

The Gay Philosopher

By J. W. S.

GUESS THERE will be fewer changes in the county government on January 1 than usual. According to our reports, the sheriff and county school superintendent will be the only new officers at the courthouse. In the precincts, there's a new commissioner or two and a number of Justice of the Peace and Constable changes. In the Cisco precinct, Ross Griffith will take over as Justice of the Peace. Constable Allan Jones, who was named County Jailor by Sheriff-elect J. B. Williams, will resign his current post, to which he was re-elected last July, and the Commissioners' Court will appoint a new constable.

THE GENERAL Election changed up the tenure of office for county officials. Under a constitutional amendment adopted in the election, half of the county officials will run every two years. Under a formula adopted by the legislature, four of the Eastland county officials will serve four-year terms.

Given automatic four-year terms with the adoption of the constitutional amendment were County Judge John Hart, County Treasurer Richard Cox, County Clerk Johnson Smith and District Clerk Roy Lane. Two members of the Commissioners' Court, Ed McCannies of Cisco and Mr. Bennett of Gorman, drew four-year terms.

The other officers — sheriff, county attorney, tax assessor-collector and two commissioners — will begin two-year terms on January 1. After the next election, these officers, too, will serve four-year terms.

The county school superintendent and the district judge already were on four-year elective terms, so the constitutional change will not effect these two offices.

MR. H. R. (Pop) Garrett tells he is ready to take over his duties as county school superintendent on January 1. He left the staff of Cisco Junior College at October, and has moved to Eastland in readiness for his new work.

Understand Mr. Carl Elliott, the retiring school superintendent, will take over a school teaching post offered him... Hear Sheriff Frank Tucker, who retires Dec. 31 after two terms of office, will go into the wholesale gasoline business.

THE EASTLAND County Commissioners' Court recently approved a plan for the City of Eastland's police department to use the county radio hook-up. The Eastland police will take proceeds from their recent Policeman's Ball to equip a car with radio and a switchboard at the city station there.

As we understand it, the city station at Eastland will have a remote setup to use county equipment, which is housed in the courthouse.

THE EASTLAND newspaper recently carried this story: "Eastland County Commissioners Monday (Dec. 20) unanimously voted to take over the new Leon Lake road as a county road."

"Representatives of both the Eastland and Ranger Chambers of Commerce and members of the Eastland County Water Supply District appeared before the Commissioners' Court asking them to assume control of the road. Commissioners, after an hour long debate, agreed to do so.

"A spokesman said that since the county had agreed to take over the road, chances for making the road a Farm-to-Market road have been greatly improved. If the road is placed under the F-M program, it will be paved, giving a paved road all the way around the lake.

"The group requested that the commissioners make a formal application to the State Highway Commission asking that the road be developed into a Farm-to-Market Road."

AS WE UNDERSTAND it, the state recently paved a stretch of road at the new Leon Lake to replace one for the Staff community that was covered by water. And this new road will carry traffic on the other side of the new lake. We've been meaning for a long time to drive over and see the new lake.

Cash Value Life Ins. Loans 45 per cent. Save 25% at YOUR BANK. NAT'L in Cisco—Mr. F. D. I. G.



LIKE A MIRACLE—No one was killed when an Air Force B-29 crash-landed and burned 30 feet from a farm house near Waldorf, Md., after the machine's two engines quit. One member of the three-man crew suffered a back injury but was not hurt seriously. Although an empty chicken house was demolished, the main house escaped with nothing more than a threat.

Moran Merchants Report Business Good For Xmas

By MRS. C. C. CADY

Moran merchants enjoyed the best Christmas business in years, a survey following the holiday shopping season showed. The Moran post office handled some 40,000 pieces of outgoing mail and approximately the same amount of incoming mail.

The snow and sleet which fell Tuesday and Tuesday night will be of great benefit to the Moran area. It will give small grain a boost and will add greatly to the cattle industry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman and sons, Mickey and Jimmy, of Cross Plains were Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Hattie Gray. Mickey and Jimmy remained in Moran for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brewster spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Churchill and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Meridith spent the Christmas holidays in Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Fowler left Tuesday for San Antonio where Rev. Fowler will conduct a short revival meeting. Mrs. Fowler will visit her parents in San Antonio while Rev. Fowler is in the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Roberts of Oklahoma City spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Roberts.

Mrs. Lulu Snyder of Moran and her daughter, Miss Laura Snyder, of Amarillo, who is spending the holidays in Moran, were guests for Christmas dinner in the home of their son and brother, C. B. Snyder, of Baird. They also visited the James Snyder family while in Baird. Miss Snyder, a teacher in the Amarillo schools, will leave for her work this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud C. Wild of Austin visited his mother, Mrs. Laura T. Wild, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stokes and children of Albuquerque, N. M., spent the holidays in Cisco with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huestis spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Fambrough, in Breckenridge.

TWO MEN ARE INJURED IN CAR MISHAP ON HIGHWAY NEAR HERE

A Cisco man and a Hamlin man were injured in a three-car collision at 10:45 a. m. Tuesday on the overpass on U. S. 80 about a mile east of Putnam. The accident was attributed to icy conditions on the overpass, caused by sleet and snow which covered the area Tuesday.

Injured were Milton C. Dunaway, 36, of Rt. 4, Cisco, and Gary Wells, 70, of Hamlin. Dunaway received a broken leg and severe cuts and bruises about the face. Wells suffered chest injuries. They were taken to the Bird hospital for emergency treatment and Dunaway was later moved to the veterans hospital in Dallas. He was taken to Dallas

FARM FAMILIES AND WORKERS PUT ON SOCIAL SECURITY ROLL

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles prepared for farm families by R. R. Tuley, district manager of the Social Security Administration office in Abilene.)

Farmers, farm workers, ranchers, ranch hands, cotton ginners and their employees, and most other folks who make their living from what might be termed agricultural enterprise, make up the largest single group added to the Social Security family by the 1954 Amendments.

Good Crowd Is Due To Attend Country Club Ball

A good crowd is expected at the Cisco Country Club Thursday night, Dec. 30, for the annual holiday ball, club officials reported today. Music for the affair will be provided by an orchestra headed by Ray Judia.

A feature of the evening's program will be the end of a club fund raising project in which an electric blanket, a platform rocker and a wrought iron tea cart will be given away. Ticket stubs for this event should be turned in Thursday at the Bank or at the club house Thursday night. The tickets are being sold by club members for 50 cents each.

Committees of club members have made all arrangements for the ball (which is an annual holiday affair here. Tickets for the dance are being sold by club members.

Most Local Firms To Close Saturday

Most Cisco business firms and offices will be closed Saturday in observance of New Year's Day. The holiday was one of six named by members of the Merchants Credit Association to be observed during 1955.

Most grocery stores, department stores, dress shops, the First National Bank and the post office will be closed Saturday, it was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huestis spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Fambrough, in Breckenridge.

J. E. Stephens Is Called By Death Early Wednesday

J. E. Stephens, 44, a welder for Humble Pipe Line Company, died unexpectedly at a local hospital at 1 a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. Stephens was ill before Christmas and spent a few days in the hospital. He was released on Christmas Eve to spend Christmas at home. He was stricken again Tuesday afternoon and returned to the hospital where he died a few hours later.

He was born in Grapevine on December 5, 1910, and came to Cisco five years ago from Mexia. His home was at 501 West 17th. On July 26, 1930, he was married to Miss Oleta Welch in Oklahoma. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday at East Cisco Baptist Church with the Rev. Tex Culp, pastor officiating. He was a member of the East Cisco Baptist Church.

The body will be taken to the Bangs Cemetery for burial at about 2 p. m. Thursday. The arrangements are in the hands of Thomas Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife of Cisco; a son, Jerry Stephens of Cisco; a daughter, Mrs. Bill Ratcliff of Fort Worth and his mother, Mrs. Eudis Stephens of Bangs.

Warmer Weather Forecast In Area

Warmer temperatures and partly cloudy skies was the weather forecast for this West Central Texas region Wednesday night and Thursday after the season's lowest thermometer readings were recorded Tuesday night.

Temperatures fell to 20 degrees early Wednesday morning. Snow continued to fall until about midnight Tuesday, leaving considerable moisture on the ground. Thawing started shortly before noon, and the City Hall rain gauge had collected four tenths of an inch. The total moisture was expected to be an inch or more.

Traffic was moving through Cisco on Highway 80, and road conditions were good to the south. North, however, snow and ice had many roads closed.

Temperatures were due to drop to about 20 degrees again tonight, with slowly rising temperatures due Thursday.

COMMANDRY CONCLAVE

There will be a called Conclave of the Cisco Commandry No. 47, K. T., at 4 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 30, for work in all the orders, Commander Garl Gorr announced today. Supper will be served at the hall at 6 p. m. and all members were urged to attend the meeting.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sweeten of Marlow, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gage and son, Lee, of Blanco, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hall and children, William Douglas, Kay and David, of Goliad, Texas.

Bobby Mashburn visited his grand mother and great grand mother in Moran Sunday night.

Eddie Bob Duhamel of Abilene is visiting his cousin, Mike Cooper, this week.

Telephone Company To Begin Work On Building, Equipment

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN PECAN PRODUCTION DURING DRY YEAR

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Production of pecans in Texas was placed at 22,500,000 pounds for 1954, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the final report of the season. Seedlings were estimated at 19,600,000 pounds and improved varieties at 2, 900, 000 pounds.

The crop turned out a little larger than expected before harvest was complete. Production now estimated, however, is a fifth below last year and almost a third below average.

According to the department's latest estimates, Texas ranks number one in the production of pecans this year of generally short crops. The crop was very spotted and was particularly short in southern districts and on the Edwards plateau. Continued dry weather is causing the loss of some pecan trees.

Production in the 10 important pecan states of the nation was estimated at 92,502,000 pounds—only 44 per cent of last year's bumper crop and 69 per cent of average. All states share in this sharp decline from last year. Improved varieties total 40,842,000 pounds and seedlings 51,660,000 pounds.

A drought in nearly all of the pecan areas during most of the growing season was the principal cause of the short crop, although spring freezes caused a light set in several sections. Also, a much larger than average crop was harvested the previous year in all producing states except Texas, where the crop was below average.

Georgia, the most important state in the production of improved pecans, produced a crop only about one-third as large as last year and a little more than half of average. A hard freeze during the blooming season caused a light set of nuts. In addition, shedding was heavier than usual because of hot, dry weather starting the latter part of May. Very little rain was received until after the crop was matured.

Nuts are smaller than usual but quality is generally good. The Florida crop was relatively better in Jefferson County than in other sections of the State. Production in Oklahoma was confined largely to the southern third of the State. Many groves in the central and northeastern sections had failures, compared to good crops last year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Clark and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Voss of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark and children of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nash and son of Eastland were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark, during the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burnam and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Keister and son of Abilene were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Youngblood, on Christmas Day.

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Two Cisco Cage Teams Playing In Area Tournaments

Two Cisco High School basketball teams were entered in separate tournaments this week end and both teams were to start their play Wednesday.

The Lobos were entered in the Howard Payne Tournament in Brownwood and drew Lipan in the opening game Wednesday. The Lobo Queens were entered in the Indian Trail Basketball Tournament in Gorman and drew Olden in the opening rounds. The game was to be played at 1 p. m. Wednesday.

Both the Lobos and the Queens have been working out during the holidays and were ready to begin play Wednesday. In the Gorman tournament the winner of the Cisco-Olden game will play the winner of the Comanche-Cross Plains game at 7:45 p. m. Thursday. The losers of the Cisco-Olden game and the Comanche-Cross Plains game will meet in a consolation game at 4:30 p. m. Thursday.

It was understood that the contractor expected to use as much local labor as possible in the construction work, bringing only key personnel with him to Cisco.

Attend Funeral Service In City

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral of Arthur Lee Thetford in Cisco Monday, December 20 were: Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith and Pat, Allen, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor, Gatesville; Mrs. Gene Palmer, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coon, Riesel; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fullwood, Turnersville; Earl Fullwood, Valley Mills; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clay and daughters, Chico; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Thetford, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Crowder and son, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Turnersville, and Airman 3-c Charles Smith, Lowery Field, Denver.



SYMBOL OF FAITH—The bells of the Church of the Annunciation rang out as usual on Christmas as thousands came to Nazareth to worship at the shrine whose foundations date back to the 12th Century. This year, as in the past, all prayers were for peace on earth and good will toward men.

Arrangements have been completed for work to begin immediately on a \$600,000 building and equipment modernization program for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Cisco, according to an announcement today.

In the program, the Bell company will add a 68x104 foot second story to their building at Avenue E and West 7th Streets and install new equipment necessary to change over to dial telephone service, according to W. H. McAnally, local manager. Records at the City Hall showed that a building permit for \$140,000 was issued to the company.

Albert L. Smith of Fort Worth has been awarded a contract to build the second story for the telephone company, and he arrived here this week. Smith's small office building was placed on the telephone property and construction work was due to begin immediately.

The telephone building, which has a full basement, will house dial equipment for this area. It was anticipated that the building work would be finished late in 1955, and that installation of telephone equipment would be completed early in 1956.

It was understood that the contractor expected to use as much local labor as possible in the construction work, bringing only key personnel with him to Cisco.

Construction plans call for the telephone building to be completely air-conditioned with all-weather equipment. The second floor will be the headquarters for the dial equipment, which is expected eventually to serve more than the Cisco area. The main floor and basement will continue to be used as the business office and as the center for repeater station equipment.

It was understood that the present exchange building, located at the corner of Avenue E and West 8th Street over McCracken's Grocery, will be eliminated when the service is changed over to dial telephones.

It was on January 29, 1912, that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company came to Cisco. On that date, the company purchased the old Cisco Telephone Exchange. Magneto (hand-crank) equipment was replaced by battery equipment on December 31, 1921.

In 1941, the company had 749 telephones in use here. Five years later, the number had increased to 1,257. At this time, the company has 1,934 telephones operating through its Cisco exchange. It is anticipated that the number will exceed 2,000 by the time the dial equipment installation is finished.

It was understood that the Bell company has done engineering work with the idea of extending its services into rural areas here. This would include a line from Cisco to Scranton, where only one telephone now operates through Putnam. An announcement of this program probably will come during the coming year.

The Bell company has between 60 and 65 regular employees in Cisco, serving in the exchange, business office, repeater station and construction department. Additional personnel occasionally is brought in for area construction work.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Merritt of McGregor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainbolt and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur J. Bailey and children of Fort Worth were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bailey and other relatives in Cisco.

H. L. and Jesse Ray Youngblood of Kilgore are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Youngblood.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bailey spent Christmas Eve in Brownwood visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bible spent Christmas Day in Lueders with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Veal.

Mrs. Walter Ford visited relatives in Abilene during the holiday weekend.

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IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Your state legislators set up boards and bureaus to protect the public.

Members of such boards are appointed to look after the public's interests FIRST. Interests of the profession concerned are supposed to be secondary.

Once in a while you find a professional board that forgets the public and places the interests of its profession first.

When this happens, it often is due to pressure applied to the board by one group or faction within the profession to fix prices or to drive competitors out of business.

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But for some time now the Texas Board of Optometric Examiners has been attempting to eliminate, except for business cards, all advertising by optometrists. Year after year, the non-advertising optometrists have tried to get the Texas Legislature to pass laws prohibiting competitive advertising. And every year the legislature has voted in the public interest by killing such measures.

The board's own attorney — State Attorney General John Ben Sheppard — has ruled that the Board was exceeding its authority. Only recently a court test was attempted, and the board withdrew its charges.

Now comes the board of examiners with another attempt to assume dictatorial powers over advertising. It has scheduled what it calls a "public hearing" for Jan. 3 in Austin. At this hearing, the board will be both judge and jury. There can be little doubt as to their decision.

Should the non-advertising optometrists win their battle, there is no doubt but what prices of glasses would rise. Many Texans who need glasses now and are able to obtain them at fair prices and on terms would be unable to do so if the non-advertisers have their way.

Thus far, this Board has been unable, apparently, to get the idea that the public interest outweighs the interest of one faction of their profession.

Apparently the time has come when an "examining" board should consist of an equal number of advertising and non-advertising optometrists, in order that the profession may be fairly represented on its own board. It is time, too, for all whose eyes depend upon glasses to insist to their lawmakers and the Governor that a board be appointed that will truly work in the public interest.

HEART-FELT ALLIANCE



...HAVING MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS, BY HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS UNTO HIMSELF... — COLOSSIANS 1:20

Texas 4-H'ers Win National Honors

THREE Texas 4-H Club members were announced as national winners in the 1934 4-H award program at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Each received a \$300 college scholarship. Their names, the programs in which they were honored, and the donors of their awards are:



Ernest Butler Carolyn Lindsey Ralph Swinford, Jr.

Ernest Butler, 16, of Mabank, Soil Conservation, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

Carolyn Lindsey, 17, of Plainview, Garden, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Tractor Division.

Ralph Swinford, Jr., 17, of Wichita Falls, Safety, General Motors.

Over 1,200 4-H Club boys and girls from the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Canada attended the Congress, along with young people and youth leaders from 25 foreign countries.

A highlight of the Congress was the major policy address by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the opening banquet. Thus the 4-H'ers learned more of their Congress theme, "Working Together for World Understanding," from the Nation's No. 1 diplomat.

During the week, the delegates participated in discussions, heard other outstanding speakers, met top stars in the sports world, enjoyed top-flight entertainment at banquets and major meal events, attended the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, took part in press conferences, radio and TV appearances, toured the city and visited the museums, and attended a party at the Aragon Ballroom.

The National 4-H Club Congress is a cooperative effort of the Agricultural Extension Service, business and civic organizations, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Chicago.

L. A. Parks Family Enjoys Sunday Dinner

The annual dinner for members of the L. A. Parks family was held in Cisco at the Parks home Sunday, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks had all of their children and grand children and one great grand child at home for the occasion.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mashburn and children, Vickie and Scotty, Killen; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Westerman, Rising Star; Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Garrett and son, Tony, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson and children, Larry and Juan, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Parks and children, Jerry, Jennie and Jane, Cisco; and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parks and children, Rose Etta, Carolyn, George and Gene of Cisco.

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Sprays of Ivy

There is a remarkable thing about advice. It's like a bitter medicine. It is so much easier to give than to take it. And quite often, the adviser should save a big, dripping spoonful of it for himself.

Experience and wisdom are bed-fellows, but sometimes experience snores too loudly.

Spring! The time of year when the man rises in a sap's vetus, and vice versa.

Never underrate a woman's intuition... or anything else which is made up of hope, faith and inside information.

Bravery in a college president is practically the only virtue not absolutely required. A college president must be a combination baby-sitter, ward healer and panhandler!

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- 4:30—On Your Account
- 5:00—Kalin Keewee
- 5:25—Crusader Rabbit
- 5:30—Foreman Bob's Corral
- 6:00—The Music Mart
- 6:30—Evening Report
- 6:45—Industry on Parade
- 7:00—Arthur Godfrey
- 7:30—I Love Lucy
- 8:00—I Married Joan
- 8:30—Slim Willet Show
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I am the widow of a World War I veteran, receiving pension payments. I received the proceeds of insurance policy, to cover the fire insurance money as income, for VA pension purposes? No. Proceeds of a fire insurance policy are not considered in computing your yearly income for VA pension purposes. Can a veteran who lives in the State obtain a GI loan for purchase of property in another State? Yes, it is possible. However, you may find that lenders generally confine their lending operations to certain areas. I have a term National Service Life Insurance policy. Premiums were placed under my name when I returned to active duty. I understand that the wai-

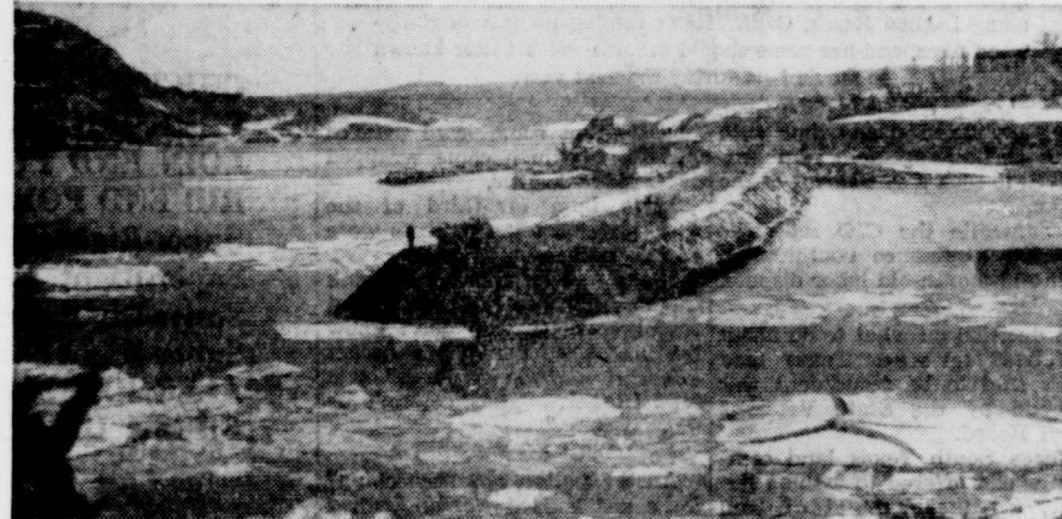
ver will continue for 120 days after my separation from service. May I cut short that 120-day period? I would like to pick up my term policy and then convert it to a permanent plan of insurance, taking advantage of a lower premium rate because of my birth date. A — Yes. You may resume your term policy at any time after your separation, without waiting for the 120-day period to expire. Of course, once you resume payments you may convert to a permanent plan. Q — How would my entitlement be used up, in case I decide to take flight training under the Korean GI Bill? A — Your entitlement would be used up at the rate of one day for each \$125 paid to you as your GI training allowance.

NIMROD NEWS -

By SANDRA AULD The Young People of the Nimrod Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cozart of Cisco Wednesday evening, December 22. Games were played, refreshments served and gifts exchanged by the group. Those attending were Nelda Stuart, Mable Hallmark, Phillip Harrelson, Virginia Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moon and family, Sandra Auld, Billy Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cozart and Bobby Wayne Cozart, small son of the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estes and



MUSIC IN THE AIR—High above New York City on the observation floor of the Empire State Building, conductor Gerhard Track, left, leads the Vienna Boys Choir in a rehearsal. The 22 boys, aged 9-14, are in the U.S. for their annual coast-to-coast tour.

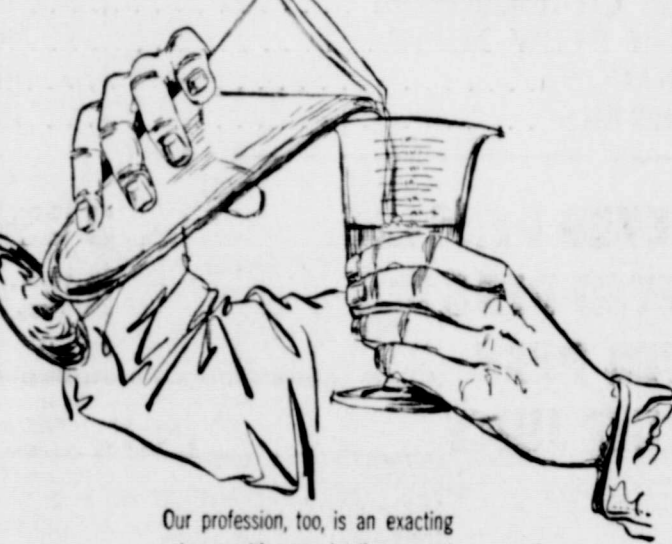


A HINT OF THE FUTURE—Ice floes are shown around the partially completed causeway linking Cape Breton Island with the Nova Scotia mainland. Tracks of the Canadian National Railway are expected to be readied for traffic over this causeway before next spring.

daughters, Sandra and Tomee, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Brady. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Ingram had all of their children home for Christmas Day except one son, Darwin. Miss Nelda Stuart is visiting friends and relatives in Blanket during the holidays. Mrs. Cecil Bostick and children, Robert, Ronnie and Beverly, were visitors in Rising Star Saturday. A norther blew into Nimrod accompanied by a sandstorm and followed by ice. The Scranton Girls 4-H Club held its annual Christmas party December 23. A few games were played under the direction of the president, Barbara Simmons, and refreshments were served. The group also exchanged gifts.

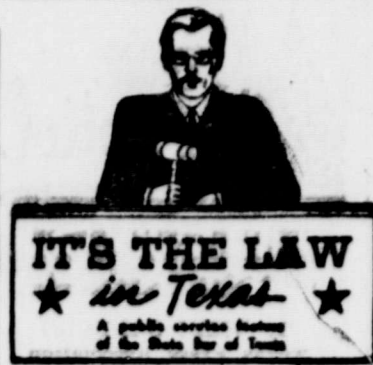
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Since everyone thinks quite a lot about gifts during the holiday season, the subject of gift taxes may be a timely one. Although it may surprise some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 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 \$30,000 - 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 may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes. For income tax purposes 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 application of the rule. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property in 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, when 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 scale 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. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. England spent the holiday weekend with their children at Lampasas. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson have returned from Pecos where they spent the holidays with their children. Their daughter, Janice, remained in Pecos for the remainder of the holiday season. Mrs. Arthur Thetford and sons visited relatives in Turnersville during the holiday weekend.

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FIT FOR A QUEEN—Yards and yards of sugar-pink net went into the making of this short-skirted evening dress and huge stole in London. It was to be shown to Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother at a private presentation by the British capital's top twelve fashion designers.



PRETTY AND LUCKY—Curvaceous Myra Camp is just about all ready for her daily sun bath and swim in the Atlantic at Miami Beach. A lot of folks farther up north on the Atlantic shore would consider Myra lucky for being able to use that winter sun, and anyone can see that she's pretty.

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BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR CISCO

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has commenced a building and equipment modernization program in Cisco that will require more than a year to complete and the expenditure of about \$600,000.00. In this program, a second story will be added to the telephone building and equipment will be installed for the introduction of dial service to Cisco area telephone users.

It was on January 29, 1912, that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company came to Cisco, buying out the old Cisco Telephone Company. The magneto (hand-crank) service in use then was replaced on December 31, 1921.

By 1941, the Cisco exchange had 749 subscribers. Five years later, the number had grown to 1,257. Today, the telephone company has 1,934 customers in Cisco. It is anticipated that the number will exceed 2,000 by the time the dial telephones can be put into use early in 1956.

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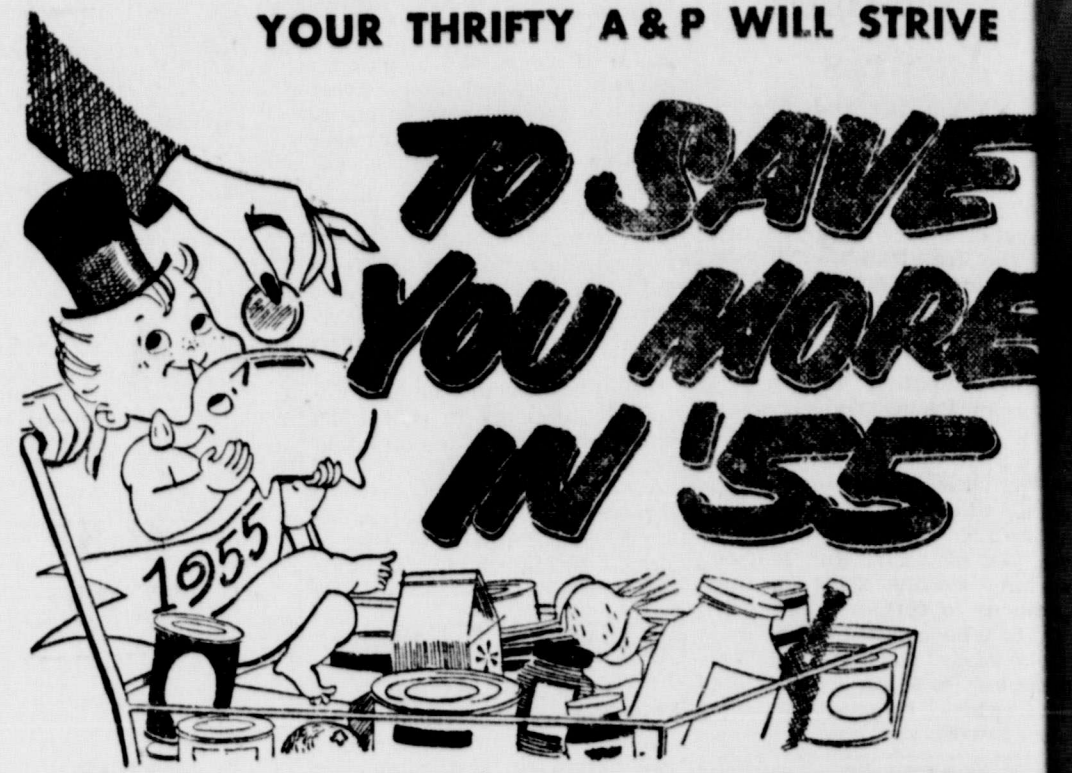


By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association
AUSTIN — A CIO blast at Governor Allan Shivers and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd has been answered by the latter. Shepperd said "certain fanatics in CIO have never yet admitted that they made a mistake in bringing the Communist DPOWA into Port Arthur in 1953."
At a CIO convention here, John V. Riffe, executive vice president of the national CIO, called for an immediate settlement of the Port Arthur strike. He sent a telegram to 11 Port Arthur businessmen asking for a "peace conference."
Port Arthur people declined to meet with the CIO.
Riffe said he hoped to find an end to the long dispute while he was in Texas. At the same time he asked Shepperd "to use his good influence" to bring about a settlement.
Shepperd stated that he and Governor Shivers were willing to



WELCOME SIGHT—Rita Moreno, a shapely Latin bombshell from south of the border, is decorating a stretch of the seashore along Laguna Beach, Calif. Rita's coming up fast in Hollywood films, and her name should become much better known to movie fans during the next year.



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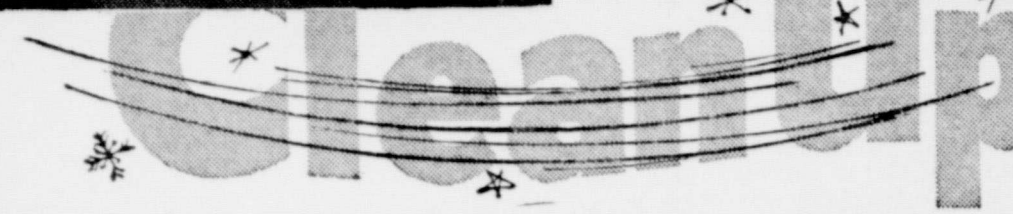
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meet anywhere at any time with labor and management representatives to seek a settlement of the strike.

Meanwhile the CIO set aside \$200,000 to finance continuation of the 13-month-old labor dispute.

A decision on what to do about \$1,167,758 of south Texas land deals said to be fraudulent was delayed by the State Veterans Land Board.

Three South Texas land companies had offered to assume liability on that amount of land transactions which the firms promoted during the last four years.

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, who said the land sales showed evidence of fraudulent misrepresentation, told the Land Board that acceptance of the offer would violate the State Constitution.

The Board agreed to a one-week investigation period before announcing its decision.

An increase of 1,100 beds for Texas TB patients and better treatment of mental cases has been urged by Governor Shivers.

Two other steps advocated to a state hospital advisory committee by Shivers included:

1. Making provisions for at least 50 beds for children under six suffering from tuberculosis.
2. Abolishing procedure of trial by jury to determine a person's sanity, with admission to mental hospitals based instead on medical examination.

Texas Turnpike Authority members have authorized the issuance of \$58,500,000 in revenue bonds to finance the Dallas-Fort Worth toll road.

Members voted to make an offer to the Republic National Bank of Dallas to be one of the three trustees for the bonds.

After approval by the Attorney General, the bond issue is expected to undergo a Texas Supreme Court test to determine its legal validity.

Financial problems facing the Texas legislature have been slightly eased by oil production boosts.

A 257,307 barrel increase permitted for January in oil allowances brings to about 400,000 barrels the total boosts allowed since October.

As a result, state tax revenue will be \$1,500,000 a month higher.

Prospects have never been brighter for the state's oil industry than in 1955, says Railroad Commission Chairman Ernest O. Thompson.

Thompson said that heavy demands for gasoline and distillate fuels were responsible for the optimistic outlook.

Abolishment of Common Law marriages in Texas has been asked by a State Bar committee meeting in Austin.

Judges on the executive committee of the Bar's judicial section said the law would reduce the problem of illegitimacy and would help save welfare funds.

"Not all the insane people are in the asylums" says Mrs. Richard Bergen, coordinator of volunteer activities for the Austin State Hospital.

As proof, Mrs. Bergen submits evidence of some of the gifts sent mental patients for Christmas. They include unwashed underclothing, dirty neckties, ripped dresses, shattered plaster plaques, cigar butts, used facial tissue, worn-out gloves that don't match, soles shoes covered with paint, lots and lots of junk costume

jewelry and some lewd articles... all of which came wrapped as Christmas gifts.

More than one-third of the 6,000 gifts sent the patients were of this nature.

"Some people apparently think the hospital is full of nothing but raving maniacs who don't know the difference between a decent gift and a piece of junk," said Mrs. Berger. "They couldn't be more wrong."

Austin police are "searching" for a red headed woman with a birthmark on her left hip.

The 25 year old carrot-top is accused of taking \$500 and a car from a traveling construction worker. He picked her up while enroute to his home in St. Louis.

David Jack Stephenson has returned to his home in Eastland after spending a few days in Cisco with his grand mother, Mrs. Clara Huber, and other relatives.

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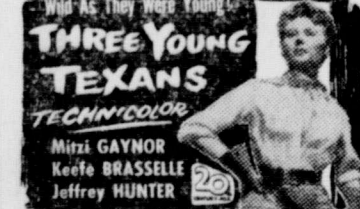


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