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District Cage Meet Opens Play Tuesday

Stratford boys and girls basketball teams will play in the district tournament to be played in Texline Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. A round-robin schedule of games will be played and in all probability local teams will play all three days. Seeding teams in the conference games will be completed this week.

Boys winning the district title will meet Higgins in the bi-district game. This game will in all probability be played at Perkyton on Tuesday, February 26.

Girls winning the district title will play Spearman on a court to be determined later. Should Stratford girls win the title, a flip of a coin will probably be used to decide whether the game will be played in Stratford or Spearman. This game has tentatively been set for Tuesday March 5.

Regional Breeders Take Honors At Cattle Sale

Cattle breeders of this section, took many of the honors at the breeders show and sale held in Guymon Friday. J. E. Summerour showed the grand champion bull. The reserve champion was shown by Pronger Bros. Both champions sold for \$400.00 Friday afternoon.

Glendon Etling of Gruver was awarded first place for his registered summer bull calf. Oris Williams of Boise City took second place.

Newton James of Kerrick took second place with a junior bull calf, and Andy A. James of Kerrick showed the third ranking animal.

In the senior bull calf class, P. J. Pronger placed first, and J. E. Summerour showed the second place calf.

Newton James took top honors in the summer yearling bull class with J. R. Pendleton & Son taking second place.

In the junior yearling bull class J. E. Summerour showed the champion. Pronger Bros. ranked second. Panhandle A. & M. College ranked third. Pronger Bros. also ranked fourth, Andy A. James & Son fifth, and J. R. Pendleton & Son sixth.

J. E. Summerour showed the first and second place winners of summer heifer calves with Pronger Bros. ranking third.

Glove Making School Set For Friday

Friday, February 15, at 2:00 p. m. in the Home Demonstration Club room at Stratford is the time and place set for glove making. Anyone interested in making gloves, either leather or fabric are invited to attend. At this meeting work groups will be organized, time and place will be discussed for the following meetings. Glove patterns will be made, and orders will be taken for glove materials. Plans will also be made for displaying the completed gloves.

Redecorate Interior Of King Equipment

The interior of the King Equipment Co. is being repainted this week.

Texas P-TA To Observe Founder's Day

Some 42,000 birthday cakes, with 60 candles each, will be lighted in the United States by as many local units of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers this month in observance of the organization's founding, February 17, 1897.

The first meeting was held in Washington, D. C., by some 2,000 women under the leadership of Alice McLellan Birney of Georgia and Phoebe Apperson Hearst of California, mother of William Randolph Hearst. The organization now numbers more than ten million women and men.

Said Mrs. W. D. deGrassi of Amarillo, president of the Texas Congress, with a membership of over 560,000, "Birthdays are important events in the lives of organizations as well as of individuals. In that early day, our founders dared to insist that the future of our nation must depend upon the health and well-being of the children of all people. Founders Day in 1957 is now accepting responsibility for the future of our nation in its steady day-by-day effort to strengthen our homes, improve our schools, and safeguard our communities.

Space forbids enumerating the manifold achievements of the organization through the years. Following, however, are a few of the measures inaugurated and/or promoted by the Texas Congress:

Held first child welfare conference in Texas in 1910 (at which time the first sanitary drinking fountain was exhibited).

Was instrumental in having public drinking cup abolished.

Promoted educational campaign for birth registration and for prevention of infantile blindness.

Promoted sentiment for appointment of county health officers, public health nurses, county libraries.

Compulsory school attendance law, free textbooks, high school education for all children.

Scholastic age to include 6 year olds.

Adequate child labor law.

Proper construction of school buildings.

Raising standards of teachers, provision for better salaries, better retirement pay.

School lunch program.

Vocational education, adult and parent education.

Education for exceptional children.

State training school for girls.

Prevention of sale and distribution of indecent literature.

More stringent laws concerning sex offenders.

Jury service for women.

Improvement of laws regarding family desertion, marriage and divorce.

Improvement of driver's license law.

Effective secret ballot.

More adequate laws concerning sale of narcotics to children and youth, also sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Promotion of higher standards regarding motion pictures, radio and television.

Conducted workshops on mental health, citizenship, legislation, home and family life, safety and civil defense.

Drive safely — caution plus courtesy, plus common sense, equals safety.

Glenn Reed Hurt In Fall From Bridge

Glenn Reed was injured painfully Friday when he fell about 13 feet from the new bridge over the Coldwater near the Wiginton place east of Stratford. Mrs. Floyd Brannan had a flat tire and had stopped her car on the bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed and Cynthia stopped to give assistance.

Mr. Reed stepped backward to let someone pass in front of him. His foot struck the low railing, causing him to lose his balance and topple off backwards. Reed survived the fall without injury except for extreme soreness in bruised muscles.

Drive safely — many tombstones are carved by traffic chiselers.

Stratford Cleaners Loses Cash Left In Register

Persons gaining entrance to the Stratford Cleaners by forcing the rear door, took an amount estimated at \$90.00 from the cash register Thursday night of last week. Two cleaning establishments in Liberal, Kansas and one in Meade, Kansas were entered and robbed the same night.

Lt. Lloyd King Reporting To Ft. McClellan

Lloyd King left Monday for Fort McClellan, Alabama where he is to report February 18 for military duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the chemical corps.

Assembly Of God Church Revival Services Continue

A steady increase has been seen each night at the Assembly of God Church Revival. The services featuring gospel preaching and special singing by Evangelist and Mrs. Larry Godfrey of Plainview have been greatly beneficial, and enjoyed by the church and its visitors.

The public is invited to avail itself of this opportunity to attend the old-fashioned revival.

APPRECIATION

I wish to express my thanks for the many kindnesses to me and my family, and for all the personal calls, cards, letters, flowers, gifts and food while I was in the hospital and since my return home.

Mildred Ingham

Chamber Begins Morning Meetings

Revival Opens Sunday At Methodist Church



Dr. H. Clyde Smith, pastor of the San Jacinto Methodist Church in Amarillo, will open revival services at the First Methodist Church Sunday.

Rev. Charles R. Gates, pastor, announces a schedule of services which will be carried out from February 17 through February 24.

A men's breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a. m. week days except Saturday. Morning meditation services will be held at 10:00 a. m. Junior and Cherub choirs will cooperate in rendering special music and song services from 7:00 to 7:30 p. m. Adults will meet in prayer groups from 7:00 to 7:30 p. m. daily.

Consumers Co. Elects Board Of Directors

Herbert Folsom, Joe Billington, F. D. Brannan, John Steel, and J. W. Flores were elected as the Board of Directors of Consumers Co. Inc. of Stratford at the annual stockholders meeting held in the courthouse Monday afternoon.

Attendance prizes were presented to Horace Sneed, Elmer Hudson, Clyde Hudson, H. B. Norris, Mrs. George Roberts and B. A. Donelson. Sneed received a man's wrist watch. A wooden salad bowl set went to Elmer Hudson. Clyde Hudson received a set of steak knives. H. B. Norris received the electric knife sharpener. Mrs. George Roberts was presented a box of candy for traveling the farthest distance. B. A. Donelson was presented a pocket knife for being the oldest man present.

Duurd Lamb showed pictures of irrigation farming and methods of fertilizing.

Extend Feed Program For Basic Livestock

Lev O. Connor, local county supervisor, announces that Farmers Home Administration is accepting applications under the roughage feed program. Applications may be filed through February 15 for a supply of roughage feed to carry basic livestock through March 15.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce members met Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock in the Palace to map plans for the work of the organization during the year.

Regular meetings will be held at 7:00 a. m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. New officers of the organization are Tom Word, president; F. L. Yates, vice president; and George Jeffcoat, secretary-treasurer.

Main objectives of the organization this year will be improving the city through road improvements and the advertising of the city as a location favorable to the location of industry.

Membership dues for the year have been set at \$10.00. Membership will not be confined to retail merchants and professional people. It is the attitude of many people that the present day producers of grains and livestock are as much in business today as any one else and should be a part of an organization which devotes its time to the economic improvement of the territory.

6th Grade Cage Teams Play In Cactus Tourney

The sixth grade girls and boys of Stratford played in a basketball tournament at Cactus this week. The girls won over River Road School Monday by a score of 20 to 18, then lost in a game with Stinnett Tuesday, in which the score was 19 to 14, in favor of Stinnett.

The boys won over Stinnett Monday with a score of 40 to 20, and defeated Sunray Tuesday 36 to 23.

The boys are to play in the finals Saturday at 1:00 p. m.

Plan Series Of Agricultural Meetings

Plans are being completed for the first in a series of agricultural meetings to be held in Sherman County this spring. These meetings will be sponsored jointly by the Texas Extension Service and the Vocational Agriculture Department of the local high school.

Dr. Alex Pope, soil specialist, and Marvin Jensen, irrigation specialist, both of the Amarillo Experiment Station, have been contacted and will be in Sherman County the latter part of this month to conduct the first meeting. The exact date, time and place of this meeting will be announced next week.

The application of commercial fertilizer and the management of irrigation water, are problems of prime importance to irrigation farmers of the area.

All interested farmers are urged to attend the first meeting as well as others to be held this spring.

Tawaka 4-H Club Selects Patterns

Tawaka 4-H club members met Tuesday in the home of Kaye Webb. The meeting was called to order by the president, Norveta Bammes.

Those present were Sherry Oquin, Norveta Bammes, Nanfreda Bammes, Kaye Webb and Kay Caraway. A demonstration was conducted on the selection of patterns and material.

STORY NO. 9—in a series of articles on Duval County by Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, New York newspaper and magazine writers who visited Duval County and wrote the series exclusively for Texas readers.

Decline of Duval Dukedom Shows How Publicity Withers Dictators

By—FREDERICK HODGSON
SAN DIEGO, Tex.—What was it that finally pulled the props from under George Parr's political dictatorship? The people? The State? The Federal Government? The newspapers?

They all had a hand in it! There were also the Texas Rangers, and a lot of freedom-hungry Duval residents both "Anglo" and "Mexican." And there were some Texas newspapers and newspapermen who risked life or limb, or both.

Without them, former Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd's assault on the iron-clad county of Duval might have been a grand and valiant flop. He knew that when he started.

As it turned out, the newspapers were eager to print the facts about George B. Parr, if they just had some facts to print. When they had the facts, they pulled all the stops. That's when the machine began to come apart.

There was a spunky newspaper here and there that had been chipping away at the foundation all along, within the bounds of legality and discretion.

The Alice Daily Echo wasn't afraid of the Boss. And when the facts began to emerge the Echo's proof-reader, a little woman named Caro Brown, turned reporter and won herself a Pulitzer Prize. But not without having her own life and that of her teen-age daughter threatened.

There was also Santos de la Paz over in Corpus Christi. He ran a little bi-lingual weekly called La Verdad, the Truth, and that's just what he tried to print about George Parr. Before it was over he wound up holding a giant libel suit, besides going to jail for getting over-eager and printing things he couldn't prove about some of Parr's friends. The libel suit turned out to be a legal trick to force Parr to reveal what he knew in a court hearing. The suit was later dropped.

Just about all the newspapers in Texas were as eager to get the truth out of Duval County as those close to the scene, and weren't afraid to print it.

That kind of spotlight withers a dictatorship the way a hot wind withers an orchid. And that, combined with more than 400 separate court actions all over Texas, is the reason George Parr's empire isn't the same old empire it used to be.

Parr used to deliver 100-to-1 majorities at the polls. That's why Duval was his county. The district judge, the district attorney, the grand juries, the sheriff—everybody took their orders from the Boss. But not any more. There's a new slate of officeholders, men whom the Duke did not choose.

The hundreds of gun-toting "deputies" are gone. The Commissioners Court and the school boards no longer take orders from Parr. He doesn't sign the checks anymore, or keep the records. There's no more easy money, no handouts, no payoffs.

County officials don't charge their personal household expenses, medical bills or gasoline to the county any more. They don't carry their daughters on the payroll as teachers while they're away at college. They don't get their deer rifles at county expense, or charge their kids' cough medicine and castor oil to the school district. Things are different in Duval.

They're different for the Duke, too. His two banks, depositories of county and school funds, long

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ago were taken out of his hands, closed down by the state. His 55,000-acre ranch, bought with county funds, has gone back to the county, and another 4,000-acre hacienda was auctioned off by the authorities to satisfy tax claims against the Duke.

Donato Serna, the man Parr jailed and clubbed with a flashlight for taking a picture of Parr's "deputies" is now County Auditor, handling the purse strings, requiring a sworn statement from every county employee that he did the work for which he is paid. There are no more fictitious names on the checks. Every recipient of Duval County funds now has to be a flesh and blood reality with a name and a face.

When a boss loses his grip on the purse strings, he loses friends fast. Those who still stick by him, and they are few, remain at his side because they're in the same trouble he's in.

Not all of Parr's friends-in-distress stayed with him, however. County Judge Dan Tobin, long-time Parr supporter, who was newly indicted himself by Duval grand juries, pulled away from the Duke and in effect joined the forces opposing him. In the same way, Parr lost his control over the Commissioners Court. That, plus a half-dozen elections Parr couldn't control, lined up the county and school district offices against the once-mighty Duke who used to give orders to them all.

The biggest change, though, is in the names on the county and school district payrolls—the many non-elective employees who can either serve the county or rob it, depending on who's in charge. The Duval County government is no gravy train any more.

Duvalians long ago lost count of the more than 150 hangers-on, parasites and "cooperative" employees who have either resigned their jobs in panic or have been chopped off the payroll by Serna. His budget-trimming knife is razor-sharp. The Parr supporters who used to be carried on the books as "road consultant" and "hide inspector" at two or three hundred a month, some of them the wealthiest men in the county, have been relieved of their duties.

I pointed out in an earlier article that Duval's tax rate used to be the highest in the state. It began to come down when the parasites started resigning. Election costs have been reduced as much as 90 per cent, while the number of voters has just about doubled.

County services, meanwhile, have improved remarkably. Parr critics whose ranches were all but inaccessible because county machinery wouldn't grade their roads now are getting home in 30 minutes over country lanes that it used to take two hours to navigate.

The Benavides school kids got one of the biggest breaks of all. Four Parr men resigned from the board three years ago when school records were impounded, and the new board found the district about \$60,000 in the hole, in spite of a gigantic tax intake. Many improvements had been made and paid for on paper, but not in actuality. The new board figured they could make vast physical improvements and undertake major construction projects and still put the district back in the black without raising taxes. Like the county, the school districts have been audited and re-audited in the last

three years, after being without fiscal check-up for decades.

All this examining of records has had results. George Parr's sun is setting, and his shadow stretches long and thin over the rubble of his falling empire. Half a dozen grand juries, no longer hand-picked and controlled, have hung hundreds of indictments around the necks of the Duke and some 40 of his followers.

On January 29 a jury in New Braunfels found Parr guilty of stealing funds from the Benavides School District and sentenced him to five years in prison. The previous day he was declared bankrupt by a Federal court.

Three of his followers, convicted of conspiracy to steal from the county, have appealed their cases. The rest have used a dozen legal loopholes to postpone their trials, including the hiring of a Texas legislator as legal counsel. A legislator, under Texas law, can't be taken away from his lawmaking duties to try a case. When the 54th Legislature adjourned, the lawmakers dropped out of the Duval cases without having been in court.

Right up to the time he finished his term January 1, Shepperd kept men in Duval County at the request of District Attorney Sam Burris, to work with grand juries. Men like soft-spoken Willis Gresham, jovial Sam Ratliff, youngish Frank Pineda, and efficient Ralph Rash. Most important, he kept bulldogish Sydney Chandler there, an eternal thorn in the side of the Duke. Back in Austin a battery of barristers in the Attorney General's office worked around the clock many times to keep ahead of George Parr, who was nobody's fool.

All these men have become symbols in Duval County. Symbols of the new order, of the democratic process, of the Constitution, of the law of the land as opposed to the law of the pistol and the whip.

The presence of the Law in Duval has changed even the conduct of the county's decent citizens. The old fear has been lifted. Election day used to be the day everybody stayed indoors, while the Duke's faithful marched to the polls to vote as instructed by the pistoleros who patrolled the polling places. You didn't go near them if you wanted to avoid serious unpleasantness. It was long years ago that the last man was killed at the polls on election day, but maybe that's only because the machine's opposition got smart and quit showing up to vote.

But now everybody votes in Duval, and they vote the way they feel. The impounding of the ballots after each election to assure an honest count is standard operating procedure. People know that every ballot is now secret, and it makes a powerful difference in the way Duval voters mark the little square.

In any well-run dictatorship it's the natural leaders of a community that fall to the bottom and are kept there. But when the shake-up comes they rise back to the top. Before Shepperd had been in the county a month, citizens had formed the Duval County Clean Government League and started a campaign for reform. A hundred or so Duval women who said they were fed up with locking their doors at night and wondering if their husbands would come home alive, organized the United Mothers and Wives of Duval County.

In stories to follow, we'll take a closer look at the "new" Duval County, and at the proposed laws which will help prevent another "Dukedom" from springing up within the borders of the nation's largest state.

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cotney visited his mother, Mrs. T. Y. Cotney, in Martha, Oklahoma over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooley, Amarillo, spent last week end with Mrs. Hooley's mother, Mrs. Ruby Palmer.

Mrs. Delton Engle and little son, Mike, and her mother, Mrs. V. A. Plunk were business visitors in Amarillo Friday.

Leonard Plunk and J. R. Marshall were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. Lena B. Keenan, McClave, Colorado, spent last week end with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burgess.

Mrs. Charles Beaston and Chuckie returned to their home in Canyon Tuesday, after spending the past week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston attended the Hardware Convention in Amarillo the first of the week.

Mrs. Tim Flores had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cannon and daughters of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert had as guests Thursday of last week, Mrs. Albert's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jordan, of Hollis, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Glen Jordan of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sloan, Jr., and daughter of Shreveport, Louisiana, were week end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sloan. Sloan is employed as a geologist with the Carter Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins and daughter, Mrs. Lois Holmes, are spending this month with relatives in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stone, Amarillo, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Bess Stone.

Mrs. John Lavake returned Friday from Pampa, Texas where she has been staying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harlan Beauchamp, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woodall went to Amarillo Sunday morning for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Alvin Bachman returned to Lubbock Sunday night after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Virgie Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree, Minnie and Charley visited Joe Crabtree in Amistad, New Mexico Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Johnson of Dumas visited Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross, Sunday.

Virginia Plunk was in Amarillo Friday to have her glasses repaired and also spent the week end with her sister, Miss Martha Plunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garoutte had as dinner guests Saturday evening, their daughter, Mrs. Charles Beaston and little son, Chuckie, of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Asbury, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cearley and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Christian, all of Cactus.

Mrs. Richard Albert and Mrs. Ernest Palmer were visitors in Dumas Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boney of Gruver were guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Tim Flores.

Among the Sick

E. F. Spurlock was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Friday. He underwent surgery Tuesday morning at 9:30.

Mrs. Owen Hudson was released from Dumas Memorial Hospital Monday. She had been a medical patient in the hospital for a week.

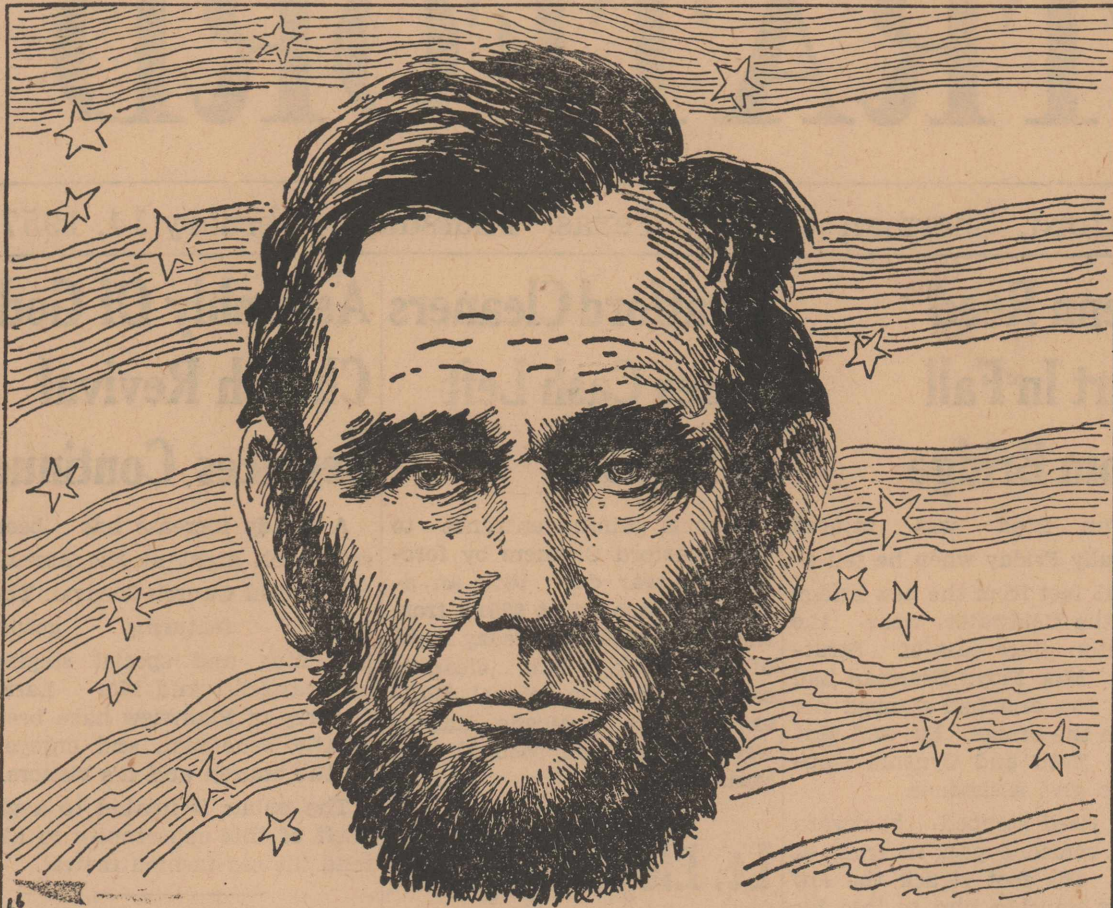
Mrs. J. W. Elliott was taken to Canyon Tuesday by her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Crabtree, for a medical examination.

W. P. Sandlin became ill Tuesday morning and was taken to Dumas Memorial Hospital in the Wilson ambulance. Mrs. Sandlin, who has been in Dumas with her husband, reports that at the time she left Dumas Wednesday afternoon, his doctor had not diagnosed his illness.

W. T. Guthrie, 86 year old father of Chester Guthrie is seriously ill in Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie and Leon Guthrie left Tuesday night to be at his bedside.

Mrs. W. E. Woodard, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, who has been very ill, has been moved to a Fort Worth, Texas Hospital, and placed under the care of a specialist, but has shown no

LINCOLN SPEAKS TO EISENHOWER



"WE CAN SUCCEED ONLY BY CONCERT...THE DOGMAS OF THE PAST ARE INADEQUATE TO THE STORMY PRESENT. THE OCCASION IS PILED HIGH WITH DIFFICULTY, AND WE MUST RISE WITH THE OCCASION"
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improvement. Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron and sons and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cameron went to Temple, Oklahoma last week to be with Ray Cameron, who underwent major surgery, and his family. Ray Cameron is a son of J. P. Cameron, and a brother of James.

Mrs. O. H. Ingham, who underwent surgery recently in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, was brought home Saturday, and is doing nicely.

Texas Gets Lambasted

(By Walter Rogers)

Texas has been taking a lambasting of large proportions for the last several months. It presently appears that there is more to come. Actually this all started with the closing of the Suez Canal, believe it or not. It was about that time that crude oil prices were slightly raised. This was the first raise in crude oil prices since 1953, although all other commodities had been raised several times. Nevertheless, a vicious attack was immediately made upon Texas. Columnists, cartoonists and commentators began to portray our great State as a scoundrel and a blackguard. Several European countries have taken up this same hue and cry and Texas continues to catch it from all quarters. To listen to some of the charges that are being made, one would think that the entire continent of Europe was freezing to death, and that Texas had cornered the entire fuel market and was refusing to make it available to the cold and hungry. In fact things have gotten so bad that in some quarters the "Texan" has replaced the bogey man for scaring children. One fellow told me that children on the streets here in Washington looked at him with such fear and trembling that he had replaced his Texas Stetson with an Ike Homberg.

Texas has been in the publicity spotlight for a long time. Any state with all of the good features with which Texas is blessed, is bound to be in the spotlight now and then. However, a lot of publicity has been of the unfavorable variety. Many people have been led to believe that Texas has more than its share of loudmouthed, ill-bred, impolite and discourteous blackguards, and that all of them have at least 10 oil wells, 5 Cadillac, 3 swimming pools and a police dog. The reason they think that Texas has more than its share of this type of individual is because they don't realize how big Texas is, and that there are only a few of these kinds of folks, relatively speaking, and relatively speaking doesn't mean kinfolks. As one good

er come out. It seems that people would much prefer to gossip about bad points than good points. The release of the picture "Giant" hasn't helped the situation. Although I haven't seen the picture (and as far as I know now I don't intend to) the reports coming to me indicate that its viewers are going away feeling that Texans are uncouth and given to a vulgar display of wealth. I have heard that the story upon which this picture was based, was written in a spirit of vindictiveness. It is my personal opinion that neither the book or the picture were designed to display Texas in the best light, but I can assure the author and the produc-

However, the good things nev-

ers that Texas is big enough to take them both with a grin. Getting back to the reason behind these unfair and vicious attacks on Texans, I would suggest that all of those who are so willing to criticize Texas should first gather together the true facts. Texas is not causing anyone to be cold or hungry, nor is she denying oil, that she has available for sale, to anyone. The truth is that Europe is short only 250 thousand barrels of fuel oil per day. At the present time, this country is importing almost 900 thousand barrels of oil per day. If about 30 per cent of the oil being imported into this country could be diverted to Europe, the situation would be alleviated. Such action would also help to solve

an economic problem that is becoming very serious to independent producers in this country. It might also be pointed out while we are speaking of criticism and truth, that there has been a rather unusual display of wealth by some visiting dignitaries to this country. Reported tips of \$20 thousand to a ship's crew, gold watches to waitresses in a Washington restaurant and the purchase of cashmere clothes (including cashmere bathrobes at \$185 per robe from a local Washington store) would indicate that there might be two sides to some of these problems. At least Texas isn't seeking Foreign Aid.

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The Second Commandment And You

(By Jean Spurlock)

The Second Commandment reads, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image — thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I — am a jealous God — showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." This is perhaps the easiest commandment to take for granted. This is because we never look past the words "graven image" in our minds although our eyes may go on further.

It would make us very mad if someone was to charge us with making a graven image, in fact

we would be thoroughly insulted. Often we do this very thing, maybe it is in wanting attention and thriving on it after we have received it, or it could be someone whom we really love. Putting things like these above God is a form of idolatry.

There is a fable about an old miser who buried all his gold in the field. Every night he went out to count it and gloat over it. As it happened one night, a dishonest servant saw him, and the next day stole the gold and left. This infuriated the old miser and he screamed in anger and despair. A neighbor saw him and came to see what his trouble was. When he found out, he was quiet perturbed. He told the old miser that he really had not lost anything as the gold was not doing him any good, and he still had the hole left.

He could still come back and look in the hole, and pretend the gold was there. People who seek only for gold will always be found looking at an empty hole. Money can corrupt a fine person. It can lose friends for a person; it even breaks up some families. Many have found out too late that money will not buy friends.

There is more meaning in the second half of the Second Commandment about which nothing has been said thus far. God defines Himself as "a jealous God." He also is a merciful God. The love we give to God has to be so deep as to be above all other human considerations.

There are different kinds of love. The greatest mortal affection is that between a parent and a child, while the greatest triumph of the spirit is the love that we are capable of rendering God.

It is easy to confuse the two kinds of love. For instance, a person may make their own needs as this man did. A small child was sick, and had had three major operations in twelve days. Her father belabored God with prayers for her recovery. Towards the end of the second day he realized there was conflict in his prayers. He was filled with fear and love for his daughter and had completely forgotten his love for God. He confessed his guilt, and asked to be given mercy because of his human limitations. God gave him this mercy, and now his daughter is the mother of two adult children.

Never let it be said that God fails us, for it is we who fail him. This was taken from the Guideposts.

Sophomore Class News

(By Jean Spurlock)
Yes, believe it or not the Sophomores do have some news. We had a class party,

Saturday night, February 2. It was what we called a "General Party." It was held in the Legion Hall and there were three ping-pong tables and five card tables in use. Also a place for dancing. Guests included the Sophomores' dates and the room mothers. Cold drinks and cookies were served as refreshments.

The Sophomore Class favorites are Sonja De Bord and Dwayne Plunk.

High School Favorites

(By Jean Spurlock)

Last week the High School students elected the over all high school favorites. They are as follows: Best personality, Mike Neal and Carolyn Folsom; Best-all-around, Mike Neal and Carolyn Folsom; Best figure and physique, Martha Stone and Mike Neal; Best dressed, Lynda Riffe and Mike Neal; Most athletic, Mary Janice Boren and Carroll Wisdom; Most likely to succeed, Jean Spurlock and Bob Donelson; Most beautiful and most handsome, Darla Taylor and Jimmy Huggins; and the biggest flirt are Ann Roberts and Paul Aduddell. Congratulations.

Band News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

Dr. Newman from West Texas State College held a band clinic here last Wednesday for the Stratford High School Band. The band and its director, Mr. Dick, appreciated his help and concern very much. The band has been talking, with great excitement about their coming trip to Snyder, Texas, and hope to secure sufficient funds to make the trip.

We elected our band beau, sweetheart, and their attendants as follows: Band beau, Carroll Wisdom; sweetheart, Sharon Gamble; attendants, Jimmy Huggins and Ann Oberwetter. Our congratulations to our chosen ones.

Senior News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The seniors that took the aptitude tests, sent to us from West Texas State College, will be gone February 28 to Canyon. The instructors there will counsel with us about them.

Basketball King And Queen Crowned

(By Carolyn Folsom)

Much excitement was felt around S. H. S. when the Boy's basketball team elected a basketball queen and attendants, and the girl's team elected the basketball king and attendants. The basketball king and queen are: Carroll Wisdom and Darla Taylor. The senior attendants are Mike Neal and Carolyn Folsom, Junior, Melvin Mitts and Mary Janice Boren; Sophomore, Cagle Kendrick and Linda Riffe; Freshmen, LaRuth Kendrick and Jerry Galloway. The crowning ceremony took place between the girl's and boy's games February 5. The ball teams, excepting the king, queen and attendants, made two columns for the royalty and attendants to stand between. The crown bearers, Bobby Taylor and Osa Kay Kendrick were followed by Johnny Seaman, student council president, who crowned King Carroll and Queen Darla.

Meditations Of A Principal

(By H. T. Galloway)

Lately articles have been read by this unworthy person written by both the disgruntled teacher and the person who gives reasons for teaching. Fortunately or maybe unfortunately I can't recall of any person asking me "WHY?" I am a teacher or saying to me "How can you stand it day after day?" Let me state in the outset if I wasn't completely satisfied with the job of teaching I surely would seek other work. My life, long ago was dedicated to this

type of work. Financial gain you say, "Not at all." My first thought is always of the clay with which I work. Same old thing day after day, not at all, each day brings new life into being, there is never a dull moment. Students do not remain the same, adults should be changing each day too.

Memories of all kinds? Yes plenty of them, but oh how satisfying it is to reminisce the events of the day, the week and the year that has helped some boy or girl to prepare to live a happier life and to be of more use to self and other people. My how pleasant the feeling when you are confident that the better student is helped to move on into distant realms and the student who has been trapped in a maze of conflicting can't, I don't care and dislikes are set free to build for the future. How pleasant is the feeling after the stone has been turned and the struggling plant beneath begins to straighten up and develop. The sincerely devoted and dedicated teacher will be aware of the daily growth and development of student or the lack of it.

Discouraging when a student will not respond? Yes indeed but not to the point of becoming indifferent to the need of the pupil. Personally I can't conceive of the teacher that would let anything stand in the way of uplifting humanity. Lets hope that all pedagogues when standing at the judgment bar can give an account of their work with students, and can truthfully say I exhausted all known factors at hand to help.

Do teachers want expressions of thanks? Not on your life. The sincere teacher always utters a silent prayer of thanks to his maker for help and counsel received and at the same time asks for guidance in things to come. Why should teachers be happy? Because each can be of service with a capital "S."

An inventory of the immediate past vividly brings to mind faces of students that have changed frustration and mistakes into towers, frowns into smiles, harts into love, warped personalities into well balanced lives. Rich you say? Maybe not money wise, but in treasures that do not deteriorate, yes sir.

Here are some things you can't buy, personality, love, consideration, integrity, spiritual mindedness, courtesy and many others. These must be molded into the individual by a slow process called education. Who is better qualified than the God fearing conscientious teacher. Baloney you say? Think on these things.

Homemaking News

(By Betty Bradley)

Food Tips Listed For The Teenager

Diet is important to teenagers. The food they eat can affect their looks, activities and grade. According to Mrs. R. A. Strother, Homemaking Teacher, "It's amazing, but every bite of food you eat becomes a part of you. Eating the wrong kinds of food, not eating enough, or eating too much contributes to poor complexion, slouchy posture, being under weight, or over weight, or even illness.

Girls and boys need good food to build strong active bodies for work and play. Poor diet can even cause poor grades due to brains unable to concentrate because of poor nourishment.

The right foods combine in a "magic formula" that makes you feel better, have the get-up-and-go you need for school, work and play.

This formula consists of protein for body building, vitamins for increasing food utilization, minerals for devolving bones, teeth, and body, carbohydrates and fats for fuel and energy.

Milk, eggs, meats, poultry, fish supply protein and minerals and vitamins. Vegetables, cereals and fruits also supply vitamins and proteins. Milk and cheese, green leafy vegetables and legumes supply minerals. You get carbohydrates from cereals, fruits, and vegetables and fats from butter, margarine, meat fat, bacon, oils and cream.

Good food is needed for clear skin, normal weight and energy. Good looks, pep and popularity often begin at the table.

Cafeteria Menu

(By Betty Bradley)

Monday — Creamed tuna, mashed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, rolls, butter, apple, P.A. cobbler, milk.
Tuesday — Irish stew, baked red beans, carrot raisin salad, rolls, butter, banana pudding,

milk.
Wednesday — Pinto beans, pork, corn, Mexec greens, cabbage apple, marshmallow, salad, corn bread, butter, chocolate cake, milk.
Thursday — Pork roast, mashed potatoes, B.E. peas, lemon jello salad, carrot P.A.

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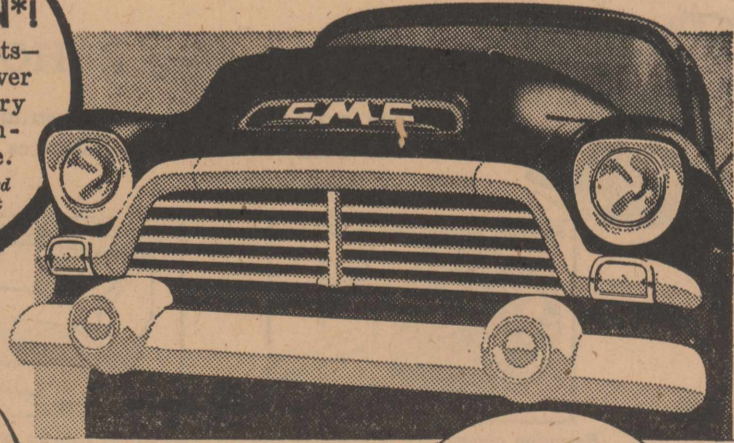
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Development of the caged layer business is creating a demand and developing a related phase of the chicken business that is extending the poultry industry of this area.

Two Hereford men are engaged in raising replacement layers and providing local caged layer poultrymen with an available supply. D. W. Maddox and Sylvester Slagle have found great promise in this angle of

making this area self-sufficient in egg production.

Presently, Maddox has birds ranging in age from chicks to hens. He sells about 250 cage layers per week. Slagle's installation can care for 1200 birds.

The basis of Maddox's caged layer raising is three electric battery brooders with a capacity for 3600 chicks. In addition, he has six brooding rooms and one caged layer house. The bright

future of raising replacement caged layers has caused Maddox to plan an expansion program which will double his present establishment. This program calls for five more brooding houses and additional caged layer space.

Slagle and Maddox started their replacement layer business about a year ago. Slagle's initial installation was one 1200 capacity electric battery brooder. His facilities permit him to market 1200 layers every 14 weeks. Both replacement growers feel that electric power is necessary for profitable brooding.

Maddox cages all layers before they sell and keeps a complete record on the egg production of each hen. These records aid poultrymen in their selection of replacement layers.

Both men agree that there is great promise for raising replacement layers, and that an establishment such as theirs can meet a demand and add much to the local poultry industry.

Stratford High School's New Look

(By Darla Galloway)

Our custodians have been getting plenty of exercise these past few days. They have been trimming all the trees around the school. Their objective is to make all of them about the same size. They have completed those around the high school and are now starting on those around the grade school.

The highway repair men have filled all the cracks in the pavement in front of the school.

In a few more days the work will be completed. Drive by and see how much better it looks. Then when the trees began to grow, and turn green this spring, everyone can see how beautiful it made our school campus.

Boys Sports

(By Darla Galloway)

February 8, we were host to the Morse teams. The game was close all the way through. The scores by quarters were 7-4; 19-11; 40-22; and the final score was 56-34. Mike Neal was high point man with 22 points. Carroll Wisdom followed with 15 points.

Friday, February 8, we went to Hartley. The game wasn't very close and we had a victory. The scores by quarters were 19-13; 35-20; 56-30; and the final score was 79-40. Mike Neal was high point man with 20 points, Wayne Cummings followed with 15 points.

Girls Sports

(By Darla Galloway)

We only played one game last week. The game will be written up in the next issue of the paper. The player of the week is Ruthie Kendrick.

Mystery Boy

(By Alma Casey)

The mystery boy last week was Bobby Burkham. This weeks mystery boy's favorite food, steak; favorite drink, milk; favorite subject, shop; favorite teacher, Bateman; favorite actor, James Dean; favorite actress, Kim Novak; favorite sport, football; color eyes, green, color hair, brown; grade, junior; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, 156 pounds. Hobby, hunting, ambition, go to college.

Mystery Girl

(By Alma Casey)

Last weeks mystery girl was Glenda Green. This weeks mystery girl's favorite food, steak; favorite drink, coke; favorite sport, baseball; favorite teacher, Mr. Bateman; favorite actor, James Dean, favorite actress, Kim Novak, favorite subject, none. Color eyes, hazel; hair, brown; height 5 feet 3 inches; weight 130 pounds, grade, junior; hobby, basketball; ambition, to get out of school.

Third Grade News

(By Darla Galloway)

We wish to thank the P.T.A. for the ten lovely new books. "A Race for Bill" seems to have become the class favorite. Birthdays during January and February include: Danny Brannan, January 4, Jere Ford, January 26, and Meddie Nulph, February 24.

In order to give the children a background of information about wild animals and to furnish interesting material for their sentences and stories, a movie entitled, "Zoo Animals of Storyland," was shown on Thursday. It was greatly enjoyed by the children and will be shown again in the near future. Miss Ensign.

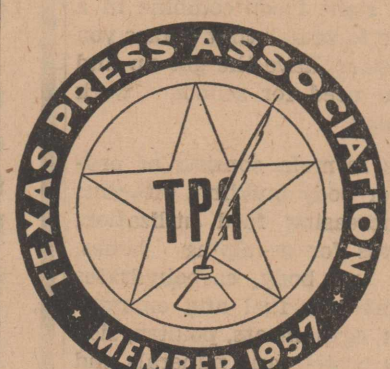
Eighth Grade News

(By Darla Galloway)

We have elected new class officers for the second semester. They are: president, Nanfreda Bammes; secretary, Jerry Adams; reporter, Madelen Reesing; historian, Kaye Webb.

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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 2nd (second) day of April A. D. 1957, same being the first Tuesday of said month for the purpose of electing three city councilmen for a term of two (2) years each.

And that said election shall be held in the Sherman County court house in the city of Stratford and Dan Foreman is hereby appointed manager thereof.

A copy of this order and notice of election shall be posted at the city hall and at the court house where this election will be held, thirty days before the date of said election.

Order and notice of election signed and executed this 7th day of February, A. D. 1957.
E. H. HUDSON, Mayor

W. P. FOREMAN
City Clerk.

(Pub. Feb. 14 and 28)

Methodist Church

(Charles R. Gates, Pastor)

Sunday School 9:45 — 10:45 a. m.

Preaching Service 10:55 — 12:00 a. m.

Sunday night preaching service 6:00 p. m.

Junior Additional Session 6:30 p. m.

Intermediate Fellowship 6:30 p. m.

M. Y. F. Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Guild: First Monday night, each month.

Methodist Men, 4th Wednesday night each month. Circles: Mary Ethel, Florence Mullins, Flora Foreman, each Wednesday.

Official Board Meeting, 4th Tuesday night of each month. Choir practice:

Junior choir 3:45 p. m. Wednesday.

Adult choir 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

Cherub choir 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

Assembly Of God Church

(Bob Goodwin, Pastor, Phone 4351)

Sunday Services: Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Young People 6:00 p. m. Children's Church 6:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday night 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to all services.

About one and one-quarter million board feet of lumber — enough to build 125 average-size new homes, was used to construct stands and other temporary structures near the White House and U. S. Capitol for the Presidential Inauguration, January 21. Much of the cost of the construction will be recovered by resale of the lumber involved.

ACROSS the DESK

ideas from other editors

From The Independent Record, Wildwood, New Jersey: According to a recent news item from Bridgeton, N. J.: "Four prisoners escaped . . . from what had been considered a maximum security cell in the Cumberland County jail . . . They had sawed a hole 13 by 6 1/2 inches . . . in a quarter-inch steel ceiling . . . disrobed, and covered their bodies with hair pomade. After wriggling through the opening, they crept between ceiling and roof to a ventilator, broke it open and lowered themselves forty feet to the ground with blankets." Two of the men were quickly caught and the other two were being hunted.

To what extremities people will go in an effort to gain even a short period of physical freedom! And yet these prisoners, even when they finally got out of jail, were not free. The forces of the law were after them and only by alternately fleeing and hiding could they hope, for a while, to escape capture. True freedom, "the glorious liberty of the children of God," comes from obedience to law—God's law. There is no freedom in violating it. If we valued our genuine freedom as highly as these four prisoners did their false freedom, wouldn't most of us be much more concerned than we apparently are

about gaining and retaining it?

From The Independent, Fuquay Springs, North Carolina: Adlai E. Stevenson's firm withdrawal from the field of aspirants to the presidency will set a lot of political wheels turning, or at least speed them up. The defeated candidate's statement also prompts two thoughts about matters which lie essentially outside of partisan politics.

Not that passions aroused by the campaign have subsided, many of those who were most vigorously opposed to Stevenson concede that he is a man of rare ability. His studies and travels during the past four years have added to his understanding of international affairs; that would be true of any intelligent man who had such an opportunity. And the crucible of preparation for high office has surely given him unusual insight into the nation's problems.

Such a man should not be allowed to sink into obscurity, even though the realities of politics have reduced his personal strength within his party. Counsel from men of high caliber and strong social conscience is always valuable to the nation, and it should not be forgotten that Stevenson is this kind of man.

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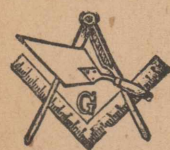
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Lt. Boren Graduates From Artillery School

FORT SILL — Second Lt. Charles M. Borne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Boren of Ferrick, recently was graduated from the field artillery officers basic course at the Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Boren entered the Army in October 1956.

He was graduated from West Texas State College in 1956 and is a member of Tau Tau Tau fraternity.

Happy Hour Club Meets With Mrs. Riggs

The Happy Hour Club met Thursday of last week in the

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home of Mrs. Everett Riggs. Miss Leona Miller gave the lesson on "Clothes to grow in." She told of ways to remodel clothes that couldn't be worn so that they would be wearable.

Delicious refreshments of coffee and cake were served to the following guests and members, Mrs. H. D. Crammer, Mrs. Henry McDonald and Teresa, Mrs. Marion Brannan, Mrs. C. W. Wells, Mrs. Kenneth Pickens, Mrs. C. W. Moon, Mrs. Harold Baker, Mrs. Bernard Dovel, Mrs. Joe Billington, Mrs. Bill Lowe, Mrs. Hugh Stewart and Sparky.

The next meeting will be February 21 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pickens.

Mrs. Wakefield Hostess To Group Three

Group 3 of the Christian Women's Fellowship met Wednesday, February 6, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. T. L. Wakefield. Mrs. Arthur Folsom, leader, called the meeting to order. The C.W.F. prayer was repeated in unison. Roll call was answered by seven members, with six books read and five daily devotionals reported. Mrs. Bob Stublefield gave the devotional, the lesson study was "Paul, His Life and Teaching." Members present were Mrs. Arthur Folsom, Mrs. A. L. Sutton, Mrs. Clyde Hill, Mrs. Elmer Hudson, Mrs. L. H. Parker, Mrs. Bob Stublefield and the hostess, Mrs. Wakefield. The March 6th meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Hill.

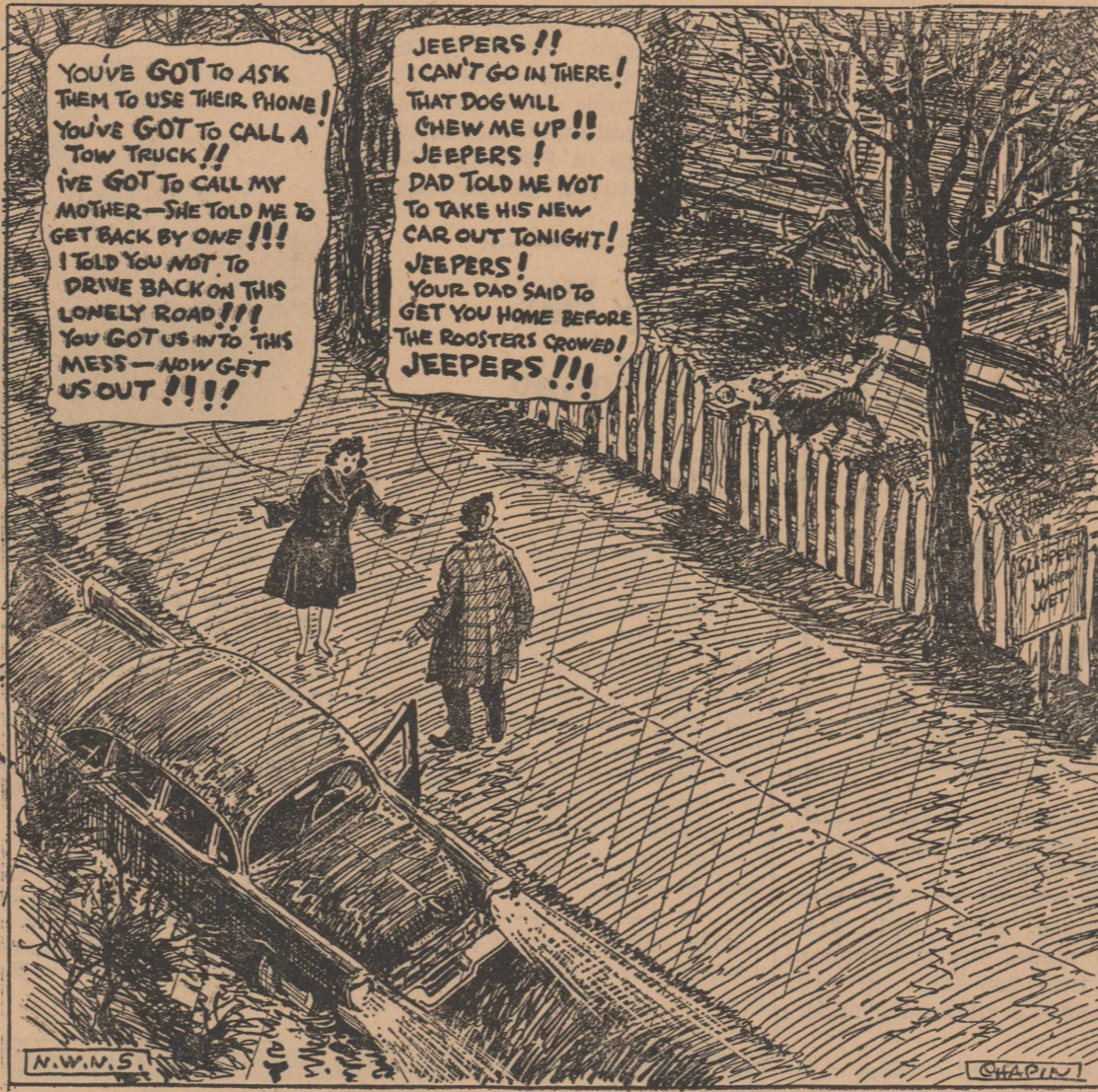
Mrs. Ross Is Birthday Party Honoree

Mrs. Richard Albert and Mrs. Homer Blake entertained a group of friends Monday afternoon at a surprise birthday party in the home of Mrs. H. M. Brown.

The party was in honor of Mrs. Brown Ross who received several lovely and useful gifts. Delicious refreshments of cake, baked by Mrs. Blake, and coffee were served.

Sir Francis Drake was the first Englishman to travel around the world.

THE DARKEST NIGHT IN HISTORY



John A. Benes Is Dead At 86

Was Eduard's Brother

John Anton Benes, brother of the late Eduard Benes, former president of Czecho-Slovakia, died February 3 at the Sage nursing home, N. 15th and W. Hadley Streets, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after a long period of failing health. He was 86.

Mr. Benes had moved to the nursing home from a flat at 2754-A N. 12th St., last August because of his health. His 81 year old wife, Mary, stayed in the flat to be near him. The cause of death apparently was a heart attack.

Mr. Benes was a quiet, little retired cabinetmaker who would have preferred to live out his life in obscurity, but the courage of history decreed otherwise.

He was born in Czecho-Slovakia, second in a family of 10 children, and came to America in 1889. Eduard was 5 when John left home.

Helped Educate Brother

In a modest way, Mr. Benes prospered in this country and for many years sent home as much money as he could to help educate his young brother. Thus, Mr. Benes had a hand in shaping the career of the boy who was to grow up to international fame and reputation as a patriot and leader who had a large part in the achievement of independence for Czecho-Slovakia, and later fought to protect that independence which first was smashed under the heel of Nazi Germany, and later suffered under the domination of Communist Russia.

Mr. Benes did not see the other members of his family for many years until 1925 when he made the first of several visits to his native land. What he saw on the last two visits, in particular, saddened him.

It's Not Home Any More

When he crossed the ocean in 1938 he intended to visit Czecho-Slovakia for several years, but the following January he wrote to members of his family here: "It is not home over here any more."

While Mr. Benes was there, the country was seized by Hitler. The family did not hear from Mr. Benes for a time. After a long struggle with German authorities to whom his American citizenship apparently meant little, he returned home in May, 1939.

He next visited his native land after World War II, and again sat at the bedside of a dying nation. He was there at the time of the death of Jan Masaryk, foreign minister who allegedly died in a plunge from a window. Eduard Benes resigned the presidency, and the last barrier to Communist domination was removed.

Was Silent On Visit

Returning to the United States in June, 1948, Mr. Benes refused to talk about most of

the things he had seen. "Eduard told me," he said in a halting voice, "when I went back to be quiet about everything."

Even when his brother died in September that year, Mr. Benes' lips remained sealed.

"Father still refused to talk about things in recent years, and we don't want to say anything now," his daughter, Mrs. Irma Meier, said.

She said that her father apparently believed Eduard had died of a broken heart.

Other Brothers Famous, Too

Mr. Benes had two other brothers who achieved fame. They were Albert, a member of the Czecho-Slovakia national senate for many years, and Vojta, a former Czech minister of education.

Mr. Benes outlived all his brothers and sisters. Vojta escaped from Czecho-Slovakia and died in 1953 in Mishawaka, Indiana. He was buried in Chicago.

Eduard's widow is still living in Czecho-Slovakia. Mrs. Meier said she received a letter from another relative in that country recently saying that Mrs. Eduard Benes had sent a letter and pictures to Mrs. Meier several months ago. The letter has not arrived.

Services were at 1:30 p. m. February 6 at the Albert A. Skubal & Sons funeral home, 2468 W. Center St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cremation was at Valhalla cemetery.

Mrs. Jack Pugh is a relative of Mrs. Meier. The Pughs have entertained members of the Benes family in their home. "It's hard for the people who live in Texas where a man says what he thinks, and maybe backs it up a little, to understand the reasoning of these people of Czecho-Slovakia," says Mr. Pugh.

Self-Help Cuts Tax Cost

No longer can an able-bodied wage earner walk up to the desk at Internal Revenue and order, "Fill 'er out."

Even greater emphasis is being placed on Revenue's "Self-Help Program" this year, James Z. Pearce explains.

This marks the third filing period that taxpayers are being asked to be self-reliant whenever possible. Under this successfully tested set-up most taxpayers are filling out their own returns, unless they are incapable of doing their own with the assistance provided by the self-help IRS methods.

Revenue, nationally, through the "self-help program," cut the total tax-payer assistance cost by almost \$3,000,000 in 1956.

"In an effort to keep as many of our collection officers and auditors on their regular jobs, emphasis again this year is placed on group instruction and

self-help techniques rather than on individual assistance," Pearce explains.

E. E. Coons Is Honored With Surprise Party

County Attorney E. E. Coons was honored with a surprise birthday party in the county clerk's office Friday. Called to the office to give assistance, Coons was greeted with a "Happy birthday" song.

Those present besides Mr. Coons were Mrs. Bob Garoutte, Ernest Goule, Mrs. Mary Sears, Mrs. Frank Sutton, Miss Minnie Laura Jackson, Miss Pauline Jones, Owen Palmer, Ross Turner, Mrs. Bess Stone, Miss Ealon Davis, Mrs. James Crawford, Mrs. Lester Plunk and Vernon Bullard.

YOUR brain budget

1. Vers libre translates (a) from books; (b) for liberty; (c) free verse.
2. Viridescent means (a) unglowing; (b) greenish; (c) highly reproductive.
3. A visitor to a ranarium would be interested in (a) birds; (b) frogs; (c) snakes.

ANSWERS
1. (a) B, (b) L, (c) V
2. (a) U, (b) G, (c) R
3. (a) B, (b) F, (c) S

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City To Elect Three Concilmen On April 2nd

The annual city elections will be held at the Sherman County court house in Stratford on April 2. Three councilmen are to be elected for a term of two years. The office of mayor and two councilmen held over another year.

Any qualified citizen may have his name printed on the official ballot by filing an application with the mayor or city clerk at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.

Regular state election laws apply to city elections.

Terms of Jim Taylor, Harold Roberts and Charles Wisdom are expiring.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Secretary Benson's recent application of the principle of flexibility to most all feed grains with the exception of corn will, in fact, accomplish only one thing; namely, reduce the net income of producers of those products still further. In theory Mr. Benson believes the way to control overproduction is to flex prices downward in times of over production, and to increase the price support when commodities are in short supply. Each farmer has so much land to make a living on; to flex his prices downward at a time when his production costs have been going up for five or six years in a row leaves the farmer only one alternative. He must then make every effort to increase his units of production in order to stay in business, and that is exactly what the farmer is doing. Actually this so-called production control serves only to increase production and further aggravate our surplus problem.

Some have wondered why Mr. Benson did not mention wheat in his recent edict on price supports. The 1957 winter wheat crop was sowed in September and October of 1956, and the Secretary is required to set the support price prior to seeding. He was, therefore, required to

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Yes sir—I've always admired your father's mustache . . . your mother's too, for that matter."

set the support price on wheat last July. You will recall this was prior to election time, and consequently, Mr. Benson felt constrained to continue the price support of wheat at \$2.00 per bushel for 1957. Wheat growers were fortunate that their support price had to be set before the November 1956 election. Wheat certainly does not follow price. For example, the price of wheat would have to be reduced .79 cents per bushel for the housewife to realize one penny saving on a one pound loaf of bread. Such a reduction in wheat prices would break every wheat farmer in the country.

Flexing the support price on grain sorghums downward will, of course, reduce the income of every sorghum producer in Texas. This will take most of the profit out of growing irrigated sorghums in the Panhandle of Texas. In many instances it costs just about \$1.50 per hundred to produce irrigated grain sorghums. It is estimated that Mr. Benson's recent downward adjustment in grain sorghum will mean a price support to the farmer in this area

of between \$1.55 and \$1.60, which makes the operation of every irrigation farm in the Panhandle a hazardous undertaking.

It will be hard indeed for most farmers understand how Mr. Benson's plan is to accomplish his oft repeated vow of improving the economic conditions of the farmer when his most recent action will result in cutting the farmers income by another \$200,000,000. The explanation will probably be as in the past, "In the long run this price cut will be advantageous to the farmer." Such a statement makes little sense to farmers when most of them are buying their groceries and doing their farming on borrowed money.

Sincerely yours,

K. Kendrick

Broiler Prices May Be Up Slightly In 1957

Texas broiler producers may be in for slightly higher prices than they received during the last quarter of 1956, say Poultry Marketing Specialists F. Z. Beanblossom and Kermit Schlamb. But they warn that prices will be directly affected by several market conditions.

An expanding market can probably absorb any moderate supply increases, they point out, but add that 1957 red meat supplies are likely to be down slightly. Also, improved leadership in the broiler industry is attempting to bring supply and demand into balance during this year, conclude the specialists.

The nation's 1956 live broiler prices dropped 5.8 cents a pound below the 1955 average following a 17.34 percent increase of chicks placed on farms, according to Beanblossom. Rate of placement increase in Texas topped the nation during the first three-quarters of 1956, but fell off more rapidly during the last quarter. Over 8 percent of all broiler chicks placed in the U. S. during 1956 were placed in Texas.

Schlamb says national efforts to curtail the number of eggs set for broilers by voluntary reduction were successful during the first week of December. Effects of the short-term reduction on broiler prices to producers, however, remain to be seen, says the specialists.

Broilers produced 69 percent of the nation's total chicken supply in 1956, a 27 percent increase over 1950 figures according to USDA Outlook material. Cold storage broiler holdings are up from 1955 levels and Outlook figures also state that a lower percent of broilers were sold in frozen form during 1956 than any other class of poultry.

Vaughn, Cactus, Texas, is a member of the 11th Airborne Medical Battalion's Clearing Company bowling team in Germany.

A clerk in the company, Specialist Vaughn entered the Army in October 1954. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, California, and arrived in Europe in February 1956. Vaughn attended the University of Texas.

County Has High Voting Qualification

Sherman County with 802 paid poll taxes and 15 exemptions, has perhaps one of the highest percentage of qualified voters of any county in the state. There were only 907 poll taxes paid in the county during 1956 when a presidential race lured out voters. From available reports many counties in the state will have only about two-thirds of their people qualified to vote in elections to be held this year.

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SPORTS CORNER



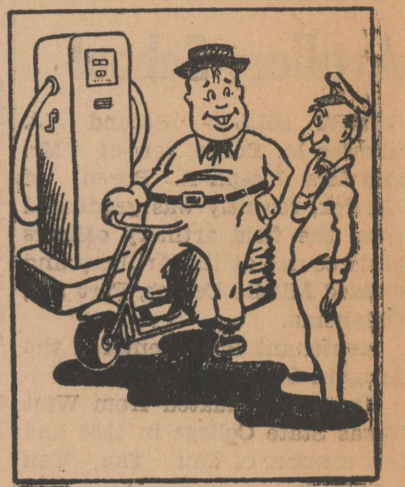
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This an' That

The Boston Celtics make a barnstorming tour of the Pacific Coast after the end of the National Basketball Association season . . . Training camps are like country clubs and today's stars spend too much time on the banquet circuits, old-timer Frankie Frisch was recently quoted. Frisch was sparklingly quoted. The St. Louis Cardinal "Gas House Gang" . . . Cecil Garrison, basketball coach at Arkansas State Teachers College was about to take his team to a tournament in Memphis when a court showed that four of his ten first-line players were not available for duty. One had joined the armed services, another was an expectant father, and family problems occupied two more. Garrison dug into his reserves and filled out a 10-man squad for the trip . . . Two officials of the Iowa-Ste-Missouri game left the floor at Ames, Iowa under police escort after Missouri won in an overtime basketball game . . . And maybe television had something to do with it, but a fellow charged with masquerading as Lou "The Toe" Groza to pass checks was arrested in Florida recently . . . Parry O'Brien threw the shot 60 feet or better 53 times during 1956. Best heave for the world record holding shot putter was 63 feet, two inches.

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