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SUPPORT YOUR HOME TOWN

SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

Say, fella's 'n gals if there was anything you had earmarked to do in February, you sorta' better be after doing it on account of this time next week we flip the calendar and it's Spring — its as easy as that. (Who do we think we're foolin'?)

But if George 'n Abe think they have old Feb. sewed up birthday wise, its all pure malarkey because we think of some real important ones. Mrs. H. F. Foy had a ninety first birthday last week, and to that lovely lady we send our best wishes for just loads of happiness.

Best wishes too to Margie Ray who had a birthday on the 12th. Edith Bowls baked a cake and the gals celebrated in high style.

Speaking of Margie (and that's always a nice subject) she attended a Hair Style Show in Ft. Worth last week. Lotis Meadows and Madge Bearden were there and they all brought back the latest dope on hair-dos 'n stuff like that.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop and baby daughter, Julia, were visitors in Baird last week. It was Julia's first trip out to spend a few days with grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield and great grandfather, Mr. Poe.

"Mrs. J. T. Lawrence hied herself off to Dallas this week to attend a Gift Show there — now that's really doing Christmas shopping early, isn't it?"

Guess what? We found the owner of those Specs Bobby Bell found — 'twas Freda Jones and we're awfully glad the little note got results — shows yer readin' the Star 'n that's sweetest of all music to us.

Do you know who has been visiting in ye olde home town — Sallie Eastham, that's who 'n it always seems like good old times are here again when we get to chat with Mrs. Eastham. We tried to check on all the folks the lady is visiting, so we started with Mrs. Harry Ebert, then to Miss Jenny Harris, but the list is so long we'll just put "friends" because Mrs. Eastham has so many of them.

Have you noticed what's happening at the old Drive-In Theatre location? Mr. Gardiner has sold that tract of land, removed the theatre equipment and now bulldozers have leveled the whole thing off in preparation for what we understand is to be a modern housing development. Sounds good, doesn't it? Sounds like progress.

Lucille Tankersley had a nice trip last week. She visited with Ellen Gee, Guy and the youngsters out west.

The last "T" is crossed and the final "1" dotted on the 1957 school annual. Mrs. W. Clyde White made the last shipment a few days ago and now she's made an appointment with the publishing company's representative in a mighty effort to obtain an early return — so maybe that long awaited "Headlight" will be here sooner than we think.

Have you noticed the glorious golden Jasmine Stars in Helen Miller's yard? They are beautiful.

The Cline yard is lovely this time of year with daffodils that are a poem all by themselves. Fleeta Johnson has a Japanese bush in her yard that looks as though it came from an oriental painting.

And one of the prettiest things we've seen any where is a bush of snowy white blossoms in Bess Johnson's yard. The day we saw it some small finches swayed on the slender branches and made a picture we won't be apt to forget.

Mrs. McElroy, County school librarian, reports that the central library in the Baird Grade School has received fifty two new books — some in fiction, some in the reference department and all of them an asset to the school's "book bank."

Oh yes, birthday wishes to Roberta Ross who celebrates today. There should be something extra nice that we could say to a person like that who does so much for so many people to make them happy, but here it is even though it doesn't half express all we feel — Happy Birthday, and many, many more of them.

A. Yarbrough, of the Colony community, visited in the home of Mrs. Onie Abernathy last week.

Bobbie Bell and Beckye Griggs visited in Dallas last week.

Season Over In District 18-B

The Baird boys and girls basketball teams completed their district games last week and will close out the season with a tournament this week end.

At the District 18-B single elimination tournament held at Eula last week, the Baird girls defeated the Scranton girls 71-47 in the opening game, with Mary Helen Jaggars scoring 32 points. The Scranton boys defeated the Baird boys 68-43. Leonard Payne was high scorer for Baird with 17 points.

Friday night the Baird girls won over Putnam 54-45. Pat Jeter took scoring honors with 25 points.

Eula girls defeated Moran Friday night and went on to defeat the Baird girls 75-58 in the finals Saturday night.

Selected on the all-district team from Baird were Janis Abernathy, guard, and Mary Helen Jaggars, forward. Leonard Payne made the boys' all-district team. The all-district team is chosen by the coaches in the district.

Cub Pack To Hold Banquet Feb. 28

The Baird Cub Scout Pack No. 24 will hold its Blue and Gold Banquet Thursday, Feb. 28, in the basement of the Methodist Church.

The forty-seventh anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America is being celebrated this month all over America.

Each Cub Scout and his family are asked to bring sandwiches and potato chips. Drinks and cake will be furnished.

A number of Cub Scouts will receive their Wolf, Bear and Lion badges. Presentation will be made by Cubmaster Frankie Crow.

Callahan County Gets 2 Wildcats

Callahan County has gained sites for two new wildcats.

Deeper of the pair is S. C. Her-ring Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1 N. M. George. Located six miles northeast of Baird, it is slated for 2,700 feet with rotary.

Site for No. 1 George is 2,310 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of T&NO Survey 1.

Other wildcat is Reynolds, Kirk & Neeb of Cisco No. 1 G. A. Chrane. Slated for 2,500 feet with rotary. It is two miles southwest of Dudley. Drillsite is 990 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of Section 15, Block 7, SP Survey.

Jr. Wed. Club Enjoys Hamburger Supper

The Junior Wednesday Club had a hamburger supper in the basement of the Methodist Church, at 6:30 p. m. Friday.

The social committee, which consists of Mrs. Bill Alexander, Mrs. Coleman Walton and Miss Sarah Parks, prepared the hamburgers and arranged the social.

After the meal of hamburgers and pie was eaten, several games were played by all those present. Present for the social were: Mrs. Emil Ringhoffer and son Robert, George Warren and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Bill Alexander and children, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Walton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hatchett and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goble, Mrs. Ray Black and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carrico and Carlie, Miss Sarah Parks and Miss Floy McCaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert are visiting/ Mr. and Mrs. Vance Whitehead and Harry, in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Poindexter and family, of Big Lake, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Poindexter and Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and son, Lloyd Ray, spent the week end in Fort Worth and Dallas.

American Legion Receives Award

Eugene Bell Post No. 82 of the American Legion has recently received The National Citation for Most Distinguished Service.

This award is made to Posts that reached 100% renewal of 1956 memberships by November 11, 1956. Eugene Bell Post lacked three membership having 200% of its 1956 members on that date.

The citation was received by only 54 posts in the state of Texas. Certainly members of this post have a reason to be proud of this award.

TB Patch Tests To Begin Feb. 25

At a meeting of the Callahan County Tuberculosis Association February 14, Mrs. Lynn Ault, County School Nurse, announced that a county-wide patch test survey will be carried on in the schools of the county. She will start the program in the Baird school on Feb. 25; in Clyde March 4; in Eula March 11 and in Putnam March 18. The program in Cross Plains will be under the supervision of Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and Mrs. Dorothy Farr.

Th Patch Tests are free of charge, and parents are urged to see that their children take advantage of this opportunity.

Sunshine Club Meets In Crutchfield Home

The Sunshine Club met in the home of Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield February 12, with several members and two visitors present.

Members present were: Mmes. Edna Nelthercutt, Esther Green, E. L. Wood, Kate Goble, Mary Kehrer, Alice Crutchfield, Miss Jeffie Lambert. Visitors were Mrs. Lucy Blackshear of Fort Worth and Mrs. Helen Wood of Cross Plains.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. R. Beck on Feb. 27.

Baird Tourney Now In Progress

Eight girls teams and six boys teams are entered in the Baird High School post-season basketball tournament, scheduled to begin at 3:45 p. m. Thursday in the Baird gym.

Entered are girls teams from Cross Plains, Clyde, Putnam, South Taylor, Talpa, Moran, Wylie and Baird.

Boys teams entered are from Cross Plains, Clyde, South Taylor, Putnam, Wylie and Baird. No seniors will be eligible to participate in the tournament, which is for next year's players only.

First-round play matches the Clyde and Putnam girls at 3:34 p. m. Thursday, followed by the Cross Plains and South Taylor boys at 5 p. m. South Taylor and Talpa girls meet at 6:15, and the Baird-Cross Plains girls game is scheduled at 7:30. The final match Thursday slates the Baird and Clyde boys at 8:45 p. m.

Moran and Wylie girls are scheduled to begin Friday's action at 3:45 p. m. to complete the first round. Games in the semi-finals will be played Friday night with games scheduled to 5:00, 6:15; 7:30 and 8:45.

Games in the semi-finals will also be played Saturday, beginning at 10:45 a. m., with games scheduled at 12:00; 1:30; and 2:45 p. m.

The girls consolation finals will begin at 5 p. m. Saturday, followed by the boys consolation finals at 6:15.

The girls championship game will begin at 7:30 p. m. and the boys final at 8:45. Trophies will be presented to the first, second and consolation winners.

Mr. Rosco Shelnut and little daughter, Doris Ann, left Monday for Medford, Ore., with her brother, Bill Hatley and his wife, to visit their daughter, who is seriously ill. They will visit other relatives while there and return home in 2 or 3 weeks.

Foster Rites Held In Clyde

Funeral for Lee Foster, 54, former Clyde resident who was killed when struck by a train at 10 p. m. Thursday in Mojave, Calif., was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde.

Rev. Walter C. Dever, pastor of the North Park Baptist Church in Abilene, and Rev. W. C. Ashford of Abilene, retired Baptist minister, officiated.

Burial was in Clyde Cemetery under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Charles, Wayne, Gene and A. B. Foster, Jr., Mel R. Thurman, T. C. Richardson and Elmer Gooch.

Mr. Foster, a former resident of the Hamby community, and been working in California.

The body was escorted from California by his son, H. L. Foster, Jr., of Los Angeles.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Steve Angelich of Los Angeles; three brothers, A. B. Foster of Clyde, Hiram of Eldorado and Levi of Oxnard, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Otis Bowers of Abilene; and his father, C. H. Foster of Abilene; and four granddaughters.

Baird Team In Area Tourney

The Baird Independent team is entered in the Abilene Invitation Basketball Tournament Feb. 26 to March 2. It is an Abilene Area tournament with 18 teams entered from surrounding cities.

All players who would like to play for Baird should be at the gym Monday for practice, and the first game will be Tuesday night at the Abilene City Recreation gym. A list of players is necessary to be turned in to the Director before the first game, so it will be necessary for each player to get his name on the list before Monday, according to Coach Jefferies.

Clyde Edges Wylie For Title

Clyde closed out its District 10-A competition Friday night with a 42-38 overtime win over Wylie to gain an undisputed title and finish the season with a perfect 8-0 loop record.

Wylie wound up with a 3-5 conference showing. Gerald Breeding hooped 21 points for the Bulldogs and Donald Williams hit 13 for Wylie.

In the preliminary girls game, Clyde won 43-34.

The box: WYLIE: Herring 3-4-10; Williams, 5-3-13; Shuley 1-2-4; Allen 1-2-4; Husto 1-5-7. Totals 11-16-38. CLYDE: Cullen 2-5-9; Breeding 8-5-21; Hicks 3-0-6; Johnson 2-0-4; Chrane 1-0-2. Totals 16-11-42.

Meeting Held For Area Water & Sewer Ass'n.

A meeting of Central West Texas Water & Sewer Association was held at the Community Center Monday at 7:30, under the supervision of Clint Brannon, Water Superintendent of the City of Clyde.

A dinner was served to 35 members of the association, after which the meeting was called to order by A. H. Williams, president, from Putnam. Guest speaker of the evening was W. A. Nixon, of A&M College. Towns represented at the meeting were Abilene, Albany, Baird, Breckenridge, Cisco, Putnam, Cross Plains and Eastland.

Virgie Mae Stevenson of NTSC, Denton, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spence and son, of Crane, spent the week end in Baird, visiting Mrs. Evelyn McQueen and other relatives.

A. D. Purvis, of Fort Worth, returned home last week after spending three weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Elva Smith.



"On my honor, I will try to do my duty to God and my Country," thus begin the Girl Scout promise, subscribed to by more than two million girls and adults in the United States and its possessions. Many of these same girls live in our midst.

On March 12, 1912, Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Ga., established the first group of American girls who soon become known as Girl Scouts. Today the membership of this organization numbers well over two million girls and adults. Our community is justifiably proud of the Girl Scouts in our midst and we admire their efforts to help themselves in attaining their goals.

They are asking you to buy Girl Scout Cookies this week. Be glad when the "Girl in Green" calls at your door. Its more than a green dress, the Girl Scout uniform is a symbol of a way of life for over two millions girls. Their goal is to develop a resourceful happy citizen, willing to show their abilities and so contribute to their community and their country.

Show your appreciation of this fine organization by purchasing a box of Official Girl Scout Cookies. The sale of cookies is mighty important, for this money is all used locally and is used to provide better facilities for more girls.

Buy Girl Scout Cookies this week and you'll be glad you did.

'Shop Early' For Auto Inspection Stickers

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, prevailed upon Texas automobile owners to "do their shopping early" this year in an effort to reduce the last minute rush for the inspection stickers at the close of the 1957 motor vehicle inspection period. The deadline is April 15.

On information received from George W. Busby, chief of the department's Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, the state police director said only one-third of the state's four million vehicle owners have obtained their 1957 inspection stickers to date. He urged motorists to have their cars and trucks inspected now, as a means of saving time for themselves and to avoid a last minute congestion at inspection stations throughout Texas.

Last year, as was true in most preceding years, vehicles overcrowded inspection stations during the last week of the inspection period. More than a million automobiles were caught in the last minute rush, resulting in a loss of even more millions of manhours for the owners of those vehicles.

Garrison called upon the motoring public to adopt a "shop early" policy in this year's inspection program as a means of saving time and to afford better convenience for the vehicle owners involved.

City Election Will Be Held April 2nd

A City Election will be held Tuesday, April 2nd, for the purpose of electing three City Aldermen.

Aldermen whose terms expire this year are F. E. Neel, W. C. White and Medford Walker.

Candidates for City Offices must file their application with the City Secretary 30 days before April 2nd, which makes the deadline 5 p. m. March 1st.

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

Leslie Rickerson, former minister at Baird Church of Christ, was speaker at both services Sunday. Bro. Rickerson, of Worland, Wyoming, is attending the Lectureship at Abilene Christian College this week.

Rev. Yell's Rites Held Friday

Rev. A. W. Yell, 66, retired Presbyterian minister of Adamsville, died at 2 a. m. Thursday in Adamsville after an illness of five months.

He was born in Tennessee Jan. 29, 1891, and moved with his parents to Howard County in 1904.

Graveside services were held at the City Cemetery, Big Spring at 4:30 p. m. Friday with Rev. C. P. Owens of Coahoma officiating, and River Funeral Home in charge. Elders of the Presbyterian Church served as pallbearers.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Dwight of El Paso and Garland of Chicago; two daughters, Esther Yell of Brownwood and Mrs. N. T. Gault of Norton; five grandchildren; three brothers, Jim B. and M. I. of Stanton, and W. C. of Yuma, Ariz.; and one sister, Mrs. Ella Farror of War Trace, Tenn.

Rev. Yell served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Baird from 1925 to 1927.

Eula Sweeps 18-B Tourney

Eula won both boys and girls District 18-B tournament titles at Eula Saturday night.

Eula's boys defeated Scranton, 57-55 in the windup of the district tournament and now will face the same team, regular season winner, for the championship. The first game was played at Scranton Tuesday night. Second game will be played at Eula Friday night, and if a third game is necessary, will be played at a neutral site.

Travis Starr hit 18 and Gene Parks 15 for Scranton while Gerald Martin of Eula captured high point honors with 23.

Dolores Black scored 38 points to lead Eula to a 75-58 victory over Baird in the girls finals. Mary Helen Jaggars hit 31 for Baird.

Scranton placed three boys on the seven-man all district team. The team is composed of Starr, Parks and Tom Speigle of Scranton, Curtis Lipham and Gerald Martin of Eula, Leonard Payne of Baird and Wesley Matthews of Moran.

The girls team had Dolores Black of Eula, Della Brooks of Moran, Margie Bailey of Putnam and Mary Jaggars of Baird at the forwards and Sus Murphy of Moran, Abernathy of Baird and Jane Caton and Sandra Tarrant at Eula at the guards.

Rites Monday For Sam D. Williams

Sam D. Williams, 63, retired Clyde plumber, died Saturday night at 7:30 in St. Ann Hospital at Abilene and was buried Monday near Tyler.

Mr. Williams had been hospitalized four weeks but had been in ill health two years. He had lived in Clyde since 1945 and had spent most of his earlier life in the Tyler and Dallas areas.

Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde took Mr. Williams' body to Pine Springs, a community near Tyler, Monday morning. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. in the Pine Springs Baptist Church. Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Church, officiated at the services and burial was in the Pine Springs cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Jack of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Mrs. O. A. Davis of Lueders and Mrs. O. W. Henderson of Abilene; and 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Clyde Methodist congregation.

Gleaners Meet With Mrs. Virgil Hughes

The Gleaner Class of the Presbyterian Church met Friday with Mrs. Virgil Hughes. Mrs. Arthur Johnson presided at the meeting.

Several members gave talks for the good of the class. Delicious refreshments were served to Mmes. Johnson, Kehrer, Yonge, Alexander, Berry, George, McGowan and Fulton.

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FOR RENT: House with four rooms and bath. See Archie Nobles, Mae Hotel. 5-tf-c

NOTICE— We have our incubators setting and will have chicks available February 11th and each Monday following. We also carry "POWER" Feeds. Your business will be appreciated. STAR HATCHERS, Baird. 4-tf-c

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for the many kind deeds shown us in our recent bereavement. Our many thanks for all the beautiful flowers, the food, each card, and letter and each thoughtful word. May God bless each and every one of you.

M. C. (Bud) Walker,
Katie Lou and Ira
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Walker and Janis
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Walker and children.

Mr. Tommy Windham and Mrs. Ray Floyd of Oplin, visited Monday with Mrs. Frank Windham, and attended Workers Conference at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlon Sampson and children, of Clyde, visited his grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Ramsey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Sampson visited with Virgil Lee Robbins Sunday afternoon in an Abilene hospital.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

GOC TO MEET MARCH 1ST

The Ground Observer Corp will meet on March 1st. Meeting is set at 2 p. m. in order that more adults may attend.

Subject of the next meeting will be Tornadoes. Sgt. Burkhalter will bring a film which will be helpful in understanding the subject.

SCHOOL NEWS

Much to the disappointment of Putnam basketball teams, basketball season ended at the Eula tournament last week end. The girls put up a good fight against Baird, losing by just nine points. Marjorie Bailey got all-tournament.

The boys didn't have much luck, for they had to play Scranton.

The next years teams will participate in a tournament at Baird Friday.

1ST & 2ND GRADES

Last Thursday, Mrs. Grady Pruet gave Ricky Sherman a very nice birthday party. Mrs. Francisco and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham assisted in making his party so lovely.

We appreciate our mothers who are so nice to us.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi, neighbor! Believe it or not we had misty weather last night and all day today, which is Monday.

Mark and Ollie Burnam attended singing Sunday afternoon in Cross Plains.

John and Roma McIntyre, Marshall Darity and Lynn Jones of Cisco, went to Woodson Sunday and visited in the home of Marshall's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McNeice, Buster and little Jim came to see Roma and John Sunday afternoon. Roma and John, not being home, they came by to see Jim and I a few minutes. We were glad to see them.

Mrs. Weldon Isenhower and boys came to church Sunday

evening. We were so glad to have them worship with us.

D. A. Yarbrough spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Onie Abernathy in Baird.

We are glad we can say that Mrs. J. C. Dyer, who has been so seriously ill the past three weeks, is a little better. We just hope she continues to improve. Roma and I went to Abilene today, went out to the hospital and saw J. C. as Mrs. Dyer doesn't have any company. Also saw her sister, Edna.

I visited Mrs. Grady Pruet a while this afternoon. She is in Callahan County Hospital since last Wednesday. She is feeling some better, has been real sick. We hope she soon gets better.

Little Boy Jim has been sick the past week with a real bad cold. He is feeling better.

I saw Mr. Basket working on Mark Burnam's cellar. Ollie says she hopes he gets it finished before the spring storms come.

Ollie Burnam, Bess Herring and I went to the school house Friday morning to a school program, put on by Mrs. Kellner's pupils. We enjoyed the program very much. They all did real good.

John and Roma spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre, it being Mr. Mc's birthday. They are both feeling pretty good.

Roma and I shopped in Abilene last Tuesday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. McNeice. Her mother and dad and Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre were there also.

We had a letter from James Carter, who is in Germany. Said it was a pretty country and he planned to see some of the country while over there.

Good morning, still kinda' misty today. Wish it would come a good rain.

Rickie Sherman is visiting with the Walter Franciscos while Mrs. G. S. Pruet is in the hospital.

Mrs. J. C. Massengill and Mrs. A. T. Nix of Snyder visited with the Roggensteins a day or so the past week. Mrs. Roggenstein went home with them for a few days visit. Mrs. Massengill is her mother.

Elvin and Leta Wood and daughter, Sandra, of Iowa Park, spent Sunday with Leta's sister, Mrs. Joe Hurley and family. Ames Hurley and Rose Park, of Scranton, were married Saturday night. They will live out here on a lease. Congratulations to you. Wish for you a happy life together.

Mrs. Edna Argis of Beaumont is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. W. Alvy, and sister, Mrs. J. C. Dyer, who is ill in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

So that is all for this week. Be good and I'll be seein' you next week.

Putnam Personals . . .

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Eubank one day last week.

Clifford Smith of Grand Prairie, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reagan of Cisco, were guests of Vena Shackelford Thursday evening.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet is a patient in the Callahan County Hospital.

Mrs. Foy Jobe is a patient in Callahan County Hospital. She underwent surgery Wednesday for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford and son, of Winnie, were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Overton, of Sweetwater, were week end visitors with Tom Butler.

Louise Isenhower and Ermazelle Shackelford were Wednesday visitors in Merkel with Louise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn.

Mrs. Early Hurst returned to her home Saturday after a two month visit with her daughter and two sons in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sharpe of Odessa, were week end guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank left Sunday morning for Wichita Falls where they will spend several days with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Lee Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George McComus of Abilene were Tuesday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Biggerstaff.

Mrs. Arno Roggenstein is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nix, in Snyder this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wood and daughter, Sandra, of Archer City, were Sunday guests of Arno Roggenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Wood.

Sp3 James Abernathy and wife, of Lawton, Okla., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Abernathy Sunday.

Porter Weed, of Abilene, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weed, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedrick went to El Paso over the week end to visit their son, Bill, who is in the Army there.

Wilburn, Dort and Carlie Carrico, of Baird, were Sunday visitors of Betty Mobley and Mabel Carrico.

Benton, Craig and Jeri Pruet were Monday evening visitors with the Homer Pruets.

Lewis White, of Caddo, Okla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Buchanan, and brother, Lee, of Putnam.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey and Ollie Burnam visited in Cross Plains Thursday. Mrs. Annie Bishop returned with them and is spending several days with Mrs. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brazil and family, of Sedwick, Mr. and Mrs. Durham Cox and family, of Arlington, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil.

Mrs. Gladys Thames was a Friday visitor with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Buchanan.

Betty and Mabel Mobley visited Dot Moore in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett and son, Mike, of Colorado City, were week end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Mrs. W. M. Isenhower, of Cisco, was a Thursday visitor with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Ramsey.

Mrs. R. B. Cunningham and Mrs. Lee White visited Mrs. Pete Cunningham and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Press White in Moran one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Varner and family, of Baird, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

Vernette and son, Randall Hess, of Moran, visited Vernette's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gunn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce White and son, of Abilene, were Tuesday evening visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Burge and daughter, of Rankin, were week end visitors with Mrs. Burge's grandparents, Mrs. Louie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. John Clements.

Mrs. James, of Abilene, was a Tuesday visitor with Mrs. Lewis Williams.

Mrs. Charlie Davis is still a patient in Callahan County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley were in Baird Saturday.

Mrs. Claude Cunningham and Mrs. Hart spent Monday night with Vena Shackelford.

E. L. Harwell, of Abilene, R. L. Clinton, of Putnam, and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Clinton of Scranton attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Mollie Coulters, in Dallas last week. Mrs. Coulters is a former resident of Callahan County.

J. H. Weeks has been quite sick the past week.

Mrs. Hugh W. Ross Reviews Book

On Monday night, Feb. 18, the Junior Wednesday Club met in the home of Miss Beckye Griggs with Mrs. Bruce Bell as co-hostess, for their annual guest night program.

Mrs. Joan Walton opened the meeting and turned the program over to Mrs. Joe Harris, Program Chairman of the Club. Mrs. Harris introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Hugh W. Ross, Jr. Mrs. Ross reviewed "It All Started With Eve," by Richard Armour. This book was a very humorous one and, of course, was very ably presented by Mrs. Ross. It was enjoyed by all the club members and guests.

After the book review, a social hour followed and refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. Joe Harris, Emil Ringhoffer, George Warren, Frank Crow, Herschel Lynch, Coleman Walton, Arthur Young and Miss Sarah Parks.

Guests were: Mmes. Tom Barton, James Snyder, Irvin Corn, Mollie Brightwell, Bess Driskill, Lea Macdonald, S. L. McElroy, M. C. McGowen, Leland Jackson, J. T. Loper, H. D. Hart, C. H. Siadous, J. Rupert Jackson, Vance Stephenson, Fabian Bell Cecil Stroppe, all of Baird, and Mrs. E. B. Patterson, Big Spring. Mrs. Bill Kennard, Clyde, Mrs. Don Kendall and Mrs. Earl M. Rauch of Abilene.

T. W. Green, of Cottonwood, visited in the S. P. Sprouse home during the week end.

Mrs. E. L. Wood received word Sunday morning that her sister, Mrs. Alyce Rosser of Montgomery, Ala., had passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Loven and Guy visited in the C. B. Abernathy home last week end.

James Paul Shanks, senior law student in Texas University, was home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Sampson visited Mrs. H. E. Dennis at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Sunday.

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Highlights and Sidelights on Your State CAPITOL

AUSTIN — Gov. Price Daniel's proposed reorganization of the Insurance Department provides a brand new "big issue" for the Legislature.

Daniel asked the lawmakers to give emergency status to a plan to abolish the present commission and substitute a set-up similar to the Highway Commission, but full-time. This would mean a three-man policy board appointed by the governor and an administrator of the entire operation by the board.

Present three-man Board of Insurance Commissioners is charged with both policy-making and administrative functions. Individually, each is an administrator of regulation for one segment of the industry — life, casualty and fire. Collectively, they act as over-all policy-makers.

It's an inefficient operation, says Daniel. He said now is the appropriate time to change it before new commissioners become wedded to the old way. He asked Atty. Gen. Will Wilson to draw up a bill.

Only Fire Commissioner Mark Wentz has a "definite seat" at present. Casualty Commissioner Morris Brownlee's term expired Feb. 10, but he is being kept on temporarily until a successor is named. Life Commissioner John Osorio was appointed late last year by Gov. Shivers, but has

not been confirmed by the Senate.

Daniel said he made his decision "long before" the recent insolvency proceedings against ICT Insurance Co. of Dallas.

Industry groups, nevertheless, were taken by surprise. Most were unable to decide immediately whether to oppose, endorse or take a "hands off" attitude.

Allred Returned — Renne Allred is back on the job as attorney in the Insurance Department liquidation division.

Allred was fired as the division's chief attorney by the Insurance Commission in 1954. He protested at the time before legislative committees that he was responsible only to Travis County's district judges, who handle insurance liquidation.

His new appointment was made by Dist. Judge Charles O. Betts. Allred is a brother to Former Gov. James V. Allred.

Water Program Goes Forward — Both House and Senate constitutional amendments committees have okayed the \$200,000,000 Water Development Fund.

Under the plan a state bond issue would raise money to assist local governments to finance water conservation construction — up to \$5,000,000 per project.

House committee made such changes which would require a special Legislative appropriation to pay principal and interest

when necessary. House Sponsor Lerol Saul of Kress protested that this would make the bonds a less attractive investment, resulting in a higher interest rate for the state.

Local Legislation Fought — Local vs. state control battles have assumed almost the proportions of the more usual state vs. federal government controversy.

At least a half-dozen bills now before the Texas Legislature are being opposed on the grounds that they represent unwarranted legislative interference in local matters.

House constitutional amendments committee voted down a proposal by Rep. John Crosthwait of Dallas to allow the Legislature to pass bills applying to specific counties. It would do away with local self-government said opponents. Crosthwait said it would eliminate the present practice of passing laws applying only to counties with a certain population.

Several bills by which firemen and policemen seek better hours and pay are being labeled "legislative dictation" by the League of Municipalities.

Two bills to give the State Highway Department greater powers to condemn land for right-of-way met similar protests. "Too much power," said Sen. George Parkhouse of Dallas. "They'll take your courthouse and anything else they want." Senate Jurisprudence Committee approved them anyway.

Oil Imports Hit — President Eisenhower was asked to take "immediate steps to curb foreign oil imports" in a resolution passed by the State Senate.

Resolution was proposed by Senators Dorsey Hardeman of San Angelo and William Fly of Victoria.

Railroad Commission Chairman Olin Cuberson quickly congratulated the Senate. "That's always been the fly in the buttermilk," said Cuberson, "those excessive imports."

Pay Bills Advance — Plans to give teachers and lawmakers better pay are moving forward in both Houses of the Legislature.

House members approved 115 to 29, a proposed constitutional amendment providing for annual sessions of the Legislature and \$4,800 annual salaries for members. Original proposal was for \$7,500 a year.

No one appeared to oppose the Senate Education Committee's unanimous vote for a bill to give teachers a \$399 a year boost.

Busy Panels — Other Legislative committee action brought:

1. Protests against Sen. George Moffett's proposal for a study on diverting lease and bonus income from school lands from the permanent to available school fund. "A foot in the door" would be fatal, said opponents. Resolution went to probable subcommittee grave.

2. An appeal from National Democratic Committeeman Byron Skelton for Rep. Tony Koriotti's bill to require voters to register by party preference 30 days before each primary. Sent to subcommittee for one week.

3. Tentative plans by the House Committee on State Hospitals and Special Schools to visit the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston the latter part of this week. Administration of the reservation has been in a state of confusion, resulting in resignations, audits, law-searching and a committee suggestion that they "give it back to the Indians."

4. Rejection by a Senate committee of a bill to strike the word, "knowingly" from law forbidding sale of liquors to minors. Proponents contended liquor sellers used it as a loophole. Opponents said it would make dealers liable for innocent mistakes.

Short Snorts — Sen. Abraham Kazen, Jr., of Laredo, has introduced a bill to set up a Texas Council on Migrant Labor to improve conditions for "Texas citizens who are migrant laborers."

Federal government has control of braceros in interstate commerce. County officials serving 4-year terms would be required to resign their post to run for another one under a bill proposed by Rep. L. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi.

Tecumseh Topics

By Lillian Crawford

We have a good mist of moisture falling this morning, and believe, me, we are glad for every mist that falls.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. C. W. Barnard, Jr., was unable to work for WTU Saturday because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crawford and Lynda visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Crawford and son in Abilene Sunday.

Pardon me, but just got to tell you something about the grandson. He wouldn't go to sleep for a long time, then when he got ready for his nap, he crawled on his rocky horse and soon he was off to dreamland.

The Club met last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Dolph Hodges for a Valentine party, and too, it was the regular meeting date. During the afternoon we almost quitted Mrs. Hodges a quilt. Then each one had brought their Secret Pal's Valentine gift. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, cake and punch were served to each one present: Mmes. Sue Atchley, Ola Roberts, Dacia Armor, Etta Pearl Dyer and son, Bessie Summerour, Hazel Crawford, Golda Coughran, Vada Coughran, Pearl Bertha Whitley, Mrs. Dimple, your reporter and the hostess. The March meeting will be with Mrs. Dacia Armor March 13.

Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Foster, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster Sunday evening.

Jay Hutchins visited with Charlie Chick after church Sunday in Abilene.

Randy Foster spent Thursday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin at Sabanno.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Smith, of Cross Plains, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis Sunday.



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Mrs. Lucy Blackshear of Fort Worth returned home Monday after spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield.

Mrs. J. A. Brashear visited her aunt in Eastland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell of Ranger visited Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Price Sunday.

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ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

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Meanwhile, we had given up the Articles of Confederation and adopted the Constitution which lodged admiralty powers in the federal government.

For thirty-one hard-fought years the case shuttled between state and federal courts. Everybody got into the act -- the governor, the legislature, Congress, and even President Madison.

In 1809 the U. S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court which had decided that the Committee of Congress was right. This was a victory for Olmstead.

In this showdown Pennsylvania called out her troops. Rebellion spread. The U. S. Marshall swore in a 2,000 men posse to take over the prize money for Olmstead. Finally when President Madison himself said the Court had the backing of the U. S. Government, the Pennsylvania legislature gave in.

Poor Olmstead at 83 got his prize money, but he won a bigger case for the Supreme Court before the American people. As so often happens, a Supreme Court case involves justice for one man. In this case a humble fisherman. But the issue was national in scope.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson and daughter, of Midland, spent Saturday with Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. G. W. Ctrutchfield.

Mrs. Thelma Shelton and Charlene were in Sweetwater visiting relatives, over the week end.

Rev. Causey and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith.

Ruebelle Smartt and Ethel Eastman attended singing at the Cross Plains Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins visited at Carbon Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgins.

Those from here that attended the singing at Putnam Thursday night were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthen, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallas, Joe Smith, Ruebelle Smartt, Ethel Eastman and Dolly Smith. The next singing will be at Scranton Tuesday night, Feb. 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Joy visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy at Cottonwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Jones and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter visited in the Roy Higgins home Saturday night.

Rowden Round-Up

By Thelda Crow

Those having Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose were: Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs and Carl, of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Judy; Rev. W. E. Norvell and Dickey, Ray Boen and Mrs. Lella Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price visited her father, Mr. Noah Smedley at Merkel the past week. Mr. Smedley has been ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow visited with Mrs. G. H. Tankersley and Miss Thelda Crow Sunday night. W. F. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom and family Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lella Gibbs spent the week end at her home at Rowden. Her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs and Carl, of Odessa, spent the week end with her. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Judy.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford of Abilene spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and Don.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin and Don attended the young folks meeting at Clyde Baptist Church Monday night.

Mrs. Bob Merriman is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow visited her brother, T. O. Cutbirth and family at Clyde, Tuesday. He has been very sick the past week.

Wylie and Odle Smedley visited their father, Noah Smedley at Merkel, Monday.

Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Thompson, of Haskell, visited her brothers, Bill and Wyatt Robinson and families Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McCowen and Beth returned to Carlsbad, N. M., Friday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCowen of Cross Plains.

Balley Lofton of Lyford passed through here last week on his way to Oklahoma, where he will be transferred in the near future.

Mrs. Sam Swafford, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Hazel I. Respass were shopping in Abilene Wednesday of last week.

Jim Nordyke, of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Strahan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Arvin of Baird visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey of Stephenville visited Mrs. J. F. Coffey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell were in Abilene Sunday.

Raymond Terry was rushed to Rising Star hospital early Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes and children, of Fort Worth, visited Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick.

Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Beulah Respass are visiting in Dallas this week.

Oplin Observations

By Daphne Floyd

The past week's weather reminds one of June in February. Give this old earth a chance, with a little rain, and Mother Nature does her part. It is very near unbelievable the change that has taken place the past few weeks since it started raining. Grain fields look so promising and with a slow rain falling last Sunday night, no one should have a cause not to have had a night of blissful sleep.

The ladies responded to the quilting at the Community Center last Thursday by having about eighteen present. Three quilts were quilted, one each for Mmes. Sidney Harville, Luclen Pierce and Albert Betcher. The noon lunch was reported to be practically a "feast fit for a king."

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Irby and daughters, Darlene, Shirley, Karen and Marilyn, of Midland, were week end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd had her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barrett of Lawn visiting with them last Friday night and Saturday. Her mother, who has been in ill health the past year, filled

an appointment with her doctor in Abilene on Saturday and was reported to be doing some better at the present.

Mrs. Ray Floyd, Mrs. Albert Betcher and small granddaughter, Brenda Frymire, attended the pink and blue shower at Lawn last Friday afternoon honoring Mrs. Harold Ford, who is the former Lucille Monroe.

Sorry to report that Mrs. Pat Johnson was in the hospital last week. Hope by this time that she is at home and well on the road to recovery.

Tommie Windham traded his Ford ranch wagon in on a new 1957 Ford last week. I mean new, too, for it has that new '57 look you have been reading and hearing about.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harville were honored with a visit last Sunday from his cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tarrant of Clyde.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Winnifred Burks of Lubbock are parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 5, and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. The baby's name is Gayle Ann.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burks of Baird.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avery were Mr. and Mrs. Bantaue and little son, Rusty, of Fort Worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avery and baby, of Abilene, were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avery, Sunday.

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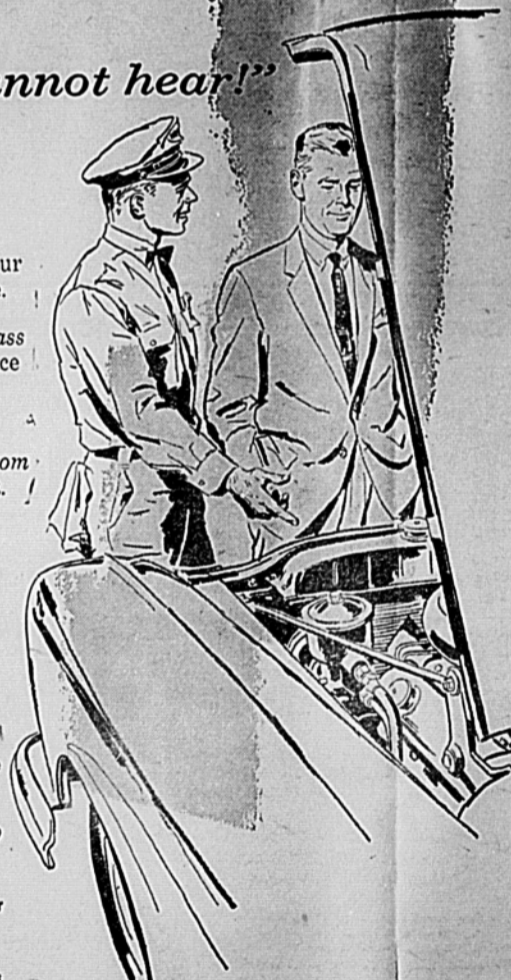
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BELTON, Feb. 9 — With some 200 women smiling approval, the Texas League of Women Voters' president told them Saturday night they are "the ones to solve Texas' water problems."

"It is the job of each of us," said Mrs. Horton W. Smith of Austin, League president.

She was the final speaker during a day-long Texas women's forum on water, co-sponsored by the Brazos River Authority and Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Federal and state water experts told the women that Texas' biggest stumbling block is not having a state agency which has as its main duty to develop and co-ordinate a state water plan.

Mrs. Smith said that each woman should spread the word in her community on solving the water problem.

Harry P. Burrell, Texas engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, said Texas needs "a voice to speak for the state on an informed basis."

Other panel members agreed the proposed Texas water development board could furnish the answer.

A three-man governor appointed board would be created by pending legislation.

The women applauded a suggestion by Mrs. Marguerite Neundorff of Kerrville that a woman be included on the proposed development board.

The women applauded when an unidentified woman said she had already asked Governor Daniel to appoint a woman to the board if it is created.

Other experts said:

1. State and federal agencies must co-operate for Texas' future water development. How-

ever, the state must take positive action based on "a long range water management policy based on factual data."

2. Texas' water laws need to be rewritten for clarification because now they are "hodge-podge, ambiguous, and conflicting."

3. There is plenty of water in Texas, but it is "now maldistributed and largely unregulated and unused."

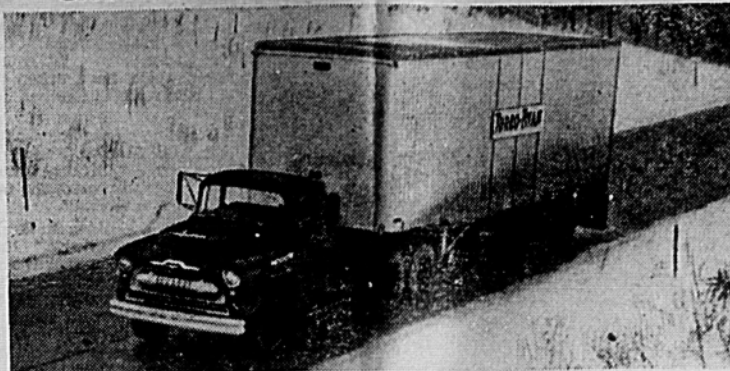
4. Sectionalism and selfish interest must give way to what is best "for the people of the river basins and for the state as a whole."

Speakers were: Harry P. Burrell, Bureau of Reclamation, Austin; Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, professor of history, University of Texas; H. N. Smith, Soil Conservation, Austin; J. E. Sturrock, Texas Water Conservation Association, Austin; Dr. Eugene H. Hughes, University of Houston; Herbert S. Hulburn, president Brazos River Authority, Plainview; Col. Harry O. Fischer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Fort Worth; Trigg Twichell, Surface Water Branch, U. S. Geological Survey, Austin; R. W. Sunderman, Ground Water Branch, U. S. Geological Survey, Austin; John McCall, bond counsellor, Dallas; and Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, president, League of Women Voters of Texas.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, Mrs. M. C. McGowan and Mrs. Glenn Rocky attended the meeting from Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard spent Sunday in Big Spring with their son, Dorris Ballard and family.

CHEVROLET TESTS GAS TURBINE TRUCK



Chevrolet Motor Division has unveiled an experimental gas turbine truck which it has been road testing for six months. Developed cooperatively with the General Motors Research Staff, the Turbo-Titan contains an experimental 200-horsepower engine, examined here by Chevrolet's Chief Engineer H. F. Barr, left, and W. A. Turenen, head of GM's gas turbine research. "Among gas turbine advantages over piston truck engines," Barr said, "are better hill-climbing abilities, less maintenance, wide fuel choice, and easier cold-weather starting." Chevrolet has no immediate production plans.

Putnam Girl Weds Feb. 1 at Midland

Miss Delores Sargent of Midland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent of Putnam, and Wayland Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Smith of Midland, were united in marriage on Feb. 1, at 7:30 p. m. in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. V. M. Holcomb, in Midland.

Rev. Stovall, pastor of the Midland Baptist Church, performed the double ring ceremony.

The mantel was decorated with a basket of white glads and white stock with greenery. A floor basket of flowers were on either side of the mantel.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of white brocade faille fashioned on princess lines with a long sleeved jacket. She wore a white hat with seed pearls and finger tip veil and blue accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with feathered carnations and centered with a white orchid.

The bride carried a silk handkerchief, over 60 years old, belonging to her grandmother. For something borrowed she wore a bracelet belonging to his sister, Mrs. Troy Stewart of Cisco, and a blue garter.

Maid of honor was Miss Donna Massey of Midland. She wore a

dress of blue taffeta with pink accessories and a headpiece to match. She carried pink feathered carnations.

Dale Smith of Midland served as best man.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the home of the bride's sister.

As the couple left for a short wedding trip, the bride was wearing a black and pink wool suit with pink accessories and an orchid corsage from her bouquet.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Putnam high school and attended Cisco Junior College. She is presently employed by an electric company in Midland.

Mr. Smith attended Oklahoma schools and is employed by an oil company, also of Midland.

The couple is at home at 205 61st Street in Midland.

Eula Items

Dorothy Ann Crook

Eula boys and girls won the District 18-B tournament held at Eula last week end. The Eula girls defeated Baird 75 to 58 to win the District 18-B championship. Eula boys defeated Scranton in the finals 57-55. Eula and Scranton will play the tie-off for district in the best two out of three games. First game was played at Scranton Tuesday night with Scranton winning 82-45. Second game will be played at Eula at 8 p. m. Friday night.

Eula girls will play Trent beginning at 7:30 at Eula Friday. The Eula girls A and B teams will play Trent March 1 at 7 p. m. at Trent. These will be practice games.

Bill Gene Harris and Ila Jean Mitchell were elected king and queen of the Sweetheart Banquet held Feb. 12 at the Baptist Church. Dr. R. N. Richardson, of Hardin-Simmons University, was guest speaker.

The P-TA will meet Feb. 25 at 7:30 p. m. at the school.

Lt. and Mrs. George R. Crook and their daughter, Catherine Ann, visited Mr. and Mrs. George C. Crook and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson. Lt. Crook is stationed at Fort Hood.

Mrs. Delma McWilliams, of Abilene, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fiedler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes and Loyd Ray Tuesday.



Dr. John C. Stevens To Hold Meeting

Beginning February 22, the Clyde Church of Christ will conduct a meeting. Brother John C. Stevens, assistant to the president of Abilene Christian College, will do the preaching. Services each evening at 7:30. Wayne Berryman will lead singing.

Dr. John C. Stevens is a graduate of ACC, where he majored in Bible.

Following his graduation, he preached for four years at the church of Christ in Jasper and one year for the Central church of Christ in Beaumont.

In 1943 Stevens joined the Army as a Chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant. During his three years in the Army, he was awarded the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with five campaign stars and the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was discharged with the rank of major in 1946.

After his discharge, Stevens enrolled in the graduate school of the University of Arkansas, where he received his Master of Arts degree in history in 1948.

He joined the ACC faculty in September, 1948, as assistant professor of history. He was appointed dean of men in 1950, dean of students in 1952, and was named assistant president in February, 1956.

Meanwhile, in June, 1954, he received the Ph. D. degree in history from the University of Arkansas.

He is married to the former Marian Ruth Hambo, and they have two children.

Mr. Frank McGary and Mrs. Zera Everett, of Cross Plains, were shopping in Baird Monday.

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Mrs. Dyer Hosts Wednesday Club

Mrs. A. E. Dyer was hostess on Feb. 13 to 18 members of the Wednesday Club, in her beautifully redecorated and remodeled home on the Coleman Highway. Mrs. W. O. McWhorter, Mrs. E. C. Fulton and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, of Albany, were guests.

Following the invocation by Mrs. Lee Ivey, a discussion of "What Strongholds Like Guam and Formosa Mean To The US" Jr.

was presented by Mrs. L. L. Blackburn. Mrs. L. B. Lewis read interesting excerpts from the book "Korean Adventure" by the late Dorothy House Vieman, and from the magazine "Korean Survey."

Members brought gifts of money for the Maintenance Fund, Headquarters Building, TFWC.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. D. F. Short as hostess in the home of Mrs. C. B. Snyder.

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Dale Tabor Gets Appointment

Rep. Omar Burleson of Anson Tuesday announced his selection of 17th Congressional District youths for the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., for the term beginning this fall. He named as principal appointments Roland F. Ray Jr., Rout 2, Roby, and Dale Clark Tabor of Clyde.

First and second alternates, respectively, for Ray are Cecil Robert Tate of Hamilton and John Henry Hiefeld of Mineral Wells. First and second alternates, respectively, for Tabor are Don Allen Roberts of Breckenridge and Wilbur Lee Cox of Route 3, Stamford. Burleson has no appointments this year for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has previously announced his selections for the U.S. Air Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Urging Better Government Legislation

A Senator from the Panhandle and a West-Texas Representative have joined hands in sponsoring one of the 15 anti-secrecy bills requested of the Texas Legislature by the Texas Press Association. Measures advocated by the press stem from recent scandals in Duval County, the Land Office, and in a less spectacular way in several areas of the state. Pictured above are Rep. Howard Green of Fort Worth (standing) and Sen. Andy Rogers of Childress (seated), as they confer on HB 167 and SB 224. Their companion bills require that suits be filed by county and district attorneys for the recovery of misappropriated or unlawfully expended monies belonging to a county, school district or other political subdivision. Should these officials refuse to act, then the Attorney General is empowered to do so.

Five More Legislators Join "Better Government" Campaign

Five more members of the legislature have joined in sponsoring "Better Government" bills advocated by the Texas Press Association.

They are Senators Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Otis E. Lock of Lufkin and Andy Rogers of Childress; and Representatives Don Kennard and Howard Green, both of Fort Worth. Anti-secrecy bills and bills requiring suits for recovery of misappropriated public funds are among those introduced.

In the intensified drive to make these bills into law, TPA and sponsoring legislators are striving to prevent the recurrence of land scandals, insurance frauds, or "another Duval" as well as the suppression of information.

Senator Gonzalez and Representative Kennard have introduced legislation making it unlawful for government officials at any level, to hold closed meetings. In the legislature the bills are known as SB-88 and HB-69.

Senator Gonzalez, who has had a career in public office as city councilman and mayor of San Antonio and as chief probation officer of Bexar County, has been an active champion of open meetings. "I have yet to attend a meeting where anything discussed was of such confidential nature that it couldn't be disclosed and aired," he says emphatically.

The San Antonio solon, expressing a sincere desire to sponsor this bill said frankly, "Only those who feel that they must cut corners to gain their ends would resort to subterfuge or secrecy. Those are the ones who, in the people's interest, must be thwarted and their designs and intentions aired in public."

The outspoken Senator, saying he did not want to cast disparagement on any official, added, "Unfortunately, power tends to corrupt, therefore the necessity for restraints and safeguards such as this bill provides."

Introducing the champion bill in the House, Representative Kennard said, "I have always felt that anything going on in a public office is due a public hearing." Reiterating, Kennard said, "The people have a right to a full and open hearing."

"I have seen that right abused on both the state and the local level," Kennard continued, "and I am working for the passage of this bill because it will do away with such abuse."

In another attempt at opening public meetings, another TPA bill makes political conventions open to the press. It has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Lock and in the House by Representative Green.

Known as SB-94 and HB-108, and stating, "representatives of newspapers shall have the right" to attend precinct, county and state political conventions, the bill has the 100 per cent support of its sponsors.

Lufkin's Senator Lock sees the whole matter simply as open and closed. Lock, who said he could see no reason for anyone to oppose such legislation, stated flatly, "News reporters, as well as representatives of other news media, should have the right to attend all political conventions, and for that reason, Senate Bill-94 should be passed."

In a recent speech, Frank Bartholomew, president of United Press, said, "Freedom of the press is a luxury." Representative Green says he believes it is "a luxury Texas can and must afford."

Serving his first term in the legislature, Green shows his stand on anti-secrecy meetings when he says, "All gatherings in the public interest should be open to the press."

To emphasize his feeling on closed meetings, Green said, "meetings are conducted in a more democratic manner if the press is present," adding bluntly, "chicanery has been present at conventions in the past when the press wasn't there."

Senator Rogers and Representative Green have introduced SB-224 and HB-167, requiring suits for recovery of public money that has been misappropriated.

This bill makes it incumbent on county, district and criminal district attorneys to institute

suits for recovering money unlawfully used, as well as stolen funds.

"If there has been a checkmate of this type in Duval County," Green said, "that situation never would have arisen. This bill is to forestall another 'Duval County.'"

Brooking no argument against this bill, Senator Rogers said forcefully, "This legislation is imperative to protect the public and their interests."

"There is nothing to be gained by being evasive," Rogers said. "This bill, as well as several others, is designed primarily to prevent corrupt authorities from gaining control of a county and its public moneys, with the blackened example of Duval County outstanding in our memories."

Rogers continued, "If, as in the case of Duval County, the elected officials are involved in a corrupt machine, or because of it, cannot act, this bill allows others to step in. If situations such as this can't be prevented, at least a law such as this bill prescribes could break it up," Rogers pointed out.

"This bill is as vital as any now before the legislature," Rogers said.

Already introduced in the House and Senate are five other "Better Government" bills.

Sponsoring them are Senators Charles F. Herring of Austin, Preston Smith of Lubbock, Doyle Willis of Fort Worth and Crawford C. Martin of Hillsboro; and Representatives Louis H. Anderson of Midland, John R. Lee of Kermit, Howard Green of Fort Worth, Virginia Huff of Ferris, and L. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi.

Introducing the veterans bill, a measure requiring public notices by veterans seeking to buy land, and designed to make another land scandal practically impossible, were Senator Herring and Representative Anderson. The bill has been given Number 67 in the Senate and 104 in the House.

The mandatory publications bill, providing for removal from office of any official refusing to publish notices as required by existing laws, has been introduced by Senator Smith as SB-55 and by Representative Lee as HB-38.

THEY NEED OUR HELP!



Senator Willis and Representative Green teamed to introduce SB-31 and HB-88. These bills provide for the removal from office of any official who invokes the fifth amendment, and refuses to testify concerning the duties and activities of his office.

A TPA bill requiring school districts to publish financial statements has been introduced by Senator Martin and Representative Duff. These identical bills are SB-131 and HB-159.

Representative Hals has introduced HB-199, another TPA proposal, requiring an audit of school district funds.

Week end guests of Mrs. E. L. Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caperton and Mrs. SaMie Chism of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Caperton of Clyde.

T&P Club Meets In Recreation Room

The T&P Club met last Thursday night in the T&P Recreation Room. After a delicious covered dish was served, all enjoyed songs and music made by Justin and Linnea LaCour, Linda Wingo and Kitsy Ross. Games of pool, 84 and 42 were played by the following members and their families:

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ross, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. LaCour, Justin, Linnea, Helma and Betsy, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wingo, Linda and Butch, Mrs. J. C. Stephens, Mrs. Nellie Mills, Bobby and Kitsy Ross.

"DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By--FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.--We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2340, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were ahead of him?

What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked? Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled that El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the braggart, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervantes had a couple of quick tequilas at the International Gardens, Ricky Callione's place, to steady his nerves. Then he paid his three pesos—twenty five cents—and vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now serving 99 years in Huntsville Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't live long, even in Huntsville, if he did. And The Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with Boss George Bernam Parr, the tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty, but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're red as in Russia, black as in Mussolini's Italy, brown as in Hitler's Germany, or red, white and blue as in Parr's Duval, follow the same pattern—ballots, beatings, bullets and booty. The ballots are phony but the others are real. All four figure in the story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening.

That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of political circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, it's now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a clean-up of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other counties, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't believe that such a place as Duval County could possibly exist in the Western world, until he came to Texas and saw for himself. Until he talked to little people who had been beaten and ruined, the little people whose names do not appear in the papers. Until he talked to the families of men who had been killed.

Until he talked face to face with one of the killers, a professional murderer, a hired pistolero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under the red shirts and under the brown shirts, and who doesn't like either of them, has written sev-

eral pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened there but to prevent a recurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance, just how grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile from Avis and covered more than 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texans have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full story of Duval hasn't been really and fully told, has never been pulled together all in one place and in complete focus so that the whole picture, clear and sharp, can be seen at one time.

That's what Franz Rosenwald and this writer propose to do.

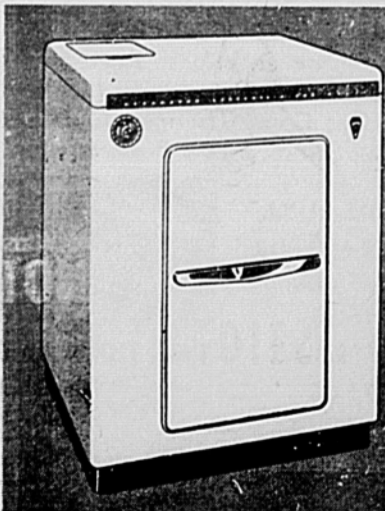
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