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THE HOUSE OF DAVID QUINTET



Shown above is the colorful, bearded House of David quintet that will meet The News Publishing Company cagers in three benefit games this weekend to be played in McCamey, Fort Stockton and Crane.

The McCamey game will be played Saturday night, sponsored by the Lions Club, with proceeds to go to the Joan Edwards Benefit Fund; on Sunday, the teams clash in Ft. Stockton in a game sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of that city; while on Monday, the two teams meet in Crane in a game sponsored by the VFW. All net proceeds go to the sponsoring organization.

The three games will offer outstanding basketball games and colorful entertainment for people of this West Texas area.

House of David Tangles With News Cagers Saturday Night

An overflow crowd is expected to turn out Saturday night to see the colorful House of David quintet in their clash with the News Publishing Co. basketball team at the McCamey High School gym. The game is sponsored by the McCamey Lions Club, and the net proceeds will go to the Joan Edwards Benefit Fund. The News cagers have played

the House of David three times, but have never been able to work out a win over the unpredictable bearded five.

This year, Cuthbert Carl's News cagers boast the strongest independent club since the war, and will be at full strength for the contest. In addition to the game in Mc-

Camey Saturday, the News team will tangle with the Bearded Five in benefit games at Ft. Stockton Sunday afternoon, and at Crane Monday night.

The McCamey game has been carded for 7:30 p. m. with admission set at \$1 for adults and 50c for children.

Joe Midkiff Injured In Field Accident

Joe Midkiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff, received an eye injury Monday while at work in the Benedum Oil Field.

He was taken to Midland for treatment and the injury is not thought to be serious.

He is reported to have been hit in the eye with a bolt.

JOAN EDWARDS BENEFIT NIGHT TUESDAY AT FORD

This is to remind you that next Tuesday night, Feb. 20, is the night Manager Marvin Bell has set aside as "Joan Edwards Benefit Night" at the Ford Theatre in Rankin.

Tickets will not be sold, but come to the show and donate whatever you wish to the fund for Joan.

Ellenburger Wildcat Is Spotted South Of Rankin In Crockett County

Shell Oil Co. has scheduled an Ellenburger wildcat in NW Crockett County, 8 miles NW of Continental's deep strike on the F. L. Harris Estate Ranch.

The firm's No. 1-5 U, projected to 11,000 feet with rotary and beginning at once, will be 660 ft. out of NW corner of sec. 28, blk. 5, University survey.

It will be 1 mile south of Upton County line and south and slightly west of junction of Upton and Reagan county line with the north boundary of Crockett, and 12 miles east of the Crockett pool and the same distance west and slightly north of World field.

The deep project will be on a block of 2,672.8 acres in Crockett and Upton counties which Gene Goff of Midland purchased for \$28,000 at auction in Austin Dec. 8 of last year. Bonuses totaling \$2,510,650 were paid for leases on 138 tracts of U of Texas land in West Texas at that time.

Requirements besides the bonus was for a well to be started within 180 days after date of sale and drilled to 10,500 feet, or to commercial production of oil or gas, or into sulphur or salt water in the Ellenburger, or into granite at a lesser depth.

The acreage, listed for sale as tract 124, is all in block 5, U. survey. It consists of the north half of section 21 in Upton County, and the following in Crockett County: south half of section 21, SW quarter of sec. 20, west half of sec. 29, NW quarter of sec. 32, north half of sec. 33, and all of sec. 28.

In the Tippett field, Champlin No. 1 Tippett was drilling at 5,036 feet in lime and shale, Blackwood & Nichols No. 1 Gulf-Tippett at 4,625 feet in lime and shale.

Magnolia No. 1 B. Clayton was drilling at 3,515 ft. in lime, Humble No. 1-E Cox was taking electric surveys to total depth at 8,668 ft. in Ellenburger dolomite after recovering 390 ft. of drilling mud with no shows on a one hour drillstem test from 8,618 to 8,668 feet.

Upton County Polio Chapter Names Heads At Monday Meeting

Officials of the Upton County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were named at an executive meeting of the officers held on Monday morning.

Officers for the year are: J. T. Wade, chairman; Joe E. Conger, vice chairman; Ross L. Smith, treasurer; T. G. Roach, secretary.

Members named to the executive committee were E. P. Halanick, Jack Ott, E. F. Matejowsky, H. E. Stoker, Mrs. Pat Pauley, Bill Moore and W. K. Ramsey.

The members of the medical advisory committee are Dr. J. L. Cooper of McCamey and Dr. J. C. Bredehoff of Rankin.

Bill Moore was named chairman of the public information committee, while Mrs. Pat Pauley was named chairman of the Women's committee.

CLARA BELLE, THE PIG, CAUSE UPTON OFFICERS WILD NIGHT CHASE

Clara Belle was the property of the Boy Scouts in Rankin before she was raffled off Saturday night, thus adding to her travels. She was given to the Boy Scouts by Norman Elrod and placed in a carefully constructed crate by Ted Hogan, Scoutmaster, on Thursday. Clara Belle rested in the warm sunshine in front of Oscar Lee's barber shop during the afternoon, but watching all the other traffic up and down Main Street gave her the wanderlust, so she ambled out of the carefully constructed crate, and "took off."

Clara Belle wandered into Miss

Maggie Taylor's back yard and while some youngsters were attempting to corral her, a pickup came by with two men in it who stopped and claimed the pig—saying she had escaped from them. The incident was reported to Ted, who was making a wild search for Clara Belle, and the entire law enforcement personnel took to the trail. This, as we have said, was in the afternoon. An alarm was sent out via short wave radio to all the surrounding towns

and cities. Some even went out to Norman Elrod's Ranch to be sure that he had not turned "Indian Giver," and took the pig back home!

About two o'clock the following morning, Clara Belle was found—in a tourist cabin in McCamey with the men who had stolen her. Clara Belle was brought back to Rankin and put in her carefully constructed crate and the two men were brought back to Rankin and put in Upton County's carefully constructed jail.

Weiner Upton Well Rates 720 Barrels

Flowing 240 barrels of pipeline oil in 8 hours Tuesday, T. Weiner of Ft. Worth and associates No. 1 W. Braden became a discovery from the Spraberry sand of the Permian in NE corner of Upton County.

The gauge, averaging 30 barrels hourly, was through open 2 inch tubing from open hole between the bottom of a 5 inch liner cemented at 7,000 ft. and 7,180 ft., the total depth. The section had been treated with Hydracraft. Preparations were being made to take a potential gauge for completion.

The Spraberry was topped at 6,980 ft., 4,265 ft. below sea level. This was correlated 264 ft. high to Humble No. 1 T. O. Midkiff, opener of and lone producer in the Midkiff pool in SE Midland County, six miles to the NW, and 124 ft. high to Weiner No. 1-16 J. W. Driver, Spraberry strike in Midland County about 8 miles north and slightly west.

No. 1 Braden is in the C SE SE 17-35-5s-T&P, 11 1-4 miles north and slightly east of the Pembroke (Spraberry) field in Upton County.

Cities Service and Continental No. 1-AH U., gas distillate strike in SE Upton County, squeezed casing perforations at 10,765-775 ft. and was waiting for cement to set. During the last hour of a 22 1-2 hour gauge last week the well had made only 2.4 barrels of oil with 10.3 barrels of water thru a 19-64 inch choke. Total flow for the period, thru various size chokes from 12-64 to 21-64 inch, was 315.5 barrels oil plus 48.2 barrels of water. The well in the C SW SE 29-3-11, six miles east of Texon.

Sinclair No. 1 McElroy Ranch was drilling at 11,237 ft. in chert, Gulf No. 1-H McElroy at 8,805 in lime and chert, and Humble No. 1 Tippett at 11,597 ft. in shale. Sohio No. 1 Hill was standing at 9,130 ft. in lime, likely Wolfcamp, with 7 5-8 inch casing cemented at 9,128 ft. with 750 sacks.

In the Pegasus field, Sharples No. 2-E-37 TXL was drilling at 11,789 ft., Sharples No. 3-E-43 TXL at 11,272, both in Devonian lime and chert. Gulf No. 1-E-SS TXL prepared to drillstem test to 11,816 ft. in lime and chert.

Backwood-Nichols No. 1 Humble-Eager, wildcat 16 miles NE of Rankin, continued drilling out cavings which had prevented a satisfactory test in the upper Spraberry after treating with Hydracraft. When the hole is clean it is planned to install a pump. The lower Spraberry was found barren in drilling to 7,730 ft. and the hole was plugged back to 6,847 ft. Location is 660 ft. out of the SE corner of sec. 1, Indianola Ry. Co. survey.

RANKIN VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holcombe a Pecos were Rankin visitors on Monday. Mr. Holcombe, who was with the First State Bank of Rankin many years, has been with the Security State Bank of Pecos the past seven years.

AT EL PASO SHOW

In El Paso this week for the live stock show are Mr. and Mrs. Walton Haral with Amariyllis and Linda; Janie Shipp, Mrs. Lloyd Yocham and Mac, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guy Branch, Carolyn and Mona Sue.

Veteran Memorials Under Discussion For Upton

Members of the Upton County Commissioners Court instructed John Paul Godwin, County Service Officer, to secure details concerning a tablet plaque for the Park Buildings in McCamey and Rankin and to report back to them at their next regular meeting on Monday.

These plaques would replace the present wooden boards carrying the names of Upton veterans.

Also, the court took under ad-

visement, plans for granite or marble monuments to be erected in both McCamey and Rankin. Should they decide to erect these monuments, they would be placed in next year's budget and would be built in the latter part of this year, or the first part of 1952.

Mr. Godwin reported that he had contacted all the veteran groups of the county prior to coming before the court with plans outlined above.

Horton Gets Three Years On Forgery; Davis "Not Guilty"

H. L. Horton of McCamey was assessed a term of three years in the penitentiary on a forgery charge by Dist. Judge Garland Casebier Monday. Horton waived jury trial and pleaded guilty before the court.

Horton was charged with taking company checks belonging to the National Supply Co. and forging the signature and cashing the checks in December.

County Attorney John A. Menefee prosecuted the case for the state, while Charles Langdon represented Horton, being appointed by the court.

P. A. Davis, 23, was found not guilty on a charge of swindling in another non-jury case, but pleaded guilty on mis-appropriation of funds amounting to \$161.34 from Matejowsky's Food Center. He had made restitution of the funds. County Attorney John Menefee said that new charges would not be filed since restitution had been made, and that county expenses had been paid by Davis.

The petit jury that had been ordered to report on Monday was dismissed, but ordered to report back for duty Monday, Feb. 19.

Charles Roy Murray Injured In Korea

Mr. Roy Murray of McCamey was notified this week that his son, Charles Roy Murray had been wounded in action in Korea. Extent of the injuries was still not known early Thursday.

Following is the text of the telegram received.

"Regret to inform you that your son, Private First Class Charles Roy Murray USMC has been wounded in action 5 February, 1951 in the Korean area in the performance of his duty and service of this country. I realize your great anxiety but nature of wounds not reported and delay in receipt of details must be expected. You will be promptly furnished any additional information received. His mailing address is "Marine Directory, Section Navy 3923 Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif." Until he furnishes you with his new address."

Charles Murray attended the McCamey Public Schools in the year 1943-44 as a student in the eighth grade.

A. F. EADES SUFFERS HEART ATTACK MONDAY

A. F. Eades, who suffered a heart attack at his home Monday, was reported somewhat improved Wednesday.

Commissioners Take Varied Actions At Last Monday Meeting

Election officials for the year were named by the Upton County Commissioners Court Monday, depositories for county funds were approved, a report from the county trapper read, a county-wide heavy equipment operator was named, and terms of county court were revised in action taken by the group Monday.

Election officials for the coming year are:

Precinct 1, Harrison Wheeler, judge; Mrs. Boyd Cox, assistant; Precinct 2, E. F. Cummings, judge; Mrs. Geo. Stephenson, assistant; Precinct 3, Rufus Windham, judge; Mrs. Buck Kelton, assistant; Precinct 4, A. F. Schnaubert, judge; Dee Locklin, assistant; Precinct 5, J. G. Herrington, judge; Mrs. W. E. Pulley, assistant; Precinct 6, W. K. Ramsey, judge; Mrs. C. A. Gilbreath, assistant.

The First State Bank at Rankin and Security State Bank at McCamey were named depositories for county funds for the coming year.

Dave Pool was named county-wide operator for the heavy equipment of the county.

County Court terms were changed from six terms of court to a new term of court to start each month.

County Trapper E. E. Barfield reported that five coyotes and two bobcats were trapped in December and three coyotes and one bobcat during January.

VISITS BROTHER HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eades and two children of Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Eades the past weekend. The Eades' are brothers.

Mart S. Cox, 47 Dies In Tyler

Mart S. Cox, 47, a lifelong resident of Tyler, Texas, died Friday, February 9, 1951, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral services were held from Thorndyke-James Funeral Chapel Sunday, Feb. 11, with interment in Tyler Cemetery.

Mr. Cox was a brother-in-law of J. R. O'Callaghan of McCamey.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Cox, one daughter, Mrs. Eary Mayes of Kerens and one son, Larry Cox of Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. O'Callaghan attended funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson were San Angelo visitors on Tuesday.

Wesleyan Guild Meets Last Monday Evening

The Wesleyan Guild met at the Methodist Church on Monday evening.

Mrs. Ted Hogan, president, presided and gave the devotional.

Because of the illness of Miss Louise Nelson, program leader for the meeting, Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. J. L. Clark presented the program on "Foundations of Faith."

"Other Faiths" will be discussed at next month's meeting and will explain faiths of other nationalities. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Internal Revenue Representative To Visit McCamey Mar. 1

The preparation of individual income tax returns for the year 1950 usually presents some problem to the average citizen with which assistance is needed. For this reason, a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will visit McCamey to assist citizens with their income tax problems.

"Existing laws do not impose this duty upon the department, but we desire to assist wherever possible, to the extent permitted by available personnel," the office in San Angelo said. The Deputy Collector's advice and assistance is extended purely as a courtesy and without cost to any citizen.

Deputy Collector F. A. Rix will be at the Bender Hotel, McCamey, Texas, on March 1, 1951, from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. to render assistance with income tax problems to any who desire it. This will be the only visit that will be made to McCamey for this purpose before March 15, 1951.

Mrs. McEwen Leads Methodist Study Group

Mrs. D. O. McEwen led the "World Day of Prayer" meeting in the local Methodist Church on Friday afternoon. The theme of the program was "A Time Apart," with Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Mrs. D. S. Anderson and Mrs. E. C. Higday taking part.

An offering was taken which will go to the United Council of Church Women.

SWEDE ANDERSON FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN MIDLAND

Funeral services for A. H. (Swede) Anderson were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Midland, with Rev. Vernon Yearby, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park. Anderson, a resident of Midland 15 years, died in a Midland hospital Saturday afternoon. He had been ill since last November.

Anderson was electrical foreman of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. He had worked for Humble 29 years. He came to Midland from McCamey in 1935, and had worked for Humble in other Texas cities, including Houston, Corsicana and Orange.

Anderson was active in the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason. He also belonged to the El Maida Shrine Temple of El Paso.

He was born in Karlstad, Sweden, in 1887, and came to the US when nine.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Damie Anderson, and an uncle and aunt.

Twelve Men Leave For Army Induction From McCamey Board

Twelve men from Upton, Crane and Reagan counties left from Local Board 121 Thursday for induction into the army. They reported to the induction center at Abilene.

Those being inducted were Robert W. Fowler, Billy J. McClintock, Sharrill R. Davis and Jack A. Perry, all of McCamey; Harry C. Ferguson of Big Lake; Ernest L. Stevenson of Texon; Odis J. Cage, Don R. Bradley, Virgil Jones, Jr., Joe O. Weatherby, Billy J. Henderson and Nolan McDougal, all of Crane.

There will be 20 men to leave the local board Sunday, Feb. 18, for their physical examinations at the Abilene Induction Center.

Dr. Bredehoff Honored On Birthday With '42' Party Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Boyd entertained with a "42" party in their home on Tuesday night honoring Dr. J. C. Bredehoff on his birthday. Three tables were in play.

Miss Myrna Holman won traveling prize, which was a birthday gift for the doctor.

The hosts served cherry and lemon pie and coffee to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Carter, Miss Holman and Dr. Bredehoff.

MOTHER REPORTED ILL

Miss Grace Roach is in Greenville for an indefinite stay with her mother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Carter spent Monday in San Angelo.

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"THE RESULT WAS SATANIC"

A short time ago 21 associations which represent one facet or another of the great American meat industry joined together to send telegrams to the government officials who are charged with the responsibility of stabilizing the economy and mobilizing industry for defense. The point of their messages is that stabilization in the field of meat can be achieved only by a program to increase livestock production along with a pay-as-you-go tax policy and a sound fiscal and monetary policy on the part of the government. They further forecast that price ceilings will have the effect of decreased livestock production, and that this will become increasingly acute two to five years hence, at a time when the need for meat will probably be much greater than at present.

The associations included the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Live Stock Producers' Association, the National Wool Growers Association, and the National Association of Retail Grocers.

Here is a viewpoint which is held very widely in circles which are entirely dissociated from the meat industry. In mid-January the Cincinnati Enquirer printed a long editorial in which it said, "The most odious instance of black marketing during World War II was beneath the meat counter. Any housewife of a few years ago can conjure up a very unpleasant memory of an empty meat showcase . . .

"The evident mistake of the Office of Price Administration planners during World War II was to become preoccupied with the matter of price. They tried to enforce unrealistic prices upon the meat industry. Their intent may have been angelic, but the result was satanic . . .

"We trust—and believe—that our agricultural economy can cope with the meat or protein requirements of the nation best without artificial regulation . . . The supply potential is entirely adequate IF we don't molest it unduly."

Regardless of present and future Federal policy, the responsible government officials must keep these points in mind—and move quickly to correct the mistakes that are an inevitable part of economic planning and controls.

HELPFUL HINTS

MYRNA HOLMAN

County Home Demonstration Agt.
Lighter Load, Cleaner Clothes

Loading the family washing machine to the maximum may save time on a busy day, but clothes and linens come out cleaner if the machine is given a lighter load.

Recent experiments by the Department of Agriculture with 19 machines of all types emphasize this point. They tried automatic, semi-automatic, and non-automatic type. Their conclusion was that a load of six to seven pounds in the machine which carries up to nine pounds will result in better soil removal and more even washing than a heavier load.

Each individual user of a washing machine needs to decide the practical point of how much to lighten the washer load to make thrifty use of water, detergent, and the time and energy spent on the job.

Sugar Is Sugar

In preparing fruits for the freezer the question again comes up as to the type of sugar to use. Cane and beet sugar are equally good for fruits in freezing, canning, making jellies and preserves, sweet pickles, and for baking or cooking. Refined granulated sugar is chemically the same, whether it came from cane or beets. There is no basis for the belief that one is superior to the other in either preserving or cooking.

Old Lady—Are you a little boy or a little girl?

Child—What the heck else could I be!

A Scotsman was stripping wallpaper from the walls of his home when a friend came to see him.

"Well, Sandy," said the visitor, "are ye goin' to have new paper?"

"Na," replied Sandy, "I'm just movin' to another house."

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

BY
ALLAN SHIVERS
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas

GREETINGS:

As we take inventory of our blessings and our accomplishments in this, our 104th year of Statehood, we view with satisfaction the progress that has been made in education, the basis of which is our public school system.

The little red school house which was the symbol of public education a century ago expanded into network of elementary and high schools, junior colleges and state colleges.

It has been a great cooperative venture. Both state and local governments have made their contributions. We like to believe that through their joint efforts the opportunities afforded our children for a sound basic education are not excelled anywhere. If we are justified in this conclusion it is only because our citizens have shown a personal interest in education and because public-spirited men and women have been willing to devote their lives to the teaching of our youth.

It is of paramount importance that this civic interest be strengthened and that those in the teaching profession be supported and encouraged in their efforts. One of the best ways of accomplishing these results is for each citizen to know the public school system. The best way to know it is to keep in constant touch with it.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 4 to March 10, 1951, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas, and urge every citizen to visit a public school during this period to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 19th day of Jan., 1951.

ALLAN SHIVERS
Governor of Texas

KEN REGAN IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—After a series of conferences with government officials, Rep. Ken Regan, 16th District, expressed confidence here this week that persons wishing to drill for oil will be able to get steel pipe and other necessary equipment.

Maj. J. R. Parten, the Texan who is special consultant to Interior Department Secretary Oscar Chapman, personally assured Regan that the steel would be available.

Recently Regan led a delegation of Odessa citizens to talk with another independent oil operator now in government, R. C. Lawton, who is director of the oil production branch, Petroleum Administration for Defense. They came away assured that West Texans could get steel. They expressed optimism about future development of the oil industry.

Here's what Lawton told Regan and the citizens from Odessa: Sufficient steel for both independents and majors to drill more wells for oil and gas is now felt to be assured. Arrangements have been made through the entire set-up of government to channel supplies to the oil man. All departments are agreed that to secure record production for defense, 44,000 wells must be drilled this year.

Steel mills will start working on this on April 1 and close to 1,000,000 tons of steel has been allocated for well pipe. The program will provide that independent operators and independent supply dealers will have just allocation of pipe which appears to be ample to take care of both major and independent oil operators without steel going into the black or gray market.

The House approved a proposal this past week urged by Congressman Regan, to change the name of one of his committees, from Public Lands to Interior and Insular Affairs. The latter name, Regan felt, more correctly described the vast scope of this committee. The name, too, is now identical with the comparable committees in the Senate.

Some reports on the recent new outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Mexico is expected by Congressman Regan after the return this coming week of Rep. W. R. Poage, Waco, who is chairman of the House farm labor subcommittee went to Mexico City on the farm labor contract situation. While there Poage, at the request of Congressman Regan, was to look into the cattle question.

The old soldier was telling of his thrilling adventures on the field of battle.

"Then," he said, "the surgeon took me up and laid me in the ammunition wagon and—"

"Look here," said one of his listeners, "you don't mean the ammunition wagon! You mean the ambulance."

"No," he insisted, "I was so full of bullets that they decided I ought to go in the ammunition wagon."

Shortage Of Teachers Becoming Alarming

AUSTIN, Tex. — The rapid growth in the school population of Texas is reflected in a study just released by the Texas State Teachers Assn. Texas will have at least 1,950,000 children of the school age by 1960 if the present migration and birthrate trends continue, according to E. L. Galyean, director of research of the Assn.

Such an increase will bring about further demands on the public school system of Texas. Based upon an average daily attendance of 26 pupils per teacher, Texas will need more than 11,000 additional teachers in the next year period, Galyean stated.

Basing a prediction for the next five years, Galyean predicts that by 1955 there will be 1,750,000 school age children in Texas, requiring more than 5,000 teachers above the present 54,000. With the increased enrollment due to better enforcement of the compulsory attendance law together with the continuous increase of the birthrate during the past five years, it is predicted that the school attendance rate will continue to increase. The increase in attendance will require more than \$100,000,000 additional capital outlay to the building program, which is far short of needs at the present time.

The number of teachers needed is based on increased population only, and does not take into consideration the need for replacements because of retirement and deaths.

"Untreated gonorrhea can cause blindness, sterility, arthritic conditions, and have other serious consequences," Dr. Cox stated. "Sometimes it requires operative procedures."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilbert and daughter, Pam, left Thursday for Haskell to visit relatives.

Marion looked up calmly and answered, "Now don't you suppose the Good Lord knows that this little iron isn't hot?"

NATUROPATHIC CLINIC

Dr. Robert Wright, N. D.

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Venereal Disease Cases Show Increase During 1950 In Texas

AUSTIN—Here are some ominous statistics to ponder.

State Health Officer George W. Cox reveals an average of 98 venereal disease cases were uncovered each day of 1950. Total new cases of syphilis and gonorrhea for the year just passed reached 35,863.

We had more cases of syphilis last year than the combined total for tuberculosis, smallpox, scarlet fever, polio, diphtheria, malaria, and typhoid fever," the state health officer said.

Venereal diseases far outnumbered any one of the eighteen other communicable infections reported in the state, with the single exception of influenza.

Statistical records kept by the state health agency show a sharp reduction in syphilis rates, but gonorrhea cases have remained almost constant, with 1950 showing a slight increase over 1949.

Dr. Cox said it indicates a "large segment of the people are not aware of the seriousness of gonorrhea infections, or else they're indifferent to their own health and that of others."

"It is a common misconception that gonorrhea is a minor ailment, when the truth of the matter is that it's a serious disease, capable of causing permanent body damage.

Smith's Receive News Of Brother-In-Law's Death At Hearne, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Smith received a telephone message on Tuesday morning early that her brother-in-law, William H. "Bill" Welch, had died from a stroke Tuesday night at Hearne, Texas. Owing to bad weather conditions, Mrs. Smith was unable to attend the funeral.

It will be remembered by some McCamey people that Mr. and Mrs. Welch spent several days in McCamey last summer visiting with the Smiths and with a son and daughter, who live in Odessa.

Wagner Transferred To Pecos Plant By Southern Union Gas

O. B. Wagner, Southern Union Gas plant manager of Crane, was transferred to Pecos as town plant manager there for Southern Union Gas Co., effective February 14.

Wagner came to Crane in June of 1947 as service man for this company, and in July 1949, he was promoted to the capacity of town plant manager here.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are formerly from McCamey, where Mr. Wagner first was employed by Southern Union Gas Co. in October 1946.

Wagner was active in the Lions Club, a past Fire Chief of the

Crane Volunteer Fire Department, and has been serving as Crane County Infantile paralysis drive for several years, as well as a leader in any organization for the betterment of the town in which he serves. They are members of the First Baptist Church. John Hodges, Pecos replaces O. B. Wagner, effective also on February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bridges and daughters, Barbara, Linda and Joy, left Tuesday for San Diego, Calif., where they will meet their son and brother, Benny Bridges, who is stationed there with the US Army.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Maxey and Mrs. J. T. Gibbs visited Sunday and Monday in San Angelo with relatives.



HOME

Home Ownership is Not An Exclusive Privilege of Wealthy Folks!

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That's Reddy Kilowatt Power for you!



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West Texas Utilities Company

Report to the People



BY J.T. RUTHERFORD

This is the fifth in a series of reports prepared by J. T. Rutherford, State Representative District 88, and published by this newspaper as a public service in the interest of better government in West Texas.

There's a fast freight train chugging through the 52nd Legislature, and unless someone derails it it's going to hurt an industry which has done a lot to West Texas great.

The fast freight I'm talking about is a bunch of railroad bills to regulate the truck lines that operate in the West. The first bill was passed in the House last week. And another was up for discussion just as we adjourned for the weekend.

Can the railroad get laws that hurt the truck lines? They couldn't—not if they were out in the open and said they were for. But they do that. They hide behind coat tails of other measures that look like they're for the benefit of the people.

Take this one that passed last week. It's a good-roads bill. That's what it says. It says that the public roads are being torn up by trucks that carry too heavy loads. It says this ought to be stopped by making it a law that if an operator thinks a truck might be over the legal limit he can't go to the nearest scales to be weighed—even if those scales are in the opposite direction from where the truck is going.

If that truck does have a heavier load than it's supposed to have, it's got to unload the extra weight right there. Not at some place where it can be stored, but there on the spot, even if it's loose grain or vegetables or something.

You can see how that will hurt the truckers. If they put on too much weight by mistake, then the goods that make up that weight are pretty sure to be a complete loss. Even if they don't lose them, there's nothing to keep anyone from picking them up and selling them.

A few of us in the House want to stop this bill, because we know what it really was for, and we don't think it's fair to the truckers. So we tried to amend it so that it wouldn't hurt the truckers.

Isn't that what we are all that interested in helping the truckers? The ones we want to protect are the people who depend on trucks to do all their hauling. And this means people in West Texas more than anywhere else. But mostly we are interested in the justice of the thing. We don't believe that competitors should bring their fights to the Legislature.

I tried two amendments that would make the bill a little more fair. The first was to make an exception of Butane, grains, and oil field equipment. You can't just dump those things out beside the road. My amendment said that haulers of these should be allowed to go to the nearest available place for storage before unloading.

This amendment didn't pass. So then I tried another angle, just to see if the backers of the bill might really want to protect the roads. You know when you drive across a railroad how rough and bumpy and full of holes it is? That's because overloaded trains press the rails down beneath the bed of the highway, and the pavement breaks. Well, why shouldn't the trains be kept from tearing up the roads with such heavy loads? Especially if the trucks—which pay taxes to use the highways—are going to be so closely restricted.

Well, needless to say, that amendment didn't pass either. It would have hampered the railroads a little. The bill itself did pass, though, amid long and loud "toot toots" from those who recognize it for what it is.

The other bill that came up just before we adjourned for the week end is to put heavy fines on out-of-state truckers. Say that a New Mexico truck line hauling somewhere in Texas breaks a state law. According to this bill he would be fined MORE than our own truckers. You can easily see that something of this sort would just be asking for the same kind of treatment for our own truckers in other states.

House Bill 49—that's my measure to stop all this Sunday joy-riding in State-owned cars—has won another victory. It was approved by the State Affairs Committee, which is one of the toughest in the House. H. B. 49 is the first this session to be passed by that committee. All others have been killed or sent to an unfavorable subcommittee.

And here's a breakdown on redistricting and how it will affect West Texas. Five districts will be made from the present District 88, plus a few other counties.

MIDLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET

The counties in capital letters are ones that make up District 88 now. The new districts will be grouped like this:

1. HUDSPETH, CULBERSON, LOVING, WARD, PRESIDIO, REEVES, and JEFF DAVIS.
2. MIDLAND, CRANE, UPTON and PECOS.
3. MARTIN, Howard, Glasscock, Sterling, Reagan, and Irion.
4. ANDREWS, Gaines, Dawson, and Lynn.
5. ECTOR and WINKLER.

Our Senatorial district, number 29, now has 27 counties. The bill now in the Senate would cut it down to only 9. These are El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, REEVES, LOVING, WARD, ECTOR, WINKLER, and MIDLAND.

These will not be definite until both houses approve both bills.

Already five representatives have started campaigning for Speaker of the House at the next session, in 1953. The Speaker, who is elected by members of the House, won't be chosen until the next session opens. But it is easier to campaign now while everyone is here together.

The five candidates are:

1. James Pattison, from near Houston.
2. Jack Wisener, from Cherokee County.
3. Ray Kirkpatrick, a power in the last session and chairman of the appropriations committee. He's a friend of Sam Rayburn.
4. "Salty" Hull from Ft. Worth. He was running for Speaker in 1949, but he was defeated for reelection to the House.
5. And Bill Daniel. Bill is the brother of Attorney General Price Daniel, who was Speaker of the House in 1943.

There is a slight hope that, with strict economy measures, new taxes might not be necessary this session. But it's a good idea to keep in mind what such economy means.

It means cutting out the rural road funds, withdrawing State aid to counties for paying off bonds, and refusing the cost-of-living salary increases some judges and other State officials are asking for. You can see there will be a lot of fight on those.

Some of the boys feel that that's carrying economy too far.

Incidentally, the main places the tax money goes is for education, public welfare, the courts, and the actual running of the government.

And of each dollar spent, only one tenth of one cent goes for the expenses of the Legislature.

Possible Fusselman Discovery Is Seen In N. W. Crockett Area

Continental Oil Co. has discovered flowing oil and gas production from a lime chert formation which is possibly the Fusselman at its No. 1 C. T. Harris, NW Crockett County wildcat, 9 miles north of Iraan and 19 miles SE of Rankin.

This exploration flowed 49 barrels of 47.4 gravity oil, and no water in 30 minutes in a drillstem test at 8,576-8,635 ft.

The flow was through a 3-4 in. tubing choke. Gas-oil ratio was 3,259-1. Open flowing bottom-hole pressure was 3,855 pounds.

Operator is to be clean out cavings and will then core deeper to try to identify the formation which is making the oil.

Gas showed at the surface in 2 1/2 minutes after the tester was opened on the zone at 8,576-8,635 feet.

Drilling mud started flowing out at the top in six minutes and the well started making clean oil in seven minutes. The 49 barrel flow in 30 minutes followed.

Location is 1,980 ft. from north and east lines of sec. 15, blk. 3, WCRS survey. It is seven miles west of the World-San Andres field, and on a block of 35,000 acres which Conoco holds in that region.



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A Song In Their Hearts



Edmund F. Hoentsch, chief engineer at Lone Star Brewing Co., and his wife love to sing. He belongs to the Beethoven Maennerchor, well-known singing society. As often as Hoentsch raises his own voice in song, his many friends throughout the state raise their voices in praise of Lone Star brewery, pointing out that it has increased production and sales 10 times in 10 years. Today Lone Star is one of the top leaders among all brands of beer sold in Texas. Indicating the growth of Lone Star brewery is the size of Hoentsch's own engineering department—which has grown from a staff of 3 people with whom he started in 1940 to 26 persons today. In just 10 years—production of double-mellow, double-aged Lone Star beer has increased from 39,000 barrels to over 400,000 barrels annually. All over the state, sales reports reveal growing popularity of Lone Star, Texas' fine, light beer. (Adv.)

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AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIP TRIP

NEW YORK. — A scholarship trip to Europe next summer, with all expenses paid, will be awarded to the person who writes the best essay entitled "Why I Should Like To Go Hosteling In Europe," it was announced Dec. 2 by officials of American Youth Hostels.

The winner in nation-wide competition for this trip will join one of the supervised groups sponsored by AYH and will spend eight weeks abroad. He will have his choice of trips to the British Isles, Central Europe or France and the Rhineland.

The British Isles trip includes visits to London, Cambridge, the highlands of Scotland, Loch Lomond, Wales, Belfast and Dublin. The itinerary of the France and England trip includes ten days at Brittany, a week in Paris and brief stays in London, Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford. Countries covered in the Central Europe trip are Germany, Austria, France and Switzerland.

Regardless of which group the winner selects, he will sail about June 15 and will return about Sept. 1. Going as a member of an AYH group means that he will cover some distances by train and ship, but that the greater part of his trip will consist in hosteling.

Hosteling derives its name from the low-cost overnight accommodations, "hostels," available to all those with hotel passes traveling by bicycle or hiking. Hostellers carry their clothing in saddlebags on their bicycles or in packs on their backs and frequently prepare their own food. Their expenses seldom exceed \$1.50 a day.

The competition for the trip is open to U. S. citizens who will have reached the age of 17 by July 1, 1951. In addition, they must apply for a hostel pass for 1951. The pass costs \$2 for those under 21 and \$3 for those 21 or older, and permits the holder to stay at hostels in this country and abroad or between 20c and 50c a day.

Entrants may use any number of words they choose in their essays up to 1,000. Entries must be postmarked not later than April 15, 1951. The winner will be notified by mail within two weeks and his name will be announced in the Summer, 1951, issue of *Hosteling Magazine*.

The phrase "all expenses paid," officials of AYH pointed out, includes trans-Atlantic passage, transportation by public convey-

ance in Europe as stipulated in the itinerary, food and lodging.

AYH is a non-profit organization which provides hosting opportunities for young people. Its president is John D. Rockefeller III. Full information and application forms for the scholarship may be obtained from National Headquarters, American Youth Hostels, 6 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

District Meeting Held At East Side Baptist Church In McCamey

A district Young People's Fellowship meeting was held in McCamey at the East Side Baptist Church with the moderator being Whiteie McCasland of Crane, on Thursday night, and approximately 200 being present from the area.

Calvin Hazle told the story of Gideon in his own words, with the leader of the group representing the Crane Tabernacle Baptist Church, Whiteie Tillman having charge of special musical numbers consisting of duets, trios and quartets.

Each group of young people from other churches presented a short part of the program. The Temple Baptist Church of Odessa, with the assistant pastor, Rev. Jason, gave short talks on "Soul Winning."

Other churches represented were Park Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. M. M. Jolly as leader; Bible Baptist Church of Midland with Bro. Dunn, layman, leader; Berean Baptist Church, Kermit, with the pastor, Rev. Herman Reynolds, leader, and those mentioned above.

The ladies of the East Side Baptist Church served sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and cokes.

A young couple were seated in the balcony of a magnificent movie palace, which also presented elaborate stage productions of singers and dancers. During the show the young man asked an usher to direct him to the drinking fountain where he could get a drink of water. He was given complicated directions: "Go downstairs, turn to your right until you see the crimson rugs, straight ahead until you pass two trees, turn to your left, etc."

He tried to remember the instructions, got lost and wandered vainly about. Finally he came to a stream of fresh water, quenched his thirst and returned to his seat.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Some Security!!!

A teacher in a rural school was instructing her class in the use of antonyms. "Now, children," she said, "What is the opposite of sorrow?"

"Joy," shrieked the class in unison.

"What is the opposite of pleasure?"

"Pain."

"And what is the object of woe?"

"Giddap."

Lady: Didn't I give you a cake last week?

Beggar: Yes, mam.

Lady: And you are here again?

Beggar: Yes, mam, your cake was nothing to me. I used to be a sword swallower.

Sergeant: "Why is it important not to lose your head in an attack?"

Recruit: "Because that would leave no place to put the helmet."

Quail Wings Studied As Season Closes

The Executive Secretary of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission announced that 6,000 quail wings were sent into the Department's office in Austin by sportsmen during the past season. Hunters had been requested to aid in this study of quail populations in the various sections of the state.

Wildlife biologists from six regions in the state were called into Austin last week for the purpose of examining these wings.

In classifying the wings they are broken down according to the sex of the bird. By studying the shape, coloration, and growth stages of the wing, it is possible to distinguish the adult bird from the young of the year.

Normally 75 to 80 percent of the birds killed by hunters are less than one year old. Biologists consider a quail population to be in good condition when it is made up of a high percentage of young birds. Each year brings a big turnover in the individual birds making up the current population. This information was developed as a result of wing studies.

Information on hunting success was also sent in by hunters, the Executive Secretary said. Heaviest wing returns and greatest hunting success for the amount of time spent in the field came from the Panhandle and lower plains. Better than normal range conditions during the summer accounted for an exceptional quail crop for this area.

When the wing returns and examinations are complete, final figures will be available to complete the picture both state-wide and regarding certain localities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

UPTON COUNTY CHAPTER—NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS FROM JANUARY 1, 1950, TO JANUARY 1, 1951

Cash on hand beginning of year None
Receipts—1950 March of Dimes \$3,788.42
Total to be accounted for \$3,788.42

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid, National Headquarters share March of Dimes \$1,864.58
Paid, National Headquarters, due from '49 63.13
Expenses incurred conducting 1950 Dimes March 38.00
Medical Care, 1 patient during 1950 191.50
Med. Care, 4 patients carried over from '49 853.27
Administrative Expenses during 1950 2.88
Total Disbursements \$3,013.36

Bank Balances as of December 31, 1950:
Sec. State Bank, McCamey—\$186.09
First State Bank, Rankin—\$588.97

\$775.06

A school paper is a great invention:
The school gets all the fame;
The printer gets the money,
The staff gets all the blame.

A cute little trick from St. Paul
Wore a newspaper dress to a ball.
The dress caught on fire,
And burned her entire
Front page, sport section and all.

Teacher: What is a cannibal,
Johnny?
Johnny: I don't know.
Teacher: Well, if you ate your
father and mother, what would
you be?
Johnny: An orphan.

An elderly lady in church was
seen to bow whenever the name
of Satan was mentioned. One day
the minister met her and asked
her the reason.
"Well," she replied, "politeness
costs nothing, and you never can

"Gee, I missed most of
show," he told his com-
panion. "What happened in the final
"You should know," the girl
formed him, "you were in

A religious and charitable
man noticed a very down-
cast sort of man standing
corner of the street near his
idence.

One morning she took
sion on him, pressed a
into his hand and whis-
pered, "Never despair."

The next time she saw
stopped her and handed her
dollars.
"What does this mean?"
asked.

"It means, ma'am," she
said, "that 'Never Despair'
at 8 to 1."

Irate Father: Why were
kissing my daughter in the
corner last night?
Dubious Youth: Now that
seen your daughter in dep-
I srt f wonder myself.

Now—How about traffic on the Santa Fe?

With the cooperation of our officers, and of the employees who remained at work, Santa Fe managed to keep thousands of freight cars and all its passenger trains moving during the "outlaw strike" which began January 30th and which so severely crippled our country's rail transportation. Santa Fe could not, of course, operate at its top efficiency.

Now vital supplies, which have been piling up in freight terminals during the past several days, are starting to move.

A complex situation

There is one point, however, we know the public will understand. So complex a thing as America's transportation system cannot be turned off and on like a water faucet.

Thousands of "car days" were lost due to freight cars standing still. Even though cars are now moving it is bound to take a while before congestion

is relieved and delayed cars are unloaded at their destination.

Santa Fe was able to deliver more cars to other railroads than other railroads delivered to Santa Fe. Consequently, Santa Fe now has substantially less cars on its rails than when the "outlaw strike" began. Naturally, this will result in a shortage of cars until this complex situation has been cleared.

A word to our shippers

We are doing everything possible to speed up the return to normal. We ask, however, that shippers who now need cars bear with us during this period.

Santa Fe expresses its thanks to its shippers and passengers for their patience and understanding during the trying times we have all just passed through — and also to all our people who cooperated in this emergency, many of them responding beyond their normal call of duty.

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