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SCHOOL CALENDAR:
Feb. 15 — Boys and girls basketball games.
Feb. 16 — Band banquet.
Feb. 18 — F.F.A. meeting.

WHAT IS FREEDOM?
What is freedom? That is a question we seldom ask ourselves; even though the word freedom is a part of our daily language.
So, just what is freedom? Freedom is a state of mind—the state of mind that exists when we work or play without being limited by anything or anybody.
It is the right to think or not think. That is, we may, if we choose, form our own opinions about something. This is the true "inalienable right". No one can restrict our thoughts. Freedom includes our rights. We have rights of religion—to worship or not to worship. We have the right of speaking out

—forming our opinions of something, then expressing them. Another right we have is the right of self-government. We elect our representatives to the Congress and the Legislature, and they are subject to our demands. Freedom is also our heritage. It was the abstract vapor that permeated the air at Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and Appomattox. It went with Admiral Dewey to Manila Bay. It was at Belleau Wood, on the Normandy Beaches, and at Iwo Jima. It was present at Pusan, at the thirty-eighth parallel and on the Yalu River.
Freedom is all this and more. Above all, however, it is happiness. It is the happiness of individuality and friendship, and of being unfettered by a tyrannical political system. These freedoms belong to all Americans, and they need protection. They may be trodden on by a behemoth called com-

munist if we are not diligent. The preservation of freedom is one of our finest freedoms, and it is our greatest responsibility. —Editor

NOT FINISHED, JUST BEGUN

Hi there!
Bunky told me last Friday that the talent scouts are visiting Rising Star High School in search of those outstanding Seniors, who presented the Senior play. Thanks to all of you who attended the play; we hope you enjoyed it.

This week will complete the fifth of this sixth weeks and the Seniors are trying to get caught up on themes, book reports and so forth, etc., so next week can be devoted to studying for six weeks exams.

We have started the study of court systems of the United States in Civics, while the American History students are hard at work on their term themes. The Chemistry students are also busy working on their research papers; the English students are studying complex sentences and noun clauses.

This week ends the basketball season for this year; our last home game was Tuesday and the Cats play May Friday to close out the season.

The band jackets have arrived and the halls are now a maze of colors; they are certainly pretty.

That's it for this week. —Bye for now, Katy.

"UPWARD AND ONWARD"

The Senior Play was a great success; now I just hope our Junior play is. If we put as much work into it as the Seniors did, we can surely do all right.

Congratulations to the winner of our box of Valentine candy—and to all those girls who were lucky enough to get a box from their sweethearts.

Next week closes out the first six weeks of this semester. My, how time flies!

R. L., if you come by my shout that "word," you've had it!

By the way, Donna C. is pulling the same stunt as Randy; tearing up English sentences. Donna Rooster is ROOSTER and Roster is ROSTER.

Jimmy, you know I'll get right back at you!

J. L. is writing letters to Cisco now? ? Harriett

KNOWLEDGE COMES, BUT WISDOM LINGERS.

This week finds us admiring and becoming accustomed to those new, dark blue football jackets. They are really attractive; we are proud of the fact that several sophomore boys received these award jackets.

Last week was filled with photographers and "picture-taking"; we are still working to complete our yearbooks. Also, I must mention the outstanding performance given by the Senior class in their annual play. Those who saw the play will agree that it was well directed with a good cast, which created much interest.

Our stage band is working hard on preparing a program for the contest to be held in Brownwood on Feb. 22-23. We enjoyed a trip to Clyde Friday T play for a general assembly in the school; their stage band is planning to return the visit and play for us in the near future.

The homemaking girls have been studying meat and vegetable cookery. We enjoyed preparing and eating our first complete meal for this year last week. One thing brought out in this meal was to prepare some unfamiliar vegetable; we all enjoyed our cauliflower au gratin. The Ag boys are still investigating electrical currents; they are becoming acquainted with various types of electrical switches.

The basketball teams will meet their last opponents this week; the girl will start playing volleyball and tennis. For boys, it's track and tennis.

This seems to be the entirety of Sophomore happenings for this week. Charlene

"LIVE AND LEARN"

It is almost the end of another six weeks. Can you believe it? We will again be burning midnight oil while cramming for tests.

Last week in English I we had a lesson on introducing people. We enjoyed it very much.

This week the freshmen are enjoying a number of varied classes. The Freshmen Biology students are studying Hormones and Glands and The "Life Cycle of Man." In Drivers Ed. we are getting ready for our written test and watching films which make us realize how alert we must be to drive an automobile. The General Science students have received their material for writing their term themes. General Math students are being introduced to Algebra. Girls in Home Ec I are sewing on their skirts and blouses. The Ag I boys are surveying and walking through fields. Bobby finds it very dirty.

One of our boys, Eddie Reeves, was hurt last week and is in the hospital. We hope he will soon be well and back to school.

The football jackets came in several weeks ago. I would like to recognize the boys who received A-team jackets — Rex Long and Russell Botts. The following: Bobby Burns Larry Jolow boys received B-team jackets: Bobby Burns, Larry Burns, Kenny Butler, Doug Fisher, Dick Goldston, John Hutchinson, Davy Jones, and Franz Pittman.

Sharrie, are you really losing your brains? What's this about peach lipstick?

Russell, are you having trouble with Seniors?
Jolie, aye or nay?
—Until next week— Marcia

WITH THE SENIORS

Tommy Jack Alford was born Feb. 18, 1945, at Gorman, Texas. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Alford, Tommy has attended all of his school days at Rising Star.

Tommy's school days have afforded him many honors. Some of these received in high school are: president of class, Sophomore year; member of F.F.A.; and served as member of the annual staff and Wildcat Tales. He has been in the Wildcat Band for eight years and was chosen to serve as an officer his Senior year. Tommy has participated in basketball and football three years in high school, and this year he was chosen All-District End, receiving Honorable Mention in Area for his ability. Tommy was in the Junior Play last year and is also in the Senior Play. This year he was chosen by the student body as Most Popular and Friendliest Boy.

Favorite activities include participation in all kinds of sports, especially track, basketball, and football, and he also enjoys hunting. His favorite color is blue, and Clark Gable is still tops as his favorite actor. Tommy considers steak as good food to consume, and he thinks "Empire" and "Bonanza" furnish him with his best TV viewing, while "North to Alaska" is his favorite song.

Tommy's plans for the future are not complete just yet, but he plans to attend college and train for a future. We want to wish you the best of luck in everything, Tommy.

they have come to play the leading part in a student's success. A good athlete is looked upon as an idol and has advantages over students that do not participate in sports.

The year of 1962 brought a new view on the athletic program of Texas' schools. The standards were raised and every student was required to participate in a program to build a more physically fit nation.

I believe the new program will strengthen our nation very little as the student that excels in sports will naturally be more physically fit than the non-participating person. I do not think a student should be forced to take part in the program because it will not build the body unless the person puts all he has into the program. When a student is forced to participate in a program of this sort, he resents it and fails to give it his best; through this attitude a person could be injured by the strenuous exercises.

I believe the solution to this problem is to offer a greater variety of sports with no compulsory rules. This will improve the student's attitude and also improve the school. Sports were original sources of recreation used for enjoyment. Why change their meaning?

Tommy Alford
English IV

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kind deeds and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one, Cecil. We also thank the ministers, singers and the pianist and those who sent food and flowers. May God bless you always.

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North Star Club Asks Material For Shirts

The North Star Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting on Feb. 5. The roll call was answered with "My Favorite Salad Recipe."

We are still making diaper shirts. They are made in four sizes and donations of all-cotton materials and feed sacks, of all colors and all sizes are always welcome.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. T. C. Crisp and Mrs. Jesse O. Perry, and Valentine Day was observed. The door prize was won by Mrs. Tom Childers.

Five members attended the County Home Demonstration Council meeting at Eastland on Feb. 6. A film on the "Early Detection of Cancer" was shown, and pamphlets on "What Most People Don't Know About Cancer," were distributed. — Reporter.

YWA Hears Discussion Of Mission Book

The YWA of the First Baptist Church met Feb. 9 at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Ira Hudler. Ollie opened the program by reading the prayer calendar and Lovey led in prayer. Maria gave the first chapter of the mission book, "The Vacant Hearted." It dealt with migrants, the forgotten part of the American economy. Ollie had the second chapter, dealing with the deaf. Mrs. Hudler led the closing prayer and then served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be on Feb. 23. — Reporter.

OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE RECORD

Saturday Club Hears Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene

The Saturday Club met Feb. 11 at the clubhouse with Mrs. John Clark, president, presiding. Response to roll call was "Quotation from a Book." The president welcomed the visitors, Mr. John Cook and Mrs. O. L. Weaver of Rising Star and Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene, who was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Dudley reviewed the "The Art of Living" by Lewis Nordsyke. Mrs. Clark presented a money corsage.

The club adjourned for the social hour. The hostesses, Mrs. Mrs. Ray Nunnally and Mrs. Arlen Schmitt, carried out the Valentine motif in the table decorations and the refreshments of cherry pie, candies, an coffee. There were 24 members present. The next meeting will be on February 20.

Mrs. Lee Fenter Is Honored With Shower

Mrs. Lee Fenter, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Fenter, was honored recently with a pink and white shower at the home of Mrs. J. L. Crawford with Mrs. A. W. Williams as co-hostess. Mrs. Fenter received a large number of useful gifts. Fifty-eight guests regertered and others sent gifts.

Browsing With Bev

By Beverley Nicholson, County HD Agent

BUYING A DISPOSAL?

If you are considering buying a food waste disposer, study consumer information available.

Many people hesitate to purchase a disposer because of the trouble they have heard that others have had with them. Some of the most frequent "trouble" stories that circulate are that disposers will:

Clog the drain. They will not if used according to simple directions the manufacturer provides.

Have to be cleaned frequently. If enough waste is used during and after operating, the disposer cleans itself.

Use too much water. They use about one and a half gallons a day per person—about 2 per cent more than the family normally uses.

Aren't safe. They are safe. They have solid shredding tables of walls, eliminating the direct use of knives or blades. Others have safety covers which keep fingers and foreign object out and waste in. On some, the only movable steel blade is beneath the revolving steel plate.

Can't be used with a septic tank. This is the \$64 question in many areas. They can be used with the septic tank if the tank meets the Minimum Proper Standards of F.R.A. These state that the septic tank should be 750 gallons for three bedrooms, 1,000 gallons for four bedrooms, plus 250 gallons for each additional bedroom.

FASHION FORECAST FOR SPRING:

There are many silhouettes for Spring—some continuing from Fall and others stimulatingly new. Although it is a season of contrasts, the spring silhouettes have one aim—to achieve a youthful softness and freedom of movement.

These are some of the findings from New York fashion coordinators and designers:

The spare look continues with summer dresses, lightly fitted and classically simple, slim tailored coats and suit with long line jackets. The natural look is the feminine look.

A leading stylist has introduced the tomboy or Oliver Twist influence, typical of an

English schoolboy's uniform—crisply tailored, yet with a definite, feminine appeal.

Spring. Many sleeves are cuffed and pocket are numerous.

Hemlines are still unpredictable. One designer's complete Spring line showed mid-calf lengths in all daytime clothes. The ankle length skirts currently popular for at home and informal entertaining may be with us for some time.

The skinny look continues strong for coats this Spring, but fullness is creeping in at the back or all around. By Fall, the big coat should be firmly established.

In suits, the lengthened jacket made news in early fashion showings for Spring. Though short jackets remain, there are many varieties of the longer jacket. The skinny look in suits is the long jacket stripped of extra detail. Sleeves are slim, set into a natural shoulder. Necklines are collarless or have narrow revers. Suits this spring

New Beauty Shop Opened in Rising Star

Mrs. Ruby Nell Hubbard has opened her beauty shop on N. Anderson St., in the Mrs. W. C. Parsons residence which has been redecorated. The appointments are very convenient and attractive, and Mrs. Hubbard invites all the ladies of the Rising Star area to call or telephone for appointments. She is offering some special prices for a limited time. Mrs. Hubbard grew up in Rising Star, and will be remembered as Ruby Nell Maynard.

Service Seekers Class Has Tacky Party

The Service Seekers Class of the First Methodist Church met in the North Star clubhouse for a tacky party on January 31. Mrs. Vada Arnold received the prize for the tackiest costume.

An inspiring devotional was led by Mrs. Arnold. Games were played and refreshments of cake, popcorn balls, coffee and hot chocolate were served to 14

Rev Barnes Back At Home After Houston Surgery

Rev. D. L. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes are back at their home in a Houston hospital where the former pastor of the First Methodist Church here underwent major surgery.

In the following letter to the Record he expresses his appreciation for the thoughtfulness of many of his friends.

"Dear Friends: Well, after some three months or almost that long, we are back home and doing fine. Of course we left a small part in Houston, but are going very fine without it. We are still a little weak and sore but gaining strength every day and feeling fine.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your gifts and remembrances but above all, your prayers. I wish you would put a few words in the Record expressing our most sincere thanks for all the cards, letters, and gifts sent us during our stay in the hospital. I am not expert enough to express my feelings, and if you will write something, not as a card of thanks, but just a notice in your paper, I shall be glad to pay whatever you charge. I just didn't realize how many friends we have in Rising Star until my illness, and it would be utterly impossible to place a value on them. I was receiving so many cards and letters while in the hospital it sort of got to be the talk of the nurses and others, and the question came up as to what the most valuable asset one could have and I told them to take everything else in the material world but give me my FRIENDS. To me your friends, like those of you in Rising Star, are the greatest asset anyone can have. I hope some day to be able to make Rising Star my home. Sincerely, D. L. Barnes P. S. Please pardon all mistakes as I am a bit off par.

members and three guests. Hostesses were Mrs. Lee Burkhead and Mrs. J. J. Bucy. BCq head and Mrs. J. R. Bucy.

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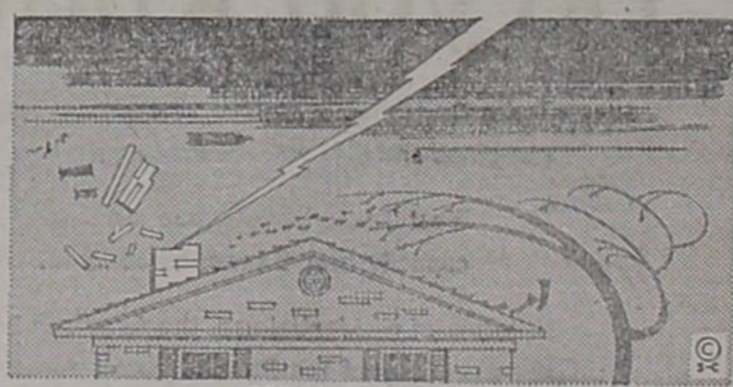
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