know where this figure came from. The purpose of considering the construction of a cooperative generating plant came about due to the uncertainty of the source, and the rising cost of available power. The group organized to look after the interest of the people who own the electric cooperatives in the High Plains area and does not contract with an existing generating plant may be the answer. The long range plan may call for the construction of a cooperative generating plant. The business that does not look ahead and plan for the future faces failure. The directors and manager of electric cooperatives who do not plan ahead to the best interest of the people are doing them an in-

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TEXAS TECH JUDGING WINNERS—Members of Tech's dairy products judging team admire the first place trophy won recently at the Southern Dairy Products Judging Contest. Team members shown here are Winston Waggoner of Dimmitt (left) and Michael O'Dell, Lancaster. Holding the trophy is Dr. J. J. Wilkingsham, head of Tech's dairy industry department. (Texas Tech Photo)

Hospital News

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: Mrs. Minnie Schumacher, Mrs. E. W. Sandel, Mrs. Oleta Raper and baby boy, Cora Beth Hodje, Jimmy Don Hodje, Randy Griffith, Mrs. Teresa Garcia, Ioden Sanders, Mrs. Mannel Leal, Daniel Finson, Bill Sanders, PATIENTS DISMISSED SINCE LAST REPORT: Harold Acker, Mrs. Frances Goodwin, Mrs. Max Hehl, Mrs. Ora Zepeda, Mrs. Edith Acevedo, Mr. Don Simon, Twila Lilley, Margaret Mendez, Mrs. Ophelia Torres and baby, Mrs. M. L. Harlan, Lillie Jones.

Heritage Studies Chooses Essay Topic

Planview Texas, (Sp.)—"How I Can Help Preserve and Promote American Democracy" was the essay subject chosen by the Plains American Heritage Studies steering committee at the meeting last week in Planview attended by some 40 committee members and other area school personnel. Representatives from all 11 cities with schools participating in the program were on hand to choose the subject which will be used by senior high students entering the essay contest sponsored by the American studies program now in its third year. Dr. John G. Chapman, head of the history department at Wayland Baptist College, Planview, and director of the program, presided at the monthly dinner meeting. Subjects for the senior high school poster contest and the junior high school projects will be suggested, allowing students opportunity to add their own ideas. Word limit for the essay contest was set at 500-550. In further business, the deadline for selection of finalists in the schools was set for March 15th. Winning entries in the three divisions in each school will be sent to Dr. Chapman and winners will receive a certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Floyd Hernandez, W. E. Grant, Don English, H. R. Hughes, Mrs. Francisco Reyes, Mrs. Henry Jones, Kris Dowell

be announced at the annual Banquet April 10th as part of the observance of American Heritage Week. April 8-14. First place winners receive United States savings bonds and second and third place winners are given books and medals. Criteria for judging the contests will be sent to the schools later. Meeting date for next month was changed to Monday, Dec. 4 because of the Tuesday evening time conflict with basketball games in some of the schools. The dinner session at McGrath's in Planview will begin at 6:30 p. m. Each school was asked to appoint official members to the steering committee to attend sessions and to serve as contacts for the director of the program. Other interested personnel are also invited to attend the meetings. Dr. Chapman announced the Veteran's Day program, November 11 at Wayland when Dr. John Drake professor of psychology from South Western Baptist Theological Seminary was guest speaker. At that time the new 60 foot aluminum flagpole at Wayland, provided through funds from Plains American Heritage Week, had a flag raised for the first time. For the November meeting Chapman read his paper, "The Historian." But guests made for next month which will be arranged by Dr. Chapman. Guests in the Bill Kitcher on Sunday were Mr. and C. Kitcher and Dale of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson, Doris Partwood and all of Dimmitt.

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College Station, November 14. (AP)—How a soil test can help you? W. F. Bennett, extension chemist, says that adding com-

mercial fertilizers to any soil without first determining its fertility and acidity level through a planned soil-testing program is unsound, uneconomical and frequently wasteful.

Unless the acidity level of a field is at a certain point, most plants won't respond to their fullest regardless of how much fertilizer is applied. The acidity level is controlled by liming and heavy where a soil test this fall will be helpful. It will tell you what the acidity level is, thus showing whether or not you need to lime your soil.

Cecil Curry's Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Curry celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday November 12th in a home and open house for their friends.

ATTENDS CHURCH IN LUBBOCK

Pete Wilson of Abernathy visited his mother, Mrs. Ruth Wilson and his brother, Edd Wilson and family Saturday.

DENVER GUESTS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carpenter this week is their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Preston and Randy of Denver, Colorado, their daughter, Kay, from Texas Tech and another daughter, Mrs. Bryce Dowell and children.

Rev. H. W. Breeding of Artesia

California spent Sunday night and Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shepard, he also visited his mother in Amarillo.

NEWS FROM FRIO

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown of Sulphur spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Driver.

NEWS FROM FRIO

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams and Mrs. Harlan Barber went to Lubbock Thursday to visit Mrs. Williams mother, Mrs. Joe Blackstock who has suffered complications following a recent leg fracture. She

MISS ELIZABETH SMITH IS HONORED AT SHOWER

Miss Walter Elizabeth Smith, bride elect of Wade Maynard, was honored recently at a coffee and shower held in the community room of the First State Bank.

SHOWER HONORS RECENT BRIDE-ELECT

Carol Cowsett, bride elect of Ronnie Farris of Hart, was honored at a shower and tea in the home of Mrs. Allen Webb Saturday, November 18. In the receiving line were Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Jack Cowsett, the bride-elect's mother, Carol and Mrs. Farris, mother of the prospective groom.

SHAWNS VISIT DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Shaw of Dimmitt spent Sunday afternoon with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ruchberg and DeAnn. They attended joint Thanksgiving services at the Baptist Church Sunday Night at Hart.

VISITS IN MANGUM

Mr. and Mrs. Norville Baird and children attended the formal opening of the new Baptist church at Mangum, Oklahoma Sunday. Mr. Baird was construction foreman for the Killingsworth Construction, builders of the church.

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Sunnyside Birthday Club has Dinner The Sunnyside Birthday Club entertained their husbands Monday evening, November 20, with a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Axtell followed by games of "84". The central motif of decoration was the "harvest bountiful", with a tribute to our heritage in the figures of pilgrims and Indians.

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BUSINESS TRIP

Mrs. Zola Langford, Miss June Belknap and Mrs. W. C. Johnston were in Plainview on business Thursday afternoon.

BROTHER-IN-LAW DIES

Mr. D. L. Johnston of Bastrop, Louisiana, brother of the late W.C. Johnston of Dimmitt passed away Thursday November 16 at Bastrop.

NEWS FROM SUNNYSIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks of Amarillo visited last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holcomb and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baggett and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lee Baggett and Clint of Hereford visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Loudder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler were dinner guest of Mrs. Pearl Sadler of Dimmitt Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr of New London and Mrs. Frank Brooks and children of Ranger visited Monday through Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Power.

Three or four inches of sleet and snow fell on Monday. Sleet and freezing drizzle Tuesday broke power and telephone lines and limbs from trees and shrubs. One inch and .10 of moisture was received from the snow, sleet and ice. The Spanish Story Hour and the

Brotherhood meeting for Tuesday night were called off because of icy roads.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fowlkes of Corpus Christi arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Guest of Dimmitt visited Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham.

Several have visited with Mrs. R. V. Bills in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock this week. She was dismissed Saturday.

The night circles of the WMS started the study book of the Foreign Mission Book on Europe, "Hands Across the Sea", Wednesday night. Mrs. L. B. Bowden taught the session.

Mrs. Troy Blackburn conducted an Associational Planning Meeting at the church Thursday afternoon. Those present and the churches represented were: Mrs. Lilburn Arnold, Dimmitt First Church, Mrs. R. C. Huckabee Springlake, Mrs. Kenneth Reese and Mrs. Ralph N. Nelson, Littlefield, Mrs. Doc Vann, Spade, and Mrs. Don Murray of Muleshoe.

The day circles of the WMS did not have their circle meetings Thursday because of a poor attendance due to bad roads.

Suzie Davis of Dimmitt spent Friday night with Carolyn Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Wilson and Deneen spent the week-end in Ropesville with relatives and Lonnie and Debbie who have been there since last Thursday when Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Epperson came for them.

Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner has left Pennsylvania after attending the funeral services for a brother-in-law. She and her brother are driving her sister and family back to Texas where she will make her home.

Mr. Jeff Forman of Dallas spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges. He attended both the Sunday morning and Sunday night services with them.

Mrs. Skipper, mother of Mrs. J. T. Holcomb, is visiting with the J. T. Holcomb family for a few days. She is a patient in the Amherst Convalescent Home.

Rita Holcomb of Amarillo was home Saturday night and Sunday. She was a visitor in the morning worship service.

Mr. B. L. Stevens of Chillicothe and Mr. Harris from Tulla visited Sunday morning with Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Durham and Marvayne and were visitors in the morning worship service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Messer and Bart of Lubbock and Mrs. Lowell Westmoreland and girls of Littlefield spent Saturday night and visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Loudder and Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Loudder and boys of Flagg were dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Hill, Mrs. Bill Hanson and David and Mrs. T. F. Hill of Big Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and family of Olton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley and Donnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paschal and children spent Saturday night and Sunday in Happy with Rev. and Mrs. Murl Rogers and Buteh. Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges and boys of Earth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges and Mr. Jeff foreman of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sadler visited Sunday afternoon in Dimmitt with Mrs. Pearl Sadler and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Loudder and girls visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baggett of Hereford Sunday.

Some snow was still on the ground Monday morning, but most of it melted off with the sunshine Friday.

76 attended Sunday School with 57 in Training Union Sunday. Larry Sadler and Sharon Conard were chosen by the Intermediates and Young People as King and Queen of Training union. They will represent the church at Training Union "M" Night at Littlefield First church December 4th.

BOWLING STANDINGS

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Team	won	lost
Cashway Food	32	12
Bob's	29	15
Big T Pump	27	17
Dub's Motor Co	21	23
Higginbotham	15	29
Taylor Harrison	8	36

COUPLES LEAGUE STANDING

Team	won	lost
Strickland & Hill	27	13
Kenmore & Cooper	23	17
Goodwin & Lilley	20	20
Walker & Reinhardt	20	20
Sanders & Aldridge	19	21
Sheffy & Campbell	19	21
Snider & Wood	18	22
Annen & Williams	17	23

FALL CLASSIC LEAGUE

Team	won	lost
Pin Heads	28	12
Nick's Steak House	21	19
Seely Furn.	21	19
Knockers	23	17
Tidwell Flying	24	16
C. & S. Equip.	18	22
Hart Locker	19	21
Cowboys	8	32

TORNADO LEAGUE

Team	won	lost
Golden Light	28	8
Hays Imp	23	13
Cashway	16	20
Misfits	15	21
Pig Wig	12	24
No. 4 Team	10	26

Cotton Bowl Queens League

Team	won	lost
Jackson Ditching	32	12
Cotton Bowl	28	16
Community Grain	27	17
Trimble's	25 1/2	18 1/2
Soilas Beauty Shop	24 1/2	19 1/2
Piggly Wiggly	18	26
Cashway	14	30
Taylor Harrison	7	37

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Bill Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Stevens, is in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He underwent knee surgery on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shepard and May Texas. Thursday from a hospital where he had been several days visiting relatives and friends at Rising Star. Mr. Percy Estes returned weeks recuperating.

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