

Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

Fifty years of readership makes L. R. Smith probably the longest-time newspaper back in West Virginia. The paper is the Tyler Star News of Sistersville, W. Va., where Mr. Smith was superintendent of production for the Standard Oil Company before being sent to Texas in 1920. He went in his renewal with a note to the effect that the renewal marked a sort of anniversary for him — his fiftieth consecutive year as a subscriber. He first subscribed in 1907 when the paper was published in a neighboring town. The editor devoted a portion of his front page column to the renewal, asking his readers if any of them could top Mr. Smith's record.

The incident suggests why the weekly and small town daily hold and no doubt will continue to hold an important place in the field of journalism and advertising. No news periodical is more closely read. Mr. Smith subscribed to the Sistersville paper to keep informed about his former neighbors and the men with whom he worked in the oil fields of West Virginia. He was able to do so because the Tyler Star News is so close to its readers that it can and does carry news about a much, much higher percentage of them than any larger paper could possibly do of its own reader population. A very small fraction of the people of a metropolitan community are mentioned in the columns of the big dailies. Most of those who are so mentioned must commit some crime or become involved in trouble or tragedy to be so noticed.

The small paper is not thus handicapped. It has a comfortable intimacy with its readers and community that make it a sort of family institution. Births, deaths, marriages, the casual visiting back and forth of neighbors, all the normal, undistinguished events that make up the most of life are grist to its mill of news. There is hardly a person in the community which it serves whose name does not, at some time or other, appear in its pages. To the folks who have moved away it is like a big, weekly letter from home, and to those at home it presents an objective view of community life which is interesting, often informative, sometimes tragic, sometimes amusing, and always a cement of information and understanding which helps in a most effective way to keep that community a working unit.

It isn't missed until it fails to arrive, and then the subscriber defends vigorously and often vociferously his right to read it, small or large as it may be, and above all his right to criticize it and even cuss it. Quite often he applies to it terms that give the editor a slow burn, did he not realize that these designations are really terms of endearment, uttered with a smile.

The editor of the big journal must be a genius at selection and a superb craftsman in order to gain and hold reader interest. Not so the weekly editor, although there are many small newspaper men who are tops in the profession, and no degree of natural advantage can justify a sloppy job. But the fact is that reader interest is ready made for the small paper. All the editor has to do is cover the local news and publish it.

Rush Creek Ass'n To Meet Monday

The Rush Creek Watershed Association will meet Monday evening, February 4, at 7:30 p. m. at the Comanche County courthouse in a business meeting during which directors and officers will be elected. Interested citizens of this area are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young and baby of Stephenville were week-end guests of Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Crisp.

Cold Helps, But Moisture Slight

College Grads Urged to Help in Teacher Shortage

Superintendent H. R. Garrett of the Eastland County School Districts today urged college graduates in this area to give serious consideration to opportunities available to them in the teaching profession.

Superintendent H. R. Garrett explained that the need for teachers is especially critical in some areas of the State and that more than 2,000 persons have had to be assigned to teaching positions this year on the basis of emergency teaching permits. "I especially want to call your attention to the state-wide teacher education courses now being presented over television," County Superintendent H. R. Garrett said. "A person with a college degree can enroll in the 'Let's Teach' television series and begin his preparation for teaching. Even though a teaching vacancy may not be available to you at the present time, credit for the 'Let's Teach' series will enable you to qualify for an emergency teaching permit which will be valid from one to three years in any school district in Texas which has been unable to find enough fully qualified teachers."

The State-wide Teacher Recruitment and Education by Television project is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency through the cooperation of local school and college officials, television stations, and with the assistance of a grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education (Ford Foundation).

Any person desiring complete information about the "Let's Teach" teacher recruitment series may inquire at the office of his local school superintendent or address "Let's Teach", Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas.

Cats Drop Close Game to Santa Anna; Girls Win

The Rising Star Wildcats dropped another basket ball thriller Tuesday night, losing to the Santa Anna Mountaineers by the paper thin margin of one point after building up an early lead that at one time went to 16 points. The visitors pulled abreast midway in the game, however, and from that point on it was nip and tuck with the Cats mulling a chance to win via the free throw route with only ten seconds left. Jerry Davis was high for the Rising Star team with 14 points.

The Rising Star girls, with Martha Duggan and Mary Haynes leading the scoring defeated the Santa Anna girls handily, practically the entire bench getting into the 53 to 34 rout of the visiting girls teams.

Last Friday night the Rising Star boys, handicapped by fouls and the loss of two players, J. C. Butler and Billy Rucker by the personal foul route, slumped in the final period after leading for three, to lose 62 to 51 to a visiting Llano team. Jerry Davis was high with 16 for the Cats and J. C. Butler next with 14.

The Rising Star girls took a close one from the Llano team by the score of 36 to 34. They led all the way by a comfortable score until the final period. Martha Duggan was high with 15 points.

Friday night both teams go to Mason to start the second half of a round robin schedule. The next home games will be on Friday, February 8 when the Goldthwaite teams come here. The following Tuesday night Cross Plains teams will play here.

Mrs. Lorriane Williams returned from San Antonio last Saturday. She makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott of Odessa visited Mr. Elliott's mother, Mrs. B. G. Elliott, last week end.

One of the longest sustained cold spells in recent years gripped the Rising Star section beginning last Friday, in a misting freeze that afforded little moisture but brought other welcome benefits, including the improved prospect of a good fruit crop.

Saturday night and Sunday the section was covered with a sheath of ice that made highways hazardous and walking on slippery pavements an adventure fraught with constant danger of falling. The ice was thin however and damage to trees, shrubs and property was slight.

Tuesday, after a brief respite Monday and Monday night during which temperatures soared to balmy Springlike levels, the cold spell resumed with a fresh invasion of arctic air and the prospect of further moisture.

The city hall gauge showed about .03 of an inch of precipitation to Tuesday morning. A low of 22 degrees above zero was recorded, not so low as the drop to 14 degrees during an earlier cold wave, but cold enough and persistent enough to set fruit buds back indefinitely and to kill insect infestation.

Ice-coated lines caused comparatively little interruption of service to customers of the Kizer Telephone Company and the West Texas Utilities.

The telephone company reported that only about 25 cases of interrupted service occurred, most of them on rural lines. All were restored to service by Tuesday.

Early Sunday morning electric service to the community was interrupted when the sub-station east of town went out. The West Texas Utilities Company takes current through that station from the Brazos River system. Service was restored 15 minutes later by closing a switch at Pioneer through which the local system gets current from the Abilene plant of the WTU Co. Almost immediately, however, ice caused a line near the Raymond Gray home west of town to break and Rising Star was once more without current.

By that time, however, the substation east was in operation and service to all the area with the exception of a portion of the Pioneer system was restored. When the line break was repaired the Pioneer area went back on current.

Monday morning minor interruptions were caused by loosening ice which fell and whipped lines together, shorting out switches.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Varner Saturday at 3

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Varner who died in Rising Star Hospital Friday, January 26, were held at 3 p. m. Saturday, at the Okra Baptist Church with burial in Elm Cemetery, Okra. The Rev. Dale Martin of Fort Worth, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Mart Agnew, a former pastor of the Okra Baptist Church, officiated and Higginbotham Funeral Home directed.

Mrs. Varner, a resident of this area for 27 years, was a native of Callahan County, Texas, where she was born August 20, 1908, at Oplin.

Mrs. Varner's death came at 4:30 a. m. Friday after a long illness. She had lived in the Okra community for 21 years before coming to Rising Star where she lived the last six years of her life.

She was married to George Varner on April 13, 1928.

She is survived by her husband, G. W. Varner of Rising Star; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Wise of Breckenridge; two brothers, B. Boston and Roy Boston of Texarkana, Texas; and four sisters, Mrs. Eterra William and Mrs. Una Brooks, both of Abilene, and Mrs. Ola Varner and Mrs. Gladys of Dudley, Texas. A grandson, David Wayne Wise, also survives.

Palbearers were Carl Burns, Robert Burns, Joe Weise, Otto Adams, J. C. Claborn and Gene Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. ... spent ...

New Well In Roberds Pool Rated Best

The Sam Eakin et al No. 1 Pauline Roberds, two and a half miles northwest of Rising Star, was coring a second pay at 1,100 feet this week preparatory to completing in either an upper sand topped at 1040 and showing ten feet of saturated sand in a 15-foot core, or in both upper and lower pays.

The well, which is 650 feet south and about 300 feet west of the same producers, F. W. Roberds No. 2, which is rated at 6 barrels daily, is indicated as the best prospective producer in the field. It is located 150 feet from the north and west lines of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Block 2, ETRR survey.

After coring and testing the lower pay operators planned to clean out and set casing for completing in either or both pays.

The F. W. Roberds No. 2 of the same operators is 600 feet north of the F. W. Roberds, No. 2 and is rated at 12 barrels daily from the upper pay. There is no water.

The area is due to see considerable drilling activity.

Dollie Donica Is Buried Tuesday in Blake Cemetery

Funeral services for Miss Dollie Donica, 60, who died at her home at May, Sunday, January 27, after a brief illness, were held at the Blake Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, January 29. The Rev. Jimmy Crouch officiated. Burial was in Blake Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home, Rising Star.

Miss Donica, a native of Brown county, where she was born February 25, 1896, had lived all her life in this area. She was never married.

She is survived by a brother, M. S. Donica of Tuscola, Texas; five nieces and five nephews.

She was a member of the Blake Baptist Church.

Sister of Ira Swift Buried at Ballinger

Funeral services for Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, 81, of Ballinger, a sister of Ira Swift of Rising Star, who died Wednesday of last week, were held at the First Methodist Church, Ballinger, Thursday, January 24, at 2:30 p. m. with burial in Evergreen Cemetery at that city.

Mrs. Dickinson had been in ill health for two years.

She was born April 1, 1875, in Nacogdoches County. She moved to Coleman County with her parents in 1879, living there for a year before moving to Runnels County in 1880. The family lived at Runnels City, the first county seat of Runnels County, until 1886, when they moved to Ballinger.

She was married to R. A. Dickinson Dec. 21, 1898, at the Methodist Church in Ballinger. Mr. Dickinson died June 24, 1922.

Survivors include three sons, Tower of Ballinger, Cecil and Garland, both of Brownwood; three brothers, Seth Swift of Los Angeles, Calif., Ira Swift of Rising Star and Cicero Swift of San Angelo; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Thomas and Mrs. Ivan Sargent, both of Fort Worth, and Ruby Swift of Arlington; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

SISTER-IN-LAW DIES AT SAN ANGELO

Mrs. W. Dean Swift, widow of a brother of Ira Swift, died at her San Angelo home at 8 a. m. Friday of last week after a long illness, and was buried at San Angelo in funeral services Saturday afternoon.

Icy highways, which halted three of Mr. Swift's sisters in a minor highway accident near Stephenville while they were driving to San Angelo from Fort Worth, prevented them from attending the funeral.

Married Fifty Years



MR. AND MRS. BEN WEISE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weise Feted on 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, January 6

Friends and children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weise of the Cook community gathered in their home Sunday evening, January 6, from 3 to 5 to congratulate and wish them much happiness on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many lovely and useful gifts were received. A lovely 50th wedding anniversary cake was presented to the couple from their six children and also a gold wedding band set. Cake, coffee, punch and mints were served to the guests on plates with a gold numeral 50 in the center. A gold numeral 50 also decorated the napkin.

The occasion was enjoyed by everyone. All six children and 11 grandchildren were present. Those who attended were:

Mr. and Mrs. Cye Reed and family, Graham; Mr. and Mrs. David Weise and family, Breckenridge;

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Bennie and family, Strawn; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weise and family, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wenden and family, Cisco; Bud Weise of the home; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Carver, Albert Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt, Mrs. Emma Kent, Miss Melba Jean Kent, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Simpson, Mrs. C. L. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Reich, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Eifer, Mr. and Mrs. Jess McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maynard and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Maynard.

Mr. Weise's 83-year-old sister of Cisco, Mrs. Emma Heilcher, was also on hand to wish her brother lots of happiness and many more happy years of married life.

Approval of Rush Creek Plan Seen

With the consent of the Comanche County Commissioners Court to act as the contractual agent for the association with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Rush Creek Watershed Association this week stood a long step nearer the final approval of its application for soil conservation and flood control development on the Rush Creek watershed.

Approval would mean the construction of 35 or more detention structures and related structures at a cost to the federal government—not to mention local costs—of between one and a half and two millions of dollars on 188,000 acres of watershed territory beginning at Rising Star and extending to within hailing distance of Comanche.

The development, if finally approved, would not only prevent flood damage and washing of lands, but would increase the amount of arable soil and the fertility of this soil, and the water resources of the area to an extent valued at many, many thousands of dollars to farmer and community alike.

The agreement of the Comanche court to act as the contractual agent culminates more than two years of dedicated work on the part of a group of forward-looking landowners, farmers and ranchers of the area, with the urgent and effective cooperation of such organizations as the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Comanche organizations. The Amity Progress Club was also active in support of the project. Amity community lies in the middle of the watershed area.

Law Amended. An earlier and vital step in the promotion of the project was the passage by Congress of legislation which made it possible for land improvement costs in such districts as the Rush Creek watershed to be used as credit against costs payable by the watershed itself in the event of a flood program. A meeting of officials of the Rush

Omar Burleson at a dinner at Rising Star sponsored by the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce was credited with much influence upon this legislation which removed the almost impossible barrier of requiring the watershed area to put up in cash approximately 50 per cent of the total cost.

With the way now opened for final approval of the project—a project that could mean not only more farm and ranch water, better conservation of moisture and increased soil wealth, but augmented water supplies for municipalities within the area—officials of the Rush Creek Association were proceeding hopefully toward their goal of securing final approval of the big program.

The Upper Leon Soil Conservation District is the sponsor of the projects and its technicians, including the Rising Star office in charge of John Lee, will furnish the technical work in connection with the proposed development.

The following extracts from the application of the association to the County Commissioners Court asking it to serve as the contractual agency—an agency with tax authority being so required—gives details of the project and its promotion:

Application. "To The Honorable Commissioners' Court Comanche, Texas

"The Rush Creek Watershed Association is composed of the landowners and farm operators either residing within or owning property within the Rush Creek watershed, and the purpose of the Association is to secure the advantages of the Watershed Protection Act under Public Law 566 of the 83rd Congress as amended by Public Law 1018 of the 84th Congress. The sponsor and co-sponsors respectively of our application for such works of improvements are the Upper Leon Soil Conservation

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5 Specialists On Orchard Program Here

Five specialists in orchard and vineyard management and marketing will appear on the program for the annual Eastland County Orchard Field Day at Rising Star February 14, according to the completed program released by County Agent J. M. Cooper this week. In addition there will be orchard demonstrations in pruning and plowing.

The speakers will be heard during the morning and early afternoon at the American Legion hall and the orchard, demonstrations will take place in the C. E. Smith orchard in South-west Rising Star.

The field day is sponsored by the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce as one of a series of meetings designed to assist farmers and ranchers in developing a diversified program of agriculture.

The program will begin at 9:30 a. m. with T. E. Denman, horticulturist with the Agricultural Experiment Station at Stephenville, talking on "Handling Ripe Peaches in the Orchard and Packing Shed."

Mr. Denman will be followed in order by: J. V. Laird, Horticulture Dept., Tarleton State College, Stephenville, who will speak on "Marketing Tree Ripe Peaches to Chain Stores";

B. G. Hancock, horticulturist, Texas A&M College Extension Service, College Station, who will talk on "Orchard Management" and U. A. Randolph, horticulturist, Agriculture Experiment Station, Montague, who will discuss "New Varieties of Table Grapes."

After lunch, at 1:15 J. W. Foster, entomologist of Weatherford, will discuss "Control of Curculio and Brown Rot in and on Peaches."

Field Program.

The field program will begin at 2 p. m. with a pruning demonstration in the Smith orchard followed by plowing demonstrations by the Perkins Implement Company, Eastland; Shults Implement Company, Rising Star, and the D. J. Jobe and Sons Company at Gorman.

The field day is open to all who wish to attend.

The program is one of the best that has ever been arranged for a similar event, Mr. Cooper said. With the prospects for a fruit crop heightened by the current cold weather and better moisture conditions, the event is expected to attract more interest than has been the case in recent years.

Mr. Randolph, who will speak on table grape culture, has developed at least three varieties of white seedless grapes, which do well in this area and his part on the program was expected to attract more than ordinary interest.

Sister of Rising Star People Dies In Highway Crash

Mrs. Roger F. Quarles of Lubbock, a sister of U. Z. Aaron and Mrs. Willie Green and Mrs. Willie Kirkland of Rising Star, was killed in a two-car collision near Megargel last Sunday at mid-afternoon on an ice-covered highway. She was pronounced dead on arrival at an Olney hospital.

Her daughter, Robin Angela, was in critical condition in the same hospital Tuesday with a skull fracture received in the accident. Her husband was not seriously injured. He received broken ribs.

The accident occurred when the Quarles' car was struck by another also occupied by Lubbock residents, when the second car went out of control on the icy pavement.

Mr. Aaron and his two sisters went to Olney to be with the family. Mr. Aaron returned Tuesday and went back to Rising Star Tuesday morning.

Tom ... home at ... few days ... D. L. ...

Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District News

With a brand new year ahead most ranchers are making their decision as to which pasture to

defer during 1957. Probably never before in the history of our county have planned deferments been more essential to carrying out a program of ranching at a profit. The Supervisors of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District are urging every rancher in the District to defer at least one pasture this year. The Brown County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee has

again cooperated with the supervisors by setting up Deferred Grazing in their 1957 program. Ranchers may qualify for the deferred grazing practice by making application at the ASC office on the third floor of the Court House. Applications may be made for either 6 or 9 months. Any deferment will pay big dividends in growing grass. Since livestock is the District's largest commercial crop and it takes

grass to produce this crop at a profit it stands to reason that the grasslands must be taken care of much like our cultivated crops are. Timely deferments and rotation of grazing are practices of much value to our grasslands, just as cover crops, crop residue utilization and contour farming are beneficial to our cultivated crops.

R. J. (Bob) Henry who ranches in the Elkins community made a statement recently that sums up the benefits derived from deferments. Bob says "It takes cover to grow grass. Any cover will do, but some cover is essential to grassland management." "You can defer a pasture during any season of the year and gain benefits, but of course a growing season's deferment is best", he pointed out.

Henry operates about 3,500 acres and has some of the best cover in this part of the state. Bob sums up the drought situation like this, "You can grow grass on 20 inches of rain per year if you have a cover on your range to absorb the high intensity rains that come in the spring". "I haven't gotten rich during the current drought but I don't have a big feed bill hanging over my head. I cut my operations when I saw that my cover was being consumed." "My feed bill for maintenance has been practically nil," he said. "When it does rain I am going to be in a position to catch some moisture and store it in the ground where the grass can use it", Bob concluded.

The whole situation is rather well put in the windshield sticker that Lamkin Bros. and the Soil Conservation District are distributing. They say "It's the Rain You KEEP That Counts."

Have you prepared the land you plan to seed to blue panic grass this spring? Bill Reid of Blanket has his prepared. He planted 40 acres last spring. When asked how he liked blue panic for a grazing crop Bill said, "That's the grass for me. The grass I planted last spring lived through summer drought, which shows it to be drought resistant. It was putting out new growth last week when that cold spell came. I think enough of it that I am planting 40 more acres this spring". Reid depends on his crop land for summer grazing to help rest his range land. He is wintering his ewes and lambs on range that he rested year before last. According

to Reid no water has run off of his range since May of 1956. Tests made under the dense cover of grass showed one litter to have sufficient moisture for spring growth. Range land with a good cover holds more water where it falls and loses less from high wind and low humidity.

The supervisors of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District urge everyone to plan now to establish a part of your cropland to grass. For information on grass and grass seeding contact the technicians of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District. Grass is an excellent soil builder besides furnishing spring and summer grazing. Land planted to grass may be overseeded to oats or rye and vetch in the fall.

Colemans Move to Home at Goldsmith

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Coleman have moved their family into an apartment at Goldsmith, Texas, this week in order that their two sons, Ronnie and Mickey, may be started in school at Goldsmith and Odessa with the beginning of the second semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are closing out their furniture business here, and Mr. Coleman has accepted a position with the El Paso Natural Gas Company at Goldsmith. The store will be maintained here by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Bill) Tune, parents of Mrs. Coleman, until the present stock is sold out and the store closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman express much regret in leaving Rising Star and Rising Star people are regretful of losing them.

"We are not burning any bridges," said Mr. Coleman. "We may want to come back some day."

Ronnie will attend Odessa High School and Mickey will enroll in elementary school at Goldsmith.

Clothing Program For 4-H Girls Club

The Rising Star 4-H Girls Club met Thursday, January 10, at 2:55 p.m. After approval of the minutes of the preceding session and other business matters, the club witnessed a demonstration on clothing given by our leader, Miss Eckhart.

Martha Walker was elected food demonstrator succeeding Joan Hicks who resigned. —Rita O'Connor, Reporter.

Methodist Luncheon Is Postponed

Due to the bad weather Monday the regular monthly luncheon of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church was postponed and will be held next Monday, February 4, at the church beginning at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited.

Advertising doesn't cost-it pays!

Mrs. Eva Daugherty of I Beach, Calif., was the guest week of her parents, Mr. Mrs. Ben Graves, and her Mrs. Earl Swayne, at Swayne here.

Guests of Mrs. Hazel F. and Keith last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moor children and Mrs. Neudy Cliffe of Dallas.

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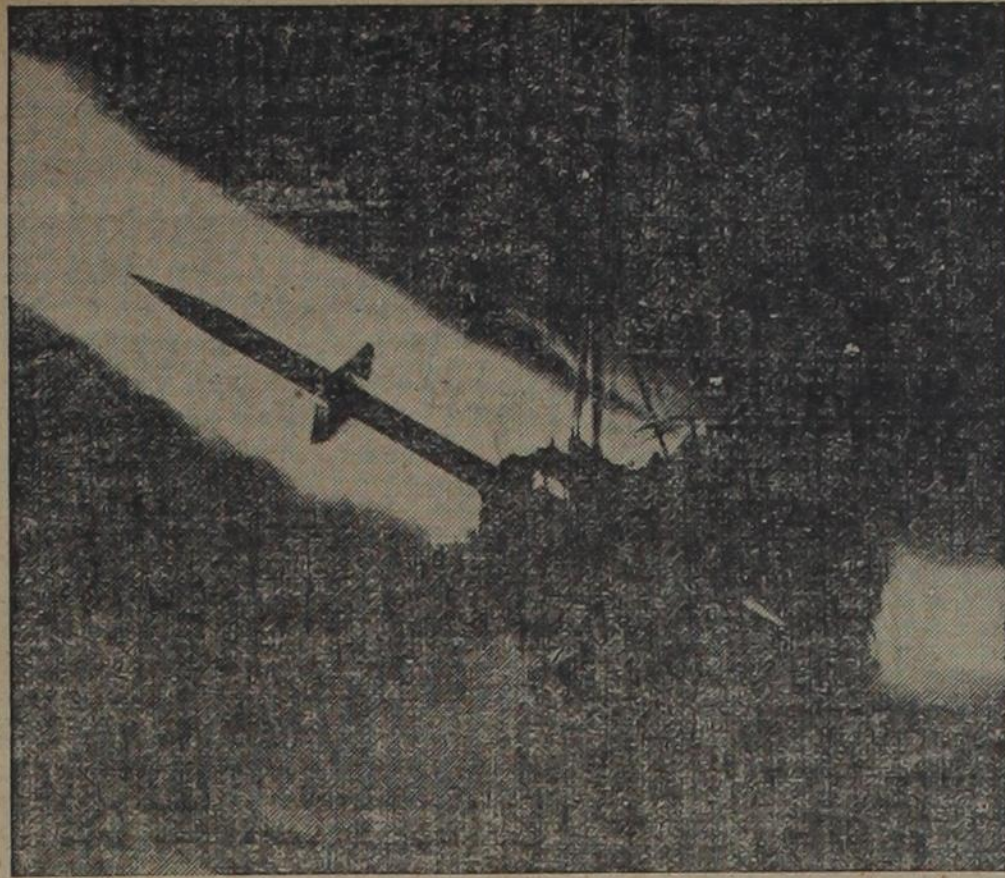
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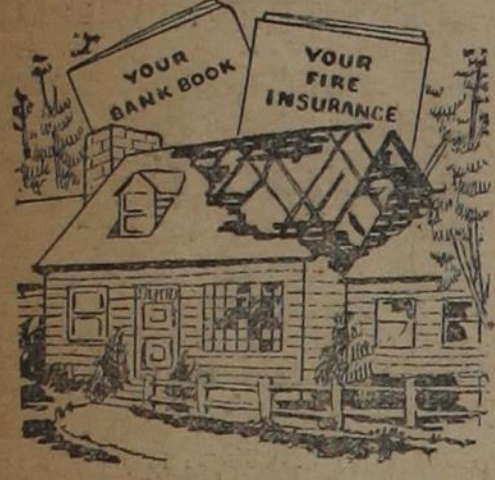
New Material Things Remain of Pioneer Community, Once a Town of 30,000

By A. O. (Slim) Harris
In the 1880's the name Pioneer was acclaimed by a few of the early settlers. In about 1882 a group of scattered settlers gathered at a meeting in the old log school house, after

several folks had settled in this area, to discuss a possibility of getting a post office for their convenience, as they had to get all mail through the office at the town of May several miles away. Usually one of the set-



ANTI-AIRCRAFT missile, the Navy's "Terrier," is one of a family of defensive missiles, including the Army's "Nike," which could be put into action if the nation's warning system indicated the approach of attacking planes. Primary purpose of these missiles at such a time would be to protect the nation's 92 critical civil defense targets from as many attackers as possible. The "Terrier" is shown silhouetted against the booster blast of another missile during firing practice aboard the USS Mississippi. (U. S. Navy Photo)



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ters would go to the mill or gin—in those days oxen were their mode of draught power—and this man would bring the mail for the entire community to the school for distribution. That was mostly on Sundays for it took most of the other six days getting sustenance for soul and body. As this group met at appointed date, a petition was circulated asking for a post office. The petition was mailed to Washington, D. C., without a title or name for it. In a short time they got a letter of recognition asking the group to fix a name. Another mass meeting

was called, but a name was not agreed upon at that time, so each went home to give the matter consideration, agreeing to return at a given time, with a suggested name. Some of the names presented were Paint Creek, Board Flat, Big Oak, and Pioneer. There were others that your writer did not get. The honor went to Captain Curry with his suggestion that since they were all pioneers, the new office should be called Pioneer. And it is still Pioneer, with three locations in its history. It was first at the home of Rev. Wesley Smith, a saddle bag circuit rider who at

one time covered a territory from Abilene to San Antonio. He is supposed to be the first postmaster, and his son, known as Uncle Bill Smith, was the mail carrier from Pioneer to May and back, twice each week. Then as the community grew, a new location was made in 1895 near the present cemetery until about 1913. The railroad came through about one mile north of this location and the office was moved to the place where it remained until June 30, 1955, when the Post Office Department closed it, for the people were so few in number and too a dual service was being carried on by the department as we had two star routes, and a rural route that passed near the office twice daily. Today there remain four former postmasters, including the writer. As best as I can ascertain there were 17 Postmasters during the 72 years of postal service here.

Yet it is not a ghost town. There are still one small grocery store and service station in the present townsite, and one at the old town. We have four active churches, a vacant school building, and a gas booster station which is still active, several vacant houses. The last large building that once housed a thriving business and the post office is now being salvaged.

When I learned that it was to be torn down, I remembered that I had a part in the construction of the last building that was being taken away. After the main part of the wood work was finished three of us were laid off. The next day a man was killed when he put a sheet of corrugated iron too near a high line.

This is still not a ghost town, even though at one time it had a bank, a first class post office, several hotels and many blocks of active businesses, and an active IOOF Lodge.

Some 30,000 people swarmed here when the oil boom came to town in 1922. Despite the fact that most of the active portion of our village is gone, God carries on His work among the few that remain, and there is a fair attendance at each place of worship on the sabbath day. He loves His people and sees to it that they provide and maintain

a place of worship of Him, even though the material things have passed and gone for the time being.

With faithful people, God will provide, and in this world we have today, it will pay us to be more faithful if we expect to receive the greater blessing He has for us. (Readers of this item local or elsewhere), I urge you to go to God's house on the sabbath. Later you will not regret it. It's your duty, and "God's will."

Union Center Hobby Club Has Quilting Meeting

The Union Center Hobby Club has changed its meeting time from each second and fourth Tuesday to each second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The community nights will continue to be held on each fourth Tuesday of the month.

The ladies enjoy quilting. Tuesday, January 22, was spent quilting for Mrs. A. W. Wright. Next club day, February 13, will be spent quilting for Mrs. Henry Scott.

The members are still interested in copper tooling. During the holidays Mrs. Stewart made 10 copper pictures; and Mrs. Scott made two. More copper was purchased to be made up later on.

Those present were: Mmes. Roy Allen, W. A. Stewart, Henry Scott, A. W. Wright, G. G. Crowell, Verna Buttrill, Carl Dunn, and Vera McBeth. Mrs. Ham was a visitor.

The club members extend best wishes to Mrs. Jack Knox, who is ill.

—Mrs. G. G. Crowell, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harris Friday night. An enjoyable evening was spent with a chili supper and banana nut cake for dessert followed by a lively "42" game and the sports on TV.

Scotch tape at the Record.

Texas Oil Folks Are Described in Holiday Article

"The Oil Folks at Home," a witty study of the Texas oil families appears in the February issue of Holiday magazine. The text, by Cleveland Amory, and the pictures, by Slim Aarons, present a colorful view of many of the state's leading citizens.

The author asserts that of the ten richest men in the country, at least five of them are Texans, and if persons with inherited wealth are excluded, the proportion is even higher.

The article includes many anecdotes and sketches of men like Haroldson Lafayette Hunt and Clint Murchison of Dallas, Hugh Roy Cullen, of Houston, and Sid Richardson of Fort Worth. These men, according to Amory, are the big-four in Texas Oligarchy. Amory describes Glen McCarthy, a man whose life would make an ideal movie script and claims that D. Harold Byrd, of Dallas, once issued a dinner invitation to all those within hearing distance at the Cotton Bowl Game.

"Though the emphasis in Texas is on the male," he continues, "many of the women do not know they are downtrodden." He mentions Mrs. Al Meadows as wearing the largest diamond in the state, and Mrs. Robert L. Gerry, Jr., of Dallas, as stating that "money is IT in Texas Society."

Amory contrasts the comparatively simple life of Houston and Dallas with Amarillo, "the spend- ingest town," and Midland, which he describes as "the richest."

The article concludes with a tribute to Everette Lee DeGolyer, of Dallas, the father of petroleum geology. "He is," the author writes, "a man of remarkable humility, open-mindedness, humor and naturalness." (Mr. DeGolyer is now deceased.)

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STORY NO. 5

Duval Methods Closely Parallel Repression in Hitler's Germany

By--FRANZ ROSENWALD

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—The Parr family, ruling dynasty in the malodorous Duchy of Duval, was in the boss business long before Adolph Hitler was ever heard of in my native Germany.

Hitler was painting bad picture postcards and living in a Vienna flophouse while Tsar Parr was running things high, wide and handsome in this sun-seared section of Texas.

As a German, and reputedly a bit of an expert on dictatorships (I've seen the Red kind and the Brown, or Hitler, kind), I've been asked to look at Duval from that point of view. I came, I saw and I shuddered. Duval was too much like home.

Let anyone consider a Hitler Germany-Parr Duval comparison as an invidious one, remember that I'm making no such comparison. I don't have to. History beat me to it.

Let's look at a curious, and disquieting, situation in Germany at this moment. Then we'll look at an interesting incident just a few months ago in the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Courthouse here in San Diego.

In West Germany "ex"-Nazis are being brought to trial on all sorts of charges harking back to the days of Hitler, war crimes, theft of public funds, graft, political murder.

A few years ago these same men were mousy, quiet, biding their time. Today they're arrogant, truculent, threatening.

In court they thunder at the judge and thunder at the jury, daring them to convict. The day is coming, and soon, they shout, when the "right" will triumph, when the hated foreigner will be thrust from the sacred soil of the Fatherland. On that day true Germans will know what to do. They'll punish the enemies within and the enemies without.

This courtroom strategy is working like a charm. The frightened jurors are acquitting the Nazi bully boys one after the other.

Now let's get back to the Grand Jury room in the Duval County Courthouse here in San Diego.

Red-headed George Berham Parr, of Duval, has been hailed before the jurors and questioning him is Sidney Chandler, assistant to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd. Chandler doesn't get very far with the Duke. Parr stands on his constitutional rights, invoking the "Fifth Amendment"—that a man may remain silent if his testimony might incriminate him or even tend to incriminate him. Then the jury adjourns and Chandler mops his brow in frustration.

"Sidney," Parr said, "I've got something to say to the jury." Chandler, curious, told him "Go right ahead."

Parr turned quietly to the jury and each man in turn. He called each man by his first name,

and he reminded them of that. One grand juror was a Parr tenant, another an employee, several owed him money.

Then Parr's voice rose in fury to a crescendo. He shook his fist in the face of each man, shouting that soon there would be a new State government in Austin, a new government in Washington—and George Parr would again be firmly in the saddle. Then there would be a reckoning, a settling of scores.

One grand juror described the scene to me this way: "He yelled and screamed so loud you could hear him in Alice ten miles away." County employees came out of their offices and stood on the stairs outside the Grand Jury Room, listening in awe. Parr's harangue went on for twenty minutes.

"I respect you as Grand Jurors," he raged, "but only so long as you sit in this room. Outside of this room I don't have to respect you. G . . . D . . . bit, not a damn bit. Outside of this room I do as I please. Remember that! Remember that, all of you!"

That Grand Jury, white-lipped and frightened, listened—but right there the parallel ends. Unlike the cringing juries in Germany that jury in Duval braved the threat of wrath to come and voted thirty-one indictments against members of the Parr machine.

We'll take just one more example of intimidation, an effective weapon in the hands of any efficient political boss or any dictator. Here in San Diego those terms are interchangeable.

On Monday, July 16, my writing partner and myself sat in the court room in San Diego, District Judge C. Woodrow Laughlin presiding. The suit, brought by Manuel Trevino and Manuel Olivares, was to contest the results of last April's civic elections in San Diego when Parr forces captured four out of five seats on the city council.

The action was of particular importance because if it succeeded in unseating one of two Parr men, Alberto Garcia or Leopoldo Sepulveda, the Duke of Duval would have been stripped of his private army, the San Diego police force.

Here's the way it works: Never in its long and stormy history has San Diego had a police department. None was needed because the sheriffs of Duval County and Jim Wells County, together with their deputies, were well able to handle things to the taste of George Berham Parr. At one time Duval County alone had as many as 200 deputies, gun-slinging pistoleros. Some people put the figure as high as three hundred.

But Parr no longer controls the sheriffs. So the San Diego council dutifully gave him a police force with Manuel Amaya, former deputy sheriff, as chief.

Amaya and his constables are officially paid \$50 each per month. Under Texas law a peace officer

must be paid at least \$40 per month from the public purse before he has the right to pack a pistol.

I have talked to these men, sat with them in the Windmill Cafe, favorite haunt of Parr supporters. They eat well, dress well, have their own cars and show no signs of poverty. Yet their official pay is less than \$12.50 per week. Parr reputedly makes up the difference out of his own pocket.

I watched these men in action in Judge Laughlin's court room that hot and sleepy afternoon.

It was a job of straight, out and out intimidation of witnesses. One lone Texas Ranger, Wiley Williamson, sat near the judge's bench, keeping a wary eye on the scene.

Parr's policemen, their 45's loosely holstered, circulated about the big room, here whispering into the ear of a witness, there patting another on the back, digging playful knuckles into the ribs of yet another.

The policemen were smiling, jovial, friendly. But the witnesses weren't smiling. They had fright written all over them.

Through Spanish interpreter the witnesses, dozens of them, were sworn in as a group. Then the questioning began, with the interpreter relaying the questions and answers. It was amazing how much the witnesses couldn't remember. Their voices were hardly audible.

They couldn't remember, for example, whether they'd ever been convicted of a crime and so lost their right to vote. Or whether they'd received pardons from the governor and so regained their civil rights. One after the other they shuffled to the stand, and one after the other they "could not remember."

My partner and I were in the courtroom for but part of one afternoon of the four day hearing. That was enough to see Parrism in action.

At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Laughlin ruled that one Parr man, Leopoldo Sepulveda, had lost his seat to Manuel Trevino. The election of Alberto Garcia was confirmed, but the anti-Parr forces now had a three to two majority on the city council. The case was immediately appealed, the Parr man keeping his seat for the time being.

Thus George Berham Parr keeps his police force.

(Note: since this article was written another election was ordered by a higher court and Parr lost control of the city government. Thus his last means of keeping his pistoleros armed was taken away. Earlier he lost control of the Commissioners Court after a months-long series of court battles with Attorney General Shepperd, and saw his old enemy Donato Serna installed as Duval County auditor after more than a year of resistance. Serna took the case up to the Supreme Court. Putting Parr in a partial man in the courtroom position, Shepperd was the key to Parr's fall from the misused throne. The San Diego County auditor was Parr's last man. He is now evicted.)

RUSH CREEK—

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District, the Rush Creek Watershed Association, the Comanche Chamber of Commerce, the Comanche County Farm Bureau, and the Lions Club. Other organizations that have been highly cooperative are the Comanche Jaycees and the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce.

"The program envisioned by this Association, along with others sponsoring our efforts, is one of soil and water conservation, flood prevention, and other related benefits. The detention structures would number 55 or more, based on preliminary estimates, and the costs borne by the Federal Government would be between 1 1/2 or 2 million dollars.

"The Rush Creek Watershed comprises some 188,000 acres, the major portion of which is in Comanche County, with a small portion of the drainage area extending into Eastland and Brown Counties. Some 4/5ths more or less of the watershed lies within Precinct 1, and the remainder in Precinct 4 of Comanche County, and includes Copperas, North and South Forks; Sweetwater and Duncan Creeks, Stag Creek, Jimmies Creek, Martins Branch, and all other ravines and tributaries that drain into Rush Creek. There are approximately 650 farms and ranches in the watershed. Normal average flooding in the upper reaches of the watershed occur one to three times per year in upper part, 3 to 5 times in lower part. In 1949, the lower part was flooded 23 times, and major floods occurred in 1908, 1918, 1826, 1936, 1942, and 1952. Bottom lands in the lower areas of the watershed have silted in eight feet in the last 20 years. There are some 900 miles of roads within the watershed, some 60 bridges, and 500 culverts. The flood of 1952, which covered only half of the watershed, caused damage of approximately \$43,600 to crops, fences, roads, and bridges, and does not reflect permanent damage to farm land and resultant loss of income to the county in future years.

"The act of Congress as amended requires local participation and an agency of the government of the State of Texas with the power to tax to make certain assurances. Some of these assurances are that the laws of the State of Texas will be observed. However, there are other assurances within the framework of the Act which are in regard to money, and they are as follows:

Estimated Local Costs.

"Easements and rights-of-way: \$200 per structure per year;

"Rush Creek Watershed Association has secured the pledges of 25 to 30 residents to spend their time and money to secure the necessary easements and rights-of-way, so the County should not have to spend any actual money on this item.

"Filing costs: \$12.50 per structure per year;

"The County will not be liable to any out-of-the-pocket expenses for this item.

Letting of contracts: \$50 per structure per year;

"Includes the following: Advertising the letting of bids.

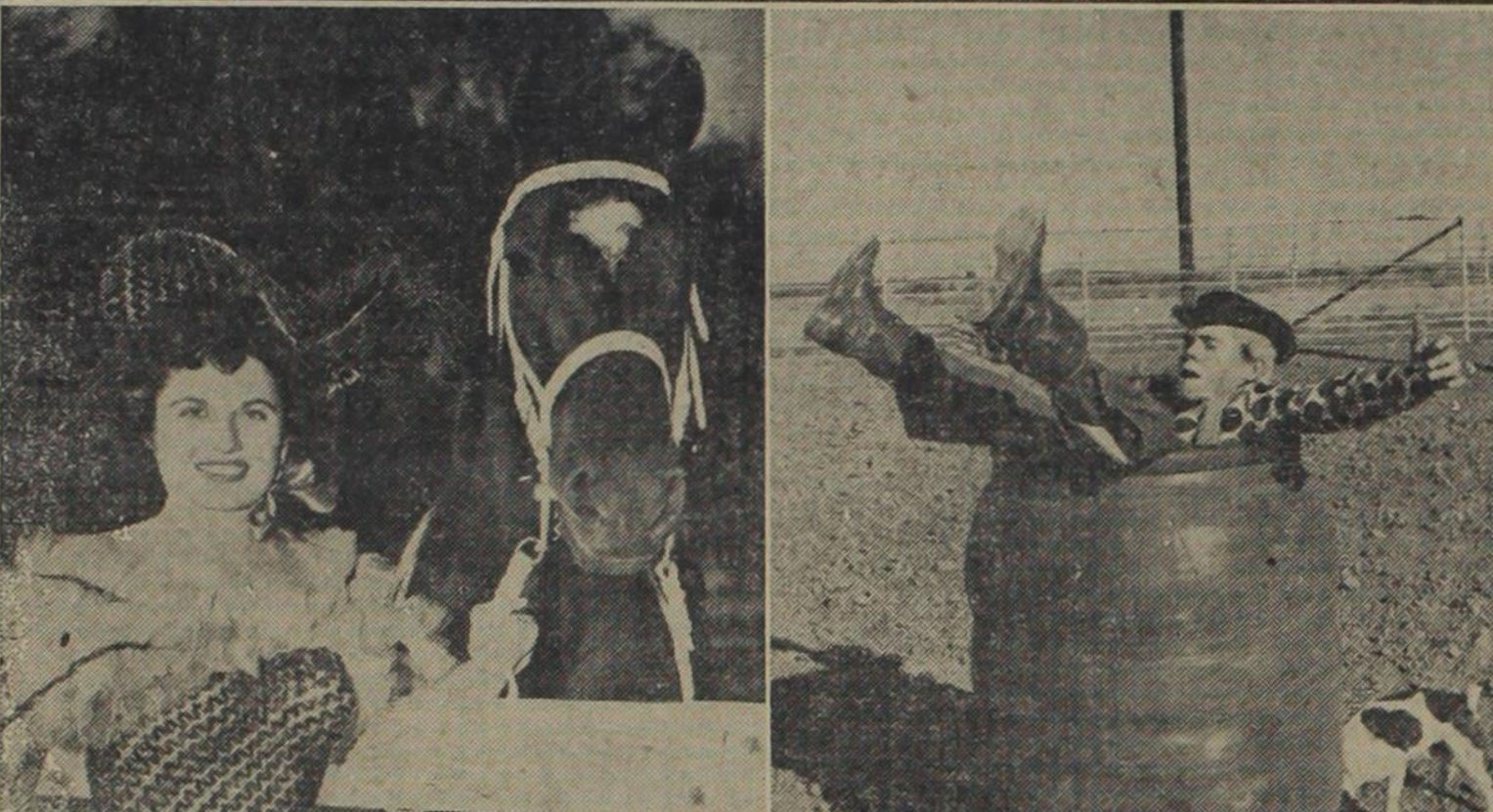
"Furnishing someone to act as the official representative of County during construction or carrying out of the contract. (S. C. S. engineers will inspect work but do not have authority to order corrections.) The Commissioners or Judge could do this, or it might be deemed necessary to hire someone.

"Each two weeks the percentage of completion of contract is estimated and a bill presented to County. County O.K.'s this bill and forwards to S. C. S. for payment.

"Operations and maintenance: \$50 per structure per year;

"Normal maintenance—will be maintenance of fences—keeping vegetation on spillway—cleaning brush from objectionable places, repairing sod on dam where wave action might erode it, clearing of obstructions from draw down tube. Local landowners have contracted to do this normal maintenance in the projects already established and would most likely do so in the Rush Creek Watershed. Occasionally some heavier maintenance might be necessary which would require the use of County machinery.

"The Upper Leon Soil Conservation District, the sponsor of our application for upstream watershed protection, has had valuable experience as the local subdivision of the State Government in charge of the Greens Creek Pilot Watershed, and stand ready to help in any capacity they can serve; the Rush Creek Watershed Association, the local Jaycees and other interested organizations and individuals assure us of every assistance possible in carrying



LOTS OF COLOR—Brilliant specialty acts and wild action will feature the rodeo of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3. Shown are the Colorado Westernaires, 30-member precision team, (top); Lynn Randall and her superb dancing horse, Top Hat, (middle left); Clown Goldie Carlton disappearing into a barrel (middle right), and a typical bit of rodeo excitement.

more productive farm land and less loss to crops and land and other improvements, and whereas such works of improvement will add productive income to those who receive the structures, and whereas this program will result in additional recreational facilities for the entire county; where-

as the expenditure of 1 1/2 to 2 million dollars of Federal funds within the County will inevitably bring some considerable additional employment and payroll within the County; whereas there will be a resultant saving in sedimentation damage to crop lands and siltation of any works of improvement that might be constructed downstream at some future date; whereas the saving of maintenance or roads and bridges due to this program will result in a saving to the County as a whole; and whereas, this entire program will be of benefit to the County in increased

Former Rising Star Resident Succumbs

Lawrence McKinney, 63, a former resident of Rising Star, died Tuesday at his home in DeQueen, Ark., where he had lived for the past 11 years.

Mr. McKinney was born in Brownwood Sept. 10, 1893. He lived in Rising Star for several years before moving to Arkansas. He was married to the former Bertha Larkin.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 24, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Rising Star with the Rev. Willie Hazel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery under direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, H. E. of Fort Worth, Ralph of Dallas, Harold of Stanton, Glenn of Arlington, and Charles of Harlingen; two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Adams and Mrs. Erma Davis, both of Austin; one brother, five sisters and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were R. H. Irwin, W. R. Irwin, T. L. Ellis, S. B. Tucker, W. N. Larkin and A. C. Larkin.

(Mrs. McKinney plans to move her home from DeQueen, Ark., to Rising Star, where she will live with her mother, Mrs. P. C. Larkin.)

Livestock Market Higher Monday

FORT WORTH—Numbers of livestock at Fort Worth dropped sharply below a week ago due to icy weather over much of the territory, and prices Monday reflected strength through most of the grades and classes of livestock offered.

Fed steers and yearlings were strong to 50 cents higher and slaughter calves ruled strong to 25 or 50 cents up. Stockers were very scarce, and strong. Cows and bulls ruled fully steady.

Fed steers and yearlings of good and choice grades cashed at \$17.00-20.00, and fed heifers ranged from \$19 downward. Medium and lower grades sold from \$12 to \$16. Fat cows drew \$11.50 to \$13.50 and canners and cut-

productivity, income, and taxes, not only at this time, but for many generations to come, we, the Rush Creek Watershed Association and other interested parties do hereby respectfully petition that the Honorable Commissioners' Court, in the interest of this watershed and the entire County as well, assume the responsibility as the local subdivision of State Government to act as the contractual agency for the Rush Creek Watershed. "Respectfully submitted by the Rush Creek Watershed Association".

ters cashed at \$8 to \$11.50. Bulls were reported from \$10 to \$15.

Good and choice fat calves cashed at \$15.00-19.00; and medium and lower grades scored \$10 to \$15. Stocker steer calves were quotable from \$20 down, and steer yearlings around \$18 down.

Lambs Advance on Fort Worth Market

Good and choice woolled fat lambs sold from \$18 to \$19.25 and a few club lambs sifted from the Stock Show topped at \$19.50 at Fort Worth Monday. Shorn lambs of choice grades and with No. 1 skin sold from \$18.50 down and No. 2 skin lambs sold from \$17.50 down. Cull to medium lambs sold from \$12 to \$16.50.

Stocker and feeder lambs of good and choice grades cashed at \$16.50 to \$17.50, feeders at \$17.50 having No. 1 pelts. Full woolled feeders were considered quotable to \$18. Old ewes sold from \$6 to \$8. Old bucks sold

from \$5 to \$6. Old wethers were quotable from \$1 to \$12, and yearlings and two-year-old mutt-tons were quotable around \$14 to \$16.

Thursday Final Day For Poll Taxes

Only about 38 poll taxes have been paid at the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday. Since this is not a regular election year, little interest was shown in the payment although there was possibility that special elections might be called during the year.

Thursday is the final day for payment in order for the payee to qualify as a voter in elections this year.

The Chamber of Commerce each year serves as a sub-station for such tax payments here, and also for the payment of automobile and farm truck licenses. Plates for these are due to arrive about February 10, A. D. Jenkins, CofC manager, said.

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Grass Important Tool in Water and Soil Conservation, Says Scientist

By O. L. Batts, Soil Scientist, SCS, Brownwood

In the past ten years more and more conservation farmers in central Texas have found a thick stand of grass to be a most effective tool in soil and water conservation.

Proper soil management for soil and water conservation must include: (1) erosion control, (2) adequate moisture supply for plants, (3) adequate fertility, (4) provision for keeping soil in good physical condition. Grass when properly used can contribute much to each of the above.

Raindrop splash detaches soil particles on bare land. These soil particles carried by the water clog soil pores sealing the soil so that water enters very slowly, then the water and soil carried with it runs off the land. The destructive action of raindrop splash is controlled by a thick stand of grass. The leaves or

blades break up the raindrop into small particles which trickle harmlessly into the soil. The stems and litter on the soil form millions of tiny dams which hold back the water and any soil particles which it may contain. Grass roots and the biological life in the soil which is found under good grass cover build a porous soil structure forming channels and pores which allow the water to enter the soil.

Helps Control Extremes.
Adequate grass cover helps to control extremes in soil temperatures by shading in hot weather and by insulating against extreme cold in winter. This protects beneficial soil organisms which help to build soil structure and maintain soil fertility. The shading provided by good grass cover reduces evaporation, leaving more moisture available for plants.

Where wind erosion is a prob-

lem a good grass cover will reduce the velocity of the wind at the surface of the soil and protect it from blowing.

A good grass cover is the only practical means of waterway protection in cultivated fields.

Small areas that are eroding rapidly in cultivated fields can be protected and made more productive by growing grass on them. Many acres now in cultivation could produce more in grass.

To be effective in controlling erosion and building soil fertility grass must be properly used. It is estimated that most of our grassland could produce two to four times as much as it does now. Grass cover on much of our native rangeland is not even adequate to control erosion.

A combination of such practices as deferred grazing, rotation grazing, proper stocking, and uniform grazing by fencing, distribution of watering places, salting, etc., are necessary in proper use of grass. But it is most important to watch the grass and adjust its use to the amount produced. Research has

indicated that about a ton of clover and litter per acre is necessary for soil protection and maximum use of rainfall. Most crop rotations do not have enough grass and legume crops to protect the soil and maintain its productivity.

Virgin Conditions.
Under virgin conditions soil in this area should contain 20 to 50 tons of organic matter in the top six inches of each acre. This amount represents an accumulation over many years. Under row crop cultivation organic matter is depleted and the natural crumbly structure of the soil is gradually destroyed so that the soil will run together and seal over during heavy rain and will crust badly when it dries.

Grass in rotation with row crops helps to maintain organic matter and keep soil in good physical condition. Grass roots alone may add as much as a ton of organic matter to each acre in a year. If you leave the tops you may add several tons.

Much of that added as fresh organic matter, however, is rapidly decomposed. The rate of decomposition levels off to a much slower rate when about 10% of the weight of the fresh material remains.

If, under cultivation, crop residues equal or exceed in volume and quality the residues of the original vegetation, the supplies of humus in the soil will be maintained at or above original levels. Usually the volume and quality of crop residues is much less than that of the original vegetation and humus supplies in the soil decline unless additional organic matter is furnished from other sources.

Maintain Organic Matter.
Grass and legume crops used in rotation with row crops help to maintain the organic matter supply in the soil if they are used in a way that will return large amounts of organic material to the soil.

Grass grown in long term rotations nearly always increases the overall productivity of a field, and when used for special purposes such as waterway protection or protection of small badly eroded areas will nearly always return more than those areas would under cultivation. Following are a few typical benefits that have been found by Central Texas Conservation farmers:

C. F. Clovenger of Voca, Texas

Open House Will Introduce New Service Station

The new Humble Service Station at North Main and Mills Street will be formally opened Saturday, with an Open House to which all the people in Rising Star and this area are invited.

The new station, built on the site of an older one, enlarged by the addition of another lot, incorporates the most advanced features of service station design and equipment in modernistic Humble architecture, decorated in the tradition Humble colors of buff, royal blue and red.

Elgie Crisp, who is now in his seventh year as a Humble dealer, is the operator of the new station. The owner is Weldon Roach, who built it under terms of a long-term lease to the Hum-

ble. Contractor was Rutherford and Steel, Rising Star.
Favors of Hawaiian Rose corsages will be given to the ladies and there will also be favors for men, and balloons for children.
The new station consists of a four-pump car service area in which four cars may be serviced at once; a wash room, lubrication room, each equipped with the latest type service mechanisms, a tire department, storage room, supply room, two tiled wash rooms for men and women and a glassed-in office.

Large Parking Area.
Large parking areas, which will be surfaced with asphalt, afford plenty of room for cars after or before servicing. A feature of Humble service stations is the lighting. Batteries of flood lights illuminate the parking areas and station at night and the interior of the building is kept brightly illuminated during business hours.

Mr. Crisp, who has had 15 years of experience in service

grew his first irrigated peanut crop in 1955. A field close to his pump had been out of cultivation and in grass for 15 years. It received the same treatment as adjoining fields which had been in cultivation during this period except it received one half the fertilizer application. The yield on the field that had been in grass was 70 bushels per acre. The yield on the land that had been in cultivation was 40 bushels per acre. The value of the increased production was \$108.00 per acre for this crop.

Vernon Carr, Jr., of Brooksmith found that benefits from madrid clover still showed up six years later in a maize crop as compared to adjoining land that had not had the clover.

Gladney Smith of Grosvenor, Texas says "Grass is the best method of getting moisture into the ground". During the first six weeks of 1956, 4.10 inches of rain fell on Gladney's land. He found that moisture had penetrated five to seven inches on bare range land. Where he had pitted bare areas to help get the soil to take up water penetration was twenty four inches. Under good grass cover, with no mechanical disturbance, moisture penetrated to a depth of more than thirty six inches.

W. S. Masey of Grosvenor, Texas has a six acre waterway which is protected by grass cover. He says that since it has been established it has produced more than any other six acres on his farm.

station operation, has sent special invitations to residents of this area by letter and through this newspaper, inviting them to visit the new service plant during the open house.

"We are proud of our station," he said. "We feel it represents an important improvement to the convenience and appearance of the business district of Rising Star, and it certainly does represent a great improvement in service opportunity to the motorists of this section. We want you to visit and inspect it during the open house Saturday. You'll find a lot you will like and we hope you will like it well enough to make our station your headquarters in the future."

Representatives of the Humble Company will be on hand to assist in greeting the people and taking care of service requirements during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Brown of Midland visited Mrs. Vada Arnold over the week end.

Mr. Crisp, who has had 15 years of experience in service

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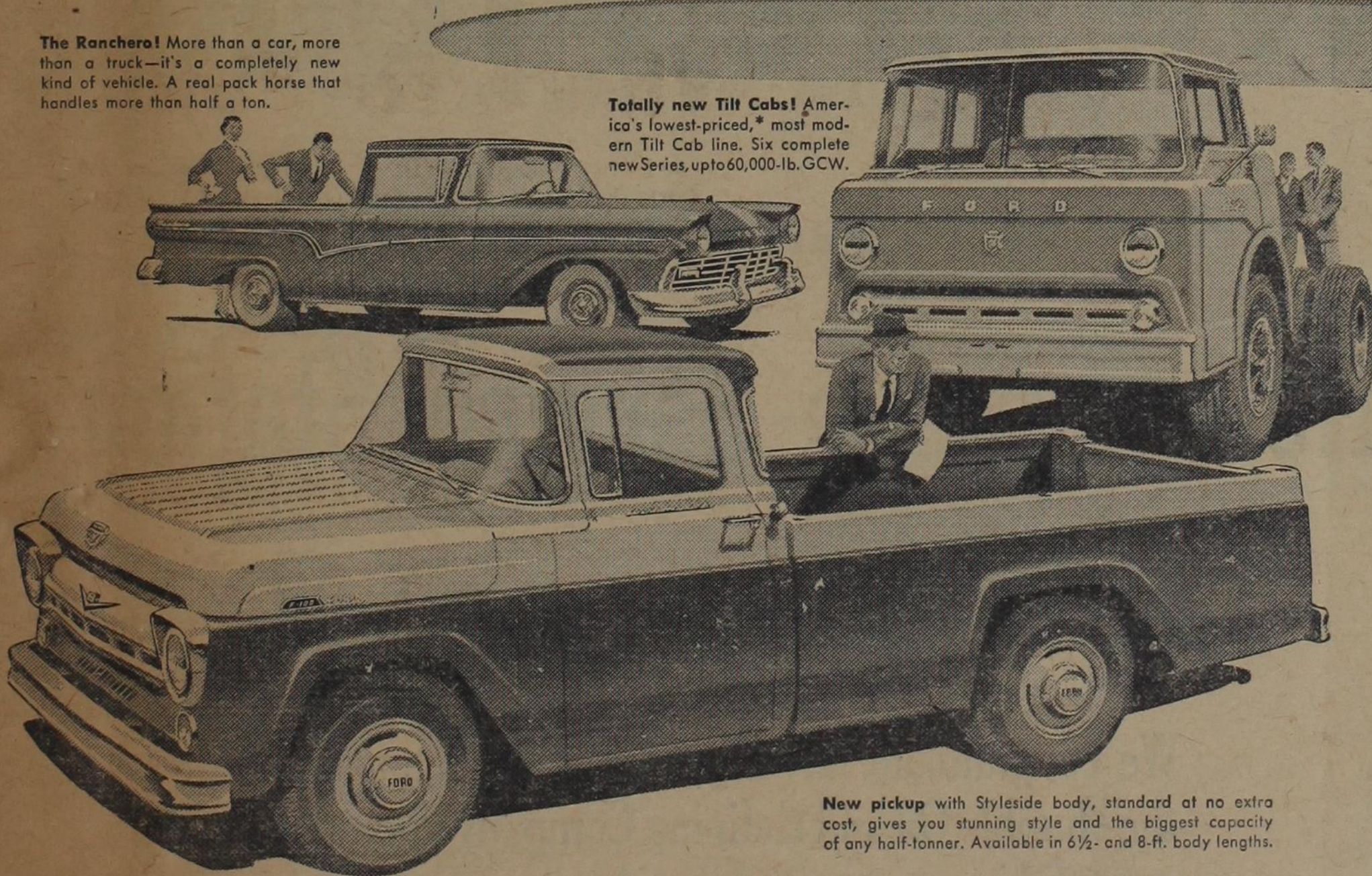
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Richer Soil, More Water for Us.

Consent of the Comanche County Commissioners Court to act as the contractual agent for the Rush Creek watershed development project opens the way for final approval of a soil and water conservation program that will result in immense benefit to this area, not so much in the amount of money that will be spent in carrying out the program, but in the increased soil and water resources which will be made available in the economy of this section. In order that the project might be carried out it was necessary that a corporation with taxing powers be present to deal with the Department of Agriculture on its behalf, and since the great majority of the land affected lies within Comanche County the governing body of that county is the logical agency to act as the party of the second part in any contract with the state and federal agencies involving it.

The Rush Creek Watershed Ass'n and those community and regional organizations which helped it sponsor the project are to be commended for a good job well and stubbornly done. There were times when the project, for all its admitted value and justification, seemed hopeless, but the persistent work of the association and the assistance given it by such organizations as the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce, the Comanche Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups and the aid of Rep. Omar Durlison and other public officials—not to speak of the Soil Conservation Service which is the technical sponsor of the project—have overcome what seemed insuperable difficulties and opened the way for realization of this program.

The project will involve a heavy expenditure of public funds. But it will not be wasted expenditure, for every dollar put into the development of our soil and water resources is an insurance for the future and a further strengthening of the defense of this nation both against external enemies and internal economic weaknesses.

We are spending vast sums upon military defenses and industrial development. In the midst of overproduction in some agricultural crops, a condition curiously complicated by drought, we are apt to lose sight of the fact that a major resource of defense lies in the farms and ranches of this country and exists even more critically in the skills and energies available for the production of food. With our population increasing at a phenomenal rate and with more and more of our land being absorbed in urban expansion, highway building and the development of other public facilities, what we are now experiencing as agricultural surpluses can and may very quickly become serious shortages. What should cause even greater concern is the fact that the average age of our farmers is going up and up. Unless the trend is arrested we may find ourselves a nation vigorous in all other departments of our economic life but doomed by the lack of efficient youthful manpower in agricultural production.

The conservation and enrichment of our soil resources is one step toward a more satisfying and productive agriculture that will induce more young men to follow it as a profession. Watershed conservation programs which keep the water on the soil itself instead of storing it in costly, silting big dams is one means of doing this.

With the Rush Creek program well under way, perhaps we should look to the improvement of other areas about us, such as the Sabanno watershed to the north. Much valuable soil resource exists there for development.

And aside from the benefits to the agricultural resources of the area, these watershed development programs offer communities within and near them a great opportunity for increasing their own water supplies. Their benefits are many.

Patient Thankful For TB Fight Funds

AUSTIN.—"Thanks to all the people in Eastland County who bought Christmas Seals in the 1956 campaign to raise funds to fight TB."

Those were the words of Mrs. Alice Naylor Spoon in a letter received today by the Texas Tuberculosis Association from McKnight State Tuberculosis Hospital near San Angelo.

A patient in the hospital since March 25, 1955, Mrs. Spoon said she hoped to be well enough to return home to Andrews by next Christmas.

"You can be sure I'll be one of your Christmas Seal volun-

teers wherever I am next year," she said. "I want to tell people what it means to be separated from your family and friends by tuberculosis. I've had to watch my little three-year-old daughter grow up through a hospital window."

For Eastland Countians who bought Christmas Seals she had this message: "The contribution you made to our tuberculosis association may help prevent this from ever happening to you."

To those who haven't got around to sending in their contribution she said, "Get out your Christmas Seal letter and answer it today. With your contribution the tuberculosis asso-

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Are you hopelessly confused by court room procedure? Words such as "objections", "overruled", "sustained", "hearsay", "irrelevant" and "opinion" are meaningless to many persons.

The purpose of a trial is to settle disputes that the parties cannot settle by themselves. Before these disputes can be settled, the facts which give rise to them must be established. This sounds simple, but on the contrary it is a difficult task. If the parties agreed on the facts the job would be easy but each side has its own version.

The trial court has the job of establishing the facts. This is accomplished by questioning witnesses and the introduction of physical evidence. This requires application of the rules of evidence.

Through the years the law of evidence has been established. The rules place restraints on what type of evidence is proper. They have the effect of protecting the rights of the parties by insuring a fair trial.

Hearsay is a word often heard during a trial. Hearsay may involve a statement by a third party to other persons. It would be person of a conversation between hearsay if Jones were asked to tell the court what he overheard Smith tell Greene. With certain exceptions, evidence of this type is excluded because it is not reliable, and might open the door to false testimony.

A lawyer objects to evidence he does not believe is proper. If a lawyer objects to evidence because it is irrelevant, he means that the evidence is of such little importance that it has no bearing on the case, and if admitted it would bog down the trial so that the time needed doesn't justify its admittance.

Opinion evidence of one not an expert is not admissible since such opinion carries no weight.

When an objection is sustained by the judge the evidence is not received. Should the objection be overruled, the evidence is allowed to be presented.

The rules of evidence have been built up through many years of court trials. These rules are not arbitrary but are designed to see that justice is done in our courts. The judge is seeking to have the truth established and insure that all parties and witnesses in the trial are given a full and fair opportunity to present the facts.

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

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many good friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dearest beloved wife and mother, and for the food and many beautiful flowers. We wish especially to thank Dr. Ben Bradley and the nurses. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you is our prayer.
George Varner

Jean Wise and Family.

... ciation can increase its efforts to check the spread of TB. We must all share in this work, as we hope to share in the benefits."

Farmer Reports On Income Tax Due February 15

COLLEGE STATION.—February 15, 1957 is the income tax report deadline for Texas farmers and ranchers who did not file an estimate and payment before January 15, 1957, warns C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

Farmers and ranchers should not overlook the fact that certain livestock sales made under drought conditions need not be reported in taxable income provided the animals are to be replaced within one year, says Bates. An extension of this 12-month provision may be obtained from the District Director of Internal Revenue if drought conditions continue, he adds.

Bates says all operators with a "net farm profit" of \$400 or more must file a return and pay a 3 percent social security tax whether any income tax is due or not. Operators with less than \$400 net profit, but over \$600 gross farm income may use two-thirds of their gross income for

determining self-employment tax up to \$1200, says the specialist.

Landlords are covered for self-employment benefits this year provided they "materially participate" in the farm's operations, Bates points out. He says "material participation" may be determined either on the basis of actual physical work or through management decisions affecting farm and ranch production.

The Farmer's 1956 Tax Guide Bulletin provides information on tax credits and other deductions allowed farm operators. It is free from your county agent or the Internal Revenue staff. Also, agent about a farm record book suggests Bates, ask your county designed for income tax and social security purposes which is available for a small charge from the Exchange Store, College Station, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the people of the Rising Star community for the beautiful flowers, food and words of kindness shown me and the loved ones of Mr. Lawrence McKinney. May God bless you.
Mrs. Bertha McKinney

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
 "The only way to be sure of becoming the kind of person that you want to be is to begin and continue being that sort of person."

SOME MIDNIGHT OIL

Well, gang, that old first semester has just gone down into the record books, but there's still a big job to do. This next semester is very important to some of us here at RSHS—we all want get's all get busy and really to graduate with our class—so knuckle down.

It's all up to you, fellows and girls. How about putting your nose to the grindstone in an all-out effort to make Mom and Dad proud of you.

Remember, this high school business is just like anything else on the old road of life. You get out of it just what you put into it. (Famous quotation from Mrs. C.)

So, you can afford to spare a little midnight oil and elbow grease, and do without a date with that special someone every once in a while this semester. Why? So you can breeze through this next half with flying colors!

You can do it if you only tell yourself you can.

Don't forget your vitamins when you finally do go to bed.

THE PESSIMIST: In the first place, nobody cares what sort of grade you make. Also, your teacher decided a long time ago what you were going to get; and unless you have a lot of pull or know-how to work the angles, nothing you will do will make any difference you pass or not.

IDEAL BOY AND GIRL OF RSHS

The following gives the features of an ideal boy and girl here at RSHS as taken by a general poll among the students:

Ideal Girl
 Eyes and Lashes—Daneilia Dar'nell; Hair—LaVeda Boggs; Smile—Jaynell Edmiston; Figure—Sandra Erwin; Most Beautiful—Judy Alford; Best Manners—Martha Walker; Most Talented—Janis Jones; Best Personality—A tie between Mary Haynes and Jane Ann Key; Complexion—Martha Haynes; Best Groomed—Sandra Bradley; Poise—Karen Steel; Most Humorous—Jeanette Hubbard; Most Studious—Wanda Smith; Most Dramatic—Nelda Lee; Most Athletic—Bobbie Erwin.

Ideal Boy
 Eyes and Lashes—Jimmy Ratliff; Hair—Robert Needham; Smile—Jack Callaway; Physique—Howard Walker; Most Handsome—Don Long; Best Manners—Eugene Bishop; Most Talented—Charles Steel; Best Personality—Pat Agnew; Best Groomed—Carl Weather; Poise—Jerry Davis; Most Humorous—Jodie Wallace; Most Studious—Jack Smith; Most Dramatic—Bill Rutherford; Most Athletic—J. C. Butler.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

The Juniors of Rising Star High School are going to present a program on February 8 at Rising Star High School Gym. Adults, as well as students, are invited. The admission will be 20c... the time is 2 o'clock Friday evening.

The following is an explanation about the program:

"For all people from six to sixty who can still get a thrill

from the big top, who live through each twist and turn with the acrobat and soar with the high trapeze artists, the trampoline is a dream come true. No longer is the thrill of bouncing and springing in a net limited to the circus world. All the enjoyable sensations can now be enjoyed in your own school auditorium.

A trampoline is a heavy canvas mat about ten feet long and six feet wide attached to an elevated aluminum frame by steel or rubber springs. By using the trampoline, a performer is able to bounce and leap as high as 26 feet in the air—more than sufficient room for the expert's double somersaults, full twists and other feats impossible to the tumbler who works without such a springy platform.

Jim Greenhalgh and his partner, (Mrs. Greenhalgh in private life) working as a team, will carry out complicated stunts that will amaze their audience—an example of muscular control and co-ordination at its best; a thrill every minute!

In addition to going through their paces on the trampoline, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh are athletes from many standpoints. They carry a fine collection of unicycles, bicycles, and tricycles and the program actually is divided into two parts. The second half of their program is devoted to demonstrations and exhibitions on these one and two-wheeled "vehicles."

Gang! Tell your mother and dad about it. Be sure to come!

SPORTS NEWS

Several weeks have elapsed since we have had this news and so have many important things passed but still remain in our memory. To start—at the beginning of the Conference Basketball Games, the girls came out with an easy victory over Mason by a score of 67-35. And then on a journey to Goldthwaite to face the best team in this district; the girls showed a good game, but lost it by a score of 55-28. Next to Cross Plains to take an eleven point victory with the score of 35-24. (Mr. Jones made a comment that the girls played the best game with Cross Plains that they have played in quite a while.) And then for two games at home—the first with Llano and then Santa Anna. The Santa Anna game ended the first round of conference games. To start the second round, the girls will make

the long trip to Mason. Let's go with the Wildcats to Mason and help support them Friday night!

ANSWER TO THE \$64,000 QUESTION

What is Puppy Love? The beginning of a dog's life.

FRESHMEN IN THE NEWS

If Ma and Pa could see us now, they just might not recognize us. We look the same, but somehow the names just don't register. Who is Jet? Katie Lee? San? Mary Lu? Beta? Wicky? Jackie? Gerry? Waldo? Blah? Waldo? Blah? Search diligently, parents, you will eventually triumph!

We are not playing guessing games; but if you have any suggestion that might help the parents find their estranged teenagers, give with the ideas.

Mr. Jones, thanks for the extra toil in General Math. When Mr. Chambers arrived, he found us waiting with our very able temporary substitute.

Recordings are the latest fad in English I. Here we have been recording everything from plays to poems. The biggest moment came when Eugene plays them back for us to hear what we sound like. Have you got it all down in the little "book of improvement", Mrs. Shook? We have improved considerably from hearing our mistakes played back to us.

"If you have the desire to learn, learning will come easier." As ever, I am—ASFSA. Reporter—Jan

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB REASSEMBLES

On Friday, Dec. 6, 1956, was the last time our Current Events Club met in which we gave reports on our newspaper and we also had a round table discussion on the papers.

The Club met again on January 25, 1957, a nominating committee was selected in order to change officers. The committee was appointed by Chairman Robert Morrow.

The committee will hold a meeting to decide on a slate of officers to be presented at our next meeting, Feb. 1. We will install the new officers at that time.

We had good reports on Friday of last week, because we had a good newspaper. Some of the students gave reports on what was happening in the Eastern world.

We are glad Wesley Walker has come to our group in World History. We hope he enjoys it as much as we enjoy having him. Welcome back to RSHS, Wick!

Jettie Sue Duggan

SENIOR NEWS

Hi, fellow Seniors. It seems like it gets colder every winter. We all have been waiting for it to show, because then the snow balls will really fly (look out, Grimland!).

The Seniors are still selling chances on a pound box of Valentine candy. We will draw two or three days before Valentine so everyone be sure to buy a chance at only 25c.

Last Saturday Martha Haynes, FFA Sweetheart, Bobbie Erwin, Sandra Bradley, and I attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and we would like to say "thank you" to all the FFA boys for such a wonderful time. It was the first time for any of us to go. Although we almost froze, we really enjoyed it.

The Seniors might make some quick money if those boys would donate the money they make selling scrap iron to the class. After all, they skip school and why shouldn't they donate it to the class? Really, boys, I am just kidding, but why don't you try it?

What was that those Senior boys had up a tree when they were hunting with a sling shot?

That is about it for this week (barely made it at all) but I'll be here again next week if I am not frozen.

—Mary Haynes, Reporter

Mrs. Mary Wright, her granddaughter, Miss Mary Johnson, and a friend of Miss Mary's, Miss Margaret Bieker, of Fort Smith, Ark., were the guests last weekend of Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. M. S. Sellers, and Mr. Sellers. They returned to their home Sunday. They planned to attend the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show but were prevented by bad weather.

PURCHASE RESIDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Fox are now at home in their new residence at 309 N. Anderson which they purchased from J. D. (Skeet) Clark recently. They have sold their farm, four miles east on Highway 36.

It's no sin to go motoring on Sunday, but the way some people drive is a crime.

Dorothy Murdock Bride Saturday of Bill McKinnerney

In a double ring ceremony before the altar of the First Baptist Church Saturday evening, January 26, at 7 o'clock, Miss Dorothy Murdock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Murdock of Rising Star became the bride of Bill McKinnerney, with the Rev. Jimmy Turner of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, reading the marriage vows.

The bride's dress was of brocaded satin, ballerina length, princess style with rounded neck line and long-fitted sleeves. The white nylon net veil was waist length with a head piece of white brocaded satin trimmed with tiny seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of red carnations with red satin streamers on a white Bible covered with seed pearls. For something old she wore a gold heirloom locket, the gift of her grandmother, and for something blue a blue garter. The white Bible was borrowed.

She was given in marriage by her father.

She was attended by Miss Lua Allen of Sweetwater, maid of honor, and Misses Mary Jackson, Doris McCollum and Nancy McKinnerney, bridesmaids, each of whom was dressed in red velvet-waltz length dresses sheathed with net and wore short veils of illusion.

Johnny Joiner of Fort Worth was best man to the groom and ushers were Bill Tyer of Fort Worth, C. W. Richter and Donald McKinnerney of Rising Star.

Mrs. C. W. Richter of Rising Star was pianist and vocalist was Mrs. Kenneth Murdock who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer", the latter at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The bride's mother wore a two-piece suit of black Spring tweed with pink accessories and a corsage of pink carnations, and the groom's mother chose a two-piece suit of gray Spring tweed with black and white accessories. Her corsage was also pink carnations.

Mrs. Letha Maynard was hostess for the reception in the church annex and Miss Evalene Hutton and Mrs. Sammy Turner served the three-tiered wedding cake and punch from a table covered with red nylon net over red satin. The center piece was of

white carnations. Mrs. Richter presided at the bride's table.

The bride is a graduate of Rising Star High School and of Draughon's Business College, Lubbock, and is presently employed by the American National Insurance Company at Abilene. The groom is a graduate of Rising Star High School and is attending Cisco Junior College, Cisco, where he will graduate this year. He plans to continue his education at a senior college. The couple will make their home at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. McKinnerney of Rising Star are parents of the groom.

Superintendents For County Stock Show Are Named

Superintendents of the various divisions for the annual County Livestock Show to be held at the old airport northeast of Eastland, March 29 and 30, have been named, according to C. M. McCain, Eastland rancher and general superintendent of the show.

Ed Harrison, Gorman, and A. D. Campbell, Olden, have been named as superintendents of the beef cattle division of the show. Both Harrison and Campbell are breeders of purebred Hereford cattle. Jerry Colburn, Olden, will be in charge of the fat steer class.

Earnest Reich, Cisco and Marshall Berry, Carbon, have been named as superintendents of the dairy cattle division of the show. Not as many dairy cattle are expected as in former years.

Clinton Ray Humphreys, Eastland, will be superintendent of the fat lamb class of the boys division. A large number of entries are expected in this division according to McCain.

Walter Kurklin, prominent sheep breeder, Cisco, will be in charge of the classes of sheep and goats, other than fat lambs. He will be assisted by Don Fox of Olden.

N. B. Eaves, Carbon, was again named in charge of the swine division, including the fat pig class. Eaves will have several assistants it was said. According to McCain, this is one of the toughest jobs at the show.

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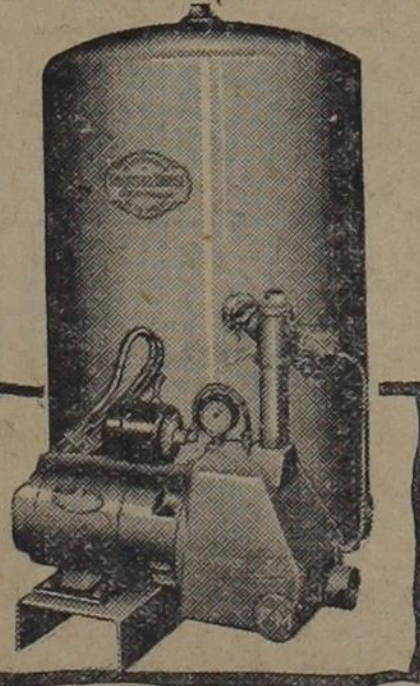
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The City of Rising Star

**New IOOF Officers
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The officers for the Semi-Annual term of Rising Star IOOF Lodge No. 152 were installed

Monday night, January 21. W. J. Cross of Cross Plains was the installing officer.

The new officers are E. M. Crisp, Noble Grand; Doyle Maynard, Vice Grand; Jerry Lyon,

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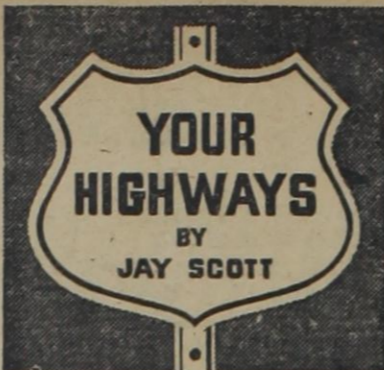
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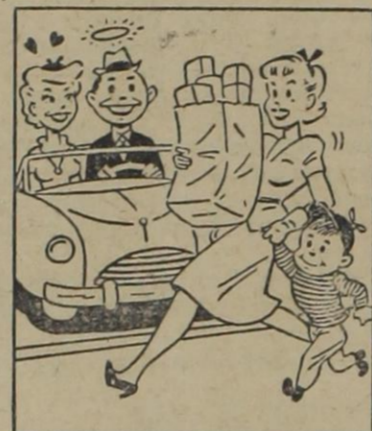


A few laughs:
A clerk in the Denver, Colo. police auto theft bureau telephoned his superior to say he would be late for work because somebody had stolen his car.

When two cars collided in Greenville, Mich. the drivers were most embarrassed — because both were driving instructors.

A traffic accident case in Louisville, Ky. involving a truck and a pedestrian ended with the truck driver awarded damages from the pedestrian.

Arrested for driving without a tail light, a New London, Conn. autoist, aged 44, was found by police to have been driving for 26 years without a licence.



Courtesy saves lives.

Chicago Police Commissioner O'Connor says he'll fire any policeman he finds hiding behind billboards to trap unsuspecting speeding motorists.

A man in North Carolina drove past two state policemen — then stopped his car and asked to be given a ticket because his driver's license had expired.

The Newark, N. J. Police had a new one recently when a motorist was charged with passing a bad check to pay for his speeding ticket.

Back seat drivers may be suffering from nothing more than inadequate nutrition says the International College of Surgeons.

**Local Baptist Youth
To Attend Rally**

Young people of the First Baptist Church will attend an associational youth rally Saturday night, February 2, at the First Baptist Church in Albany, Texas. The group, led by the pastor, the Rev. Willie C. Hazel, will leave the local church at 6 p.m. Sixteen from Rising Star attended the last associational rally which was held at Ranger.

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