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## COOKING?

By NORMAN WRIGHT

A neck is something that if you don't stick out you won't get in trouble up to.

Every now and then the National Better Business Bureau comes up with some dillies where some scheming, crooked business house invents a new way to separate a sucker from his money, and they have announced a new one today. In many newspapers throughout the country the following classified advertisement is running in the "Help Wanted" columns:

**CONSENSUS TAKERS**, part-time. Men-Women, 18-68. High pay check plus \$50-\$150 (weekly) extras. Now that sounds like a dignified job and a pretty good deal, so you decide to write to Gables Industries, 264 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, and tell them you wouldn't mind picking up an extra hundred or so a week for the next few weeks.

They write back and tell you there just never was anything like it, and the functions of a Consensus Taker are to ask questions concerning the likes and dislikes of the people who watch television. In fact, you are instructed to open your interviews by stating "It's like the Gallup Poll and I'm the Consensus Taker." You are told that those who write up "accurate, productive reports" also write their own paychecks.

Just by coincidence I have Gables Industries people have included an application form in your letter which you may fill out if you wish to start raking in the cash at once and you are instructed to send along \$10 as payment for "work materials," but think nothing of it as the \$10 will be refunded "after 30 days of successful relations."

You fill out the application blank and send in the 10 bucks and pretty soon you receive your "work materials" which consist of work sheets, report cards and a TV volume-control attachment called a "Minivox."

Now you are told to contact someone who owns a television set and seek to interest him in purchasing the "Minivox," and all during the time you are giving him your sales pitch on what a wonderful thing the "Minivox" is you are supposed to be transcribing his "degrees of interest" in what you're saying on one of your work sheets.

You can't sell the man a "Minivox" because you have only the one they sent you, but you keep this up all day telling people about the instrument and recording their degrees of interest on your work sheets.

When you finally get home at night, you take all these work sheets and transcribe what's on them over to the report cards and send the cards into Gables Industries every day. You must not let them stack up on you, and if you run out of work sheets and report cards they will be glad to send you some more for another \$10.

Now at this point the company begins to take over and they launch a direct mail solicitation to all these people you have interviewed and reported on and showed the "Minivox" to.

After you have turned in your first two Consensus Report Books, each book containing 10 cards, for a total of 20 cards in all, you become eligible for a refund of your \$10 provided the company manages to sell by direct mail a "Minivox" to at least 50% of the 20 people in (Continued on Page Two)

## Highway Death Toll Passes 715 For Holidays

As late returns continue to trickle into the counting offices of the national department of public safety it is revealed that more than 715 persons have met their deaths on the nation's highways since the holiday count started at midnight Friday, December 21.

This exceeds by 55 the department's estimate of 660 and establishes an all-time record. Last year the death toll was 609.

The safety experts say that another 409 will be killed before it is all over at midnight, January 2, making a grand total of 1,124 in highway fatalities alone, not counting all the other miscellaneous causes.

## Billy Graham Has Part In Inauguration

Governor-Elect Price Daniel has announced that Dr. Billy Graham, world-renowned evangelist, will be the main speaker at a dedicatory prayer breakfast preceding the inauguration in Austin on Jan. 15.

Dr. Graham, a longtime friend of the new Texas Governor, also will attend the inaugural ceremony at high noon.

Daniel himself asked that spiritual emphasis be added to his inaugural Day schedule. He said: "It is fitting that we open a new chapter in our State Government by rededicating ourselves to those principles upon which Texas and our Nation were founded, and I am happy that Billy Graham can be with us on this occasion."

"The parade, ceremonies and other festivities sponsored by the citizens of Austin are very much appreciated and enjoyed by each new Governor and his friends, but I am happy that this year we shall add emphasis on the importance of the moral and religious principles which are so necessary for proper guidance in the affairs of men and government."

The breakfast at the Driskill Hotel, starting at 8 a.m., will be sponsored by Christian Leadership, U.S.A., a non-denominational organization which sponsors the annual President's Prayer Breakfast in Washington as well as weekly prayer groups for leaders of government, business, industry and labor. Daniel is national president of this group.

Members of the Legislature and other State officials will be invited to attend the breakfast.

Zellie Steakley, Austin attorney who has been designated by Daniel for appointment as Secretary of State, is chairman of the local arrangements committee.

The sponsoring organization, Christian Leadership, U.S.A., organized the weekly prayer breakfast groups attended for many years by members of the United States Senate each Wednesday morning and by members of the House of Representatives each Thursday morning while Congress is in session.

There are now several hundred of such groups meeting throughout the United States and in most of the nations of the world. Their international association is headed by Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas as president and H. R. H. Princz, Wilhelmina of The Netherlands as honorary president.

## Fogle Explains Social Security Tax Law Changes

Tax rates under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (Social Security) and filing requirements under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, have been changed by recent amendments to the law, according to A. E. Fogle Jr., administrative officer of the Abilene office.

New F. I. C. A. rates on wages paid on or after Jan. 1, will be 2 1/2 percent each for employers and employees, a total of 4 1/2 percent, Fogle said.

The changes in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, he explained, provides that employers who had four or more employees on at least one day of each of 20 calendar weeks during 1956 will be required to file Form 940 by January 31, 1957. The filing of Form 940, Annual Federal Tax Return of Employers, was formerly required of employers who had eight or more employees.

Fogle said that copies of this return have been sent to most of the employers in this district. However, he suggested that employers who have not received this form by Jan. 9, obtain copies from the Revenue office at Abilene.

## Teen-Age Investors Cheer 36,000,000th Chevrolet



Tommy Ramlow, 14, chairman of Class of '60 Stock Co. student investment company at Washington Irving High School, Tarrytown, N. Y., congratulates E. N. Cole, general manager of Chevrolet Motor Division, on completion of 36,000,000th Chevrolet at North Tarrytown plant. Cheering are other members of the freshman class who invested 77 cents each in one share of General Motors common stock as class project in corporate management.

## County Budget For 1957 Total \$355,504

## Ten Wells Staked In County During Month

The County of Eastland will operate under a \$355,504.10 budget the coming year.

The budget, approved recently by County Commissioners, puts the county in the "big business" bracket, making it perhaps the largest business in the entire county.

Estimated expenditures are more than estimated revenue by some \$34,452.08, but the county will go into the year with a balance of \$332,707.08, and County Auditor C. H. O'Brien has conservatively estimated revenue. Probably the budget will round itself out perfectly, as it has in past years.

O'Brien estimates revenue at \$321,052.02. He estimates only 80 percent tax collection, however, and collections have been better than 90 percent for the past five years. The budget shows an ending balance for the year of \$297,818.

The tax rate will remain unchanged for the year at .80. The rate was increased from .75 to .80 last year. The rate was only .60 in 1951.

This year's breakdown of money by funds shows that the jury fund will receive .05; the road and bridge fund, .15; the general fund, .35; the courthouse interest and sinking fund, .15; and the road and bridge sinking fund, .10.

O'Brien said that all of the county's funds, with the exception of the general fund, are in excellent shape. The general fund has largely been holding its own in the past few years, but should get relief in 1958 when commissioners can re-allocate funds.

The following chart shows assessed valuations and total taxes levied for the past five years:

Year	Assessed	Total Taxes
1955	\$20,948,280	\$167,586.27
1954	21,761,060	159,549.21
1953	21,140,050	163,066.58
1952	21,987,160	164,927.69
1951	22,197,800	132,186.80

Delinquent taxes as of June 30, 1956 in the county were listed at \$14,443.56 in the budget. Tax collections in 1955 totaled 91.3 percent, 91.5 percent in 1954, 91.1 percent in 1953, 93.05 percent in 1952, and 92.8 percent in 1951.

**Texas Baptists Evangelistic Meet Is Jan. 14**  
FORT WORTH—Fifteen thousand Texas Baptists from your area and other parts of the state will gather here Jan. 14 to plan historic efforts in soul winning. The occasion will be the 19th annual evangelistic conference sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Overflow crowds are expected at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and adjacent buildings for talks by evangelist Billy Graham and other (Continued on Page 2)

**RHYTHM ON WHEELS**—Top Hat will dance, kneel and bow as he takes his glamorous owner, Lynn Randall, of North Hollywood, Calif., for a buggy ride at the world's greatest indoor rodeo during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3. The climax of the superbly-educated horse's performance is a colorful scene, "Fantasy in Feathers." Dates are Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

## Ranger Ex-Students to Gather in Blue Room For Home-Coming Sat.

Ex-Students of Ranger High School from far and near are scheduled to gather tonight, Saturday, at the Blue Room in the Gholson Hotel to begin a week-end celebration of their Third Annual Homecoming which always falls on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day each year.

The get-together tonight will commence at 8 o'clock when all Ex-Students living in Ranger as well as all Ex-Students visiting here during the holidays will assemble for a gabfest.

## Arlington Mayor Praises Ranger

Tammy Vandergriff, Mayor of Arlington, whom many Ranger people will remember as the chief speaker at the 1950 Club Community Improvement Banquet of last October, praised the City of Ranger today in a letter to H. V. Galloway, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Vandergriff said he had seen an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram sent in by the Ranger Times telling of the Featherlight Corp. expansion here, the prospect of many new homes for early 1957, (Continued on Page 2)

## Carey Looney Is Honored In Denver By Denver Post

Carey Looney, former Minister of the Church of Christ here, and a teacher of Bible at Ranger Junior College, was honored recently by the Denver Post which printed a long story about him under the heading "Denver Post Hall of Fame."

Looney, who is now lay minister of the Church of Christ at Derby, Colo., a suburb of Denver, is also a councillor for children on probation from Denver's Juvenile Hall.

Featuring a big picture of Mr. and Mrs. Looney and their three children, the Post told of Looney's work there with unfortunate children whom the couple took into their home and cared for until Looney could find suitable parents to adopt them, and it told of the great work he was doing among all the juvenile problem cases in Denver.

The Looneys left Ranger last July.

## Omar Burleson Is In Anti Refugee Fight

Omar Burleson, congressman from the 17th District, has his constituents wondering what it is all about as he is letting out wild, daily screams from Washington that he is opposed to the United States admitting Hungarian refugees into this country and extending them any sort of relief. He has announced that he will fight the program to the last ditch, and is one of the few men in all America, or the world, to take such a stand.

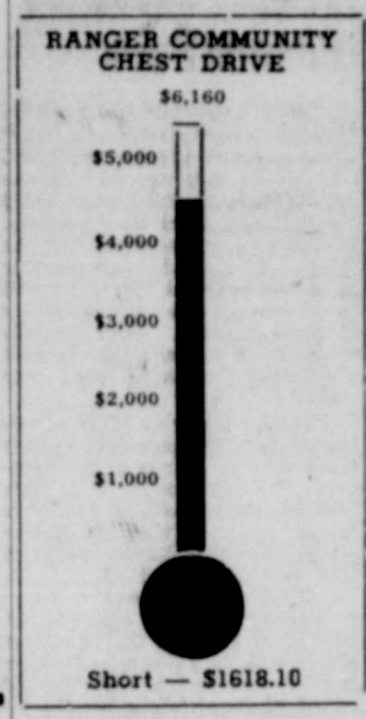
Burleson said it would be interesting to know how many of the refugees leaving Hungary were really revolutionaries in the first place. "It occurs to me," he said, "that they are deserting those who are willing to remain behind to carry on their fight for independence from the Soviet Union."

Lynn Ladrum, widely known columnist who writes for the Dallas Morning News, has taken strong issue against Burleson and after referring to Burleson's stand on the question, had the following to say:

"It may be that, out of the few thousands of Hungarians admitted to this country, some are unworthy. But the Columnator is not disposed to say that an unarmed man is a deserter or a coward simply because he gives out a bottle of gasoline and a prayer. In that case, after the gasoline gave out, the Columnator might figure that a chance to come to America was a direct answer to prayer."

"It has been a dozen years since the Columnator's outfit was holed up in a gashua commanded by a West German town, while our American armor thundered through

on its way to the front. "For three days from cobblestone to topmost spire of the village church, the whole place roared and shook, night and day, without a stop. Before tanks began raining through, knocking over archways and brushing aside stone walls as if they were pasteboard, the Germans were sullen and boastful. But after three days of it, they were conquered. Defeat started out of their eyes. They knew the war was over for them. "If armed Germans hadn't a ghost of a chance against American steel, what possible chance have headless boys and old men got against the pride of the Russian tanks corps? There is a limit to the powers of human flesh against armor plate. "Lieutenant Commander Burleson was a sailor and a good one. But let him ask himself what chance he himself would have in a row boat with a shotgun against a 400-foot destroyer fully manned. "The heroism of the Hungarians equals anything in the history of the Spartans or of the Belgians whom Caesar praised. "If we, who have conducted the cold war against Russia, have now no room for these people whose courage and sacrifice have given voice anew to liberty in the desecrated camps of the world, how great is our shame! "Mr. Burleson's Seventeenth (Continued on Page Two)



**Chest Gains \$23 For \$4,541.90; Short \$1,618.10**

Since the last report made Thursday by Mrs. H. E. Angus, secretary of the Community Chest, the Chest has gained the prodigious sum of \$23.00. One of the workers brought in \$20 of the money, and an individual contributor walked into the secretary's office and gave \$3.00.

Total amount now raised is \$4,541.90 toward the goal of \$6,160, leaving a shortage of \$1,618.10. A meeting of Community Chest workers had been set for last Thursday morning at King's Cafe but was called off for some reason.

## Fat Stock Show Boosters Due Here January 8

A caravan of boosters for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, consisting of members of the Fort Worth Optimist Club will visit Ranger and other points between Fort Worth and Abilene on Tuesday, January 8, it has been announced.

The boosters are due to arrive here and put on a show at 9:00 a.m., and have requested a police escort into town.

## Tickets At Cotton Bowl Go Begging With No Takers

If anybody wants to attend the Cotton Bowl Game on New Year's Day, all they have to do is walk up to the gate and buy a ticket because, for the first time in 15 years, the game is not a sell-out.

Word from Dallas is to the effect that if something doesn't happen quick TCU and Syracuse will play before a possible 25,000 vacant seats. The bowl seats 75,504.

Fort Worth, alone, is behind 10,000 seats buying as many tickets as they did last year when TCU played in the bowl.

Lack of interest is contributed to the fact that TCU is not the true SWC champion, that it had a terrible mid-season slump dropping three games, that Syracuse is little known in this country, and that the best game is being played in the Sugar Bowl between Baylor and Tennessee.

## Store Decorations Come Down Quick

Ranger stores lost no time this week in stowing away their Christmas decorations and plunging into the job of taking inventory, inasmuch as Uncle Sam likes to know what's laying around that he might put a tax bite on for the relief of foreign countries.

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FOR SALE: Bedroom suite, consisting of double bed, mattress and springs, vanity and bench. Good condition. Also Duncan Phye mahogany coffee table. Phone 566.

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### A True Story of World War II At Majestic Sun. & Mon.



VICTOR MATURE pulls a diver back into a boat in this scene from "THE SHARKFIGHTERS" Technicolor. United Artists

## Night Doubles Traffic Troubles Pounds Says

"Night doubles traffic troubles, so step up your alertness at dusk." In those words Chief of Police W. G. Pounds today spotlighted one of the major traffic dangers faced by walkers and drivers this month. Expressing appreciation to the Lions Club which is cooperating with the National Safety Council in sponsoring the current holiday hazards program, Chief Pounds stressed the necessity for increased caution and decreased speed after dark.

"When driving at night a motorist can't see an object until it comes within range of his headlights," Chief Pounds said. "It is obvious that, if he's driving at a speed that won't permit him to stop within that distance, he'll hit the object. Reduced speed is a must for night driving."

However, lowered speed is not the whole solution, the Chief stated further. In order to see danger quickly and act immediately to avoid it, the driver must step up his alertness.

Pounds pointed out that the walker is similarly handicapped at night. But the pedestrian has the advantage of being able to see a vehicle's headlights long before its driver can see him, so the main responsibility for his safety rests with him.

Chief Pounds advised pedestrians to wear something made of reflective material when walking at night. Carrying a flashlight, or even a newspaper, helps drivers spot them sooner, he said.

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### BAPTISTS -

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outstanding speakers.

Purpose of the conference is to inspire both pastors and church members toward greater evangelistic efforts. Various phases of Texas Baptist work will also be explained and dramatized. The meeting is open to any one who wishes to attend.

The BGCT represents one out of every six persons in the state, including 3,724 churches and 1,464,893 members. Its goal for 1957 is 80,000 new converts, an all-time high.

Theme of the conference will be "Adorn the Doctrine of Our God Savior." Each day's sessions will develop some aspect of that thought. For instance, the theme for Monday, Jan. 14, will be "The Doctrine of Destiny," and for Wednesday, "The Doctrine of Rewards."

Dr. Forrest C. Pezzer, BGCT executive secretary; Dr. J. Woodrow Fuller, associate executive secretary, and Dr. C. Wade Freeman, evangelism superintendent, will preside.

Special music will be directed by V. F. Forderhase, secretary of the BGCT Church Music Department.

In addition to Graham, others who will speak include Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas; Dr. W. R. White, president of the Baylor University; Dr. E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, and Howard E. Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi layman and evangelist.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Cooper Gives Tax Tips To Farmers In Eastland Area

Many local farmers and ranchmen can save tax dollars this year by taking advantage of all allowable deductions and other credits, says J. M. Cooper, county agricultural agent.

A new law is of particular importance this year, according to Cooper, concerning the sale of breeding, dairy or draft animals because of drought. Under certain conditions, the profit from such sales will not be taxed.

New fast depreciation methods can reduce current taxes. And, when you fail to take depreciation, that deduction is gone forever; it can not be made up in future years. Reporting the sale of all qualifying livestock of the sale as ordinary income, will sharply lower tax liability.

These subjects and many others are treated in the new "1956 Farmer's Tax Guide," now available at the county agent's office. Arranged for easy finding, it explains how to handle most tax problems that farmers and ranchmen face, the agent says. Mail requests for copies of the guide will be promptly filled.

Some farmers have lost money this year and will not owe any taxes. When there is no tax liability some farmers in the past have tended to neglect taking all allowable deductions. This is usually a mistake, Cooper points out, because losses can now be carried backward for two years and carried forward for as many as five years. Sooner or later, these current losses should permit the taxpayer to either get a refund or give him a deduction on future tax bills.

### VISIT HERE CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones and Mrs. Virgie Higdon had as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sumall of McCamey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Story and daughter of Arlington, Miss Mae Thompson of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Riddle of Fort Worth.



### IS THAT CHRISTMAS GIFT TAXABLE?

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$50,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$50,000 — before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair-market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift will cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the ap-

plication of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, then the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000).

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

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### PRAISES -

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the strides the town is making the turkey industry, and other bright outlooks for 1957. Year, and the mayor saluted toward him the city way toward many accomplishments.

Vandergriff sent his regards to all of the people saying they proved to be the finest he had met and he looked forward here again.

### PERSONALS

#### CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mrs. Mary Crabb had as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Miller Johnson of Mesquite, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. LaQuey of Refugio, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hicks and Danny of Canton, Mrs. Larene Brawner of Jacksonville, and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Davis and children, Doyle and Arlene of Dallas.

#### HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williamson had their children home for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williamson of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williamson, Jr. from Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mrs. Williamson's sister, Mrs. Eunice Pierson of Pampa.

#### HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock had as guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blair and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Blacklock and son of Snyder, and Joe Don Blacklock of Midland.

Sunday and Monday

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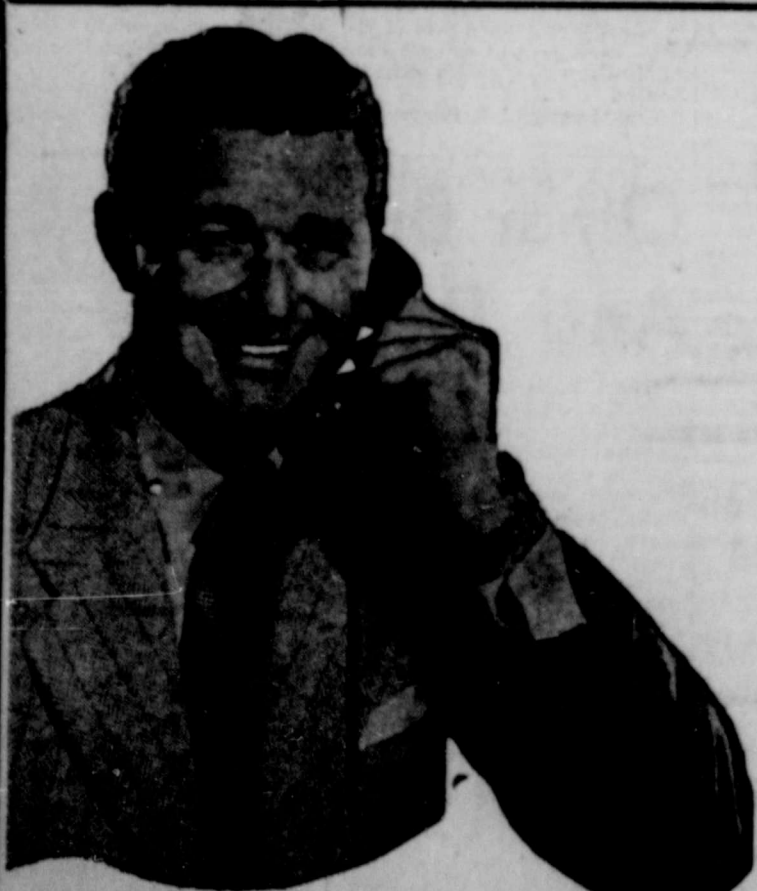
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- Memo Paper
- Typewriter Paper
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- Waste Baskets
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### Club-Deb Club Christmas Progressive Dinner Held Dec. 20

of the most colorful affairs of the holiday season was the progressive dinner of the Club on the Thursday before Christmas. Club members met at the home of Glenda Webb for the course. Cranberry served from a table decorated with a pink and silver theme. A delicate pink and white Christmas scene was the center of the table. The salad course was served in the home of Linda Shaffer, where seasonal decorations were again featured. The girls then went to the private dining room of King's Cafe for the main course of traditional turkey dinner. Tables, arranged in a T-form, were attractively decorated in blue, silver and white and Christmas greens. A Christmas arrangement of blue and silver with white candles on a white base was used on the senior table. Place cards carried out the holiday theme, and tiny Christmas bells were favors. Dessert was enjoyed at the home of Elizabeth Seymour, and then the club mem-

bers went to Sue Garrett's home for the Christmas tree where they exchanged gifts. The following members were present: Linda Shaffer, Deanne Hazard, Sue Garrett, Sherry Baker, Patsy Holliday, Gay Ann Dasevich, Nancy Graham, Audie Faye Dempsey, Glenda Webb, Beverly Moore, Charlotte Rose, Norma Gayle Emfinger, Mary Kay Rush, Barbara Crabb, Karen Killingsworth, Nelita Melton, Betty Gayle Gardenhire, Elizabeth Seymour, Pat Gallagher, Helen Hagan, Molly Mitchell, Dawn Loper, Desma Eakin, Dorothy Eppley, Kay King, Linda Carroll, Helen Carroll and the sponsor, Mrs. R. L. Hamrick.

### Legion Auxiliary Meets Thursday

Members of the Carl Barnes Unit No. 69 of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall Thursday evening for a regular business meeting which was presided over by president, Mrs. Mary Faircloth.

Routine business was transacted and sick report made. It was reported that several gift boxes of food were delivered during the Christmas holidays.

The hand-crocheted table cloth and quilt made by members may be seen in the Unique Beauty shop window. Next regular meeting will be on Jan. 16.



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### LOOK WHO'S NEW



Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Kincaid are the parents of a 9 pound 10-ounce boy born at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28 in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hicks of Gordon are the parents of a 9 pound 4 ounce girl born at 6:51 a.m. Dec. 27 in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Witt of Strawn are the parents of a baby boy born at 6:45 a.m. Dec. 29 in the West Texas Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Neal of Alice have been visiting Mrs. E. L. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Horton, Sharon and Jimmie of Tulsa, Okla. are visiting Mrs. Horton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Cooper.

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V. V. Cooper spent Christmas with his sisters and brothers in Kilgore.

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### PERSONALS

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townzen of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townzen of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Samford of Odessa, Mrs. Peggy Townzen and daughter of Houston, Mrs. T. A. Townzen and Mrs. Emma Dyer of Ranger visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Townzen and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townzen Christmas.

#### VISIT IN OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baits and Judy visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Branch of Ardmore, Okla. Christmas.

#### CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mrs. W. P. Powell had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Powell and Janice of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Powell and children of Sweetwater. They also visited with the H. H. Vaughns.

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### NEWS FROM STAFF

By Mrs. M. O. Hazard

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins, Vinson Lee and Audrey Fay were visiting in Eastland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foreman, Kenneth and Allen, from Olden, were the guests Saturday of Mrs. Foreman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Pamela Dennis of Ranger spent the week end in the community with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White and attended Sunday School here Sunday morning.

Mrs. M. A. Abel was shopping in Eastland Saturday afternoon.

A large number from the community were in Eastland Monday for the grand opening of the new Safeway store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Henderson, Jr. and two daughters from Amarillo are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were guests Monday afternoon of

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Ralph Veal and Wilma Mendoza are new patients in the West Texas Clinic.

A. C. Shugart of Ft. Worth and Mrs. H. W. Veal of Ranger are new medical patients in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Justice of Houston and Bobby Justice of Dallas have returned to their homes after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

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his sister, Mrs. Pearl Bourland of Eastland.

T. E. Pope was a business visitor in Eastland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Crosby and Brenda, from Cisco, were guests Sunday of Lonnie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Mrs. Wayne White visited in Eastland Friday with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Williamson. Also with her sister, Mrs. Virgil Massengill.

J. W. Mounce, Staff's grocery man, was in Eastland to attend to business Monday.

The farmers and ranchers are all smiles since the wonderful rain this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett of Kokomo were visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little, Wednesday evening. Also some friends from Ranger were visiting the Littles.

Robert Reeves has been ill with chicken pox this week.

### Rural Youth To Have Special Day At Fort Worth

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations.

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Slim) Adams, from Desdemona were the guests of Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Zona Griffin Sunday afternoon.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Joe Brashears were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Stewart and Debra of Texhoma. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stewart of Eunice, New Mexico, Mrs. Mary Zemplin of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Briggs and daughters Audrey and JoAnn of Abilene, Mrs. J. H. Hennon, Mrs. Kitty Stephenson and Mrs. Belle Hindman, all of Ranger.

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### Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

**Holy Mass** every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

**Evening devotions** on Sundays at 7 p.m.

**Study club** for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

**Choir practice** Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

**Study club** for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**Religion class** for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

### Eastside Baptist Announcements

The Eastside Baptist Chapel extends an invitation to everyone who does not have a church home in Ranger to attend their Sunday services. Sunday school beginning at 9:45 a.m. provides Bible study for every age group. Unions are also provided for all age groups in the morning Union from 6:30 until 7:30 Sunday evening.

The pastor, Rev. Jackie Heath, will preach both the morning and evening sermons. The morning worship begins at 11:00 and the evening at 7:30.

An invitation is also extended to all to attend the mid-week prayer service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY

### First Baptist Will Have Watch Party

The annual "New Year's Eve" watch party and program will be observed by the First Baptist Church Monday night beginning at 8 p.m. and closing at 12:31, 1957.

A program that will be of interest for every age group has been planned and made ready. The Training Union department sponsors this service, and director Glenn West and his staff of workers are ready for the "old year to be buried and to watch the dawning of the New Year."

### Merriman Baptist Announcements

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

### Church of God Services Set

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

Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Services, 11 a.m.; Evening Evangelistic, 7 p.m.; Y.P.E., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

### Christian Science

The ever-present power of the Christ, Truth, will be set forth at the Christian Science services Sunday.

The Lesson-Sermon to be recited entitled "Christian Science" includes the following from Isaiah (52:10): "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Selections to be read from "Science and Health" with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy include the following (55:15-21): "Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and dying. My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself,—when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind."

### Special Student Recognition Will Be Held Sunday

The Sunday evening service at the First Methodist Church will be held at 7:30 as a special honor to our college students.

The sermon will be by John Wylie, student in TCU who is preparing for the ministry. Other students are most cordially invited to attend. A good attendance is expected from the families and friends of these fine young people.

### Eastside Church of Christ Announcements

Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock, Robert L. Craig, preacher for the Eastside Church of Christ, will speak on the subject, "Baptized for the dead." This statement is taken from 1 Corinthians the 15th chapter at the 29th verse, and is one of the most controversial verses in all the New Testament. You are cordially invited with the church which meets at Strawn Road and Young St., at the announced time to hear this discussion.

Other services for the day include Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45. Mid-week Bible study will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and a Bible study for women will be conducted Thursday morning at 9:30. The public is invited to all services.



**NEW '57 MODEL, SOVIET STYLE**—A pair of Russian women look over the latest model of the Soviet SZL midsize automobile. The pint-sized stubby car was designed and produced at the Serpukhov Motorcycle plant in Moscow.

### First Baptist Announcements

Plan now to be in worship services on this Lord's day. We of the First Baptist extend to everyone a Christian welcome to come worship with us at all services on the last Sunday in the year.

Bring your family to Sunday school, the preaching hour follows. The pastor will bring a message based upon the statement of Jesus when He said, "Follow me." "Come and See." When we follow Jesus we will follow Him to worship services. When we come and see, He will be there to help us.

Training Union begins at 6:30, and the "Student Night Program" at 7:30. The pastor's message will be in keeping with the theme for Student night, "God's Purpose Fulfilled."

The young people home from college and those from our local schools will present the many phases of the evening worship. Parents attend this special worship with your children.

### Nazarene Church Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule for the Church of the Nazarene, as announced by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Harar, is as follows: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; NYPS, 6:45 p.m.; and Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held at 7 each Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

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### First Methodist Announcements

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. A class awaits you in one of our departments at the First Methodist Church. Morning worship, 10:50 o'clock. The pastor will preach on "New Life for the New Year." The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Miss Vivian Simmons, will sing as the offertory anthem, "My God and I" by Sergel.

The MYF will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday. All the young people are invited to attend. Your presence will add to the effectiveness of the meeting and be fine training for you in Christian service.

The Official Board will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 2 at 7:00. We hope all members will attend this monthly meeting of the board.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evening at 8:00. It is very important that choir members be in the rehearsals.

### Rev. Fields To Speak At Baptist Chapel

Rev. Jim Fields of Seminole will fill the pulpit of the Eastside Baptist Chapel Sunday for both the morning and evening worship services. A cordial invitation has been extended to all those who have no church home in Ranger to attend the Sunday services.

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship service, 11:00; Training Union, 6:30 p.m.; Evening worship service, 7:30.

All ages will find a program of teaching in the Sunday school and one of training in Training Union.

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on New Year's Eve, Monday, 31, 1956. This service will be at 9:00 p.m. and continue 12:01 a.m. Refreshments served in the basement church building between 11:30 p.m. and 12:01 a.m. When it comes in, we will be singing and making hearts to the Lord. Begins at 9:00 p.m. cordially invited.

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## "DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

**STORY NO. 1**

### Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.—We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2240, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night, almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked? Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the bargainer, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervantes had a couple of quick tequilas at the International Gardens, Ricky Callione's place, to steady his nerves. Then he paid his three pesos—twenty five cents—and vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now serving 99 years in Huntsville Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't live long, even in Huntsville, if he did. And The Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with Boss George Berham Parr, the tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty, but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're red as in Russia, black as in Mussolini's Italy, brown as in Hitler's Germany, or red, white and blue as in Parr's Duval, follow the same pattern—ballots, beatings, bullets and booty. The ballots are phony but the others are real. All four figure in the story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening.

That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, his now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a clean-up of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other counties, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't believe that such a place as Duval County could possibly exist in the Western world, until he came to Texas and saw for himself. Until he talked to little people who had been beaten and ruined, the little people whose names do not appear in the papers. Until he talked to the families of men who had been killed.

Until he talked face to face with one of the killers, a professional murderer, a hired pistolero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under the red shirts and under the brown shirts, and who doesn't like either of them, has written several pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened there but to prevent a recurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance. Just now grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile from Avis and covered more than 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texans have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full story of Duval hasn't been really and fully told. Has never been pulled together as in one place and in complete focus so that the whole picture of... and sharp can be seen... time.

That's why Franz Rosenwald and I are writing this story in terms of real, live people, the people who, like the men of the Alamo, of San Jacinto, of Goliad, are fighting—and dying—for the right to be free.