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Through The Editor's Specs

By BAB

In two of the grocery ads in this issue of The Rising Star, Irish potatoes are advertised under the name of 'spuds.'

With no reflection upon the erudition of Messers Clifford Watkins and Jake Somerford, I'll bet a crooked cookie that neither of them could tell you how potatoes came to be called by that colloquial term.

I didn't either until just recently.

According to Mario Pei, noted linguist, in his fascinating book, "The Story of Language," the Irish potato came by its nickname, not because it was stubby and bulbous, but because of a campaign against its use as a food. As every school child knows, the Irish potato, like tobacco and the tomato, was discovered along with America. It is part of the profit mankind has realized from Columbus' adventurous voyage.

But for a long time the toothsome tuber was grown only as food for livestock. It was regarded as unfit for human consumption.

As a matter of fact, those who ventured to eat it were looked upon as not only endangering their own health, but setting a bad example, in much the same way as excessive smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages are frowned upon.

An organization known as "The Society for the Prevention of Unhealthy Diet" was formed principally to discourage the culinary acceptability of the potato. Not until Ireland had a famine and darn near starved to death, was the potato taken from the category of cattle feed to become in time, an indispensable part of the human cuisine.

Anyone nowadays eating a big mound of snowy mashed potatoes, laced with butter and laddled over with some of Jack Jackson's rich brown gravy, can well wonder at the stupidity of those old time beef eaters who went to their graves never knowing how much their despised spud could add to the enjoyment of their roasts and chops — or help get them there quicker.

Maybe it's irony, but the initials of the above-mentioned society spell SPUD.

The tomato, another American product, whose English name is derived from the Aztec "tomati" through the Spanish "tamate", also had a hard time getting into our salads and soups. It was believed to be poisonous, called a 'love apple' and grown purely for decorative purposes.

Perhaps that explains why, in some of our American slang, a vivacious and attractive young woman is sometimes known as a "tomato."

While we are on the subject, do you know where the term "OK" so commonly used to express approval or agreement, comes from? Well, according to Mr. Webster, it derives from the Choctaw term "Oke" or "Hoke" meaning, "So it is."

Well, enough of this.

Bought your tickets to the CofC dinner, yet? Everybody is welcome.



LILY DAY CHAIRMAN — Dallas Cowboy defensive tackle Bob Lilly, 1968 chairman of the Texas Football Boys' Lily Day for Crippled Children, is shown with Danny Shipp of Dallas, who represents 11,390 children and 6,232 adults provided treatment and services by the Texas Easter Seal Society. Small plastic Easter Lilies will be offered for donations across Texas by high school football players during April. Funds collected will go to provide services for additional physically handicapped children and adults.

Funeral Services For Auto Victim Are Held Monday

A former Rising Star woman, victim of a hit and run driver in Fort Worth Saturday evening, was buried here in services Monday at 3 p. m.

She was Nellie Anne (Graves) Blanton, 42, who died in Peter Smith Hospital at Fort Worth only minutes after she was struck down by a car on Hemphill Street within a block of her home. The accident occurred about 8:45 p. m.

The Rev. Jay Beavers, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, officiated in the services at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel assisted by H. McDonald of the Rising Star Church of Christ. Burial in Rising Star cemetery was under Higginbotham direction.

Mrs. Blanton was born July 12, 1925, in Rising Star, the daughter of Mrs. Florence C. Grave and the late S. E. who died in January, 1946.

She was a 1942 graduate of Rising Star High School where she was popular and active in student affairs. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother of this city; a brother, Samuel E. Graves, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Frances Clay of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Loren Kellar of Denton. Pallbearers were W. W. Harris, Mearlyn Jones, Derrill White, Clifford Watkins, J. C. Claborn and C. A. Claborn.

Elmer Spurlock Dies In Arlington Hospital

Elmer M. Spurlock, 67, retired manager of the parts department of the East Texas Motor Freight Company, died Saturday, Jan. 27, in an Arlington hospital.

Mr. Spurlock was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He had lived at Arlington for six years.

Survivors include his wife, the former Jewel Whitehead of Rising Star; one stepson, T. M. Hanson, Jr., of Arlington; three sisters; three granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Rites were held in the Moore Chapel at 4 p. m., January 31, with interment in the Moore Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Spurlock is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Whitehead. Her father was one of Rising Star's pioneer physicians.

February Is Month to Firm Up Pasture Grazing Plans

By Raymond Wade
SCS Technician

February is the time for farmers and ranchers to firm up their plans for pasture management during the 1968 grazing season, according to Raymond Wade, conservationist with the Rising Star Work Unit of the Soil Conservation Service. It is time to graze weeping love grass down to an average height of six inches or spread it to this height.

Fertilizer should be applied to old field areas to secure the desired production. A current soil analysis should be used as a guide for amounts and kinds of fertilizer to be applied if available. Amounts may vary from 100 pounds of 33.5-0-0 to 80-80-20 per acre if a soil analysis is not available. If the high analysis fertilizer is used it should be applied in at least two different applications — One as soon as the pastures are dry enough for farm equipment to be used and the second application made in approximately 45 days.

The same rule of thumb for fertilization should be used for coastal bermuda grass as for the weeping love grass. The first application of fertilizer should be made on coastal bermuda grass

M. G. Joyce is reported to be much improved in Shackelford County Hospital at Albany. He is able to walk about in the hospital now.

Rising Star CofC Diners to Hear Senator Tom Creighton

Members of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and their guests Friday night of next week will review the work of the community commercial organization, witness the conferring of awards upon selected citizens for community service, and hear an address by State Senator Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells.

The annual event will take place at the Rising Star High School gym beginning at 7 p. m. A catered dinner will be served.

Tickets for the dinner are now on sale at the chamber of commerce office and from members of the organization. All who plan to attend this yearly inventory

of community effort, were asked to purchase the tickets as soon as possible in order that an accurate attendance figure can be furnished the caterer well in advance of the meal.

H. McDonald, who will complete his third year of service as president of the CofC, will preside. The concluding feature of the program will be the presentation of the new slate of officers headed by Gene Rhodes, manager of the West Texas Utilities Co. Rising Star office. To serve with him are Bill Medley, local motor company owner, as vice president, and A. D. Jenkins, re-elected secretary and manager, and the following directors: H. McDonald, Cecil

Shults, James Rutherford, Frank Hudler and Glen Henry.

Mr. Jenkins will make a report on the work of the CofC during the past 12 months.

Special awards will be made to the man and woman selected as the outstanding civic workers during 1967, and to the outstanding farm family.

Music for the evening will be provided by Felton Carr, high school band director.

Decorations for the dinner are in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Medley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dennard and Jake Somerford.

Mr. Creighton will be introduced by State Representative Burke Musgrove of Breckenridge.

Mr. Creighton, a practicing attorney in Mineral Wells has served the 22nd Texas senatorial district in the State senate since 1960. He is a native of Palo Pinto county, a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, and he and his wife, the former Sue Sparks of Fort Worth, have three sons, Will, 16; Kenny, 14, and Mark, 11.

Senator Creighton has a distinguished service record in his community and state. On two separate occasions he was selected as the outstanding young man of Mineral Wells, and in 1965 was cited by the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to his community, state and nation.

His political career started early. He was elected county attorney of Palo Pinto county in 1952 where he served until 1960. In that year he was elected to the state senate to represent the 10-county 22nd district. He is an experienced hand in the Texas senate, is highly respected and ranks eighth in seniority.

He has served on most all major committees of the senate. He was selected as chairman of the interim committee to study and rewrite the Texas Election Code, the results of this study being enacted into law in 1963 and 1967.

During the 60th legislature he served as chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections and vice-chairman of State Affairs and Water.

In January his colleagues in the senate honored him by electing him president pro tem of the body, which position is third in line to the Governorship of the State. During his tenure as president pro tem, when the governor and lieutenant governor were absent from the state he acted as governor of the state of Texas.

Local FFA Entries Win at San Antonio

Rising Star FFA members who who entered livestock exhibits in the San Antonio stock show last week-end, all came away with significant winnings in the Angus heifers division.

They were Cynthia Hounsell, whose heifers placed second and fourth; Carter Hounsell, whose heifers placed third and sixth; Larry Bond whose entry drew eighth place, and Tony Geyer whose heifers placed sixth and tenth.

The youngsters were accompanied by H. L. Geyer, FFA advisor and teacher of agriculture in Rising Star High School.

Mrs. Jack White has returned from a month of visiting in California with her sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dean White of Burbank and Mr. and Mrs. Al White of San Fernando. They made sightseeing trips to many interesting places, including Death Valley, Scott's Castle and the ghost town of Calico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nunnally and family and a friend of Abilene were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holder Brisco and Mrs. J. . Montgom-

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WILDCAT TALES

Sponsor	Mrs. Ray Nunnally
Editor	Shirley Smith
Senior Class Reporter	Rita Jones
Junior Class Reporter	Linda Hubbard
Sophomore Class Reporter	Betty Medford
Freshman Class Reporter	Carol Stroebel
FHA Reporter	Barbara Hollis
FFA Reporter	Cody White
Girls' Sports	Bess Lee
Boys' Sports	Tony Geye
Band	Barbara Richter
Cheerleader Reporter	Peggy Burns
Student Council Reporter	Beverly White
Annual Staff	Balinda Hickman

EDITORIAL

A recent survey showed that the three main reasons for students' failures are (1) poor attitude, (2) allowing other interests to take precedence over college work, (3) incompetence and unpreparedness for college level work.

If a student has a poor attitude, he may lack interest in studying, and he may be one who gives up too easily; he may even have a perverted sense of values. Students' failures can often be summed up in the fact that they have too many extracurricular and social activities. A college student must decide between passing and having a good time.

The third cause for failure may be attributed to an inadequate high school background, but it is often the result of personal inferiority such as the disability to adjust to college life, no sense of direction, no self-discipline, or inadequate study habits.

The following test will give you an idea of his adequacy to adjust to college life. If a student checks a single "no", he should talk to his guidance counselor about the situation.

1. Am I really interested in attending college?
2. Do I understand the purpose and values of a college education?
3. Am I mature enough to accept responsibility for my failures?
4. Am I willing to discipline my mind to systematic study?
5. Do I know how to study effectively and efficiently?
6. Can I define and achieve

specific goals, persisting until I reach them?

7. Do I see scholarship as a responsibility as well as an opportunity, and can I accept the responsibility?

8. Am I willing to give the majority of my time, energy, and enthusiasm to the most important job at hand - meeting college requirements?

9. Is the pursuit of excellence in college work my primary aim?

10. Am I willing to give additional study time to make up for any inadequate high school preparation?

Shirley R. Smith

"NOT FINISHED, JUST BEGUN"

Well, the Senior play cast has started practicing. The play will be given in March, so learn those parts well!

Basketball ends this week with our teams doing very well. Next is volleyball and track. One of our boys says he is going to state this year. Right, R. H.?

Tonight is the talent show and the Seniors have a surprise act. The Student Council is sponsoring it so come and enjoy the acts.

In fourth period everyone waits anxiously as M. W. starts the countdown.

Until next week — Rita

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

Well, hello there! There is not much news in the Junior news department for this week. Can you believe that it is already the fourth week of the fourth six weeks? It is hard for us to re-

alize that the school year is a little more than half over.

Basketball season has come to an end; track and volleyball are gradually becoming the center of attraction. We hope they prove to be as interesting as football and basketball were.

Would you believe that a new diamond has been flashing here and there around the school campus, and a Junior girl is the one flashing it? Congratulations, K. H. Hey, R. H., would you explain to us why you got the nickname of Hickey Bird? The class has a new mascot - - Penguin Perkins! Remember, join the in class - - be one of us Juniors.

Till next time the happy little Duck signs off!

Linda

WITH THE SOPHS

More news from the Sophs is here - - Goodness! Another six weeks half over and spring almost here. Spring fever has already arrived at R. S. H. S. it seems, because all the kids seem to have just a little less pep in everything.

The girls have put up their basketballs and have gotten out their volleyballs and track shoes. Really hated to see basketball season end, but this was a good one for both of the Cat teams.

M. S., what did you do Sunday night?

Till next week,
Betty Medford

THERE'S ROOM AT THE TOP

Hi! The Freshmen have really been studying this week. We hope to raise our grades. If we study now, the last minute cramming for tests will be unnecessary.

The band is working on the songs for our spring concert. We are also working a little in the beginner's book; we can always learn something.

In General Science we are studying the different kinds of animals.

We are studying trigonometry in Related Math. It is easier than we expected.

In English I, we have just about finished the book reports for this six weeks. We are also studying paragraphs.

The girls have started sewing in Home Economics I. We can hardly wait to see the results. Thank you for reading my

news each week, B. W. In Ag. I the boys are studying dairy cattle.

The Freshmen are already looking forward to the Easter holidays.

The sports scene has changed to track. The Freshmen are proud to see some of our members sprinting down the field.

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Until next week,
C. S.

BAND NEWS

Hi! Greetings from the soon-to-be best band in . . . would you believe R. S.? We have improved and improved Our band sounds better every day. Wow!

Congratulations are in order. We have finished our "blue books." Isn't that great? We are now on our second time around, and I bet we will go through faster this time. Six-eight time stumped our stick clickers the most but give them time . . .

Jr. All District Band tryouts were held February 3 in Eastland. Only two of the Wildcat band went; they were Billie White and Barbara Richter. Neither of us made the band; but we had a great time, and it was a good experience for us.

Who's Who in band goes to a talented trombone player, David Middleton. David works hard and does a fine job.

Cornets and more cornets! It seems we have too many cornets. We are rapidly solving this problem by letting them switch to other instruments. Does anyone want to join the band and play trombone? We will need trombones next fall. Or would some of you cornet players switch? B. C. has.

We will have plenty of bass horn players in the fall if our four sixth graders stick with it. They are improving more each

day and we are proud to have someone playing each of our bases.

Let us begin to think about that concert in April. How about it?

That is all for this week. Your humble (?) reporter . . .
Barbara Richter

GIRLS' SPORTS

Tuesday night marked the end of basketball. We had a good season this year; and like most them, we had a mixture of good games and bad ones. Good ones - - C. P. and Santa Anna; bad ones - - C. P. and Santa Anna - oh, well!

Volleyball and track will soon be starting and anticipation runs high for our spring meets.

Remember, girls, "We must! We must! We must improve our. . ."
Bess

BOYS' SPORTS

Hi! The Cats' cage season comes to an end this week - finally! The Cats had a real good season, and they had some outstanding players. The Hughes boys as well as James Gerhardt, Dick Clark, Ronnie Green, and Tony Geye did a real fine job.

Last week the Cats played May and Goldthwaite. We beat the Tigers by one point. Each player did real well against them. The Cats also played the Goldthwaite Eagles a good game!

Next year the Cats hope to improve their mark as they move down into Class B. It will be a large district with lots of good teams.

Track season will start out full blast this week also. There are some pretty good prospects, so come out to practice and see them run!
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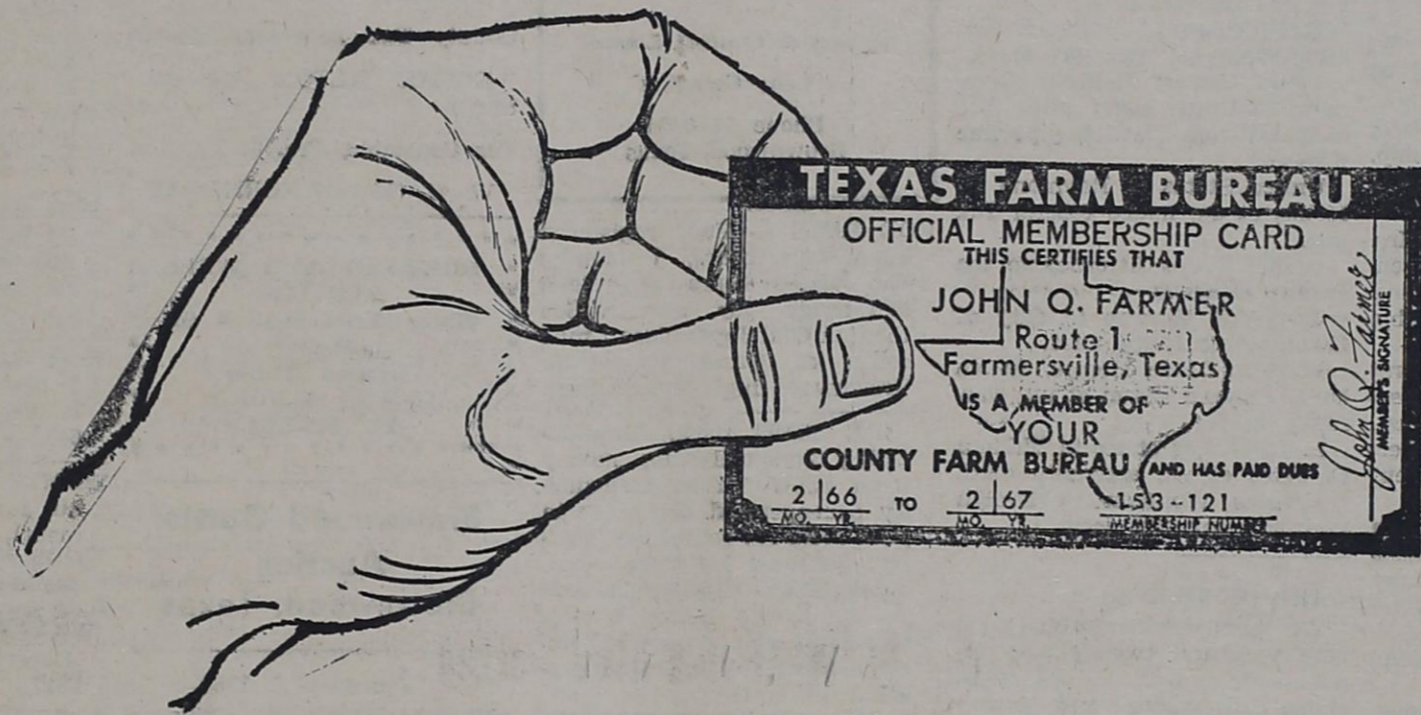
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Agriculture is essential to the economy of Eastland County, our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the productive efficiency of our farmers and ranchers has helped stabilize food prices and the cost of living for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, this record of achievement has resulted from educational and technological advancement in agriculture under free choice system; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have recognized the value of joining together in organized effort to promote and protect their interests; and

WHEREAS, three out of four farm and ranch families in this Nation belonging to a general farm organization are members of the Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS Farm Bureau is a free, independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement, thereby promoting the national welfare;

NOW THEREFORE I, SCOTT BAILEY, County Judge of Eastland County, do hereby designate February 12-17 as FARM BUREAU WEEK in Eastland County and urge our citizens to give due recognition to this observance honoring the Eastland County Farm Bureau.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION THEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of February, 1968.

SCOTT BAILEY
 County Judge, Eastland County

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TOWARD NEW HORIZONS
Everything has just been fine
found old R.S.H.S. The Home-
making classes have been ticking
right along.

The Homemaking I girls are
beginning to look at materials
and patterns. They have been
sewing little lines and circles
which will train them to sew
straight. Watch it, C. S. and J. B.,
you got off the line!

The Homemaking II girls plan-
ned and prepared a meal last
week. It was steak, potatoes, sal-
ad, rolls, cake, and tea. It had to
be eaten first period. It was fun
just the same. Did you like it,

Mrs. Nowlin?
The Homemaking III girls had
a great meal last week. I found
out that they really had good
rolls. Right, Belinda?
P. M., how do you like Home-
making II?
I will see you again next week
with some of the same old news.
Until next week,
Barbara Hollis

WITH THE FARM HANDS
This week opens with a new
FFA reporter, Larry Gerhardt.
The center of our studies has
been around soil.
Our chapter has been repre-
sented in the San Antonio Stock

Show by Larry Bond, Tony Geye,
and Carter Hounsel. Larry Bond
entered one heifer and two steers;
Tony entered two heifers; and
Carter Hounsel entered two heif-
ers and three steers. Tommy Bibb
was also selected to be in the
calf scramble.
With some luck and good per-
formance any one of these boys
might win.
See you next week,
Larry Gerhardt

WHO'S WHO
Who is Peggy Belinda Burns?
She is the second daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burns. She
was born in Lubbock, Texas, one
December morning, on the 9th,
1949.

Peggy's favorite colors are red
and green; and wherever you find
steak, gravy, and potatoes, you
will find Pegs. Her choice of
actors and actresses are John
Davidson, Omar Sheriff, and
Sophia Loren. She likes "Doctor
Zhivago" as her movie and "Run
For Your Life" as her TV pro-
gram. Peggy enjoys listening to
"Somewhere My Love"; her past-
times are riding horses and learn-
ing to water ski.

Peggy was class reporter for
three years and a member of
the Annual Staff for two years.
Her Senior year she was elected
cheerleader, reporter and class
Freshman and Junior plays.

Boys with bad manners is her
pet peeve, and live for today; to-
morrow will be better is her
philosophy.
Peggy plans to have two years
at Cisco Junior College and then
maybe A.C.C. She hopes to be an
elementary teacher or a computer
operator.

WHO'S WHO
Curtis Ray Bishop is the son
of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bishop.
He was born in Wharton, Texas
on July 12, 1950.

Curtis' favorite color is blue,
and steak is his choice of food.
He likes Dean Martin and Phyllis
Diller as his favorite actor and
actress. His choice of movie is
"Texas Across the River," and
The Dean Martin Show is his
choice of TV programs. Curtis'
pastime is playing Dean Martin
records, but his favorite is "Every-
body Loves Somebody Some-
times."

Curtis played football four
years and ran track three years
in the four years of high school.
Get the best out of life is Cur-
tis' philosophy. People who leave
Coke bottles in the floorboard
of the car is his pet peeve.
Curtis plans to attend Cisco
Junior College in the future.

Nimrod News

By Mrs. Eva Stroebel

The Nimrod Neighbors Pro-
gressive Club met in regular
monthly session Monday night.
A soup supper was served.
Wayne Carlisle attended the
Fort Worth Fat Stock Show
last week. He entered a hog
and won 15th place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb of
Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. J. I.
King Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Switzer
and children of Rising Star vis-
ited his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
O. B. Switzer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burkett and
children of Mineral Wells spent
the week-end with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Beyrl Lusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and
daughters of Eastland, visited
her brothers, Eldridge and Gol-
den Lawson Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Partain of Cisco
spent Monday evening with
Mrs. Don Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Townsend
visited Mrs. W. B. Starr Mon-
day afternoon.

Oliver Harrelson visited R. L.
Moon at the Eastland Hospital
Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wende
visited his sister, Mrs. Otto Nau-
ret and Mr. Nauret, and his
mother Mrs. Annie Wende, in
Brownwood Thursday. A birth-
day celebration was held in hon-
or of Mrs. Wende.

Bobby Cozart and Larry Don
Jessup of Victory spent Friday
night with Mr. and Mrs. Buford
Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel
visited Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Crow-
ell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ola Boles spent Sunday
night in Cisco with Mrs. Lula
Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlisle and
children visited Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Carlisle in Albany Sun-
day.

Mr. Fricke and Mrs. Lance
of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs.
Martin Wende and Mrs. Erd-
man Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huber of
Vernon visited her sister, Mrs.
Herman Reich and family Sun-
day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel
and Mary Ann visited Mrs. Maud
Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Dinky
Hill Tuesday evening.

Martin Wende attended a busi-
ness meeting last week in Step-
enville. Mrs. Wende and Mrs.
Erdman visited Mrs. Lohman
there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shrader and
Jack were Sunday guests in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Shrader at Dallas.

Mrs. H. C. Ledbetter visited
Mrs. J. R. Merritt in Cisco Wed-
nesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morgan
visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tonne
in Moran recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Thom-
as Danny and Gary of Eastland
were Sunday dinner guests of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L.
King.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Erwin
visited Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mc-
Carlies recently.

Rev. Charlie Price and Jack
Cozart were recent dinner guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Sharp at
Cisco.

R. L. Moon underwent surgery
in the Eastland Hospital last
Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Town-
send visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon
Townsend in Eastland Sunday.

Mrs. Ola Boles spent last week
in Cisco with her mother, Mrs.
J. E. Notgrass, and her sister,
Mrs. Etta Hill.

Mrs. Ida Schaefer of Cisco
visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman
Schaefer Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Sellers and Mrs.
Lula Hammons of Knox City
visited friends in Rising Star
over the week-end.

Mrs. A. B. (Duby) Jones un-
derwent surgery in Gorman Hos-
pital Tuesday, February 9. She
was reported to be recovering
satisfactorily.

Mrs. A. J. Moon attended fun-
eral services in Vernon for Gar-
land Carr who was killed in a
car crash Thursday night.

The Gordon Spot

By DeWitt Gordon

Trees for windbreak planting
are available to landowners from
the Texas Forest Service again
this year. Landowners may pur-
chase the trees for only \$1.50 per
hundred. Orders must be mailed
before February 12. Applications
may be picked up at my office.

The species available include
five different kinds of pines,
Chinese elm, cottonwood, sycam-
ore, mulberry, catalpa, red cedar
and several others. No order
for less than a total of 100 trees
will be accepted. The order can
be divided into multiples of 50.
For example you can order 50
short leaf pines and 50 sycamor-
es.

The landowner must agree to
plant the trees in Texas. He can
not use or resell them for orna-
mental purposes, and must pro-
tect the plantings from fire, cattle
and destructive insects and dis-
eases.

If you would like to order the
seedling trees, let me know and
I will give you an application.

Mike Collins recently gave a
talk to the Eastland Lions Club
on the benefit of the purple mar-
tin birds. Mike was very con-
vincing as he told how the pur-
ple martin ate insects.

The martins feed almost en-

tirely on insects. Thus, it is a
good natural control for insect
pests, particularly mosquitoes. An
adult purple martin can eat his
own weight in flying insects
daily. If it ate only mosquitoes,
it could eat 2,000 or more per day.

How do you get purple mar-
tins? Mike, did you have to pro-
vide a home. The martin house
must be built to certain speci-
fications, including erecting the
house on an 8 to 10 foot pole.
The martins send scouts during
February to look for homes. The
scouts will arrive soon after the
scouts have performed this home-
finding mission. They usually
will continue to arrive throughout
the spring.

Mike said he built a house last
year and martins occupied it the
first year. He also stated that his
family had little bother from
mosquitoes while the martins
were present.

There are several ways of ob-
taining a martin house. You can
order them from catalogs. I
understand there are local people
who will build them for a reason-
able fee or you can build your
own. We even have building
plans for purple martin houses
in the county agent's office. Let
me know if you would like to
have a plan.

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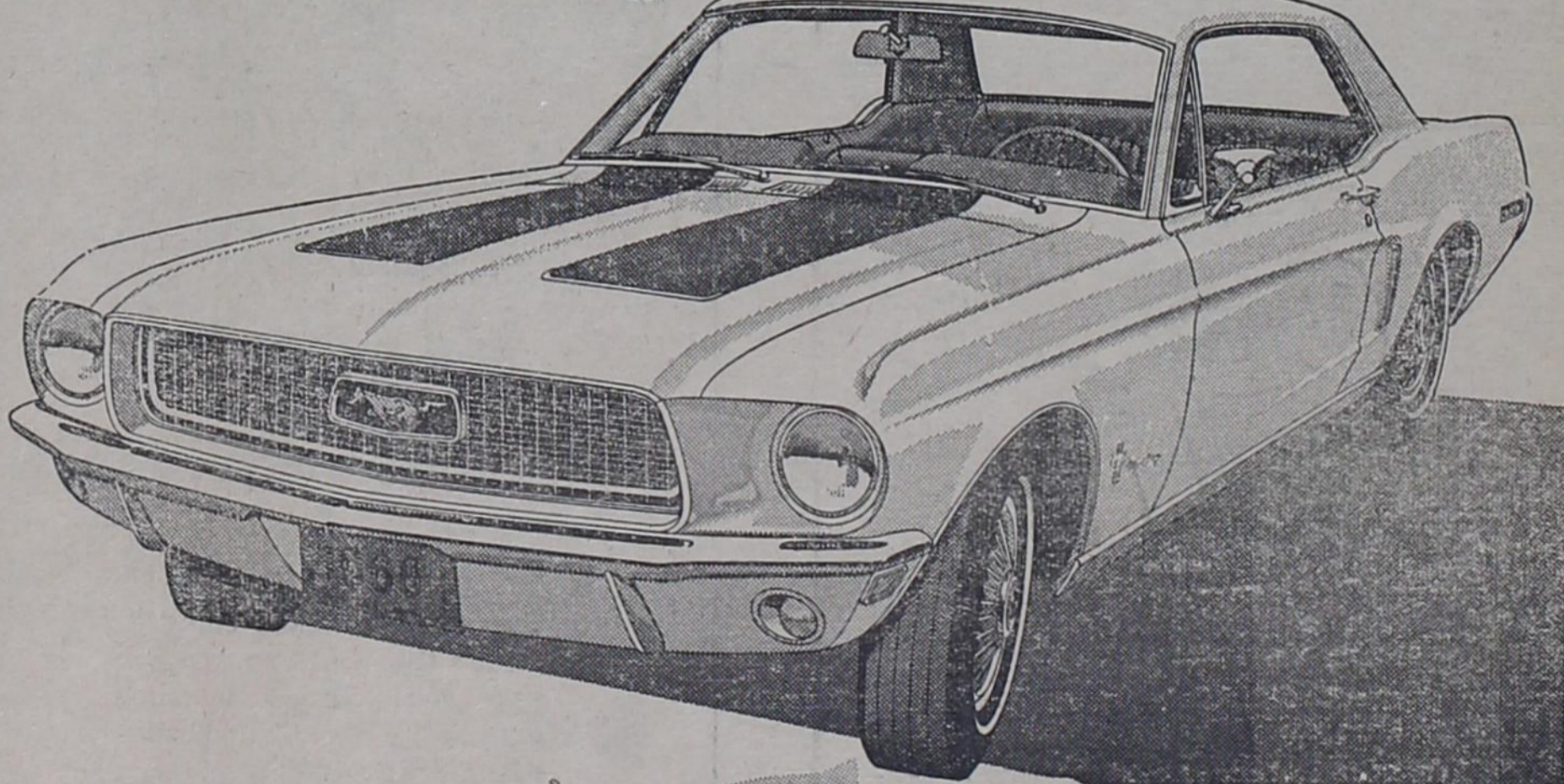


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It Has Been

By Vada Arnold

During the years prior to the famous oil boom of the early 20's Rising Star was by no means a sleepy hollow town, just a prosperous small town situated in a rich farming belt, with its peace loving population, its blacksmith shops, greasy spoon restaurants, sandy streets and ice cream parlor, racket store, wagon yard and two hotels along with grocery stores, drug and dry goods stores and a meat market.

Then one morning, like a thunderbolt out of the clear blue sky, word was brought to town that a gusher had been brought in on the Hilburn lease northwest of town.

Before many hours had elapsed the ordinarily quiet streets of "the Star" were a seething mass of oil operators, lease hounds and the overflow of men who always followed an oil boom.

As if a terrific cyclone had struck the old common battery switchboard in the tiny telephone office located on North Main Street, operated by two teenage girls during the day and a sleepy-headed blonde boy by

night, the place became a veritable mad house.

Men stood, packed like sardines in a can, in the little 9x12 foot lobby, pleading with the two operators to "please hurry my calls, it means thousands of dollars to me." What were the operators to do when filing time on calls had to be observed. What a temptation for a small town girl who had grown up unaccustomed to an allowance of spending money, when an oil man, with flashing diamonds on his finger, offered a nice-sized bonus, if only his calls were edged in first on a one-toll line to Cisco, the toll center? It took much courage on the part of the operator to say, "I'm sorry, the calls must be handled by filings."

Tips were unheard of by these telephone girls. On one madly busy morning a call was completed to Fort Worth for a very prosperous looking man, and he was told that the charge was \$1.00. He threw a green, crisp, twenty-dollar bill onto the tiny shelf at the window and hurried out into the milling crowd on the street. The operator, simply

horrified that he got away without his change, jerked her heavy headset off, grabbed change and ran hurriedly into the mob outside. She made her way to the street intersection at the corner of the Continental State Bank and spied the man crossing the street to the east side. Pushing through the throng, the breathless girl made her way to his side and gasped, "Here is your change, sir." The look of disgust on the man's face as he said crisply, "Girl, that is your tip," and disappeared into the crowd, will never be forgotten.

Poor girl. Never before had such a thing happened to her. The very idea of a perfectly strange man giving a green country operator \$18.80. Just making a gift of it. That was unspeakable. For weeks she wore a felling of guilt, one that accused her of a dark, dark sin. She dared not tell her parents for fear she would be disowned for accepting money from a strange man. But as the days passed more and more tips were given. After the operators were told by a kindly customer that tips were the custom they were gladly received and parents were joyfully let in on the secret.

When the first real cafe was opened in Rising Star during the boom days and oil men came into the telephone office discussing the good food that was served such as combination sandwiches, Thousand Island salad dressing, fillets of trout, frissasse chicken, broiled steak and numbers of other foods these operators had never dreamed of, to say nothing of tasting, curiosity was born in minds and appetites of these girls and from time to time new foods were sampled at the wonderful cafe. Daily introductions were made to new experiences, like the first cut flowers from a florist in a nearby town, banana splits, box after box of expensive chocolate candy, malted milk and many other delicacies that had never been heard of by two country town girls.

All of these and more experiences brought joy to the hearts of two telephone operators who had never before tasted of life outside of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Robertson of Taipa are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hazlewood this week.

Mrs. C. H. Joyce and Mrs. Barney Cargile spent the weekend with Kenneth Joyce at San Marcos. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Lockhart have returned from an extended visit with their children in Austin and Sweeney. While in Sweeney, Mrs. Lockhart spent some time in the hospital there.

News From May

By Mrs. Ludene Michael

John W. Jackson, 69 or Abilene passed away at 3 p. m. at his home Thursday, Feb. 8. He moved to May in 1919 from Kansas and married Leona Harrell on Sept. 11, 1920. Survivors include his wife; a son, J. W., Jr., of San Antonio; a daughter, Mrs. Ben Collins of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Allie D. and Francis, both of Oxford, Kan.; four sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Gant, Mrs. Eula Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Berline and Mrs. Minnie Alice Umholtz; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrell is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips, Sammie and Less of Blum, Tex., Miss Martha Ezra and Barry of Ira visited their mother, Mrs. Lillian Ezra last week end. Mrs. Ezra was unable to attend church Sunday because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Caborn of Cisco attended Church of Christ services in May Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Davis of Comanche visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Michael Sunday.

Misses Bertha Kirk, Teresa Roberts and Marjorie Copeland of Brownwood visited with Eugene Michael Thursday night and went to the Junior play.

Marine Cpl. Gary R. Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Michael of May, has completed non-commissioned officers training school course in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Cpl. Michael joined the Marine Corps April 29, 1966, and took his basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. After six months training he was sent to Viet Nam on Oct. 31 1966, where he spent 13 months. He was sent back to the States Nov. 23, 1967 and after a 34-day leave he reported for duty at Camp Lejeune on December 27.

Pvt. Milton David McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion McDaniel of Bula, enlisted in the Armed Forces January 29. He is taking his basic training at Fort Polk, La. He is a 1964 graduate of PEP High School and Levelland Junior College.

Mrs. Joe Faye Dotson and children of Midland visited Mrs. Jewel Alexander Saturday and Sunday.

Billy Chambers underwent surgery in a Brownwood hospital Tuesday and is reported to be doing well. Miss Cricket Floyd also underwent major surgery Saturday in a Brownwood hospital.

Mrs. Ludene Michael visited Mrs. Doda Smith at Sidney Tuesday afternoon.

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GOOCH'S COUNTRY STYLE		
SAUSAGE	2-lb Bag	79¢
KRAFT HALF MOON		
CHEESE	10 oz pkg	49¢
ARMOUR'S ALL MEAT		
FRANKS	12-oz. pk.	39¢
GOOCH'S BLUE RIBBON		
BACON	Lb.	59¢

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Beavers of Fort Worth were week-end guests in the home of their son and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jay Beavers at the First Methodist parsonage.

Mick Clark, grandson of Mrs. Clara Burkhead, is in Camp Polk, La., for five or six days of processing and will be assigned to another base for training in the United States Army.

Week-end visitors in the Ira Swift home were their daughter, Mrs. E. F. Smith of Abilene, a granddaughter, Mrs. Hershel O. Kelly and two little girls of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swift and Kandy, also of Odessa.

Adding Machine Tape at The Rising Star

Miss Howard and Cisco Man to Wed

Mrs. W. H. Dalton has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her granddaughter, Katie Virginia Howard, to Danny L. Atkinson, son of Mrs. Willie Mae Eudy of Cisco and James Atkinson of Pecos.

The wedding has been set for February 24 at 6 p. m. in the First Methodist Church, Rising Star. Friends and relatives are invited.

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