

Senior Class Wins PTA Room Count

Stratford seniors won the room count honor of having the most parents present at the meeting of the Stratford Parent Teacher Association Friday night which was presided over by Mrs. Ben Biddy, president.

Mrs. Roscoe Dyess introduced George Jeffcoat, speaker of the evening.

Mr. Jeffcoat spoke on "Developing Civic Responsibility." We are taught these responsibilities, he said, by parents, church and teachers, and most times these teachings do not conflict. We make divisions based on these teachings, and now it is our turn to teach our children. How do we want them to be? Like us with our prejudices and weaknesses? Indolent and let someone else do it? Or good citizens who take an interest in keeping the community as good as it is by weighing each problem and candidate on merits and weaknesses, and not on influence or personal needs.

We can help our children, the speaker said, to be good citizens in the world as it will be when they are grown by helping them overcome weaknesses which we ourselves had. If we do our job well we can well be proud of the citizens they will be.

Freshman Room Mothers served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Rita Blanca Electric Co-Op Meeting February 3

Members of the Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative will begin registering at 10:00 A. M. February 3, for the annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held in the Jaycee Community Building at the Dalhart Airport.

A complimentary barbecue will be served at noon to all members and their families.

Four members of the Board of Directors will be elected from the following who were nominated by a committee meeting in Dalhart on January 16: Dewey Decker and J. E. Summerour of Dallam County; R. M. Wilson and Elmer Eversoll, Hartley County; Luther Browder and Arthur Judd, Sherman County; and Harold Shoulders and Roy Clark of Moore County. Those directors whose terms are expiring are Mickey Pool of Moore County, Dewey Decker of Dallam County, L. M. Fedric of Sherman County, and John Bookout of Hartley County.

Attendance prices consisting of electric irons, toasters, lamps, and clocks will be distributed.

Gex Coons Is Made Member Of UCLA Faculty

Gex Coons has been made a member of the faculty of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Coons.

Gex is a graduate of Texhoma high school and received his degree in electrical engineering at Texas Tech. He has been employed for a number of years at the Lockheed Aircraft Co., in Burbank, California. He is a group chief in the tool designing section and at the university will teach tool engineering.

Mary Ethel Circle Meets With Mrs. McMinn

The Mary Ethel Circle of the First Methodist Church met Wednesday at 9:30 A. M. in the home of Mrs. O. L. McMinn.

The devotional was given by Mrs. McMinn. Mrs. C. C. Plunk and Mrs. A. E. Pronger, Jr., discussed the study "Women of Scripture."

Those present were: Mrs. Bill Lasley, Mrs. Walter Lasley, Mrs. Ernest Cummings, Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mrs. A. E. Pronger, Jr., and Jana, Mrs. Wayne Stevens, Mrs. J. W. Flores, Mrs. C. C. Plunk, Mrs. J. J. Cameron and David, Mrs. Vern Foreman, Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Mrs. Harry Sears and the hostess, Mrs. O. L. McMinn.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday, February 10, in the home of Mrs. W. Wayne Stevens.

Conlen Grain Co. Elevator Bin Ruptures

Excitement ran high at Conlen Tuesday evening when the south wall of a 30,000 bushel grain bin of the concrete elevator of the Conlen Grain Co. gave away and allowed the wheat to glide over adjoining ground. Grain extended from the edge of U. S. Highway 54 to the Rock Island tracks.

J. E. Crabtree states that the firm that erected the elevator in 1952 will replace the structure.

No one was close to the structure at the time the wall gave away. The grain is being salvaged and stored in another section of the elevator.

January 30 Last Day For School Census

Saturday, January 30, is the last day for parents who will have children who will be six years of age before September 1 to include them in the school census. Parents of these children should contact Superintendent R. W. Standefer, Jr., not later than Saturday.

Wheat Growers Annual Meeting In Wichita

Kenneth Kendrick will be the speaker at the first general session of the National Association of Wheat Growers fourth annual meeting in the Broadview Hotel in Wichita, Kansas February 3, 4 and 5.

Kansas will be host to wheat growers from 12 states. Ed Bell, Oregon farmer recently appointed head of the grain and feed division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture foreign agricultural service, Washington, D. C., will speak at the banquet being held in connection with NAWG's fourth annual meeting.

Jens Terjeson of Pendleton, Oregon, president of NAWG, will make his annual report to the meeting Wednesday morning, February 3.

At the general meeting beginning at 1:15 P. M. February 4, speakers will be Kenneth Kendrick of Stratford and E. E. Kelly, Jr., president of the American Bakers Association, of Chicago, Illinois.

A panel discussion by representatives of millers, bakers and wheat producers will present discussions by Don Stevens, vice-president of General Mills, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Stanley Langendorf, president of Langendorf United Bakers, San Francisco, California; and Morris Wilson, wheat grower of Mayville, Oregon.

On the last day of the meeting, beginning at 9:30 Friday, February 5, three headline speakers will address the group before noon. They are Howard H. Gordon, president agricultural stabilization and conservation, USDA, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Robert Staples, University of Nebraska; and George H. McIvor, chief commissioner, Canadian wheat board, of Winnipeg.

Plan Water Conservation Law Meetings

The Soil and Water Conservation Committee met Tuesday for the purpose of planning educational meetings on the Underground Water Conservation District Law of Texas. They decided to call a county meeting at Stratford, Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 P. M.

The committee decided to bring someone in that was well acquainted with the Texas Underground Water Conservation Law and how a District operates to discuss this question with the local farmers.

Spectacles are called barnacles in English slang.

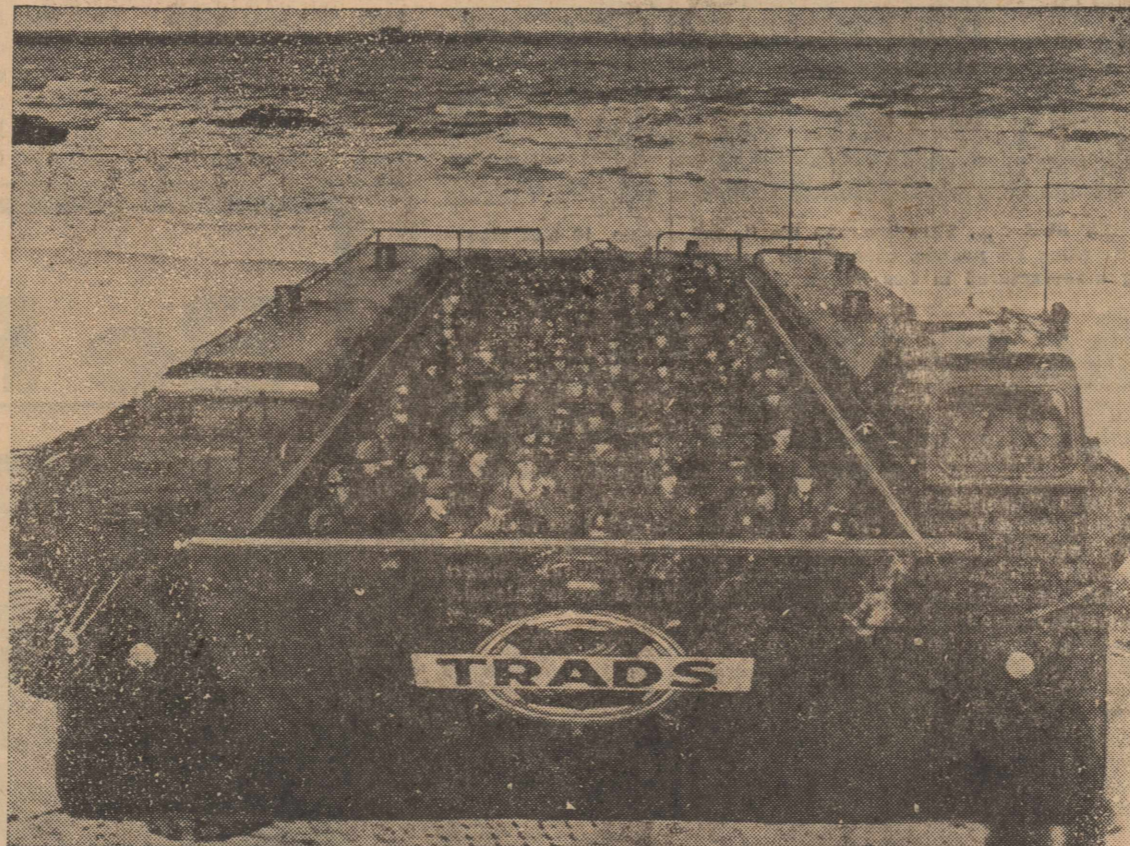
Acetylsalicylic acid is a technical name for aspirin.

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BARC TESTED . . . "Trads," army's giant 60 ton barc carries 203 field-equipped troops during tests on beach at Cape Henry, N. C.

Poll Tax Deadline Is January 30

Saturday, January 30, is the last day Texas residents may secure their poll tax receipts to qualify them to vote in the coming elections of the year.

It has been estimated that Sherman County has approximately 800 potential voters. Tuesday-afternoon 715 of these potential voters had paid their poll taxes to qualify for participation in the coming elections.

January 30 is also the last day Sherman County property owners may pay their 1953 taxes without penalty or interest.

City, county and state taxes are collected in the Sheriff's office.

Miss Mathews Is Bride Of Alvin Bachman

Miss Marjory Arlene Mathews, daughter of Mrs. Virgie Mathews, and Alvin Bachman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman, were married Wednesday night of last week in Tucumcari, New Mexico. The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tucumcari read the wedding service.

Recipe Of The Week

Creamed Beef and Liver

- 1-2 pound hamburger.
 - 1-2 pound pork liver.
 - 1 small onion.
 - 1 tablespoon fat.
 - 1 teaspoon salt.
 - 3 tablespoons flour.
 - 2 cups tomato juice.
 - 3 cups cooked noodles.
- Pour boiling water over liver. Let stand 5 minutes. Grind liver with onion. Brown hamburger in hot fat in heavy skillet. Add liver and onion and season with salt. Cover and cook slowly for 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in flour. Add tomato juice, stirring until thickened.

Timely Tips

1. Liver is a good source of iron. Pork liver is about three times as rich in iron as beef liver, and twice as rich as calf liver.
2. Liver is also a good source of many other nutrients, plan to serve it at least once a week.
3. Serve Creamed Beef and Liver over hot rice or noodles.
4. Add equal portion of cooked kidney beans and any left over portion of Creamed Beef and Liver. Season with chili powder, heat and serve as Chili Con Carne.

Total number of possible poker hands in a deck is 2,598,960.

A "downeaster" is a New Englander, especially one from Maine.

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Highlights and Sidelights FROM YOUR State CAPITOL

Legislators are getting ready this week to tackle again the teacher pay problem as Governor Allan Shivers put out the word that a special session is coming up soon.

Shivers' move came quickly after a committee unanimously approved a compromise plan to raise teacher-pay \$402 per year. The committee was appointed by the governor and the Texas State Teachers Association.

Governor Shivers told committee members that he would convene the Legislature "if this bill embodies what I understand it to, and submit it not only as your recommendation but as mine."

"I think we've all reached an accord here that I hope will become an actuality," he commented.

Estimated cost of the proposed salary increase is \$23 million per year. The committee's bill, however, does not include a method of financing the cost.

School Superintendent H. W. Stilwell of Texarkana told the committee that the Governor had indicated the subject of more tax revenue might be submitted to legislators if the mon-

ey is not in sight from other sources.

Involved in this question is the natural gas pipeline tax which is before the U. S. Supreme Court. This tax would yield about \$1 million a month, in addition to the \$45 million already impounded from the levy.

Although the bill provides that the pay increase would not start until the 1954-55 school year, Stilwell said he is hopeful that bonuses for this year might be approved once the Legislature is in session.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ben Shepperd declared that the Supreme Court's action in another gas case "could result in a great victory for all-gas producing states."

A rehearing was granted to Phillips Petroleum Company in a suit concerning sale of gas to interstate pipeline firms. Lower courts had held that such sales were subject to federal regulation.

Chief argument against the Texas law has been that it was a tax on interstate commerce and thus void.

Shepperd said that the funda-

Bob Ferguson Is Candidate For County Judge

To The People Of Sherman County:

I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Judge and ex-officio School Superintendent, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Your active support is earnestly solicited and your constructive criticism is invited at all times.

If re-elected, I will, as in the past, attempt to conduct the affairs of the office according to the standards contemplated by the law as well as the highest moral and ethical principles.

/s/ Bob Ferguson

M. S. Horton Opens City Drug

The City Drug was opened Wednesday under the management of M. S. Horton. Mr. Horton had been a former employee of the firm as a pharmacist. The store had been closed for several months.

Forethought Is Important In Planting Shrubs

A little forethought when planting shrubs will save considerable future work when it comes to pruning, watering and general care, says Miss Lucile King, County Home Demonstration Agent.

In reminding shrub enthusiasts it's time to plant new shrubs about the home grounds and transplant old ones, Miss King says low growing ornamentals blend well and are especially desirable around low modern homes.

When planted at least three feet from walls and six to ten feet apart, growing shrubs will not rub nearby structures or crowd one another making excessive pruning necessary.

It's a good idea, too, says the agent, to purchase only those shrubs adapted to your particular area. This means plants hardy in your soil and climate. An East Texas Red Bud planted in the western portion of the state, for example, will produce yellow leaves, bloom very little, and generally, will have an unthrifty appearance.

Much at least 25 square feet of soil when setting out new shrubs, Miss King continues. Also, two to four inches of humus, decayed grass, leaves or vegetable refuse from the kitchen, worked well into the soil will help conserve soil moisture.

Well trained shrubs are an asset and help enhance the beauty of any farm or home. Miss King says among the low growing shrubs adapted in many areas are mandarin, pfitzer juniper, and other dwarf junipers, abelia, coral-berry, summer flowering jasmine, winter flowering jasmine, mahonia or Oregon-grape, blue spiraea or blue beard, flowering almond and spiraea vanhouttei.

Mrs. Cameron Is Embroidery Club Hostess

Embroidery Club members were entertained Thursday of last week in the country home of Mrs. J. P. Cameron. Mrs. James Cameron assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. T. Edgar Neal, Mrs. Frank Judd, Mrs. W. E. Kelley, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. C. W. Moon and Mrs. G. L. Taylor.

The club plans a covered dish luncheon for Thursday, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Levell are the parents of an eight pound ten ounce daughter, born Saturday in St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. Mrs. Levell is the former Ina Fay Sweny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powell of Dallas, Texas are the parents of a son, James Elmer, Jr., born Friday, January 15, in a Dallas hospital. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson. The Powells also have a young daughter, Jamie Louise.

All Vehicles Must Have '54 Inspections

Captain J. W. Blackwell, commanding officer of District 5 of the Texas Highway Patrol, with headquarters at Amarillo, announces that Highway Patrolmen would begin issuing tickets to persons who operate an auto on the streets and highways after April 15 without a current inspection sticker.

The Patrol Captain said that the men in his command have all received orders to that effect as the result of a directive issued at Austin by Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Blackwell said that Garrison's order was made following definite instructions from the State Public Safety Commission that enforcement of the modified motor vehicle inspection law which was enacted by the last Legislature would definitely begin following the April 15 inspection deadline.

Captain Blackwell also pointed out that local and county police officers are empowered to enforce the inspection law.

According to the Patrol commander, only about 15 percent of the cars in the Sherman County area have been inspected to date. This means, he said that car owners who have not yet had their vehicles checked will run the risk of being caught in a last minute "log jam" at the inspection stations if they delay longer in complying with the law.

"Our Patrolmen will continue to issue warnings to motorists whose cars do not bear a current inspection sticker through April 15," Captain Blackwell said in a prepared statement. "After that date, offenders will face court action."

Wesleyan Service Guild Has Meetings

The Wesleyan Service Guild held two meetings during the month of January in which they studied about "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," taught by Mrs. A. L. King. These meetings were held at 7:00 P. M. at the church parlor and will continue through February.

The first meeting was held on Monday, January 11. The meeting was opened with a group song followed by prayer by Mrs. A. L. King. Mrs. W. N. Elliott gave a report on "Alcohol and People," and Mrs. Dick Woolsey and Mrs. Fritz Steinberger gave a short skit on "Prelude to Action."

The second meeting, held Monday, January 25, was opened with the singing of "This is My Father's World" after which Mrs. A. L. King led the group in prayer. A short discussion was held on "Helping Alcoholics" preceding a very interesting book report given by Mrs. Bob Ferguson on "Basic Information on Alcohol."

Those taking the study on alcohol are: Mrs. W. N. Elliott, Mrs. Baker Duggins, Miss Hazel Harris, Mrs. Dick Woolsey, Mrs. Eunice Buster, Mrs. Lois Holmes, Mrs. Darrell Cotney, Mrs. Sallie McAdams and Mrs. Fritz Steinberger.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 8, at 7:00 P. M. in the church parlor.

School Tax Deadline Is January 30

Stratford Independent School District taxpayers have until Saturday, January 30, to pay their 1953 taxes without penalty or interest. Stratford Independent School District taxes are collected by Hollis Harrington, who maintains an office on the first floor of the Stratford High School Building.

Bill Allen Transferred To St. Anthony Hospital

Bill Allen was transferred to St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday from Loretto Hospital in Dalhart. He will undergo surgery for the grafting of skin on his hands and legs which were burned in a recent flash fire.

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Want Ads

DIAL 2111 for PLUMBING and general repairs. — Willis Naugle. 5-tfc

WANTED: Tree or Shrubbery Pruning, see T. J. O'Neal or Phone 4156. 17-2tp

Housewives, address advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass. 14-4tp

EXPERT DRESSMAKING — prices reasonable. — Mrs. Fred Senna, Phone 4556. 14-tfc

FOR SALE: One 1951 1-2 ton 3 speed Chevrolet Pickup, in good condition. — Sloan Implement Co. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: My home in Stratford. — Art Ross. 12-tfc

UNSIGHTLY scratches and fender dents repaired for nominal costs. Let us paint the top panel to convert your car into a flashy two-tone. — C & E Paint & Body Shop. 42-tfc

DR. PEARSON HOME for sale. — Phone 2351 or 3351. 3-tfc

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired. All work guaranteed. — E. E. Hamilton Machine Shop. 49-tfc

Want Ads

FOR RENT: 2 Bedroom unfurnished house on Pearl and South Third Streets. Write or contact Presley Ashton, Cactus, Texas. 10-tfc

Linda Lee Cosmetics — Hazel H. Cameron, Phone 3951. 47-tfc

Long distance household moving. Years of service your guarantee of satisfaction. — Bruce & Son Transfer and Storage, Phone 192, Berger, Texas. 29-tfc

PAUL'S Phonograph Record Shop, New and used, used 25c; and Record Players also, Radio repair, 412 Dumas Avenue, Dumas, Texas. 9-9tp

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FOR SALE: '52 4-door Dodge Coronet; tinted glass, radio and heater. Call 4381 nights or 4351 days. 15-tfc

PIANO FOR SALE: Spinet piano, used but like new, huge savings from new price. Write Clark-Shaw Music Store, 317 North 8th St., Garden City, Kansas. 16-3tc

FOR SALE: Stock Trailer \$135 — Alfred Bammes. 17-tfc

FOR RENT: 3-room furnished apartment. — Earl Phelps, Phone 4061. 17-tfc

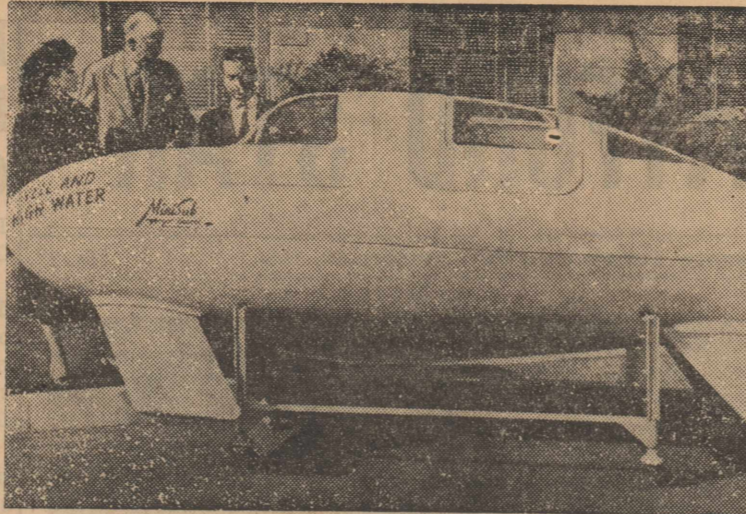
MAN WANTED: Are you dissatisfied with your work? Would you like a business of your own in Sherman and Moore county? If so, see Milton Brown, Spearman, Texas, or write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-20-GG, Memphis, Tenn. 17-1tp

The largest single block of marble quarried in America is now in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

The common house type centipede has only 15 pairs of legs, but some species have as many as 100 pairs of legs.

A cricket barely an inch long is capable of producing a sound audible for almost a mile.

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ACROSS the DESK

From the Dearborn Independent, Dearborn, Michigan: Have you ever heard it argued that the way to meet the cost of government is to soak the corporations harder and let them pay the bill? If so you should be interested in this fact: If all the profits, after taxes, earned by all the corporations in the country in 1952 had been confiscated in toto, the resulting revenue would have met government expenditures for only 72 days — a little more than two months!

From The Brookfield Courier, Brookfield, New York: During the last fiscal year, the states collected \$10,500,000,000 from their citizens — which works out to \$68 for every man, woman and child in the country. This comes to a total of \$478.04 per capita, or close to \$2,000 a year for a family of four — and it doesn't include local taxes, for which figures are not available. The point is that taxes, direct and indirect, are the biggest single expense borne by a great number of our businesses. There is an endless amount of grumbling over the high cost of living. There should be an equal amount over the high cost of government.

From the Newark Courier-Gazette, Newark, New York: The Administration did a good job cutting about \$3,000,000,000 from the Treasury.

From the South Pasadena Review, South Pasadena, California: Ten years ago (1942) total taxes were only one-fourth of what they were in 1952. And as to spending, it is estimated that the federal government spent twice as much last year as in 1942, despite the fact that we were in a shooting war a decade ago. God! Think of the expense if we ever got to a genuine peace.

ing. If grown-ups could retain much of the philosophy and understanding of children, tempered with the experience that is acquired through the years, the cause of world peace would be measurably served.

President's Recommendations

The recommendations of President Eisenhower, in keeping with his State of the Union Message, are now coming to the Congress almost daily. The messages received so far indicate that a tremendous amount of work, effort and research has been devoted to the subject treated. The comments by the Members on the Floor, when these messages are received, vary from one extreme to the other, and, of course, many of the Members want to adopt a wait and see attitude. That is, to wait and see just what legislation is offered by the Members to carry out these recommendations are that the recommendations are conservative. In fact, the general opinion is that the recommendations open the door to legislation that could prove very liberal. After a recent message was read to the House, one of my good Southern friends quipped the following: "If Eisenhower continues on the course he is now following, he won't last over four terms." Whatever the opinions might be, the fact is that Congress must enact the legislation. The President's recommendations will carry the great weight to which they are entitled, and each will be carefully weighed as I am sure President Eisenhower wants them to be, but this Congress will not be (Continued on Page 5)

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GOP LEADERS . . . Republican senators unanimously elected Sen. Wm. F. Knowland (Cal.) majority leader and Sen. Homer Ferguson (Mich.) GOP policy committee chairman. Ferguson (left) assumes Knowland's old job.



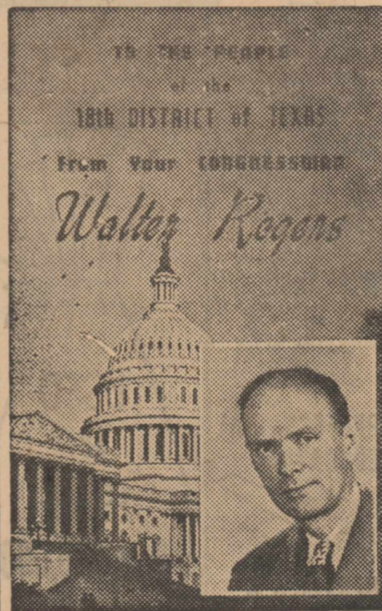
Rev. Robert H. Harper
God Revealed in Christ.
Lesson for January 3, 1954; John 1: 14-23, 29-36.
Golden Text: John 20: 31.

It is the wish of the writer that every reader will come this New Year into a larger knowledge of the Father's will. In this first study of the year, nothing could be better than the text which tells us of the revelation of God to men through Christ.

John, in many respects dissimilar to the other Gospel writers, loved to write of the mystery of Christ's person. He used the Greek word, "logos," spelling it with a capital, to be a name for Jesus Christ. Logos means word and John thus called Jesus the Word. Words have had a great part in the achievements of men. A word is a sign of a thought, whether it be in the small brain of a savage or the brain of one in "the foremost files of time." It is by words that men communicate with one another. So Jesus is the revelation of God to men, the Eternal Word.

While John was preaching in the wilderness, he proclaimed Jesus as the long-promised Christ and invited men to give their lives to him. But there came a greater witness than that of John. The Spirit like a dove descended from heaven to abide upon Jesus. And the next day John, looking upon Jesus as he walked, said to two disciples who had come to him, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

From these things we learn that God manifested himself to men in Jesus Christ. He became the Son of man that men through him might become the sons of God. May we find Christ the answer to our deepest needs.



Snow In Washington

The Capital City has been blanketed for the past week with the most beautiful layers of snow.

Beautiful of course, to the eye, but not to the driver or the traffic cop. The many hills in Washington make it almost impossible to drive a car on certain streets without chains during a snowstorm or icy condition. In the early morning or late afternoon, one car can get stuck on a hill and block traffic for miles and miles, disrupt the lives of many individuals, and cause great confusion. The snow was especially beautiful to the youngsters, who had their sleds out with the first flakes and were sailing down the hills. There is one hill in our neighborhood that is always blocked off to traffic during a snowstorm. It is, of course, a paradise to the sledding kids. An officer is always on duty in the vicinity after school hours and until about nine or ten o'clock at night. Our children have had full use of the hill and hate to see the snow melt. We had one accident. Our seven year-old lost control of his sled and sailed into the side of a parked automobile. He suffered a slight concussion and has been out of the running for the past two or three days. He caused Jean and me much concern the first night, but is fast getting back to his boisterous self. You know, nothing is more deafening than the silence of a sick youngster. A fellow one time defined a child as "a noise with dirt on it." Frankly, I prefer the noise and the dirt to the stalking still that engulfs the home when one of them is all-

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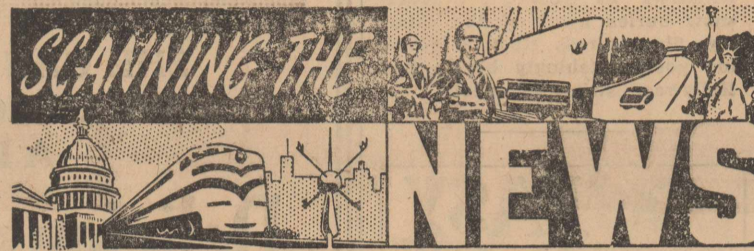
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PLANE HITS HOUSE . . . Pilot Ronald Neece walked down stairs after his CAP plane crashed through roof of home in Williamsport, Pa. Nobody was hurt.



SCANNING THE NEWS

BEGINNING with the first day of this new year, most American businesses and industries hung out an imaginative sign: Business — as Usual.

And, unless most observers are wrong, the sign should literally mean — same as in 1953. There doesn't figure to be too much change. For some, things will be a little bit better; for others, a slight decline, but no one expects any kind of a general recession.

Those on the "inside" say that home buying will be stimulated during the year by new housing legislation providing for less cash down and longer time to pay. New home production for 1953 was estimated at about 1,100,000 units with a combined value of nearly \$12,000,000,000. The National Association of Home Builders says the number of new housing starts in 1954 will run very close to the same level.

Overall new construction is expected to drop off slightly, although the total volume of activity should remain relatively high. There is still a tremendous backlog of demand for school buildings and a sizeable demand for various types of commercial building developments.

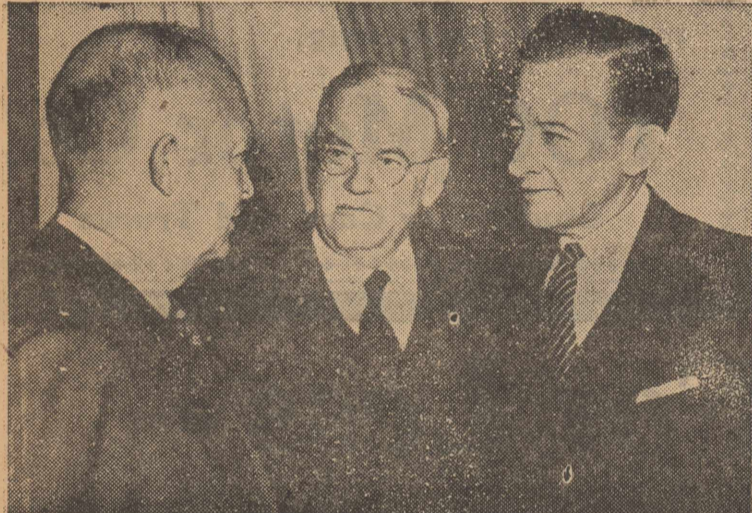
An increase of 22,000,000 motor vehicles in operation today as compared with the end of World War II indicates a tremendous need for additional highway construction, including demands for city streets replanning, parking facilities, and suburban and rural roadside projects.

Manufacturing companies expect sales of most products to be down, but are looking for a good year, just the same. Industry experts say only companies in danger are those whose break-even points have risen so high that even a ten to twenty per cent decline in volume of sales will put their net operations into the red.

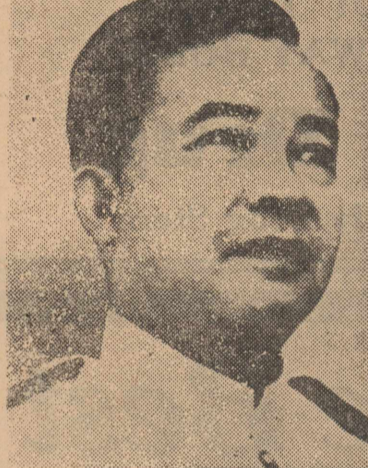
However, offsetting these viewpoints are the optimists, who say that the volume of Christmas retail sales indicate increased activity in the months ahead in many business lines.

One of the better outlooks for 1954 prosperity is enjoyed by the aviation industry, still heavily backlogged with both military and commercial plane orders. Scheduled airlines had their best year in history in 1953, are just as confident about 1954. Reasons for their optimism: Airlines are using newer, more modern planes; world tensions are easing; personal income tax reductions coupled with American desire to travel; and improved airline safety records.

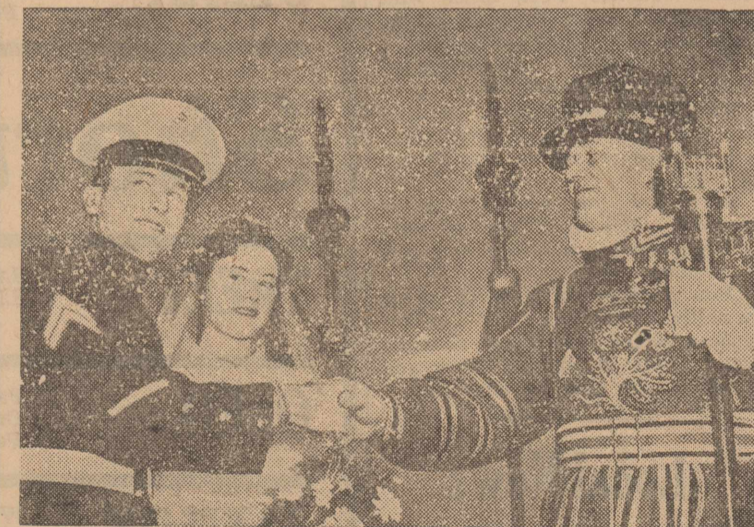
In general, economists believe that 1954 will be a good year, even as it might fall below the record prosperity year of 1953, when the gross national product (measuring the market value of all goods and services produced) totaled \$367 billion—the highest on record. Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks, in his year-end review hit the key note when he declared: "Though 1954 may not equal the all-time record boom of 1953, known conditions and foreseeable prospects offer sound reasons for continued realistic optimism that it will be among the better years of economic history."



REPORTS ON EAST . . . Eric Johnston (left), special envoy, reports on Middle East mission to Pres. Eisenhower and state secretary John Foster Dulles.



APPEALS TO UN . . . Premier Souvannah Phouma of Laos, Indo-China state, protests to United Nations after Red Viet Minh troops drove across Laos to Thailand border.



TOWER WEDDING . . . U. S. Marine Corp. Raymond Schubert of Long Island, N. Y., broke precedent when he married Rosemary Reece in Tower of London. Chief Warden Allan Griffin is at right.



SOME TIME ago Tobias J. Davis, 118 Orange Street, Rochester, New York, received a request from a client, a local psychiatrist, to sit in consultation on one of his cases. He was faced with a most unique type of problem. A patient he had had under observation for about six weeks was in a constant state of fear and was sick with worry. Because of his unhappy condition the fellow had been compelled to take leave of absence from his job as foreman in a large industrial plant. In addition he complained of having been unable to sleep for three weeks. It was obvious that the man had a mental disturbance of a most unpleasant sort.

Reviewing his case history, it was found that this man, aged 38, had a wife and three children whom he was supporting on his earnings of five hundred dollars a month, and in addition taking care of his father and mother, who were 74 and 71 years old, respectively. Upon questioning the patient it was discovered that he was worrying about the prospect of "living too long" and becoming a burden, as in the case of his parents who were dependent upon him.

As a solution to his difficulties, it was proposed that he purchase a life annuity which would pay him an income as long as he lived. The virtue of such a plan had a ready appeal to him, and he immediately agreed to purchase it. It was wonderful to see the almost miraculous change in this man's personality. There seemed to be a look of real happiness in his face. The look of worry and anguish disappeared completely and his step seemed youthful and confident and he seemed to exude a spirit of well-being.

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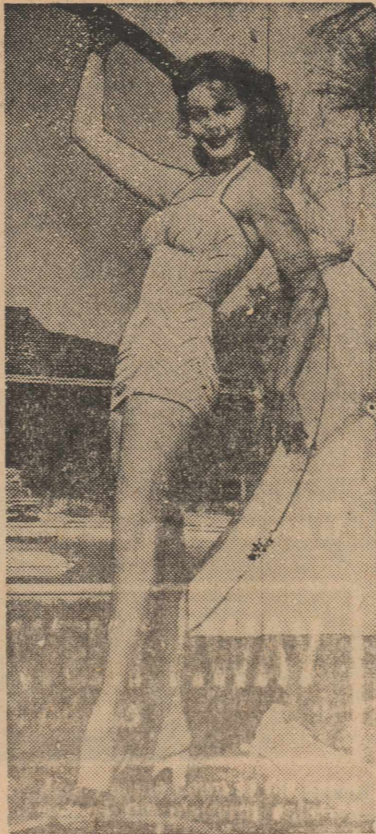
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SALE: 12:30 P. M.



BEAUTY IN SUN . . . While snow buries much of the country, film actress Rhonda Fleming poses fetchingly beside her Hollywood swimming pool.

sequences, New Mexico, has returned home after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gore.

Mrs. D. B. Kendall, Dalhart, spent Sunday visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. J. Cooper.

J. M. Bowling returned home Sunday from Fort Worth, Texas where he was called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Ed S. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vincent, Texhoma, were visitors in Strat-

ford Monday. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mullican, Amarillo, were week end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican.

Jackie Kelp has returned from Nebraska to accept a position with Lucy Kelp Cleaners.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates visited relatives and friends in Tex-

homa Sunday Mrs. H. M. Brown and Bill Ross were Dumas visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Diehl, Dick Jr., and Howard Gibbons attended to business and visited in Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. R. E. Kessie of Amarillo

visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor were Dalhart visitors Monday. They visited Bill Allen and Mrs. E. E. Hamilton in Loretto Hospital.

Richard Wilson spent last week end with his parents in Sentinel, Oklahoma.

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Corned beef can be glazed to make it look elegant when served. Stud with cloves after boiling and

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Prune Souffle
(Serves 6)
2 cups cooked prunes
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
5 egg whites
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Measure prunes and cut from pits. Put through a coarse strainer. Add sugar, baking powder and very stiffly beaten egg whites. Stir in vanilla. Pour into a buttered baking dish and place in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate (350°F.) oven about 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold, plain or with whipped cream. Chopped almonds or shredded coconut may be sprinkled over the top before baking.

pour over the meat 1/4 to 1/2 cup of maple syrup. Bake in a moderate oven until glazed, about 25 minutes.

Your family will like colorful baked bananas. Peel, brush with oil and cover with cranberry sauce, then bake and serve as dessert.

Cook your pears, peeled, halved and cored in simple syrup until tender. Place on top of sponge cake slice and spoon over this red raspberries for a simple, nourishing dessert.

Glamourize your rice puddings by molding them and serving with sliced peaches and soft, chilled custard sauce.

Hot gingerbread tastes good on a chilly night. Top it with cream cheese which has been softened with a bit of orange juice and flavored with grated orange rind.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican spent the week end visiting relatives in Amarillo.

Mrs. Bessie Hodges visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirkpatrick and children in Liberal, Kansas over the week end.

Ozie Green has accepted a position with Dudley Green and Archer Scott in Hereford, Texas.

Mrs. Pruett Adkins has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Turner visited relatives in Hooker, Oklahoma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sandefer and two daughters of Dumas were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brannan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn made a week end business trip to Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McIntosh and children left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Cameron, Texas.

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THE ELK — STRATFORD SCHOOL NEWS

Third Grade Miss Ballinger's Room

Several have been absent for a day or two because of sickness. We are putting pictures of animals on our bulletin board and we have some very interesting pictures.

Fifth Grade Mrs. Elliott's Room

We have made story reports in book review form in Reading this week. They have been fun to make and very interesting to listen to. Each of us chose our favorite story of Days and Duds. We are now ready for our new readers, The Ocean Book. Nanfreda Bammes is chair-

man of our clean room "Committee." She has appointed every one who wanted to help as special monitor for a certain day and her project is progressing very nicely.

We have had fun in Arithmetic this week and at the same time have been doing a lot of work. We have divided into groups, naming ourselves, the North and the South. This week the South is leading the North by three points. At the end of this six week period the winners will be entertained by the losing side.

We enjoyed having Mrs. Elliott read to us during our rest period. She is now reading The Erie Canal by Samuel Hop-

kins Adams. In Science we are working with rocks. We are learning the classification of rocks; in what forms rocks occur; and many other secrets of nature.

Our "A Honor Roll" students are: Sharon Mullican, Barbara Lavake, Linda Brewster, Elaine Spurlock, Shirley Sanders, and Billy Steinberger. The above mentioned pupils have all grades above 90.

The children with no grades below 85 and many grades ranking in the nineties are: Gary Dettle, Nanfreda Bammes, and Dennis Walker.

Seventh Grade Miss Patterson's Room

Alan, Bill and Homer Casey have withdrawn from school. They have moved to Fort Worth.

Sue Ellen Flores was in Amarillo Thursday afternoon and Friday. She broke her glasses and had to have them fixed.

Raymond Albert, Russell Brooks, Stephen Cleavinger, James Spurlock, Holly Harrington, Linda Riffe, and Mary Sue Taylor have been absent due to illness.

Mary Gay Judd brought her chipmunk to school for the day on Thursday.

Stratford Grade School girls and boys basketball teams went to Hartley Thursday night to play ball. They won both games. Girls making the trip were: Mary Janice Boren, Linda Riffe, Martha Stone, Gradene Parvin, Sharon Hampton, Mary Lou Wells, Alice Anne Hayes, Patricia Newman, Betty Lou Gore, Patty Jo Hamilton, Alma Casey, and Betty Bradley. Mary Lou Wells was high point scorer with 16 points. Mary Janice Boren scored 4 points and Sharon Hampton 3 points. The final score was Stratford 23 and Hartley 20. Boys making the trip were Richard McMinn, Joedale Reasing, Cagle Kendrick, Bill Minkley, Willy Price, Kenneth Knight, Melvin Mitts, Gary Steinberger, Henry Harrison, Dwayne Plunk, Tom Lavake, Park Hammons, Russell Brooks, and Paul Adudell. High point scorer was Richard McMinn with 5 points. Other scorers were Willy Price 4 points, Melvin Mitts 4 points, Cagle Kendrick 4 points, Kenneth Knight 2 points, Joedale Reasing 1 point. The final score was Stratford 22 and Hartley 16. Bill Dyess was the score keeper.

Basketball fans attending the ball game at Hartley were Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Herald, Larry and Patricia Herald, Betty Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price.

Hit-Parade

Bonnie Farris to Emery Hamilton — Country Gal.
Bob Garoutte to Pat Taylor — As Time Goes By.

Joyce Haney to Buzz Wakefield — I'll See You in My Dreams.

James Crawford to Helen Finch — Just Waiting.

Freshman to Upper-classmen — I'm Walking The Dog.

High School to Marjory and Alvin Bachman — Congratulations.

Jean Cummings to Frankie Hamilton — That's My Boy.

Dan Gillis to Carolyn Folsom — You, You, You.

Jeanett McMahan to Elwood Gillis — Till I Waltz Again With You.

Beth Pemberton to Bill Koehler — Just Around The Corner.
Lynne Reeder to Jim Beasley — April Showers.

Glen McMahan to Cynthia Reed — Orange Colored Sky.

High School to Faculty — Let's Have A Party.

Cynthia Gamble to Ray Fields — It's Been So Long.

Jo Wayne Harding to Johnny Summerour — Stranger in Paradise.

Bob Newman to Sherry Goule — Ebb Tide.

Tacie Emerson to Jay Pierce — When, Oh When.

Barbara Cates to John Harrison — Oh.

Joy Keener to Billy Keener — I Wanna' Be Evil.

Junior High Band

(Jack Walker and Dwayne Plunk Reporters)

The Junior High Band is now composed of 44 musicians. Our band will be on radio KXIT at

Dalhart Sunday, January 31, at 1:45 P. M. The main song will be Reverie.

We elected new monitors last week. They are: Attendance Monitor, Alice Hayes; Music folios, Ann Burgess, Mary Sue Taylor and Carolee Baskin; Light and Ventilation, Neal Harris and Wayne Lavake; Rack and Chair, J. D. Plunk and Rex Palmer; Bulletin Board, Molly Davis and Jessie Riggs; Instrument, Tommy Lavake and Cagle Kendrick; Timer, James Spurlock; Reporters, Jack Walker and Dwayne Plunk; Tuning Bar, Patricia Newman; Poster and Chart, Leslie Gay Plunk and Sharon Gamble; Librarian, Kay Pickens; Host, Park Hammons; Hostess, Mary Lou (Shorty) Wells; Student Director, Tommy Lavake; Practice Reports, Joedale Reasing and Bob Ragsdale.

Freshman News

Most of the upper classmen are having a gay old time this week at the expense of the freshman class. We are plagued with lipstick signs, and boys wearing dresses, but all in all I think we enjoy it as much as anyone. The theme for the freshmen is "I Am A Slimy Fish."

Stratford Plays Gruver

The Stratford Elks and Elkets journeyed to Gruver to play the Greyhounds. Stratford has won 10 and lost 10. They play Spearman here Friday night and Morse next Tuesday. The Stratford Elks were seated fourth in the district tournament. We play Channing our first game in the district tournament. Morse was placed first, Spearman second and Stinnett third. If we win our first we will be in the semi-finals.

Speech Class Presents Program

The speech class of Stratford High presents a 15-minute program Sunday over KXIT. The students consisted of: Benny Biddy, Bob Garoutte, Donald Weller, James Crawford, Lynne Reeder, Yvonne Mitts, Rita Joyce Neal, Adabell Knight, and James Davis. The program consisted of poems, round table discussion, and orations. We think they did very well. The band will give a 15-minute program next Sunday. The High School band, the Junior Band and the Beginners Band will all participate in the program.

FARM FLASH

Planning to set out shrubs and trees this spring? According to Miss Lucile King, County Home Demonstration Agent, now's the time to start thinking about just what kind of trees and shrubs will do the best job for you. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes and types of foliage. Some will do a better job of setting off your house than others. For example, the low growing trees such as apricot, red bud and dogwood are suitable for the low-type modern house. Pecan, walnut and other tall growing trees are suitable for tall two story houses. The agent suggests you do a little "snapshot planning."

Sketch in different sizes and shapes of plantings on snapshots of your house. When you find the height and shape plantings that look best, the next job is to estimate how high they grow. Measure up the side of the house with a yardstick if necessary. Then look for trees and shrubs that will be the right shape, size and height when full grown.

U. S. Navy Wants More Pilots

Chief Bunton of the Navy Recruiting Station in Amarillo announces there is an urgent need for young men who can qualify for the Naval Aviation Cadet program to train to become Naval aviators. The program offers a career as a commissioned officer starting at over \$300 a month. The Amarillo Recruiting office is located in room 302 of the Post Office Building in Amarillo.

The U. S. Treasurer is bonded in the amount of \$150,000.

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Local News

Dana Oquin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oquin, is ill.

Miss Martha Ross arrived home Saturday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross, returning to Mt. Carmel Academy, Wichita, Kansas Wednesday.

Walter Rogers--

(Continued from Page 2)

stamped by the suggestions, recommendations or directives of any one individual or any pressure group.

Committees At Work

It would generally appear on the surface that very little is being accomplished the first weeks of this new session of Congress. However, the session has actually started off with good speed. All of the committees have been working diligently on the bills assigned to them and will have these ready to report to the House in the very near future. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, has been holding sessions almost daily and was the first committee to report bills to the House. The Sub-committee on Irrigation and Reclamation has held extensive hearings on the new power policy advocated by the Department of the Interior concerning the disposal of power in the Missouri Basin. These hearings could well provide the basis for the power policy of this government for many years to come. This is of tremendous importance because it could, and no doubt will, affect the lives of almost every individual in the United States, either directly or indirectly. One of the other sub-committees of which I am a member, the Sub-committee on Territories and Insular Affairs, has been holding hearings on the Alaska Native Lands Act. At first blush, this bill would not appear to have much bearing on the domestic items affecting the lives and well being of the individual citizens living in the United States. However, this type of legislation involves legal principles concerning real property rights and interests, the mishandling of which could very easily cost this country tremendous sums of money, to say nothing of the confusion in future transactions involving real property, both inside this country and in presently owned possessions and possessions that might be acquired in the future.

Proposed Tax Relief

The recent action of the Ways and Means Committee recommending certain exemptions insofar as dividends were concerned is not meeting with much favor among the rank and file. Most people think that the first tax relief should come to those in the small income brackets, rather than to the coupon clippers. I certainly agree and sincerely hope that some affirmative action is taken on my bill to increase the individual exemption from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 and the dependent exemption from \$600.00 to \$750.00. This would afford much needed relief where it would do the most good. It would go a long way in helping to put shoes on the feet and food in the stomachs of children that really need it.

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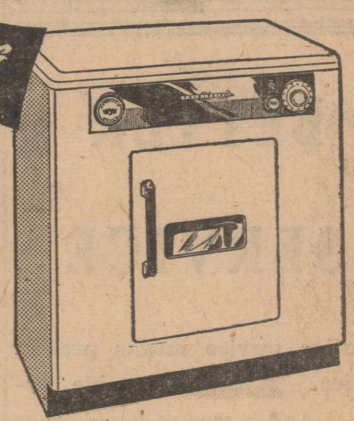
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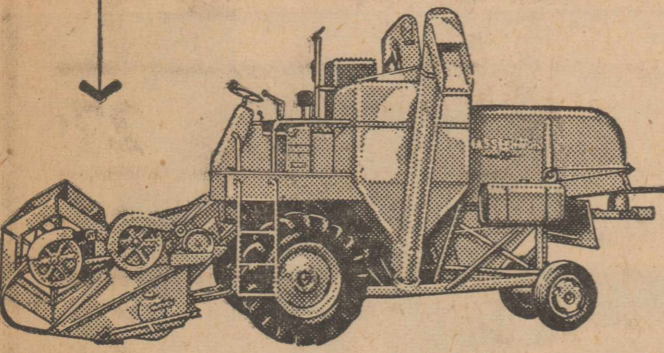
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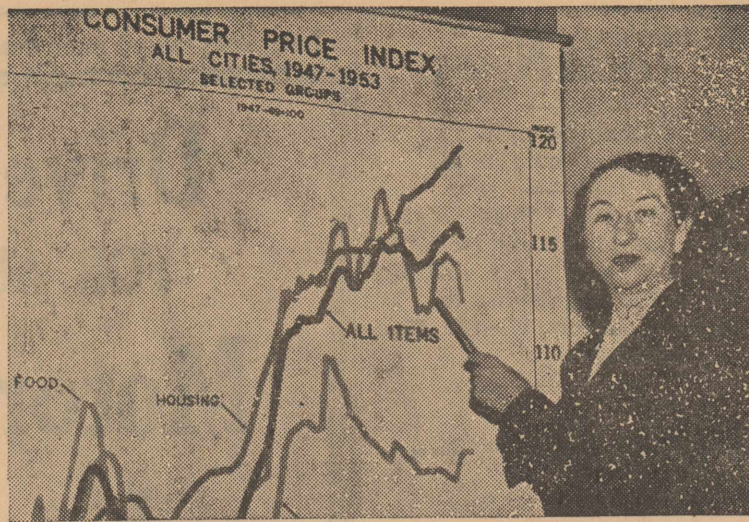
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HCL GOES DOWN . . . Arynness Joy Wickens, deputy commissioner of bureau of labor statistics, shows chart indicating lower cost of living, chiefly due to drop in food prices.

THE STRANGER WENT AWAY
By Madge O. Adams

"HAIRCUT, Charley," I said as I climbed into the barber chair the other evening after I'd closed up the depot for the night. Charley usually starts ribbing me right away, about getting fatter and a little greyer. But tonight he didn't seem to have much to say. I glanced around the room and saw that the stranger was sitting over behind the stove. So that was it, I thought—Jacob Tinsler. At least he said his name was Jacob Tinsler.

He'd worn old grey pants with a tear in the knee and a dirty brown suit coat the day he came to town. His white shoes had been ripped out at the sides and torn loose along the soles. But now, since Christmas, he wore a good pair of corduroy pants and clean shirts and a shiny pair of new black shoes. The postmaster had taken up a collection for him.

I was as curious as the next one about just who Jacob Tinsler was, and what he was doing in our town.

"Is Jacob still sleeping in the Doctor's barn?" I asked Charley as we walked down the street to get a cup of coffee after he'd closed the barber shop.

"Yep," Charley said.

I guess I knew what was worrying him. Charley isn't much for keeping books. It's awfully easy to stick a dollar in his pocket when a fellow gets a hair cut and forget to put it down. This fellow might be a treasury agent for all any of us knew.

"Folks around town still feeding Jacob?" I inquired.

"I guess they are, Percy."

"I still can't help but think that there's something about Jacob's bifocals that look—well, phony. If I could only figure them out then maybe I'd know what he was up to!"

"Some folks in town'd be willing to pay you if you could. Some folks ain't a sleeping so good at nights," Charley nodded wisely.

The next day was warm, like spring was peeking around the cor-

ner. Jacob came down to the depot and sat on the platform enjoying the sunshine. I tried to engage him in conversation but he wouldn't say much. He never had said much, all winter long. When the 10:16 came through I had a good chance to use a scheme.

"What was the name on the side of that last refrigerator car, Jacob?" I yelled out to him.

"Why—why, I wasn't paying any attention," he stammered.

But I had been watching him. He had been looking right at the refrigerator car as it went past! Then it hit me . . . I remembered I'd never seen him pick up a magazine or a paper the whole winter long! Jacob Tinsler couldn't read a lick, as sure as taxes! I let that all soak in for a while. Then the pieces of the puzzle began to fit together. If Jacob couldn't read then he couldn't be a Russian spy or a movie star incognito or any other of the fanciful things people were saying he was. Jacob was just what he looked like.

But I didn't have any more time to think about Jacob Tinsler. Just then a railroad detective arrived at the depot. He was investigating the coal robberies.

After I'd helped him all I could he stood around for a while, just visiting. "Say, wasn't that old Jake Tinsler I saw going down the tracks as I came in?" he asked.

I nodded. "Do you know him?"

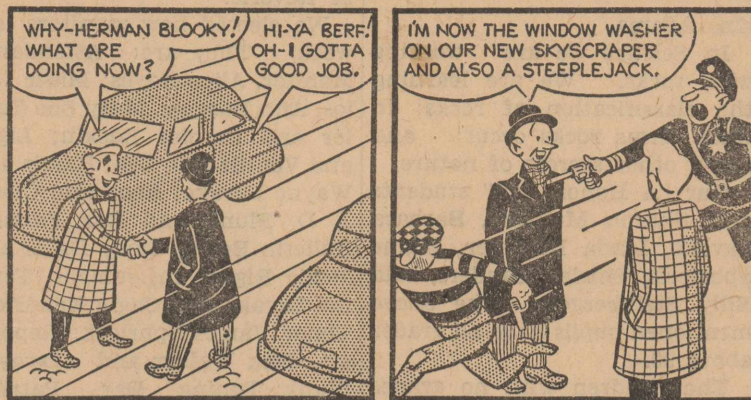
The detective threw back his head and laughed. "I've had Jacob Tinsler and his silly reading glasses thrown off more freight trains than a goose has feathers! From this time of year till cold weather! They say he holes up in some little town every winter. I never could figure out how he eats. He's never been known to work a day in his life!"

"I guess he knows human nature pretty well. And, of course the glasses help," I decided.

"How could his glasses—?"

"Well," I explained. "Nobody around here ever saw a bum wear bifocals—before!"

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



CROSS the DESK
ideas from other editors

From the South Pasadena Review, South Pasadena, California: In the comparatively recent past the local newspaper was about the only place where merchants could advertise their wares. Since then, other important media have come into existence—notably the radio and television. But, despite the inroads these have made on retailers' advertising budgets, the newspaper is still the dominant factor in the field by a wide margin.

The local newspaper offers the surest means of reaching the masses of the people—whether with a news story or an editorial opinion or an advertising message. And that's why merchants place it first when dividing up their advertising appropriations.

Incidentally, one wonders if there are still people who regard advertising as a waste which adds unnecessarily to the cost of goods. Actually, advertising acts as a possible factor in holding prices down by creating the widest possible demand for merchandise, thus making mass production and mass distribution possible.

From the Iron Ore and Reflector, East Lansing, Michigan: Various polls of public opinion and studies made by the American Legion, the American Bar Association, out-

standing newspapers and universities show the shocking ignorance of the basic principles which have made America. For example, one poll shows that only one in four knows what the Bill of Rights is; another poll reveals only three in ten know the difference between enterprise and state socialism; another that 65 per cent of wage earners believe that more is paid by corporation to stockholders than to workers. In addition, millions believe that "5 per cent" of the people own 95 per cent of the wealth. It's plain that so long as these beliefs are current and these ignorances prevail, the American system is in danger.

From the Arvada Enterprise, Arvada, Colorado: Apparently the battle for Republican leadership between President Eisenhower and Senator Joe McCarthy has begun. If the winner of this battle is to become the Republican party's presidential candidate in 1956, I hope that Eisenhower is the winner.

As a Democrat, I believe McCarthy would be an easy candidate to beat, but as an American citizen, I'd hate to think that anybody as irresponsible as the Senator has proven himself to be, might become the head of this great nation of ours.

1954 brain budget

1. Sepia is another word for (a) brown; (b) sleep; (c) leak.
2. The fire that took the most lives in American history happened at (a) Chicago; (b) Peshigo, Wisconsin; (c) Tupelo, Mississippi.
3. Portland cement got its name from (a) Portland, Maine; (b) Portland, Oregon; (c) the isle of Portland.

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2. Isle of Portland, 1,155 persons
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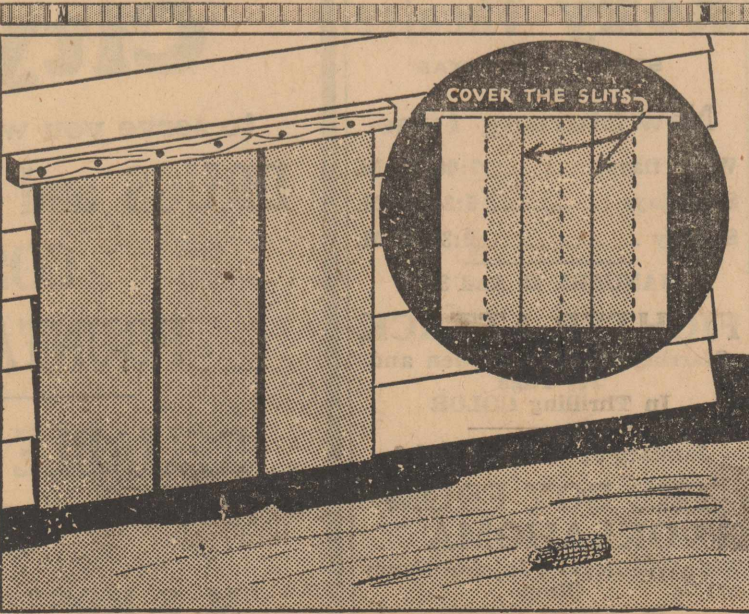
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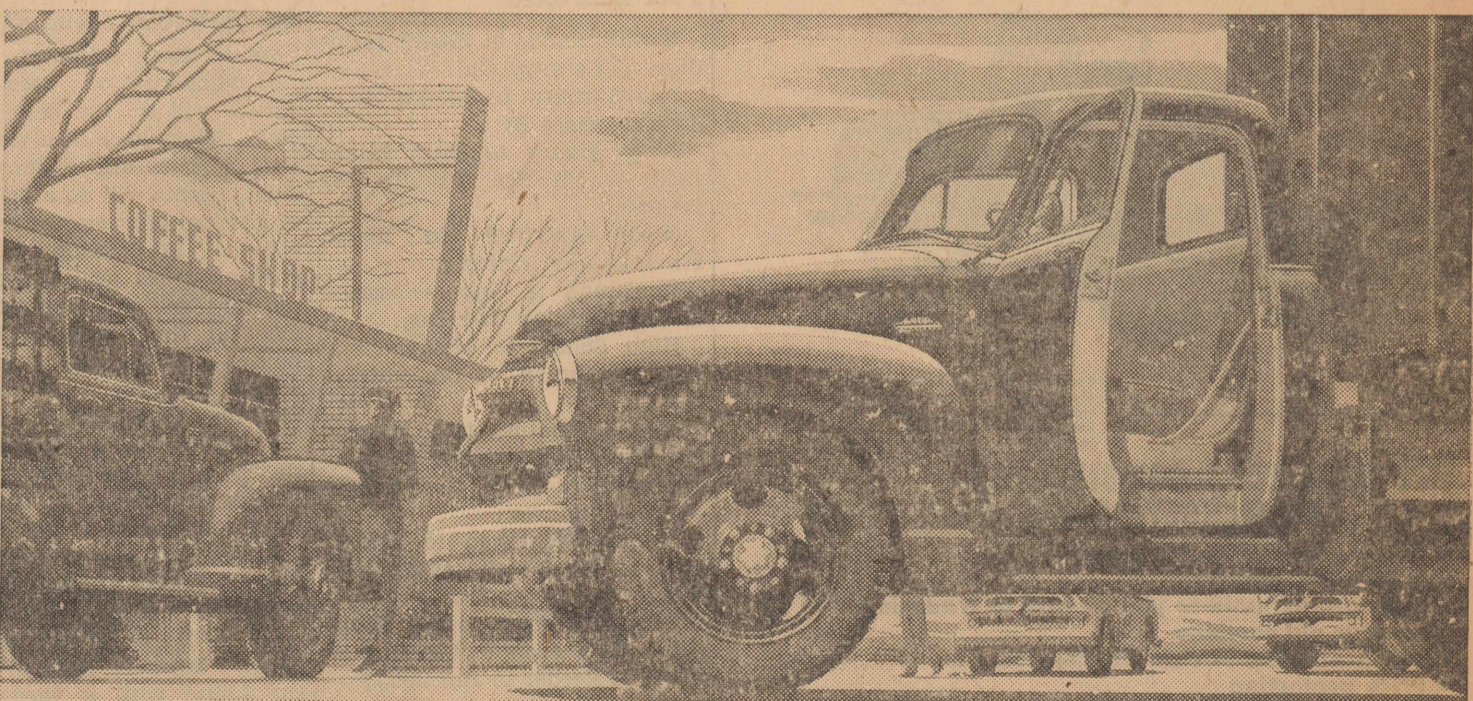


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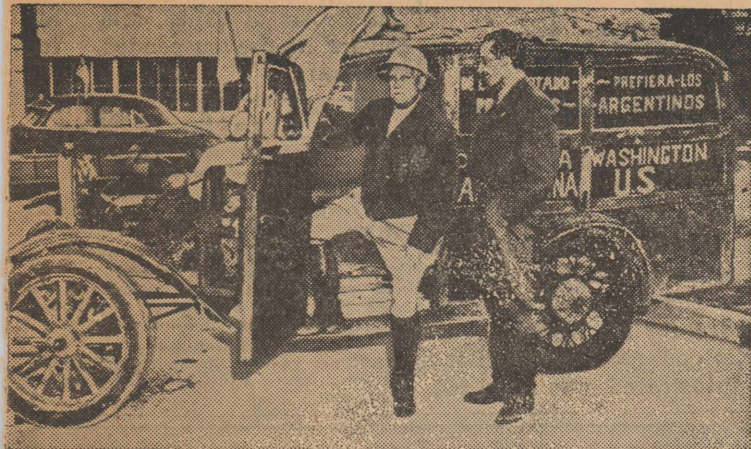
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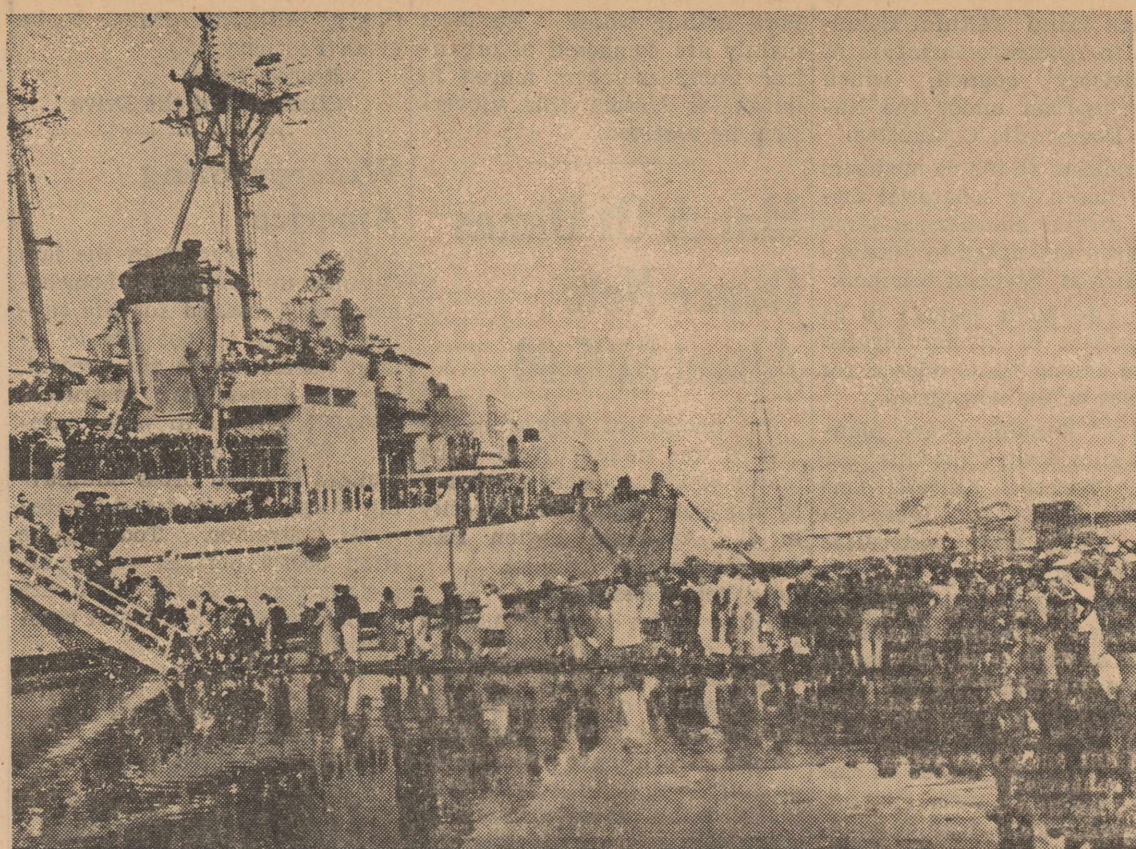
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TIDE DELAYS GOBS . . . Friends and relatives of sailors aboard destroyer U.S.S. Blue, home after 6-month duty abroad, had to walk planks to ship because high tides prevented close docking at Long Beach, Calif.

A survey of 5,100,000 farms and their transportation problems show that about two-thirds of the farm families have automobiles and drive an average of six miles to their shopping center. These 3,400,000 families own 4,200,000 cars.

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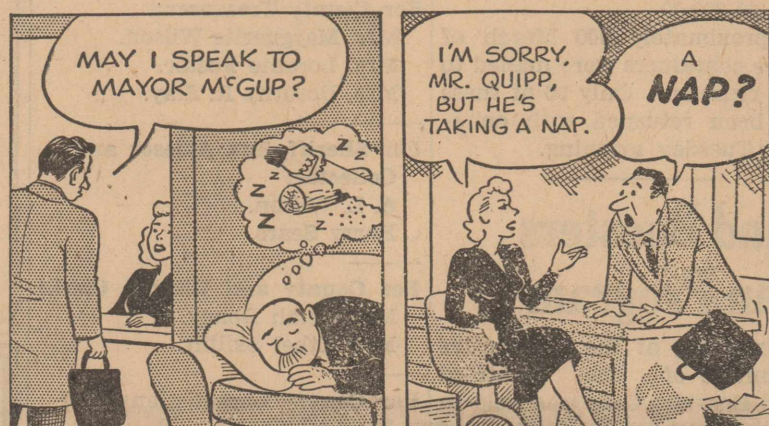


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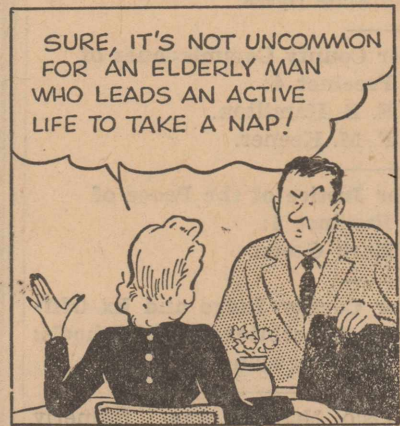
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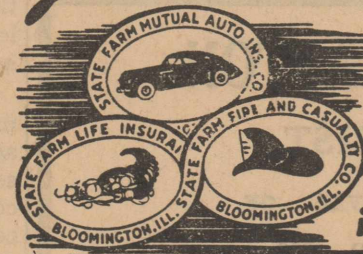
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FAR FROM WELL . . . Sad-faced pup "Wimpy" yearns for home after spending ten days at bottom of 33-foot dry well in Carlsbad, N. M. Who'll adopt this orphan?

Nutrition experts have expressed concern over the decline in sweet potato production from 61,000,000 bushels in 1946 to 28,000,000 bushels in 1952. They say that of 28 common fresh vegetables, sweet potatoes contain the lowest percentage of carbohydrates and the largest number of calories per pound.

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Highlights --

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mental question is "may the states continue to regulate the gas industry, or must they step aside for federal bureaucracy?" "This decision by the court is the first ray of hope in recent

years that the court may recognize states' rights in natural gas production," he added.

Liberal Texas Democrats were at loggerheads in a drive by national party leaders to set up an advisory council for the state. Dissention developed when House Minority Leader Sam

Rayburn asked "faithful Democrats" to nominate members of the advisory council, which would function under the National Democratic Committee.

In addition to the 62 members to be chosen by senatorial districts, several members-at-large have been appointed by National Chairman Stephen Mitchell.

One sore point seemed to be the absence of former loyalist leaders among those chosen for key roles in the new group.

"Loyal" Democrats are planning a showdown fight this year against Governor Shivers' conservative forces to recapture control of the state executive committee.

Mrs. H. H. Weinert of Seguin, national committeewoman, made it clear she would oppose use of the advisory group for any purpose except fund raising, its stated principal purpose. She backed the party ticket in the 1952 presidential race, but has not been aligned with the extreme liberal faction.

As another point of dissention, some leaders in the 1952 "loyalist" fight have questioned the authority of Byron Skelton of Temple to continue as chairman of the Texas Democratic Organizing Committee, which was formed last fall to battle the conservatives.

Skelton was the first liberal named by the national party to serve on the advisory council. But, regarding activities of this group, he said any statement would have to come from Rayburn or Mitchell as directors of the program.

Strange as it may seem, Governor Shivers has lined up with the liberal Democrats on one issue. He declared that he favors allowing 18-year olds to vote.

It is a matter that should be submitted to the people for a decision, Shivers said.

"In view of the fact that 18-year olds are called during war to defend our democratic principles, it is even more reasonable to encourage their active participation in the science of government," the governor added.

Charges that the State Board of Hospital and Special Schools has "repeatedly failed" to accept lowest bids for construction work have been made by State Senator Wayne Wagonseller of Bowie.

He called upon the Senate investigating committee to hold an inquiry for which he claimed to have documentary proof of the charges.

Dr. James A. Bethea, executive director of the system, replied that "in every instance, the lowest bidder has gotten the bid."

An architect for the board, Walter Moore, explained that usually bids with alternate materials are asked. Then, when bids are lower than the estimates, the board sometimes approves construction that is better than the cheapest offered.

Continued high employment levels during 1954 have been predicted by the Texas Employment Commission.

Although some unemployment is expected as a result of reduced military spending, there will be gains in non-defense industry, the commission said.

Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Denver Post, told a meeting of the Texas Press Association that instead of a depression, the country is due a "buyer's market."

He berated people who are "wasting a lot of breath and causing a lot of heartaches by insisting that we are going to have a depression."

Observance of the Centennial of Texas Public Schools will start throughout the state on January 31, the anniversary date.

Climax of activity for the year-long observance will be during Public Schools Week March 1 to 6, coinciding with the anniversary of Texas Independence.

Although other cities are planning special events for that week, the capital city as a center of education and government plans a massive celebration with more than 100,000 persons taking part.

State officials and the American Legion set a pattern in combatting a Communist-front organization at Port Arthur recently, a national Legion official declared here. The post at

Port Arthur whose members mainly are composed of organized union members moved in unison to thwart this subversion, he asserted.

March Of Dimes Dance Nets About \$195.00

An amount of approximately \$195.00 was netted from the March of Dimes dance sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in the American Legion Hall Saturday night.

Need Better Response
Those active in directing the March of Dimes drive in Sherman County request a more active response of the citizens to the March of Dimes mail containers which have been mailed out. The drive is being conducted in an effort to raise at least \$3,000.00 as the county's share in the fight against infantile paralysis. At present, those active in the campaign believe that donations will total less than \$1,000.00.

Approximately 500 March of Dimes containers were mailed to local citizens. Only 36 of these had been returned with donations Tuesday morning.

Band Boosters Plan Program
A meeting of the executive committee of the Stratford Band Boosters Club was held in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall Monday night. Plans were completed for a program for the next meeting.

Those present were: Mrs. Baskin Brown, president, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess, Mrs. Ernest Cummings, Wayne Stevens, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall.

APPRECIATION
We of the March of Dimes Committee, wish to thank the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, for sponsoring the March of Dimes Dance. We hope that the Sorority is as successful with their

Charity Valentine Dance to be given February 13.
Roscoe Dyess
Chairman of the Drive.

Waterproofing America

Since the days when the late Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow first crusaded for life saving training on the Rhode Island waterfront to the present, the Red Cross has instructed 9,300,000 persons in water safety. When Longfellow first organized the Red Cross Life Saving Corps, he was the only Red Cross instructor. Today more than 35,000 persons representing every state in the union, are authorized volunteer water safety instructors.

Authorized Political Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election to be held Saturday, July 24

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Mrs. Loraine Foster.
Mrs. Dorothy R. Slay.

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:
A. L. Wilson.
Harry Sears.

For County and District Clerk:
Mrs. Lelah Boney.
Mrs. Ethel Skillin.

For County Commissioners of Precinct 1:
Roscoe Dyess.

For County Commissioner of Precinct 4:
E. E. Hamilton.
F. M. Keener.

For Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4:
Burk Green.

For County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Schools:
Bob Ferguson.

Oslo, Norway, was formerly known as Christiana.

Two Cases In County Court

Two cases have been tried in County Court. Jimmie Graham McLaughlin, charged with driving while intoxicated, was fined \$50.00 and court costs of \$21.20. His drivers license was suspended for six months. W. N. Price, charged with driving while intoxicated, was fined \$50,

court costs of \$31.25, and his drivers license suspended for six months.

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