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My Akin' Back!! Civil Defense Teaching Survival Under Disaster

By Kenneth Hogue

On March 1st Brown Ross will again take over publication of the Stratford Star. Our last issue will be published on February 23rd. Our best wishes go with Mr. Ross and the fine people of Stratford.

Many people do not know just how we came to publish the Star. In the last week of August, 1954, Mr. Ross announced that he was ceasing publication of the Star with that issue and stated his reasons for doing so. I know that he was just plain fagged out from the long and continual grind and I could appreciate how he felt. At the same time, newspaper folks hate to see a newspaper die so we arranged with Mr. Ross to publish it until such time as he desired to return or found a buyer for the plant.

We have tried to give Sherman County a newspaper of which you could be proud. I'm certain that we made mistakes, if so, they were mistakes of judgment and not of the heart. We will never forget the many friends we have made among you and would like to thank the fine businessmen of Stratford for their loyal support of the Star while we published it.

Stratford is a fine little city and one which we believe to have a bright future. From all of us to all of you Many Thanks.



'PROOF OF THE PUDDING' is in the eating, and appetites were never keener as students in a mass-feeding demonstration in sub-freezing weather at Fort Des Moines, Ia., test the meal they have just cooked on the combination grill and oven in foreground. Such temporary facilities could be built in a hurry if disaster forced people to leave their homes. (FCDA Photo)

Star Gazing

By DON HOUK

The following letter is addressed to this column.

Dear Don: I'd like to make an appeal to drivers of automobiles to SLOW DOWN on the streets of Stratford.

Several times each day I hear a car flying down our street and I think my lucky stars that my child isn't old enough to play outdoors.

We are all guilty of driving too fast for conditions at one time or another, but we should all make an attempt to stop it before it is suddenly too late.

You never know when a child, who is absorbed in play, will dash in front of your car in pursuit of a ball or pet. We should drive as though we expected someone to dash into the path of our car, then we'd be better prepared to stop in time.

Many drivers don't realize how fast they are actually going and few realize how far they will travel trying to stop after the danger is spotted.

Perhaps it's best summed up in the words found on signs posted in many cities — "Please drive slowly, we love our children."

Thanks.
Mrs. Paul Chesmer
Stratford

I can't add much to that. I have the same feeling about my eight-month-old boy. I can take care of him in our home, but some crazy driver may ruin all of that.

My wife and I tried a noble experiment Tuesday evening. We took the boy with us for dinner out. It worked real well. As long as the cracker supply held out and Mom's beaded carriage stood up, he was a perfect little gentleman.

Of course, he was crackers from head to foot by the time we finished, but he was real good. The only time he whimpered was when he didn't have a cracker in his hand.

We even took him to the movie. It held his interest for awhile and then he got the squirms. A bottle and gentle rocking put him to sleep until a girl sat down in front of us and let the tail of her coat brush across his face.

The show was about over so we went home after that.

L. D. Brewer won the Stratford Bank Days prize Saturday. He was in Albert's Grocery at 4 p.m. and was given the \$35 in script.

Occasionally I run into somebody on my rounds that has an experience or illness that puts my troubles to shame. About a year ago I found out that I had a virus that was affecting my eyes. It is pretty well in hand now.

I thought I had a problem until I talked to "Bones" Keener. He has just had an operation for a cataract in his right eye. As soon as the right eye heals, "Bones" will have to have the same operation on his left eye.

He seems to have a philosophical attitude about it. He isn't depressed and has a ready smile. I admire him for it.

Mrs. D. L. Buckles contributed the following poem. It was written by Lela Mae Stiles, a staff worker for the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

TWO MEN
Under the sign of Aquarius two men were born,
As far apart in station as in time;
One in a Hudson river mansion, on a January morn,

Public Schools Week Proclaimed

Governor Allan Shivers has proclaimed Mar. 5-10 Public Schools Week.

The proclamation says, "The greatest source of assurance for the future of the American way of life is our Public School system, which enables our youngsters to become familiar with the magnificent history of men and events which has made our republic the most powerful, respected and favored country the world has ever known."

"The public schools provide the tools of knowledge which will equip our young men and women to become constructive and responsible citizens in this land of freedom."

"We have a great responsibility to maintain and advance the ideals and standards which our people have come to expect of their public schools."

"We must keep pace with the growing needs of our schools by providing new classrooms, improved methods and by encouraging loyal, able, qualified men and women to adopt teaching as a lifetime career."

"I urge every citizen to visit at least one public school during this period and to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system."

Cars Collide Here Saturday

Cars driven by Virgil Laplant of Route No. 3, Hereford, and Jack Gaiter of Stratford Saturday collided three-fourths of a mile south of town on Highway 287, State Highway Patrolman Bob Loving, Dalhart, reports.

The mishap occurred at 2:30 p.m., the officer said. There was \$350 damage to the Laplant car and \$200 to the Gaiter car, Loving said.

One in a rude, log cabin, in Kentucky's climate.

The child of January was full of grace,
But February's child was slow of talk.

And awkward in his youth, yet grew aware,
And tall in manhood strode, while the other could not walk.

Near four score years between their times, and yet,
Each was to know the agony of war;

One saw blood brothers against brothers set;
One saw men dying on a distant shore.

Each heard the drums of Destiny that beat
Insistently, as she selects her own;

Each man was President; each felt the heat
Of that great light that "beats upon a throne."

And each was felled by it; for each one gave
His life, before his tasks were o'er,

A fanatic's bullet sent one to his grave,
The other's tired heart could take no more.

These men were Titans; to them their deeds insured
Immortal fame; their impact will be felt.

While free men live, and nations still endure;
Abraham Lincoln; Franklin Roosevelt.

This particular poem appeared in the Feb. 3 issue of The Elizabethtown, Ky. News.

Annual FFA, FHA Valentine Party Is Held Friday

The Stratford chapters of the Future Homemakers of America and Future Farmers of America last Friday had their annual Valentine party and honored their beau and sweetheart.

The FHA girls chose Perry Coffman as their beau and the FFA boys named Linda Riffe as their sweetheart. The FHA beau was given an identification bracelet and the FFA sweetheart was given a sweatshirt jacket. The two were given boxes of candy, also.

Jimie Huggins, FFA president, announced the chapter's sweetheart and Betty Bradley presented the FHA beau. Kay Sprlock sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," accompanied by Donna Fedric. It was dedicated to Linda.

A dance and refreshments followed.



LINDA RIFFE
Linda, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe. She is active in the Methodist church. Basketball is her favorite sport and only hobby.

She will compete in the FFA District Sweetheart contest in Canyon this spring. The area contest and state contest, which will be in San Antonio in August, will be held later.

Attending the party besides those already mentioned were Ann Carraway, Frankie Aduddell, Bill Dyess, Joyce Fisk, Sonny Judd, Darrell Stubblefield, Patty Hamilton, Sue Flores and Bob Epper. Donna Fedric, Carroll Wisdom, Kay Spurlock, Wayne Cummings, Ray Fisk Buzz, Summerour, Virginia Plunk, Cecil Borth, Patricia Newman, Gerald Preston, Holly Harrington, Chuck Oakley, Gradene Parvin, Teddy Oakley and Sharon Hampton.

Kay Jacobs, Ann Oberwetter, Larry Herald, Ann Bradley, Glenda Green, Gracie Brooks, Bob Ragsdale, Nellie Johnson, Tommy Lavake, Rex Burgess, Minnie Crabtree, Jessie Mae Davis, Butch Kirkwood, Mary Sue Taylor, Betty Bradley and Dorene Davis.

Mrs. Roy A. Strother is sponsor of the FHA chapter and Duard Lamb is advisor of the FFA chapter. Mrs. Lamb and their son, Mark, attended the party, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Boston attended the Tri-State Hardware Convention in Amarillo early this week.

Church - Christ Services Given

Sunday services at the Church of Christ in Stratford have been announced by Owen Cosgrove, minister.

Bible classes, 10 a.m., adult class to study Acts 5; morning worship, 10:55 a.m. sermon, "The Essence of Christianity," evening worship 6:00, sermon, "I Was Afraid."

Mr. Cosgrove will attend a series of religious lectures in Abilene next week. He will leave Stratford Monday.

The lectures are held annually on the campus of Abilene Christian college. Over 10,000 visitors from the U.S. and many foreign countries are expected this year.

Cosgrove is a graduate of ACC. He will meet four of his brothers who are preachers. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Cosgrove will return to Stratford late next week.

Prayer Day Observance Is Tomorrow

Women of Stratford will hold a World Day of Prayer program in the First Christian church tomorrow (Friday) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Sponsored in the U.S. by United Church women, a department of the National Council of Churches, the program is prepared each year by an author from one of the 134 co-operating countries.

This seventeenth year is marked by a service written by American Indian leaders from the Cook training school in Phoenix, Ariz.

With the theme, "One flock, one shepherd," it abounds in the picturesque and expressive language of a people living close to nature, the lessons in tree and leaf, in the winds, in the sunset.

Its call is from "The Mighty One, God the Lord who speaks and summons the earth from the rising sun to its setting," to a oneness that alone can bring peace.



Consumers Co. Elects John Steel, Prexy

John Steel was elected president of the board of directors of the Consumers Co., Inc. at its annual stockholders meeting Monday.

Other officers are Herbert Folsom, vice-president, Conde Donelson, secretary; and Leon Guthrie, treasurer.

Joe Billington replaced Ariyn Halle, who asked to be relieved, as a member of the directors. Lloyd Brannan is the other board member.

Prizes went to Mrs. Paul Aludell, Jim Clark, Elmer Hudson and Buster Eggers. Mrs. W. W. Steel was given a prize for traveling the longest distance to the meeting and A. W. Allen was the oldest man present. He also was given a prize.

The officers of the co-op thanked those who attended for their interest.

Sherman County Heart Sunday To Be Feb. 26

The Sherman County Heart Association has set Sunday, Feb. 26, as Heart Sunday. W. O. Bryant, association president, announces. The annual fund raising drive will be held on that date between 2 and 4 p.m.

Wendall Flores is campaign chairman in Sherman County. Emphasizing that although "heart diseases take more human lives in Texas annually than all other causes combined," Governor Shivers in proclaiming February as "Heart Month in Texas" declared:

"Medical science feels that the gate is just being opened upon far broader and more effective fields of treatment and cure" and that "the people of Texas are privileged to join in a national campaign to further these benefits through voluntary work and contributions."

Governor Shivers joined Senator Lyndon Johnson, Texas Heart Fund chairman for 1956, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, both heart attack victims within the past year, in urging support and "wholehearted response" to the 1956 Heart Fund now in progress.

President Eisenhower, in a recent statement, termed Heart Month "an endeavor which commands the understanding, the sympathy and the admiration of every citizen." The president's statement, presented through Dr. Paul Dudley White, eminent Boston heart specialist, also said:

"Especially gratifying to me is the fact that hope, rather than fear, is the keynote of the (Heart Month) program. Optimism is fully justified by the recent achievements of heart research, which foreshadow even more dramatic advances in the days ahead."

Along the same line of thought, Senator Johnson has declared: "I doubt that I would be here now except for the application of medical knowledge gained from such research (made possible by voluntary contributions of funds) prior to the heart attack I suffered last July. I have a deep appreciation of the efforts of the American Heart Association, in which the Texas Heart Fund is an integral factor."

Stratfordite's Uncle Dies

J. Paul Eppler, uncle of Rev. Charles Gates of Stratford, died last Friday at his home in Gorman, Tex. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Rev. Gates and family went immediately to Gorman. The Stratfordite conducted funeral services for his uncle in the First Methodist church of Gorman Monday.

Mr. Eppler was well known in West Texas. He served several Methodist churches as pastor until a throat condition forced him to retire as a minister. He was a teacher in Lake Worth junior high school.

Surviving besides Rev. Gates are his wife, Mrs. Eppler three brothers, Barton Eppler, Gorman, Bill Eppler, Abilene, and Finis Eppler, Alda; seven sisters, Mesdames Edna Nunally, Odell Thompson and R. C. Mahaffy, all of Gorman.

Mesdames B. M. Collie, Austin, Dorothy Jean Ashworth, Kingsville, Phil Gates, Floydada, David McVey, Texline; and two daughters, Mrs. Harreyette Herron and Janice, both of Canyon.

Heart Machine Is Purchased

An electro-cardiograph machine has been purchased by the Sherman County Heart Association, in cooperation with several Stratford organizations, and is in use at the clinic. It is loaned from W. O. Bryant, president of the heart association.

The \$500 machine was bought with donations from the American Legion, Lions club, Masonic lodge, Eastern Star, and the Nu Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

H. M. Flores Heart Victim

H. M. Flores, mayor of Stratford, had a heart attack early this week. He is in Northwest Texas hospital. Associates report that he will remain in the hospital at least two weeks for treatment and examination.

Old Jail To Be Transformed Into Jury Dormitory Soon



VALENTINE GIRL—Six-year-old Pamela Schmidt of Minneapolis, Minn., is "Valentine Girl" of the 1956 Heart Fund. Pamela underwent successful heart surgery over a year ago.

4-H Club Week Is Mar. 3-11

Sherman county and Texas 4-H club members, 121,044 strong, will join their approximately 2-100,000 fellow members in every state in the union in observance of National 4-H Week Mar. 3-11, Ernest Goode, county agent, announces.

The 4-H club program is directed by the Agricultural Extension Services of the Land-Grant Colleges of the United States in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Locally, 4-H programs and activities, are directed by the county agricultural agents and home demonstration agents with valuable assistance from both adult and junior 4-H leaders.

According to Mr. Goode, the objectives of the week are to provide members a special occasion for taking a look backwards at past achievements and making plans for future activities on their farms, in their homes and communities; to inform the public of the value of 4-H training; to recognize the contributions of local leaders and to enlist the support of public spirited, youth-minded citizens in leadership roles; to give 4-H members and the public an opportunity to know more about the 1956 4-H theme, "Improving Family and Community Living," and to interest other young people in enrolling in local 4-H clubs.

Goode says that plans are now being perfected in the county or the week-long observance. He extends a special invitation to parents and the public to attend and participate in community or county observances.

Forerunners of the present 4-H clubs were the corn clubs for boys and the tomato clubs for girls. The first corn club in Texas organized by a county agent was the one in Jack county. It was organized and supervised by the late Tom Marks. The year was 1908. Today 4-H club members conduct demonstrations and activities which touch every field of farming, ranching and home life. Their classrooms are the farms, ranches and homes of Texas where they learn to do by doing.

The Sherman County 4-H Council voted at their last meeting to participate in National 4-H Club Week by putting up displays in show windows down town in Stratford and Texhoma.

C.-C. Sets Meeting Dates

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce in a meeting yesterday established the second Wednesday of every month as its regular meeting date.

The meetings will be held in the Roxy theater at 2:30 p.m. The membership drive will be opened soon.

HELP YOUR HEART FUND . . . This is the official poster for the 1956 Heart Fund, being conducted throughout February. It features this year's slogan, "Help Your Heart Fund—Help Your Heart." When you see it, open your heart—and your pocketbook.

OLD MIXTURE



Elks, Greyhounds Meeting Tonight

DOGS

By FARLEY MANNING

CANINE CRIMINALS

Some researchers of canine history occasionally find that not all dogs' usefulness to their owners has been legal. Finding a canine smuggler or a fighting four-footed member of a pirate crew recorded in some old journal adds a dash of romance to the scholar's labor.

Many instances were noted during the American Civil War of dogs belonging to Confederate agents slipping messages or contraband materials through the Union lines to the Southern side. These dogs' loyalty to their master's training was called "treason" by the Federals.

Newfoundland and Breton fishermen who mixed a little smuggling with their legitimate business a century or so ago are said often to have carried some strong-swimming "water-dogs" as members of the crew. These could, and did, carry surprising cargoes of brandy, lace, silk or such valuables to human confederates on some lone British, French, or American shore. Similarly, some Great Pyrenees dogs are reported to save their masters the payment of unwell-

Former Pastor Of Stratford Conducts Revival

Rev. T. Edgar Neal of Tyler, Tex.—former pastor of the First Methodist church of Stratford—will conduct a revival at the Pine St. Methodist church in Dalhart Feb. 17-26.

in the polite society of American dog shows.

The second round of the District I-B boys basketball tournament tonight (Thursday) at 9:00 will pit Stratford against Gruver, who drew a first round bye.

Morse will meet Texline at 7:30 tonight in the semi-finals and Sunray will play Channing at 6:00 tonight in the consolation semi-finals.

The winner of the consolation game tonight will play Spearman at 6 p.m. Friday. The losers in the Stratford-Gruver and Morse-Texline contests will play for third place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and the winners of those two games will play in the finals at 9 a.m. Friday.

The Elks nosed out Spearman 50-45 Tuesday night. Bruce Bidy was high scorer for Stratford with 19 points. Bobby Nollner made 23 for the Lynix.

Texline downed the Channing Eagles 56 to 42. Mac Kehoe scored 22 points for Texline and Morse-Hardaway made 16 for the losers.

Morse, led by David Richardson, who had 25 points, beat Sunray 50 to 45. Rice Corse made 18 points for Sunray.

The District I-B girls tournament will be held in Gruver next week.

come customs duties along the Spanish-French frontiers to this day; and stories are common along this country's Canadian and Mexican borders of dogs that are adept in such escapades.

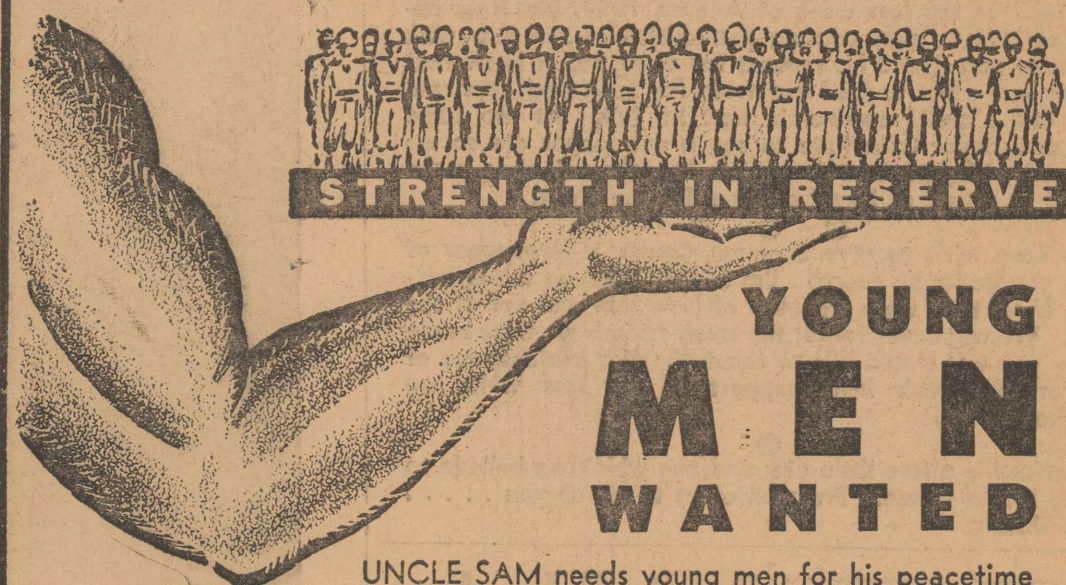
In England special strains of dogs were developed by poachers to assist in their illegal nocturnal search for game. Such dogs have a professional name: "lurcher". At least two, now thoroughly respectable terrier breeds—the Airedale and the Bedlington—have some lurcher activity in the hazy history of their earliest days, according to British writers.

At last, convinced that only trained dogs could defeat trained dog criminals, British gamekeepers developed a breed of their own which proved successful against poachers. First called the "Gamekeeper's Night-Dog", it is now known as the Bull-Mastiff and is being seen in increasing numbers

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Investigate. Contact your nearest U.S. Army Reserve Unit.



★ EDSON IN WASHINGTON ★

Committees Proposed to Replace TVA-Type Bodies

BY PETER EDSON
 NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—A new substitute for the river valley "authorities" like TVA—Tennessee Valley Authority—is now being proposed by the Eisenhower administration.

It's a regional or river basin "Water Resources Committee" idea. Call it a WRC for short.

First proposal for these new agencies was recommended in the President's Water Resources Policy Report. It was recently sent to Congress after 20 months of preparation by a Cabinet advisory committee under Secretaries of Interior McKay, Defense Wilson and Agriculture Benson.

In an earlier Hoover Commission report it was proposed that existing authorities like Bonneville, Southwestern and Southeastern Power Administrations be made government corporations.

The Hoover report recommended that their revolving funds be taken away from them. All their revenues would be turned into the U.S. Treasury. Their future activities would be limited to what Congress might approve in annual appropriations.

WITHOUT GOING INTO these proposals, the President's advisory committee tackles the problem from another angle.

The new Water Resources Committees it proposes would become the key agencies in a coordinated realignment of federal government functions. They would plan flood control, irrigation, navigation, hydroelectric power, prevention of stream pollution, fish and wildlife protection and water supply for all domestic, industrial and agricultural uses.

Each committee would be responsible for water resource development in any given drainage area. This could be a small basin like the naughty Naugatuck in Connecticut, the vast Central Valley in California, or the whole Missouri, Ohio and Mississippi systems.

At the head of each WRC would be a nonvoting chairman appointed by the President. Members of the committee would represent each state drained in part by this particular river system, and a representative from each U.S. government agency involved in its development.

THE JOB OF THE WRC would be to prepare annual work schedules and budgets for carrying them out.

Each local WRC chairman would be responsible to a new bureaucrat in Washington to be dubbed the "Coordinator of Water Resources." He would hang out in the executive office of the President to give out White House policy direction.

The coordinator would also serve as chairman of a new, permanent "Interagency Committee on Water Resources." It would be made up of assistant secretaries concerned with water resources in the Departments of Agriculture, Army, Commerce, Interior, Health Education and Welfare and the Federal Power Commission.

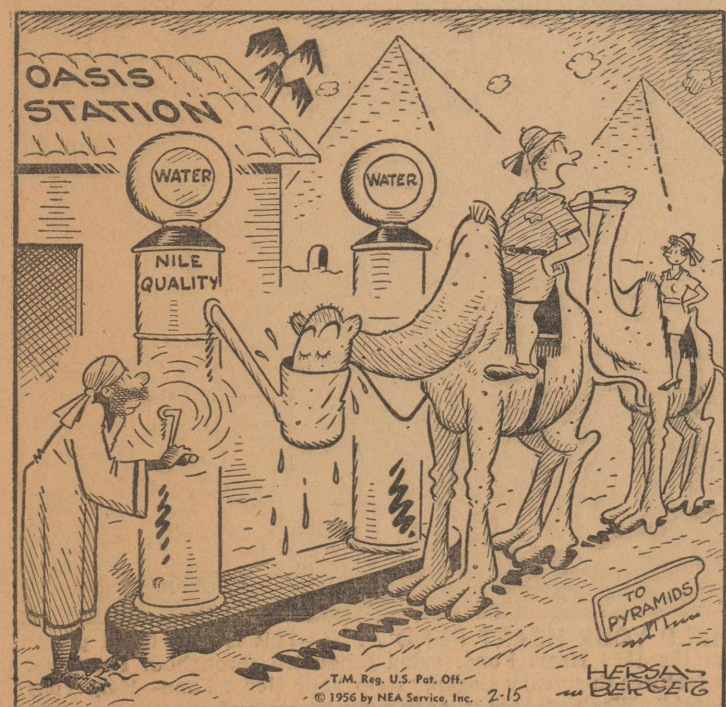
THIS WOULD BE the top federal board of directors on water. It would have final authority to decide what part of every project should be carried out by each agency.

Over at one side there would be an independent "Board of Review for Water Resources." It would consist of three qualified engineers. They would have no part in planning a river basin development. But they would have authority to recommend changes in plans made by the Water Resources Committees. Final decision would be left to the President, however.

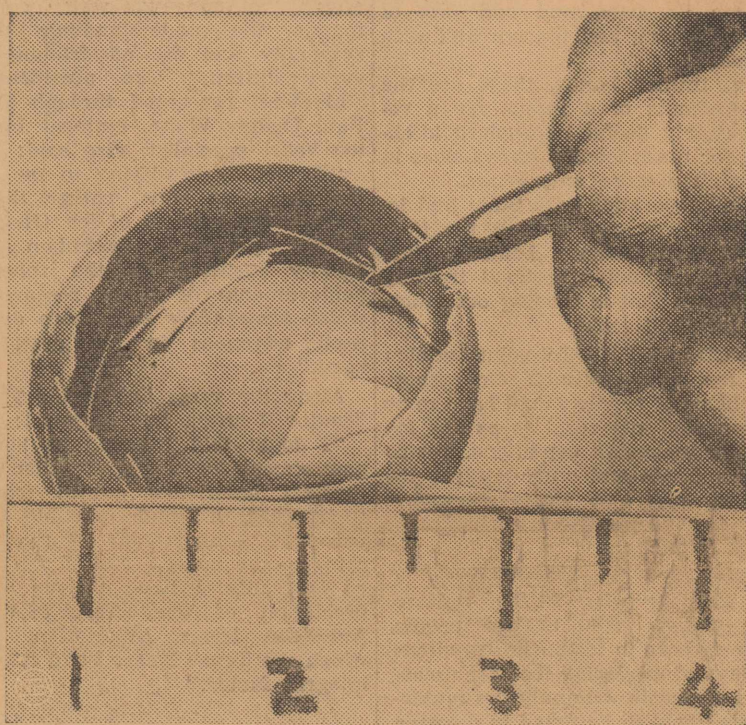
This is the new governmental machinery which the Eisenhower administration proposes to pile on top of the 25 government agencies now handling water problems.

Legislation is now being drafted for later submission to Congress.

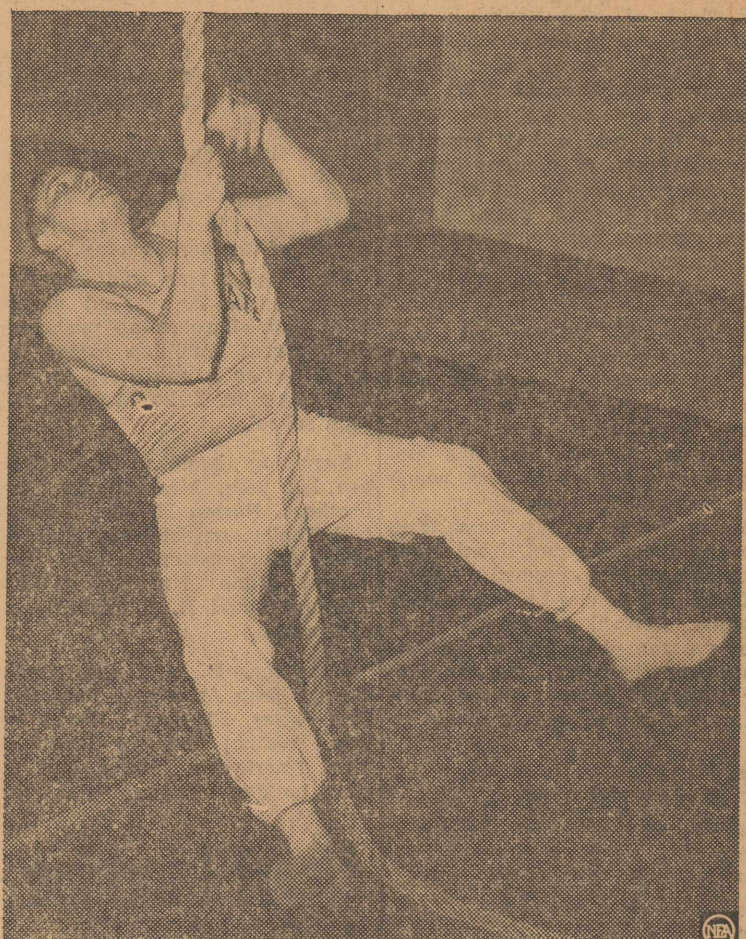
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"WRAPPED" FOR FRESHNESS—Double yolks are not too unusual in chicken eggs, but double shells are. This egg, laid by a hen at Hastings, Ontario, has such double protection. The ruler shows it was two inches wide. Naturally, with all the protective covering, the smaller egg was grade A.



STRONG-ARMED GUY—Phil Mullen, Penn State University gymnast, isn't using his legs here as he rope climbs toward the ceiling. Mullen's left leg is artificial below the knee, but he does a 20-foot climb in 3.7 seconds.

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Ensilage Good Cattle Feed, Expert Says

A cattle feeding expert has recommended the use of ensilage in feeding programs in Sherman county, according to a joint announcement by Ernest Goule, county agent, and Duard Lamb, vocational agriculture instructor.

The two men, in cooperation with the Sherman County Extension Council, are responsible for the planning of meetings such as the one held in Stratford Monday night.

P. T. Marion, associate animal husbandman, Texas Experiment Station, Spur, and Roy Snyder, meat specialist, Texas Extension Service, College Station, were the featured speakers on the program.

Mr. Marion said that the Spur station had received the most economical gain from steers fed rations that were high in ensilage, with stillbrest added.

He said steers full fed on ensilage, six to 10 pounds of grain and 10 MG's of stillbrest daily made gains as high as three pounds a day and higher.

Mr. Snyder said the housewife's choice of meat in the market was the important factor in determining the price of beef in major cattle markets.

He explained that the housewife has been selecting good quality meat without too much extra fat. He recommended that feeders take this public demand factor into consideration in finishing out beef for market.

Marion illustrated his talk with

Baptists To Hear John Rees Sunday Morning

John Rees, Lithuanian refugee and escapee from that country's communist government, will speak at the Sunday morning service of the First Baptist church in Stratford, Rev. M. E. Uchurch, pastor, reports.

Stratfordites proclaim the speaker as one of the most forceful they have ever heard. He has spoken here a number of times.

They explain that his firsthand experience with communism has fired him with a deep-seated zeal to fight it at every turn. The story he tells brings a shudder to his listeners, but it also holds a ray of hope.

The speaker is a man of faith. He believes in the eternal goodness of God and in the final triumph of right. Eloquent in thought and work, he stirs his hearers to join with him in a crusade against the greatest evil of our day — communism.

slides showing each federal grade of cattle on the hoof and then pointing out the quality of meat from various cuts from the animal's carcass.

Forty-seven farmers and ranchers attended the Stratford meeting. The Lions club dispensed with their program in order that members could attend the meeting.

Mr. Lamb announced that the next meeting will be Mar. 19. A discussion of a hybrid grain sorghum program in Sherman county will be held.

Christian Church Services Given

Sunday services at the First Christian church in Stratford have been announced by Cryder Brayshaw, minister.

They are Bible school, 9:45 a.m., lesson, "Jesus Demands a Choice," morning worship, 10:45 sermon, "The Waiting Christ," special music, women's sextet, "My God and I," the Lord's Supper will be observed.

School of Missions, 6 p.m., classes for every age, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris will not be on the program; evening service, 7:00, sermon, "Keeping the Respect of Others."

Mr. Brayshaw announces that the Week of Compassion will be Feb. 19-26. The Brotherhood dinner will be Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. It is for the entire church membership and friends. The Week of Compassion goal is \$300. Offering may be made Wednesday or Sunday, Feb. 26.

CYF and Chi Rho World Fellowship meetings will be held Feb. 24-25. CYF will meet in Pampa and Chi Rho in Spearman. Registration fee is \$2.50 and must be in by Sunday evening, Brayshaw said.

KERRICK

The Kerrick Community club had a chili supper last Friday night with 20 families attending. A party is planned for the third Friday in every month.

Homer Boren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boren, left Tuesday for Navy boot training at either San Diego, Calif. or Great Lake, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elms and family were business visitors in Keyes, Okla. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brewster and Linda were Amarillo visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harryman of Keyes, Okla. visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert Elms, Monday night.

Donna Harbour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harbour, was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Fred McDaniel and Mrs. Charles Miller were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Allen Boren returned Monday night from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Peggy were business visitors in Boise City, Okla. Saturday.

The Chicago Cubs probably Mrs. Ray Taylor attended the basketball games in Hartley Saturday night.

Mrs. Dicy Stephenson and children were visitors in the Robert Elms home Tuesday of last week.

Leon Eden attended the Hartley basketball tournament finals Saturday night.

Kerrick Ladies Plan Parties

KERRICK — The Kerrick Home Demonstration club met last Thursday to plan a party at the community building the third Friday of every month. Mrs. Allen Boren, secretary, reports.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Charles Miller. Roll call was answered by reading a poem.

Attending were Mesdames Fred McDaniel, Robert Elms, Kenneth Wells, Allen Boren, Clyde Harbour, Coy Stevens, Stanley Murdock, Pete Taylor and the hostess.

Children present were Mike McDaniel, Brenda Jo Taylor, Paul Wells and Roger Miller.

The next meeting will be Mar. 10 with Mrs. Bobby Reynolds and the roll call will be answered with party refreshments.

Methodist Church Services Given

Services at the First Methodist church this Sunday have been announced by Rev. Chas. Gates.

Feb. 19 is Dedication Sunday, Rev. Gates said. Sermon subjects are morning worship, 11:00, "What Think Ye of Christ?" and 7 p.m., evening worship, "Good News."

A film, "Wondering World," will be shown.

FFA Project Report Given

A report of projects in progress or planned for 1956 by members of the Future Farmers of America in Stratford has been given by Duard Lamb, chapter advisor.

Steers on feed, 188; cows bred for calf production, 30; breeding beef bull, one; pigs being fed, 34; gilts bred, 15; broilers, 800; wheat, 675 acres; grain sorghums, 777 acres; fat lambs, eight; and turkeys, 30.

Summerour Calf Has Insurance

Buzz Summerour has collected 100 per cent insurance on the calf he lost by fire last mid-month, Duard Lamb, vocational agriculture instructor, reports.

Butch Kirkwood, whose calf died suddenly recently, has a claim filed for insurance payment, Mr. Lamb said.

Methodist Sick List Reported

Rev. Chas. Gates, First Methodist church pastor, has reported on the condition of several of the church's members, who have been ill.

A. L. Allen is up part of the time. He has returned from Amarillo where he spent some time in the home of his daughter and a hospital.

Mrs. Z. G. Ramon is still critically ill.

Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield is in a wheel chair and is showing improvement.

Busy Bees Have Meet

The Busy Bees 4-H club met last Thursday for a demonstration by Mrs. J. J. Willey. The club prayer, pledge and motto were said.

Attending were Orble Sue Davis, Sue Hudson, Bobbie Burgess, Sheila Donelson, Jonna Knight, Norveta Bammes, Sharon Smith, Julia Willey, Beverly Baker, Laurine Riggs, Linda Huggins, Angela Teague, Wanda Preston, Kay Carraway, Kaye Webb, Sharon Mullican, Lela Hampton and Carol Smith.

Fire Department Has Railroad Engine Call

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department was called to help control a fire that resulted from a short-circuit on a Rock Island railroad diesel engine last Saturday night.

The short was in a traction motor of a section of the engine. There was very little damage, railroad officials said.

J. B. Flemings New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Fleming of Henderson, Tex. are new residents of Stratford.

Mr. Fleming is an attorney. He practiced law in Austin.

The couple is renting a home on the Gruver Highway in Stratford.

Fleming as yet has not found office space.

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SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

Thinking people should compile an inventory of the spiritual assets of the world.

No nation has ever made a permanent success without strong spiritual influence. No individual has had lasting success or brought comfort and happiness to himself and others, without spiritual guidance prompted by the teachings of the Golden Rule.

Many people have risen to wealth and prominence without giving any consideration to spiritual values. But history fails to record among all the outstanding figures of the world, one who ignored the spiritual side of life and continued to make his influence broadly felt.

Life, to be valuable, must be a balance of forces — material, mental, spiritual — and if we neglect the claims of the spirit, life and the world are thrown out of balance.

The time is ripe for a stock-taking by individuals of their resources. If they find that their spiritual resources are low, they should begin to build them up.

"Social development," declares Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "is more an intellectual and spiritual than a material process." Business and government, in high places, are seeking to follow the principles of the Golden Rule.

Whatever a man's faith is, he should follow it and join others of other faiths who are endeavoring to make the Golden Rule the yardstick of our daily practice in business, religion and society.

Unity of purpose — spiritually — does not necessarily imply a narrow unity of creed. Persons may have various religious affiliations and different forms of worship and still work together for the same broad spiritual objective.

The egotistical bigot — who holds to the idea that all men must see, act and think as he does — seems to be the reason why there are so many people within this world that may profess faith in Jesus Christ but keep alive a situation that all but brings down condemnation.

Man, living by faith, should have for his objective in life, a spiritual conviction that proves without a doubt:

That there is a God;
That He is like Jesus;
That He cares for us;
That human history is in His Keeping;
That He hears us when we pray to Him;
That there is life after death.

This objective will be attained more easily if more and more people are true to their religious convictions.

It is the duty of mature citizens to point out to the youth of our land, the importance of spiritual ideals as a spur to lasting success.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." — John 15:8.

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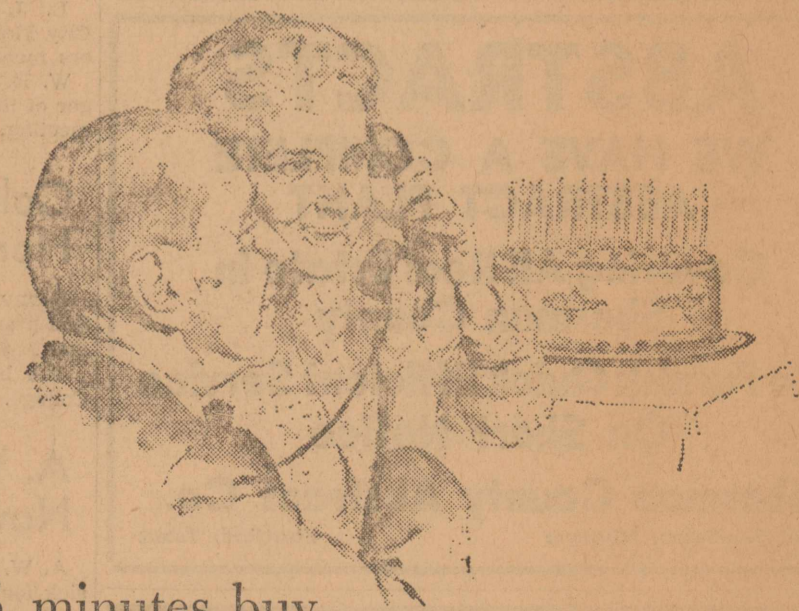
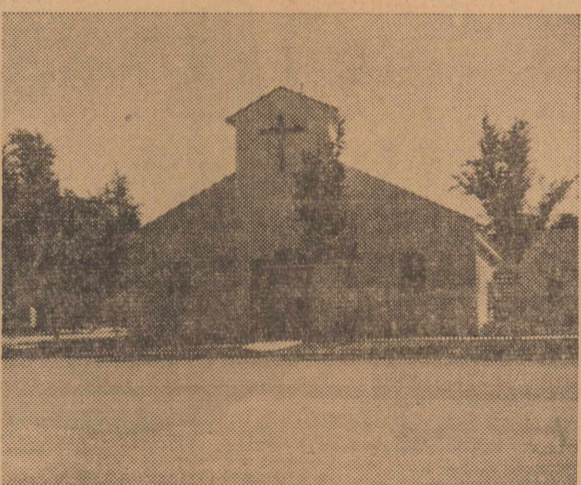
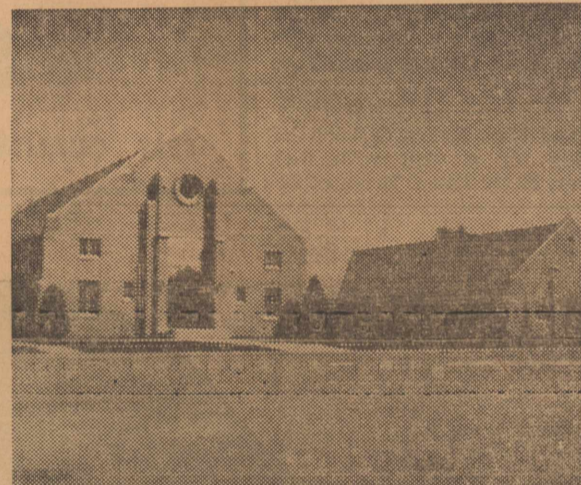
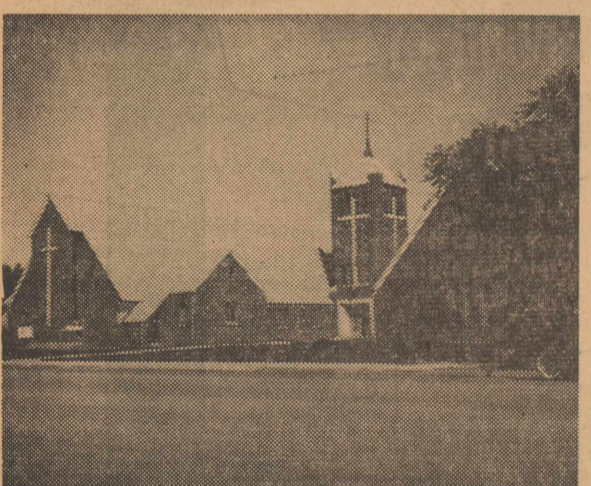
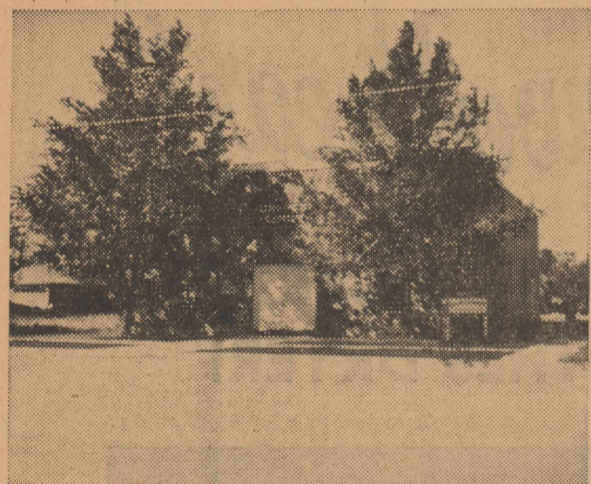
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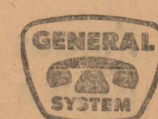
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Sandra Johnson Circle Meets With Mrs. Adkins

The Sandra Johnson Circle of the Baptist WMU met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Pruitt Adkins for Bible study, reports Mrs. W. D. Ellis. Mrs. Adkins had charge of the meeting.

Opening prayer was by Mrs. W. D. Cook and Mrs. E. W. Butler gave the devotional. Minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of Mrs. W. R. Scarth, Bible teacher, Mrs. Joe Brown taught the lesson, "The Crisis in Christian Education" by Guy W. Newmon. Those participating in the lesson discussion were Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Elma McDaniels, Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Mrs. Howard Haffey, Mrs. Pruitt Adkins and Mrs. E. Pleyer. There were two visitors—Mrs. Dorothy Slay and Mrs. Austin Crawford.

W. H. Gaylords Entertain With Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord entertained twenty-two guests in their new home Sunday with a dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gaylord, Selling, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Gaylord and Debbie, Colorado Springs; Bob Bachman, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Bachman, Dot and Norma, Darlene Ingram, Amarillo; Dickie Bachman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hedrick, Patricia and Cheryl, Selling, Okla.; Melvin Bachman and Genda Johnson, Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bolster visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Moon Entertains With Surprise Dinner

Mrs. C. W. Moon entertained in her home with a surprise dinner Monday evening, Feb. 13, in honor of the birthdays of Frank Sutton and Donna Jean Moon.

Those present besides the honored guests were C. W. Moon, Mrs. Frank Sutton and Lynda, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moon, Eddie and Barbara.

Condition Of Mrs. Hanes Is Improved

Mrs. Alice Hanes continues to be a patient in the Dumas Memorial Hospital where she was taken a few weeks ago following a fall.

Mrs. Hanes is reported as improving. For sometime her condition was very serious.

ONE MOMENT PLEASE!

Is Man Saved By Faith Only?

We must DO God's will. (Matthew 7:21)

We must OBEY Christ. (Hebrew 5:9, II Thess. 1:8)

We must WORK righteousness. (Acts 10:35)

Our faith must WORK. (Gal. 5:6, John 9:4)

"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only." (James 2:24)

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Announcement Is Being Made Of Baby's Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Reeves are announcing the birth of a son, Thomas Edward.

The baby was born Sunday, Feb. 12 in Beaver, Okla., and weighed seven pounds and nine ounces.

Mrs. D. L. Buckles Has Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belt of Brownwood were visitors in the home of Mrs. D. L. Buckles Tuesday evening.

Other dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dick Buckles, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Buckles and Marla.

Leon Guthries To Lubbock

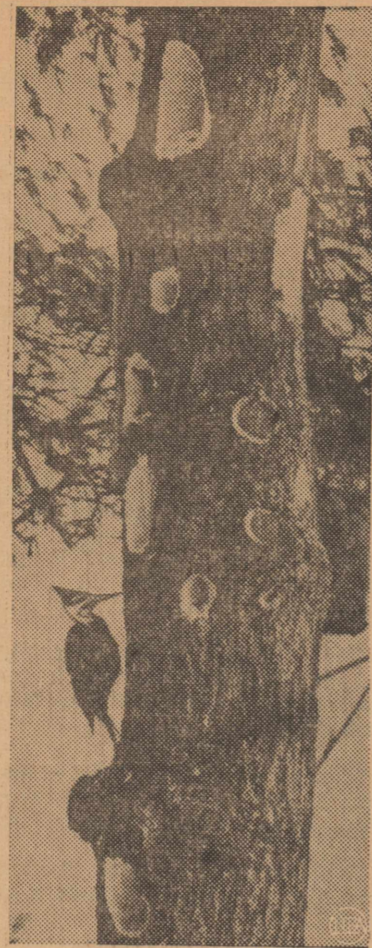
Leon Guthrie, Consumers Co. manager, and Mrs. Guthrie are in Lubbock this mid-week for a fertilizer school sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Texas Tech.

They will return home Thursday.

W. E. Brooks Is Moving To Liberal

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks in Liberal, Kans., last Friday and Saturday.

W. E. Brooks has sold his farm and bought a trailer park in Liberal and is moving there.



GRAND OPENINGS—A pileated woodpecker, a disappearing species, aims its needle-sharp bill at a riddled pine tree in Pittsfield, Mass. The rare bird is looking for grubs and worms, and judging from the number and size of the holes that tree must be full of his favorite food. The bird has been around the area for months, riddling two trees full of holes.

CWF Luncheon Meeting Held On Wednesday

The CWF of the First Christian Church met Wednesday, Feb. 15, for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. At 1:00 there was an executive board meeting in the parlor and at 1:30 the regular CWF meeting began in the chapel. Thirty-two were present.

President Mrs. Bernard Dovel called the meeting to order and the group sang "I Would Be True." Mrs. Bob Stubblefield offered the prayer and the January minutes were read and approved.

Other business was transacted and the devotional was given by Mrs. Frank Judd and Mrs. Elmer Hudson.

The theme was "The Old Order Changed."

A devotional solo "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" was sung by Mrs. Frank Judd. She also gave the offertory prayer.

Mrs. Wes Hodges was program leader for the theme "The Challenge of Change." Others taking part were Mrs. Eli Hamilton, Mrs. Archie Arnold and Mrs. Les Parker. It was presented in a panel discussion.

Group was dismissed with the missionary benediction.

E. P. Joneses In Corpus Christi

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones are in Corpus Christi this week for a visit with their son, Horace Jones, and family.

Mrs. Leonard Plunk is running the store while they are gone.

L. J. Davis To Dealer Meet

L. J. Davis was in Oklahoma City Monday for a Chevrolet dealers meeting.

W. E. Fish, general sales manager of the auto firm, conducted the meeting.

College Students Home For Visit

Benny Ray Biddy and Ray Smith spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy.

The boys attend Frank Phillips College.

A. W. Allen Is Now At Home

A. W. Allen, who has been quite sick for sometime and was in Amarillo, has returned home.

He is reported as now doing nicely.

Mrs. Hart Is In Hospital

According to word reaching The Star, Mrs. W. G. Hart is receiving treatment in the Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Attend Angus Sale In Kiowa

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bryant visited with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Liggenstoffer at Kiowa, Kans., Monday and attended the Angus sale.

Mrs. Hudson Is Hostess To Circle Meeting

The Mary Ethel Circle of the Methodist Church met Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the home of Mrs. N. W. Hudson.

The meeting was opened with Scripture and silent meditation being closed by Mrs. Hudson.

The study "This Revolutionary Faith" was concluded by Mrs. A. L. King, leader.

Mrs. Joe McAdams gave "What Is Communism Doing To The Church?" Mrs. Ernest Cummings gave "What Is The Church Doing?" Mrs. M. Dortch gave a review of "They Reach For Life" and Mrs. F. Mullins presented "How To Pray For Missionaries."

Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following members: Mrs. W. N. Price, Mrs. F. Mullins, Mrs. Chas. Gates, Mrs. Joe McAdams, Mrs. C. W. Moon, Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. Ernest Cummings and Mrs. A. L. King.

The next study will begin Feb. 29 with Mrs. E. Cummings leading "The Five Spiritual Classics." It will be a joint study.

Here and There

Mrs. M. L. Mitts is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Donelson in Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis and daughter, Beth, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. W. D. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boney, Gruver, visited Mrs. Hattie Flores Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willey, Santa Ana, Calif., visited in the John Willey home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hedrick, Patricia and Cheryl of Seiling, Colo., were weekend guests in the home of their brother and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord and family.

Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Dumas, visited in the T. D. Chisum home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearn O'Brien left Thursday for a visit with their daughter, Betty Lou O'Brien at Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Gaylord and Debbie of Colorado Springs spent the weekend with the H. J. Bachmans and the W. H. Gaylords.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kruse, Lusk, Wyo., have left after an extended visit with the Flores families.

Martha Ross, who is attending college in Amarillo, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross, the past weekend.

Mrs. Clarence De Pue, Kathy and Betty Jo, of Hugo, Colo., visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Willey, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willey and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dodson over the weekend.

Mrs. Violet Harper, Amarillo,

visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake over the weekend.

Mrs. Dick Boothby, Texhoma, and Mrs. Everett Tooney, Sunray, plan to attend the opening of Wade Turner's new barber and beauty shop at Denver, Colo., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler were weekend visitors with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

R. Alexanders Are Vacationing

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Gruver are vacationing in Florida.

It is also learned here that the couple enjoyed a trip by air to Havana, Cuba.

E. W. Butler, at Lamar, Colo.

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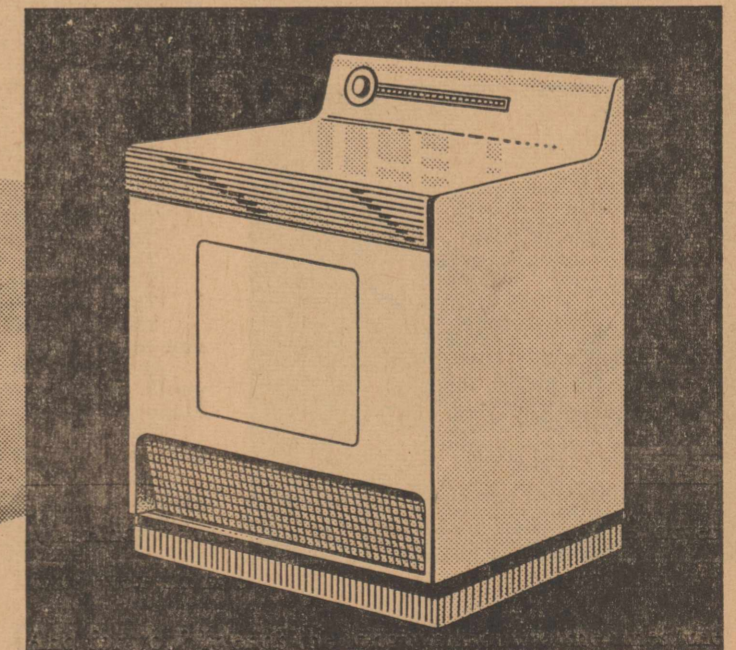
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March, A.D., 1956, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Sherman County, at the Court House in Stratford, Texas.

and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of

JUNE W. BARNES, as Plaintiff, and ANTHONY B. BARNES, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Suit for divorce upon the grounds of cruelty rendering their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, and for custody of the daughter of plaintiff and defendant, Debra Marie Barnes, about two years of age, plaintiff alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married to each other on the 4th day of July, A.D., 1952, at Clayton, New Mexico, and praying for divorce and custody of the said child as aforesaid, for support payments for said minor child, for attorney's fees and general relief.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 8th day of February, A.D., 1956.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Stratford, Texas, this 8th day of February, A.D., 1956.

LELAH BONEY, Clerk
District Court of Sherman County, Texas
Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 1956.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

This being an election year, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson finds many ready to tell him about birds and bees.

Perhaps not birds, but assuredly bees, because honey, stored in 50 gallon drums, is one of the farm commodities held by the government to the tune of almost \$8 billion. Storage costs alone run around \$800,000 per day.



Indeed, Secretary Benson has large problems. For example, he has about \$2 billion worth of wheat he would gladly give away to foreign nations, with U. S. paying all transportation costs.

There is also over 8 million bales of government owned surplus cotton. An attempt is now being made to shuck off a million or so bales to foreign nations at a price between 6 and 8 cents per pound under prevailing market.

This does not make foreign cotton producing nations happy. Neither does it gladden American textile manufacturers fighting for life against flood of cheap textile imports made by labor paid as little as 14 cents per hour. They just can't see the justice of subsidizing these foreign competitors at U. S. taxpayers' expense by giving them cheaper cotton.

Actually, price of quality cotton is held to be too low. But market is glutted with short staple cotton... less than one inch. This junk cotton is what the government is getting. So U. S. taxpayers are getting the short end of the cotton, too.

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There could perhaps be some justification if billions were helping family sized, independent farms. But figures prove otherwise. For example, in 1954, average loan by government on cotton price support was \$239.

But huge British owned Delta & Pine Land Co. in Mississippi received from government for unsold cotton \$1,292,742.

The Delta and Pine Land incident is just one of many causing embarrassment in Washington.

So Benson proposes setting up plan to change land from surplus crop production acreage to soil building acreage. Thus, wheat and corn land would be taken out of production, planted to trees and grass.

Plan envisions farmer being paid for cost of planting and also reimbursed for an annual return from these diverted acres.

But to avoid any more million dollar plus government payments to huge corporation farms, Secretary Benson proposes to limit payments to any one farmer to \$5000 per year.

This viewpoint is not going to influence people and win friends for Benson in some quarters.

It will be interesting to see what happens to his proposals. Many observers feel Secretary Benson in past three years would have made great strides with farm situation if there had not been so many throwing banana peels in his path.

Unfortunately, when agricultural secretaries retire, they do not write their memoirs.

Because Secretary Benson could undoubtedly write a most engrossing book, even perhaps selecting as a title "Boobytraps I Found Along the Potomac."

NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, H. M. Flores, Mayor of the city of Stratford, Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order that an election be held in the city of Stratford on the 3rd day of April, A.D., 1956, same being the first Tuesday thereof, for the purpose of electing the following officers of said city to-wit:

For office of Mayor, for a term of two (2) years.

Two councilmen, for a term of two (2) years.

And that said election shall be held at the City Hall in the city of Stratford. Mr. Arthur Folsom is hereby appointed to be manager thereof.

A copy of this order and notice of election shall be posted at the City Hall, the place where this election will be held, thirty (30) days before the date of said election.

Order and notice of election signed and executed this 7th day of Feb. A.D., 1956.

H. M. FLORES,
Mayor
W. P. Foreman,
City Clerk
Feb. 9, 16, 1956.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAX PAYING VOTERS:

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Sherman County on the 25th day of February, A.D., 1956, which is not less than 20 days from the date of this order at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the resident property tax paying voters of said county for their action thereupon:

PROPOSITION: WHETHER OR NOT AN ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

OF TAXES BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED COUNTY OFFICIALS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS.

Said election shall be held at the following places in said County and the following named persons are hereby appointed presiding judges of said election.

- PREC. NO. 1
BOB BURGESS' GARAGE
GEORGE BRADLEY
- PREC. NO. 2
SPURLOCK CHAPEL
TRAVIS SPURLOCK
- PREC. NO. 3
TEXHOMA SCHOOL,
TEXHOMA, TEXAS
RENTIE HAMILTON
- PREC. NO. 4
SHERMAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
CHESTER GUTHRIE

The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

For the adding of an assessor-collector of taxes to the list of authorized county officials for Sherman County, Texas.

Against the adding of an assessor-collector of taxes to the list of authorized county officials for Sherman County, Texas.

CLYDE M. HUDSON
COUNTY JUDGE
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1956

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Commissioner's Court of Sherman County, Texas, at the office of the County Judge, Court-house, Stratford, Texas, until 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, on the 2nd day of March, 1956, for the remodeling of the old jail building and garage at the Court-house in Stratford, Texas, into a jury dormitory. Any bids received after closing time will be returned.

Band Boosters Elect Officers

The Stratford Band Boosters club has elected officers and will pay expenses of the band to an Enid, Okla. Band Festival, Hollis E. Harrington, secretary-treasurer, reports.

Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, retiring president, conducted the meeting and asked Mrs. E. E. Riggs to give the Nominating committee report. Officers nominated and approved were Mrs. Earl Riffe, president; Mrs. Audrey Gamble, historian; Mrs. Mae Plunk, publicity chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess, membership committee; and Mrs. Harrington.

The newly elected officers will serve the remainder of this school year and all of the 1956-57 school year.

The club voted to send the band to Enid and decided it was necessary to raise a minimum of \$300 to cover expenses of the trip.

George Dick, band director, summarized the reasons for a band boosters club. "The club sponsors trips, awards for band members and many other activities," he said.

The group discussed ways and means of raising money. A Finance committee, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, Cryder Brayshaw and Mr. Harrington, was appointed. Mar. 10 was set as the date for a baked goods auction sale.

Other items of business included discussion of meeting nights, membership dues, \$1 per family; awards and discontinuing refreshments at meetings.

The band will play at the next meeting, Thursday, Mar. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

unopened.

Plans and specifications may be examined in the Office of the County Judge, Courthouse, Stratford, Texas. The successful bidder shall be required to give good and sufficient bond in the amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of the contract executed by some Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas in accordance with Art. 5160 VTCs.

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The Commissioner's Court of Sherman County, Texas
By Clyde M. Hudson
County Judge
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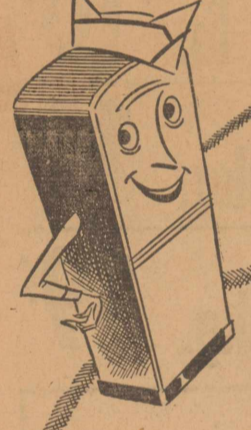


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BARE-LY CHILLY—The scanty costume would suggest that here's a man who can take the cold—three below zero—weather. He's Mickey Hargitay, 1955's "Mr. Universe," back at his Indianapolis, Ind., home after a vacation in Florida. Hargitay is shown putting his muscles to work shoveling five inches of snow.

REDDY'S Farm Report

FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



A few junk parts and considerable ingenuity is all it took for Harold Dunson of Seagraves, Texas, to make an automatic electric water trough cleaner. This unit makes cleaning the water troughs in his caged layer house an easy silent job.

Mr. Dunson finds this advantage important in caring for his 1,140 laying hens.

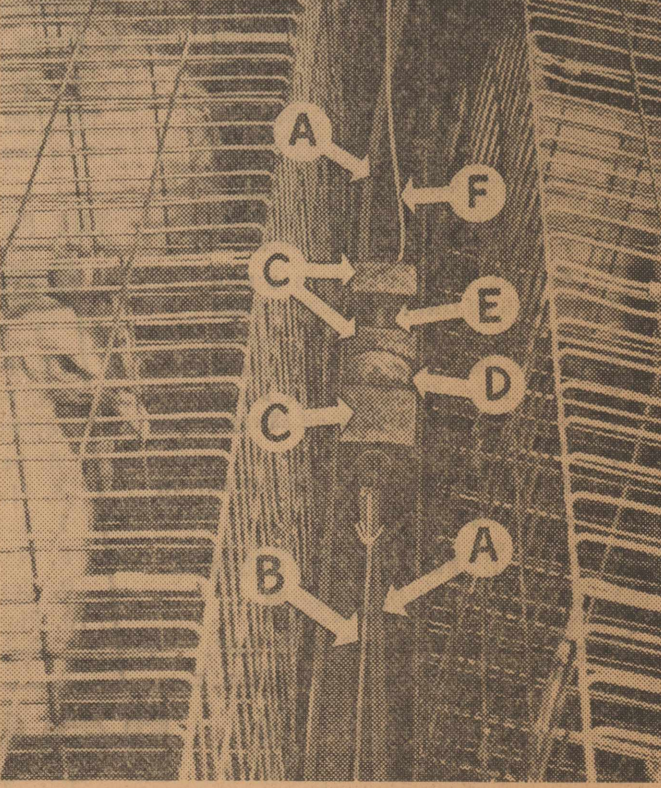
For the power unit he used a discarded portable ironer. After removing the ironer roll and cylinder, he mounted a 12" squirrel cage blower from a discarded evaporative cooler.

To make the cleaner unit, he took a 10-inch bolt on which he mounted three cubes of sponge by forcing the bolt through the centers. To separate the sponges he used a one-half inch water pipe cut in lengths of about 1 1/2 inches for spacers between the sponge cubes. Also, as an additional aid to cleaning, he placed a one-half inch wide square steel wool at the forward end of the center sponge.

One length of fishing string connects the forward end of the bolt to the drum on the power unit. The other length of string connects the opposite end of the bolt to the rewind reel. When the power is turned on, the electric motor silently and efficiently pulls the bolt cleaner through the trough by winding the string around the drum. When the cleaner has travelled the length of the trough, it is removed; and the two strings are tied together for rewinding. The rewind reel simply pulls the fishing strings back through the trough to the starting position, where they are then in position for the next cleaning operation.

Advantages of the system are:

1. Time and effort saved
2. Low cost of the system
3. Low operating cost
4. Silent operation does not disturb or excite the hens



Mr. Dunson exhibits his automatic trough cleaning machine. The laying hens are not disturbed in any way when this equipment is in operation.

This hand operated rewind reel keeps the fishing string from tangling and keeps it ready to be used again. One length of the string remains in the trough between cleanings.

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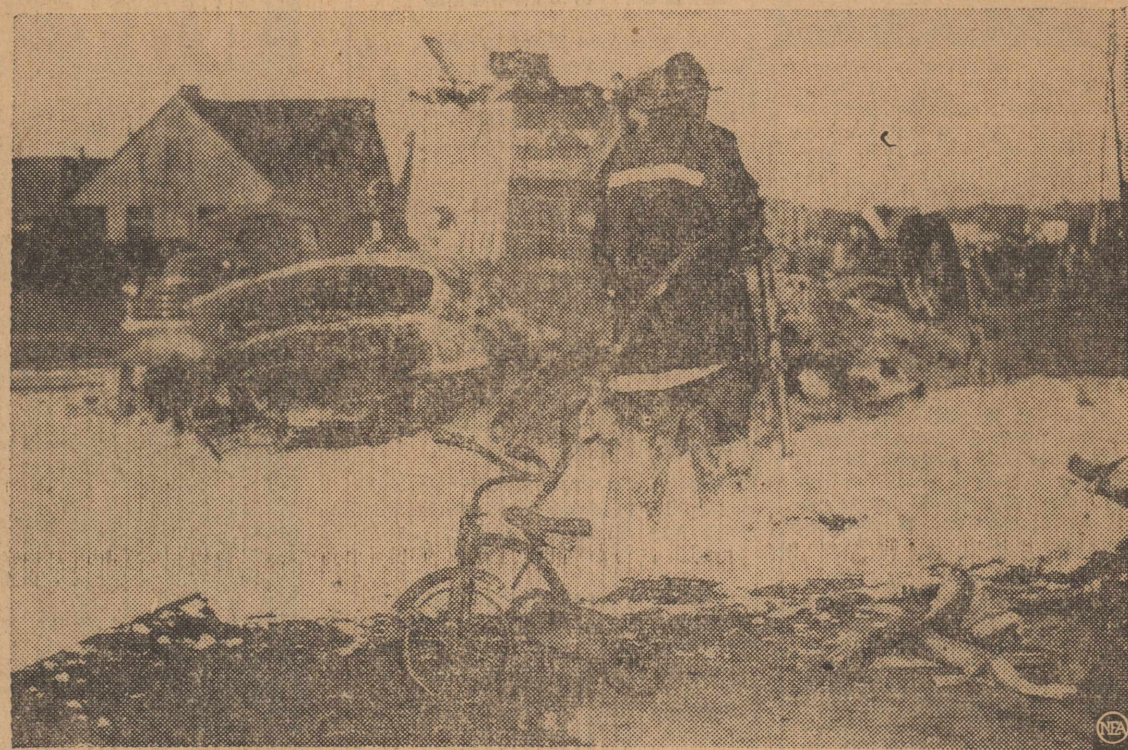
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Jet Flight Rules Are Tightened To Prevent Airplane Crashes In Residential Sections



DEATH WAS CLOSE BY in this crash of an Air Force jet in the New York suburb of Levittown. Foam covers wreckage of plane and car it struck. Driver and boy on bike escaped by minutes.

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The U. S. Air Force is tightening its flight regulations in an effort to halt an increase of crashes into populated areas.

It is issuing new orders to insure prompt, maximum help being sent to the crash scene. And it is seeking methods for quicker payment of damages and claims.

Here are some recent examples of why this action is necessary:

In South Carolina a transport plane crashed into a residential area. Four civilians were killed. Three homes were gutted.

In Georgia a jet crashed into an apartment building. One occupant was killed instantly. Several others were seriously injured. The building was wrecked.

In Alaska an F-84 jet fighter went out of control on take-off. It crashed into a housing development, killed 10 persons, injured 10 more and set five homes afire. In England a jet crashed into a wing of a hospital, killed a nurse and injured seven patients.

In 1953 there were 21 civilians killed in such accidents. In 1954 the figure was 48. And through the middle of December, 1955, the number had risen to 57.

This increase is the result of more hours being flown and the increased use of jets, safety experts reveal. However, the total Air Force accident rate is coming down, they claim.

The majority of these accidents happen near air bases, resulting from take-off and landing mishaps.

The new regulations being written will tighten rules governing these critical periods of flights.

For example, AF pilots will be ordered to fly straight for the nearest open country on take-off, even if it's out of their way.

On proficiency or training missions flight patterns will be fixed so that maximum time is flown over open country.

In flying over cities AF planes will not be permitted to come within a three-mile radius of high buildings or towers. Or they must be more than 2,000 feet above such structures.

On take-off during bad weather pilots will be asked to keep contact with ground controlled approach radar, if it exists at a field. This is to save time if the plane gets into trouble and needs quick help from GCA in getting back to the field.

In the past Civil Aeronautics Authority regulations have applied to AF pilots in these situations. The changes will make the rules more rigid and more applicable to jets than present CAA regulations.

Pilots have always been instructed to make every possible effort to steer an aircraft in trouble away from populated areas. But this is frequently not possible with jets. When landing, jets usually do not have enough fuel left for more than one pass at a field. And jets tend to go out of control faster when trouble develops than prop planes.

When a crash does take place in

a populated area new instructions about to be issued will specify the help which AF officers must render. The commander and vice commander of the base, and chaplains and medical officers, must rush to the scene. All available ambulances and fire fighting equipment must be sent there as soon as possible.

Injured civilians must be given first aid. Then they will be taken either to an Air Force hospital or the nearest civilian hospital. If living quarters are destroyed the victims will get necessary housing on the Air Force base. All debris will be cleaned up promptly.

Similar procedures have been customary. The new order will make them mandatory.

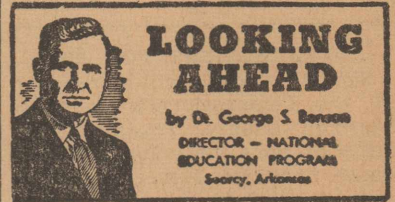
Claims of less than \$1,000 for property damage can be paid promptly by the Air Force. Claims for pain, suffering and death, and for damage over \$1,000, must go through federal courts or be negotiated. Then Congress has to appropriate the money.

Delays of more than a year can be caused by the need for the congressional action. But the Air Force would like to see this speeded up. It is in favor of one plan to raise the ceiling on prompt administrative payment to \$500,000. It also favors a proposal to permit payment of claims on injury and suffering by the same administrative procedure.

Payments for deaths range from \$5,000 on infants to \$1,000,000 on men with many dependents. The highest recent payment for property damage was \$250,000 to owners of a destroyed lumber yard in Delaware.

Foreign claims are handled under treaty arrangements.

More than one million dollars is expected to be paid to civilians for injuries and damages caused by crashes during 1955.



LOOKING AHEAD

By Dr. George S. Benson
DIRECTOR - NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Searcy, Arkansas

BIG STEP TOWARD SOUNDNESS

There has been a great deal of concern expressed among sober-thinking people as a result of the proposed upturn in Federal government expenditures as recommended in President Eisenhower's budget message. The concern is, I think, well founded; but there is a comforting factor in the budget message.

For the first time in 25 years we have the prospect of a balanced budget as a result of the liberating planning. This means, in Congress approves the budget as submitted, that our Federal government will be adopting a fiscal program of pay-as-you-go.

So far as the future of our country is concerned, and with it the long-range welfare of all of us, this long-delayed action outweighs the disturbing fact of a rising Federal governmental cost. As a general rule the citizens of America would not trouble themselves individually to take collective action toward cutting down governmental expenses so long as a good portion of the rise was being financed with borrowed money and with little pain to the taxpayer.

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extravagancies, and the taxpayer will be more directly affected — in his personal pocketbook — by the ups and downs of Federal spending.

A small-town banker friend of mine recently remarked about several little business bankruptcies in his bank's service territory. "Any business that keeps a good set of books," he said, "is not likely to go bankrupt." He meant that a businessman who was constantly aware of his true financial condition and the detailed operation of his business would seldom get into such a financial hole that his business would go bankrupt. This fact explains the reasons investors examine so closely the financial statement of a company before they buy stock in it.

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People who save a few dollars a month out of their earnings, by practicing thrift and denying themselves things they would like to have, do not wish to invest their savings in a business which has a big debt and yet, over the years, has continued to increase that debt — regardless of how big its sales and income may be. In the business world, there is a group of companies whose common stock has come to be known as "blue chipp" stock. Over a period of many years these companies have had efficient management, have shown sound progress, have paid back their borrowings in a reasonable time, and have seldom if ever missed a dividend.

Stock in these companies is designated "blue chip" because it is valued highest in the investment world. In contrast, the stocks of companies whose financial statements reflect a chronic inability to hue to the strict demands of sound fiscal policy, do not attract buyers; and unless they change their ways they usually fail.

THE NATION'S STAKE

Nations too can fail, can go bankrupt — as history shows. And one of the surest ways to national bankruptcy is the decay of monetary responsibility in the government of a nation. With scarcely a notable exception, the national debt has been rising each year for the last 25. Taxpayers now are paying out approximately \$7-billion a year in interest alone on this huge debt — and this is about as much as all the taxpayers in America — corporation and individuals — were paying for all Federal governmental services just 20 years ago, in 1935.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Democrat of Virginia and widely acknowledged authority on public finance, and Senator Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, have jointly introduced a resolution in Congress providing for a constitutional amendment which would prohibit an unbalanced federal budget — except in times of war or other national emergency. If approved by Congress and the states, the amendment would require Congress to stay in session each year until it had produced a balanced budget by reduction in expenditures, increased revenue, or both. This legislative step commands the serious attention of any

citizen interested in his personal welfare and the future of his nation.

Texas Farm Activity Is Stalled By Storms

AUSTIN —UP— Farm activity over Texas has remained at a virtual standstill for two consecutive weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Wednesday.

In a weekly crop and weather bulletin covering the period ending Monday night, the USDA said high plains farmers dug out from the previous week's record and near-record snowfall. Additional light snow in the northwest and light to heavy rain in the blacklands improved the moisture situation.

Crop prospects in the plains country, particularly south of the Canadian River, have been "greatly improved," the USDA said.

North of the Canadian River, where snow tapered off and drifted heavily, additional moisture is urgently needed.

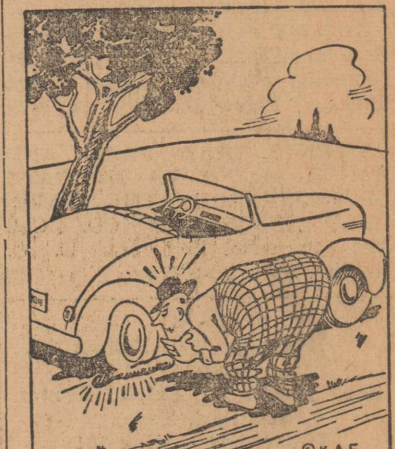
Moisture also was needed in the low rolling plains where two to four inches of snow was helpful,

but not enough to assure a good crop.

Eastward of a line running about through Austin and Fort Worth and southeastward to the coast, rains put "enough season in the ground to get spring row crops off to a good early start," the report said.

South of San Antonio, only "very light mist" was received.

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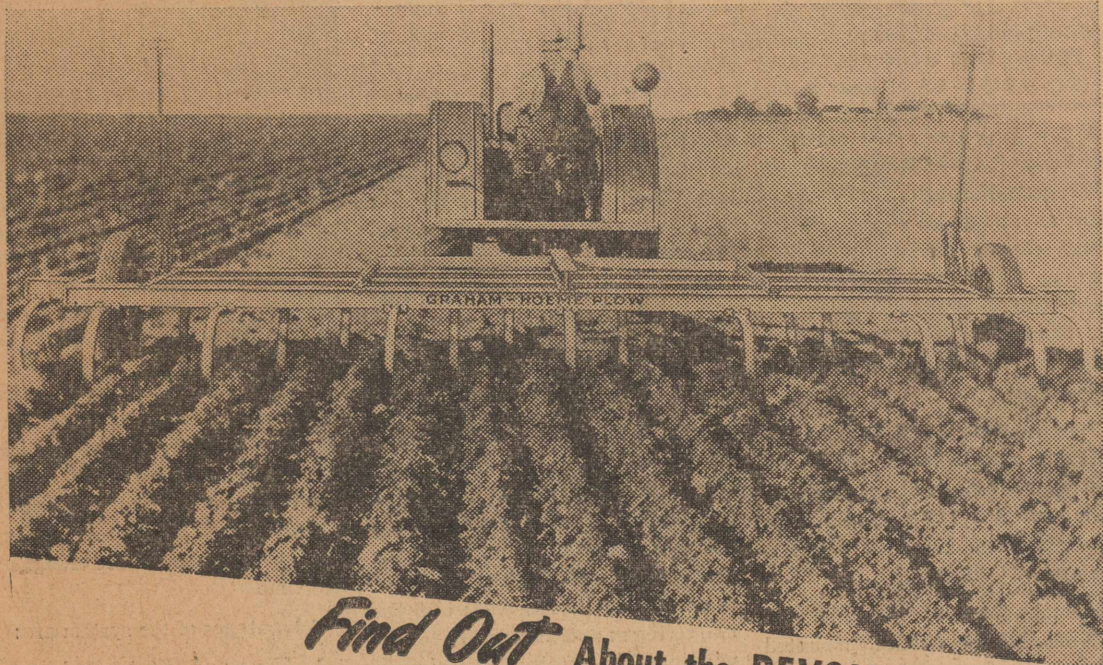
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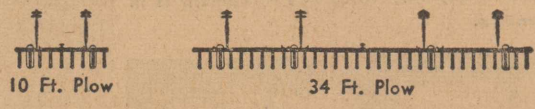
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