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Auxiliary Elects

New officers for the auxiliary chosen were Mrs. Allen Stephens, president; Mrs. Mert Jones, Vice-president; Mrs. John Whitmire, Secretary-treasurer; Mrs. V. L. Clark, corresponding secretary and reporter.

New directors for the year are Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Ben Weathers, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Mardes Clayton, Mrs. Bert Dennis and Mrs. C. C. Nunnally.

A committee composed of Mardes Clayton, Sid Reeder, James Smith, John Whitmire, Mrs. Allen Stephens and Mrs. Ben Weathers had met in the home of Mert Jones and drew up a set of rules and regulations. These were discussed and some changes made.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weathers showed the group pictures taken in Alaska, Canada and different states.

Hostesses Mrs. S. P. Stewart, Mrs. V. L. Clark, and Mrs. Lester Hollis served coffee, punch and doughnuts to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Belew, Mr. and Mrs. Mardes Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones, Mr. Mrs. Mert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Milliken, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nunnally, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Telchik, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitmire, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Minter, Bob Beal, V. L. Clark, Sid Reeder and S. P. Stewart.

TRUCK TAX BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a 13-page booklet for truck owners on the Federal Use Tax on highway motor vehicles. This new publication No. 349 explains through simple questions and answers the method of determining whether or not they are liable for the new Federal Use Tax on their trucks. Ben Hawkins, Administrative Officer of the Big Spring office, stated that truck owners could obtain a copy of Publication 349, Federal Use Tax on Highway Motor Vehicles or Form 2290 at the local office or by writing Internal Revenue Service, 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson, Linda, Barbara and Nancille of Crosbyton and Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Rantz of Abernathy visited relatives in Gail recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hamilton and Dinah have moved to Galveston. Aubrey Rogers has purchased his service station.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The Lord will give grace and glory no good thing will He withhold from them that walk upright. Psalm 84:11.

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. —2 Cor. 12:9.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeatters



"We'd better notify the utilities to shut off our light and heat!"

KENYON-CLARK WEDDING

Miss Dorothy Marie Kenyon became the bride of Weldon Bennett Clark, at the First Methodist church in Kingsville, Saturday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. True Kenyon of Kingsville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Clark of Imperial, Cal., formerly of Kingsville and Gail.

The Rev. Wood H. Patrick officiated at the double ring ceremony in a setting of floor baskets of white stock and gladiolus, flanked by cathedral tapers in branched candelabra.

Mrs. T. S. Hudson was in Hico this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orson visited Mrs. Mary Gillispi in Levelland recently. They also visited with Mrs. A. M. Clayton and Joe Clayton in a Lubbock hospital.

Guests of the C. L. Harrisons recently were, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pack and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Finnerty and family all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrison and family of Odessa.

Guests of the John Whitmire's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Manull of Big Springs.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Clark a few days ago were Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Clark of Imperial, Cal., and Mrs. Belle Clark of Big Springs. They had attended the wedding of their son and grandson in Kingsville.

Hard work is just the sum total of the easy things you didn't do when you should have.

Mr. and Mrs. Jym Hendricks have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Birdwell and family in Brinkman, Okla.

Then It Rained

The recent rains in West Texas have put a vast area in fine fettle. Here in Gail an inch and a half fell a couple of weeks ago, while in the north part of the county it is estimated that three inches of moisture resulted. Knapp had over 2 inches.

In Scurry county the rain report is as follows: Camp Springs 2.5, Dermott 2.5, Dunn 2.0, Ennis Creek 2.3, Fluvanna 1.5 to 2.0, Hermleigh 3.0 to 4.0, Knapp 2.2, Lake Thomas 1.5 to 3.0, Inadale 2.5, Ira .7, Snyder 2.0, Union 3.2.

Other rain reports over West Texas are as follows: Roby 4.5, Rotan 1.5, South Fisher 5.0 to 6.0, Colorado City .76, Gail 1.5, Lamesa 3.75, Big Spring 2, Abilene .85, Wichita Falls .39, Midland .21.

The Sheriff's Posse and Auxiliary had their first meeting in the new recreation community center Monday night, Feb. 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

GET READY FOR THE BIG LIVESTOCK SHOW AT GAIL

Elaborate plans are being made for the forthcoming 4-H Livestock Show in Gail, Saturday, March 2nd.

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INCOME TAX FACTS No. 6

Medical Deductions and Widow Benefits

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants, and the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.)

Uncle Sam realizes family doctor bills and dentist bills can add up; so he permits you to itemize and deduct all medical expenses beyond 3 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Sick Benefits are not counted as income. Here is what you can receive free of tax from your employer or his insurance company:

- (1) Payment for medical expenses
- (2) Payment for permanent injury (not based on time absent from work)
- (3) Damages for injury or sickness
- (4) Payments under Workmen's Compensation Act
- (5) Payment up to \$100 per week for loss of wages while you are absent due to injury or sickness, except that the first week's pay is taxable unless you are absent due to an injury or are hospitalized for at least one day.

Sick Pay Benefits

If "sick pay" payments from your employer are included in the wages shown on your withholding slips, you should subtract the proper amount from your income in the place provided on the first page of the tax return (Form 1040). Attach an explanation as described in the instruction book. You are entitled to exclude this amount even if you do not itemize deductions.

You are allowed a deduction for medical expenses beyond 3 percent of your adjusted gross income, but if you (or your husband or wife) are 65 or over, the 3 percent rule does not apply to your own medical expenses. It does apply, however, to any medical expenses you pay for your dependents.

Among the items to include in your list of medical expenses are fees of doctors, dentists, hospitals and nurses. You can also deduct premiums for health, accident, hospitalization and medical insurance, but you must reduce your medical expense by the amount of any benefits received from insurance.

Medicines Are Also Deductible

Your total deduction is limited to a maximum amount for the year, as explained in the instruction book, and medicines and drugs may be included in your medical expenses only to the extent they exceed 1 percent of your gross income.

Widows and Widowers

The federal tax code contains several provisions of special interest to widows and widowers:

- (1) You may file a joint return with a husband or wife who died during the tax year if no separate return is filed.
- (2) If you have not remarried and have in your household a dependent child or stepchild, you are entitled for the next two years to use the same tax computation (with income-splitting privileges) as you have been entitled to on a joint return.

(3) When life insurance proceeds are taken as an annuity or in installments, widows and widowers are allowed up to \$1000 per year of tax free payments in addition to a pro rata amount of the principal.

(4) You may be entitled to a deduction for child-care expenses.

(5) You may be entitled to retirement income credit if your deceased husband or wife would have qualified.

The instruction book which comes with your tax forms gives further information. Help is also available by telephone or at offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The Revenue Service urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you decide to seek outside help.

Next Article: Not All Income Is Taxable.

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Carolina's Outer Banks Will Be Seashore Park

WASHINGTON—America's first national seashore park is being developed from some 30,000 acres of the Atlantic seaboard's most extensive stretch of undeveloped shoreline—North Carolina's Outer Banks.

An 80-mile stretch of the chain of islands shielding the coast will be known as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area when the National Park Service completes its development project.

Angling seaward from the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, the Banks at Cape Hatteras are nearly 30 miles offshore and a scant 12 miles from the Gulf Stream. Here cold remnants of the Arctic current collide with warm Gulf Stream waters to create a fierce swirling sea.

The rugged coastal scenery and its abundant wildlife will be preserved in the new national park.

Stump Blast Causes Man Lots of Trouble

SAN PEDRO, Cal.—A tree stump in Robert Shuman's front lawn has caused him more than enough trouble.

He decided to remove it by burying a stick of dynamite among the roots. He touched it off and neighbors reported flying chunks of adobe soil had:

1. Knocked down a TV aerial.
 2. Punched a 6-inch hole in a roof.
 3. Dented a parked automobile.
- As a result the police asked the city attorney to issue a complaint for illegal use of explosives against Sherman.

As for the tree stump, it is a little the worse for wear, but still firmly embedded in Shuman's front lawn.

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Report Covers Principal Hazards Of Winter Driving

CHICAGO — What's the lowdown on traction and stopping ability on snow and ice? Should motorists in snow-ice affected states throw away their tire chains and rely on snow tires? What are the reliable techniques for driving safely through the more dangerous winter months ahead?

These questions — and others which each winter cause public confusion due to conflicting claims, misinformation or just plain wishful thinking — are answered in a new research report by the National Safety Council. Entitled "Quit Your Skiddin'," the report is based on actual tests and studies by the Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards — a group of 32 experts embracing all fields of traffic and automotive safety. Their chief objective is to reduce the higher-than-average death and accident rates which prevail during the winter months. Their second objective is to reduce the numerous traffic tieups and costly delays due to slippery surfaces and impaired visibility. Professors Ralph A. Moyer, University of California, and A. H. Easton, University of Wisconsin, are co-chairmen of the Committee.

Their findings include the following recommendations:

1. Winterize your car and your driving techniques.
2. Have good tires; use tire chains.
3. Keep windshield and windows clear.
4. Adjust your speed to road and weather conditions.
5. Follow at a safe distance — well back of the vehicle ahead.
6. Pump your brakes when stopping.

Two States Have Most Oldsters

NEW YORK — Iowa and New Hampshire have the highest proportion of elders in their population. In both states, 11 per cent of the total population — about one person in nine—is 65 or older.

New Mexico and Arizona have the lowest proportion in the 65 or older bracket—New Mexico with 5.3 per cent, and Arizona with 5.8 per cent.

The proportion of 65 or older for the United States as a whole, is 8.6 per cent, or about one in twelve of the entire population. In

1900 only 4.1 per cent of all Americans were in this age group.

The proportion of older people has been increasing for more than a century, slowly at first and more rapidly in recent decades.

In numbers, those at age 65 and over increased from 3,100,000 in 1900 to 14,128,000 in 1955.

Science Doesn't Know All About Myopia

CHICAGO—There are some questions about myopia, or nearsightedness, which scientists are still unable to answer with certainty. But this visual error has been broken down into three broad varieties—the "ordinary" type, the "progressive" type, and the type which begins with middle age.

Ordinary nearsightedness attacks eyes that are otherwise normal, most often appearing in youngsters who are fond of reading, when they are between the ages of eight and 16. It's apt to advance during the growth period and to stabilize when adulthood is reached.

Progressive myopia always strikes sickly children, regardless of whether or not they like to read. It advances quickly and reaches a very high degree. Fortunately few people suffer from it, for it is accompanied by destructive processes and may lead to blindness.

Successful Business Often Gets Careless

LOS ANGELES—If your business is too successful, watch out!

This is the warning of Dr. Harold D. Koontz, a faculty member of the Graduate School of Business Administration at UCLA.

From his observations and service on boards of directors in five industries, Dr. Koontz has developed a theory of business competition which he calls the "theory of the aggressor."

In general, the theory's thesis is that: "Whenever any business becomes too stable, or comfortable, or profitable—there is always an aggressive so-and-so who will pop up to take advantage of the situation—either for his own or his company's benefit."

Color for Everywhere

NEW YORK—Modern homemakers are discovering that the work areas of the home need not be dim, dark or grim. Kitchens, for example, can be just as bright and cheerful as any other part of the home thanks to durable but colorful materials like ceramic tile, available in about 200 different shades and an infinite variety of shapes, sizes and textures.

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