

# THE BAIRD STAR

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Gilt-up-and-Gilt That Makes Men Great."  
Callahan County Star, Established November 15, 1879

CALLAHAN COUNTY: fine ranches, diversified farming, and one of Texas most active oil producing areas, population 9,087, elevation 1,800 feet, annual rainfall 25 inches.

VOLUME 73—NUMBER 14

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1957

SUPPORT YOUR HOME TOWN

## SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

March came in like the proverbial lamb but there was plenty of the lion in the old boy as we soon found out. April is always depicted as a lady with all the wiles and temperament usually accorded this sex. In West Texas she is very likely to run true to form.

But come what may in the way of weather, right now we have some perfectly exquisite yards here in the home town. The Virgil Jones' have a wisteria vine that is a bower of beauty in every sense of the phrase. Mrs. Brown has a gorgeous wisteria in her yard, too.

Lilacs are in bloom now and what a wealth of beauty just that word conjures up. Never were they prettier than they are in the Stubblefield yard. The M. C. McGowens have a beautiful bush, heavy with pale lavender blooms and the ones at Edith Bowlus' home are exceptionally pretty, too.

Florence Sheinutt has a beautiful tulip garden with every shade and color in gay array against the north fence.

Anna Jackson's yard is at its springtime best with golden yellow daffodils that must be as near perfection as its possible to grow them.

The Earl Halls have beautiful pansies and an oddity in the way of trees -- a flowering orange that's very pretty.

This week was show week here in Baird and the youngsters were excited and pleased when the star attraction, a huge but venerable elephant visited the school. Jimmy Alexander climbed aboard like the Maharaja of India and had himself a dandy ride. The big beast laid down, sat up, and let the children pet him. Educators would call it a "rich experience" -- the kids called it fun.

Have you noticed the "Litter Bug" posters dotting the store windows down town? They are result of a recent contest in the primary grades sponsored by the Delphin Club and aimed to make the public (at's you'n me) more conscious of the need to keep our town free of trash and other unsightly "litter." Each of the grades participating received one dollar prize money. The children will use this for room treats, special play equipment, or in any way they see fit.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ross of Marshall were visitors in the Hubert Ross home this week and with son Dwight and family here from Canada the Ross' had quite a reunion of the clan.

Brenda Webster, Jim and Carol's baby daughter, visited her grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Webster this week. Of course, a visit from Brenda is always a special treat.

We saw Lucille Tankersley in town and all smiles about her grandchildren, Ann Gray and Bill Nutt.

And guess who we saw here from Putnam? Cathy Ricks, and growing to be a lovely young lady, and she'll always be a very little girl to us.

And somewhere along now we want to remind you of the Junior Wednesday Club's coming event, the Easter Parade. Be sure you enter your youngster now, and remember that the invitation includes out-of-town children too.

Last week's Home Talent Jamboree was a splendid success -- as an entertainment and as a financial boost to the Senior class. Winners in the three divisions were Linnea LaCour, John Wingo, Vicky Finley, Carol Lynn McGowen, Jenice Hatchett, and Paula Kay Corn in Elementary school; Tommy Stevenson, High School Choral Club, and girl's quartet from High School; Mrs. Vida Hill, Mrs. Viva Peck and Trio, (Jon Hardwick, Darrell Young and Tommy Ivey) in the adult division. There were some twenty five entries and judging wasn't easy, in fact you could say that every single entry was a star performance all by itself.

Next big day on your calendar of coming events is April 15th -- that's the next meeting of the M.F.T. -- Baird's teacher and parent club. President Inez Windham and her staff have a most unusual auction planned for you in which you'll bid, not for gifts, but for service. Do you need a lawn mowed? Dishes washed? Cake baked? Floors waxed? Come out April 15th and see what you can obtain for the right bid when the M.F.T. Auction

(Continued on Page Six)

## 20-B League Meets Begin; Moran First In Volleyball Play

The Interscholastic League high school volleyball events for District 20-B were held Tuesday in the Moran high school gymnasium. This was the first of the League events for Dist. 20-B, which is composed of Baird, Moran, Eula, Putnam and Scranton.

Winners in the boys division were: Moran, first place; Eula, second place and Scranton, third place. In the girls division Eula, first; Moran, second; and Baird, third.

Track and field events will be held Friday, April 5, at Cisco. Literary events will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Baird school.

## Jimmy Mauldin Gets Probated Sentence

Jimmy Wayne Mauldin, 17, charged with breaking and entering the Ray Motor Co. January 7, received a three-year probated sentence last week. The decision was handed down by District Judge, J. R. Black. Mauldin was probated to a juvenile officer in Midland.

Mauldin's accompanist in the act, Tommy Gibhart, 19, was sentenced to three years in the State penitentiary at Huntsville.

## Four Students In Race For UN Pilgrimage

Four high school students are still in competition for the all-expense tour to the UN Assembly in New York City this summer. The UN Tour is sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges, and Baird Lodges are sending one student on the tour in June.

Nine student took examinations Monday at the high school building, with the four making the highest grades still in competition. The top four are Martha Payne, Artie Mae Stokes, Mary Ross and Barbara Snyder. The grades of the these four girls were very close together, and the rules of the contest require that the top four write an essay on "What The UN Means To Me." These essays are to be turned in Thursday, April 11, for final grading. One delegate and one alternate will be chosen from the four to make the trip, which begins at Fort Worth the latter part of June, and will last three weeks.

## Graveside Rites Held For Infant

Funeral services for Elijah Jackson Boyd, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyd, Jr., was held at the graveside in Ross Cemetery, Tuesday, March 26.

Elijah Jackson was born Tuesday, March 26, in the Callahan County Hospital, and died the same day.

Burial was under direction of Wylie Funeral Home.

Survivors are the parents and one sister; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyd, Sr., Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Brown of Putnam.

## BAIRD WOMAN ATTENDS BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Tom Livingston attended the funeral of her brother, N. F. Sparks in Montague Sunday. Mr. Sparks was a resident of Wichita Falls.

Accompanying Mrs. Livingston to Montague were, her daughter Ruby Young and Mrs. Margaret Gist and family of Eastland.

## Mrs. Williams Honored With Party

Mrs. Walter Williams was honored on her 80th birthday, Mar. 29, with supper at her home.

Attending were her children: Mrs. Amy Dodson who has been living with her mother the past four years, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Williams and daughters Kay and Cathy of Ranger, Allis Williams of Cross Plains, and grandson Warren Dodson, his wife and sons Don, Jimmy and Michael.

Other guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demerec and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gary.

Mrs. Williams received many gifts and good wishes. The bounteous supper was prepared by Mrs. Dodson.

John Bullock, student at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bullock.

## Local Cancer Drive Set For April 8

Mrs. Katherine Hinds, Baird Chairman of the Cancer Crusade, has announced a house to house canvass for cancer funds Monday evening, April 8, from 6 to 8 p. m.

Because of the stepped-up fight against cancer, led by the American Cancer Society, one in every three cancer patients is being saved. This compares with one in every four saved a few years ago.

However, the annual hospital bill for cancer is estimated at \$300,000,000. This is ten times more than the \$30,000,000 goal being sought by the American Cancer Society in its 1957 Crusade.

L. C. Cash, county school superintendent, also on the Baird committee, has asked that everyone remember the drive date, and be prepared to give when the committee members come around.

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in the Callahan County Clerks office in March:

Percy Leon Griffin and Mrs. Mary Bessie McMillan

Henry William Ritter and Maedene Reynolds

Clyde E. Norman and Frances Irene Sharp

Jesse Lee Stevens and Frankie Matlock

Willis N. Rogers and Mrs. Ella Honea

Robert Lee Cearley and Mrs. Shirley Jean Cearley

Ocie B. McQueen and Tommye Lou Wells

## RAY WILLIAMS NAMED MEMBER OF FRATERNITY

Ray Williams of Baird has been named a member of Alpha Lambda Pi, organization for accounting majors, at North Texas State College.

Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess S. Williams, 233 W. 2nd St., is a freshman accounting major.

Robert Halle has returned from Korea where he spent two years in the U. S. Army. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Halle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Tollett and son, of Jal, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tollett and family last week.

## Baird FFA Wins First In Poultry Judging

Baird Future Farmers of America scored 1104 points to win first place in the annual Coleman Livestock and Poultry Judging contest Saturday.

Five classes of poultry were judged which included live market birds, dressed market birds, 2 classes of breeding stock and one class for egg production. Each class was judged on a basis of 100 points.

Dale Coley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coley, was third high man out of 48 competing. Dale scored 376 out of a possible 500 points for the five classes judged. Following Dale was Danny Smith with a score of 370 and Darrell Strickland with 368.

Sixteen FFA Chapters competed in the Coleman contest. The strongest competition was furnished by Abilene, Wylie, Comanche, Stephenville, Dublin, South Taylor and Hamlin.

Alternates making the trip were Justin LaCour and Mike Hughes. These boys were trained and accompanied by their advisor, Edwin L. Reese.

The three boys with the most points will go to Stephenville Saturday to compete in a tri-area judging contest held annually for further training in judging proficiency.

## Eula Comedy Show For Cancer Drive

The Eula community Cancer Drive, headed by Mrs. Robble Farmer, community chairman, will get underway Thursday April 11th with a program to be held at Eula high school auditorium. Starting time is 7:30.

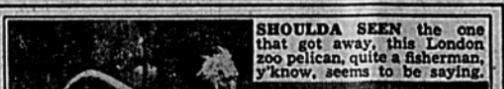
Rev. Dion Martin, pastor of the Eula Methodist Church, will bring a group of students from McMurry College to stage a "Talent Comedy Night." The program will consist of humorous gags, stunts and music, all combined to bring an evening of fun and entertainment.

There will be no admission charge, however, donations will be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dale Brown visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smedley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradford and family, of Fort Worth, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cummings Sunday.

## People, Spots In The News



SHOULD A SEEN the one that got away, this London zoo pelican, quite a fisherman, 'y'know, seems to be saying.



TONI KING adds beauty spot to 37th international beauty show (for hair-dressers) in New York.



DOG'S LIFE has better chance with new resuscitator-anesthetizer introduced by National Cylinder Gas Co. It enables pets to get same precisely controlled respiration as humans in surgery or emergency treatment, makes possible one-man surgery by veterinarians.



MEANEST MAN? Steve Wever, Miami photographer, gave his twin daughters Kathy and Betty some corn-on-the-cob (which they love!) just at the wrong time in their tooth-shedding career, then snapped this picture of them.

## Yarborough Favorite Of Callahan Voters

Only 10 candidates received votes in Callahan County in the U. S. Senatorial election held Tuesday, 1160 votes were cast in the county. Yarborough led the county with a total of 549 votes. Second was Martin Dies with 387 and Thad Hutcheson was third with 168. The remainder of the 1160 votes cast were distributed as follows:

James P. Hart, 15  
Searcy Bracewell, 12  
Ralph W. Hammonds, 3  
John C. White, 11  
Rev. M. T. Banks, 1  
Elmer Adams, 1  
Charles W. (Jack) Hill, 3

NOTICE!  
Beginning Saturday, April 6, the Callahan County Courthouse will be closed on Saturday.

## Trustee Election Set For April 6

Polls will be open Saturday morning, April 6, at 8 a. m. for the election of two Baird School Board Trustees. Ballots will be cast at the American Legion Hut, which will be open until 7 p. m.

Candidates seeking re-election for third terms with no opposition are Curtis Sutphen and Hugh Ross.

Election judge will be Mrs. Homer Driskill.

## Tommye Wells Weds Ocie McQueen Here

Double ring vows were solemnized by Tommye Lou Wells of Abilene and Ocie McQueen on March 30 at 7:45 p. m., in the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Evelyn McQueen.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wells of Abilene. Rev. James Price, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Baird, officiated at the ceremony.

Charles Brame was best man. Mrs. Billy Smith was bridesmaid, and wore a dress of green with black accessories.

The bride wore a two-piece azure dress linen suit with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Those present for the wedding were Mrs. Nellie McQueen, Mr. and Mrs. Roby Barnard and Roby Jr., Mrs. Leah McCarty and Allen, Charles Brame, Arvid Harris, all of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCarty and Derwin, Dr. and Mrs. Tholbert Smith, Mrs. Katherine Johnson, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spence and Sam, of Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Driggers and Terry Lyn, of Midland.

Ocie McQueen has been employed for the past few months at the Hall ranch, south of Baird. He will, however, enter the service Monday, April 8.

## Safety Program Observed By Club

The Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club observed a Safety program Monday in the home of Mrs. Terrell Williams.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Civil Defense Director, Billy H. Walls, who gave a very interesting discussion on Civil Defense.

Refreshments were served to the guest, Billy H. Walls, and members Mmes. Terrell Williams, Glenn Rokey, Juanita Danielson, Eunice Brock, Beatrice Deal, C. M. Peck, G. A. Tankersley, A. A. Manion, Lynn Ault, D. C. Cox, N. L. Dickey, Misses Burma Warren and Edith Bowlus.

A short business session was held and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. N. L. Dickey on April 15.

## Mrs. Lambert Hosts Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club met in the home of Miss Jeffie Lambert on March 27, for an all-day get-together.

Present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert, Mmes. Edna Nethercutt, Ica Beck, Alice Crutchfield and the hostess, Miss Jeffie Lambert. Mrs. Mary Kehrér was present for the business meeting.

Recent visitors in the V. L. Robbins home were Mrs. W. H. Leverett, Mr. Culwell of Modesto, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Warren and children of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Warren and Sandra, visited relatives in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

## Prizes For Best Photos In Child Photo Contest

The time is almost here for the opening of this newspaper's Big Child Photograph Contest, and we're urging all of our readers to have their children ready for the big day.

Winston B. Lucas, of Irving, Texas, will be in Baird on Friday, April 12th from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the Baird Star office, for the purpose of taking pictures in this vicinity.

In addition to having their pictures printed in this newspaper, the children will be competing for \$18.20 in prizes, which are being offered for the three best photographs made during the day.

The photographs will be made absolutely free of charge, and there is no charge for their publication in The Baird Star. Proofs will be shown and from these you may select the picture of your child which you would like to appear in this newspaper. If you wish extra photographs, they may be purchased, but no purchase is necessary in order to have your child's picture printed in this newspaper, or in order to compete for the prizes. It is entirely up to you, whether you buy pictures or not.

There is no age limit on the contest, and every child's photograph in this section is wanted so that they may all appear in The Star. However, it is necessary that all pictures must be of uniform size, so they must be made by Winston B. Lucas on Friday, April 12th, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Don't wait until little Mary gets married or baby brother is elected to some political office to see their pictures in the paper -- make plans now to have these photographs more on Friday, April 12th. Tell your neighbors and friends -- the more, the merrier.

## Glendene Phillely Wins K.O.P. Contest

Glendene Phillely of Cross Plains has been chosen as winner of the speech contest, sponsored by the Knights of Pythias for high school students of Callahan County. The contest was held Thursday evening, March 28, in the Baird KP Hall.

Also entered in the contest were Miss Barbara Snyder of Baird high school, and Miss Nancy Easterling of Clyde high school.

The subject, "Youth Looks at The Future," was assigned to all contestants. Contest judges were Gray Browne, Abilene attorney, Allen Schmidt, Hardin-Simmons speech department, and Stanley Wiggins.

Also present for the contest was Clive Pierce, Supreme Lodge Representative, who presented the award to Miss Phillely. Mr. Pierce also praised the subject presentation and utility of each contestant very highly.

The Baird Lodge will send Miss Phillely to the state meet to be held in June. Winner of the state meet will be sent to a national contest to determine a national winner.

## Mrs. Crow Hosts Jr. Wednesday Club

The Junior Wednesday Club met in regular session Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Frank Crow.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. M. C. McGowen, who spoke on "Decorations in the Home." Mrs. McGowen made a very interesting talk and had several pictures to pass around to illustrate her points. After she finished her speech, there was a discussion on decorations in the home. Mrs. McGowen answered question, giving pointers and making suggestions which was enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments were served to: Mmes. Bill Alexander, Bruce Bell, Ray Black, Wilburn Carrico, Joe Harris, Garland Betcher, Emil Ringhoffer, Coleman Walton, Bruce Williams, Arthur Young, Jeff Jefferies, James Eubanks and Misses Beckye Griggs and Sarah Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baugh and family, of Gamesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Bates Baugh of Coleman, were visitors in the Willis Baugh home over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker and Lawrence Bowlus visited in McLean the first of the week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. (VET) Rice and Mrs. Laura Stratton.

## Baird To Host Firemen's Meet

The Baird Volunteer Fire Department will host the 37th semi-annual meeting of the Mid West Texas Firemen's Association here on April 11, in the American Legion building. The Mid-West Texas Association is composed of 16 surrounding counties.

Officers of the association are: Charlie Bennett, Rotan, president; Bill L. Brown, Snyder, 1st vice president; Leo H. Welch of Albany, 2nd vice president; Rev. Lawrence Hayes of Rotan, chaplain and James C. Asbury, Baird, secretary.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 10 a. m. in the Baird Fire Station. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 in the American Legion building by President Charlie Bennett.

Business session will consume most of the afternoon, until 4 p. m. when the Pumper races will be held on Market Street. At 6 p. m. a convention feed will be held in the High School Cafeteria and a dance at the American Legion building, beginning at 7:30 p. m. will round out the day's activities.

Baird merchants and people are urged to shake hand with the delegates when you meet them on the streets and make them feel welcome to Baird.

## 1,263 X-Rays Made In County TB Survey

Mrs. Jess Pyeatt, president of the Callahan County TB Association, announced that 1,263 X-Rays were made last week in the county during the survey conducted by the State Health Department. The survey was sponsored by the Callahan TB Association, with the cooperation of the medical personnel of the county, for which the association is very grateful.

They would also like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the project. Members of these clubs acted as workers and hostesses: Delphinian, Wednesday, Junior Wednesday, Corinne Blackburn clubs of Baird, Clyde Study and Thursday clubs of Clyde, and the Putnam Study Club of Putnam. They would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilliland, the county newspapers, the men who assisted in setting up and moving the x-ray equipment, and Mrs. Dorothy Farr of Cross Plains, and all who assisted there.

Prior to the x-ray survey, a patch test program was sponsored by the association, under the supervision of Mrs. Lynn Ault of Baird, and Mrs. Hildreth Bayless of Cross Plains.

## To The Editor . . .

I take this means of saying thanks to the Clyde Enterprise and Baird Star for being so kind as to carry our monthly announcement of your County Singing Convention, which has a regular meeting date of each 3rd Sunday in the month.

This month, due to the State-wide convention being held at Stephenville on the third Sunday, our County Convention will be held on the fourth Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p. m. in the First Methodist Church of Clyde. All who like good gospel singing, come and be with us.

Again thanks to all.  
Raymond Morgan, President, County Singing Convention.

## FREE SCOTCH-LITE FOR BICYCLES

Safety Council has announced that free Scotch-lite tape will be given to school children for their bicycles on Thursday, April 11, at 1:30 p. m. School children should remember to have their bicycles at school this on this date.

## PLAY ROQUE

L. R. Hughes has recently completed a new roque court in his back yard. He has extra balls and mallets, and invites anyone interested in the game to come and play.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell attended the dinner of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Abilene, Thursday, March 28th, in the Abilene high school cafeteria. Several hundred attended the convention. Main speaker was Rev. Walter E. Kerr. Mr. Norrell is a director of WTCC from Baird.

### STAR'S CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FIELD seed, Blue panic, Sorghum alnum, Side Oats Gramma, Sudan grass, Johnson grass, Corn, Hegari, Red Top cane, Atlas Sargo, African millet, Kaffir, Hybrid mlo. J. D. Hamilton, Grain Storage, 303 South 15th, Abilene, OR 4-4371. 13-4-c

### Barron's Radio & TV

Quick Dependable Service  
All Work Guaranteed  
Local Service Charge \$2.50  
Phone 1463—Baird

**MALE HELP WANTED** — Foreign, Alaskan, U.S.A., Pacific-Northwest, Jobs. Copyrighted reports. Who to contact for higher paying jobs. Laborers, trades, truck drivers, office, project, Spain, Latin America, Northern Project, Europe, year registration-advisor service. Application forms, Unconditional money-back guarantee \$2.00 (Alrmailed \$2.25). C.O.D.'s accepted. Johnson & Cook Enterprises, 1728 Center, Salem, Oregon. 12-7-c

**BABY CHICKS**  
Each Monday and Tuesday  
**STARTED CHICKS**  
Every Day  
**POWER FEEDS** — Supplies & Remedies  
**STAR HATCHERY**  
8-11-c

**NOTICE!**  
Beginning May 1st, we will be closed all day on Saturdays until further notice. We will have 2 pickups each day, at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. Please call your laundry in early.  
Thank you,  
Bryant Laundry.

**FOR RENT** — Garage apartment, furnished. 3-rooms, bath and garage. Adults. Mrs. C. Z. Anderson, Ph. 201. 13-2-c

### Contractors' Notice Of Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for constructing 226.362 miles of seal coat: From U.S. 380 to King C. L.; From U.S. 380 to Rule; From Nolan C. L. to Roby; From Gail to Scurry C. L.; From near U.S. 84 to Fisher C. L.; From Anson to Shackelford C. L.; From Fisher C. L. to Hamlin; From Fisher C. L. to Aspermont; From Shackelford C. L. to Baird; From 6.9 mi. south of SH 70 to Taylor C. L.; From Nolan C. L. to Rannels C. L.; From Blair to Nubla; From Glasscock C. L. to Big Spring; From Haskell C. L. to US 83 in Aspermont; From U. S. 80 in Sweetwater to Fisher C. L.; From Borden C. L. to Snyder; From Roby to Scurry C. L.; From 6.0 mi. West of Hamlin to Jones C. L.; From SH 70 to Stonewall C. L.; From Albany to Callahan C. L.; From Cross Plains to Cottonwood; From U. S. 80 to U. S. 87; on Hwys. US 283, 180, 83, 87, 380, SH 70, 283, 92, FM 610, 880, 53, 700 & 126, covered by C 263-6-6; C 318-2-7; C 480-3-11; C 32-7-7; C 295-3-10; C 318-3-4; C 650-1-10; C 69-1-10; C 295-4-10; C 360-6-4; C 650-2-4; C 98-7-6; C 296-1-9; C 360-7-7; C 668-1-5; C 106-6-13; C 296-2-11; C 437-1-11; C 733-3-11; C 263-5-8; C 296-5-7; C 437-2-5;

in Stonewall, Howard, Haskell, Fisher, Nolan, Borden, Scurry, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan & Taylor Counties, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., April 19, 1957, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the

work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman, or mechanic employed on this project.  
Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.  
Plans and specifications available at the office of George J. Smith, Resident Engineer, Abilene, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.  
April 5-12

### Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Everman, of Roswell, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewes last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Chick visited in the J. C. Brashear home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Foster and family, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tuff Hutchins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Black visited Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Stephens at Coleman Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sessions, of Sweetwater, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dupriest of Texon, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker, of Admiral, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McWilliams, of Baird, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lovelady Friday night.

Frank Hewes and Harry Hewes and Clark, of El Paso, visited in the Jim Hewes home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Black in DeLeon last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Scott visited Maggie and Myrtle Wilson Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Tatom and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Byrd at Cross Out Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brashear visited in Cross Plains Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brashear and Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brashear Saturday night and Sunday.

Roy Tatom and Nathan Foster were in Baird Monday morning and gave blood for Lynn Brashear, who is in Callahan County Hospital.

### ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

Relatives visiting in the Smartt home last week were: Mrs. Dow King of Austin, Mrs. Ed Vaughtery of Burnet, Mrs. Madie Brown and Lula Smith of Bovina.

Mrs. C. E. Price and daughter, Gloria, of Waco, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black and sons, of Brady, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker Sunday.

Rev. Causey and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reta Dallas Sunday.

Mrs. Sim Smith is visiting in Springdale, Ark., with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter and Mrs. Claxton Jones visited last

Thursday in Comanche. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Higgins, of Jol. N. M., visited Wednesday and Thursday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Smith of Baird.

Mrs. Claxton Jones honored her husband with a surprise birthday supper in their home Wednesday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Reta Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker.

### Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mrs. Sunderman and Mrs. Orville Taylor, of Putnam, were down last Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox, and inviting ex-pupils to the Putnam homecoming.

Misses Billie Weaver and Katherine Green, Mrs. Talmadge Green and Mrs. Annie Huddleston, were visiting in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey, of Stephenville, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Coppinger, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Coppinger Sunday afternoon.

W. J. Coats, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, Mrs. Sam Swafford and Hazel I. Respass attended the preaching service at Scranton Methodist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joy and children, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker Brown and girls, of Pioneer, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy Sunday.

Last Saturday Mr. George Foster brought in a weather balloon that landed on a tree top near his home. The balloon was released at Midland Jan. 6, 1957 and Leeman Foster found it on Feb. 19.

Church of Christ Bible Lectures will be given here Sunday April 14 through 18. Speakers will be J. E. Priest of Cross Plains, Billy Mize of Burkett, Ellis Grubbs of Clyde, Melvin Placke of Cross Plains and Leroy Cowan of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Bates have bought and moved to the Myrtle Bibbs place. They attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

R. L. Terry and V. I. Spivey went to Abilene Auction ring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCowen and daughter, Beth, of Carlsbad, N. M., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Thompson, of Haskell, visited Bill and Wyatt Robinson and families Monday.

Mrs. Florence Rye of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Viola Vestal of Sudan, and Mrs. Arrilla Lindquist of Milwaukee, Wis., are visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Waggoner of Baird and other relatives in Clyde.

Miss Kay Sutton, of Abilene, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner and girls.

Mrs. Mae Paylor returned to Clyde Sunday from St. Ann Hospital, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She lives at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy LaFoy.

### Rowden Round-Up

By Thelda Crow

Rev. W. E. Norvell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains and Sue, Sonny Bains, of Fort Worth, spent the week end with his parents, also.

Those visiting in the Gene Mauldin home last week end were Mrs. Lee Horner of California, Mr. and Mrs. Chief Horner and children of Clyde, Miss Irene Mauldin of Snyder and Roland of Cisco Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs and Carl, of Odessa, spent last week end with his mother, Mrs. Lella Gibbs.

Mrs. B. Crow spent Tuesday at Clyde visiting her mother, Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth and other relatives.

Mrs. John Adair and Mrs. Johnnie Adair and children were in Baird Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dale Brown spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley.

Gary Gibbs of Abilene spent Monday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley and Mrs. Alma Chatham were in Cross Plains Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence were in Abilene the past week visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence.

Dickey Norvell spent Sunday with Don Mauldin.

The ladies enjoyed the quilting the past week, and made two quilts for Mrs. Arthur Baker.

### Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barbican and family were his parents, from Abilene, also some friends from Abilene, and Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chapman from Clyde.

Mrs. Wilson's brother, Ben Williams, of Kilgore, visited with her one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb returned home from a two week's visit in Marfa, El Paso and Silver City, N. M. Mrs. Webb was sick when she arrived home and has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. Martie Batly of Clyde is staying with her mother, Mrs. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy F. Griffin and children, of Astec, N. M., came to Clyde last Wednesday. Mrs. Griffin has been in bad health since Christmas and remained in Clyde with her mother, Mrs. Morton. Billy returned home after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Griffin and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones in Abilene Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Artesia, N. M., spent the week end visiting Miss Floy McCaw.

The Merry Quilters met Monday and made quilts for Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Blackford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flores and family, of Andrews, visited relatives and friends in Baird over the week end.

Freida Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones in Abilene Sunday.

## BAIRD LUMBER COMPANY

HOME - OWNED  
PHONE 129 BAIRD, TEXAS

### EVERYDAY SPECIALS

OUTSIDE HOUSE PAINT, WHITE, per gal. .... \$2.29  
2x4 & 2x6 ECONOMY GRADE, 100 bd. ft. .... \$6.50  
DECKING & SHEATHING, 100 bd. ft. .... \$7.50  
NO. 2 OAK FLOORING, 2 Ft. & Longer ..... \$9.00

### SCREEN DOORS

2'6"x6'6" 3 PANEL ..... \$5.95  
2'8"x6'8" 3 PANEL ..... \$5.95  
2'8"x6'8" 1 PANEL ..... \$6.35

### HOME REPAIR LOANS

NO DOWN PAYMENT — 5 YEARS TO PAY

Add that Extra Room — Bath — Car Port — New Roof — Storm Cellar — Sidewalks — Fences — Etc.

"WE DELIVER"  
Call For Free Estimates

**NEW BURGESS DELUXE ELECTRIC SPRAYER KIT**

Only \$2.50 DOWN DELIVERS COMPARE AT \$29.95 SALE PRICE \$21.50

4 GZ. TOUCH-UP CONTAINER  
INSECTICIDE NOZZLE SET  
SPARE PARTS KIT  
15 FT. U.S. APPROVED EXTENSION CORD  
STURDY STEEL CARRYING CASE  
CONVENIENT HANDLE AND SAFETY CLASP  
HOLDS ALL ITEMS SHOWN

New, easy-to-reach knob on top of sprayer quickly adjusts spray for all types of jobs

It's complete and ready to use—just plug it in and spray! Fast-action trigger switch. Sprays paint, varnish, lacquer, enamel, mothproofers, garden sprays, water, and insecticides. Don't wait—get your KIT TODAY!

**GOOD YEAR TIRES**

**M. L. Hughes Tire Co.**  
743 W. 4th. Ph. 359

**SAVE \$112.00 ON OUR FINEST MODERN UNIVERSAL GAS RANGE**

MODEL 9132 CP **ONLY \$448.00**  
WITH TRADE-IN  
Regular Retail Price **\$560.00**  
**ONLY \$1 DOWN**  
As little as \$3.77 per week (payable monthly)

**GAS APPLIANCE PURCHASE PLAN**  
FREE INSURANCE EASY TERMS

**FOODS WON'T BURN WITH THE MARVELOUS NEW burner with a brain**

No more potwatching! This new gas range has amazing top Burner-with-a-Brain that automatically holds the temperature you set until the cooking is done. Food won't burn, stick or scorch. Keeps foods warm, tender and savory.

You'll like these new features, too!

- Built-in Rotisserie for indoor "barbecuing"
- Miracle Roastmaster tells doneness of meat
- Built-in Griddle with automatic temperature control

**Come in and see it today!**  
**LONE STAR GAS COMPANY**

## SPRING SPECIALS

### CAR LOAD PRICES

**OUTSIDE WHITE**  
All Purpose Paint for Houses, Barns, Poultry Sheds, Fences. High hiding, long wearing, self cleaning, reg \$3.98 value. Special price, per gallon only **\$1.98**

**PAINT THINNER**  
per gallon **.98**

**PICKET FENCE**  
Red - Green - White  
White Pickets  
3 ft. high, 50 ft. roll only ..... \$12.25  
4 ft. high, 50 ft. roll only ..... \$14.95  
Green Pickets  
4 ft. high, 50 ft. roll only ..... \$10.95  
Red Pickets  
4 ft. high, 50 ft. roll only ..... \$10.15

Visit Our Yard And Inspect Our Quality Materials  
**REPAIR LOANS**  
Nothing Down With 5 Years To Pay  
**FREE ESTIMATES**

**BOWMAN LUMBER CO.**  
PHONE 3183  
CLYDE, TEXAS  
WE DELIVER

### REPORT OF CONDITION OF

## The First National Bank of Baird, Baird, Texas

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 14TH, 1957

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans .....	\$785,637.02	Capital .....	\$50,000.00
U. S. Government Obligations .....	\$2,228,077.00	Surplus .....	\$100,000.00
Other Investment Bonds .....	\$364,687.50	Undivided Profits .....	\$49,810.63
Municipal Bonds and Warrants .....	\$391,582.75	Reserve for Taxes .....	\$18,342.26
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank .....	\$4,500.00	Reserve for Losses, Depreciation, Etc. ....	\$61,297.48
Banking House and Furniture and Fixtures .....	\$2.00	Reserve for Contingencies, Bond Premiums, Improvements, Etc. ....	\$97,208.17
Cash and Due From Banks .....	\$1,071,983.90	Deposits .....	\$4,468,011.63
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,844,670.17</b>	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,844,670.17</b>

**DIRECTORS**  
Ace Hickman  
Bob Norrell  
Fred Cutbirth  
Frank Windham  
Fleming James  
Howard E. Farmer  
Randall C. Jackson

**OFFICERS**  
Ace Hickman, Chairman  
Bob Norrell, President  
Fred Cutbirth, Vice-President  
Frank Windham, Vice-President  
Howard E. Farmer, Cashier  
Fred Goble, Assistant Cashier  
James Kubanks, Assistant Cashier

**LET'S TALK LIVESTOCK BY TED GOULDY**



**ETS TALK LIVESTOCK**

**Cows Weaker, Other Cattle, Calves Steady**

**FORT WORTH** — Clearing skies brought considerably larger numbers of cattle and calves to market on the opening session Monday at Fort Worth and all around the major marketing circle. However, at Fort Worth the only casualty was cows which opened steady, but later sales were 50 cents and some bids \$1 lower than the extreme highs of last week.

Fed mature cattle were again in small supply, however, rather liberal numbers of lightweight yearlings and fed heavy calves arrived, and met firm prices. Most slaughter interests apparently needed some numbers. High grade stockers were again scarce, but quality considered ales in this category were fully steady to strong.

Comparative prices: good and choice steers and yearlings \$18.50 - \$23.00; common and medium \$13.00 - \$18.00; fed heifers \$22.00 down; fat cows \$12.00 - \$14.50; canners and cutters and other grades \$12.00 - \$17.00. Hocker steer calves \$22.00 down; teer yearlings \$20.50 down; a ew medium to fair stocker cows \$10.00 - \$13.00; some load lots of rather agey cows at \$12.00 had 00 to 300 pound calves at side at \$21.

**Notes Of Talk About Stock Cows, Little Action**

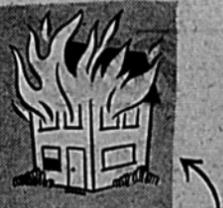
To date this season the stocker cow trade has been more of a conversation piece, and most of the trade has centered around the steer calves and steer yearlings. Pasture recovery has been very rapid in some sections, but there's need more rain immediately, a factor that makes the purchase of replacement females for farms and ranches still an "iffy" matter.

Possible consignors to the special sale of stocker cows and aires at the Fort Worth yards April 12 are still "one the fence" in many cases, since the cattle they want to sell this Spring are in many cases making the best gains in years and they find it hard to pull them off the new green feed.

Two potential entries, one of 600 to 600 cows, and the other with 600 to 700 head, are in this category at this writing and if he definitely come in, it could present two of the largest trings of one mark and brand cows to be sold at one time in his part of the country in years.



**This is a Home...**



**This is a Home on Fire**

If this were your home burning, would your insurance cover your cost of rebuilding... at today's prices?

If your answer is "no"... if you are not fully insured... then you haven't enough. We are qualified to help you determine just what insurance, and how much, you need on your home and furnishings. Phone us right now - we'll be glad to discuss your insurance problems with you. And remember, if you're not fully insured - it's not enough!



**Sutphen Ins. Agency**

**Young People Take Spotlight With Lambs**

Three shipments of commercial feeding project lambs attracted the market's attention at Fort Worth Monday, and most of the young folks had done a good and profitable job, despite adverse conditions in the drouth.

The 231 shorn Lometa FFA and 4-H lambs cashed at \$21.50 and \$22. County Agent Roy England of Knox County reported the boys bought their lambs at \$16.50 last November in Coleman County, so the price Monday gave them a good spread and some of them nice profits. One boy had a 60-pound gain in his lambs.

England reported the lamb project especially profitable where the boys worked in conjunction with irrigated wheat pasture. He said that some of the grown-ups in Knox County had been so profoundly impressed with the project they planned to launch similar operations.

**Sheep, Lambs Slow And Weak, Milk Lambs \$23.50 Down**

Trade was rather slow and prices weak at Fort Worth Monday on sheep and lambs, with some bids and sales of stocker and feeder lambs sharply lower, and all classes selling in line with the last week's sharp break in prices.

Good and choice milk fat lambs \$22.00 - \$23.50... cull to medium milk lambs \$15.00 - \$20. Good and choice old crop lambs \$20 - \$22, with cull to medium kinds \$12 to \$19, and a few hard culls below that range. Slaughter ewes sold from \$5 to \$7; and bucks around \$5. Aged weathers \$13 down.

**Hogs Open Weak To 25c Lower, Top \$17.75**

Larger receipts of hogs at Cornbelt points Monday dampened the ardor of the buyers at Fort Worth Monday and prices were steady at 25c lower. Choice hogs topped at \$17.25 - \$17.50, a few to \$17.75. Less desirable weights and grades \$15 - \$17; sows \$14.50 - \$15.75; and pigs around \$12.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS**

**L. B. Lewis**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
General Civil Practice  
Fire and Auto Insurance  
Baird, Texas

**L. L. Blackburn**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Baird, Texas

**Jackson & Jackson**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW  
235 Market Street  
Baird, Texas

**Russell-Surles**  
Abstract Co.  
Vada White Bennett, Owner  
Prompt and Dependable  
Abstract Service  
337 Market St. Baird

**M. L. Stubblefield**  
M. D.  
COUNTY HOSPITAL  
Phone  
Office 236 Home 206  
Baird, Texas

**R. L. Griggs, M. D.**  
Physician - Surgeon - X-Ray  
Local Surgeon for T&P R.R.  
Office Co. Hospital, Phone 63  
City Pharmacy 100 - Home 181  
Baird, Texas

**Dr. M. C. McGowen**  
DENTIST - X-RAY  
Phone 22 201 Market St.  
Baird, Texas

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**  
**Wylie Funeral Home**  
Lady Embalmer and Attendant  
Phone 38  
Baird, Texas

**Sutphen Insurance Agency**  
Insurance - Loans - Bonds  
Automobile Financing  
Baird, Texas

**Dr. T. B. Hadley**  
CHIROPRACTOR  
Office Hours 1 to 6 P. M.  
Other hours by appointment  
3 1/2 Blocks East of Courthouse  
On Highway 80



**TRACTOR GENERATOR** is demonstrated for rural civil defense officials as a source of supplementary power when regular electric lines are knocked out by storm or attack, or when located some distance from the farm buildings wired for electric service. The generator can furnish electricity for such chores as sawing wood, post-hole digging or welding. In an emergency, the generator would be invaluable for running milking machines, incubators, refrigerators, deep freezers, water pumps and lighting.

**Tecumseh Topics**

By Lillian Crawford

May I say Hello to one and all through this paper. This beautiful spring afternoon, your reporter and Lynda Crawford just couldn't resist the temptation of walking over the hills and across the valleys. It was great to see some wild flowers in bloom we haven't had in the past few years.

While walking along the hill-rises and resting here and there, I couldn't help but think of the different families who once lived in the little humble mansions

built on the 400-acre tract of land owned by my great aunt Vine and husband, Albert Tunnell. Nothing much left but the tumbled down foundation stones and sometimes a half-dead shrub that once grew and blossomed in beauty.

I saw the old live oak tree where the Tunnell family gathered each year for their annual reunion. On and one I thought of the different ones who were Tecumseh residents and have passed on, and this old song came to mind "We Are Just Pilgrims Passing Through."

Excuse this personal thinking and writing, but I love to write

occasionally just the way I want to.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crawford and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crawford and Lynda, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford and Stanley visited in the L. V. Harris home Sunday. Charlie Yost also visited in the Harris home although he is not very well. Charlie is suffering from getting prickly pear stickers in his foot, and seems to be having trouble in the removal of the stickers.

Just received word that my aunt, Mrs. Kosa Taylor of Ranger, but formerly of Clyde and surrounding communities, is critically ill of a heart ailment.

**Teachers Needed For 100,000 Children**

More than 100,000 Texas school children are in classrooms without a qualified teacher, Dana Williams, Texas State Teachers Association president, said today.

Williams pointed out that the Texas Education Agency this school year has issued 3,062 emergency teaching certificates to persons who could not qualify for a regular certificate.

The education agency is now issuing "teaching permits" at the rate of more than 125 each week, Williams said. These are granted to persons who are "the best available," and many have only a high school diploma.

"I think the people of Texas ought to have this information," the TSTA leader said, "because it is an alarming situation."

Now pending before the 55th Legislature is an emergency teacher pay raise bill which would help solve the problem by keeping experienced teachers in the classroom and attracting new, qualified ones, he explained.

The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, April 5, 1957

**Mrs. Fetterly Hosts Wednesday Club**

For the annual Texas Day program, Mrs. W. A. Fetterly was hostess to 18 members of the Wednesday Club on March 27. Following the invocation by Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., Mrs. W. P. Brightwell and Mrs. L. L. Blackburn gave reports of the Sixth District Convention, TFWC, held recently at Abilene.

Mrs. Ace Hickman's topic was "The Outlook for Mental Health in Texas." Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield spoke on "Killers of Children: Leukemia, Nephrosis and Cystic Fibrosis." The concluding number of the program was a discussion of "Texas Music and Musicians," by Mrs. C. B. Snyder.

Refreshments carrying out the Texas theme were served by the hostess.

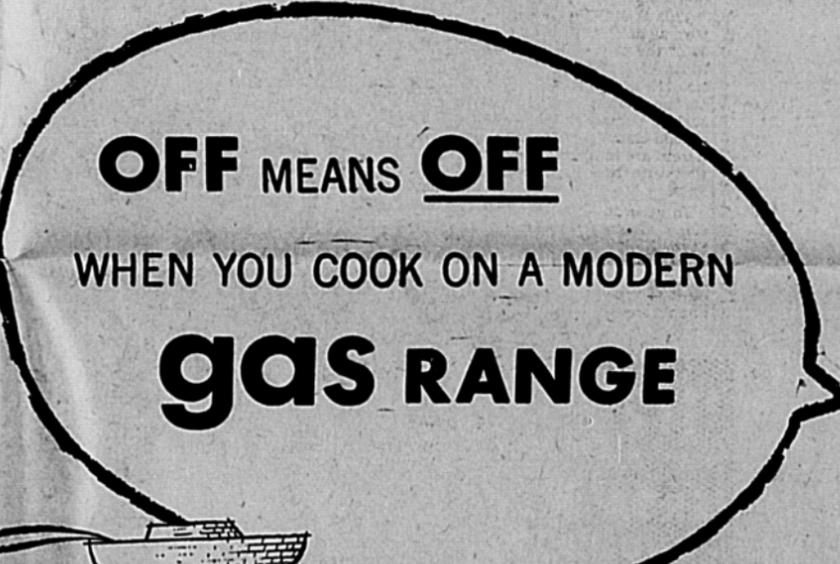
The next meeting will be on April 10 in the home of Mrs. W. P. Brightwell.

**Circle Meets With Mrs. J. G. Hendrick**

The Dora Barringer Circle of the Methodist Church met Monday April 1, with Mrs. J. G. Hendrick, Mrs. O. L. Billhart was co-hostess.

After the program, Mrs. Hendrick gave an informal talk from letters received from her brother, C. S. McCeskey in Rangoon, India. Mr. McCeskey has been in India a year with a large hospital.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Blackburn, Price, Greene, Warren, Baulch, Reynolds, Jones, Norrell, Stubblefield, Billhart, Hickman and Hendrick.



There's no hangover heat to cause boilovers and heat up your kitchen!

The clean blue flame turns off instantly! No worries about hangover heat warming up the kitchen or over-cooking foods. A great advantage over the electric range... where cooking continues even after the burner unit has been turned off! Hot weather is just around the corner so get yourself a cool-cooking gas range now!

Ask about the GAS APPLIANCE PURCHASE PLAN... free insurance, easy terms.

On cooking demonstration days get a free copy of Lone Star's Home Economics Department 25th Anniversary Cookbook.

see your GAS RANGE DEALER or

**LONE STAR GAS COMPANY**  
More than 85 out of 100 women cook with gas!

Watch Playhouse 90 over CBS television, Thursdays. Julia Meade is your Lone Star Gas hostess.



**FLOOR DISPLAY:** Look for the dealer with this display... 'cause that's where you find Burner-with-a-Brain gas ranges.

**MIRACLE ROASTMASTER:** Shows when meat is cooked to taste. No opening oven door to peek.

**AUTOMATIC CLOCK-CONTROLLED OVEN:** Cooks whole meal while homemaker is away... turns oven on and off automatically.

**THE BAIRD STAR**



**C. M. ISENHOWER, PUBLISHER**  
**RAY J. GREEN, EDITOR**  
 Published Every Friday Morning  
 at Baird, Texas  
 Entered at Postoffice, Baird,  
 Texas, Second Class Matter, Act  
 of 1879.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
 \$2.50 Per Year In Callahan  
 County  
 \$3.00 Per Year Outside Of  
 Callahan County.

Cards of Thanks and Classified Advertising rate 3c per word first insertion, 2c per word thereafter. Minimum charge 50c first insertion, 40c thereafter.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Star will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the management.



**CONTINGENCIES**

In this unpredictable life of ours, it is the law's business to take a look into the future and say what would "happen if."

For in your contracts, leases, wills, insurance policies, escrows and the like, you had better say what would "happen if" some of your best laid plans go awry. Such events the law calls "contingencies."

Who gets the "earnest money" you put down, if you cannot go through with buying that house? What if you want to pay that loan and save interest? What happens if a partnership goes sour, or a partner gets sick or dies? What happens if the people you name in your will should die before you do, or, if you all perish in a common catastrophe like a car smash-up?

The law is wise but it cannot do your thinking for you. It settles such questions -- but not always to your liking. If you don't make a will, the law says who shall get your property. If you leave certain things out of a contract, the law assumes that you meant to put some certain things in. But how much better it would be in the first place to put them in the way you want them, by asking "what if?"

Take your will now: Your first desire, of course, is to take care of your wife and children -- those nearest to you. But it won't get beneficiaries" in your will in case something happens to hurt anything to put "contingencies" to your first intentions.

Review your will every year or so to see if it meets the new things that have come up, or arrange with your lawyer to write in "contingent beneficiaries" -- those who will receive your property if your first beneficiaries should die before you do.

You may long ago have had your son provided for in your will, but what about those lovely grandchildren he and his wife have presented to you since you wrote the will? What would happen to them if things go wrong and your son should die before you?

Or take your widowed sister and her children now. Suppose you and your immediate family should be wiped out: Would you want your property to go equally to her and to your well-heeled bachelor brother? Or would you prefer to leave your brother some token of your affection, and then really take care of your sister?

You may be impatient with the law's long memory. Such things never happen, you think, but the court records are full of plans which failed. And so the law has ways in which you can provide for "what happens - if". One way is the device of contingent beneficiaries in your will and insurance policies.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform -- not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley, of Carlsbad, N. M., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley and their families.



**AUSTIN** — After five weeks of headline making, three Legislative investigating committees still are busy.

House committee looking into ICT's failure was to run until April; Senate committee to April 10.

Recent additions to the committee's massive records:

1. Several former ICT directors denied signing a document wiping out a \$900,000 debt owed ICT by Jack Cage and Co. Shown photostat of such a document, they said it was not the instrument they signed.

2. Leaders in the Texas Federation of Labor called Ban Jack Cage, former manager of ICT, a "scoundrel." Union members had invested millions in the company.

3. A number of union members and officials told how they were paid by Cage to help advance the cause of ICT among labor members. One said he thought he was paid to keep to himself his belief that Cage was a "crook."

4. Max Wayne Rychlik, son-in-law of the former Insurance Commission Chairman Garland Smith, remembered an additional \$9,800 he had received from a Ben Jack Cage affiliate. It made a total of \$18,200 paid Rychlik for his "job" without work.

5. House members investigating bribery charges questioned the former executive secretary of the Texas Naturopathic Association. But Albert D. Brown, who was with the organization

back in 1955, could give only estimates and guesses on how TNA had spent some \$20,000 raised during the last session for "legislative education."

6. John McCully, labor union employee, had a difficult time accounting for his expenditures of union funds. In his operation of the union's publicity office, the Action Agency in Austin, he "accidentally" dropped a few political advertising bills into ICT files.

**Big Push** — Legislators face a killing pace for the next few weeks if they are to finish session in 120 days.

After that point, their pay ceases. Time is almost two-thirds gone. Multiple investigations have diverted a lot of time and energy. Important bills are stacked up.

But a major milestone -- passage of the general appropriations bill -- is in sight. Senate committee approved it for floor action this week. House already has passed it.

Senate committee's version differs slightly. It includes a 10 per cent raise for lower-bracket state employee, 15 per cent for college teachers.

Wrapping up the big money bill will put the session over the hump in the minds of most members. Meanwhile, both houses are hacking at the small stuff. Special sessions have turned out local and uncontested bills at the rate of one a minute.

**Code of Ethics** — Scandals and investigations "put new impetus behind the administration backed drive for a code of ethics and lobby registration act."

But it hasn't made the subject much easier to agree on than in previous sessions. Objectors claimed it isn't possible to pass a law making people honest.

House, nevertheless, passed a bill to third reading. It would require registration of persons paid to appear before state agencies. Officials would be prohibited from using their public office for private gain, accepting gifts, favors or services that might influence official action, etc.

Sponsors fought off an attempted amendment requiring officials to file a written statement of their earnings from all sources.

**The Callahan Abstract Company, Inc.**  
 Fire and Casualty Insurance  
 Complete Abstracts To All  
 Real Property  
 Arthur L. Young, President

**Delay Granted** — Physicians Life and Accident Ins. Co. has until April 11 to present a more favorable picture to the Insurance Commission.

Commission's show cause order alleged the firm's capital was impaired. Former Gov. Coke Stevenson, head of the company, said the management is "making progress" toward recovery of needed funds. He asked and was granted more time to prepare the case before the Commission.

**Depositors Denied Preference** — US Trust and Guaranty Co. creditors will have to "share and share alike."

At least that is the decision of Austin Dist. Judge Charles O. Betts. Depositors had brought suit asking for first claim. Several contended the company's advertising, by Drew Pearson, led them to believe their funds were being held "in trust."

US Trust went bankrupt more than a year ago. Assets salvaged by the liquidator total a little more than \$2,000,000. Claims against it add up to nearly \$7,000,000.

Distribution of these assets may be held up further if depositors decide to appeal.

**Utilities Contest** — Private and cooperative utilities have moved the arena of their chronic combat from courts to Legislature.

A recent Supreme Court decision held that a co-op could continue to serve customers in an area annexed by a city but could not add customers in that area.

Co-ops are working for passage of a bill that would give them this right of expansion. It provoked hot debate before a Senate committee.

Private power company spokesmen said the co-ops were trying to go far beyond the original concept of the rural electrification program. Co-op attorney contended present restrictions would mean "slow death" to REA.

Bill was sent to subcommittee to work out compromise. Water Bills Move — Piece by piece, the mammoth water conservation program is moving forward.

Key feature, the \$200,000,000 bond program to help finance local conservation projects, went to joint conference committee for final adjustments.

Senate committee gave approval to the next big item, another \$200,000,000 bond issue. This would be used to buy water storage space in federal dams. Committee also approved a bill which would allow use of public storm and flood waters to recharge underground reservoirs.

**New Youth Agency** — Creation of a state youth authority has received Senate committee approval.

New authority would have charge of the state's three training schools at Gainesville, Gatesville and Crockett. It would replace the present State Youth Development Council.

Mrs. Bessie Lawrence is visiting her son, Travis Henry, of San Angelo for a few days.

Mrs. Marion Watts and Lena Melton, of Clyde, visited Mrs. Myrtle Berry Sunday.

Ray Lawrence, student at Cisco Junior College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

**Oplin Observations**

By Daphne Floyd

Mrs. Terry Irby and children, Darlene, Shirley, Karen, Marilyn and Mike, of Midland, visited most of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller, while arrangements were being completed for the Irbys to move to Abilene.

Mrs. Ray Floyd was hostess for a Stanley party in her home last Wednesday. Mrs. Edrie Buchanan, of Anson, was the agent in charge, and after a short recreation period, presented a display of the products. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Meses, Tommy Windham, Winfred Scott and Dley Jan, Marvin Rutland and Gary, Joe Rutland, Pat Johnson, Andrew Johnson, W. D. Johnson, Ed Kirkindoll, B. G. Poindexter, Etta Poindexter, Lucien Pierce, Edith Likens, A. L. McOlinis and Edrie Buchanan.

The Quilting Party met at the Community Center last Thursday and complimented Mrs. C. B. McBride by quilting a quilt for her. A quilt was also finished for Mrs. Emma Poindexter. Mrs. Tommie Windham has received a card of thanks from her blind sister, Mrs. Eula Townsend of Palm Springs, Calif., for the lovely quilt the ladies of the community quilted and set to her for her birthday. The card is a most sincere "thank you" to each lady who had even a tiny stitch in the quilt and the gesture was deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd and Clyde Floyd visited their brother, Charlie Floyd of Abilene, who underwent an emergency operation last Monday night. The visit on Thursday found him somewhat better, but further surgery will have to be done at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Poindexter and daughters, Linda and Gay of Farmington, N. M., were home over the week end for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Etta Poindexter. Other guests of Mrs. Poindexter last Sunday were two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Bessie O' Shields of Lawn and Mrs. Amelia Poindexter of Novice.

Mrs. Emma Poindexter, who was chairman of the Cancer Crusade at Oplin, reported that approximately \$54.00 was raised at the Bingo party at the community center last Friday night. A large crowd attended and with the food booth in operation, everyone "ate, drank and was merry." A special thanks to many of the Baird merchants for their donations of nice prizes for the bingo and to our own rural area for their support.

Sue Hall, of Abilene, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Windham and Paula.

Mrs. McKinley has been visiting a few days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher and William. She attended Sunday School with them at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rambo and Miss Bessie Rambo, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Poindexter visited Mr. Poindexter's mother, Mrs. Florence Poindexter at Oplin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black and boys, of Brady, visited Mrs. E. E. Boutwell and Joe Sunday afternoon.

AIR CONDITIONING—TEMPERATURES MADE TO ORDER—AT NEW LOW COST. GET A DEMONSTRATION!

Who rates what for performance and smoother riding in the low-priced three? Chevrolet has laid the answer and the proof on the line!

First, Chevrolet won the Auto Decathlon over every car in its field, and over the higher priced cars that were tested, too. This rugged ten-way test (right, below) showed Chevrolet was the champ in handling ease, braking, smoother, passing ability, smooth-

ness of ride and other driving qualities you want in a car.

Then, Chevy won the Pure Oil Performance Trophy at Daytona (left, below) as "best performing U. S. automobile."

It's quite a feeling to know that you are driving a car that performs so well, responds so beautifully and is so finely built. You feel proud, of course. But you also enjoy a surer, smoother, steadier way of going, a keen

cat-quick response of power, and the easiest handling you've ever experienced behind a wheel. Just try this Chevrolet (V8 or Six) and see!



*Chevy showed it's still the champ...  
 at Daytona... and in the Decathlon!*



ENTER CHEVROLET'S \$275,000 "LUCKY TRAVELER" CONTEST!

Come in now—get a winning deal on the champion! Only franchised Chevrolet dealers display this famous trademark

See Your Authorized Chevrolet Dealer

**ROOFING**

Let us make your estimate to re-roof your residence or store building. Estimates furnished free. We use Genuine Ruberoid Roofing Materials. All roofs guaranteed.

**LYDICK-HOOKS ROOFING COMPANY**  
 Abilene, Texas

Phone OR 2-4032  
**Dr. W. D. Buchanan**  
 Chiroprapist - Foot Specialist  
 Hours 10-12 - 2-5  
 1634 N. 2nd St. Abilene, Texas

**ABILENE Reporter-News**  
 Delivered Twice Daily  
**DALLAS NEWS**  
 DELIVERED DAILY  
 See or Call  
 Edith Bowlus  
 PHONE 174  
 BAIRD, TEXAS

**666**  
 ...FIGHTS ALL COLDS  
 SYMPTOMS AT ONE TIME...  
 SEE GOOD TIME! IT'S THE  
 PROVEN COLDS MEDICINE

**Electrical Contractor**  
**M. M. CALDWELL**  
 Specialize In Residential  
 and R.E.A. Wiring  
 Light Fixtures  
**Caldwell Furniture  
 Company**

**Best Place**

**There is to:**

**Cash a check**

**Get change**

and at the same time avail yourself of those many little services only a bank can perform which make your business transactions both pleasant and profitable.

**Stop In!**

**First National Bank of Baird**  
 NOW IN OUR 72ND YEAR OF SERVICE

**A MODERN BANK ESTABLISHED IN 1885**  
 Dependable Through the Years  
 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
 Member Federal Reserve System

# NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

## SCHOOL NEWS

**FIRST & SECOND GRADES**  
We have finished a unit on our study of land birds. Now we are study water birds. We have read that there are many kinds of ducks.

Many students in our class have planted seeds. We are learning how to care for plants. Roselee Rouse has two balsam plants. They are growing very fast.

Johnny Isenhower spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen at Trent. Johnny told our class he got to ride in his grandmother's new car.

Roseless Rouse told our class about being in the big rain in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. She was visiting a cousin, Mrs. Rouse.

Dan Northrup's grandmother, from Abilene, visited him during the week end.

Ricky Sherman spent Sunday night with Mrs. Homer Pruet.

**GO TO MEET**  
There will be a meeting of the Ground Observer Corp Fri-

day afternoon, April 5, at 2 p. m. The class will meet in the study hall of high school.

## STUDY CLUB VISITS CHANDOR GARDENS

The Women's Study Club had a most delightful trip to the Chandor Gardens in Weatherford Monday.

Members attending were Mmes. Mark Burnam, I. G. Mobley, S. M. Eubank, Weldon Isenhower, John Cook, John Petty, H. A. Pruet, Douglas Fry, R. D. Williams, Betty Mobley and two guests, Mrs. Mary Thomason and Reba Francisco.

Those planning to attend the Homecoming April 20, are requested to send in your reservation to Mrs. Vena Shackelford. Price of catering service \$1.15 and 65c.

## Putnam Personals

Mrs. Ben Brazil of Sedwick, was a Tuesday visitor with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Buchanan.

Foy Jobe and family moved to Jal, N. M., Tuesday, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Epp Free are spending a few days in Midland with their daughter, Mrs. Bill Anderson and family.

Mrs. Eva Lee and Mrs. Afton Hall of Baird were Monday visitors with Mary Thomason and Vena Shackelford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedrick went to El Paso Wednesday to see their son, Billy, who is stationed there and is leaving soon. They returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett attended church in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and son, Gary, of Weatherford, were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Gattis.

Mrs. Mary Guyton attended the monthly Nurses meeting at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene last week.

Troy Dale Caraway, of Abilene, is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton of Sweetwater, spent the week end with her parent, Mr. Tom Butler.

Mrs. Charles Davis and daughter, Charlene, visited Mrs. Laddie Pierce in Slaton Sunday, and also visited an aunt, Mrs. Alex Kittrell and family in Lorenzo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cook, of Clyde, visited relatives in Putnam Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks Sunday were: their sons, G. W. and family and Dick of Abilene, Norris and family of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kyle of Abilene.

Clint Rutherford of Grand Prairie, was a week end visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook, of Abilene, visited his mother, Mrs. Mitt Cook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harder were Friday evening visitors with Mrs. Mary Thomason and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford.

Those having Sunday dinner with Mrs. D. D. Jones and Dove Gunn were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones and family of Moran, Mrs. B. H. Yeager and Mrs. H. A. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowne of Dallas, were week end guests of Hodge and Billy Bowne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet, of Ranger, visited relatives in and around Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet returned from the hospital Thursday. Also Tex Herring is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Jack and Adolph Brandon, of Clyde, and Mrs. Mollie Brandon spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon.

Mrs. W. E. Gillit and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McManus, of Baird, were Friday visitors with the Charlie Brandons and their daughter, Mrs. Ray Evans and sons Mike and Dan, of Kermit, were week end visitors of theirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Isenhower and sons visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn in Trent Sunday.

Dr. Royce Pruet of Abilene was a Thursday evening visitor with relatives.

L. E. Park and Mrs. Edd Griffin of Lubbock spent Thursday night with Mrs. D. D. Jones. They were returning from El Dorado, Ark., where their mother, Mrs. Annie Park, had celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Postic, of Hobbs, N. M. were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls spent the week end in Olden with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls of Abilene, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flemings and children, of Cisco, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glimmer Reese Sunday evening.

L. C. Donaway spent the week end with John Lee Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle visited with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sublett, in Avoca Friday evening.

Mrs. R. C. Speegle received a letter from Terecia saying she was working when the earthquake occurred in California, her first experience.

## Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi, neighbor! This is Monday night, still no rain. Weatherman just now said might get some rain tonight or tomorrow.

arm, people whose names are on the record.

Let's consider a speech by Ricardo Barton, wealthy Duval and Jim Wells rancher; former Parr stalwart and now a foe of the Machine.

It takes courage to face up to one's past and obey the dictates of conscience. Barton, ever the protester of his fearful family, showed up at an anti-Parr election rally and made a speech.

This, in part, is what he said: "I've been with the Duke in stealing from the school kids... Sixteen years ago Parr ran my own brother out of the county... I could tell you a few things about an unsolved murder or two... I want you all to know the truth about the Possum (the Latin's nickname for Parr, El Tlacuache—the Possum) even if I have to go to prison for it."

The exodus is not only from Duval. People are deserting the Parr camp in droves.

Most important of the defections, of course, is the present District Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin, a former Parr man who was once unceremoniously tossed out of office by the Texas Supreme Court. Duval County Judge Dan Tobin is another. Yet another is Manuel Marroquin, now editor of the anti-Parr, bilingual tabloid newspaper "New Duval."

Marroquin, the man described by Assistant Attorney General Sidney Chandler as having "more intestinal fortitude than any other man in the county," gives an interesting sidelight on the Duke of Duval—and it's by the sidelights, the little things, that we understand people. Here's Marroquin's story, taken directly from a tape recording:

"I started to sell milk in my store and George Parr came in. I said 'George, will you do me a favor, take a bottle of milk and go outside with it, let people see you with it?'"

"George said to me, he said 'Meme'—he always called me Meme, that's short for Manuel you know—he said 'Meme, you know I don't drink milk' and he started to go out."

"I said, 'George, I know you don't drink milk, but if people see you with my milk they'll buy it from me.'"

"He said, 'Sure, Meme, give me a bottle of milk.'"

"And I said, 'I won't charge you anything.' He put the money down anyway and I said 'If you want to throw the bottle away after the people see you with it, then throw it away. Just let the people see you with my milk and they'll buy my milk.'"

"He went out of my store and held up the bottle of milk and he waved it and before he got in his car he told everybody what fine milk I had. And he waved the bottle of milk out of the window of his car after he got in his car and drove off."

"For three days everybody in San Diego buys my milk. Everybody in San Diego's drinking milk, then... Wham! Nobody at all buys my milk. I had all my milk and it went bad. I lost plenty of money. You know what that blanket blank so and so did? His pistoleros found out they could make money with milk so George gave the milk business to a deputy sheriff."

If that isn't a whimsical switch on old-style Bossism I'd like to know what it is. If the men who bossed Chicago in the days of Al Capone ever hear of it they'll be doing a dervish act in their graves. Milk!

Later Marroquin opened a tor-

We had a nice week end. Went to church Sunday. Bro. Loiry and family had dinner with Jim and I Sunday. Really enjoyed having them.

Bub Park of Lubbock was by to see us a while Friday night. He and Mrs. Edd Griffin had been to El Dorado, Ark., to see their mother and celebrate her 95th birthday. They spent Friday night with Mrs. Dell Jones and Dove Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre, of Oplin, spent Wednesday with John and Roma. Glad to say they are doing pretty good. I went down and visited with them a while. Mr. and Mrs. McJohn and Roma drove over to Moran, as the Mc's had never been over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey spent Sunday afternoon with us. We enjoyed visiting with them very much.

Jim and I visited a while Tuesday night with Enoch and Maurine McCollum. They're doing OK. Enoch says he is not going to farm very much this year. Think he is pretty wise.

Jim finished planting feed today. He planted some corn a few days ago. Said some of it was up. Hope we make some roasting ears.

Roma and John visited one evening last week with the Burette Ramseys.

Burette and Johnny Mat Ramsey visited a while Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bynon of near Moran.

I visited Mrs. Mary Ramsey a while last Tuesday afternoon. Also visited with Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Ell Apanathy a while. Sorry Mrs. Apanathy is still sick. Hope she soon gets better.

Glad to say Mrs. G. S. Pruet is back home and doing pretty well. Tex Herring is back home again, too. Hope they both get well soon for it is fishing time

right now and they neither one able to go fishing. So be good and take your pills so you can soon be able to go fishing.

I visited a while last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dell Jones and Dove Gunn. They both doing fine. Still play some dominoes every morning and then watch TV in the afternoon.

I visited a few minutes this afternoon with Mrs. Dock Isenhower in Cisco. She and Dock both are recuperating from the

flu. Think they are on the mend now.

Glad to say Mrs. J. C. Dyer is doing fine after being ill so long. Mark, Ollie and Gayle Burnam had dinner with Mrs. Mary Ramsey Sunday.

John and Roma came by a few minutes Sunday afternoon. Good morning this cloudy Tuesday. We didn't get the rain that was supposed to come last night, but still promised rain today.

I visited a few minutes this afternoon with Mrs. Dock Isenhower in Cisco. She and Dock both are recuperating from the

## REEVES LUMBER CO.

HOME OWNED—HOME OPERATED

Baird, Texas

Phone 34

### SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

#### PAINT

WHITE OUTSIDE HOUSE PAINT, per gal. \$2.98

#### ROOFING

167 LB. GREEN HEX SHINGLES, per sq. \$6.35

215 LB. THICKBUTT SHINGLES, White or Green

Price per square \$7.75

90 LB. ROLLED ROOFING, White, Red or Green

Price per roll \$2.98

15 & 30 LB. JOHNS-MANVILLE FELT

Price per roll \$2.98

We Carry A Complete Stock of Johns-Manville Asbestos Siding and Roofing Products

Home Improvement Loan

Nothing Down - 5 Years To Pay

Property Does Not Have To Be Clear

Low Interest Rates

Free Estimates

"WE DELIVER"

Phone 34

Baird, Texas

## STORY NO. 7

### Duval "Refugees" Cut Population By 43 Per Cent in Fifteen Years

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—In Duval County there has existed "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror." So states John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General of Texas.

If Shepperd be right is it any wonder that Duvalans flee to freedom through the Mesquite Curtain?

Between 1940 and 1955, inclusive, Duval County lost 43 per cent of her population.

In 1940 there were 20,565 people living in the County according to the U. S. Census.

By 1950 the population had dropped officially to 15,565.

By 1955 the population had dropped to an estimated 12,000, give or take a hundred or so either way.

This figure is based on a usually accurate barometer, on the school population which varies directly as the total population.

In 1950 there were 5,077 children attending public schools in Duval. By 1955 the number of children in school had dropped to 4,150, a loss of 927 in five years. The 1940 figure was 5,213.

All of the above figures are taken from the authoritative Texas Almanac—except the percentages.

Seven other Texas counties touch on the borders of Duval. These are Brooks, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, La Salle, Live Oak, Webb and McMullen.

All but two of these counties show population increases for the same period; the exceptions are Live Oak and tiny McMullen—and their losses are small.

In sharp contrast Brooks gained 44.5 per cent; Jim Wells, 38.3 per cent and Webb gained 22.3 per cent. These figures are for 1940-50. School population jumped in these three counties between 1950 and 1955, indicating a proportionate population gain.

Ask a Parr proponent to explain the exodus from Duval and he has a ready answer, the long drought and the trend to the big cities.

It isn't explained how the drought affects Duval more than her seven neighbors.

Nor what big cities exist in those seven counties. The only "big city" is Webb's Laredo with an estimated 59,000 people.

There can be but one answer for the Duval exodus. Too many people found life there unpleasant, unbearable, unsafe or unprofitable. So they packed up their families and vamoosed.

I was sitting in a restaurant in Jourdan, the Atascosa county town, when a man came over and wanted to know what was going on at the courthouse. He thought I was a lawyer, and visiting lawyers are celebrities in Jourdan.

I told him that Judge Barrow was hearing a case having to do with Parr's 55,711-acre Dobie Ranch.

"Use'ta live in San Diego on't," the man said.

I asked him why he left the place.

"Couldn't raise my kids there proper," he said. "I got beatened up on't and we didn't want our kids to see their daddy get beatened up."

When I pulled out my note book to jot down his name the man added this: "Nope, Nope. I got a married sister still livin' there."

The list of people forced to leave Duval County for one reason or another, frightened out or ordered out, is as long as your

tilla bakery. Parr put him out of business.

Marroquin today is one of the Duval emigres. The five members of the Marroquin family have helped swell the census of neighboring Jim Wells County.

"Meme," with his Winchester always at the ready, lives just across the county line on Highway 44.

Take the case of another refugee, Jose Serna, brother of Donato Serna, now the Duval County auditor. Jose owned a cafe in San Diego and incurred the displeasure of the Boss. Here's how Donato tells the story:

"George Parr drove my brother out of the County, out of San Diego. Deputy sheriffs blocked the entrance to his place of business. They'd arrest customers who one beer and charge them with drunk driving, whether they owned automobiles or not. They didn't press any charges, just scared them so they wouldn't go in my brother's place any more."

"I went across the street with a loaded camera to take a picture for evidence and George Parr grabbed his pistol and ran across the street to me, cursing in Spanish. Tried to grab my camera."

Amaya (Manuel Amaya, then deputy sheriff and now chief of police in San Diego) hit my camera with the barrel of his gun.

"Amaya said 'You're both (Donato and Jose) under arrest. Get in that car.' We got in and I said 'All right, arrest me but don't hit me.' They took us to the courthouse. George put his gun in its holster and his me hard on the head with a five-cell flashlight. I sat down on the jailer's bunk. He was beating me up when Amaya took the flashlight away from him. Amaya put the camera on the table and they tore it to pieces. Then George told us 'Get the hell out of here.' We went."

Donato Serna stayed in Duval to fight.

In Duval these days a man either fights for Parr or fights against him. The days of "inactive subversion" are over. In Duval it's physically impossible to sit on your hands and straddle the fence at one and the same time.

I first heard that term "inactive subversion" a few weeks ago in Austin as I sat and talked about Duval with John Ben Shepperd, who knows more about the county, probably, than any other person outside the immediate vicinity.

Shepperd's knowledge has grown out of his early, undercover visits to Duval back in 1953, when he waited in a dark ranch house to talk with anti-Parr citizens who he said came stealing out of the bushes in the dark after parking their cars a mile away. Sometimes, he tells, they changed cars two or three times on the way to the rendezvous to keep from being followed by Parr men.

Months of this undercover investigation gave Shepperd enough information to sustain a frontal attack on the stronghold of Parr.

When the Parr dictatorship was first battered down on Duval, consolidating itself into "an almost indestructible machine of theft, secrecy and terror," the people were ignorant, miserable, exploited and politically inexperienced.

Perhaps they cannot be blamed for letting themselves get caught in the coils. Today they're still miserable, still exploited and the illiteracy rate is among the very highest in the State of Texas.

But they've had political experience thrust upon them.

Quiet sabb? Who knows, perhaps with upsurge of real democracy in the county that catastrophic population drop has halted, even reversed.

Thanks to men like Serna, and Marroquin, and Shepperd and many, many others, Duval may yet come into its own.



SLIMAKER original  
4760

Graceful Slimming Lines  
In  
Karasha Crepe  
40-GORE SKIRT  
Size 14½  
OTHER DRESSES  
In Sizes 12½ - 20½

Mayfield's

openly

Pretty for summer smartness!

A Williams SHOE

Comfortable cork and smooth supple leather combine to create one of the prettiest dress shoes of any summer. It's a wide banded mule, high of heel, and wearing one huge fringed flower with a jaunty air. White leather, beige leather or white and black patent.

ONLY \$3.99

McELROY'S

## BAIRD & RURAL COMMUNITY

# Children's Photo Contest

PRIZES TOTTALLING \$18.20

1st - \$9.50 Large Bronze Portrait

2nd - \$4.75 Sepia Tone Portrait

3rd - \$3.95 Portrait

PICTURES OF EVERY CHILD PHOTOGRAPHED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BAIRD STAR

EASY TO ENTER — Simply have your child's photograph taken by WINSTON B. LUCAS PHOTOGRAPHER at NO COST to you. They will show proofs from which you may choose the pose you wish entered in the contest and your child is automatically entered; and at this time you may order photographs for gifts or keepsakes if you wish — but this is entirely up to you. WINSTON B. LUCAS, of Irving, an expert child photographer, will be here to take pictures, with all the necessary equipment to take nice portraits for this exciting event. There is no age limit to this contest — even the tiniest tots enjoy being photographed by our photographer.

THIS IS A LOCAL CONTEST!

(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

ONE DAY ONLY!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th — 10 A. M. TO 6 P. M.

## BAIRD STAR OFFICE

**SWEET AND SOUR**  
(Continued from Page One)

tions off valuable services. And by the way, if you have a service to offer, something you are particularly adept at, sign up now with the M.F.T. — any and everything welcome.

In addition to the auction, Mrs. Hamrick's Homemaking girls will present their annual Spring style show. This will feature cotton casuals by the first year girls, suits by the second year students, and formals and semi-formals by the third year girls. Summer project garments

will also be displayed and we think you'll particularly enjoy the skit on Modern Mother Goose, which the girl will use as a presentation theme. So mark that date well — April 15th for the M.F.T. Auction and Homemakers Style Show.

**Eula Items**

**Dorothy Ann Crook**

Eula high school played Baird at 7 p. m. April 2, at Moran in the District 18-B volley ball tournament.

Eula boys played Scranton in the District 18-B volley ball tournament at Moran April 2.

Grade school girls will play Scranton April 11 in Baird and the grade school boys will meet Moran at Baird the same date.

The Pirates were defeated by Cisco 8 to 3 in a baseball game at Eula March 28.

Eula FFA Chapter met Monday to elect eight new officers for the coming year. The new officers will be installed in May. The FFA Awards Committee awarded two Eula boys, who conducted four-acre DeKab test plots. Two registered Duroc swine were awarded to two boys for their work in the Tommy Millorn Duroc Swine Circle.

Eula FFA Chapter, along with 72 other chapters in Area Four, will enter the Area Judging Contest in Stephenville April 6.

Eula will enter a poultry and livestock judging team. The livestock team is composed of Byron Miller, Jay Lee Mitchell, and James Carpenter. The poultry team is represented by Eldon Martin, Adrian Huddleston, Dale Owens and Jay Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wade and sons, Ernest and Billy Jack, visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wade in Odessa March 29.

Mrs. N. T. Zachry will have an eye operation at Hendrick Memorial Hospital April 2. Mrs. Zachry is the mother of B. A. Zachry of Potosi.

Mrs. Clara Hix, of Modesto, Calif., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Louise Stiles. Mrs. Hix and Mrs. Stiles left Friday to visit in Fort Worth with Mrs. Will Heslep and Mrs. Horace Jones.

Mrs. S. L. McElroy, representative director, will attend a meeting of the state board of Texas Tuberculosis Ass'n., in Dallas this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spence and son, of Fort Stockton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Driggers and daughters of Midland, spent the week end with Mrs. Evelyn McQueen and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Paschall in Abilene Friday night.

**Clyde Girls Win Volleyball Tourney**

The Clyde girls emerged winners in the District 34-B volleyball tournament held in the Albany gymnasium Tuesday night.

In first round play, Albany defeated Wylie and Clyde defeated Throckmorton. In the final match, Clyde defeated Albany 13-15, 15-5, 15-9.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Halle were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halle and girls of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casper of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thompson Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Lonnie visited Mrs. Lawrence's mother, Mrs. Lon Dickson at Tuscola Sunday.

Mary Brown, student at McMurry College, Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Robbins and sons visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Warren in Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones of Midland, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nobles.

**Leading Texas Feed Manufacturer Now Offering Exclusive Dealership In This Area!**

Here's a field that offers real opportunity for lasting success and good earnings. One of Texas' largest Feed Mills is now offering money-making dealerships to qualified men interested in setting up their own business in this area. If you have the necessary financial requirements and a sincere desire to get ahead, you can profit by handling a nutritionally sound line of poultry and livestock feeds — backed by over 30 years of feed manufacturing experience . . . and hard-hitting, sure-fire advertising at the local level.

Trucking facilities bring mill-fresh products right to your front door. You need no special knowledge or experience to make good. Our sales supervisor will personally train and work with you to get you off to a really fast, profitable start.

Get all the facts today. Write us about your business experience and a personal interview will be arranged. Give phone number. Write Box 1018, The Baird Star, Baird, Texas.

**EASTER SUGGESTIONS**



Cameo Creations  
Patina — Florence, Italy — Israel



- Brass
- Copper
- Milk Glass
- Jewelry
- Pangburn Candy

**City Pharmacy**

Phones 100 - 169

Winning Calendar  
No. 496 Good For  
Automatic  
Percolator



**Real Food Finds!**

We Have A Complete  
Selection of Hormel's  
Packaged Lunch  
Meats

**KIMBELL'S FLOUR**  
25 lb. sack  
**\$1.69**

**KIMBELL'S OLEO, lb. 21c**

**WHITE SWAN Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz. can 25c**

**NABISCO RITZ CRACKERS, 1 lb. box 33c**

**NO. 1 IDAHO POTATOES, 10 lb. bag 49c**

**Pinto Beans 39c**

**DRIED FRUIT BUYS!**

**CELLO APPLES, 8 oz. bag 29c**

**CELLO PEACHES, 12 oz. bag 39c**

**CELLO APRICOTS, 10 oz. bag 49c**

**WHITE SWAN TOMATO JUICE, 46 oz. can 29c**

**PET MILK 39c**

**Finest Quality MEATS**

**FRESH DRESSED FRYERS, lb. 45c**

**RATH'S SUNVALE BACON, lb. 49c**

**FRESH GROUND HAMBURGER, lb. 37c**

**CHOICE BEEF ROAST, lb. 49c**

**NICE LEAN PORK CHOPS, lb. 59c**

**Garden-Fresh VEGETABLES**

**FRESH STRAWBERRIES, pint box 29c**

**GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS, 2 lbs. 25c**

**GARDEN FRESH GREEN ONIONS, 2 bunches 9c**

**CRISP RADISHES, 2 bunches 9c**

**CELLO CARROTS, 2 packages 15c**

**BORDEN'S BISCUITS**  
4 cans  
**39c**



**BLACK'S FOOD STORE**



PHONE 297