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Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

The number of businesses in Eastland county showed a decrease between the years 1952 and 1957 according to statistics just released by Dun and Bradstreet, which comes as no surprise to people familiar with the effects of the seven-year drouth from which this country now seems to be recovering, at least moisture-wise. The wonder is that there was not a greater decrease than occurred. The Dun and Bradstreet figures reflect only those businesses with listings in the credit ratings of that agency, and do not take into account the smaller businesses not so listed and which came and went in the changing commercial scene of the period covered.

Rising Star, despite its greater dependence upon agriculture, more than held its own with some of its larger neighbors. In 1952, according to the figures released, this community had 54 listed businesses and in 1957 this had dropped to 49. Gorman dropped from 49 to 37 listed businesses, Eastland gained five, Ranger lost 26 and Cisco lost 3.

With the end of the drouth in sight, and prospects of good crops apparent, that trend should be reversed. It is noteworthy that a great deal of the decline was due to the shrinking of the smaller communities which have been bypassed by highways or adversely affected by industrial developments. A tendency to consolidate communities is seen, a situation concomitant with the consolidation of schools and churches. Those communities of the county and area—their condition is certainly not confined to Eastland county—which have good, strong schools, churches and community centers will probably be strengthened while those which do not have these attractions will suffer.

By taking advantage of this fact and making every effort to improve community institutions and services, providing more and better homes and better retail and trade services, a town stands a much better chance for survival and growth. The significant fact in the development of any community is the service that it gives to its trade area. Retail trade opportunities are vital. So are living conditions, schools and churches. A town that provides the best of these makes itself indispensable to its trade territory, attracts more people and grows. A town that neglects these factors has little chance to survive.

Moisture-wise the country is in mighty good shape. I doubt if there was ever a better season in the ground. But after so many years of drouth and crop failure, the problem that is central in the agricultural picture now is the problem of finances. Where is the average small farmer to get the capital to make a crop?

The danger is that there will be a further shrinking of farmer population, an increase in farm size as the larger and better financed operators take over unused acreage and allotments. The effect of that trend will be to cut down on the number of customers who trade in our communities and unless it is offset by increased trade territory, it will mean less business.

I think that the answer to the farm question in this area is diversification—a live-at-home type of farming. As someone remarked recently, farmers have quit farming. Many of them were spoiled by the high peanut allotments, prices and good crops of the "forties" and quit raising their living at home or diversifying their crops so that they would have a variety of opportunity for income. Those who still followed a practice of diversification, raised livestock, poultry, hogs, and carried out a year-around production program usually made money. At least they are in a better position for survival and to capitalize on the good crop opportunities that now seem to exist. Perhaps the experience of the drouth will be valuable, after all.

Pictorial Exhibit To Advertise City

A display consisting of large photographs of distinctive scenes and institutions in and about Rising Star, surrounding a mural-sized picture of the City Market building will be the feature of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce exhibit in the cooperative Eastland County booth at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The display will be captioned with beautifully painted signs in arresting colors and the story of the community and its invitation to suitable industry and new citizens will be told in booklet form to be distributed to visitors to the show.

The exhibit was designed and prepared under the direction of Charles Rutherford who is working in cooperation with representatives of Gorman and Cisco to make an effective presentation of Eastland county opportunities to prospective business men and manufacturers through the medium of the exhibit.

Each of the three towns will have, in addition to a permanent part of the main exhibit, a special display for a portion of the time, and each will have a special day at the Show when a Cowgirl Sweetheart representing each, will be presented at the Rodeo and at the Show booth in the big industrial exhibit building where the display will be located.

Miss Anna Little, daughter of Mrs. Betsy Burns, is the Rising Star Cowgirl Sweetheart. She will appear at the show in her role of Rising Star representative on Saturday, February 1, which is Rising Star day.

"We hope that every Rising Star citizen who can possibly do so will go to Fort Worth and visit the display, if not on Rising Star day, then on some other day, and help emphasize our community's effort to advertise its opportunities," said A. D. Jenkins, manager of the Chamber of Commerce. "Mr. Rutherford and his co-workers have done an outstanding job, and the County exhibit, and especially Rising Star's part of it, will be something of which we can be proud. I believe it will attract a lot of favorable attention. It is certainly well located, thanks to the work of Mr. Gene Baker, of Gorman, who is one of the leaders of the program, and it will be seen by a lot of people."

Rising Star Cage Teams Meet Llano Here Friday Night

The Rising Star Wildcat boys and girls basketball teams will complete the first half of a round robin district championship schedule when they entertain the Llano and Santa Anna teams in successive home games Friday night of this week and Tuesday of next.

Llano is credited with having two very strong teams. The games Friday night will be the first here in nearly two weeks.

Last Tuesday night the Rising Star cagers went to Cross Plains and on the preceding Friday they played on the Goldthwaite court.

In each of those games both boys and girls teams lost. Cross Plains girls edged out the Rising Star girls for the first victory that the Callahan county girls have won over Rising Star in six years, while the boys lost 44 to 25 after leading the Buffalo quint 6 to 3 at the end of the first period. The score in the girls' game was 30 to 26. Martha Duggan was high for the Rising Star girls with 11 points while Mary Koenig of the Cross Plains team scored 17 points.

The Rising Star girls played what Coach Sam Jones said was one of their best games in all but scoring in losing to the Goldthwaite girls by a count of 45 to 38. Their percentage of free throw completions was poor and they missed their field goal attempts consistently. Martha Duggan was high for the local girls with 15 points.

The boys lost to the Goldthwaite boys by a score of 61 to 35.

Dan Doyle has had "flu" at his home here.

Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Opens Doors on Friday

Boots, saddles and bucking broncos come into their own Friday, Jan. 24, when the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show opens the doors for its 62nd annual run.

Texas Governor Price Daniel will ride in the downtown Fort Worth parade which officially opens the festivities Friday afternoon. The first rodeo performance is scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday night.

Gail Davis star of the Annie Oakley television series, will be featured in afternoon and night rodeos throughout the 10-day stock show, which ends Feb. 2. Riding clubs and sheriff's possees from many towns will participate in the opening day parade. Dozens of bands from Texas high schools also will take part.

Actual livestock events begin at 8 a.m. Friday morning (Jan. 24) with the sifting of barrows, lambs and steers in the livestock barns.

The junior livestock department of the show will be larger this year than 1957 due to a substantial increase in the number of entries by Texas FFA and 4-H Club members.

Other livestock departments also were up in total entries this year, especially the sheep and swine divisions.

Hereford, with 389 entries, top the number of beef breeding stock. Other entries are Polled Herefords, 178; Aberdeen-Angus, 243; Shorthorns, 104; Santa Gertrudis, 22; Brahmas, 44 and Brangus, 24.

Of the 85 dairy cattle entered 39 are Guernseys and 46 are Jerseys. Also in the open show are 942 sheep and 767 swine.

The junior livestock show features 293 steers—179 Herefords, 69 Aberdeen-Angus and 45 Shorthorns; 72 dairy heifers; 386 lambs; 353 pigs and 79 junior heifers.

One of the biggest drawing cards of the exposition is the horse show which this year is bigger than ever. About 100 more Quarter horses are entered in the 1958 show than last year. The Fort Worth Quarter horse show is the largest of its kind in the nation.

The Fort Worth Exposition always has more "special days" honoring cities and groups than any other show in the country. This year, more than 100 towns, communities, organizations, youth groups and clubs will have a "day".

Visitors also will have an opportunity to visit the free Texas Ranch and Farm Show where the newest things for better farming, better ranching and better homemaking are on display. A carnival midway will be open on Exposition grounds to offer thrilling rides, shows and games for young and old.

Former Pastor of Church Here Dies

Rev. J. T. King, a former pastor of the Rising Star First Baptist Church, died at his Austin home Saturday of last week and was buried Sunday in Austin Memorial Park cemetery after services at the Cook Funeral Home chapel at 3 p.m. Rev. King is survived by four daughters, Miss Mary King and Mrs. J. N. Harter of Austin; Mrs. Carl Yoas and Mrs. George Shaw of Del Rio; three sons, R. E. King of Abilene, J. T. King of Odessa and Carroll King of Kerville, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was active as pastor of Baptist churches in Texas for 62 years.

SCOUT GROUP TO MEET

Members of the district committee, South Central District, Comanche Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, will meet at Brownwood January 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Coca Cola Plant, 1308 Center Ave. Members from Rising Star are Robert Butler and Charles Rutherford.



PUBLISHER HONORED—Paul M. Fulks, publisher of the Wolfe City Sun, is pictured above as he received the oath of office as a member of the Texas Aeronautics Commission. Administering the oath is Judge Meade F. Griffin (left). Observing at left is Gov. Price Daniel who named Fulks to the post recently vacated by Henry Ayres of Paris, whose term had expired. Fulks was named chairman of the commission at the meeting of that body which followed the swearing in ceremony. Other members of the commission are Harold Clark of Odessa, vice chairman, and Charles A. Rowe of Houston, secretary.

Nimrod Club Name Herman Schaefer's Most Outstanding

About 100 people attended the business meeting of the Nimrod Neighbors Progressive Club at the Nimrod clubhouse Monday, January 13 at 7 o'clock when the club heard Mrs. L. B. Jones discuss the new Texas egg marketing law and outlined a program of activities for the next few months.

Bill Pope, president of the club, presided. Mrs. Walter To ne, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Herman Schaefer, treasurer, made a report on the club finances. Mrs. Oliver Harrelson was club pianist for an opening song and Jack Cozart led the club prayer.

In addition to her explanation of the egg marketing law, Mrs. Jones also talked on chicken production and on the DeKalb hybrid seed.

Among the forthcoming activities of the club are: A Talent Contest to be held January 27 at the club house when a free-will offering will be taken for the March of Dimes;

A Traffic Safety School at the clubhouse February 10;

A Home and Lawn Beautification program to be conducted February 6 by County Home Demonstration Agent Miss Sandra Kirkland, assisted by Miss Nancy Weathers, the assistant agent, and

A First Aid Course to be conducted some time in March.

During the talent contest January 27 the women of the club will also present an amateur play. There will be no admission charge for any of the activities.

During the business session Monday evening, the club chose Mr. and Mrs. Herfman Schaefer as the most outstanding man and woman members for the past year. They will be presented with awards at a later program. Refreshments of coffee, cocoa and cakes were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Johnson Smith to Seek Re-Election As County Clerk

Johnson Smith, County Clerk of Eastland County, this week authorized the Rising Star Record to announce that he will be a candidate for re-election subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primaries next summer.

Mr. Smith said that he would have a formal statement to the voters to be published some time later.

Infant Daughter Is Buried Monday

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Mitchell, born January 18, 1958, at Gorman Hospital, and who died the following day, Sunday, was buried in Wolf Valley cemetery Monday morning. The Rev. Ed Jackson, pastor of the Rising Star First Baptist Church, officiated, and Higginbotham Funeral Home directed.

Mother of the infant was the former Billie Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Chambers who live about four miles south of Rising Star.

Rising Star Ex-Student Looms As One Of H-SU All Time Basketball Greats

ABILENE.—(Special to Record)—When Bob Tremaine was graduated from Hardin-Simmons last year he left behind an assortment of scoring records that will probably stand for a long time.

Tremaine is a near cinch to hang on to these records, but another player is currently threatening to make fans forget the great hook-shot artist. The cager is Doyle Edmiston, who is on his way to becoming one of the finest all-around players in H-SU history.

"Doyle is one of the most improved basketball players I have ever seen," observes Bill Scott, Hardin-Simmons basketball coach for the past six years. "He was like a diamond in the rough when he first came to us out of high school, but by sheer determination and desire he has developed himself into a polished player.

"For a big man (6'-7", 225 pounds) he has one of the finest shooting eyes in the game, and I would have to rate him and Carl Knight, the Pokes' center, as the top rebounding pair in the Border Conference," Scott continued.

Dick Collins, H-SU sports publicity director makes this comment: "Edmiston has been a major factor in the Cowboys success this season. He has a lot of poise to go with his height, which is unusual with most tall basketball players."

This factor was never more evident than in the Pokes opening Conference game against West Texas State. All the big fellow did was sink 11 of 16 buckets from the floor for a phenomenal 68.7 per cent and grab off 17 rebounds in leading the

Pokes to their initial Border Conference victory, 62-57.

This year Doyle has been averaging around 14 rebounds per game and hitting around the 15-plus mark in scoring. Last year Edmiston ranked third in conference rebounding with a 11.7 average and third in team scoring with 240 points and a 9.2 average per game.

"Ick", as the big fellow is called by his teammates, does not possess those so called fancy shots, but mainly relies on a basic repertoire of a good drive shot, an exceptional jump shot and for the past few games, an accurate hook shot.

These, coupled with an uncanny control of the ball off the boards for easy tip-ins, have made Edmiston one of the most respected scorers in the league.

Majoring in Physical Education, Edmiston is a product of Rising Star where he scored over 1,300 points in the four years on the varsity.

In addition to basketball, Doyle found time to receive honorable mention for all-state in football, threw the discus and shot put in track, winning district in the latter with a heave of 51 feet, and to have 10 amateur fights, winning all of them.

Edmiston continued his fist-cuff activity his freshman year in college, winning the T.A.A.F. tournament in Odessa and the regional Golden Gloves open heavyweight championship.

In an exhibition match "Ick", defeated ACC's Dub Manis, but last year Manis turned the tables, knocking him out in the first round. Doyle says that this was his last fight but when he can play basketball like he can he doesn't need to fight.

Kitten Cagers Top Ranger Quint By Score of 48-20

The Rising Star Kittens found easy sailing against the large, but slow, Ranger Junior High club Monday night at Wildcat gym. The game ended with the local boys atop the scoring ladder to the tune of 48-20.

Larry Nichols led the way with 19 points. Johnny Jones tossed 13 through the meshes, followed by Joe Edmiston with due to the illness of Worley May-10, Raymond Rankin with four, and Morris Cullwell with two. Tommy Alford started at guard for the first time this season, and gave a good account of himself, with snappy ball handling and sharp defensive work.

The victory was the fourth in the last five games. May had previously fallen to the Kittens on two occasions and Eastland once. Cisco's 33-25 victory was the Kittens' only recent loss.

Since Ranger has no girls' team, the Rising Star girls were idle this week. They are resting on their laurels of ten victories, with a single defeat. This was in the finals of the Cisco tournament, in which they were edged by Clyde.

Next Monday afternoon the Rising Star boys and girls will journey to Eastland to begin the second round of Oil Belt District play.

Harvey Chick Is Re-Elected Fire Department Chief

Paul Maxwell was elected president, A. A. White, vice-president, and Harvey Chick was re-elected chief of the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department at the annual meeting of the department at the City Hall Thursday night of last week.

Other officers elected at the time are A. B. Jones, assistant chief; Pete Starks, captain of Team No. 1; M. J. Dukes, captain Team No. 2, and Bill Button, secretary-treasurer.

Bill Crawford and Elgie Crisp were elected Retirement Fund trustees. Mr. Crisp to fill out the unexpired term of Thurman Cox, who has removed from Rising Star.

The department, which has 25 members, recently completed a school of instruction in fire fighting methods taught by an A&M College instructor.

Mrs. R. D. Hitt New Pioneer M.D. Chairman

Mrs. R. D. Hitt was recently appointed chairman for the March of Dimes drive in the Pioneer community. Coin receptacles have been placed in the business houses. There will be a pie supper at the Pioneer school house Saturday night, Jan. 25, at 7 o'clock. Games of "42" and dominoes will be played afterwards. Everyone is invited.

Biggest Farm Problem Now Is Financing

For the first time in years, farmers of this section were happy over clearing skies in mid-January which gave them hope of finally getting into moisture-logged fields for plowing. Monday's snow and light rain, measuring .36 of an inch, brought the month's precipitation to 1.6 inches which, though small, simply continued last fall's soaking moisture into the New Year.

The finest New Year prospects for crops of all kinds that this section has known since the final years of the 40's confronted growers. The chances for good fruit and melon crops were encouraging, the wet cold weather serving to retard a tendency to early budding, and while the grain was largely dormant, it was causing no concern.

The heavy sub-soil season was regarded as practically guaranteeing grain, melon and peanut crops. Cold weather during January has not been severe, the lowest temperature recorded being 27 degrees above zero. A reading of 29 degrees was recorded early Tuesday morning.

The biggest problem confronting farmers was financing. Almost a decade of poor crops, most of them failures, has exhausted the financial resources of many farmers, particularly the smaller ones, but there was hope that relaxed government lending policies, in view of the good crop prospects ahead, would be available to assist private financing in meeting the need.

Pre-Registration For Second Term Under Way at CJC

Pre-registration is in progress for the spring semester at Cisco Junior College. Approximately one hundred students had pre-registered Thursday, January 16. Registration will continue through January 28 with classes meeting for the first time on Wednesday, January 29. Tests for first term freshmen students will be administered from until 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31.

Cisco Junior College will offer extension courses in Clyde again this semester. Courses to be offered are: Accounting, Trigonometry, Introduction to Business, Freshman English, and American History. Others will be offered if the demand justifies the expense. Registration for this program will be held in the old West Texas Utilities Building January 27 and 28 from 7 until 9 p.m.

Representatives of the College will be at the Dyess Air Force Base Education Office January 20 and 21 to talk with interested base personnel concerning the spring semester offering on the base. On-base classes have been offered since January 1957 for the benefit of the airmen stationed at the Abilene Base.

Enrollment for the spring semester is expected to be about the same as the fall enrollment. It is expected that students enrolling at mid-term will number about the same as the total mid-term graduates and students dropped due to scholastic difficulties.

Geo. Alford Honored With Birthday Party

George Alford, who has been in ill health for several months, was honored with a birthday party at his home at Okra recently. Gifts were brought by Mr. and Mrs. Asa Alford, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alford of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Alford, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hitchcock, Mrs. Viola Guthrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Early and sons, Ronnie and Kenneth, and Glenda and Peggy Michael, of Brownwood.

Miss Bill Brawner of Fort Worth, Tex., was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Brawner, over the week end.

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INSURANCE LAWS STRENGTHENED

The last Regular Session of the Texas Legislature passed a law (Articles 1.02 to 1.09, inclusive, Insurance Code), establishing a 3-man State Board of Insurance with a single Commissioner of Insurance as the administrative head. This regulatory set-up replaced the Board of Insurance Commissioners of Texas.

The old law provided that neither the actuary, examiners, or assistant examiners working under the Board of Insurance Commissioners should continue in office if they accepted directly or indirectly any employment, pay, compensation or gratuity from any insurance company. (Article 1.17, Insurance Code.) Except for the general law against bribery, dismissal from duty was the penalty and such penalty apparently did not apply as against Board Members.

The law establishing the new State Board of Insurance makes it a penitentiary offense for any member of the State Board or the Commissioner of Insurance or any employee or agent to accept anything of value or sell to or buy from any insurance company or its agents of a penitentiary offense if he proposes any such forbidden act. (Article 1.09-3, Insurance Code.)

To further strengthen the penal (criminal) laws, provisions were added (Articles 21.47 and 21.48, Insurance Code) that every report or document required to be made or filed under the Insurance Code should be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury. Any person wilfully making such a report or document falsely shall upon conviction be fined the sum of \$5,000.00 and imprisoned for not less than two, nor more than five years.

New powers were also given for regulating life insurance poli-

cies. Heretofore the law provided for the filing of life insurance policy forms and required that certain provisions be included and others be prohibited. (Articles 3.43 to 3.45, inclusive, Insurance Code.) When those "do's" and "don'ts" were met, the Board had little or no authority to disapprove other policy provisions.

The new law (Article 3.42, Insurance Code) places the duty upon the Insurance Commissioner to disapprove any life insurance policy and to withdraw any previous approval if "it contains provisions which encourage misrepresentation or are unjust, unfair, inequitable, misleading, deceptive or contrary to law or to the public policy of this State."

Some time ago there was prepared a model law for presentation to the Legislatures of the various States to prohibit unfair competition and deceptive practices in the insurance business. Laws patterned after this uniform or model bill have been passed in a number of States. Texas passed such a law at the last Regular Session, which is quite comprehensive in its regulation of the advertising and sale of insurance. (Article 21.21, Insurance Code.)

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Methodist WSCS to Serve Luncheon

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church will serve a dinner in the basement of the church on the fourth Monday of January, which is Monday, January 27, from 11:30 to 12:30. All funds received will be used for church benefit.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Duggan of Cook visited in the J. T. Harris home Friday.

As It Looks From Here

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—There is an abundance of hindsight in Washington as the Second Session of the 85th Congress convenes. Those who have little idea of how to meet the great issues of the future take refuge in what should have been done in the past.

While the earnest few seek the truth for past omissions on national defense as a guide for future action, others seemingly want to rush in and spend billions of dollars, presumably feeling it to be the total answer.

One thing in the controversies now raging seems to be fairly clear. The deficiencies existing in our national defense set-up (and there are definitely some) have not occurred by reason of a lack of funds. In my opinion, it has simply been a matter of failing to put first things first.

Why has this not been done? The answer seems to lie in too much divided authority — too cumbersome procedures, which is inherent in our system of Government. Our system is naturally clumsy. We would not and shall not change our concepts, but this question has been in the minds of many thinking people for a very long time: In a world which has shrunk to the proportion which places Washington and Moscow nearer to one another than Amarillo was to Brownsville or Texarkana to El Paso a decade ago, can our slow, built-in cumbersome processes compete with the Soviets, where decisions are made by one or two men? In addition to this inescapable fact, our decisions, our purpose and our actions, are built on a moral basis, while our chief antagonist can ignore moral principles entirely.

There is no implied suggestion that we resort to the methods of the Soviets. We are pleasing them enough by our show of panic in running off in all directions, but there are some things we can do. The first is to pinpoint responsibility by the grant of specific authority to men who must make decisions. Our nation has the ability and

Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:
Goodbye 1957, my old friend!—

It was just 12 months ago that I met you. You came in such a modest and unassuming way, I would not have recognized you had it not been that I was looking at my clock so as to know just the first moment you arrived. I cannot ever forget our first meeting, here in our home, Yucaipa, California; neither can I forget some of the promises I made you that night. I freely confess I have not kept all those promises. I meant to keep them when I made them but things over which I seem to have no control came so thick and fast that I became confused, if not confounded and I did not remember just all that I had promised you.

Now that we are parting I want you to know how much I have appreciated you—you have been so patient and kind and in many ways proved to be a real friend. All my loved ones you have left (on earth) with me. You have let them enjoy good health. My husband, I, and friends have had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Very few people have that opportunity and enjoyment.

You have brought to me many new friends and taken from me none of my old ones. As I see it, you have left on the world an impression that will last through the centuries to come.

resources to be the strongest country in the world, and it must be the strongest to deter war and prevent the world's destruction. It is a matter of using what we have to the best advantage.

In my opinion the appropriation of more billions of dollars for doubtful purposes is far from any total answer. To launch new spending programs, such as subsidizing higher education for the sake of "doing something" in a hurry, hardly seems sensible in meeting the great challenges of the immediate future.

After all is said and done, unless we continue to seek a settlement of the world's problems which will lead to a more peaceful atmosphere, all efforts on all sides may eventually be useless anyway.

Memories of you will linger long after you are gone. So now (as we are parting) I only hope 1958 will be as kind to me as you have been. So goodbye, 1957 and greetings 1958.

Mrs. Emma Belle Lee,
12208 Custer Street,
Yucaipa, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Harris and Mrs. J. A. Davidson visited friends in Brownwood Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Flara Jones and her nephew, John J. Jones, of Arlington, visited members of the Jones family here over the week end. Mrs. C. M. Cox accompanied Miss Jones to her home in Arlington to spend a few days there. Mrs. Cox's grandson, Jim Forbes, also went with them, for the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams of Star, Texas, and her mother, Mrs. Edith Smith of Rochester,

visited their aunt and sister law, Mrs. S. W. Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Prickett, family and Miss Frances Prickett, all of Cisco, visited Mrs. S. W. Fountain and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Petzell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Janet Fussell of El Paso spent the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Fussell, and her aunt, Mrs. T. C. Crisp.

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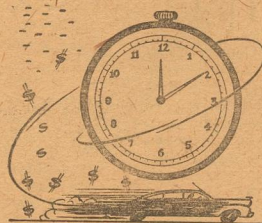
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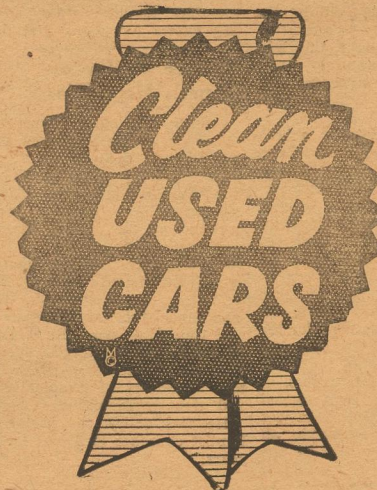
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ABOUT YOUR HEALTH



A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health.
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For the first time in Texas history, live births passed the quarter-million mark. More than 252,000 births were recorded as the year ended, compared with 72,000 deaths. That's a healthy 3 1/2 to 1 ratio of births over deaths, and indicates a natural population increase of 180,000.

Other health events were equally significant. An influenza epidemic—the worst since 1918—caused a flurry of activity among health officials in months just before the year died. Before it was over almost two million doses of vaccine were rushed into the state. Vaccine—and early warning—undoubtedly lessened the epidemic's impact.

As the official state agency for city planning assistance, the State Health Department processed 14 applications for federal financial aid. Total cost of projects, all in cities of less than 25,000 is \$451,252, of which the federal share is \$216,483.

Spring floods were behind the urgency of 58 special health projects costing \$417,000, including control of insect vectors, rehabilitation of water plants, and chlorination of thousands of farm wells.

Almost 1,100,000 pounds of food had to be removed from sale channels as being unfit for

human consumption during the year.

Four separate episodes of radioactive isotope mishandlings were investigated, and a toxicological information center was initiated to instantly provide information on antidotes in cases of industrial and household chemical poisonings. The center operates in cooperation with the Texas Medical Association.

Almost 1,800,000 shots of polio vaccine were distributed throughout Texas, cutting the incidence of polio to less than half that of the previous year. Only 729 cases were reported in 1957, compared with a five-year median of 1751 cases.

Five hundred nursing homes, housing 8,000 aged people, were inspected and licensed during 1957, and 21 hospital construction projects were approved by the State Board of Health under terms of the Hill-Burton Act.

Construction of city sewerage plants with federal help got underway with the allocation of \$3,500,000 to 42 separate projects, and a statewide water sampling program was begun. With game wardens collecting samples, some 500 samples per month are being analyzed at the State Health Department laboratory.

The past year saw 2116 medi-



ACTION, THRILLS, EXCITEMENT — Programs and activities at the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 24 through Feb. 2 in Fort Worth will be the most colorful ever. Gail Davis (top left), who stars as Annie Oakley on TV, will be in all rodeo performances. The midway (top right) will offer rides and shows for young and old. Rodeo events (bottom left) will keep visitors thrilled and rodeo clowns (bottom right) will keep 'em laughing.

HOME MAKERS

Views and News

Sandra Kirkland Home Dem. Agent Nancy Weathers Dist. Home Dem. Agent

Canned and frozen peas take the spotlight as the featured food on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's February plentiful foods list for this area.

Other vegetables on the plentiful list are canned and frozen corn and potatoes. Growers' prices of potatoes are below those of last year in most western producing areas, while canned and frozen corn stocks are heavy enough to rate a spot on the list.

Since February usually marks the time when the fall pig crop starts to market, pork takes the featured spot at meat counters. The fall pig crop is 2 per cent larger than last year.

Milk continues in heavy supply as production stands at record levels.

Apples and dried prunes are the only fruits listed as plentiful for February.

caly indigent crippled children placed under care, and penicillin and department-manufactured biologics were furnished in record quantities to physicians of medically indigent patients.

Other plentiful include peanuts and peanut products.

USDA determines what's plentiful every month by a survey of major food suppliers in this area.

FREEZING PORK

Storage time for fresh pork in your home freezer should be limited. Pork does not keep its quality in frozen storage as long as other meats.

Fresh sausage may be stored in the freezer from one to three months. Other cuts of fresh pork can be stored from three to six months, provided they are packaged properly and held at zero degrees F. or lower.

Fat portions of cured or smoked pork may become rancid if stored longer than a two-month period.

To package pork for the freezer use a moisture vapor resistant material, such as heavy freezer foil. Fold closely to drive out the air. Use an overwrap to prevent puncturing or breaking the foil in the freezer.

Enrichment Improvement Foods

You get extra dividends from foods when the label says "enriched." All refined wheat flour and bread products are enriched according to law. Enrichment of cornmeal, grits and rice is not required by Texas law. Several millers do enrich these products voluntarily. They are available in most food stores at no extra

cost.

Enrichment adds iron and the B vitamins, niacin, riboflavin and thiamine, which are lost in the milling when the outer coat of the grain is removed. Calcium is sometimes added.

Take advantage of this extra bonus in food value—Look for labels on these products that tell you the food is enriched.

WSCS Meets Monday For Mission Study

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon in the sanctuary. The hymn, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" was sung and Mrs. L. R. Smith offered prayer. A devotional on Freedom was given by Mrs. Carver. Mrs. Butler was in charge of the mission study from the book, "The Kingdom Beyond Caste." Members answered roll call with responses concerning racial relations in various parts of the world. Mrs. Brooks spoke on Racial Tensions in Chicago. Mrs. Butler reviewed two chapters of the study dealing with the Strategy of Integration and Involvement of the Local Churches.

The monthly luncheon of the WSCS will be held next Monday, January 27 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dill of Cross Plains spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris.

SOCIETY, CLUB AND CHURCH

MRS. F. W. ROBERDS, Editor

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Cisco Club Woman County Federation Saturday, Jan. 18th

Cisco club women were hostesses to the County Federation of Clubs on Saturday, January 18.

Mrs. Bill Tucker of Gorman, who is recording secretary of the County Federation, read the minutes of the last meeting which was held at Rising Star on November 16.

A devotional on the Lord's Prayer was given. Special music by two Cisco girls was well rendered.

Mrs. A. Louise Weber gave a financial report and also reported on cancer work, and etc. The next County Federation meeting will be held in Eastland on March 15. All federated clubs are urged to send representatives.

Those in attendance from Rising Star were Mrs. A. Louise Weber, Mrs. Lee Clark, Miss Pauline Roberds and Mrs. Fred Roberds. A social hour was held. The table was laid with a heavy lace cloth and decorated with a pot of yellow chrysanthemums. Sandwiches, fruit and mints, with coffee, were served.

Mrs. Falls Honored At Surprise Dinner

Charter members of North Star club arranged a surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. Lou Falls, also a charter member of the club, recently.

Mrs. Falls, a sister of J. W. Weathermon and daughter of the late John Weathermon, lived here for a number of years. She now makes her home in Cross Plains. The charter members who planned and served the surprise dinner were Mrs. Ada Williams, Mrs. J. R. Morrow, Mrs. C. B. Harris, Mrs. Will Ware and Mrs. Beyrl Heath. These, together with Mrs. Falls and Mrs. Mettie Merriman enjoyed the fellowship together.

Mrs. Fred Roberds New President of Saturday Club

The Saturday Club met January 15 for election of officers and a study on "International Relations."

Mrs. Lee Clark presided over the business session. Minutes were read by Mrs. Hazel Butler and approved by the group. A finance report was given by Mrs. A. Louise Weber.

The club voted to have a bake sale at Agnews Grocery Store on Saturday, January 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will be used for public library. The Art Club sponsored by Mrs. Bobby Shults, is invited to use the library as a meeting place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Officers who will take office in September were suggested by the nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Olive Jones, Mrs. Clyde Flanagan and Mrs. M. R. Groce; and as voted on by the club were: President, Mrs. Fred Roberds; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Horace Switzer; Vice President, Mrs. Wilburn Scott; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Joyce.

The lesson on International Relations was presented by Mrs. Horace Switzer. A story of the Philippine Islands entitled, "Footprints in the Palace", was given in an interesting manner. The hostess, Mrs. Wilburn Scott, arranged the refreshment table with a cut-work linen and used an attractive centerpiece.

She served sandwiches, pickles, cookies and coffee to the following members:

Mrs. Hazel Butler, Mrs. Barney Cargile, Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. Clyde Flanagan, Mrs. Olive Jones, Mrs. Floyd Joyce, Mrs. M. G. Joyce, Mrs. Fred Roberds, Mrs. Wilburn Scott, Mrs. Horace Switzer and Mrs. A. Louise Weber.

The next regular meeting of the club will be on February 5 at 2:30 p.m. when Bill Rutherford, a High School senior, will give a book review. English teachers and students will be guests. The hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. M. G. Joyce and Mrs. Fred Roberds.

Focus Week Observed By Baptist WMU

Focus Week of the WMU of the First Baptist Church was observed Sunday night with a well arranged display of posters, charts, maps and etc., of the work, which was shown in the Fellowship Hall. A reception with refreshments was held for the entire membership of the church, which showed the work that the W. M. U. sponsors.

The W. M. U. Mission program was held Monday, Jan. 20 with the study of "Immigrants Who Are Entering the Golden Door", including Chinese, Spanish-speaking, Russians, and others, who are our Christian heritage.

Art League to Have Classes in Painting

The Tri-County Art League has resumed its meetings and will begin classes of instruction in painting with the League's meeting at the Library Building Tuesday, January 28. Mrs. Fred Gobel of Baird will be the teacher, and all-day classes will be held each second and fourth Tuesday.

The classes will be conducted at the Library Building and are open to all who are interested in art. Mrs. Bobby Shults, the president of the league, said.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Corley of Wilson, Texas, who were married Saturday of last week, arrived Monday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. John Yochem. Mr. Corley and Mrs. Yochem are brother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Yochem went to Wilson for the wedding and to visit Mrs. Yochem's parents, returning Sunday.

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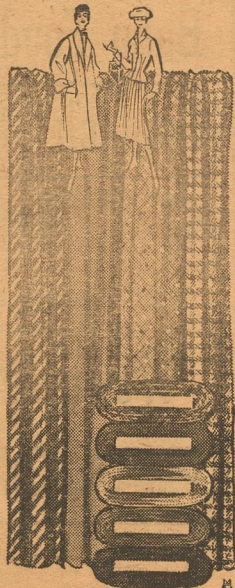
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R. D. HITT has returned to Rising Star and has opened his plumbing shop. Tele. 5-4151 for service. 1-9-4tc

POLITICAL Announcements

The Rising Star Record has been authorized to announce the following as candidates for the public offices as designated, in the Democratic First Primary election in July 1958:

State Representative 76th Dist.: PAUL BRASHEAR (Re-Election)

For County Judge: JOHN HART (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: JOHNSON SMITH (Re-Election)

Six-Year-Olds to Be Listed in Census

January is school census month, Supt. Sam Jones of the Rising Star Public Schools, pointed out this week, and all children who have or will become six years of age before September 1, this year, are eligible for listing in the census. Parents of such children in the Rising Star district were asked to notify either Mr. Jones or Principal J. M. Crump of the Elementary school, either of whom will furnish the proper blank for registering the children.

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Weatherford Man To Be Speaker For Brotherhood

Layman Charles Brinkley, of Weatherford, will be the speaker for the Brotherhood of the Cisco Baptist Association meeting in the Gorman Baptist Church, Tuesday, January 28. Supper will be served from 6:30 until 7:15. The program will begin at 7:30.

Mr. Brinkley is the vice president of the First National Bank of Weatherford. He is the past president of both the Parker County Brotherhood and of the District 12 Brotherhood organization. Mr. Brinkley is a deacon and the associate Sunday School superintendent of the Northside Baptist Church in Weatherford. He is also the past president of the Lions Club, Red Cross, United Fund, Chamber of Commerce, and is now the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce in Weatherford.

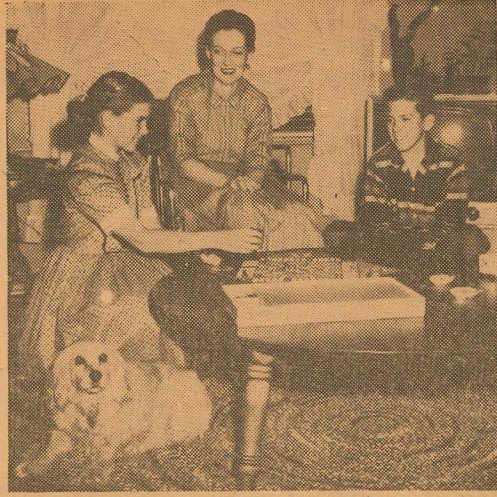
The Cisco Brotherhood organization is made up of men from 38 Baptist churches in Eastland, Stephens and Shackelford Counties. R. M. Dickson of Breckenridge is the president; Clyde Garrett of Eastland is the program vice president; A. W. Warford of Ranger is the membership vice president; J. B. Houghton of Ranger is the activities vice president.

Mrs. Rutherford Is Named Deputy Clerk

District Clerk Roy L. Lane has announced appointment of Mrs. Charles Rutherford of Rising Star as deputy district clerk.

Mrs. Rutherford assumed her duties as Chief Deputy of the office on January 15. She has been a resident of Rising Star since 1935.

Incidentally, Roy is one of Rising Star's home town boys, having lived here some ten years before moving to Eastland.



EL PASO—POLIO MOTHER OF THE YEAR for the 1958 March of Dimes in Texas, Mrs. John L. Crouch (Kathy), of El Paso, joins daughter Connie Ruth, 11, and son Larkin, 13, in a family game. More interested in the photographer is the cocker, Ginger. Mrs. Crouch, executive secretary of the El Paso County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and widow of a World War II fighter pilot, was named to symbolize in the 1958 March of Dimes the hundreds of Texas mothers who have overcome the crippling after-effects of polio to resume active and useful lives.

El Paso Woman Is Named Polio Mother of Year

EL PASO. — Mrs. John L. Crouch, attractive El Paso mother of two, and widow of an Air Force pilot, was named Texas Polio Mother of the Year for the 1958 March of Dimes.

Nomination of Mrs. Crouch was announced by Gordon McLendon, Texas chairman for the 1958 March of Dimes, who described the 37-year-old mother as "symbolic of the hundreds of Texas mothers who have courageously and successfully battled crippling polio to return to active and useful living."

Selected from a large group of nominees submitted by Texas county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Mrs. Crouch typifies, McLendon said, what a combination of determination and rehabilitation techniques can accomplish for the victims of the pre-Salk vaccine polio war.

Though confined to a wheel chair by the after-effects of a polio attack, Kathryn Crouch now serves successfully as homemaker, and as executive secretary of the El Paso County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

It is a dual role, she says, "that seemed impossible eleven years ago."

She remembers that "like most people, I thought polio was something that happened to somebody else. It wouldn't happen to Kathy Crouch."

When it did, it began with "the worst headache I ever had." A few hours later, in August, 1946, Kathy Crouch, mother of one child and expecting another, was admitted to a Port Arthur hospital.

Although her case was diagnosed as polio and her right leg completely paralyzed, she remembers telling her husband, wartime fighter pilot Major John L. Crouch, that she would be "walking by Christmas."

Two weeks later her second child, Connie Ruth, was born. Her oldest, a son, Larkin, was two.

A few weeks afterward, Kathy Crouch went to Gonzales Warm Springs Hospital to begin the March of Dimes-financed rehabilitation treatments she hoped would put her on the road back. After two months she returned to Port Arthur faced with the knowledge that she would probably never walk again, but determined to be a successful mother and homemaker despite her handicap.

And tragedy struck again. In October, 1947, her husband was killed during a cross-country training flight. A home he had purchased in El Paso for his family stood empty.

Kathy Crouch responded with characteristic courage. Leaving Port Arthur where she had lived for most of her life, she took her small children to the new home in El Paso, seeing it as a symbol of a new life.

Soon, Kathy Crouch and her wheel chair were a familiar sight in El Paso. She became active in community affairs, and, as her children grew, with the PTA, the Girl Scouts.

In 1952 the El Paso County Chapter of the National Foundation offered her the exacting position of executive secretary. She accepted and added "career woman" to her other activities.

Today, she says that the rewards of the past eleven years far exceed the rigors. With Larkin, now 13, and Connie Ruth, 11, participating, her home is as fully run as any office where,

El Paso Chapter officials and patients say, "she is indispensable."

Milk Production Likely to Show Further Increase

COLLEGE STATION. — Milk production is likely to show its sixth consecutive annual increase in 1958 and there is a good chance that average prices will not be as high as in 1957, according to John G. McHaney, extension economist.

Production in 1958 will probably be between 128 and 129 billion pounds, compared with the record 127 billion pounds in 1957. Prices to farmers for milk and butterfat will be influenced by the support levels for 1958, which will be somewhat lower than last year's levels, says McHaney. Total milk production continues to exceed demand at prevailing support-price levels.

Technological advances have expanded the scale of dairy operations and caused some farmers to discontinue operations because of the additional capital requirement, points out the economist. But today's larger dairies and increased production per cow has more than offset recent reductions in numbers.

The level of milk production for the years following 1958 will depend in part on government programs for dairy products and feed grains, says McHaney. However, for the next several years, milk supplies are likely to continue to exceed commercial outlets, assuming that price supports continue near the present level.

In the past decade, the demand for butter, evaporated milk, and a few other dairy items has declined despite steady increases in consumer income. This effect on total per capita consumption of milk has not been offset by increases in demand for a number of dairy items, including fluid milk, cheese, and ice cream, according to the economist.

However, he continues, total consumption from commercial sources increased from 109 billion pounds in 1950 to 114 billion pounds in 1957. With continued large consumer incomes in 1958, a decline in the total consumption of dairy products is not likely.

But if production continues to increase, it will be very hard to keep prices at the present level, he concludes.

Mrs. Nichols to Join Husband Overseas

Mrs. Carleene Nichols and two children, Bill and Linda, who have been living here since her husband, Lt. Carl B. Nichols, Jr., was transferred to Okinawa in August, will leave February 9 to join him at his base overseas. Mr. Nichols is a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force and will be stationed at Okinawa for two and a half more years. Mrs. Nichols received her port call this week at Mineral Wells. She and the children will leave from Seattle, Wash., on the U. S. S. General Mitchell.

Mrs. Nichols is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irby and Lt. Nichols' parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nichols.

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