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Soviet Troops Ordered Out Of Striking Stations

Going Forward With Eastland

By Bob Moore

service club member was discussing how many hours the members of such a group contribute during a year to a club and community service.

And that "for free" shouldn't be passed off lightly. Just imagine, in various civic and welfare projects, if you had to pay men of your Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Quarterback Club, Band Boosters Club, and your lodges and other organizations, according to the hourly average wage of their skills and knowledge and experience commands in their own business, profession or job. It would cost Eastland a pretty penny. In fact, it is service the city couldn't buy.

Yet, it is given, year in, year out, voluntarily, unselfishly, continuously for free. A lot of clever self-styled writers, who never themselves do anything that they don't get paid for, take delight in poking aloof and satirical fun at the small town habits, the clubmen, the Chamber of Commerce, the women's groups, etc., as silly stodge cliques of little frustrated unimaginative people.

If you had to pay these people their average hire to work for community projects and programs, you'd discover quick enough that you are dealing with an expensive cross-section of the city. These citizens would be far too expensive to hire to serve your civic ends, and they work for you—for free. Ever think of it in that light, when you drive by and see some of your fellow citizens sitting in on some civic meeting, after their own work-a-day is over. It is for you, as part of your town, that they are laboring—for free.

An orchid for Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hollifield, operators of Hollifield's Firestone Dealer Store, for being the lead and donating the services of their trucks to provide relief for the Fort Worth flood victims. Their action is, perhaps typical of the neighborly spirit of Eastland folks.

The Sheriff's office still has no two-way radio hook up... and this is the age when even taxicabs in many communities have telephones.

SPRINGTIME IN TEXAS
Oh, its springtime in Texas
And the cactus is in bloom.
Oh, its grand to be in Texas
Where for all the world their's room.

The cattle "at and lowing
There's a cheerful song in the air.
When its springtime in Texas
My heart is always there.

Oh, its springtime in Texas
Beneath cloudless skies of blue.
And I'm sure that there's a welcome
Waiting for every one of you!

Mrs. Dolberry Dies Monday

Mrs. Dahlia Dolberry, about 70, died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence, 404 South Bassett Street.

Enumerators To Be Hired Locally To Conduct Small Business Survey

The U. S. Bureau of the Census will begin very soon conducting a Small Business Survey in Eastland, it was announced by Jack O. Welch, district supervisor, of Abilene.

The survey will be conducted by enumerators who will be hired on a per hour basis and the Bureau is very desirous of receiving applications, Civil Service Form 60, from people in Eastland, Welch stated.

Persons, who either have had experience in the past as enumerators or who feel that they would like to conduct this survey of business for the Bureau, may secure applications from the Abilene District Office, located at Room 218, Morris Building, 1129 1/2 N. Second Street, if they are not available at the Eastland Post Office.

After applications, or inquiries, are received by the Abilene District Office, a representative from the office will contact the various applicants for an interview. Those selected will be given intensive training in small business procedure. Enumerators will be paid \$1.20 per hour and will be allowed four cents per mile for the use of their automobiles. It will be necessary that enumerators have an automobile available for this work. Any further information concerning the survey can be obtained by addressing a letter or call to the district supervisor, Bureau of the Census, Abilene.

The small business survey now being conducted by Census Bureau will cover all retail, wholesale and service trades and upon completion, will furnish vital information concerning the growth and the present condition of thousands of our small business organizations. The business man will be asked to complete a form peculiar to his business which will include information as to his net sales for the year 1946, amount of taxes paid to State and Federal Governments, number of employees on the payroll, the total amount of the payroll and other information which the Bureau deems valuable in gathering the facts concerning business.

Water Supply Plans Being Made Today

A joint meeting was to be held today (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock in the Ranger of the Leon River Dam committee of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and the Ranger Chamber of Commerce to discuss plans to insure a future water supply for the two communities.

Action in calling the meeting was made by H. J. Tanner, Eastland, and Rip Galloway, Ranger, Chamber of Commerce managers for respective communities, following a bill passed Saturday in the Texas Legislature providing for an independent water district in Ranger.

The Leon River Dam committee of the local Chamber is headed by L. E. McGraw. Members are Grady Pipkin, Lewis Crossley, Pearson Grimes and John Turner.

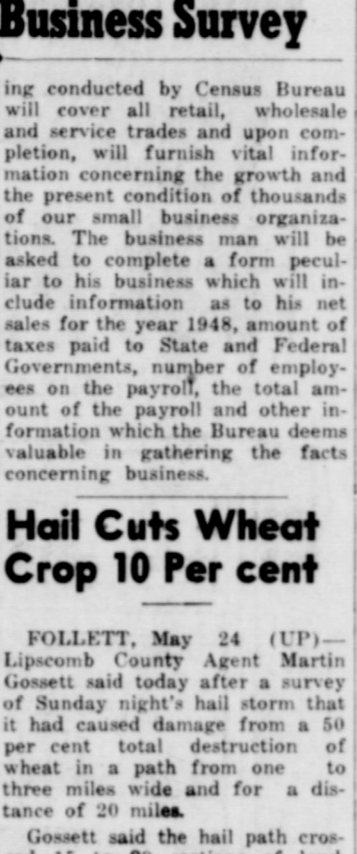
TANNER URGES SESSION

CC Managers To Meet In Abilene To Discuss Highway 80 Plans

A meeting of Chamber of Commerce managers along the U. S. Highway 80 route from Weatherford to Pecos will be held in the C. of C. office in Abilene Wednesday, May 25, at 2 P. M., it was announced by H. J. Tanner, manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss financing signs to be erected at Weatherford and El Paso along Highway 80, instead of Highway 180. Other business planned will

Acheson At Peace Conference



Members of the U. S. Delegation to the Paris Big Four Conference take their seats at the big green table in the Pink Marble Palace as they and the British and French once again faced the Russians in an attempt to iron out post war problems. Left to right: Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and John Foster Dulles, advisor.

Hail Cuts Wheat Crop 10 Per cent

FOLLETT, May 24 (UP)—Lipscomb County Agent Martin Gossett said today after a survey of Sunday night's hail storm that it had caused damage from a 50 per cent total destruction of wheat in a path from one to three miles wide and for a distance of 20 miles.

Gossett said the hail path crossed 15 to 20 sections of land, cutting down some of the wheat but not causing heavy damage to any one field.

It was the third hail storm to hit the county in two weeks. Gossett said as many as 50 or 60 sections of the 900 sections of wheat in the county have suffered hail damage. As a result, he estimated the county's total wheat yield would be cut about 10 per cent.

In some places hail stood five inches deep on highways 16 hours after the storm. More than an inch of rain has made county roads impassable, thus preventing a more accurate survey of the damage.

Have You Donated To Flood Relief?

Have you donated yet to the relief of Ft. Worth flood victims? Cecil Hollifield, of Hollifield's Firestone Dealer Store, will make another trip to Fort Worth Thursday to take packages given by Eastlandians.

Particularly needed is clothing for men, children and babies.

The standard bushel measure prepared by the United States government holds 77.6274 pounds of distilled water at 39.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

300 MEMBERSHIP GOAL SET

82 New Members Secured In Drive Held Monday By Quarterback Club

Eighty-two new members were secured in a concerted one-day membership drive of the Eastland Quarterback Club Monday, as Bruce Pipkin's team forged ahead with 45 new members to defeat Everett Plowman's team, which secured 47.

Plowman's losing team had to pay the check for the kick-off breakfast Monday morning, which launched the drive.

A total of \$410 was netted in the drive. E. K. Henderson, chairman of the membership committee, reported. Debt for the field house built at Maverick Field, under Quarterback sponsorship was \$365—leaving a balance in the treasury to more than cover the debt.

The Quarterback Club, which is "Mr. Sports in Eastland," is now in a position to go ahead with plans for an Eastland Country Club.

The country club will be one of the most biggest jobs tackled yet by the Quarterback Club, Pipkin stated, and a membership of about 300 is needed. The membership drive will continue and checks may be mailed to Wendell Armstrong, secretary-treasurer of the club, at the Eastland National Bank. Membership cards will be sent immediately to those sending the \$5 initiation fee.

The club was organized in 1946 with Jack Chamberlain as president of the organization at the present time.

Nine big dams of the TVA stair step the Tennessee River in its 650-mile course and 500-foot drop from Knoxville to its mouth on the Ohio River at Paducah, Ky. Above Knoxville, on the Tennessee and its branches, are 19 more dams.

Band Concert Set For Official Park Opening

Official opening of the Eastland City Park will be held Sunday afternoon, May 29, with a concert by the Eastland High School Maverick Band to be featured at 4 o'clock, it was announced by city officials.

The Maverick Band, under direction of T. R. Atwood, will play a sixty minute concert of variety numbers.

Efforts are being made to get the park in fine shape for the opening. Officials stated this morning they had been assured of funds to repair and paint benches to be placed throughout the park. The benches will not carry advertising.

While the park officially opens Sunday, the city swimming pool will be opened Saturday, May 28, with admission to be 25 cents for adults and nine cents for children.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING RESULTS

Telegram Manager Nabs Lost Dog Before Advertisement Is Printed

Talk about advertising results! You just can't beat those given by the advertising department of the Eastland Daily Telegram.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock, John S. Clamson, a tourist passing through Eastland, came into the Telegram office to place a "want ad" about his Chihuahua dog being lost and offering a reward.

General Manager and Advertising Salesman O. H. Dick accepted the ad and \$2 charge. Later in the morning, while walking down one of the streets in downtown Eastland, Dick spotted the Chihuahua.

Off went the dog and away went Dick and after about a mile's chase, the newspaperman nabbed his prey. Before getting back to the office, Clamson saw Dick with the dog and paid him a \$5 reward. On arriving back in the office, Clamson meanwhile had canceled his ad and received his \$2 back, so Dick was \$3 to the good, and another satisfied customer.

Dick declared this was only typical of the advertising service offered by the Telegram. "We aim to get results one way or another."

ALLIED POLICE, GERMANS TAKE OVER AS RUSSIANS WITHDRAW

Jury Hearing 91st District Civil Suit Here

Testimony was being heard today in a jury trial of a civil suit filed in 91st District Court by Donnie L. Grimes and her husband H. A. Grimes against J. B. Herring of Rising Star, asking judgment of \$1,500 and interest, and rescission of a real estate contract.

The suit was filed Nov. 26, 1948, and alleges Donnie L. Grimes, by her husband, entered into a contract of sale with the defendant on April 3, 1948, under which Donnie L. Grimes agreed to buy and J. B. Herring agreed to sell surface estate of E-2 of E-2 and NE-4 of section 29, B. B. & C. Railroad Co., survey, and all of the oil, gas and other mineral rights.

It was further claimed by the plaintiff that dependent agreed to convey warranty deed and abstract of good marketable title. Plaintiff allegedly paid \$1,500 down on the purchase price of \$4,400 and received possession of the property, but later found the abstract of title to have serious defects.

Judgment asked includes the alleged \$1,500 payment, rescission of contract, and that such sum be adjudged a lien against said property, for foreclosure of such lien, for order of sale and for such other and further relief.

Sanders, Scott, Sanders and Smith law firm of Amarillo are representing the plaintiff. Conner and Conner of Eastland are counsel for the defense.

District Judge George L. Daventport is presiding. A jury in the proceedings was selected Monday as follows: R. O. Monk, J. D. Yardley, Weldon Glasgo, Felix Boland, Guy Morris, J. M. Lattimer, Gene Forbes, A. M. Foote, Roy Dawn, W. B. Norton, John C. Barber and J. V. Heysler, Jr.

Identity Of Airmen Revealed

AUSTIN, Tex., May 24 (UP)—Bergstrom Air Force Base officials today identified two airmen killed in a crash yesterday as Lt. Richard Goodwin, Steger, Ill., and Harold M. Murphy.

Murphy's home address, as released by Lt. Vincent D. Zimmerman, public information officer, was simply "state of Maine."

The fliers died when their F-82 twin Mustang cracked-up on a routine flight and exploded at the field just outside Austin. Engine trouble was believed the cause.

Both victims were married and their families lived at Austin.

AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION

Law Relating To Wills Discussed By Chief Justice Clyde Grissom In Address To Eastland Rotary

The law relating to wills and the descent and distribution of property in the absence of a will, was discussed by Clyde Grissom, of Eastland, chief justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District, at the regular Monday noon meeting of the Eastland Rotary Club.

The speaker was presented by Pat Miller, program chairman for the day. President Jim Horton presided for the business session.

Rotarians were recognized: William H. McNally, R. E. Walton, W. W. Fewell and Edward Lee, all of Cisco; J. Lewis Hicks of Conroe; O. E. Cambron of McMinville, Tenn.; Wayne Clements of Dalhart. Other guests were: Weldon Glasgow of Gorman; Judge Cecil Collins, Homer Smith and Linda Gilchrist, all of Eastland.

Because of the timeliness and valuable information contained, Judge Grissom's address is being published in full as follows:

Jester Signs Group Of Bills

AUSTIN, Tex., May 24 (UP)—A bill changing the name of North Texas State Teachers College at Denton to North Texas State College was signed into law by Gov. Beauford Jester.

The measure was sponsored by Rep. Robert Hal Jackson of Denton.

Other bills signed by the governor included:

One regulating fishing in Lake Texoma and establishing a division of license fees between Texas and Oklahoma, by Rep. Albert Jones of Valley Mills.

A measure by Rep. W. A. Williamson of San Antonio permitting a partition of community property by a husband and wife during their lifetime.

A bill creating a private employment agency law for Texas, by Rep. Douglas Bergman of Dallas.

Two measures by Rep. Byron Tinsley of Greenville authorizing any city to issue bonds, to be paid by revenues from operation of water, sewer, light or power systems, for the purpose of improving and expanding such systems.

All bills became effective immediately after being signed by the governor.

Meeting Tonight Of Commission And Employees

A meeting of the Eastland City Commission and all city employees will be held at the City Hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock, to be "moulded together in a group working for the better interests of Eastland," City Manager I. Charles Heck stated.

The meeting is open to the public.

Statistics show that about 130 drug stores throughout the nation are robbed every 30 days for their narcotic supplies. An equal number of hospital and offices are looted in the same period.

Clerk-Carrier Job Open In Post Office Here

Examinations for filling the vacancy of a substitute clerk-carrier in the Eastland Post Office have been announced by O. L. McDonald, Eastland representative of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

The position will pay \$1.29 per hour, and to be eligible to take the examination applicants must actually reside within the delivery of the Eastland Post Office, or be bona fide patrons thereof.

Application forms may be obtained from the Post Office, or from the Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service District, 210 South Harvard Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

The Weather

By UNITED PRESS

East Texas — Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday with scattered thunder showers in north and west portions. Not so warm in north portion this afternoon and tonight. Moderate to fresh southeast winds on the coast.

West Texas — Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday, with scattered thunder showers in the Panhandle, South Plains and east of the Pecos Valley. Not much change in temperatures.

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LAW RELATING

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man's mother-in-law dies, do the law apply? I have never been able to learn the answer to that one. Such questions may account for the actions of a prominent lawyer who had the bad luck to be bitten by a mad dog. He was rushed to a hospital. While the anti-rabies serum was being prepared the doctor noticed the lawyer busily writing a long list of names. The doctor asked: "Are

those the names of the people you want notified if your condition becomes serious?" "No," said the lawyer. "That is a list of people I'm going to bite if I go mad." A legal system permitting the disposition of property by will is of very ancient origin. It is commonly believed that wills are a Roman invention. That is incorrect. An Egyptian Will has been discovered which was written in 2548 B. C. The written will of the Assyrian Monarch, Sennacherib, assassinated in 681 B. C., in which the monarch's property was left to his son, is still preserved. The will of the philosopher Plato, 348 B. C., who left no debts and who bequeathed his money, slaves, etc. to his son, is a model of brevity and similar in form to a will which an experienced lawyer would write today.

The instant a person dies his title to, or interest in, property of all kinds vests either in his heirs

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or in those persons designated in his will as his beneficiaries. It is similar to the idea involved in the expression, "The King is dead/Long live the King!"

The advisability of making a will depends upon each man's peculiar circumstances. However, I have never known of any person being injured by a fair and just will written by an experienced lawyer in plain language that everyone can understand. There is an old toast to "The Lawyer's best friend—the man who writes his own will." The law possesses no magic wand that can prevent litigation over a dead man's property. That depends upon the people involved. A wise man (Lavater) said: "Say not you know another, until you have divided an inheritance with him." But, there is no good reason to believe that the wishes of a testator, making a fair and reasonable disposition of his property, expressed in his will in plain language, will not be enforced in Texas. (Morton).

If you do not dispose of your property by will the law disposes of it for you. I shall try to give you some of the statutes and decisions relative to wills and the descent and distribution of property that may apply to the situation of some of you, and then tell you how the law will dispose of your property at your death. If you do not like the disposition the law makes of your property then you can write a will disposing of it differently.

Because of the increase in inheritance and other taxes, it has become vitally important for a man who has accumulated a sizeable estate to very early plan its disposition. To make such a plan intelligently the services of a good lawyer and tax expert are essential.

The right to inherit is derived from the statutes. The right to inherit is not affected by the crime or misconduct of the heir. Nor is the right to own or transmit property affected by the crime of the ancestor. The courts of Texas have held that the fact that a wife murdered her husband for the purpose of inheriting his property did not prevent her from doing so. (Hill vs. Noland, 119 SW 288, (writ ref.); Marchison vs. Marchison, 203 SW 423, But.

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Art. 5047 provides that if the beneficiary in an insurance policy "willfully" kills the insured, the insurance shall be paid to the insured's nearest relative. Franklin Life Ins. Co. vs. Greer, 219 SW (2d) 137. They have decided that where, under the statutes of descent and distribution a husband was entitled to inherit his wife's property at her death, he did not lose that right by reason of the fact that he had abandoned his wife before her death and the property inherited was purchased by the wife's earnings during the period of abandonment. (Wooten vs. Carmichael, 267 SW 344). As further illustrative of the fact that the right to inherit is determined solely by the statutes, I call attention to the decision of our Supreme Court in Mow vs. Baker (Com.) 24 SW (2d) 1, where Baker, upon entering into a second marriage, made a contract with his children whereby, for a consideration of \$1,000 paid to each child, the children released all

claims they then or thereafter might have to any property owned by Baker. One daughter died before Baker died intestate. The Supreme Court held that said daughter's children were entitled to that share in Baker's estate which their mother would have inherited "had she survived or father, and had she not executed a conveyance of her expectancy, because (the children of the deceased) daughter) inherit through and directly from their grandfather and not through their mother." "She, (the deceased daughter) could not release or sell something that the law vested in her children direct (ly) and in their own right."

"...a prospective heir, may convey his expectancy. In such cases the contingency extends to both property and grantor—that is, that the property will exist and the grantor will inherit it." (Illustrate) 15 T. J. 180.

Escheat. (Art. 3272). A statute provides that when a person dies without a will and without heirs his "estate shall escheat to and vest in the state." Aliens. Speaking generally, an alien who acquires real estate in Texas may hold it for five years, and, if a minor or insane, for five years after he becomes 21, or the appointment of a guardian. (Art. 170). The aliens' rights with reference to personal property are such as are accorded citizens of the U. S. by the nation to which the alien belongs. (Art. 177).

Advancements. "The term 'advancement' is applied to a transfer of property by a parent to a child with intention that the property shall be all or a portion of the child's share in the parent's estate at the parent's death." 1 T. J. 786. Ordinarily, a child who has received advancements may return such advancement, or its value "at the time it was advanced," and then share equally in the estate with the other children who have received no advancements. (Art. 3576). This is called bringing the advancement into "Hotchpotch."

An intestate is a person who has died without leaving a will. A testator is the maker of the will. An heir is a person designat-

ed by law to succeed to (or inherit) the property of another at his death, in the absence of a will. Despite the common use of the word "heir" to the contrary, it is only the dead, not the living, who have heirs. You do not "heir" property; it is inherited. Property disposed of by a will is devised or bequeathed.

The disposition of property of an intestate in Texas is fixed by Statute, that is, by Act of the Legislature, and is subject to change by the Legislature. "The conception of succession (or inheritance) is not dependent upon contract; therefore capacity to transmit or (inherit) an estate (under the law of descent and distribution) is possessed by an infant, an incompetent or a married woman." (15 T. J. 152.)

46b-1, Sec. 5, says, All his property goes to adopting parents, or their next of kin. (1947)

Our statutes provide that when a testator, having children, has a child born after his death, or after making his will, if such child is not provided for in the will—such child shall, nevertheless, take that share of property to which it would have been entitled had there been no will. (Arts. 8291-2 and 120 Tex. 53, 78 SW (2d) 1105). And, if when a testator adopting him, or his heirs. Art.

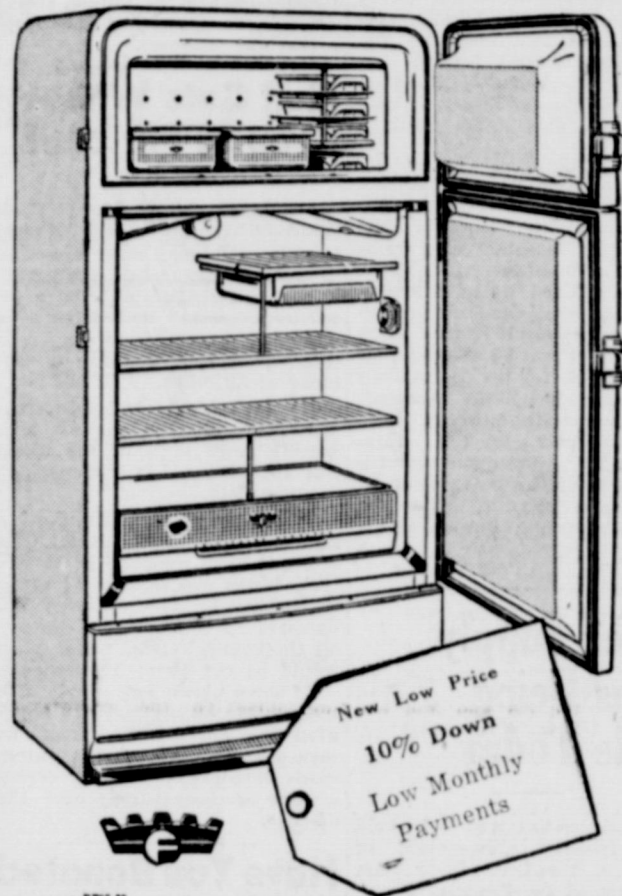
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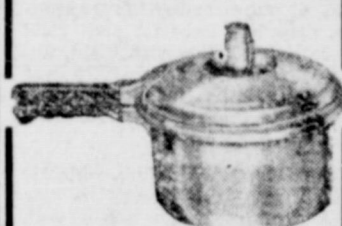
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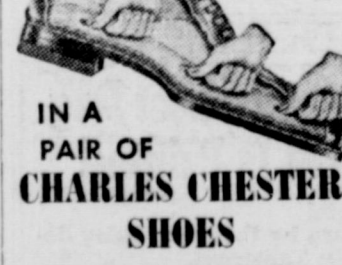
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LAW RELATING

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made his will he had no children but thereafter has a child, not provided for or mentioned in the will, the will "shall have no effect during the life of such after-born child, and shall be void, unless the child die without having been married and before he becomes 21. (Art. 8293; 130 Tex. 508; 104 Tex. 73. Not purpose to prevent parent from disinheriting child but to prevent parents from unintentionally doing so.

Generally, and heir steps into his ancestor's shoes so far as title to and debts against inherited property are concerned. But this is not true of the Homestead. The constitution provides that the homestead of a family shall not be subject of debts, except for purchase price, improvements and taxes. Regardless of all other debts of a deceased the homestead descends to his heirs free of the deceased's debts.

All property owned by a husband and wife before marriage and that acquired during marriage by gifts, or will, or inheritance, is his or her separate property. The rules governing descent and distribution of property of a person dying without a will are fixed by statute as follows:

ARTICLE 2570. Intestate leaving no husband or wife.

(Separate property) "Where any person having title to" property "shall die" without a will "it shall descend to his relatives as follows:

1. To his children and their descendants.
2. If there be no children nor their descendants, then to his father and mother, in equal portions. But if only the father or mother survive the intestate, then his estate shall be divided into two equal portions, one of which shall pass to such survivor (father or mother) and the other half shall pass to the brothers and sisters of the deceased, and to their descendants; but if there be no surviving brothers or sisters, or their descendants, then the whole estate shall be inherited by the surviving father or mother.
3. If there be neither father nor mother surviving, then the whole of such estate shall pass to the brothers and sisters of the intestate, and to their descendants.
4. If there be none of the kindred aforesaid, then the inheritance shall be divided into two moieties, one of which shall go to the paternal and the other to the maternal kindred, in the following course: To the grandfather and grandmother, in equal portions, but if only one of these be living, then the estate shall be divided into two equal parts one of which shall go to such survivor (grandfather or grandmother) and the other shall go to the descendant or descendants of such deceased grandfather or grandmother. If there be no such descendants, then the whole estate shall be inherited by the surviving grandfather or grandmother, then the whole of such estate shall go to their descendants, and so on without end, passing in like

manner to the nearest lineal ancestor and their descendants."

ARTICLE 2571. Intestate leaving husband or wife.

(Separate property) Where any person having title to property shall die without a will and shall leave a surviving husband or wife his estate shall descend and pass as follows:

1. If the deceased have a child or children, or their descendants, the surviving husband or wife shall take one-third of the personal estate, and the balance of such personal estate shall go to the child or children of the deceased and their descendants. The surviving husband or wife shall also be entitled to an estate for life, or one-third of the land of the intestate, with remainder to the child or children of the intestate and their descendants.
2. If the deceased have no child or children, or their descendants, then the surviving husband or wife shall be entitled to one-half of the lands of the intestate—and the other half shall pass to and be inherited according to the rules of descent and distribution; provided, however, that if the deceased have neither surviving father nor surviving brothers and sisters, or their descendants, then the surviving husband or wife shall be entitled to the whole of the estate of such intestate."

The two statutes just mentioned provide the course of descent of property of an intestate when the property is the separate property of a deceased. All property owned or claimed by a wife before marriage, and that acquired after marriage by gift, devise (will) or descent (inheritance) is made the wife's separate property by the Constitution and Statutes of Texas. (Const. Art. 16, Sec. 15, 1869 and Art. 4614 U. S.). The husband's separate property is likewise defined by statute (but not by the Constitution). Can be changed. Speaking generally, all other property acquired during marriage is community property owned jointly and equally by the husband and wife. (E. G. Recovery of damages for wife's injury. Statute provided damages for injury to wife her separate property. Sup. Ct. held unconstitutional 1929.

Art. 2578 provides for the descent and distribution (in the absence of a will) of community property as follows: "Upon the dissolution of the marriage relation by death, all property belonging to the community estate of the husband and wife shall go to the survivor, if there be no child or children of the deceased or their descendants; but if there be a child or children of the deceased, or descendants of such child or children, then the survivor shall be

entitled to one-half of said property; and the other half shall pass to such child or children, or their descendants.

Every person 21 years of age or older, or who is or has been married, and who is of sound mind, is authorized to dispose of his property by will (Art. 8281). There is no law of "forced heirship" in Texas. The old idea that a will was not valid in Texas unless the children received something resulting in many wills providing for one dollar to certain children. That is not the law. We inherit from Spain via Mexico the doctrine of forced heirship which prevented a parent, except for certain specified causes, from disinheriting his children. (Crain vs. Crain, 17 Tex. 80). That law was repealed in 1856 (Conn vs. Davis, 33 Tex. 203; 44 T. J. 552). Now, regardless of the number or conditions of his children, or other close relatives, a man may give his property to anyone he may choose, and totally disinherit his children and ignore his other relatives. In other words, a person by his will may legally dispose of his property at his death as he could have in his lifetime. It is his and he can give it to the "Society for Blind Mice" if he chooses. (Perpetuities prohibited).

Three kinds of wills are valid in Texas.

1. Written will signed by the testator, "or by some person by his direction and in his presence" and attested to by two or more witnesses, more than 14 years of age, subscribing their names to the will in the presence of the testator. (Art. 8283).

2. Holographic Wills, which are wills written wholly in the handwriting of the testator and signed by him. Such wills require no witnesses.

3. Nuncupative or oral wills. Only personal property may be disposed of by an oral will, land cannot be so devised.

A person may lawfully provide in his will that any beneficiary named in the will who attacks it shall take nothing.

Wills are most commonly attacked upon the following grounds:

1. Lack of mental capacity to make a will.

2. Undue influence.
3. Fraud.

One of the most common forms of wills is the one whereby a man gives all his property to his wife, makes her independent executrix, provides that no bond shall be required of the executrix and no proceedings had in court, except those required by law, that is, probating the will and return of an inventory, appraisement and list of claims. Many wills leave everything to the surviving husband or wife for life and provide that upon the death of the survivor, the property shall be divided equally among the children. A will may be revoked at the will of the testator by making another will or by destroying, obliterating or canceling the old. A will may be added to or taken from by a codicil executed in the same manner as a will. Ordinarily, a married woman cannot in her lifetime convey her real estate, without the joinder of her husband with her in the deed, but by a will she can convey her real estate, effective at her death, without the consent or poinder of her husband.

If you execute a will, select as witness young men—who should not be the consent or joinder of her beneficiaries of your will. A witness to a will who is a beneficiary therein can be compelled to testify as to its execution, if the will cannot be otherwise established, but he loses his rights under the will, unless he would be entitled to a share of the estate in the absence of the will. In such case, such witness can take only what he would have inherited but not to exceed the value of the bequest in the will. Art. 8296, 44 Tex. Jur. 626.

The transmission of property at death, either by will or by virtue of the law, is subject to payment of State and Federal Inheritance Taxes.

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If passing to a brother or sister, etc. the tax is 3 per cent on any value between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Maximum 10 per cent. (Art. 7120).

If passing to an uncle or aunt the tax is 4 per cent on any value between \$1,000 and \$10,000. Maximum 15 per cent. (Art. 7121).

(Federal) There is an exemption of \$100,000, thereafter 1 per cent of the amount of the net estate up to \$50,000. Maximum 20 per cent. (Title 26 U.S.C.A. Sec. 410.)

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WHITNEY, May 24 UP) — Concrete work on the Whitney Dam was expected today to return to normal by the middle of this week.

Water was being pumped out of the lower concrete area — flooded last week to prevent damage to the Cofferdam during the Brazos River rise.

At the crest, the river came within 18 inches of the top of the Cofferdam, which diverts water during initial stages of concrete construction.

Cat Faithful Worshipper HANSON, Mass. (UP) Cookie, a white Persian cat owned by Mrs. George E. Coffey, not only regularly attended Sunday services in Hanson's 200-year-old First Congregational Church, but frequently goes to weekly organizational meetings.

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Plans Completed By WSCS For Breakfast For Seniors

Plans were completed for the Bon Voyage breakfast honoring members of the senior class of Eastland High School, Monday afternoon at the meeting of members of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church at the church.

Mrs. Frank Crowell, president, presided and heard reports on the district officers training meeting held here last Wednesday. The group also decided to give the rummage collected for sales and other material to the Fort Worth Flood victims.

The hour of the meeting was changed to four P. M. The group have been meeting at 3 P. M. Singing of the hymn, "Till I

Become More Like Thee", opened the meeting, with Mrs. J. M. Bond at the piano. Mrs. T. M. Johnson gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. N. P. McCorney presented Mrs. Fred Davenport, who led in the discussion on Current Events. Mrs. F. L. Drago gave the closing prayer.

Mrs. McCorney completed the mission study, China — Twilight or Dawn. Announcement was made of Circle group meetings for next Monday. The Turner group will meet in the home of Mrs. E. M. Grimes 709 South Seaman, and the McCray group will meet in the home of Mrs. Pearson Grimes, 515 South Mulberry Street.

Present were Mesdames Johnson, Fred Adcock, Charles Harris, W. H. Mullings, Davenport, R. C. Ferguson, Crowell, McCorney, M. B. Titworth, Bond, Ina Bean, O. O. Mickle, Fred L. Drago, C. W. Young, T. L. Fagg, J. A. Doyle, Ed Williams, H. L. Hassell, R. D. Estes and Frank Castleberry.

County Federation Meets At Gorman

Mrs. W. A. Davis, vice-president, reported on the District convention held in Ranger the latter part of March for members of the Eastland County Federation at their meeting Saturday afternoon in Gorman.

The group met in the annex of the First Baptist Church with Mrs. Davis presiding in the absence of Mrs. A. Louise Weber of Rising Star.

Changing the day of the meeting was discussed and the group decided to continue the meeting on Saturday and to meet only four times, during the year. Choosing a project was tabled until the president could be present. Mrs. W. H. Mullings treasurer reported a balance of \$69.86 in the bank. The group voted to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Ranger Convention.

A musical program was presented following the business meeting and a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served by the Gorman Club women.

Twenty two members attended including Mesdames W. F. Davenport, W. Q. Verner, W. H. Mullings, and LeRoy Arnold all of Eastland.

Mothers Entertain '49 Senior Class

Mothers of the Seniors of Eastland High School entertained for the group Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, for the annual ice cream supper. Tables were placed on the lawn and the ice cream and home made cake was served out time style.

The group then attended the Majestic, where they saw "The Thunderers".

Couple United In Marriage

Miss Betty Ruth Steddum, daughter of Mrs. Jack Byrd of Eastland, and Mr. A. S. Steddum of Galveston became the bride of Mr. John Houston Watson, in a ceremony read in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bond, Saturday evening at 8, May 21, 1949.

Rev. Bond, pastor of the First Methodist Church officiated. Mr. Watson is the son of Mrs. Leslie Watson of Eastland.

Mothers of the couple accompanied them and attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are making their home here at the Texland Hotel. Mr. Watson is in business here. He is owner of the Watson Garage, 719 Main Street.

WSCS To Give Breakfast For Senior Class

Members of the W. S. C. S. will host a Bon Voyage Breakfast, Wednesday in the fellowship room of the First Methodist Church at 8 A. M.

Mrs. R. C. Ferguson is general chairman for the breakfast and is also chairman of the program. Mrs. C. W. Young is chairman of the foods committee, Mrs. Veron Howard is chairman of the decoration committee.

The breakfast is informal and is given to give the seniors one more good time. Mrs. Ferguson said. It is given annually by the group.

Magellan in 1520 found South America's mountainous southern tip island "stark with eternal cold" He named it Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) because the natives had so many fires blazing to keep warm, says the National Geographic Society.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to all our friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our loved one. May God bestow His richest blessings on each and everyone of you.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blevins visited with their daughter and family in Dallas, Sunday and Monday.

Out-of-town guests at the First Baptist Church services Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Camborn of McMinnville, Tenn., and Mrs. E. W. Ewniwe of Decherd, Tenn.

Miss Jeanne Turner, student of the University of Texas will return home from Austin Thursday, and will go to Denton over the week-end to visit friends.

Mrs. W. T. Timmons and little sons, Bill and Phillip of Austin are the guests here of Mrs. Timmons' parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson.

Bob Ferguson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson received word last week that he had passed the Bar examination and has received his license to practice law in the Courts of Texas. Ferguson will receive his degree from the University of Texas May 30th. He plans to visit in Houston with his sister, Mrs. C. C. Perino and in Corpus Christi with friends before returning home.

Mrs. E. L. Wittrop spent last week end in San Saba visiting with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Hayden and Mr. Hayden.

Mrs. Brooks Herring and little daughter, Cynthia Ann are the guests here in the home of her father, Virgil Love, and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Love.

Sounds Logical

PEORIA, Ill. (UP) The problem of surpluses of livestock and grain would be solved if Americans would just eat more, says Charles B. Shuman, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association. Shuman recommends that each person in the United States eat at least four more pounds of meat each year.

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Obedient Boy Tells Story Of Parents' Death

MT. PLEASANT, N. C., May 24 (UP) — Four-year-old Doyle Talbert's parents always taught him to be an obedient boy. So when his daddy told Doyle to "push the little handle", Doyle did it.

Today little Doyle and his six brothers and sisters are orphans because the youngster minded his daddy so well.

A neighbor stopped in at the Talbert home yesterday and found Fetter L. Talbert and his estranged wife, Carrie Sue, lying across a bed.

Mrs. Talbert, 35, had been shot seven times. Her husband, 33, had been shot once. They were both dead.

On the porch, Doyle and his five-year-old sister were playing quietly together. The other children were not at home.

Deputy Sheriff C. R. Cook, called to investigate the deaths, questioned the youngsters. Little Doyle told him the story.

"Sister and I were playing on the porch and daddy took the gun

and momma fell down," the boy told Cook.

"He carried her to the bed and shot the gun," Doyle said. "Then he held the gun up to him and told me to push the little handle. He fell down on the bed asleep and we went back playing."

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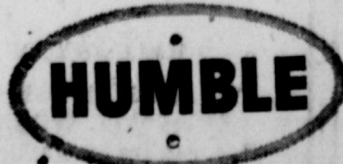
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