

## Let's Look At Ranger

"Count your many blessings — name them one by one."

A passage from a beautiful spiritual song, but how many of us ever really take time to be thankful for the many things that we have.

Too many of us have got into the habit of sitting back and gripping about the way things are going in Ranger. We have the idea that if something big doesn't develop for Ranger that we are lost. We get into the habit of blaming our own misfortunes on Ranger, when the fault is all our own. After all, Ranger is US, and it is what we make it. The destiny of Ranger is what WE make it. And if we don't have a favorable attitude toward Ranger, what can we expect of it.

We keep hearing the statement "Ranger must get some industry." Well, we haven't got that industry yet, and we may not get it. But that is no reason to feel that we cannot survive without it. We need to be thankful and appreciative for the many things that we have in Ranger. We must take what we have and make it attractive enough to others to make them want to be a part of Ranger. We need to sell Ranger on the basis of a strong self-supporting community that has something good to offer others, and not on the basis of a community that can't survive without the help of others.

Let's look at what we have.

We have a well established town with a good strong central government. A community with a strategic location, with an abundance of natural resources.

We have a town that offers a person the religion of his choice. Good churches that are active and progressive. A freedom of religion to everyone.

A strong network of civic organizations, service clubs and social activities in Ranger offers everyone a chance to serve their community and to meet in fellowship and recreation.

A good school system. Although the school buildings are old, they are in excellent repair. The academic rating of Ranger Public Schools is very high on the state level. Students graduating from Ranger Public Schools are well qualified to enter any of the senior colleges in the state. We have a school faculty that is well qualified and dedicated to teach our children. We also have an institution of higher education, Ranger Junior College is one of the greatest assets of Ranger. The annual payroll alone means many thousands of dollars to Ranger. This plus the maintenance and operating capital and the student spending, provide Ranger merchants with a good source of their annual revenue.

Ranger's location alone, is something to be thankful for. Located in the center of a vast farming and ranching area, it is easy accessible from any surrounding point. It is on one of the heaviest traveled U. S. highways, and has highway connections to any point in any direction. It has rail facilities unequalled by any between Fort Worth and Abilene. It has an overabundant supply of natural gas and electricity for home and industry use. It has one of the greatest water supplies of any town of its size anywhere.

Lake Leon, not only a water supply that would be sufficient for a town many times the size of Ranger, is fast becoming one of the area's favorite recreation centers.

Ranger is fortunate in having several industries that have payrolls that do much to support Ranger. Lone Star Gas Company has vast holdings and works many people in the Ranger area. The Featherlite Corporation in Ranger is one of the largest aggregate plants in the world. Southwest Athletic Repair Company is one of Ranger's youngest establishments, and is becoming a state-wide business. Many other oil companies other than Lone Star has good payrolls in Ranger. Texas Electric Service Company has a power plant in the Ranger area and a local payroll in Ranger. Social Science Laboratories does a nation wide business. Ranger has one of the area's leading banks and the only Savings and Loan Associations in the county. Also a wholesale grocery warehouse that has a wide distribution area. Ranger Iron Works does an interstate business. We have two machine shops that are equipped to do almost any tooling job. Also many other businesses that have local and state-wide distribution areas. These industries and businesses provide Ranger with a vast payroll that we should be thankful for.

The many home-owned and home-operated businesses supplemented by three nationally known stores provide Ranger with a shopping paradise unequalled in any town of this size.

Let's be thankful for what we have. Let's be appreciative of the many advantages that are ours.

Ranger has something to offer others—let's wrap it all together in a bright package, tie a big red bow on it and sell it to the world.



RIFLES PASS IN REVIEW—The Lexington, S.C., "Rifles" march after 100 years. Men of the group, which marched in the president's inaugural parade, grew beards for the town's Civil War centennial celebration.

## Pecan Growers Re-Elect Sims

Eastland County Pecan Growers Association members Thursday re-elected all three of the organization's top officials for another year. Hank Sims of Eastland will serve for another year as president, Doss Alexander of Rising Star as vice president and Ben McKinnis of Eastland as secretary-treasurer.

The Association's meeting was held in the Texas Electric Service Co. conference room in Eastland. Pecan growers also recalled Earnest Smith of Rising Star as a director and named Edwin Schaefer of Cisco as a new director. Smith and Schaefer will serve two year terms. Holdover directors are C. T. Barton of Pioneer and J. W. Sifton of Cisco.

Miss Donna Pugh, Eastland High School senior, was presented a special valentine gift, pecan candy, by the president. Miss Pugh is county pecan queen and will be crowned Texas Pecan Queen later this year.

Growers were asked to contribute to a fund to send Miss Pugh to the State Pecan Association.

## Poll Tax Sales In County Total More Than 3,000

More than 3,000 persons paid their poll taxes in Eastland County this year, J. C. Allison, tax assessor collector, announced today.

Allison gave the following breakdown of payments at 14 courts and four sub-stations:

Station	No. Sold
Eastland	1,480
Cisco	846
Ranger	360
Gorman	236
Rising Star	162

Allison credited the work of Jaycees organizations in the county and other interested persons with a large number of last minute sales. A total of 3,074 were sold.

## I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

Tradition says that, at one time, the largest town between Fort Worth and El Paso was Thurber. Now a "ghost town", Thurber, in its heyday, was the center of a district which gave employment to several thousand coal miners.

So important was the Thurber mining industry that Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, spoke there; and, on one occasion, a young leader of the national miners' union, John L. Lewis, conferred with officials of the Texas Pacific Coal Company, which owned the Thurber mines.

The town began to decline about the time that oil was discovered at Ranger in the fall of 1917. This flush field, and other oil fields, provided a cheaper fuel for the T. & P. Railway, which had been the chief customer for Thurber's coal. A strike, too, at about this time aggravated the situation and mining came to a halt, never to be resumed on a scale of any importance.

In 1921, when this writer went to Eastland to edit the Daily Oil Belt News, Thurber (25 miles to the east) was still a sizeable and active place. The town continued to be the headquarters of the company, renamed Texas Pacific Coal and Oil, and this concern conducted extensive oil operations in Eastland, Stephens and other counties. Also the company was operating a large brick plant at Thurber. The workers in this plant and the large force in the company's general offices gave Thurber a substantial population.

The stores were company-owned; in fact, the whole town was owned by the company, including the hotel, country club, baseball park, a lake, residences occupied by executives and cottages tenanted by workers. The business buildings were of brick, giving the downtown a handsome appearance, and the stores were well stocked. On Saturdays, the business section was busy. And there was plenty of activity in Thurber on Saturday nights, too.

At least a thousand persons still lived in the town at that time. The miners had come from half a dozen countries, chiefly in Southern Europe, and many of them were residing in Thurber in 1921, and even for some time after that. They spoke the languages, they maintained the customs, sang the songs of their countries.

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## News From Area Towns

**Conditions Wonderful**  
Not in 20 years has the Rising Star country been in better shape moisture-wise than was its condition at the end of January. Since Dec. 1 almost seven inches of precipitation had been recorded by the city gauge, a portion of it falling in the form of snow which is the most beneficial manner in which moisture can be received by the soil. Snow which fell last week totaled more than four inches.

—The Rising Star Record

**Cisco Rotary Honored**  
Distinguished guests including charter members of the Cisco Rotary Club were among those present Thursday night as club members and their wives met at Cisco Junior College to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary. Thomas H. Law, president of the Fort Worth Rotary Club, was the main speaker.

—The Cisco Press

**Gas Study Is Made**  
Cross Plains City Council met in special session Tuesday night with W. B. Evans, owner of gas wells which supply the municipal system in Cross Plains. Announcement was made at the close of the session that Evans had agreed to install drips at the city limits to extract water and petroleum from the gas. "We are very anxious to correct some of the difficulties which have been impeding service and presenting dangers to our people," said Mayor Ted Soffler.

—Cross Plains Review

**Peanut Company Formed**  
Melvin and Wilbur Shell have announced the formation of the M & W Supply Co. for the purpose of manufacturing and sale of industrial machinery. One of the principal items will be the Shell automatic peanut sampler which has been on the market for about a year.

—The Gorman Progress

## Scouts Hold City-wide Court of Honor Tues.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and their leaders will be observing the 51st Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week February 7 to 13.

Ranger Scouts will begin their observance of the anniversary today as each unit attends church at the First Methodist Church.

Scouts are called on to participate in the "five point plan" which includes arrangement of a display of crafts in an up town window, attending church service on Scout Sunday, going on a hike or camp and cookout, conduct an "open house" for parents and friends and present awards and participate in a good turn service project.

Ranger Scouts have plans to participate in at least four of these activities during Scout Week. Each unit that competes four of the five activities on the program will receive a ribbon streamer award.

Tuesday night, Feb. 7, the open house phase of the program will be observed by Ranger Scouts in the form of a City-Wide Court of Honor where all Scout units of Ranger and area citizens are urged to attend the Court of Honor.

The Court of Honor will be held at the High School auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Prior to the beginning of the Court of Honor, voting by Ranger citizens for their Boy Scout candidates for city offices for Scout Day will be held. Anyone over six years of age may vote from 6 to 7 p.m.

and to Rickey Wheat and Preston Sunday of Troop 10.

Second Class advancement badges will be presented to Bill Rogers, Emory Ford and Bobby Decker of Troop 10 and David Dawson, Jimmy Ross Crossley, Andy Hamilton, Jerry Watson, Pat Culpepper, Parry Blackwell, Duwell Hatfield, Steve Funderburg, Jimmy Hamilton, Phillip Anderson and Roy Leonard of Troop 15.

First Class Badges will be presented to Tommy Brasher, Bill Arterburn, Willie Cantwell, Mike Landtroy and Terry Sutton of Troop 15, and Mike Smith, Leroy Pearson, Dan Collins, Richard Herweck, David Mahaffey and Johnny McGee of Troop 10.

Star Scout advancement awards will go to Tommy Lenzini, Larry Wilhelm and John Hopper of Troop 10 and Eddy Howton, Daryl Swintney and David Sutton of Troop 15.

Life Scout advancement awards will be presented to Craig Loper and Jerry Bob Warden of Troop 10.

A total of 74 Merit Badges will be presented to 29 boys. From Troop 15 they are: Daryl Swintney, Steve Funderburg, Jimmy Ross Crossley, Tommy Brasher, Jimmy Watkins, Eddy Howton, Bill Arterburn, David Danson, David Sutton, Mike Landtroy, Terry Sutton, Andy Hamilton, Jerry Watson, Pat Culpepper and Larry Blackwell. From Troop 10 they are: Craig Loper, Jerry Bob Warden, Tommy Lenzini, Larry Wilhelm, John Hopper, Johnny McGee, Richard Herweck, Dan Collins, Leroy Pearson, Mike Smith, Jimmy Drennan and Jimmy Ratliff.

Members of Cub Scout Pack 70 will conduct the candle ceremony at the Court of Honor and act as ushers.

Other activities that the Scout will participate in during Scout Week are window displays, Scout Day on Feb. 11, and attend church services at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 12 by units.

## Beta Club Members Attend State Convention

Nine members of the Beta Club of Ranger High School attended the Beta Club State Convention in Dallas Friday and Saturday.

The members were looking forward to the convention as it was the first time that the members have had an opportunity to attend the state convention. Ranger chapter of the Beta Club was organized last fall. The Beta Club is a national honor society. Members must attain an 85 or better average in their school work.

Members attending the convention were, president Gary Bradshaw; vice president, Alex Eakin; Ronnie Dackevich, Tim Covington, Jill Watkins, Schellene Scott, Donna Drennan, Lorella Love and Janey Adams.

Mrs. Helen Hagan and J. S. Wilhelm are sponsors of the Beta Club and accompanied the members on the trip.

Registration was held Friday afternoon and Friday night introductions of guests were made. Saturday's activities were climaxed with a ball Saturday night. The Ranger group returned Saturday night following the ball.

## Five Burglaries Are Cleared In Recent Arrests

Charges of house burglary have been filed against five out-of-county men and a large number of rural burglaries have been cleared, Sheriff Lee Horn has revealed.

Horn said that two different gangs have been apprehended. Most of the burglaries occurred more than a year ago and Horn said the chance of recovering much of the stolen merchandise is slight.

Charged with burglary and being held by county officers or on hold orders in other counties are J. D. Myers, Doyle Honeycutt and Gary Cook, all of Abilene, and James Daniels and Jule Daniels, both of Brownwood. The two Daniels men were operating together and the other three were working as a gang, Sheriff Horn said.

Horn said the Daniels men are charged with two burglaries at Nimrod, Myers, Honeycutt and Cook face charges of burglarizing homes at Scranton and two homes near Cisco.

## Contract Let On FM Road 2214 In Eastland Co.

A contract for 9.9 miles of construction on Farm to Market Road 2214 in Eastland County has been awarded to a Vernon firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

Luce Construction Company, Inc., submitted the low bid of \$104,208 on the project. Road construction, grading, base and surfacing from Farm to Market Road 2214 southwest to Farm to Market Road 571 is expected to take 100 working days, according to Elmer M. Pritchard, District Highway Engineer at Brownwood.

R. P. Haun Jr., Resident Engineer at Eastland will be in active charge of the project while it is under construction.

## Surplus Food Distribution Dates Listed

Next issue date for the USDA surplus foods in Eastland, will be as follows:

Monday, Feb. 13—Eastland, Oiden and Ranger.

Tuesday, Feb. 14—Pioneer, Rising Star, Okra, Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona.

Wednesday, Feb. 15—Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod.

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## Eastland County Members Attend Area FB Meet

The Windsor Hotel in Abilene was headquarters for the Eastland County Bureau State Wide Membership Chairman's Rally, Wednesday with 300 membership workers from 70 counties in Texas attending.

J. H. West, president of the Eastland County Bureau, spoke at the opening session on "The Farm Bureau Member". J. Walter Haggard, from Tye Texas, the past president of Texas Farm Bureau, gave an enthusiastic address. "Now That Texas is One Big Farm" Leon Lane, Big Four, Leon Lane, Fieldman, led the Texas Farm Bureau staff in a very lively membership skit, "Who? Me?", which was the theme of the Rally. The skits and information on various committees on Public Affairs, Legislation, Security, Insurance, Public Information, Queen Contests, Talent, Fellowship, and Membership, were the skit very inspiring.

The meeting was concluded with a banquet at 6:30 in the Hotel Ballroom, with Louie, from the Tennessee Farm Bureau serving as guest speaker. Mr. Safley, assistant to the president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau, is widely known in the South for his speaking leadership in membership.

According to Millard Starn, organization director of the Farm Bureau, the entire enrollment program will be around the importance of the divisional member. The Eastland County Bureau ended its 1960 membership year with 80,992 members, an all-time high. The Farm Bureau is now 4th in the nation and 1st in the South.

Attending the rally from Eastland County were Glenn Justice, president; A. W. Wright, vice president and membership chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Justice, Mrs. Glenn Justice and T. C. Cozart, community workers.

## Dimes Campaign Going Good, More To Come In

The Ranger High Schools and Junior High are leading in the March of Dimes Fund-raising campaign.

The classes held their fund drive in the auditorium Friday morning and turned in a total of \$364.59. The eighth grade was the largest contributor with \$113.81. Other class donations were freshmen \$20.81; Sophomores, \$46.24; Juniors \$46.52; Seniors, \$83.76 and Seventh, \$52.00.

The High School has set up tentative plans to hold their basketball tournament, February 16 and 17. This is a Dimes benefit tournament, and all high school classes will have entries in both the boys and girls games.

Other reports on the campaign show that the 1947 Club Mother's March netted \$355.35.

Teams working on the March were:

Mrs. F. P. Brasher Jr., Mrs. Rayneal Baze, Mrs. W. C. Sanders and Mrs. L. R. Pearson Jr.

Mrs. W. P. Watkins, Mrs. Charles Garrett, Mrs. L. H. Kay, Mrs. M. D. Sharp and Mrs. Wilson Guest.

Mrs. Glenn Covington and Mrs. Charles Milliken.

Mrs. Sam Aille, Mrs. Edwin Lummas, Mrs. B. B. Wheat, Mrs. Jack Blackwell, Mrs. Wynnie Hughes, and Mrs. Frank Polston.

Mrs. Luther Gohlke and Mrs. Harry Weldon.

Mrs. D. C. Arterburn and Mary Joy Wilson, Mrs. H. C. Croom, Mrs. Orlie Lewis, Mrs. Lillian O. Hartsfield, Mrs. C. L. Shaffer, Mrs. Charles Isabell and Mrs. Gorman Mortie.

Mrs. Bill Anderson and Mrs. Morris Campbell.

Mrs. Charles Gann and Mrs. Jim Puryear, Mrs. Clem and Mrs. E. T. Puryear.

Mrs. H. G. Adams, Mrs. Mary Lilley, Mrs. Roscoe Hopper and Mrs. Dewey Cox Jr.

Mrs. James Ratliff and Mrs. Morris Newnam.

Mrs. Carl Black Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mrs. Jack Urban and Mrs. Lottie Davoport.

The Fire Department and the National Guard Unit.

Activities scheduled for Monday night will be a benefit ballgame beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ranger gym. The game will be between the schools faculty and the Ranger business men. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes.

Following the game the Dubs will sponsor a Sock Hop at the College Union Building beginning at 8:15 p.m. They will also have a cake walk, prizes for the prettiest socks, door prizes and the Teddy Bears will play for the hop.

Reports from other organizations who have been working on the March of Dimes Campaign are: The Lions Club reports \$170.00 from their Pancake supper, the Columbia Study Club, \$20.00 on their cake auction, coffee \$12.00 on coffee day. College basketball game \$14.00, Rotary Club \$25.00; AAUW \$5.00; Sals Dubs \$10.00; on cake sale, and Rho Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi \$5.00.

The College reports they will give a Road Block song time next week. The 1920 Club reports they will give a cash donation. The Boy Scouts have not picked up the containers as yet. And various other organizations haven't turned in a report on their activities.



Reading And Believing The Bible By Rev. Ralph Perkins Pastor First Baptist Church

The Holy Bible is God's divinely inspired word. The Bible tells us this is true. How shall we know that these "66 Books" are the inspired word of God? "The Almighty".

There are several ways that we can know the truth, and Jesus said, "The Truth shall make you free." God's character, wisdom and power is stamped upon each page of the Bible. When these teachings are followed by man they will lead him into the very presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, the "only Son of God." Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, chapter 3, that "ye must be born again." That "God so loved the world... that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In the 18th verse "He that believeth on him, (Jesus Christ) is not condemned; but he that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

So, Jesus, and Jesus only, is the source of eternal life. Denial of Jesus is likewise the only "condemnation that damns a soul to the eternal regions of "hell, hell, Gehennah, Sheol, Tartarus," call it what you will, these are five of the 16 words the Bible uses to tell us that those who deny Jesus as Lord and Saviour here, will spend an eternity in—that is separation from Jesus.

Jesus also tells us in the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25, that "heaven is a place for the redeemed of God," that the "eternal regions prepared for Satan and his angels is one of the destruction and despair."

The Bible teaches us that "there is life after death, life in heaven for the "born again," and "life in the pits of hell for those who deny Jesus as Saviour here."

Another thing the Bible teaches us, "That flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." That we must have a "spiritual body, a resurrection body like Jesus had when he was raised from the power of God, came from the grave and physical death in a spiritual body, and a glorified body." The scriptures tells us that "we shall be like him when he appears."

I challenge you to read one chapter each day from the New Testament during the year 1961. Or if you would like to read the Bible through in one year, then read three chapters each day, and five on Sunday. During 1961, become a regular reader of the Bible, and a church attendee.



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**Martha Dorcas SS Class Has Luncheon Feb. 2**  
The Martha Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met Thursday, February 2 at the church for their monthly meeting and luncheon.

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## New Officers Are Elected by 1920 Club At Meeting Thursday

The 1920 Club held its annual business meeting February 2 at the Community clubhouse. Mrs. Carl Black, Jr., presided. Members answered roll call by giving suggestions for next year's study. The following new officers were elected: president, Mrs. Theodore Nieckick Jr.; first vice president, Mrs. R. L. Hamrick; second vice president, Mrs. J. Floyd Killingsworth; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Gann; recording secretary, Mrs. Herman Cupp; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lummus; Federation counselor, Mrs. Judson Hardy; press reporter, Mrs. G. B. Rush; parliamentarian, Mrs. Saule Peristain; and historian, Mrs. J. S. McDowell. Mrs. C. E. May, Sr., closed the meeting with the reading of the club collect.

## I Give You Texas—

(Continued from page one) songs and danced the dances of their native countries. Festivals were frequent and colorful. And those Saturday nights were gay occasions, too, with the celebrants having fights, or a knitting or, even, now and then a killing. For, despite the fact that national prohibition then was the law, were able to obtain wine and beer by the simple process of making their own. The wine was called "grappo" and the brew was known as "choe" beer. These products, especially the beer, were sold to visitors from Ranger, Eastland, Cisco and other towns. That choe beer was quite powerful—as I was told. The Thurber country club was the scene of one of the leading annual golf tournaments of West Texas and the Thurber baseball team was probably the best in all its region. The team was composed of young college stars, who were provided jobs by the company in order to maintain their amateur status, and by older players.

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**SCHOOL MENU**  
Monday, February 6  
Stacks  
Beans, Spaghetti  
Chili, Onions, Cheese  
Celery, Cornbread  
Milk, Butter, Cookies  
Tuesday, February 7  
Soup, Crackers  
Cornbread  
Spinach, Salad  
Milk, Cake  
Wednesday, February 8  
Hamburgers  
Lettuce, Tomatoes  
Pickles, Relish Tray  
Orange Wedges  
Milk, Ice Cream  
Thursday, February 9  
Chicken and Rice  
Gravy, Green Beans  
Sweet Potatoes  
Biscuits, Butter, Milk  
Mixed Fruits  
Friday, February 10  
Salmon, Croquettes  
Corn, Black-eyed Peas  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Cornbread, Butter, Milk  
Fruit Cobbler

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**Miss Mildred Day Becomes Bride  
 Of Donald Edward Adair Jan. 29**

Miss Mildred Day became the bride of Donald Edward Adair of Hamlin Sunday, Jan. 29, at 3:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Abilene. Rev. Ray Heckendorn of Eastland read the wedding vows.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Day, 911 S. Daugherty, Eastland. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Adair of Hamlin are parents of the groom.

Honor attendants of the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Muri Don Smith of Hamlin.

Mrs. Adair is a 1958 graduate of Eastland High School and is presently a junior at North Texas State College in Denton. She is majoring in elementary education.

Mr. Adair was graduated from Hamlin High School in 1957 and is also a junior at North Texas State College. He is a physical education major and a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Attending the ceremony were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Day, and the groom's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wicker and Suzanne of Hamlin.

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**Around the  
 Campus**

**Personality of the Week**  
 Ranger College Journalism Class presents Dorman "Butch" Scott, student council representative of the sophomore class, as the Personality of the Week. Scott, as he is better known to his friends and faculty, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott of Anson.

Butch graduated from Anson High School in 1959. During his high school days he was a member of the FFA, Future Teachers of America, and the Athletic Club. He was an active fullback for the Anson football team, and his senior year he was elected the Most Valuable Back of his team. He also served as a class officer and was voted the Most Popular Senior Boy.

This all-around young man came to Ranger College in the fall of 1959 as a business administration major. This is his second year to play on the Ranger College football team. During his leisure time he enjoys hunting, dancing, and playing cards.

Scott's appearance is dominated by his fiery red hair and brown eyes. He is good-natured and easy-

going, and his personality and quick wit make him an unforgettable and outstanding person.

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**Miss Reid to Wed  
 Jack Ashworth**

Mrs. Tom Sawyer of Houston announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Jimmie Kay Reid to Jack Ashworth of Houston.

The wedding vows will be exchanged February 18.

Miss Reid is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shell of Ranger.

**WOMEN'S  
 ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, February 6**  
 The Royal Neighbors of America will meet at the IOOF Hall Monday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Practice for initiation will be held. All members are urged to be present.

**Monday, February 6**  
 The W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church will meet Monday, February 6 in circles as follows:

Circle No. 1 with Mrs. J. L. Turner at 3:30 p.m.

Circle No. 2 with Mrs. G. A. Fyffe at 3:30 p.m.

Circle No. 3 with Mrs. S. M. McDowell at 3:30 p.m.

Circle No. 4 with Mrs. James Ratliff at 9:30 a.m.

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**Pard Dog Food** 2c Off Label                      7 1-lb. Cans **89¢**

**Hunt's Pears** Bartlett Halves                      3 2 1/2's Cans **1<sup>00</sup>**

**Star-Kist Chunk Style**

**TUNA** Save 20c                      3 1/2's Cans **79¢**

**Prune Juice** Lady Betty                      Quart Botl. **39¢**

**Tamales** El Chico Yellow Label                      2 300's Cans **49¢**

**Plain Chili** El Chico No Beans                      2 300's Cans **89¢**

### Fundamental Baptist Church

Rev. Jack Walker, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church, 830

Strawn Road, makes the following announcements. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. The Wednesday evening prayer service begins at 7:30 p.m.

### Our New Year's Resolutions—

... are as simple and timely as they are sincere. We resolve again that better service to our customers will be foremost in our efforts and that we shall ever strive to add to the quality of the product we sell. We further resolve that property owners both present and future will be reminded from time to time that abstracts of title will not only save them money but will help to safeguard them against fraud and errors in real estate ownership.

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### Harmony Baptist Church

Bill Penland, pastor

Harmony Baptist, the church with a friendly welcome and old time Gospel preaching from the Bible, welcomes you to its services. Harmony Baptist Church will begin Sunday School at 10 a.m. with worship services at 11 o'clock with the pastor bringing the message. Training Union begins at 7 p.m. with evening preaching at eight.

Joe Matthews is music director Wednesday evening midweek service is held at 7 p.m. with Bible study and praying.

Thursday is visitation night beginning at 7 p.m.

### Mesquite & Rusk Church of Christ

Lloyd Bryant, minister

Services for Sunday at the Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ begins with Bible Classes at 9:45 a.m. The morning worship follows at 10:45.

Visitation begins at 5 p.m. Evening worship starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Bible Class meets at 2 p.m.

Mid-week Bible classes are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday night. A cordial welcome is extended to everyone.

An invitation to listen to religious questions and answers program on KERC at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday morning is extended to everyone.

### Nazarene Church

Bobby Ferguson, pastor

Rev. Bobby Ferguson, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, West Main and Oak Streets, gives the following schedule of services. Sunday School meets each week at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Burt McGraw is Sunday School superintendent. The morning worship service begins at 10:45.

N. Y. P. S. begins at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening, followed by the evening worship service at 7:45.

Prayer meetings are held each Wednesday night at 7:45.

### Eastside Church of Christ

Hollis Windham, Preacher

Services for the Eastside Church of Christ for the coming week are as follows:

Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:45 a.m., followed by the regular assembly at 10:45.

Sunday night services begin at 7:00.

Wednesday night Bible Study is at 7:30 and Ladies Bible Class at Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

### First Pentecostal Church

J. E. Lamb, pastor

The following is the schedule for the First Pentecostal Church, announced by J. E. Lamb, pastor.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by the morning worship at 11 a.m.

Mid-week services begin on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

The Young people meet at 7:45 p.m. on Friday nights.

Sunday night the pastor will bring the message on "The Battle of Armageddon."

## MEN ...

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Our BROTHERHOOD is depending on you to be one of 100 men to attend the SUPPER and PROGRAM ...

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### Assembly of God Church

Thelma Hostetter is pastor.

The Assembly of God Church, 206 Young Street, meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for Sunday School. The morning worship hour begins at 11.

Christ's Ambassadors meet from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The evangelistic service follows at 7:45.

Mid-week services are held each Wednesday evening at 7:45.

### Church of God Announcements

Rev. A. J. Fox, Jr., pastor of the Church of God, Strawn Road and 1st Street, gives the following schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11. The evening worship service begins at 7 p.m.

The Y. P. E. service begins at 7:00 Wednesday evening. Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Recreation equipment has been purchased for the young people.

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

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

Mass every Sunday at 8 a.m. and Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Religious classes for grade school students at Parish Hall every Monday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. the Newman club meets at the Parish Hall, followed by choir practice at 7:45 in the church.

Thursday evening mass is at 7 o'clock.

Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening from 6 till 7 o'clock and before all Masses.

Discussion meetings are held at the rectory every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Joseph E. Van Winkel, pastor of St. Rita's is always available to give information about the Catholic Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend religious services at St. Rita's.

### CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shell of Ranger celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday, February 2.

They were married February 2, 1896 at Gupline, Texas, and have been living in Ranger since Sept. 1917.



## TELEPHONE TALK

by Archer H. Marx, Jr., Manager

### HOSPITAL CARE BY TELEPHONE

Each day a number of interesting or unusual communications problems crosses my desk. While this one didn't happen here in Ranger, I think you'll find it interesting, too.

The day after Thanksgiving, a young mother was hospitalized. She needed medication and complete rest. Everything went well until she began to miss her three little girls who were too young to visit her in the hospital. To make matters worse, she worried about not being able to do her Christmas shopping.

When the nurses discovered what was troubling her, they had a quick remedy. A phone was placed next to her bed. She talked with her children every day... and, what's more, did all of her Christmas shopping by telephone. It's stories and services like this that make it possible for us to advertise like this: "You name any communications need. Southwestern Bell has a service to meet it."

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### First Baptist Church

Ralph E. Perkins, Pastor

Sunday services offer a wide range of spiritual activities for the entire family at the First Baptist Church. The Sunday School, for all ages, begins at 9:45 a.m.

The Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. and provides a program for each departmental age group.

The worship services are at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and each service includes organ music, congregational singing, various vocal arrangements, and one of several choirs often provide for special music.

This Lord's Day, Evangelist Charles Massages, will preach at the morning service. This well known young evangelist grew up in Ranger and brought fame to our city when he led the 1955 Bulldogs to a state championship.

At present he is bringing glory to the kingdom of God through his untiring efforts in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pastor will bring the evening message on the theme, "Believing What The Bible Teaches About Punishment of the Wicked." The pastor states that there are more scripture references on "punishment" than about any other teaching.

Friends are invited to worship at the First Baptist Church and to make the church your church home.

A supervised modern Nursery is maintained for the small children.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Don Hodges of Ranger announce the arrival of a son born Wednesday, Feb. 1 in a Gorman Hospital. He was named Robert Don Hodges, Jr., and weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wash Woods and Charlie Kitchens of Ranger.

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### Christian Science

Why spiritualization of thought is necessary to individual growth and happiness will be brought out at Christian Science church services Sunday.

Introducing the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Spirit" is the Golden Text from (John 4:24): "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Selections to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy include (485:14-17): "Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth."

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### American Legion Post to Meet

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