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## SNYDER SOLON FIGHTS COURT CHANGE BILL

One West Texas House member, C. F. Sentell of Snyder, has announced in advance that he will oppose the judicial reorganization bill which has been introduced in the House.

The bill calls for the death of the 132nd District Court, composed of Borden and Scurry Counties, in 1957. Scurry and Borden are put for the time being into two judicial districts, 132d and 32d, the old district it was formerly in with Mitchell and Nolan.

The 32d is a "temporary" court, set up originally to last until 1957. But, Rep. Sentell says, the business is so heavy that it will continue to be needed.

"We are filing an average of a case a day," he estimated, "and need the fulltime service of a court. The peak of the boom may be over, but the court business is still there. I shall make every effort to make it a permanent court."

Representatives from other West Texas districts where the redistricting, sponsored by the State Bar Association, makes changes favor the bill. It duplicates bills by Omar Burkett to abolish the Eastland County and by Hulon Brown of Midland and W. G. Kirklin of Odessa to separate their counties into two courts.



**MATCH FOR MIG'S**—Newly arrived US F-86 Sabrejets, one of the few planes considered a match for Russia's MIG-15, appears on the flight line at Fuerstenfeldbruck Air Base near Munich, Germany. Piloted by American veterans of the Korean war, they have just completed their first patrol of Germany's iron curtain countries under orders to shoot back if attacked.

## FOOD PRICES MOVE DOWN IN FEBRUARY

Despite scrapping of controls on most items, retail food prices dropped about 1 per cent during the month of February, according to a government report issued in Washington today.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said falling beef prices led the decline in market basket costs.

Meats, poultry and fish dropped an average of 2.1 per cent. Eggs also were down, but prices for fresh fruits and vegetables were up slightly.

Food prices declined about 2 per cent during January.

Because of the sag in food prices, the government's next report on overall living costs is expected to show a decline. Foods amount to nearly a third of living costs. The mid-February living cost figure will be reported about April 1.

## Gammill Rites Held In Ranger This Afternoon

Funeral services for Winford Gilmer Gammill, 64-year-old Fort Worthian and former Eastland County resident who died of a heart attack Monday morning, were held at the Killingsworth Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Gammill, former teacher in rural schools in Eastland and Stephens Counties, had been a resident of this area from 1905 until 1942 when he moved to Fort Worth. He was a hotel clerk at the time of his death.

Rev. H. D. Blair, missionary of the Cisco Baptist Assn., officiated during the funeral rites, and interment was in the Alameda Cemetery with Killingsworth Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Palbearers were Floyd Crawley and M. A. Ables of Eastland and Howard Frasier, Bud Blackwell, Lloyd Bruce and Ernest Calvert, all of Ranger.

Mr. Gammill was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was born at Cecil, Ark., on March 19, 1889.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Estella M. Duncan of Route 2, Eastland; two brothers, Herman Gammill of Rochester and C. A. Gammill of Lubbock.

# Eastland Police Nab Two Men In Crackdown on Vice Ring Selling Obscene Literature

## Death Penalty Is Assessed For GI's Murder

A Palo Pinto County jury which deliberated only 10 minutes Tuesday found Air Force Sgt. Marvin Rayson, 27, Negro, guilty of the murder of Corp. Benjamin Layton, 26, and assessed his punishment at death.

The case went to the jury at 2:30 p.m.

Rayson took the witness stand Tuesday morning and reversed his earlier plea of guilty, asserting that another white man, in the car with Layton, and not he slew the corporal.

Rayson testified that he had a pistol belonging to his brother, when Layton gave him a lift. He said the other man was in the car, noted his pistol and offered to buy it. He said the man, whose identity he did not know, took the pistol, shot Layton with it, dumped the body, accompanied Rayson in Layton's car to Temple and disappeared.

Both Rayson and Layton, whose home was in St. Mary's, Mo., were stationed at Walters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells.

## Take It Easy And Recover— DR. COX GIVES NEW HOPE TO TEXANS WITH WEAK HEARTS

Worried about your heart? If so, it doesn't help to hear that deaths from diseases of the heart and the blood vessels are the leading cause of death in Texas.

Yet, if you have heart trouble today, you are better off than you would have been at any previous time in the history of the world, says Dr. Gen. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Cases, which in former years were considered hopeless, are now being treated successfully and most heart patients who follow their physician's directions can lead relatively normal lives, carrying on most of the activities they did before they became ill with heart disease.

Over-fatigue, over-exertion, worry, and prolonged emotional disturbances also make additional work for the heart. The heart slows up somewhat when you lie down and a little more when you fall asleep, but the person who is constantly on the go, and gets too little sleep, does not give his heart

much of a chance to rest. Whenever you become worried or excited, your heart is the first part of the body to react. It immediately starts to beat faster. If you really become frightened or over-exercised, it may start pounding.

Many people, when they realize they have heart trouble, fortunately learn a new way of living. They acquire a more wholesome and happier way of life. Their work is planned so that they do not get over-tired, and are not pushed to get the job done; when they get tired, they stop and rest. Few heart patients have to give up all of their usual activities. They learn a different and better way of doing them that does not put such a strain on the heart, for they have found that it is the way they do things, rather than what they do that is so very important.

Early treatment for heart disease will help to relieve your worries and will set you on the right road to good health, with a chance for a normal span of life, if you obey your doctor's orders.

## Salesman And Distributor Are Fined, Jailed

Area operations of what may be a big state-wide vice ring engaged in the distribution and sale of obscene literature were halted in Eastland late Tuesday afternoon with the arrest of Robert Robertson, about 50, of Decatur, District Attorney Joe Nuesse and his assistant, W. D. R. Owen, revealed at noon today.

The Eastland County prosecutors disclosed that two men—one a new resident of Eastland, about 35 years of age—and the Decatur man, distributor of the literature—were arrested by alert Eastland police who laid a well-planned trap for their capture.

The Eastland dealer, one of several outlets for dispensing the obscene booklets, pamphlets and other material to the public including many teen-age high school students, operated a service station in Eastland. He is John Perkins, about 35, and Saturday he pleaded guilty to a charge of violating Texas penal code statute No. 527 and was assessed a fine of \$300 and 60 days in jail by County Judge John Hart.

Perkins' arrest came as a result of "tips" to Eastland city police from several named Eastland High School students.

Following the local dealer's arrest Saturday, police awaited the arrival of the distributor of the literature who had been transporting quantities of obscene literature into Eastland County every two weeks for distribution to dealers.

Late Tuesday afternoon—about 5:30 p.m.—the distributor, Robertson, arrived in Eastland with his car loaded with between \$400 and \$500 worth of the obscene material. Some of the books in his possession, officers said, sold for \$25 per copy.

Robertson was arrested by Eastland city police, pleaded guilty to the charge of possession and sale in violation of state statute No. 527 and in a whirlwind hearing, County Judge Hart assessed his punishment at six months in the county jail and a stiff cash fine of \$750.

Maximum punishment for the offense, a misdemeanor, District Attorney Nuesse said, is a \$1,000 fine and a six months jail term.

The literature of the distributor was confiscated by Sheriff Frank Tucker and members of the Eastland County Sheriff's department.

## Social Security Worker Here Next Wednesday

Glen McNatt of the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration will be at the office of the Retail Merchants Association in Ranger next Wednesday, March 25, it was announced today.

Persons wishing advice or assistance in connection with their social security accounts are invited to consult with the SSA representative at that time.

There are many self-employed persons between the ages of 65 and 75 whose low net earnings may make them eligible for monthly insurance payments, even though they are still working, according to Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene social security office.

Mr. Fisher said that the recent changes in the law make it possible for a self-employed person between these ages to net up to

## Fanning Makes Low Bid \$182,442 On Area Project

Low bids on 22 projects totaling \$4,411,248 announced in Austin today by the State Highway Department included an Eastland County project.

J. R. Fanning of Lubbock made the low offer for the 12.9 miles of work due for State Highway 16.

His bid was \$182,442.

Specifications call for flexible base and two-course surface treatment on the highway.

## Partly Cloudy, Cooler Today And Thursday

Partly cloudy and cooler weather with little or no possibility of rain was forecast for the Eastland County area for today and Thursday.

The U. S. Weather Bureau's early morning report called for thundershowers in the North Central, East and South Central regions of the state but little likelihood for rain was predicted in the forecast for the Eastland County and West Texas forecast.

Weather men said today's highest temperature would be slightly above the 70-degree mark, and that it'll be a bit cooler Thursday with the mercury hovering in the upper 60s.

## Brother of Two Eastland County Residents Buried

Edward Lee Gray, 60-year-old brother of two Eastland County residents, was laid to rest at Throckmorton Tuesday.

Mr. Gray, a farmer in the Murray community, died at his home Monday.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Hubert Gray of Murray; two brothers, Dan of Breckenridge and W. A. Gray of Rising Star; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. White of Abilene and Mrs. W. A. Millican of Eastland.

## Western Stage Musical Show At Olden, March 19

The Fox Four-Sevens, versatile hillbilly band appearing on the Big State Jamboree in Abilene each Saturday night, will perform in a full-length stage show at the high school gymnasium at Olden on Thursday night, March 19th. The show starts at 8 o'clock.

Master of ceremonies will be Bill Fox, who was reared at Olden and whose parents live on Route 2, Eastland. Mr. Fox has been in radio and entertainment work for several years, recently having joined the staff of Station KRBC in Abilene. There he helps to produce the Big State Jamboree, known as the biggest western stage show in Texas.

Also in the group is Melvin Holt, another Olden product whose parents still reside there. In the past he has authored numerous western stories for publication, and has more recently given his attention to writing country and folk music, some of which is soon to be published and recorded by other musical artists.

In addition to their regular Jamboree appearance, the Fox Four-Sevens broadcast daily from KSTA in Coleman and have made a guest appearance on the Louisiana Hayride, second largest country-music show in the United States.

Admission will be 50 and 25 cents for the Olden show, which is sponsored by the High School Athletic Club.

## 3 NEW TESTS ARE STAKED IN STEPHENS

Although there was no new oil activity in the Eastland County area today, three new locations were announced for adjoining Stephens County.

A wildcard location was staked in southwestern Stephens County as Fort Worth Exploration Co. No. 1 W. J. Booth.

Location is three miles southeast of Eolian on a 102.8 acre lease. Site is 1,145 feet from the south and 2,648 feet from the east line of Section 1, Block 7, T&P Survey A-347. No. 1 Booth is contracted for 3,300 feet with rotary.

Chicago Oil Co., Dallas, No. 1 Black was spotted in the regular field, 12 miles northeast of Breckenridge.

Site four No. 1 Black is 1,060 feet south and 660 feet east of the northeast corner of Section 1143, TE&L Survey, but in H&GN Survey 1 (TE&L), A-1011. The 3,300-foot rotary project is on a 156 acre lease.

In the northeastern part of the county, near the Stephens-Young County line, C. C. Grantham, et al., of Graham No. 4 R. B. Whittenburg is to be drilled.

Location is in the Whittenburg lower Strawn Field, five miles south of Bunker. It spots 2,038 ft. from the north and 330 feet from the west lines of James Finley Survey, A-2088. The lease is composed of 960 acres.

## Many Attend Junior Music Meet At Cisco

Of the 150 students entering in the Sixth District Texas Federation of Music Clubs Junior Music Festival held in Cisco Saturday, March 14, 65 were given superior ratings by the judges, it was announced by Mrs. H. Leo Tucker, Sixth District president, and Mrs. Ben Krauskopf, Sixth District Festival chairman.

The festival attracted some 250 visitors from 13 towns in the Sixth District. Towns represented were Cisco, Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Eastland, Brownwood, Brady, Ranger, Lorraine, Goldthwaite, San Saba, Sonora and Ozona.

Registration began at the First Baptist Church at 8:30 a.m. A general assembly was held at the church at 9:20 a.m. and the festival events began at 9:45 a.m.

Mrs. Ben Krauskopf of Cisco presided at the assembly which was opened by the group singing "Texas, Our Texas." Mrs. C. E. Paul was the leader and Mrs. Truman Taylor was the pianist. Dr. H. M. Ward, pastor of the Cisco First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. The welcoming address was given by Mrs. J. Ed. Flournoy, vice-president of the Cisco Music Study Club.

The luncheon held at the First

## 12 CJC Cagers Letter During 1953 Campaign

Coach Leslie Lewis of Cisco Junior College has awarded letters to 12 members of his 1953 basketball team.

Players receiving the awards are Peck Hall, L. A. Niles, Bobby Gibson, Dock Dawson, Burl Moses, Charlie Atkinson, Robert Devers, Bill McGuire, Joe Murphy, Edd Farmer, Don Carman and Bud Miller.

The letters were given their choice of blankets, jackets or sweaters.

Of the 12 Deavers, McGuire, Murphy, Farmer, Carman and Miller will return next year.



**RESIGNS**—Claude R. Wickard, World War II Secretary of Agriculture and one of the last of the late President Roosevelt appointees, submitted his resignation March 16 as chief of the Rural Electrification Administration. Wickard declined to say whether he was fired, as some congressmen charged.

## Higher Prices On The Way?

# New Order Ends All Controls on Prices

Eastland Countians, Texas and all Americans for the first time in two years, were back on a virtually free economy today.

All remaining price controls were scrapped by the government in Washington Tuesday.

Along with the final order came the prediction that higher prices are on the way.

Price Stabilizer Joseph Freehill, preparing to shut up shop, said raw material prices have risen an average 3.3 per cent since the Eisenhower administration began its "orderly" decontrol program Feb. 6.

He said prices of livestock, meat, coffee, rice, also parking lot, laundry and dry cleaning charges as well as prices of many metals have gone up since ceilings were removed.

He stood by his prediction that decontrol will cost more than \$3,000,000,000 in higher prices this year — \$1,000,000,000 in defense costs and another \$1,500,000,000 in increased business and industry costs.

The seventh and final decontrol action removed ceilings from steel and other industrial items important to the defense production program. Freehill did not expect a general steel price rise at present.

With wage controls revoked Feb. 6, Tuesday's action leaves only rent ceilings in limited areas as the remaining direct consumer controls invoked to halt inflation after the Korean war.

Freehill said all but 1,305 employees of his Office of Price Stabilization have been given thirty-day dismissal notices. At its peak the OPS had 12,000 workers. The number will be down to 100 by April 3.

When it goes out of business, the price agency will be able to give back to the Treasury almost \$1,500,000 in unspent money, Freehill said.

He told his final news conference that the biggest increase in prices of raw materials have been a 10 per cent rise in prices of land and oils and 8 per cent in livestock and meat.

He said consumers will pay about \$200,000,000 more for cigarettes during 1953 and another \$200,000,000 on the West Coast for oil and gasoline.

Indications are that coffee has gone up about 8 per cent and rice 10 to 15 per cent, he said. The Labor Department reported Tuesday that retail food prices fell 1 per cent during February, due mainly to a cut in beef prices.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT U.S. DRAFT LAW

1. How does a local draft board consider a draft registrant's case when it comes before the board in the manner governed by law and regulations?
  2. The members of a board sit around a table and the file containing the man's papers are placed before it by the clerk. The board then considers the man from the following standpoints, based on information in the file:
    1. Is he on active duty in the military service? (1-C.)
    2. Is he a conscientious objector or who has been ordered to a civilian job? (1-W.)
    3. Is he too old for service under the law? (5-A.)
    4. Can it be determined as to the board level whether he is physically, mentally, or morally unfit for service? (4-F.)
    5. Is he a minister of religion or divinity student? (4-D.)
    6. Is he subject to exemption as an alien? (4-C.)
    7. Is he a public official deferment by the law? (4-R.)
  3. Is he a World War II veteran as defined by the law? (4-A.)
  4. Is he subject to deferment because of his dependents? (3-A.)
  5. Is he eligible for deferment as a member of the armed forces reserve or a student taking military training? (1-D.)
  6. Is he a student in a college or university deferrable under local board authority? (2-S.)
  7. Does he meet the requirements for farm or other civilian job deferment? (2-C and 2-A, respectively.)
  8. Is he a college or high school student subject to deferment by law for a short period? (1-S.)
  9. Is he one of the two types of conscientious objectors? (1-O and 1-A-O.)
- If the evidence in the file indicates to the satisfaction of the local board that he is eligible for none of these, then the registrant is considered available for military service. (1-A.)

**NEW SERIES OF TESTS**—A huge fireball, left, forms over the Yucca Flat proving grounds as the 22nd atomic explosion inside the United States was touched off to begin a new series of experiments in atomic research. Streamers at left of fireball are smoke rockets set off at time of blast for scientific measurements. At right, Civil defense observers and newsmen watch as the atomic cloud breaks off and floats slowly across the Nevada sky.

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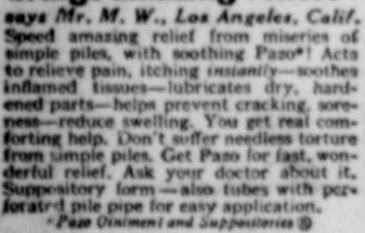
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3:00 p.m. April 15, 1953 at which time and place the proposals will be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after opening time will be returned unopened.

Specifications are on file in the office of Prues and Nichols, 407 Paninger Building, Fort Worth, Texas and may be procured without charge. A Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond made payable to the Eastland County Water Supply District in an amount not less than five (5) per cent of the total bid, must accompany each Proposal.

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### WCSO Meets Tuesday Morning

The WCSO of the First Methodist church met Tuesday morning at 9:30 Mrs. Arthur Deffebach, president, presided over the short business session.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. J. L. Turner, after which, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" was sung. The program was then turned over to Mrs. C. E. May, Sr., who presented the first session of the mission study entitled, "The African Heritage".

She spoke on two topics, namely, "Why Africa is Losing Confidence in the White Man" and "The Unrecognized Power in Africa Today." Demonstration was made with maps.

The devotional entitled, "The Christian Law of Life", taken from Psalm No. 87 and Matthew 25, was given by Mrs. W. F. Creager.

Mrs. A. W. Brasda reported on the work being done on the interior of the parsonage.

Next Tuesday's program will be the second session of the mission study program.

The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Arthur Deffebach, after which "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" was sung by the group as they departed.

### Political Announcements

This paper has been authorized to announce the following candidates for places on the Ranger City Commission, in the election to be held April 7th. Announcements will be carried in each issue of the paper from the date they are received until the day of the election for a charge of \$10.

- For Mayor:
- Dr. Calvin W. Harris For Finance Commissioner:
  - O. G. Lanier
  - A. G. Koenig
  - For Water and Sanitary Commissioner:
  - A. H. Williams
  - O. L. Cantrell
  - For Street Commissioner:
  - R. Owen Bray
  - E. F. (Frank) Penn
  - For Police and Fire Commissioner:
  - L. T. (Lem) Rushing
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MARNEY CRAVATH had to be stopped or he'd tear everything down. I grabbed his arm. "That's the last thing to do," I said. "You could choke him all night and you wouldn't get a thing out of him. He knows that as things stand now, nobody can get an iota of proof he committed the murder. And we'd make a mistake to even give him a gimmer that we suspect him."

He hesitated—impressed, I think, in spite of himself. "But, a murderer? Under my roof?"

"All right," I said. "But put him on his guard and he'll be scot-free under other roofs for the rest of his natural life. And none of them will be the roof of a jail-house, either."

He saw the reason in this. He went back to his chair, sat heavily. "Well, what do we do? Let him go on murdering people at his own convenience?" All at once he started up again. "Then it was Dave Sladen who—who tried to kill me?"

It didn't seem necessary to answer that.

"But why?" Cravath's face was a puzzled mask and his voice slightly plaintive. "I gave him the best job he's ever had."

I nodded. "Yes. But there's something else that he never could get from you, Sally."

"You mean he wants to marry her?"

I was in it, now, to the point of no return. "Sladen is wild about Sally. But he's sure you wouldn't give your consent in a million years."

"I read your hands. I'd gotten this distasteful job over. But I didn't like myself any better for having done so. Well, there it is. Oh, sure, Sally's free, white and 21. Theoretically, she can do as she pleases. But even I, practically a stranger here, know that Sally would never marry without

your approval. And if I know it, Sladen knows it. You're the stumbling-block that's keeping him from completing his plans. So he's tried, twice, to . . . I let my voice trail.

CRAVATH drew a soft, lingering breath. "I—see. To remove me, eh?" His fists, raised, were like great poised hammers—"Sally means everything to me. And she'd marry that fellow only over my dead body. Because he isn't good enough for her."

"That," I muttered, "is what we're going to prove."

One of the poised fists came down on his knee. "Dave Sladen's been a smart, efficient secretary. He does his work well, earns his salary, and that's why I keep him. But I don't like him as a man. He's warped and biased and—ah, twisted. I don't know what's the matter with him. But if I had my way we'd have Sally in here right now and Sladen too and get to the bottom of this business."

"Do that," I said, "and Dave Sladen gets away with one of the nastiest murders on record. Only it isn't actually on the record as a murder. He won't get Sally. But he'll have \$50,000 and his freedom to go after some other rich girl."

"He leaned back in his chair. "All right, all right," he said wearily. "What do you want me to do?"

"This was it, the vital moment. "I want you," I said, "to do just as I say. And it may mean risking your life."

There was a momentary silence. Then, "Very well, Orin," Marston Cravath shot me a queer look from under thick bushy brows. "I've never ducked anything yet. And I don't propose to begin at my age. Now what the devil have you got in mind?"

I told him.

The next day rolled in on a tide of sunshine. A day upon which such a thing as tension should have

been a million miles away it wasn't. At least three people at Windsor walked in separate auras of fear and anxiety. I was one of the three and therefore I wasn't sorry I had to go into Port Lustin that morning.

When I returned Sally was putting around amongst autumnal flowers. "Come here a minute, Jim," she called.

NOTHING loath, I ambled over. The sun was painting her hair in gilt wash and her cheeks were a lovely blend of coral and sunset.

"You," I said, surveying her, "make a cover girl look like a bundle of old clothes."

She passed that understatement to ask abruptly, "Where have you been?"

"Oh, round and about."

Her eyes narrowed, gave me a searching look. "H'm. You seem to have been round and about a lot lately. Is there anything going on, Jim?"

"Not that I know of," I said casually.

"Well," impatience edged her tone, "what are you doing, anyway?"

"You mean right now? Letting you enchant me."

That annoyed her. She stamped a slim foot. "Oh, you make me so darn mad I could sock you. And don't think for a minute that I don't know what the score is. You're stymied in this business, Jim Orin. Licked. You're not getting anywhere. Sometimes I think you aren't ever, trying to. But you're sort of dog-in-the-manger about it. You won't call in help yourself and whenever I want to do it, you stall me. Well, I'm sick of it. You've put me off and put me off, but this is the end. So I'm giving you the rest of the day, to get something accomplished. If you can't, I'm going to the police. The very first thing tomorrow."

"Holy-toity," I said weakly. "But I drew a surreptitious breath of relief. Tomorrow was okay. I'd been fearful, at the start of the trial, that she might kick over the traces today."

(To Be Continued)

### H.D. Women Plan Tri-County Camp

Camping will be fun for the Home Demonstration Club members of Eastland, Brown, and Comanche Counties this summer. Tentative plans for the camp are already made, and the whole family should start making plans now for "mom" to attend the camp," said Mildred Daniel, Eastland County Home Demonstration Agent.

With Brown County E. D. Clubs as host, the camp will be held July 8-9 at Lake Brownwood.

A group of women from the three counties met March 16, at the North Star H. D. Club house, just north of Rising Star, to set up tentative plans for the program, crafts and food. Camp will last from 10 a.m., July 8, until about 1:30 p.m., July 9. Crafts will include basket weaving, shell craft, and copper tooling. There will be swimming and other forms of recreation as well as a book review. Menus will consist of well prepared foods cooked and served by hired cooks—no worry or bother for club members while they relax and enjoy a well-earned vacation.

More information will be made available to H. D. Club members as soon as further plans are developed, Miss Daniel stated. Present for the planning meeting were Mrs. J. B. Caudle, E. L. Stodghill, Homer R. Smith and the H.D. Agent, Miss Dorothy Carlson from Comanche County; Mrs. W. M. Holt, B. M. Palmer, Bill West, and H.D. Agent, Mrs. Valma Slaughter, from Brown County; Mrs. Lee Burkhead, Bill Tucker, W. D. Hazel, H. C. Fridge and the H.D. Agent, Mildred Daniel, from Eastland County.

Mrs. W. S. Miether has returned to her home in Odessa after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams at the Gholson Hotel.

A. W. Warford is attending the Seven-Up Bottling Company convention in St. Louis.

Mrs. George Rogers is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Miether in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eubanks of Waco, formerly of Ranger, are visiting friends in Ranger.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Bill Tucker, April 9th.

### Loan Sharks Are Gupping Texans

Many of the millions of dollars of which Texans are being gouged annually by loan shark companies go to the enrichment of out-of-state owners, declare members of the State Junior Bar anti-usury committee which is supporting an anti-loan shark amendment to the State Constitution.

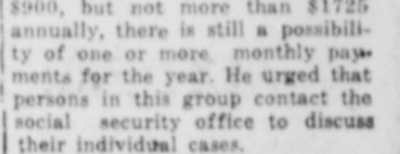
A situation in which borrowers have to pay 200 per cent and more is indefensible even if the extortionistic profits remained in Texas but is even more vicious when Texas citizens are misled for the benefit of a few residents of Georgia, Tennessee, Delaware, and other states who own loan company "chains."

President Tom Reavley of the State Junior Bar declares, "when the roof is called, I am confident that legislatures will line up for the welfare of our state and for the protection of its citizens."

Rep. Wm. Kugle of Galveston has introduced a constitutional amendment which would retain the 10 per cent maximum interest rate but would authorize the legislature to place a ceiling on all charges a borrower has to pay. This would permit legislation which has been found so effective in other states that it has driven the loan shark out of those states and into Texas.

the cases of those clearing over \$500, but not more than \$1725 annually, there is still a possibility of one or more monthly payments for the year. He urged that persons in this group contact the social security office to discuss their individual cases.

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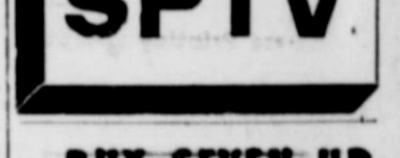


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BY THE CARTON

### Cheaney H. D. Club

Mrs. Thelbert Jones, chairman for living room demonstration, for the Cheaney Home Demonstration Club, was hostess for the meeting Thursday afternoon, March 12.

"Living Room Comfort" depicted by projector and film showed the many improvements that are possible to improve our homes and to make them more livable was the basis for the demonstration by the County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Mildred Daniel.

It was pointed out that many of the farm home problems arise from the fact that when most homes were wired for REA, allowance for plenty of wall switches and wall plugs was not considered.

The council report for February was given by Miss Daniel. A short business session was presided over by the club president, Mrs. Bill Tucker, who also presented the recreation, carrying out the St. Patrick theme.

A refreshment plate was served. Mrs. W. A. Lewis for a covered dish supper and installation of officers. All members are urged to be present.

Members of the Love Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church will meet Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. W. A. Lewis for a covered dish supper and installation of officers. All members are urged to be present.

### SOCIETY

Rebekah Lodge Meets Tuesday

The Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall. The meeting was presided over by Vice Grand, Leoma Arterburn. Routine business was transacted and sick reports given. Talks were made on the good of the order.

The degree team practiced their work. Mrs. May Burden was elected membership and will be initiated next Tuesday night. The degree team is requested to wear formal.

The penny prize was turned by Ellen Jones and won by Lena McDunnough. There were twenty-six members present.

J. L. Fonvilles Celebrate 66th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fonville celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 15 at their home north of Desdemona.

The guests included their seven children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends.

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### Americans Spend Third Of Their Time Working For Tax Collectors; National Budget Must Be Reduced

In 1953, Americans won't start working for themselves until April 22. All wages, salaries, rents, interests and dividends received up to that date will be gobbled up by taxes. Altogether, levies by federal, state, and local governments will total about \$90 billion, or 30 per cent of the national income, according to the U. S. Treasury and the Department of Commerce.



LINDBERGH EXPLORES SEA'S DEPTHS — Jon Morrow Lindbergh, 20, son of the famed flyer, Charles A. Lindbergh, is helping to make uncharted history, even as his father pioneered air travel across the Atlantic. The Stanford University student was a member of the scientific expedition which found a giant 800-mile-long canyon on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean, between Bermuda and the Azores. Young Lindbergh holds a plankton dragnet, used to collect minute marine life from the ocean's depths.

from prior years. But that will mean careful review by Congress to be sure that every cent is still needed.

In this connection, Sen. Harry Byrd (D., Va.) chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, said:

"In my judgment, one of the most important obligations of the new Congress is to review the unexpended balances of previous appropriations to each agency of the Federal government before new appropriations are made. It should be made incumbent upon each agency fully to justify any additional appropriations when huge balances are already available."

Of course, before Congress can give the federal budget the really careful combing it needs, both Senate and House appropriations committees will have to be better staffed.

### MANY—

(Continued from Page 1) Christian Church was attended by 185 visitors.

At 2 p.m. a fine arts program was held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. H. Leo Tucker, Sixth District president, presented a message to the Juniors and had charge of the program.



This is the famous Ford Rotunda with its redesigned exterior. Inside, the entire building, long Detroit's principal tourist attraction, will have a completely new series of displays and exhibits to show the progress of the automobile industry and its effect on American life. This artist's conception shows how the building will look when it is reopened to the public about June 1 as part of the company's 50th anniversary observance.

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