

Eighth Grade Banquet And Prom Friday

The Eighth Grade banquet and prom was held Friday night in the school cafeteria. The theme of Mardi Gras was used. The room was decorated with large pictures of clowns, negroes and dancers. Large masks of construction paper were on the walls and venetian blinds. Colored pennants were strung around the walls dotted with trees of highly colored flowers.

Seventh Graders dressed as Negroes served the banquet. They also presented several numbers on the program, accompanied by Miss Wederah Watkins at the piano.

R. W. Standefer, Jr., gave the invocation. Bill Dyess delivered the welcome address. Park Hammons read the class will. Betty Bradley read the class history. Seventh grade students appeared in several songs. T. J. McCaughey pronounced the benediction.

Members of the Eighth Grade are Paul Aduddell, Jerry Barns, Marvin Cotton, Elliott Crabtree, Bill Dyess, William Gamble, Park Hammons, Henry Harrison, Larry Herald, Tommy Lavake, Richard McMinn, Bill Minkley, Melvin Mitts, William Price, Robert Richey, Gary Steinberger, Mary Janice Boren, Betty Bradley, Grace Brooks, Jessie Mae Davis, Betty Gore, Sharon Hampton, Alice Ann Hayse, Nelle Johnson, Gradene Parvin, Betty Walker and Mary Lou Wells.

Besides the members of the Eighth Grade the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Standefer, T. J. McCaughey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duggins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. James Coble, Miss Virginia Patterson, Miss Wederah Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aduddell, and Mrs. J. E. Crabtree.

After the banquet dancing was enjoyed until eleven in the cafeteria by the members of the class, their dates and guests.

Class History

There were 34 pupils in the first grade in the school year of 1946-'47. There were 14 boys and 20 girls. Mrs. Pillins was our teacher at first, but Mrs. Mullins taught us most of the year. Mrs. Harrison was our music and art teacher.

In the second grade there were only 24 pupils, 14 boys and 10 girls. John Lyons and Roger Franklin Pearson entered school that year. Our teacher was Mrs. Dodd at first but Mrs. Mullins taught a lot this year too. Mrs. Harrison was our music and art teacher this year also.

In the third grade Mrs. Perkins taught us with 27 in the class. Mrs. Harrison taught us music and art. This was the year Bobby Byrd, Jimmy Resley, Dale Hardwick, and Nettie Faye Early came to our school. Roger Pearson was the only one to drop out of school from the year before.

In the fourth grade Mrs. Tague was our teacher. There were 30 pupils this year. Mrs. Harrison taught music and art again this year. Gary Dubose, Marvin Cotton, Park Hammons, Alice Hayse, Billy Morrow, Fred Sanders and Sharon Williams were new-comers this year. Helen Thompson and Velva Thorn were the only ones to drop out of school from last year. Mr. Whitaker organized a tonette band this year — about half or more of the class was in it.

In the fifth grade the 31 pupils in our class were taught by Mrs. Gilstrap. This year Mary Janice Boren, David Lee Hill, Nelle Johnson and Marilee Jones came to Stratford schools. This year three boys moved: Jerry Dubose, Jerry Leonard, and Billy Morrow. We started taking physical education this year with Mr. Stewart as instructor. We also started taking band under the direction of Mr. Whitaker. Toward the last of the year Mr. Whitaker was drafted to the armed services where he now plays a French Horn in the Air Force Band. His wife was our teacher for the rest of the year. Mrs. Harrison taught us art and music.

In the sixth grade our teacher

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Frank Smith Laid To Rest Saturday

Last rites for William Franklin Smith, 64-year old member of a pioneer Stratford family, were conducted at 3:00 P. M. Saturday in the First Baptist Church by Rev. M. E. Upchurch, pastor.

Mr. Smith passed away Thursday morning of last week in Veterans Hospital in Amarillo where he had been a patient for about 16 months.

Burial was made in the Stratford Cemetery under the supervision of Wilson Funeral Directors.

W. F. Smith was born at Waco, Texas on September 26, 1889. With his parents, he came to the Plains in a covered wagon, the family settling at Stratford in 1902.

Mr. Smith was a veteran of World War I. He was active in American Legion programs and was a charter member of the Stratford Post. Mr. Smith had been employed as fire chief for the Phillips Chemical Plant at Cactus for about 10 years before illness compelled him to retire.

Survivors include his wife, Coletus Smith, three step children and one step grandchild; five sisters, Mrs. Sam Wohlford and Mrs. John Kidwell of Stratford, Mrs. Harley Snyder of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Ben Horn of South Haven, Kansas, Mrs. H. B. Holden of Fort Worth, Texas, and one brother, Homer Smith of Stratford.

Men's Sunrise Easter Breakfast Sunday Morning

The Laymen's Annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be served Easter Sunday in the high school cafeteria. Services will begin at 6:00 o'clock.

All men in Stratford and vicinity are invited to attend. George Jeffcoat will act as master of ceremonies. The opening prayer will be given by Roy Allen. Kenneth Kendrick will be the speaker for the occasion.

Music will be furnished by Wayne Stevens and Walter Pendleton. J. R. Pendleton will give the closing prayer.

A breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, jelly and coffee will be served after the opening prayer.

Eastern Star School Opens Saturday

An Eastern Star School for District 2 of Section 2, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held in Amarillo Saturday, April 17. The morning session begins at 9:00 o'clock. The afternoon session opens at 1:30 and the evening session will start at 8:00 o'clock.

School officers include: Worthy Grand Matron Mary Ella Schoverling, District Deputy Grand Matron Elizabeth Elliott, Grand Examiner Molly Goodpasture, and Deputy Grand Matron Robbie Yates.

Construction Of Bridges To Start Soon

Construction of three bridges in Road District Four are expected to start within the next 20 days. Steel piling for the structures has been shipped and should arrive by the latter part of the month.

County Commissioner F. M. Keener says he plans to start construction of the bridge over the Frisco first. The old wooden structure has taken a beating in recent weeks from oil well traffic.

Roy Peterson Finishes TV School

Roy Peterson returned Saturday from Los Angeles, California where he has worked in the V.S.I. Television Laboratories and attended their school for the past three months. He plans to set up a TV service in the near future.

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Stratford C-C Will Meet At City Hall Friday

A meeting of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 P. M. Friday in the fire station at the City Hall. Plans will be made for the agricultural equipment show to be sponsored by the organization.

Reports of organization projects will be made and all members are urged to attend.

Reports will be made of work done at Austin, and farmers are invited to hear this report on legislation providing gas for irrigation.

Mrs. C. B. Bryant Succumbs To Heart Attack

Mrs. C. B. Bryant, 71-year old mother of W. O. Bryant, passed away Sunday night in a Strathmore, California hospital. She lived only a short time after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bryant and their daughter, Mrs. Conrad Riffe, left Monday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Bryant was a former resident of Stratford, having made her home here for about three years. She and her husband had returned to Stratford for several visits since moving to California.

FFA Boys Enter Tractor School

Agriculture 1, 2 and 3 boys have entered a tractor operators school being conducted at the Stratford Tractor Co. by Jack Golladay and Duard Lamb.

The school has two purposes. One is to train the boys to take better care of a tractor to prolong its economical life. The other purpose is to select a county winner to enter the Ford Tractor operators contest. This boy will represent Sherman County in a district contest to be held some time in May. A state contest will be held in San Antonio July 20.

The Ford Tractor Co. will present a new Ford tractor to the winner of the state contest. Page Moldboard Plow Farmer

Half of the points to be scored in the state contest are based on the manner in which the boys use a moldboard plow. This is almost a lost art in the great plans area. Jack Golladay and Duard Lamb will greatly appreciate the help of a man who knows how to set a moldboard plow in order that they may instruct the boys in an art which has not been practiced in the plains area for several years.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for their many remembrances including the cards, flowers and calls, while I was in the hospital. Friends are one of the greatest things a man can have.

F. L. Yates

Voters Approve Allocation Tax Law

Sherman County voters approved the extension of the allocation tax law for another six years by a vote of 43 to 1 in the election held Saturday.

The adoption of the law allows the Commissioners' Court to set tax rates which will provide necessary money for paying county expenses without collecting surplus money for some fund which requires only a minimum tax.

Slow Rains Gave Relief To Plains

Slow rain falling in the form of a drizzle fell over most of the plains area Saturday night and Sunday. At Stratford .27 of an inch was recorded. Outlying districts report rainfall varying from .30 to .60 of an inch.

The result of the rain on the current wheat crop is hard to determine. Two farmers will view the same wheat field. One will express hope for the crop. The other will simply state the rain came too late.

Dust clouds said to have originated near Dodge City, Kansas drifted in Wednesday night. A similar dust cloud moved in from the north Thursday afternoon.

Dalhart Doctors To Make Trips To Stratford

Dr. John A. Blaschke, Dr. James C. Glenn and Dr. John H. Cunningham, Dalhart physicians, plan to make trips to Stratford until a new doctor moves to Stratford and locates with the Stratford Clinic.

Dr. John A. Blaschke and a nurse attendant plan to be at the Stratford Clinic from 9:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. Monday.

If it is possible for the doctors to work out their schedules, they hope to have a representative in the Stratford Clinic on Mondays and Fridays.

Schedule Farm Program Meetings

Plans have been completed for a meeting of Sherman County farmers at the Texas side school auditorium in Texhoma at 2:30 P. M. Tuesday, April 27. A second meeting will be held at the Stratford Court House Wednesday, April 28, at 2:00 P. M.

The purposes of these meetings is to discuss the farm program and underground water conservation program in Sherman County. Kenneth Kendrick will give a report on his recent trip to Washington in which he appeared before the Agricultural Committee of Farm Legislation. R. C. Buckles and Jim Taylor will discuss local farm problems. E. Goule, County Agent, will discuss briefly the Underground Water Conservation District Law.

Sherman County farmers are encouraged to come out to this meeting and discuss their farm problems with their local leaders. The report that will be given will be of major importance to local farmers.

School Names New Architect

Buford & Feinburg of Dallas, Texas, were employed from a group of selected architects to plan for future building needs of the school at a recent meeting of the Stratford Board of School Trustees.

At the present time the elementary school has an enrollment which makes it necessary to provide two classrooms for the first five grades in the school. There will be over 40 pupils in the sixth and seventh grades during the next term of school. This will require providing two classrooms for both the 6th and 7th grades during the next term of school. The state department only approves of having up to 26 pupils in an elementary school room. They will permit housing of 35 pupils in the same classroom during brief emergencies, but in no instance may the number exceed 35 pupils.

County 4-H Land Judging Team In Contest

A Sherman County 4-H Land Judging team entered the regional contest held at Plainview Saturday. The placements of all the teams have not been received but sponsors feel that the boys got some good training even though they did not win the contest.

This is a new program added to 4-H training. The boys judged the land similar to placing a class of livestock. On their score card they had to classify the land as to texture of soil, permeability, depth of soil, slope, erosion, surface drainage, and condition of till. Based on these analyses they placed the land in classes from one to eight and recommended practices for improving the soil or conserving it.

The County Agent was assisted in training the team this year by Duard Lamb, Vocational Agriculture teacher; Billy C. Ray, Soil Technician for Sherman and Hansford Counties, and the Soil Technician for Dallam County.

There were over one hundred boys entered in the contest.

Easter Cantata To Be Sung Sunday Night

The Easter Cantata, Christ The King, will be presented in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M. Sunday. Everyone in the community is urged to hear this cantata.

The last rehearsal of the Cantata was held in the Christian Church Wednesday night. Singers of the choir present were: Sherry Self, Marcella Gillis, Eva Davis, C. W. Moon, Wilma Lee Cameron, Lela Moon, Mrs. Frank Sutton, Mrs. Paul Aduddell, Mrs. F. A. Judd, Mrs. Retah Lowe, Mrs. W. J. Lowe, Frances Ross, Robbie Yates, Minnie Laura Jackson, Mrs. John Knight, Mrs. W. D. Brannan, Mrs. Herbert Folsom, Mrs. Cryder Brayshaw, Kenneth L. Eller, Donald Moon, Lorraine Meher, Kathleen King, Zonalynn Stevens, Archie Arnold, Barbara Ferguson, Bob Ferguson, Geneva Moon, and Cryder Brayshaw, with Martha Harrison at the organ and Wayne Stevens directing.

This beautiful work has been carefully and diligently prepared by the interdenominational choir and will prove to be a memorable experience for all who hear it. Enjoying such a spiritual message of inspirational music is one of the finest ways to celebrate the true meaning of the Easter season.

The choir members will meet at 6:30 P. M. Sunday for seating arrangement and warming up.

Baptist Revival Meeting Starts Sunday

Revival services at the First Baptist Church will commence with the services held at the church Sunday. Rev. M. E. Upchurch, pastor, will deliver the evangelistic messages each evening at 7:30 o'clock during the first week of the revival.

Rev. K. M. Anderson, Davis, Oklahoma pastor, will deliver the evangelistic messages during the second week of the revival which will continue through May 2.

Arthur Nunn of Amarillo will direct the music during the revival.

Beta Sigma Phi Sponsoring Park Benefit Dinner

Members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will sponsor a park benefit dinner in the American Legion Hall on Saturday, May 1. Dinner will be served from 6:30 until 9:00 P. M. Proceeds will be used for the city park beautification program sponsored by the organization.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of thanking my friends for the cards, flowers and calls while I was in the hospital.

Alphonso Garcia

CARD OF THANKS

To all my friends and relatives who so thoughtfully sent me cards and flowers while I was in the hospital, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

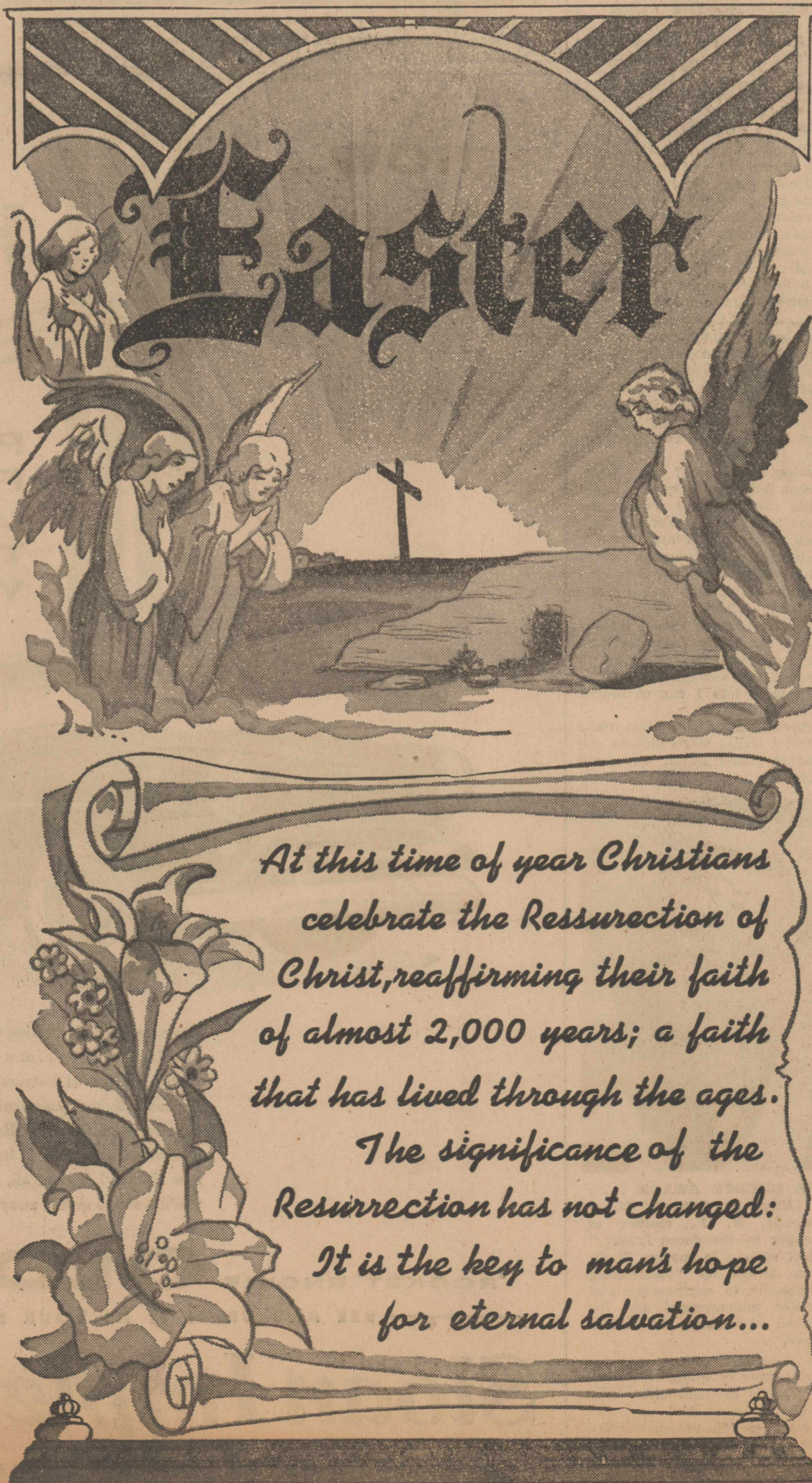
Mrs. Lucy Kelp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our deepest gratitude to all whose kind deeds helped us during the illness and death of our loved one, Frank Smith. Special thanks for the food sent by all the churches and friends, for those who sat up, especially to the American Legion boys, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God Bless you all.

Coletus Smith and Children, Mrs. Sam Wohlford, Mrs. John Kidwell, Mrs. Horace Holden, Mrs. Ben Horn, Mrs. Harley Snyder, Homer Smith.

The 4-H club boys representing Sherman County were Cecil Borth, Rex Burgess, Raymond Kirkwood and Sonny Judd.



New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jackson of Altus, Oklahoma announce the arrival of an 8 pound 12 son, David Norton, born Sunday afternoon in the Allgood Clinic at Altus. Mrs. Belle Davis, Miss Helen Pemberton and Mollie Ann Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and their new son in Altus Sunday.

The Bermuda onion was named for the Bermuda Islands.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Featherweight Pancakes
(Makes 12 3-inch cakes)
3 eggs, separated
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup flour
¾ cup cottage cheese

Heat griddle very slowly. Beat egg whites with egg beater until stiff but not dry. Beat yolks with same beater until light and lemon-colored. Stir in flour, salt and cheese. Fold in egg whites. Drop by spoonfuls on lightly greased griddle. Bake until golden brown on both sides. Serve immediately with butter and syrup.

spoons softened butter mixed with 2 tablespoons honey with ½ cup well-drained crushed pineapple.

Warm doughnuts can be glazed attractively if they are dipped in a mixture of ½ cup boiling water mixed with 1 cup of confectioners' sugar.

Making hard sauce? It's delightful when fluffy and easy to prepare in this manner. Use your usual recipe, then fold in one stiffly beaten egg white for the fluffy texture.

Plain cookies are much enhanced by the simple expedient of rolling them in confectioners' sugar while they're still warm.

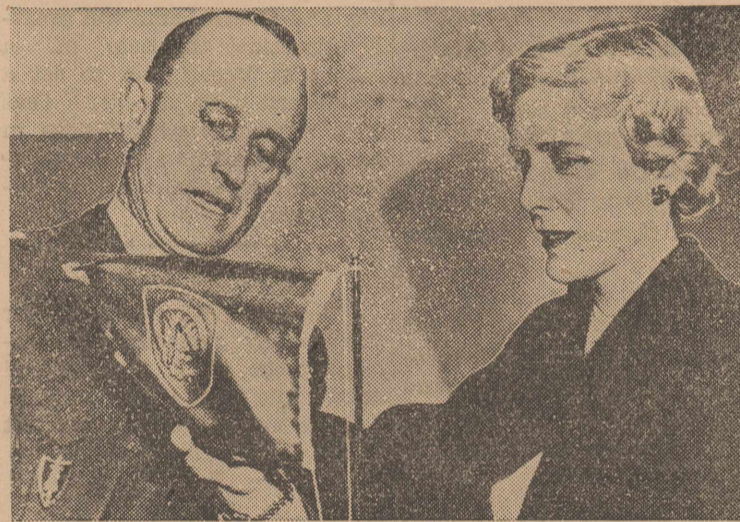
Sliced tomatoes, tossed greens, or fruit salad are delicious with cottage cheese dressing, made by folding ½ cup cottage cheese and salt to taste into 1 cup of soured cream.

Leftover meat and chicken make wonderful treats when chunks are dipped in fritter batter and fried in deep fat.



WINS SCIENCE AWARD . . . Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, 75, of Montclair, N. J., mother of "cheaper by the dozen family," is first woman to receive Washington Award for "outstanding contribution to engineering and scientific management and for unselfish devotion to handicapped."

The number of women who work for railroads in Communist China has doubled since 1950, according to a Peiping radio broadcast. Most of the women are train dispatchers and locomotive engineers.

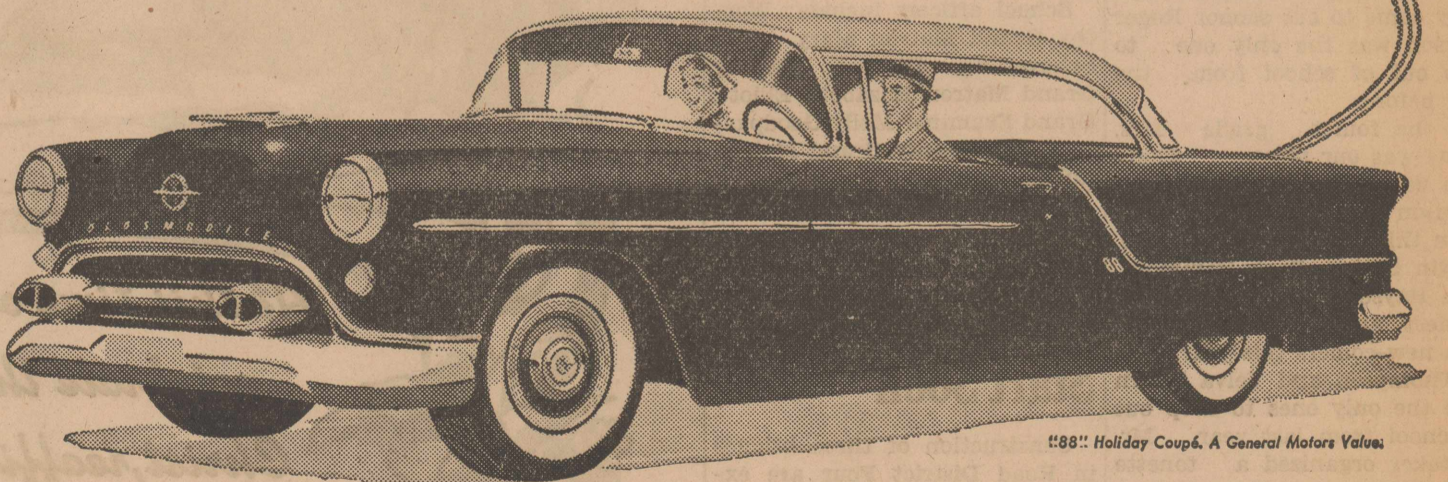


VISITS SHAPE . . . Gen. Alfred Gruenther, supreme allied commander in Europe, presents SHAPE flag to America's ambassador to Italy, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, in Paris headquarters.

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Authorized Political Announcements

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

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Mrs. Marguerite Wilson.
Mrs. Lorraine Foster.
Mrs. Dorothy R. Slay.

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector:
Harry Sears.
Ross Turner.
W. N. Elliott.
A. L. (Doc) Wilson

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

For County Commissioner of Precinct 1:
Roscoe Dyess.
Robert Bolster.
Albert Zimmer.
Owen E. Hudson

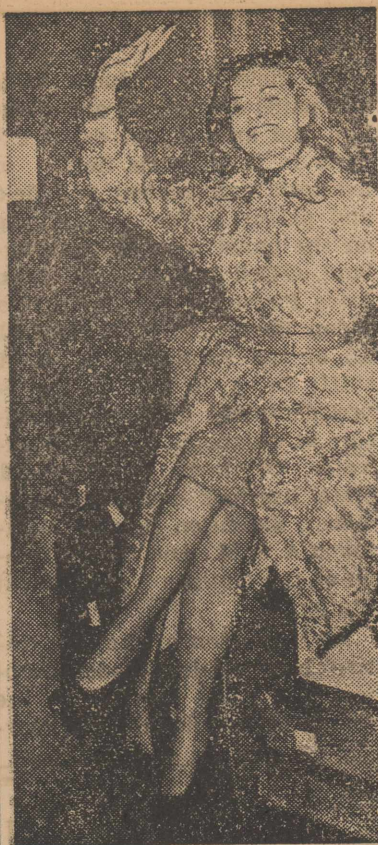
For County Commissioner of Precinct 4:
E. E. Hamilton.
F. M. Keener.
J. M. Bowling.
Linus Gunzelman

For County Commissioner of Precinct 3:
W. T. (Bill) Crabtree

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

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

For State Representative; 95th Legislative District of Texas:
Sam E. Wohlford.



TO DO EVITA'S LIFE... French actress Andrea Debar, 23, has been approved by Argentina's Pres. Peron to play film role of his late wife, Evita.

Highlights and Sidelights FROM your State CAPITOL

Most of Governor Allan Shivers' program passed through the legislative session with the greatest of ease.

There will be an increase of \$402 per year in public school teacher's pay; state employees will get a salary increase of \$120 per year; and \$10,687,500 will be spent for state buildings.

Not only did the Legislature make those appropriations, it also passed a tax bill to raise the money.

To pay for the governor's program, the Legislature passed an increase in taxes on natural gas production, corporations, and beer.

Largest amount will come from gas, the levy raised from 5.72 to 9 per cent of wellhead value, starting next September 1. This will bring an estimated \$14 million per year. The tax will be reduced to 8 per cent the second year and 7 per cent the third.

Increased from \$1.25 to \$2 per \$1,000 for capital value was the franchise tax on corporations. This hike is expected to produce \$8.6 million per year.

Beer taxes were raised from \$1.37 to \$2 a barrel and will bring in about \$3 million more per year.

Near the end of the session, one of Shivers' proposals ran into trouble.

To a conference committee went a bill to outlaw Communists. The Senate refused to accept House amendment to the measure.

Senator Rogers Kelley, author of the bill, had a sharp verbal exchange with Senator W. H. Moore about the proposition.

Moore asked the presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey, a question on the voting, and Kelley said, "If you want to vote with the Communists, vote no."

"I'll put my patriotism up against yours any day," Moore retorted.

"There will be order in the Senate," was Ramsey's order, and a sergeant-at-arms moved into the scene, which quieted when Kelley said he did not mean to reflect on any member.

Another snag was hit when Senator Jimmy Phillips "tagged" 18 appropriation bills, which means that a public hearing must be held on each.

Finance committee hearings were set on the bills Saturday morning, just three hours before the deadline on committee action for the special session.

Appropriations involved included buildings for the Waco, Gainesville and Gatesville state institutions, several state colleges, a probation system, the committee on alcoholism, and emergency grants for state agencies.

Producers who wish to sell gas to Panhandle farmers for irrigation pump fuel may do so, according to a bill passed late Friday night. The bill sailed through the House of Representatives Thursday with only one dissenting vote and was whipped through the Senate committee in record time. Final passage came during the late session Friday night when the lawmakers ordered themselves locked in to hold a quorum. The bill provides that anyone who sells gas to farmers for agricultural use is not to be placed under regulations as a public utility.

Seven cities in the drought stricken Panhandle area will benefit from a bill passed by the House which creates a Green Belt municipal and industrial water authority serving those cities.

Author of the bill, which received 112-to-one approval, was Representative Elbert Reeves of Matador. The cities affected are Childress, Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis, and Quanah, all on U. S. highway 287 between Amarillo and Vernon and between Wellington and Paducah, and thirty miles north and south

of Childress on U. S. 83. The House amended Reeves' bill to provide that the authority could not acquire or develop underground water. The authority would have the power to use ponds and could condemn property within its limits.

The Legislature also has created a water conservation district including the city limits of Nocona.

False charges have been made against the Texas insurance industry, says Garland A. Smith, chairman of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners.

Smith referred particularly to reports printed in armed services publications that "thousands of Air Force personnel will suffer cash value losses in now defunct life insurance and endowment policies" from a Texas insurance company that recently went into receivership.

These reports are without foundation, said Smith in a telegram to Robert B. Anderson, undersecretary of defense.

Smith told Anderson that the company involved, United World Life of El Paso, sold only one policy to a member of the armed forces.

Texas, added Smith, could not have become the insurance capital of the world, with 1860 licensed companies and \$15 billion of insurance in force if the state's insurance laws were not basically sound.

Senator Joseph McCarthy will be a San Jacinto Day speaker in Houston if he is "still alive" at that time, he has told Hugh Roy Cullen.

University of Texas students opposed the selection of McCarthy as a speaker and asked Cullen that the matter be reconsidered.

Signatures of 1,571 students were on the petition delivered to Cullen, Houston oil millionaire and philanthropist, by Bob Kenney, editor of the university newspaper, and Ronnie Dugger, a former editor.

C. Woodrow Laughlin, ousted district judge of Alice, has paid \$3,079 in court costs resulting from the historic trial that brought about this removal.

Laughlin, elected to his position with the help of Duval County Boss George Parr, lost the case when the Texas Supreme Court found that he improperly dismissed a grand jury that had indicted him, and that he feared would indict his brother, a Jim Wells county commissioner.

Another development in the South Texas strife occurred when the court of criminal appeals here refused the appeal of Mario (El Turko) Sapet from conviction and a 99-year sentence in the slaying of Jacob S. Floyd Jr. of Alice.

The Parr forces carried an election in Duval county last week — but not by the margin to which they have been accustomed in former years.

Orders went out from Department of Public Safety headquarters to start enforcement of the automobile inspection law immediately after the April 15 deadline.

Many thousands of vehicles had not been inspected as the deadline approached, and a last minute rush was anticipated. Auto owners missing the deadline are subject to a \$200 fine.

Modified this year, the car inspection law is concerned only with lights, brakes, horn and windshield wipers.

Recipe Of The Week Baked Half Ham Mincemeat Apples

5 to 8 pound shank or butt half smoked ham.

Mincemeat apples.

Place the half ham fat side up on rack in open roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer so the bulb reaches the center of the thickest part. Be careful that the bulb does not rest in fat or on bone. Do not add water. Do not cover. Roast in a slow oven (300 degrees F.) until thermometer registers 160 degrees F. Allow 18 to 20 minutes per pound. 10 to 16 servings.

Mincemeat Apples
8 medium sized baking apples.
1-2 cup mincemeat.
4 teaspoons butter.
1 cup sugar.
1 cup water.

Wash and core apples. Peel skin about a third of the way down. Place in a deep baking

dish. Fill the cavities with 1 tablespoon mincemeat and 1-2 teaspoon butter. Boil sugar and water together for 5 minutes, pour apples in baking dish. Bake uncovered in oven 1 hour before ham is done, basting frequently with syrup. Serve apples with ham.

Timely Tips
1. Ham is rich in protein which is essential in building and maintaining muscle tissue.

2. Ham trimmings, ham bone, and ham fat can be used for flavoring soups, stews, baked beans, blackeyed peas, rice, potatoes, cabbage, and many casserole dishes.

It costs approximately \$75,000 to train an aviation cadet to become a U. S. Air Force pilot.

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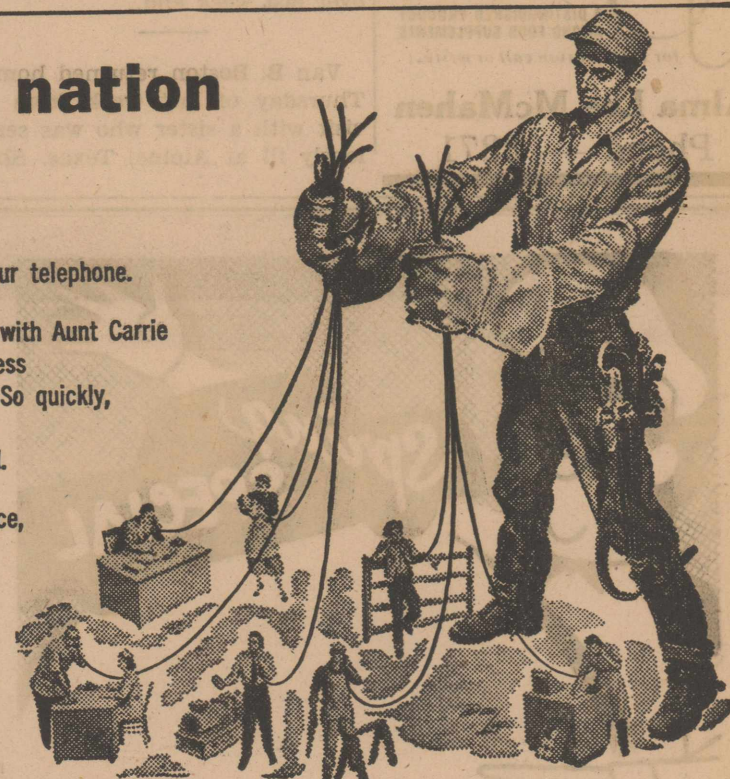
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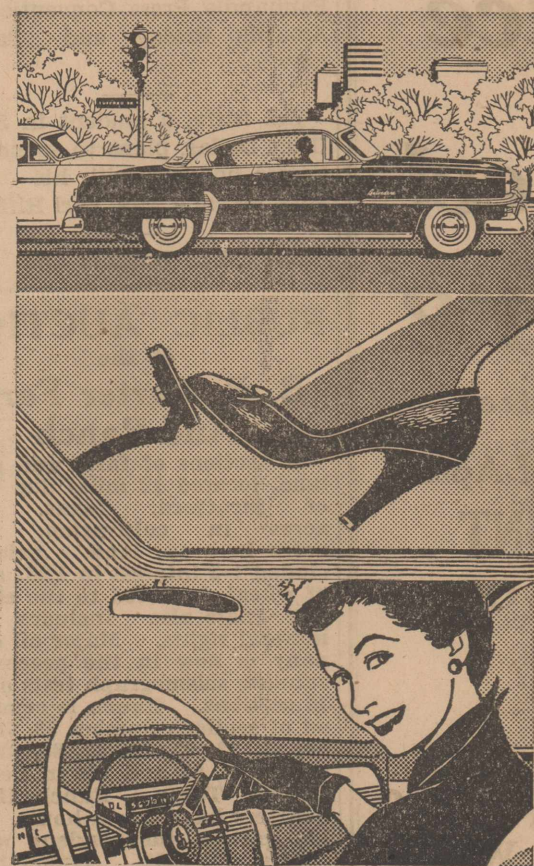


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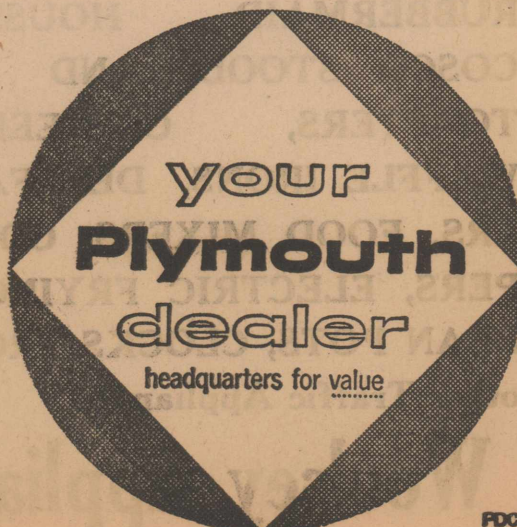
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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burgess, Amarillo, were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams had as guests over last week end, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Looney and daughters, Elona and Ramona, of Amarillo.

Wayne Coble of Mansfield, Texas is here to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Coble.

Earl Albert and sons, Raymond and Russell, visited Mrs. Albert in Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital in Amarillo Sunday.

Mrs. Elma Steel and son, Donald, were guests in the home of Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams Monday afternoon. They were enroute from their home in California to Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson of Dumas visited in the Homer Blake home Saturday.

W. W. Davis was a visitor in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Howell, Fowler, Colorado, was a guest in the homes of her sisters, Mrs. H. T. Jackson and Mrs. John Pemberton, over last week end.

Van B. Boston returned home Thursday of last week from a visit with a sister who was seriously ill at Alpine, Texas. She

has been taken to an El Paso, Texas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brewer left Tuesday for a trip to East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall and children will leave Friday afternoon to spend the Easter holidays with relatives in Pratt, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Green, and son, M. B., of Hereford, Texas, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace and Glendale of Colorado Springs, Colorado are here for a visit with relatives.

O. K. Gamble, Nara Visa, New Mexico, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Donelson, students in Arlington, Texas, will spend Easter with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mitts and Mr. and Mrs. Cone Donelson. Mrs. Donelson is attending Arlington High School, and he is attending Arlington Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts attended the lumbermen's convention in Fort Worth, Texas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks returned home the first of the week, after visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks and children in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick returned Monday night from Washington, D. C. where he appeared before the Congressional Agricultural Committee.

Clyde Hudson, student in Texas University, will arrive from Austin this week end to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hudson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Turner visited relatives in Guymon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rudolph, Pueblo, Colorado, were guests of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Richardson, from Sunday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert went to Dalhart on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Van D. Dowda and son, Ron, of Helena, Arkansas, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler and other relatives. Mrs. Butler and daughter, Mrs. E. R. McNeal, met them in Amarillo.

Richard Wilson attended the Panhandle Press Convention in Amarillo Friday and Saturday.

Bill Riffe, a student in S. M. U. at Dallas, plans to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe.

Mrs. Mike Burgess and Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Kidder visited relatives in Ordway, Colorado this week.

Lions Hear Two Speakers

Stratford Lions heard two speakers at their meeting in the Palace Cafe Monday night. Don Tusha and Roscoe Dyess presented the program.

John P. Steel, retired secretary of the Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees, told of the tax structure which supports the school.

Rita Joyce Neal, a contestant in the American Legion sponsored oratorical contest, read the national winning essay by Elizabeth Ellen Evans entitled "I Speak for Democracy," which follows:

I am an American. My ancestors have left their blood on the green at Lexington and the snow at Valley Forge — on the walls of Fort Sumter and the fields at Gettysburg — on the waters of the River Marne and in the shadows of the Argonne Forest — on the beach-heads of Salerno and Normandy and the sands of Okinawa — on the bare, bleak hills called Pork Chop and Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge.

A million and more of my countrymen have died for freedom.

My country is their eternal monument.

They live on in the laughter of a small boy as he watches a circus clown's antics — and in the sweet, delicious coldness of the first bit of peppermint ice cream on the Fourth of July — in the little tenseness of a baseball crowd as the umpire calls "Batter up!" — and in the high school band's rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" in the Memorial Day parade — in the clear, sharp ring of a school bell on a fall morning — and in the triumph of a six-year-old as he reads aloud for the first time. They live on in the eyes of an Ohio Farmer surveying his acres of corn and potatoes and pasture — and in the brilliant gold of hundreds of acres of wheat stretching across the flat miles of Kansas — in the milling of cattle in the stockyards of Chicago — the precision of an assembly line in an automobile factory in Detroit — and the perpetual red glow of the nocturnal skylines of Pittsburgh and Birmingham and Gary.

They live on in the voice of a young Jewish boy saying the sacred words from the Torah: "Hear O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might."

— and in the voice of a Catholic girl praying: "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."

— and in the voice of a Protestant boy singing: "A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never falling."

An American named Carl Sandburg wrote these words: "I know a Jew fisher down on Maxwell Street with a voice like a north wind blowing over corn stubble in January. He dangles herring before prospective customers evincing a joy identical with that of Pavlova dancing."

His face is that of a man terribly glad that God made fish, ribble glad that God made fish, and customers to whom he may call his wares from a pushcart."

There is a voice in the soul of every human being that cries out to be free. America has answered that voice.

America has offered freedom and opportunity such as no land before her has ever known, to a Jew fisher down on Maxwell Street with the face of a man terribly glad to be selling fish. She has given him the right to own his pushcart, to sell his herring on Maxwell Street, — she has given him an education for his children, and a tremendous faith in the nation that has made these things his. Multiply that fisher by 160,000,000 — 160,000,000 mechanics and farmers and housewives and coal miners and truck drivers and chemists and lawyers and plumbers and priests — all glad, terribly glad to be what they are,

terribly glad to be free to work and eat and sleep and speak and love and pray and live as they desire, as they believe!

And those 160,000,000 Americans — those 160,000,000 free Americans — have more roast beef and mashed potatoes, the yield of American labor and land; — more automobiles and telephones, — more safety razors and bathtubs, — more orlon sweaters and aureomycin, the fruits of American initiative and enterprise; — more public schools and life insurance policies, the symbols of American security and faith in the future; — more laughter and song — than any other people on earth!

This is my answer, Fascist, Communist! Show me a country greater than our country, show me a people more energetic, creative, progressive — bigger-hearted and happier than our people, not until then will I consider your way of life. For I am an American, and I speak for democracy.

Cpl. Elliott Is On Duty In Korea

KOREAN MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP — Army Cpl. William L. Elliott, 21, whose wife, Joyce, lives at 628 Third place, Dumas, is serving with the Korean Military Advisory Group.

American military personnel assigned to KMAG advise Republic of Korea Army units in training. The group played an important role in the build-up of South Korean forces.

Corporal Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Elliott, Stratford, entered the Army in July 1952 and arrived in Korea last month.

Flora Foreman Circle Met Wednesday

The Flora Foreman Circle met in the parlor of the First Methodist Church for the weekly meeting and second lesson of the study, "That the World May Know," by Charles W. Ranson. Mrs. C. W. Moon, study leader, read the scripture lesson, and led the opening prayer.

Making the World-Church Part of the Family, was interestingly given by Mrs. Nellie Blanck. The Second Mile, was discussed by Mrs. C. W. Moon. Where 'Ere The Sun, was discussed by Mrs. A. L. King. Mrs. J. B. McWilliams dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. T. M. Crossfield, Mrs. Nellie Blanck, Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. T. Edgar Neal, Mrs. R. W. Standefer, Mrs. F. B. Mullins, Mrs. A. L. King, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams and Mrs. C. W. Moon attended.

Cattlemen Take Part In Beef Cattle Improvement Day

Panhandle A. & M. College's second annual beef cattle improvement program and field day held Wednesday of last week drew farmers and ranchers from the entire high plains

area.

The field day included talks and panel discussions and questions and answer periods by experts in the various fields of livestock management and field and pasture crops. Appearing on the panel were Milton England, O'Dell Daniel, R. A. Peck, Estes Firestone, Marvin McKee, Eldon Hood, and H. H. Finnell, all of the Panhandle A. & M. staff; Dr. A. E. Darlow, vice-president and dean of agriculture at Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Oklahoma; Clyde Reed, state livestock marketing specialist, Extension Service, Oklahoma A. & M.; and Harley Daniel of the Guthrie Experiment Station.

An inspection of the cooperative beef cattle breeders project was made in which the following individuals had participated: Rennie Hamilton, Texhoma; Henry Hitch, Guymon; P. C. Ferguson, Woodward; P. J. Pronger, Jr., Stratford; C. H. Clawson, Gruber; and Max Blau of Booker, Texas.

Pioneer Day Boosters To Arrive April 22

Guymon Pioneer Day boosters will arrive in Stratford on Thursday, April 22, to extend a personal invitation to the people of this territory to attend their celebration to be held April 30 and May 1.

According to their travel schedule the Guymon Boosters will arrive in Stratford at 3:30 P. M. and remain for a 20-minute visit.

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8th Grade—

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was again Mrs. Gilstrap. The new-comers were Nancy Farris, Jerry Conner, Marie Simmons, Billie Cummings and Tony Gallegos. The ones who left that year were David Lee Hill, Jerry Leonard and Sharon Williams. There were 32 pupils in our class this year. Mrs. Carter was our band leader. Mr. Stewart taught us physical education. Miss Moody was our music teacher and Mrs. Harrison was our art teacher.

In the 7th grade there were 26 pupils and Miss Patterson was our math, science and health teacher. Miss Crockett was our language arts teacher, and Mrs. Turner our social studies teach-

er. New-comers this year were Melvin Mitts and Mary Lou Wells. The ones who left were Nancy Farris, Josie Goana, Jerry Conner, Joyce Johnson, Calvin Savage, Marie Simmons and Tony Gallegos. Mr. Schnabel was our band director and Miss Watkins taught us music. Mrs. Harrison taught us art. Mrs. Flowers taught the girls physical education and Mr. Stewart taught the boys class.

Now in the 8th grade there are 27 pupils. Miss Patterson is our math, science and health teacher, Mrs. Cameron our language arts teacher, and Mr. Coble our social studies teacher. The new-comers are Jerry Barnes, Bill Minkley, Betty Walker, Robert Ritchey and Larry Herald. The ones who left were John Lyons, Fred

Sanders, and Billy Cummings. Mr. Stevens is our band director and Miss Watkins is our music teacher. Mrs. Harrison is our band director. Mr. Stewart is teaching the girls physical education and Mr. Coble the boys. Mr. Duggins teaches both boys and girls swimming. There are 15 boys and girls still in our room who started here in the first grade.

Class Will

The following is the last will and testament of the graduating Eighth Grade Class of 1953-54 of Stratford Junior High School of Stratford, Texas.

We, the Eighth Grade Class, do make this our last will as follows:

Paul Aduddell would like to give Kenneth Knight his little cars. Marvin Cotton who is always pestering the girls wills his meanness to Robert Ragsdale (as if he needed it!) Elliott Crabtree has decided, after some thought, to give his freckles to Joedale Reesing. Bill Dyess might help him out on that too. Bill also gives that shock of red hair to Ann Bradley. Bill Gamble has decided to bequeath his scientific mind to Jimmy Skillin. Henry Harrison finally agreed to will his huge physique to Patricia Newman. Larry Herald who is always tramping around on someone's feet has decided to leave his big feet to Russell Brooks. Tommy Lavake, always singing "The Cannibal King," wills the words to Miss Glenda Green. (She's just crazy about that song.) Bill Minkley wills that innocent little expression of his to Raymond Albert. Melvin Mitts thought he might need his ability when he gets in high school but has decided to leave it to Dwayne Plunk. Of course, you all know Richard McMinn who is always day-dreaming about something. He's going to give that rusty brain of his to Cagle Kendrick. Well, here we come to hairless Robert Ritchey. He has left all of his hair to Larry Goule. (Thought maybe it would help just a little.) Gary Steinberger is leaving that tall lean physique to Stephen Cleavinger. Mary Janice Boren who has trouble getting up nerve enough to invite a boy to the prom, decided to will her bashfulness to Martha Stone. Betty Bradley is going to give her personality to Holly Harrington. Gracie Brooks, always wearing a guilty look on that short round face of hers is leaving it to our friend, Linda Riffe — the guilty look, that is. Jessie Mae Davis leaves that dark complexion of hers to Sue Ellen Flores. Alice Ann Hayse, the quiet, shy type, leaves her meekness to Butch Cates. Now, we'll get to Judith. In case you don't know who we're talking about, it's Gracene Parvin. She's quite a character, always swooning over a certain party. She's leaving him to Roslyn Kelcher (I'll bet!) Betty Walker wills her figure to Patsy Self. Willy Price who is always very careful of anyone walking when he is driving, wills his ability to Bernard Ray Spruell.

Bill Dyess bequeaths his fatal charm for teachers to Bernard Spruell. Mary Janice Boren leaves her powers on the basketball court to an able successor, Linda Riffe. To Russell Brooks, Richard McMinn wills his agile mind and ability to think on his

feet. Marvin Cotton leaves his paper-wad reserve to Ann Bradley. To Gerald Preston, Henry Harrison leaves his position as masculine beauty of the class. William Gamble wills to Glenda Green his championship for arguing and never winning. Betty Lou Gore bequeaths her lofty stature to Kay Jacobs. Betty Walker leaves her dislike for "book learnin'" to Holly Harrington. To James Spurlock, Willy Price wills his talent for narrow escapes. Alice Hayse will her chewing gum to Gracene's little brother, Donnie. (Gracene chewed all of his.) Mary Lou Wells bequeaths her "Loud-speaker of '54" Championship to Sonja DeBord. Gracie Brooks leaves to Mary Sue Taylor her talent for asking more questions per square minute than any other student. Sharon Hampton wills her wig to Virginia Danner. Tommy Lavake bequeaths to Joedale Reesing one waterdog. Mary Lou Wells leaves her unfinished arguments with Mr. Stewart. Elliott Crabtree bequeaths a grain of wheat to Patty Jo Hamilton. Larry Herald leaves his toni home permanent kit to Larry Goule. Robert Ritchey leaves his position as an authority on the constitution to Martha Stone. Paul Aduddell leaves his way with women to Kenneth Knight. To Miss Watkins the 8th Grade leaves the music class blues.

To next year's 6th graders we leave a map of the school building so they won't get lost. To our dear old school building itself, we leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence, and any apple cores, wads of gum, or little notes we have forgotten to burn. To Mr. Stewart, our principal, we give and bequeath a sense of relief that we have at last finished grade school.

To our teachers, we give (free from all taxation), our entire store of knowledge — from them it came and to them, we believe, it should be returned. To the 7th grade we leave our sense of humor. Especially will they need it with Patterson among their ranks. To the history of the school we would like to leave our names, for no "Hall of Fame in Stratford Junior High" would be complete without us. To next year's Glee Club and Boy's Chorus, the chorus leaves the ability to watch the director and the audience at the same time. To the 6th grade, we leave our dignity with the advice "grin and bear it."

To the Board of Education (men) we leave our thanks for a place and time for really enjoying life. To the Board of Education (wood) we leave our names in the "little blue book." To our room mothers we will our appreciation for their faithfulness in serving us.

We leave our fusses and squabbles to you who will be in Stratford Junior High for years to come. If we have forgotten to mention anything, whoever gets here first may have what we left.

To the entire school of 1953-1954 the class of '54 leaves good will and fond memories. May the future be as bright as the past has been pleasant.

Witnessed, signed, and sealed this ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Christian Church

Cryder Braysaw, Minister

We invite our people, and those not attending elsewhere, to all services.

Attendance Goal Sunday 175 Bible School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship 10:45 A. M. Sermon subject: "If Christ Be Not Risen." The choir will sing the anthem "Christ Arose." The Lord's Supper will be observed at this hour.

CYF group will meet at 5:00 P. M. Chi Rho and Juniors will meet at 6:00 P. M.

Evening service will be in the Christian Church at 7:30 P. M. The combined choirs of the different churches will meet and present the Cantata, "Christ Is King," under the direction of W. Wayne Stevens.

Bible study and prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8:00 P. M.

CWF luncheon Wednesday, April 21, at 12:00 o'clock. All circles will meet at this hour. Circle No. 3 will be in charge of the kitchen.

District Convention at Borge April 26-27. Plan to attend. Registration for the state convention will be received for the State convention on April 25th. If you can possibly go, please register.

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Evening services will be dismissed to attend the Easter Cantata at the First Christian Church.

Wichita Boosters To Visit Stratford Tuesday, April 20

A train carrying a million handshakes will arrive at the Santa Fe Station in Stratford at 4:10 P. M. April 20 from Wichita. It will carry approximately 200 Kansans in a 16-car streamlined train.


Leon Watkins of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce explains that the visit of the Wichitans

is a goodwill event. Every April Wichita businessmen have an urge to go visiting their neighbors to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

They will be on the way for four days, visiting cities in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, traveling as far as El Paso and Juarez. About 200 persons will be on the train, which carries 2 baggage cars, two diners, a lounge car and 11 sleeping cars. The travelers sleep and eat on the train, getting off for a brief visit at the places along the way.

The Wichitans will bring a 10-piece band, the Chamber of Commerce quartet and Scotty McLean, who plays nine instruments, including a Scotch bagpipe. The visitors will distribute favors and novelties for the children who visit the train.

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Senior Class News

The Seniors have been pretty busy lately. We have had several class meetings in the last month, planning our Senior trip. We will go to Denver, Canon City and Colorado Springs, Colorado this year. We plan to be gone from Monday, the 24th, until Friday the 28th. We will spend two nights in Denver, and two in Colorado Springs.

We plan to see the Mint, Royal Gorge and the Prison at Canon City, two museums, go to both amusement parks, go out to the airport and a number of other things in Denver. In Colorado Springs we will see Cheyenne Mountain, go ice skating, go to Seven Falls, Garden of the Gods.

We have started looking for places for one to be picked to be given on the night of May 7. This is to be the Senior play so everyone plan to be here on that night.

Yesterday (Wednesday) we measured for our caps and gowns. We all hope that we get to wear them on the night of May 20.

Stratford As A Stranger Sees It

A stranger entering the city of Stratford first sees several towering grain elevators. His first impression is what a neatly arranged town and how clean for a town this size. The next impression is "My" how friendly people are here. You don't feel as a stranger for the people try and succeed in making you feel at home. This town consists of only a few buildings, homes, and people, but you feel as if it is the most pleasant place you've visited until the dirt starts blowing then you wonder what happened.

His first impression of Stratford High is that he's sure that he will fit in and get along as a successful student of Stratford High, for everyone is helping

him to get adjusted.
— The Stranger

Seniors Future

(By Adabelle)

Miss Lynne Reeder plans to make her "Florence nite in gales dreams" come true at St. Anthony's Hospital where she will train for nursing. Miss Rogene Seaman, champion scatterbrain of the Senior Class, plans to give Canyon a break. She will honor Canyon with her presence for the next four years.

The flirts of the senior class, Irene and Arlene, plan to put their expert typing ability to some practical use — they will attend Business School in Amarillo.

Miss Jodie Harding, soon to become Mrs. Johnny Summerour, has her career all planned. She's going to be the ideal housewife.

Shirley Finch plans to attend college in Dallas. When asked why she chose Dallas, her reasons were rather vague. She just said he had "friends" there.

The most immediate plans of Helen and James is marriage — from there, they will let the future take care of itself.

Mr. James Davis, mathematical genius, will make use of his talent in the wilderness of Canada and Alaska as an engineer. The little matter of college before all his success hasn't been settled yet. Frankie Hamilton's lifelong ambitions have already been fulfilled, he's married and almost out of school. From there he isn't sure what he wants to do. Bob Garoutte is going into the oil business. He will work as a "rough neck" until he strikes his own oil well.

Benny Biddy plans to continue his education at the Oklahoma University where he will participate in all the sports. When he reaches his height of success he will be pitcher on the New York Yankees baseball team.

Rita Neal plans to either be a

model for some department store or become a nurse. What ever she decides to do, we feel sure her success is almost a sure thing.

Yvonne Mitts plans to go to college "somewhere" and major in "something". Although Yvonne's plans aren't definite at the present — everyone suspects she will go to T.C.U. and from there who can guess what she'll do.

Carrol Ann plans to major in business. However, she feels sure, after she is dead a few years — her artistic ability will finally be appreciated and her picture will hang in the hall of fame for the rest of eternity.

Francis Norris has not made definite plans yet — but I'll bet marriage is on her mind.

To attend T.C.U. and write a novel is the height of Adabelle's ambition.

Mrs. Caroll Reed's plans are indefinite. She may attend business college, but does not know where.

For Girls Only

(By Someone Who Knows)

These are the facts: Ealon Davis is going to get a poodle hair cut for the prom.

Jody Harding has a new formal. It is bright yellow with purple and red trimmings.

Lynne Reeder has almost decided not to go to nurses training. Why?

The twins have an address book full of Amarillo boys.

Rita Joyce may wear levies one day before schools out.

Clara Stone is on a diet.

Mr. McGaughey's pet peeve is, "girls who chew gum."

Joy Keener once thought she would like to be an "Old Maid."

Boys! The sign said, "For Girls Only!"

Boys Attend District Track Meet At Gruver

(By Benny Biddy)

The track meet got under way at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. The first event was the Shot Put. Benny Biddy, Perry Coffman, and Donnie Jacobs threw the shot for Stratford.

The second event was the Discus Throw. Benny Biddy, Bruce Biddy, and Ralph Hampton entered in this event for Stratford.

Others entering in the meet were: 100 yard dash, Bachman and Wakefield; 22 yard dash, Gillis and Ingham; 440 yard relay, Newman, Albert, Bachman, and Wakefield; 880 yard dash, Neal and Bob Euper; Broad Jump, Phelps, Bachman and Neal; High Jump, Bachman and Albert; Pole Vault, Albert; Mile relay, Euper, Albert, Newman and Wakefield; 440 yard dash, Ingham, Gillis and Newman; mile run, Neal and Hampton.

Girls Sports News

(By Yvonne Mitts)

Saturday, April 10, the girls attended the volley ball tournament that was held at Gruver. The volley ball tournament was part of the annual district track meet.

The first game was with Stinnett. We won two games out of three. Then we had to play Channing. We also beat them. At 1:30 that afternoon we played Sunray in the semi-finals and got beat.

Those girls attending the tournament were: Lynne Reeder, Gaynelle Parker, Helen Lowe, Ealon Davis, Ernestine Palmer, Colleen Palmer, Clara Mae Stone, Sherry Goule, Minnie Crabtree, Donna Fedric, and Yvonne Mitts.

THE MUSIC BOX

(By Wayne Stevens)

A problem that perplexes many music students is, "What are the opportunities to continue playing my instrument after I graduate from High School?"

This is easily answered of course for those who go on to college, because they have ample opportunity to continue developing their musical skills and to participate in more advanced music activities.

As for boys who enter military service, they have splendid opportunities, through audition, to be transferred into one of the

service bands or orchestras, where they can pursue an interesting career in music during their term of enlistment.

Of course we must consider the possibility of the professional field of music. Although fabulous sums of money await the few who reach the top, the competition is extremely hard and disappointments many. Just the right blend of the following traits must be possessed for success: inherent musical ability, adequate training, confidence, determination, reliability, pleasing personality, enthusiasm, flexibility, persistence, aggressiveness, self-control, ability to meet disappointment, tact, patience, instinct for playing "politics," and knowledge of ways of "selling" yourself.

More and more people are beginning to appreciate and prefer live performance of music over the "canned" or recorded music. It is an encouraging sign to see the steady growth of community symphony orchestras and concert bands throughout the country. Last year the American people paid over \$30 millions in admissions to concerts of our 1,000 symphony orchestras. The music business is listed as among the ten largest businesses in this country.

There is an increasing demand for adequately trained musicians in the field of public

education.

The opportunities to play after graduation are limited only by a person's own initiative and desire to play.

Musical curiosity: The wood pe-wee is a small fly-catcher bird living in the woods and having a high-pitched, plaintive call. His notes are high C, D, and E above the staff.

Dorcas Class Entertains Husbands

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church entertained their husbands at a covered dish supper and social in the Fellowship Hall. After the delicious supper numbers were drawn for partners and the evening was spent playing "42" and dominos.

A very enjoyable time was reported by the following who attended: Mrs. Pruett Adkins, Mrs. W. D. Green, Mrs. H. L. McMahan, Mrs. Clyde Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burkham, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNeal, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson, and Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch.

More men than women are nail bitters.



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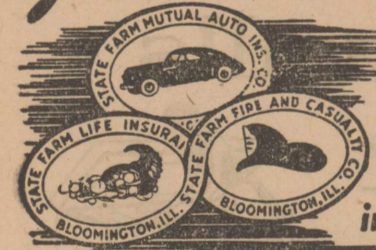
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Alvin Spurlock, Wednesday of last week. They worked on their skirts and dresses. Every thing seemed to be going all right.

Jean Spurlock brought a report from the council of the meeting held the previous Saturday. Plans for having a picnic of some kind in the near future were discussed.

Sue Hudson was welcomed as a new member in the club.

Wildcat Tests Give Occasional Public Thrills

Interest in the A. W. & Blair Cherry No. 1 Ross in section 30 of Block 1-T quickened Sunday evening when the well showed signs of oil producing formations. Core drilling tests were made at 3,430 and 3,450 feet but the tests failed to produce oil. This well has showings of gas.

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Mrs. Tim Flores Is Hostess To Embroidery Club

Mrs. Tim Flores entertained the Embroidery Club Thursday afternoon. Attending were Mrs. Rose Lawler of Brady, Texas, and the following members: Mesdames Edith Allen, Maggie Batterson, Kate Buckles, Inza-lee Buckles, Nellie Blanck, Bernice Dortch, Hattie Flores, Myrtle Massie, Sallie McAdams, Nannie O'Brien, Velma Pendleton, Martha Richardson, Addie Taylor and June Vincent.

Games of "42" and sewing were enjoyed after which dainty refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Maggie Judd on May 13.

School Trustees Re-Organize

Stratford Independent School District Trustees elected officers for the coming year at the regular meeting of the members held Thursday night of last week.

A. E. Pronger, Jr., was re-elected president, and Newton Crabtree was re-elected vice-president. George Allen was elected secretary.

Other members of the board are: Vern Reynolds, R. K. Everett, Arthur Judd and Bob Burgess.

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The Sick—

W. P. Cummings, who has been in a Dallas hospital, was brought home Tuesday night. Billy Cummings went to Dallas to return with Mr. and Mrs. Cummings.

Alphonso Garcia was released from St. Anthony Hospital Saturday, after being there for some time as a medical patient.

Mrs. Lucy Kelp, who was taken to Dumas Memorial Hospital Thursday of last week suffering with "strep throat" was able to return home Monday, and is slowly recovering.

F. L. Yates returned home Sunday from Dumas Memorial Hospital where he was a medical patient.

Sunday School Classes Have Egg Hunt

Mrs. Kenneth Eller and Mrs. Arthur Ross entertained their Sunday School classes of the First Methodist Church Saturday afternoon with a picnic and Easter egg hunt in the City Park. Janet Foreman was awarded the first prize of a large chocolate Easter bunny for finding the largest number of eggs. Karen Woolsey, consolation winner, was presented with a sack of colored candy eggs. The children played various games after which the ladies served a picnic lunch and pop to about 40 children.

RETURNS HOME FROM CONVENTION

Mrs. Marguerite Wilson has returned from St. Petersburg, Florida, where she attended the 1954 Leaders Club Convention, sponsored by the State Farm Insurance Companies.

This trip carried with it considerable distinction, since it is an award bestowed by the three State Farm Companies to honor

those agents who have been unusually successful during the year 1953.

The St. Petersburg convention was attended by approximately 2,500 persons, representing the State Farm Companies' field representatives, their wives, and top officials from the Companies' Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois.



ARCTIC TEST . . . Navy Lt. R. E. Darby of Beckley, W. Va., looks frosty in cold weather garb during arctic survival tests in Alaska.

Baptists Plan Crusade

Dr. Jesse Yelvington, staff evangelist of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will lead the Trans-Canadian Baptist Association during the scheduled simultaneous District Ten Revival meetings. All six associations namely Amarillo, Palo Duro, North-Fork, Panhandle, Canadian, and Trans-Canadian, which constitute District Ten will be led by Dr. D. D. Sumrall who is also on the evangelistic staff of the B.G.C.

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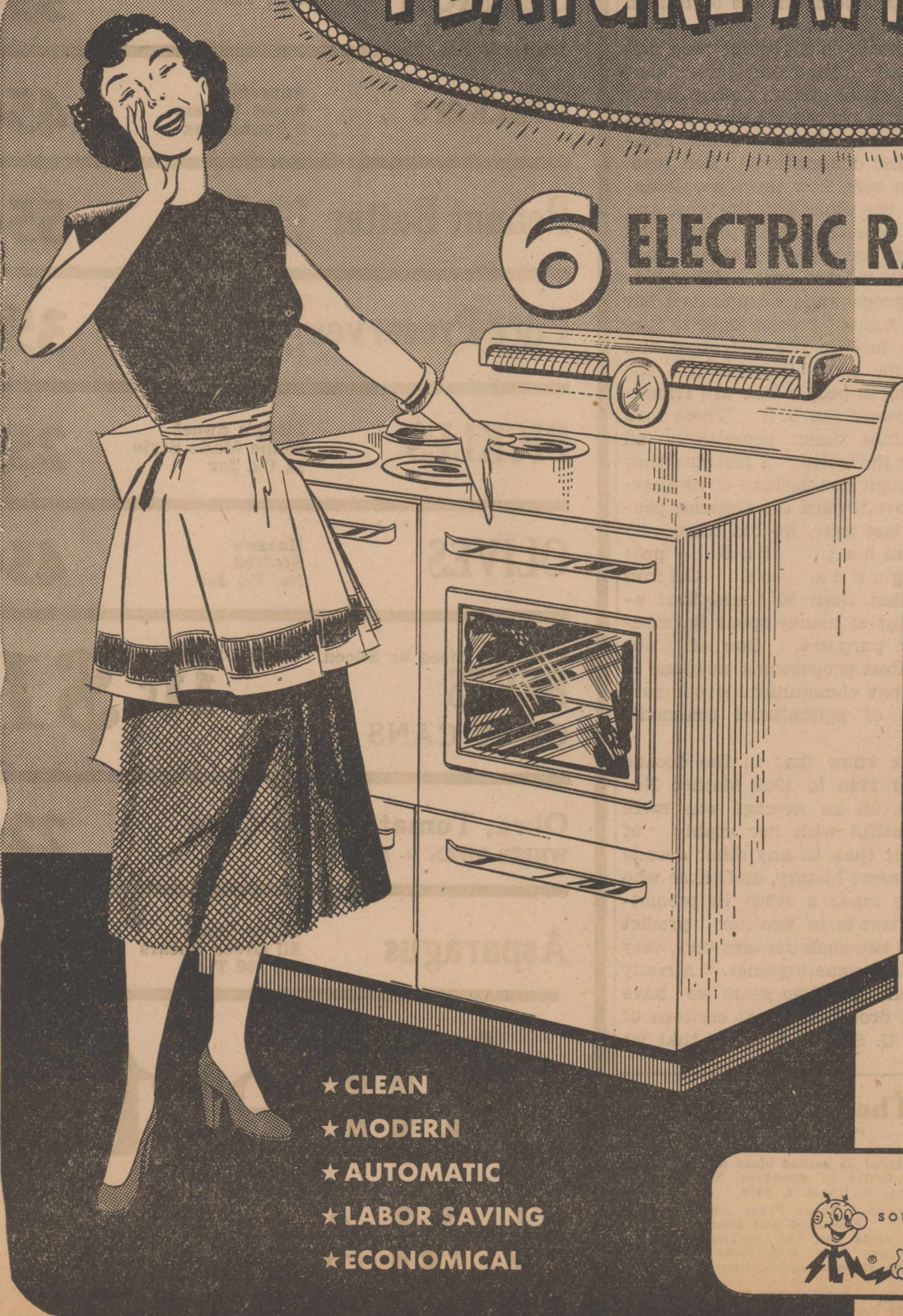


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How To Get Rid Of Our Surpluses

Kenneth Kendrick, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, releases the following statement:

"Nearly every paper one picks up nowadays has an article in it somewhere concerning the large surpluses of farm commodities that we now have on hand. These surpluses are usually spoken of as burdensome to everybody. Yet today the United States is one of the few nations in the world who has

the know how and the ability to introduce more commodities than we are able to consume. Twice before in recent history we have accumulated considerable surpluses of agriculture commodities, and about the same time the U. S. has become involved in great and expensive wars. The surpluses then were viewed as a great blessing for the American people, to facilitate the winning of these two wars. I am sure that without these surpluses neither of these two great wars would have ended as soon as they did.

I am told that we have over 30 million people in the U. S. at the present time that must live and pay all their bills on less

than \$65.00 per month. Most of these people are not able to buy adequate amounts of our basic foods such as bread, milk, butter, and cheese. Some of our congressmen from agriculture states have recently introduced bills designed to distribute our surplus food commodities to these needy people. For example, if only ten million of the most needy people in our country were to receive an additional ounce of butter per day, an additional ounce of cheese per day; in just about 18 months we would dispose of all our surpluses of butter and cheese. They would also need a quart of milk and a slice or two of bread for the butter and this would add greatly in disposing of some more of our surplus commodities. Does not this seem much more sensible to help the needy in our land than to spend perhaps as much money storing these surpluses in government warehouses?

In recent months our own State Department has had several opportunities to dispose of substantial amounts of cotton and wheat overseas, but in each instance they have refused to sell our own cotton and wheat and have suggested that other exporting countries overseas be allowed to make the sale. We have been told the reason for this policy is to maintain our friendship with our neighbors overseas. I do not know very much about the diplomatic relations of the State Department, but if such a policy is absolutely necessary then I feel that certainly the State Department should be getting some of the credit for our surplus commodities that are now piling up.

Our experience with acreage allotments in the past has been that they rarely ever cut down the total of our yearly production. Farmers usually cut down on wheat and increase grain sorghum or barley, whichever is the most practical to raise in the area affected, therefore the recent proposal contained in the President's message that we should store our surpluses in the soil is a very sensible one and will help us to get rid of our present surpluses. If 10% of the land under cultivation in the U. S. was retired from production and only soil building practices used on this land we would in a year or two have our agricultural surpluses down to manageable proportions. This would take out of production something like 50 acres of cultivated land each year, and I am told that most all of our surplus commodities are produced on this 50 million acres.

I know that you all read last summer about our government sending 15 million dollars worth of food to the people in East Germany who are under communist domination. You read, I am sure, how these people defied the tanks and the guns and the threats of their communist rulers in order to obtain food for their loved ones. What better propaganda weapon does our government possess than to furnish food in the distressed and famine areas throughout the world to people who are friendly toward the U. S. These food famines occur periodically all over the world. I feel sure that through our gesture of brotherly love toward the German people last year, we did more to combat the propaganda of the iron curtain than 50 times that amount of money spent for military purposes. One of our greatest propaganda weapons to combat communism is our surplus of agricultural commodities.

We know that in the decade from 1940 to 1950 Mother Nature, on an average was more bountiful with her supply of water than in any other decade in recent history, and those who have made a study in predicting trends in weather predict that two such decades very, very seldom come together. Already in the past two years we have had drouth in great sections of the U. S., and it seems that we

have a good chance of Mother Nature intervening during the next few years and reducing our surpluses without any help from our government or the people themselves. Is it not better for this nation to have great surpluses of many commodities than to have shortages regardless of how small they may be.

Of course, for the next year or two we must maintain our acreage controls on those commodities that are now in surplus. If our government and

the American people will work together in an honest effort I believe that our surplus agricultural commodities can be cut to manageable proportions in a year or two.

Junior Cooks 4-H Club Girls Learn Sewing

The Junior Cooks 4-H Club girls met Thursday of last week in the school cafeteria for their regular meeting. Shela Don-

elson, president, presided over the meeting. Wanda Preston led the group in singing "The Catfish" song and "We're On The 4-H Trail."

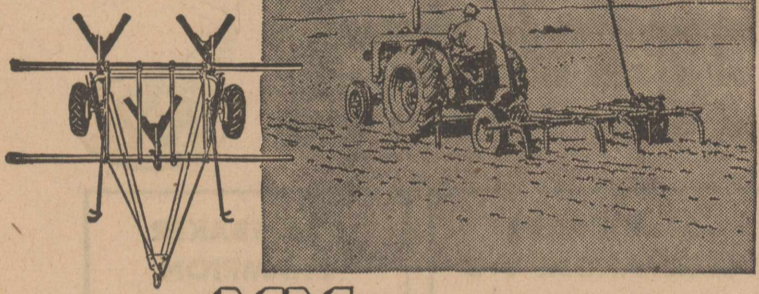
Miss Lucile King helped each girl with the band on her skirt. The girls are really learning how to sew. They will have the elastic run in the top of their skirts at the next meeting. Miss King demonstrated how each girl should do this work.

Fourteen members answered roll call by telling of one thing

necessary for a person to be well groomed. Those present were: Shela Donelson, Donna Boner, Sharon Smith, Bobbie Burgess, Laurina Riggs, Shirley Thomas, Lorelei Harding, Shirley Thomas, Grovone DeBord, Vicki Gillis, Katy Sears, Ann Gibson, Jeanette Bardwell, Julia Willey, and the home demonstration agent, Miss Lucile King.

The next meeting will be in the club room at the court house on Thursday, April 22, at 4:00 P. M.

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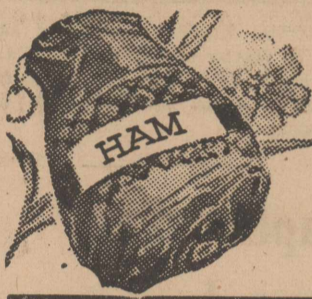
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