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SECOND PLACE WINNERS—Representatives of second-place stage bands are shown above with the officials of the Texas Stage Band Festival held in Brownwood Monday. From left are: Conway King, director of the Brownwood High School Lion Band which sponsored the festival; Benny Glover of Cross Plains, Class A; Manuel Gonzalez of Hebbronville and Darwin Hale of Stephenville, whose bands tied for Class AA runner-up honors; Wendell Sullivan, Texarkana, Arkansas Pass AAA, and Leonard King, general chairman of the festival. (Bulletin Photo.)

## Cross Plains Boys Win Three Grand Champion And Two Reserve Awards AT Show

### OIL FIELD WORKER KILLED INSTANTLY IN RIG ACCIDENT

Robert J. Allen, about 27, crew member on a rig drilling on the Chess Barr Place, just south of town, was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon about 4:30, when a chain on the rig belonging to Hixon & Rogers Drilling Co., of Abilene, broke striking him across the legs and throwing him head-first into the drilling kelly.

Both of his legs were broken and the top of his head was chewed out by the revolving kelly.

He was pronounced dead by a local physician and was carried to an Abilene funeral home in a Higginbotham Bros. & Co. ambulance.

Cross Plains boys brought home three grand champion and two reserve champion awards, won at the County Livestock Show held in Baird, Saturday if last week.

The show was hailed as the best ever staged in the county and an estimated 1,500 people viewed a record-breaking 300 entries in the show.

The following FFA and 4-H Club boys won awards:

Poultry: Harold Gary won first, second and third places in production hens. He also showed the grand champion pen of production hens.

Dairy cattle: Audrey Gary won first on his dairy heifer in the class under seven months of age. He also showed the reserve champion female in the dairy division.

Roland Jones took third and sixth places with his heifers in the young heifer class. He also won second in the aged heifer class and Pat Moore took third place with his heifer in this class.

Harold Merrill showed the third place dairy cow and took seventh and tenth places in the heifer class. Glynda Durham placed 14th in this division with her young heifer.

Beef cattle: James Foster showed the grand champion and the reserve champion beef cows and took first place in the cow and heifer class.

Larry McAnally showed the second place beef heifer and Alvin Caldwell placed third with his entry in the dry lot steer class.

Sheep: Ross McGary showed the first place ewe in the fine wool breeding ewe class. Eddy Don Edmondson showed the champion fine wool crossbred lamb and reserve champion in the fine wool fat lamb class.

Don Harris exhibited the fifth place fine wool fat lamb and Norman Vaughn showed the eighth place lamb in this class. There were 43 lambs shown in this class, making it one of the largest classes in the show.

Goats: Audrey Gary exhibited the fourth and fifth place Angora breeding does and the second and fourth place breeding billies.

## AREA OIL NEWS

James H. Snowden, et al, of Midland completed No. 12 C. J. Newton as a new regular field producer in Brown County two miles west of Cross Cut. It is in S. Jones Survey 282.

Daily potential was 18.92 barrels of 37.4 gravity oil and 94 per cent water, pumping from open hole at 1,441-53 feet. Pay was treated with 1,500 gallons of acid. Casing was set at 1,436 feet, with total depth of 1,453.

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## Buffalo Stage Band Wins Second Place In State Contest; Band to Sweetwater Festival Friday

The Cross Plains Buffalo High School Band, under the direction of J. G. (Pop) Stanley, won second place in the Class A division of the State Stage Band Festival held at Brownwood, Monday of this week.

Thirty-three bands from over the state participated in the festival, some traveling great distances. One out-of-state band from Texarkana, Ark., was present.

Winning bands were: Class AAA, Snyder, first and Texarkana, Ark., second. Class AA, Breckenridge, first and Stephenville and Hebbronville, tied for second. Class A, Brazosport, first and Cross Plains, second.

Other bands participating included: Class A—Goldthwaite, Menard, Breckenridge A, Rankin, Arkansas Pass, Merkel, Hillsboro, Fredericksburg and Quanah. Class AA—San Saba, Sinton, De Leon, Phillips, Archer City, Post and Grand Prairie. Class AAA—Wichita Falls, Orange, Sweetwater, Dumas, Galveston Ball, Birdville and Sulphur Springs.

The host band, Brownwood High presented a program but did not compete.

Local Band to Sweetwater

The Buffalo Stage Band, made up of 18 of the top musicians of the school band, will be guest artists on a television show in Sweetwater next Saturday afternoon, sometime between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m., according to an announcement made here Wednesday of this week by Director Stanley. The organization will also play a 30-minute concert in the Sweetwater High School auditorium that night as entertainment feature during the third annual high school band festival to be held there Friday and Saturday of this week.

## Beauty Contest To Be Staged In School Auditorium, Class Favorite To Be Presented

The annual high school beauty contest will be staged in the new school auditorium here tonight (Thursday), starting at 7:50 o'clock, when a panel of out-of-town judges will select the "Most Beautiful Girl" in high school from a large number of candidates.

Other entertainment features of the program will include the presentation of class favorites, school organization sweethearts and beaux and the "Most Handsome Boy" in high school.

An admission charge of 35c and 50c will be made, it was announced with proceeds going to the high school annual fund.

## Leap Year

Leap Year started in 48 B. C. to fit it to the passing each year, which is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. In as much as it is approximately 365 1/4 days, Caesar decreed the fractional part be taken care of by adding a day to the calendar every year. There was a slight error in calculations and the calendar was ten days ahead of actual time by A. D. 1582, when Gregory righted the mistake by omitting the 10th day of the month of February at the end of each century, those divisible by 400, then our present calendar has been as the Gregorian calendar.

Leap Year rights of women are more solid foundation than men. Scotland passed a 1288 ruling any single man and for refusing the marriage of a maid, unless he gave her an engagement. The penalty was 100 shillings. In 1554, marked the offense of a woman in a class with men and disorderly conduct. A few years later a similar law passed in France, and because of the war, the law was added to the laws of Genoa and Florence.

The puzzle persons born on the 29th, as to when to celebrate their birthdays in other years, was settled in the reign of Henry III of England, who in 1263 wrote into the law that the legal birthday was February 29 if it was a leap year.

## Jack Brown Buried At Burkett Wednesday

Jack Brown was buried at Burkett Wednesday afternoon, February 22. Services were held at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Brown had been critically ill in the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring for several weeks however his condition was believed to be somewhat improved and members of the family had left for their respective homes about an hour before his death, Tuesday afternoon.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Review.

Fred V. Tunnell visited in Dallas Friday night with his son, Fred J. Tunnell and family and Saturday flew to Lake Charles, La. where he spent the week end with his daughter and husband, Lt. and Mrs. Cecil Barton. He returned home Sunday night.

## COUNTY VOTERS TO BALLOT ON ELEVATOR COURTHOUSE, MARCH 17

Callahan County Commission has called an election March 17, to determine whether an elevator should be installed in the courthouse at Baird. The project will be financed by a bond issue.

The courthouse building erected in the late twenties, an elevator shaft was built into the building. Now, only the knock-out wooden floors, ceilings and actual installation of the elevator is required. Preliminary estimates tentatively estimated at \$20,000. A small assessment will be levied on the property owners of the courthouse and adjacent streets, which are said to be in need of attention.

Proponents also point out that with elevators now at the highest level in the county's history, approximately 60 percent of the cost of the elevator would be born by the petroleum and railroad industries.

Commissioners are at present conferring with elevator manufacturers and bonding companies, preparatory to presenting the proposition to the electorate for verdict at the polls March 17.

## Buffalo Band to Render Annual Spring Concert Here, Thursday, Mar. 1

J. G. (Pop) Stanley, director of the Cross Plains Buffalo Band, announced this week, that this fine musical organization will give its annual spring concert in the new school auditorium, Thursday night, March 1, starting at 7:30.

The entire band will play a well-balanced concert, including marches, overtures and popular numbers and after a short intermission, the High School Stage Band will play a short concert, made up of novelty and popular numbers.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend and hear these fine musicians. Director Stanley stated.

A complete program will be published in next week's edition of the Review.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale To Be Staged

The Cross Plains Girl Scout Association is conducting a third annual cookie sale Friday, February 24 through Saturday, March 3rd. The purpose of the cookie sale is to raise funds for the development of a new campsite for the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, of which Cross Plains is an associate member.

This sale is being conducted throughout the Heart of Texas Council in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Jack, McCullough, Mills, Palo Pinto, Parker, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton and Young.

This cookie sale and future cookie sales will be the principal source of funds for developing the Girl Scout camp which is located in the 26th Division State Park, Lake Brownwood. One unit of the proposed four unit Camp is now complete. The proceeds of this sale will enable the Council to erect another unit before camping season this summer. The cookie sale is a selling campaign and the girls request that no donations be offered them. When we buy Girl Scout cookies, we will be helping to provide a better camping program, not only for the girls in Cross Plains, who are Girl Scouts now, but for those who will be Girl Scouts in years to come.

Girls who sell 56 or more boxes of cookies will become members of the "56 Club". Troops that average 16 boxes per girl will receive awards.

Buy Girl Scout cookies. Give your support to the sale.

## Mrs. Wallace Bennett Buried At Cottonwood Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. Wallace Bennett, 28, of Fort Worth was laid to final rest in the Cottonwood Cemetery Wednesday following services at the Cottonwood Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Funeral services were held at the Polytechnic Methodist Church in Fort Worth at 1 p.m. Tuesday, and the body was brought to Cross Plains Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bennett, the former Marjorie Jordan was born in Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 28, 1927. She made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton, of the Clifton-wood community for several years attending Cross Plains school where she graduated with the class of 1944. She attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. She was married to Wallace Bennett in 1945.

She died Monday, Feb. 20, in a Fort Worth Doctor's office where she worked as a bookkeeper-receptionist.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Wallace Bennett, pastor of the Methodist churches at Temple Hall and Anetta in Fort Worth; a son, Gregory Bennett, 8; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Edwards of Arlington and Mrs. Roxie Bynum of Sweetwater; her mother, Mrs. Mabel Moore of Independence, Mo.; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton of Cottonwood.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. were in charge of arrangements.

## Farm Bureau to Hold Meet At Rowden, Mar. 5

The Review has been requested to announce that the Farm Bureau will hold a business and social meeting at the Rowden Community Center, Monday night, March 5, starting at 7:30.

Farmers of this area and their families are invited and urged to attend this meeting, whether they are members of the Farm Bureau or not, it was said.

Refreshments will be served during the social hour by ladies of the Rowden Community, it was announced.

Mrs. Mack Campbell was released from the Overall Hospital in Coleman Sunday after undergoing surgery Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Van Campbell of San Angelo brought Mrs. Campbell home and also visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne.

## George Gattis Buried At Scranton Sunday

George Berry Gattis, 82, retired farmer, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at his home at Scranton. He had been in ill health for many years.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Scranton Methodist Church with the Rev. G. R. Grace of Caddo officiating assisted by Rev. Joe G. Black. Burial was in the Scranton Cemetery.

Born March 24, 1873, in Tennessee, Mr. Gattis had lived in Scranton the past 60 years. At the time of his death he was living with his niece, Miss Myrtle Gattis.

Palbearers were O. V. Williams, Osa Gattis, M. L. Bailey, Clifton Barron, John Gattis, Herman Barron and Lawson King.

## Pioneer Drive-In To Open Next Wednesday Night

R. L. Vaught, owner and manager of the Plains and Pioneer Drive-In Theatres, announced this week that the drive-in theatre, located midway between Cross Plains and Rising Star on Highway 36, will reopen for the summer next Wednesday night.

An excellent picture, "Queen Bee" starring Joan Crawford and Barry Sullivan will be the main feature.

A-3c Wayne Smith is spending a 30 day leave with his mother, Mrs. Dove Smith in Abilene. Smith has recently returned from Japan where he has been stationed the past 18 months and will report to Ardmore, Okla. following his leave. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rhodes and sons visited in Abilene Sunday with her brother and mother.

## Philosopher Worried Over New Proposal To Eliminate Paying U. S. Employees By Check

Dear editor:

I never have been afraid of a new idea, doesn't make any difference if most of the new ones aren't any improvement on the old ones, but I ran across one the other night that has me worried.

According to it, there's a move on to eliminate paying government employees by check.

Under the present system, say a man was working for the government. Instead of being issued a check every week, he'd just be given credit at the bank. This, they say, would eliminate the tremendous job of writing checks for millions of government workers each week, would eliminate long lines at the bank, etc.

I don't know about this. About the only time actually at lot of people have any money is the interval between the minute they get their pay check and the minute the deposit it at the bank, on account of they've already written enough checks to take it up. They're not depositing money, they're covering checks.

Also, if this system worked for government employees, it wouldn't be long before it was expanded to private business, and it wouldn't be long before somebody thought of the wasted time in paying taxes by check. Just have the government, city, county, state or Federal, send a memorandum to the bank docking the tax payer for taxes due, whether property or income, and when he got his bank statement at the end of the month he could find out how much the government's take was.

This idea could also be expanded to take in grocery stores, drygoods stores, filling stations, etc.

And sending out monthly bank statements could be eliminated too. Just send out a yearly statement, and to further eliminate figures, the bank could adopt the same system schools now use, don't give exact grades, just say "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory," which would indicate whether you were even or over-drawn.

As you see, this thing can lead to the elimination of some of life's happiest moments. As far as I'm concerned, there's just not anything more pleasant than a check made out to me, one I can hold in my hand and look at.

Yours respectfully,  
J. A.

## Burkett Defeats Cross Plains, 55-41

Harold Chambers dropped in 28 points to place the Burkett Bluehawks past the Cross Plains Buffs here Friday night, 55-41, in a practice game before starting by-district action. High pointer for the home folk was Pat Moore with 21.

Cross Plains won the girls' game, 54-50. Lois Phillips led the winners with 29 as Bonita Strickland hit 23 for the losers.

The box (field goals, free throws, total points):

BURKETT: Godwin 7-0-14; Edington 3-3-9; Herring 0-0-0; Chambers 12-3-9; DeBusk 2-0-4; Totals 24-7-55.

CROSS PLAINS: Baum 3-3-9; Moore 7-7-21; Bodine 1-0-2; Totals 13-15-41.

The score by quarters:

Burkett 7 21 33 55.  
Cross Plains 9 15 27 41.

Mrs. M. F. Ray is visiting relatives in Snyder this week.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. John Ford is reported to be improving in the Rising Star Hospital where she has been a patient for several days.

Mrs. E. I. Vestal received treatment a few days last week for a tooth infection at Graham Hospital in Cisco. She is reported to be getting along fine.

J. D. Edington is reported to be convalescing nicely at his home in the Burkett community after major surgery in a Brownwood hospital. He was released from the hospital several days ago.

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**FARM PRICES CONTINUE TO DROP FASTER THAN CONSUMERS PRICES**

Farmers are now getting only 39 cents of every dollar spent for food in the retail store. This is the smallest share since 1940, and compares with a peak of 53 cents in 1945 and 42 cents in 1954.

Retail food prices in November, were less than 2 percent below 1954, while farmers had taken a 10 percent reduction in their prices for the same interval. Marketing and handling charges increased 5 percent during the same time.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said, "The failure of retail food prices as a whole to reflect the decline in farm products during the past year is recognized by the Department as a real ob-

stacle to a solution of the farm surplus problem."

Pork and beef stand out as commodities for which marketing charges have continued to rise while too-abundant production drove down the farmer's price. Consumer costs for pork and beef have declined less than the drop in farm prices. For potatoes, on the other hand, the price spread has been substantially narrowed.

Secretary Benson said his Department is preparing a special report dealing with food marketing trends over the last ten years.

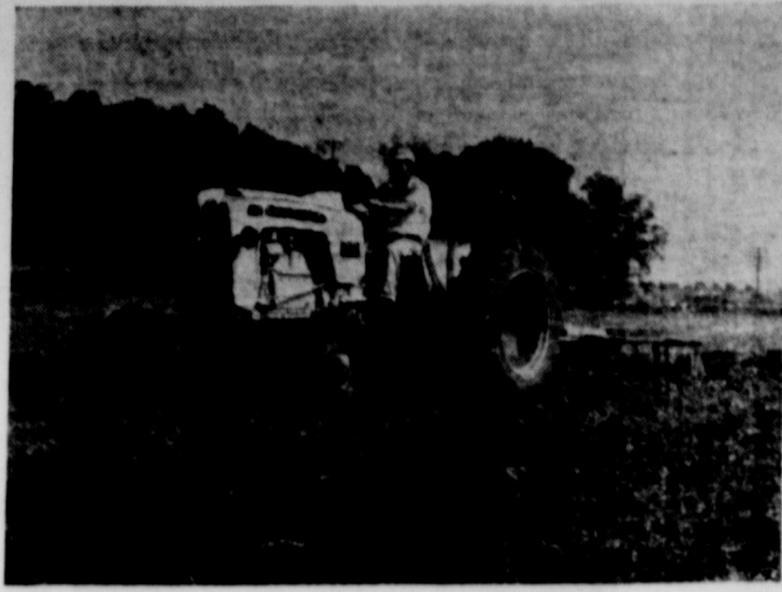
The continuing program of research will also include more detailed studies of present costs and ways to increase efficiency of different marketing stages. Reports on these studies will be published as they are completed.

These statements were a follow-up on Secretary Benson's December 11 expression of concern over rising food marketing costs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, of Rotan made pop calls Thursday at Cross Plains, visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosa Watson and sister, Mrs. Sprawls.

Mr. and Mrs. William Graham and daughter, Linda of Cisco visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sprawls, Sunday afternoon.

Read The Classifieds.



**CROSS PLAINS TRACTOR SERVICE TO SHOW NEW TRACTOR, SATURDAY**

Dynamic streamlining and major advances in engineering make the new MM 445 tractors "the most talked about" in the farm machinery industry. The new 445 has the modern surge-forward look with farm alive power. The 445 tractor and powermatched implements will be displayed at Cross Plains Tractor Service on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Donald Baird, Minneapolis-Moline dealer said, "These new futuristic tractors and farm machines have everything a farmer could desire. Farmers all over America helped design these machines."

Two years ago MM researchers sent questionnaires to farmers, dealers, county agents, and agricultural experts. Gist of the questions asked was what those people want in a tractor.

As a result of the questionnaires, Minneapolis-Moline has produced a tractor which dealer Baird described as "revolutionary in appearance and mechanical features, but primarily functional in design."

The MM 445 will be in the 40 horsepower class with a new MM 206 cu. in. valve-in-head, high-compression engine.

Ten distinct speeds forward from approximately 1.4 to 16 miles per hour are provided by MM's revolutionary Ampli-Torc. In each of five forward gears, and in reverse, Ampli-Torc allows the operator to switch, without shifting gears or interruption of torque, to either of two speeds when more power or more speed is called for. This is most important in conditions where machine speed must be maintained while ground speed is reduced.

Power steering provides effortless control of the tractor over any terrain.

The 445 will be available for gasoline, LP gas, diesel, and tractor fuels.

The Model 445 comes in two types: MM Universal row-crop tractor with single, dual, and extendable front wheels. Front-end assemblies can quickly be changed.

MM 445 Utility has a low hood profile and underslung muffler.

Both the Universal and Utility tractors have power-adjusted rear wheels available.

The electrical system is 12-volt. Sealed-beam head light location can be changed from the radiator to the back of the engine for most effective lighting of work or travel on the Universal models. On the Utility models, the headlamps are attached to the radiator. The red tail light is separate from the rear white flood light.

Connections are provided on the tractor for extension cords to side and rear safety lamps on tractor-drawn machines.

Either front or rear power take-off is available. It is controlled by a clutch.

The new MM 3-point hitch is hydraulically operated and has easily-coupled extendable links. It moves up, down, and to either side.

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The wide, cushioned tractor seat is adjustable, and has a comfortable back rest.

Instrument panel has a dark background to eliminate glare. Ignition and headlamps have a safety key-lock on the instrument panel. Speedometer, electric-type fuel gauge, oil gauge heat indicator, and even a cigarette lighter are available.

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over top of engine allows access to the top of engine and tool box.

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**Tax Notes**

Thousands of farmers have not paid their 1955 self-employment tax in filing their 1955 income tax return, according to Mr. Ellis Campbell, Jr. District Director of the Dallas District of Internal Revenue Service.

Farmers became subject to paying the self-employment tax during 1955 for the first time. Mr. Campbell stated that it appears that many farmers feel that self-employment tax coverage is optional for farmers. This is not true. Under the provisions of the new self-employment tax law, the farmers become subject to this tax on the same mandatory basis that they are subject to income tax. Farmers should carefully review the self-employment tax instructions before filing their tax returns. These instructions require careful study before the farmer can determine whether he is subject to self-employment tax and, of course, whether he will eventually be eligible for Social Security benefits under the law.

and ease of operations are power matched to the 445.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilson visited in May Thursday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Money.

**GI's Urged To Name Beneficiaries of Insurance**

An increasing number of deaths cases in which the proper recipient of GI insurance proceeds was in doubt because the insured had failed to designate a beneficiary was reported by the Veterans Administration today.

Every GI insurance policy holder should make sure VA has been notified of the beneficiary or beneficiaries the veteran wants to receive the proceeds of the policy, VA said.

Any beneficiary changes the policyholder wishes to make from time

to time also should be reported to the VA office handling the insurance account. Accounts for veterans living in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi are handled by the VA District Office in Dallas.

Other instances when VA is notified of beneficiaries are upon retirement of lapsed GI insurance or conversion of term insurance to a permanent plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abilene and Mrs. Verna Mosey of this city visited the Browning family in San Antonio the week end.

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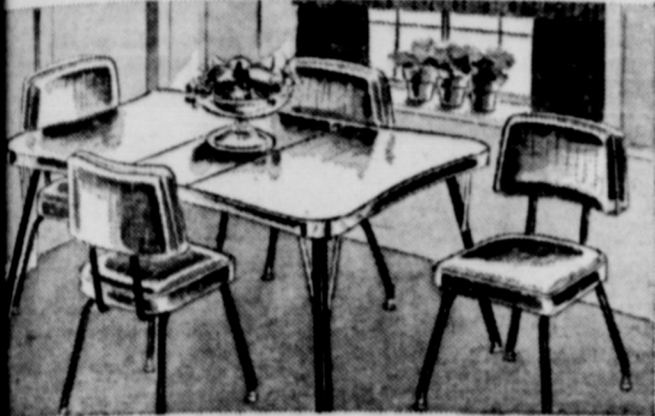
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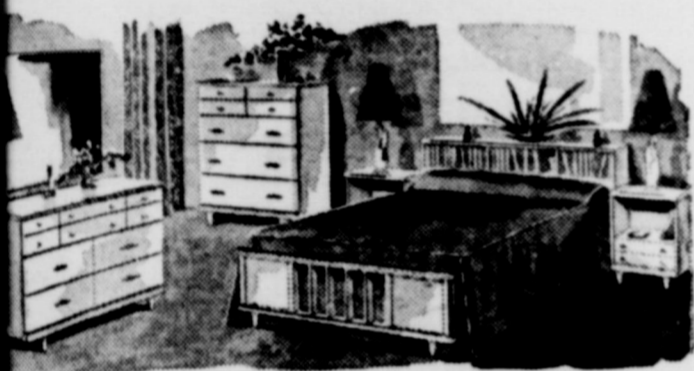


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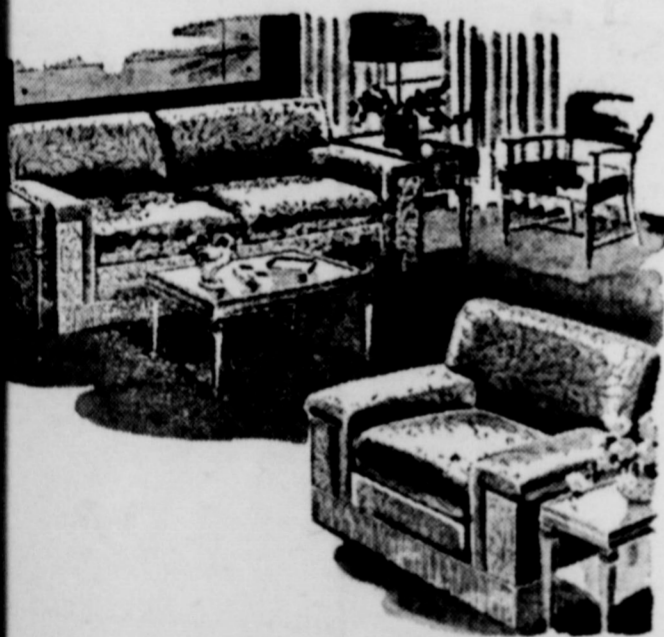
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### INCOME TAX FACTS NO. 2 Save Money with the Right Form

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

The government provides two forms for individual income tax returns. If you choose the wrong one, you may automatically cut yourself off from many possible tax savings.

The easiest way to file is to use the simple Form 1040A. It's a card the size of a check, which anyone can fill out if he is able to write his name and address and a few other simple facts. You just send it in with your withholding slips and the government takes care of the rest. If you owe more tax than was withheld you will get a bill for the difference. If more was withheld than you owe, you will get a refund check.

The tax rules permit you to use the card form if your gross income consisted only of wages, dividends or interest totaling less than \$5,000, and if you did not have more than \$100 of gross income apart from that listed on your W-2 withholding slips.

#### Stop, Look, Listen

Before deciding to use the card Form 1040A, you should consider these facts:

1. Your tax will be figured from a table which allows you a deduction of about 10% of your income instead of itemized deductions for contributions, taxes, interest, paid medical and dental expenses, etc.
2. There is no provision in this form for filing as the "head of a household," as a "surviving spouse," or for claiming special credits for dividends and retirement income.

If you are sure that these two points would not cost you any tax savings, and your income is within the limits for filing a Form 1040A, you might as well use this simple card form.

If you decide to use the regular Form 1040, you still have the choice of itemizing your deductions or using a standard deduction which generally amounts to about 10% of your income.

You are likely to save by itemizing your deductions if you:

1. Own real estate.
2. Had unusual medical expense.
3. Had deductible child-care expense.
4. Suffered losses from fire, storm, accident, or theft.

5. Made fairly large contributions.
6. Had certain expenses in connection with your work, as explained below.

#### Business Expenses

If you are in business for yourself, you can deduct your reasonable and necessary business expenses on separate Schedule C before arriving at your adjusted gross income on page one of the tax form. This still leaves you the choice of itemizing your other deductions or using the 10% standard deduction.

If you are an outside salesman, the same applies except that you should attach a list instead of separate Schedule C.

Other employees are entitled to a deduction for unreimbursed expenses in connection with their work, but expenses other than those listed below can be deducted only if all deductions are itemized instead of using the 10% standard deduction:

1. Transportation expenses in connection with your employer's business, including fares and automobile expenses (Expenses of commuting are not deductible in any case.)
2. Meals and lodging while traveling away from home for your employer.

Form 1040 has been rearranged this year, so that although it still contains four pages a taxpayer whose income was entirely from wages needs to use only the first one or two pages. Pages 3 and 4 are for other types of income and for computing the special credits for dividends and retirement income.

The instructions that come with your tax forms give further information. Help is also available from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you need outside assistance.

Next article: Don't Pay Tax on Wrong Income.

### Do You Remember? . . .

February 21, 1941

Roland G. Howell, director, and five members of the Cross Plains High School band attended a music convention in Waco last week. Included in the group were Donald Clark, Billy White, Jim Wilson, Alvin Kemper and Wallace Bennett.

Coming as a surprise to her many friends in Cross Plains was the marriage of Miss Mary Lou McKinney to John Nisbit, Saturday morning, February eighth.

Cross Plains high school's boy basketball team, penning county cage champs, copped the Callahan crown handily Saturday night when they defeated the Baird quintet of the county tournament by a score of 24-6.

Funeral services for William Jesse Cahoon, 45, a brother of Mrs. Floyd Lee of Cross Plains, were held at Coleman Wednesday of last week, February 16.

M. B. King is in the process of closing a deal for the Frank King residence in the North part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell and son, Charles Kenneth, of Artesia, New Mexico visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Walter Westerman the first of the week.

Garland Smith and Teddy Walker, students in the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, spent the week end in the home of their parents in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones, formerly of Cross Plains have opened one of Brownwood's newest and finest eating establishments. The place is known as the Chicken King.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Angeley are parents of an eight and one half pound baby girl born Thursday of last week, Feb. 13.

City of Cross Plains finished placing coliche on several blocks of local streets the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook attended a Retail Merchants Association meeting in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pillans and children of Austin visited with their son, Pvt. Lawrence Pillans at Camp Bowie Saturday and spent the remainder of the week end with relatives here and at Cisco. Atwell news.

Contract for a portion of the printed forms used at Camp Bowie has been given the Review Publishing Company.

Mrs. W. B. Webb has returned home after a visit of several weeks in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bo Cavet in California. Friends will be gratified to learn that Mrs. Cavet, who has been ill for some time is greatly improved.

Misses Ann and Katherine Shirley of Fort Worth and Miss Avanel Shirley of Crane came in last week to visit their mother, Mrs. W. B. Shirley, Cottonwood news.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Burns are the parents of a seven pound baby boy born Sunday night at Overall hospital in Coleman. Burkett news.

February 21, 1936  
Funeral services for Stanley Darwell Shuford, who succumbed early Monday morning to an attack of pneumonia, were held from the Baptist church here Monday afternoon with Rev. S. R. Respess, of Cottonwood officiating.

Death struck twice in a Cross Plains home last week within a period of two days claiming the lives of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Baugh, who resided in one of the Beeler houses in the West part of town.

An old age pension office has

been set up in Cross Plains by local merchants to assist elderly people in preparing application blanks. Mrs. Paul Boase has been employed to do the work with headquarters in the Citizens State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ray are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday February 18.

A seven and one quarter pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Forrest, Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Earl Dennis underwent major surgery at the Sealy Hospital in Santa Anna, Monday, February 17.

Farmer of the Cross Plains trade territory will have the opportunity of hearing one of the South's foremost soil experts here February 24, when J. W. Chapman comes here

to deliver an address in which he will explain the causes of droughts and how they may be avoided.

Miss Marie Brown and Harley Herring were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of Minister J. P. Calver, who performed the ceremony. Burkett news.

Miss Minnie Strickland and Jimmie Davis were married Tuesday afternoon at Coleman by County Judge, J. O. Harris. Burkett news.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Baum, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baum and son of Ackerly and Mrs. Doyle DeBusk and children of Albany visited Mrs. Allene Baum a few days the past week. Dressy

news.

Mrs. W. N. Black has received announcement of the birth of a granddaughter. The little lady was born in Austin, Feb. 12, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Black and christened, Anna Laura. Scranton news.

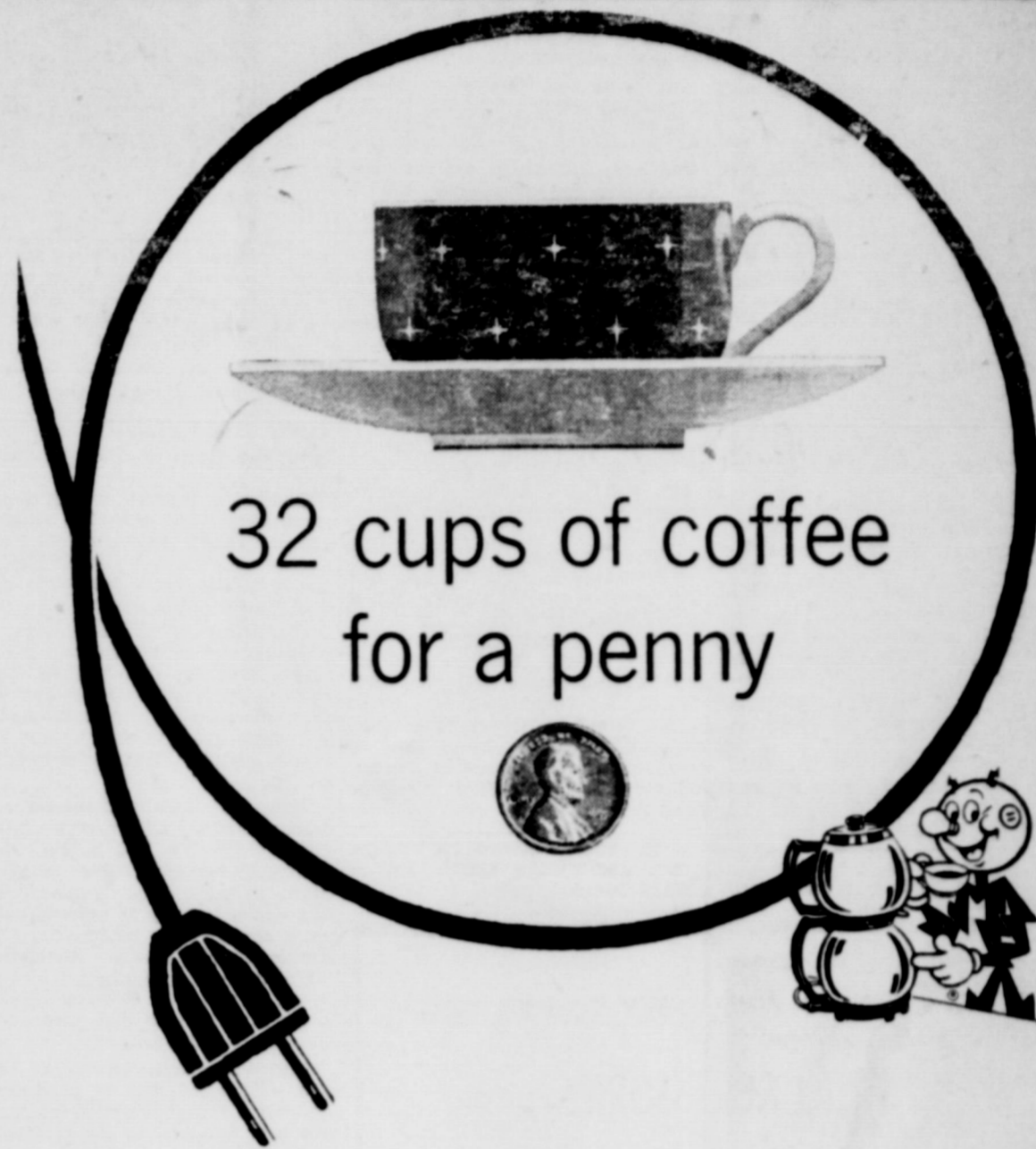
Porter J. Davis and Frank Medford attended a Red & White meeting in Coleman Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Placke and daughters are visiting this week in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hise and attended the ACC Lectureship.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vaughn and little daughter, Pat, visited with relatives in Abilene the first of the week and attended the ACC Lectureship.



Hornsby Electric Co.



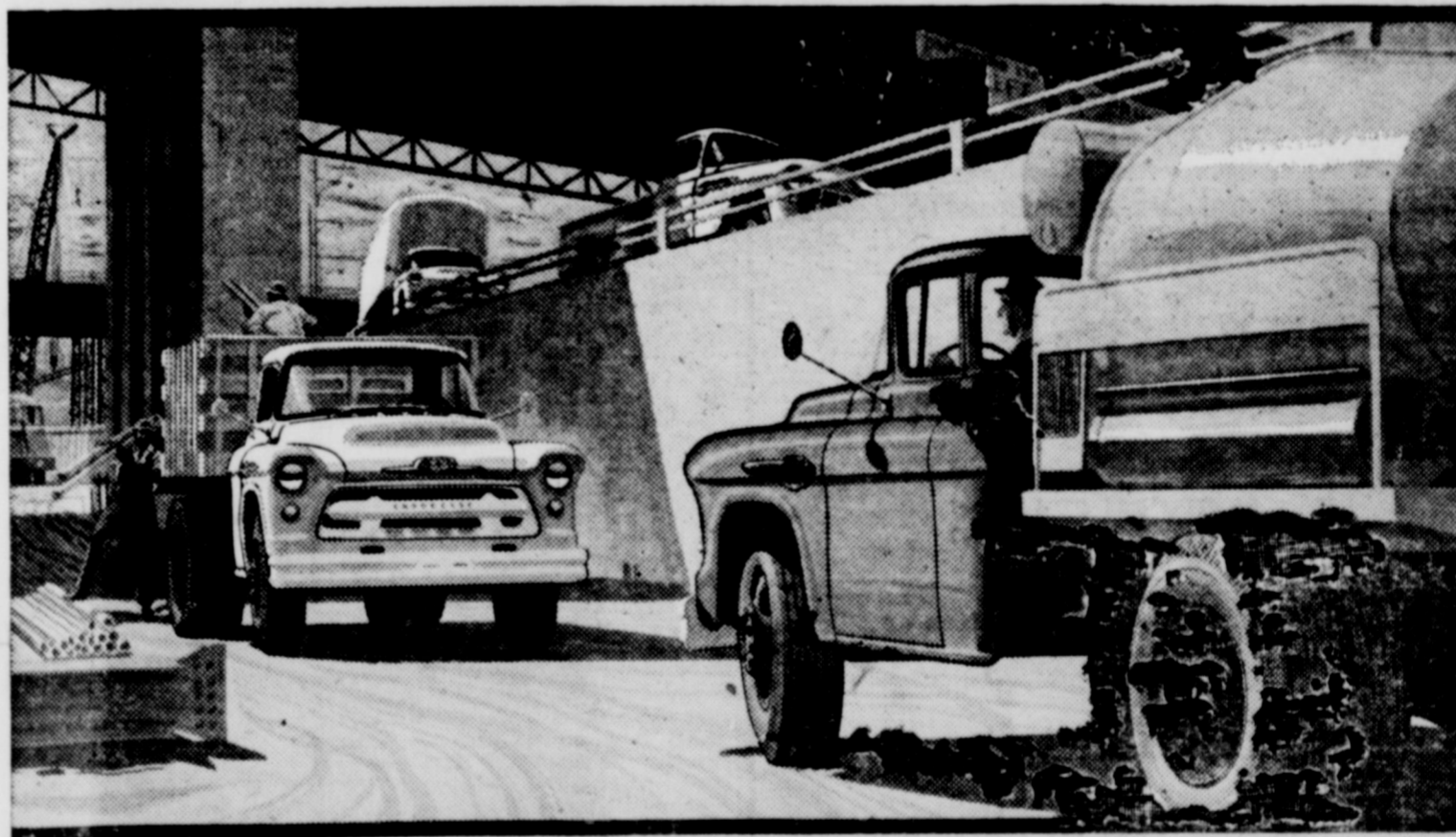
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### Local Ladies Attend Sorority Dinner

Mrs. Raymond DeBusk and Mrs. Lindsey Tyson attended a Delta Kappa Gamma dinner in Cisco Saturday night. The formal dinner was held at the Victor Hotel and marked the twentieth anniversary of the society which is composed of women teachers.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Frank Sparks of Eastland. Mrs. Evelyn Whately of Eastland was toastmistress and Mrs. Bernice Carter of Cisco, president of Beta Upsilon Chapter, gave the Welcome. Musical entertainment was provided by a group from Cisco Junior College, under the direction of Jack Chambliss.

Members and guests from Callahan and Eastland counties attended the meeting.

### Sew and So Club Has All Day Meeting

Fourteen members of the Sew and So Club were present to enjoy the all day meeting held Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. A. D. Petty. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Mrs. Marvin Smith, club president, was in charge of the business meeting held in the afternoon. A social hour was enjoyed following the meeting and the quilt that club members had been working on was finished.

The club will have its next meeting, Thursday afternoon, March 1, in the home of Mrs. H. A. Young.

### MRS. W. E. KOENIG IMPROVING

Mrs. Willie E. Koenig is reported to be much improved at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Lindsey, in Fort Worth. Mr. Koenig returned to their home on Route 2, Sunday after spending sometime in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Koenig has been seriously ill for sometime and was a patient in the Coleman Hospital for several days before going to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Annie Bishop is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Harlow at Buchanan.

### Arts and Crafts Club of Cross Cut Installs New Officers February 21

New officers were installed when the Arts and Crafts Club of Cross Cut met in the club room at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, February 21st. Officers installed were: president, Mrs. Charlie Sowell; vice president, Mrs. Charles Sikes; secretary, Mrs. Les Byrd; treasurer, Mrs. Les Byrd; Chairman of the various committees named were: social committee, Mrs. Bruce Sanders; program committee, Mrs. Roy Stanbough and finance committee, Mrs. Ross Newton.

Mrs. Ferrell Newton, the retiring president, was presented a gift from the club as a token of their appreciation of her good work done during the past year.

Ladies of the club came dressed in colonial costume keeping in line with the Brown County celebration. Mrs. Edna Henderson wore a costume near 100 years old complete with velvet hat with large ostrich plume and high top pointed shoes. Much entertainment was enjoyed during the meeting over the various costumes.

"The Ladies of the Swiss" will be accompanied by the "Brothers of the Brush" when they hold their regular recreation night Tuesday, February 28. All members are urged to be present.

### ODESSA COUPLE ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF BABY DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Vaught of Odessa and formerly of Cross Plains, are announcing the birth of a baby daughter Thursday, February 16. The little lady weighed eight pounds eight ounces and has been named Lynn Dale.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vaught all of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vaught of Haskell, Okla., Mrs. T. R. Stone of Porter, Oklahoma and Mrs. J. C. Foster of Cross Plains.

L. W. Pancake attended a Phillips Jobber and Dealer Convention in Abilene Tuesday.

## Chevrolet Adds New Hauling Giants



Chevrolet introduces for 1956 the heaviest commercial vehicles the company has ever manufactured, with 40 new models in the 2 1/2-ton class. For the first time, the company is offering optional tandem axle equipment. The tandems provide a number of the new units with a capacity nearly double that of any previous Chevrolet truck. Pictured here is a tandem-equipped 2 1/2-ton tractor with 174-inch wheelbase pulling a flat bed trailer loaded with concrete blocks.

### Chevrolet Announces New Heavy Duty Truck Line

Chevrolet invades a heavy-duty commercial field with the announcement of 40 new hauling giants having up to nearly double the capacity of any truck previously produced by the company.

The new vehicles, all in the 2 1/2-ton class, are in addition to a lighter series, covering one-half to 2-ton models, announced late in January. Capacities range up to 32,000 pounds maximum gross vehicle weight and 50,000 pounds gross combination weight.

With the specially developed new dradnaughts, Chevrolet's "Task Force Fleet" for 1956 is the most powerful, most versatile array of trucks in the company's history, filling approximately 95 percent of all truck requirements and totaling 103 models on 23 different wheelbases.

The heavy-duty units will be built at the company's new truck assembly plant at Willow Run, Mich. Significant features are: Chevrolet's first offering of tandem axle equipment as production options; the most powerful truck engine ever featured by the company; a sensational new automatic transmission that promised greater safety and control of heavily loaded vehicles; and the largest school bus chassis yet offered by Chevrolet.

Tested over the company's most rugged mountains, Powermatic six-speed automatic transmission provides new safety advantages for heavy trucks on steep downgrades because an in-built hydraulic retarder. Also effective in heavy duty traffic, on curves and other highway situations, the retarder's effect is up to six times engine drag with little or no service braking needed on most downgrades.

One of eight transmissions available on the 1956 trucks, Powermatic automatically determines a shift schedule through six closely stepped ratios. The driver may also operate a selector to three speed ranges,—drive for normal work; intermediate for hilly country or heavy traffic; and low for traction or controlled power. Power take-off openings for installation of special equipment are provided on both sides of the unit for the first time in any automatic transmission.

With a new 322-cubic inch V8—the Loadmaster—Chevrolet's truck engine choices this year total 10—five V8s and five "6s." The companies most powerful truck engine thus far, the Loadmaster generates 195 horsepower and has a 8-to-1 short stroke-to-bore ratio, economical and low piston travel per mile, ideally fitting it for heavy-duty trucks on which it is standard equipment. Stroke is 3.2 inches bore 4 inches and compression ratio 7.7-to-1.

Stressing efficiency, economy, versatility and safety combined with strength, Chevrolet's first offering of optional axle equipment includes the Loadmaster V8 with 13-inch coil spring clutch, heavy-duty five-speed transmission, combination three-speed auxiliary and power divider, the 15,000-pound axles and waiking beam suspension.

The new 2 1/2-ton trucks have distinctive fender and grille design. Most notable is an air scoop, blending into the grille design, which also supplies added air to the radiator. An auxiliary step is standard on some models, optional on others. Heavy-duty frames are of new, more rugged parallel-type construction while those on tandems are even sturdier. Heavier duty brakes and steering have been designed for the new units. A new Chevrolet option for 1956 is the air-over-hydraulic brake for 2 and 2 1/2-ton models.

Two school bus chassis in the new group are normally rated at 60 pupils as compared with a previous high of 54.

Other new features are tubeless tires, improved sealed beam headlamps and electrical systems. Automatic transmissions are optional for all models except school bus chassis.

Mrs. D. M. Carr of Ranger spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Pancake and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Tension and daughters of Odessa were week end visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pancake and sons.

Mrs. Charles Kunkel and little daughter of Arlington and Mrs. Robert Harris and son, Bobby of Bonham visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall of this city during the week end and Mrs. Harris and son also visited relatives at Burkett.



By John C. White, Commissioner

Mrs. A. K. Wesley returned to her home in Coleman Tuesday after visiting here since Friday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Farr and Diana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Tyson visited in Coleman Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Tyson and Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moon were here from Fort Worth over the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moon.

Mrs. M. A. White has returned to her home here after visiting with relatives for several months at Leonard, Texas.

Mrs. R. F. Jones of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Jones of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Emory W. Morris of Moran visited in the home of Mrs. Benton Jones Sunday.

Lee Bishop attended a Chevrolet meeting in Dallas Friday of last week.

Mrs. E. H. Olivier and Mrs. Lester Barr and daughter were visiting in Coleman Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Godwin of Odessa were visiting in the Marvin Rich home Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hobby and daughter of Andrews were week end visitors of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Necessary and their daughter and husband of Bastrop were visiting here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Jowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe of Denison spent Sunday night here with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Koenig and Ann.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Exal McMillan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hart, James Gaskins and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gaskins all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McCowan and Guy and Reuben McCowan visited in Glen Cove Sunday with Mrs. Joe Bincent and other relatives.

Osa Gattis spent Saturday night and Sunday in Tahoka visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Richardson and family.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Neel Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Neel and children of De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gattis Barnard and children of Midland were here during the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Pierce of Cisco and Mrs. Zelma Forbes of Fort Worth visited here Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pierce.

Miss Gaynell Bryan visited friends in Abilene over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cross and Mrs. Joe Droka visited Elizabeth Hayes at Cross Cut Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Davis and Mrs. Mrs. W. D. Waincott of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ada, at Williams Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bishop sons visited with relatives at mesa and Snyder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith and Raleigh Falkner and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner, over the week end.

Little Mary Graham, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Graham of this city, returned from Warm Springs Hospital at Cross Plains where she has received treatment for several months.

## Farmers

You and your family are invited to a business and social meeting of the . . .

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. . . to be held at the Rowden Community Center . . .

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Washington



ed or have observed both State Legislatures and activities in the United States Capitol that the activities of lobbyists in Washington are much milder than in State Capitols.

Personally I have never had a so-called lobbyist to offer me anything of value or to even intimate any sort of a reward for favoring his viewpoint. The vast majority of these representatives simply present their arguments for or against legislation in which they are interested.

In many instances, it is humanly impossible for a member of Congress to study legislation with such thoroughness as to become completely informed on the total effect it may have on all segments of our complex present day economy. I have never found anything wrong in listening to those who have an opinion to present.

The evils of lobbying come from the evil that is in a few unscrupulous people. It takes a combination of the unscrupulous lobbyist and the unscrupulous public official to produce evil.

Lobbying has a long history. It actually started in George Washington's administration on the tariff issue. It reached unsavory heights in the decade from the Civil War to the turn of the century.

Lobbying activities in Washington today is very tame as compared with what the record shows it must have been back in the early 1870's when Jay Gould offered members of Congress \$1000 cash and \$5000 when the Bill was passed, plus \$10,000 of the bonds, to approve a railroad route across the continent.

Even the ministers have lobbies in Washington—even the Indiana Educational institutions, churches, foundations, hundreds of big corporations, farmers' organizations, labor unions, and just about everything and everybody have representatives in Washington. They are lobbyists. There are good apples and bad, but it is my observation and experience that the vast majority are honest, sincere, and serve a useful purpose.

Pressures—yes. But to believe that there is widespread dishonesty is to destroy our confidence in our representative form of government. A scrutinizing investigation should be conducted into any wrongdoing. Lobbying laws now on the books should be strengthened and enforced. But there will always be a few

Mrs. Walter Westerman Moves To Cross Plains

Mrs. Walter Westerman the past week rented the Merryman house just east of the locker plant and moved her household furnishings to the place Saturday from Loco Hills, New Mexico, where she and the late Mr. Westerman had made their home for several years.

Mrs. Westerman same to Cross Plains, Sunday, February 12, and visited last week with her son Claude Mayes and family.

MR. AND MRS. J. B. RIFFE, JR. ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Riffe, Jr. of this city are announcing the birth of a baby boy, born at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, February 15. The baby weighed six pounds 11 1-2 ounces and has been named James Glenn.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Riffe of Cross Plains and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coppage of Crown Point, Ind.

Mrs. Riffe and baby returned to their home here Sunday and are reported to be getting along fine.

CARD OF THANKS

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POLITICAL Announcements

The Review is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primary in July:

For Sheriff: Homer Price (Re-election) For Tax Assessor-Collector: TEE BAULCH

CARD OF THANKS

We are indeed grateful to the many friends and neighbors who were so kind to me while I was in the hospital and since my return home. The many cards, letters, flowers and visits have made these days so much more pleasant.

J. D. Edgington and family. Teddy Walker of Rankin visited homefolks over the week end.

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CARD OF THANKS I want to take this means to thank all my dear friends and loved ones for their cards, letters, flowers and visits. I cannot find words to tell you what it meant to me while in the hospital. I also want to thank Dr. Sohns for his patient watchfulness over since I have been sick.

I hope that each of you will find the same type of true friends that I did in time of need, is my daily prayer. Mrs. Roy Cowan.

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TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK has been proclaimed by Governor Allan Shivers for March 5-10. Receiving the proclamation for the sixth annual statewide observance is John McKee of Dallas (left), who has served as state chairman of the Texas Citizens' Committee for Public Schools Week since the week was inaugurated in 1951.



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**GUNS OF DEATH**  
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Inspector Paul H. Ashenburt  
Dallas Police Department  
Dallas, Texas

The guns of death to which I refer are the useless and unused guns. Quite often they are the unloaded guns Do you have unused death weapons in a dresser drawer at home, an almost forgotten gun which has lain there unused and unnoticed for months or years? If so, we pray that this unnoticed potential instrument of death will continue unused and unnoticed; unless, of course, you would notice it enough to rid yourself of it.

I am not one of those who cry, "Do away with guns! Prohibit the possession of a pistol by law." But this must eventually be done if a better way cannot be found. Common sense tells me that they should be removed from the reach of the drunkard, the idiot, the careless and the children of the home, and years of experience have shown me that they are unsafe when the safety rules are not only used but unknown. A rattlesnake is not dangerous in a cage. A pistol is dangerous even where constant vigilance is exercised and all safety rules known and practiced. You just have to relax your vigilance a second and a death may result.

Our boys and our girls play cops and robbers now. They emulate sheriffs and bad men, outlaws and Indians. They have their own belts and pistols and they practice the fast draw. They are definitely gun conscious. They are interested in guns. They are not afraid of guns.

What is more natural than for a boy of nine or ten or even fourteen or fifteen to want to handle that old forgotten gun in the trunk or clothes closet or dresser drawer? What is more natural than for him to show it to his neighborhood gang? Death to most of them is something that happens on a TV screen, and it usually happens to the bad man, not the good man, and is passed over so lightly and seen so often that it seems almost unimportant.

They do not realize the potentialities or grandpa's old thumb buster or Daddies automatic, a war souvenir.

But they learn. They learn too late. You read the papers. The tragedy touches you lightly unless you know the boys. But you read about the boy, the eager, lively, good looking American boy who is suddenly terrified and sick when the gun goes off and his neighborhood playmate lies bleeding and gasping and dying.

This is not a TV story. It is not imaginary. They do not run fairy tales on the front page of our newspapers, and that is where you see this story all too often.

Of course there are variations—"Dropped Guns Goes off and Shoots Man", "Accidentally Shoots Self With Unloaded Gun", "Crazed Killer Kills Four", "Killer Drunk and Does Not Remember Shooting", "Child Kills Mother With Gun Left Under Pillow".

Would you keep a rattle snake, or spread poison around where your children could get it? Do you advise them to play with matches?

Why not rid your home of that gun of death? The least you can do is lock it up out of reach.

Don't you agree that we are having too many unnecessary tragedies? I was shocked and frightened when a police detective of many years service snapped his unloaded revolver in headquarters, the bullet passing within inches of his captain's head to crash into the wall. I was sickened not too long ago when the only son of a neighbor was killed by a playmate as they examined a pistol found in the home. A lasting impression resulted from an incident many years ago when a young child killed his sleeping mother with the pistol left under his pillow by his daddy, a police officer whom I knew.

Guns are fired in anger which would not have been fired had they not been so accessible. Guns are fired by sick people, old people, dependent people and drunk people

which would not have been fired had they not been at hand. Your kids love to play. Help them play, to be happy, but keep the gun out of reach. Keep them playing and laughing.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We are truly grateful to the friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.  
The family of Mrs. J. H. Lee.

Mrs. A. R. Sprawls, Mrs. E. E. McNutt and Mrs. A. R. McNutt were Abilene visitors Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Copeland returned to Cross Plains several days ago after visiting relatives in West Texas for sometime.

## COTTONWOOD

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey, Helen Jo and Rickey of Stephenville and Dallas visited Mrs. J. F. Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Coffey of Dallas visited here in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Coppinger of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Coppinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly, Dixie and Mr. L. I. Sudderth of Big Spring were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Fairbairn and two sons, Ned Jr., and Paul of Littlefield and Mrs. Hazel Coppinger of Abilene visited in the Respass home Sunday.

Mrs. Parker Brown and girls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy, Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Robinson and children of Edcouch spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gill. On Sunday morning Rev. Robinson filled the pulpit at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Gattis Barnard and children of Midland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barnard, Sunday.

Mrs. Schrimmer and baby are staying with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Ellis. Some of those who attended the Workers Conference Monday night at Baird were Rev. and Mrs. Newberry and children, A. L. Breeding, L. W. Coppinger, Mrs. W. T. Green, Miss Catherine Green, Miss Billie Weaver and Mrs. John Purvis.

Mrs. Zola Plumlee accompanied her daughters, Mrs. Colvin Lackey of Premont and Mrs. Sonny Umberston of Snyder, to Dallas during the week end.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Anderson over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and children of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walden and son, Beville and Billy Anderson of Albany. Mrs. Walden and little son remained here for a few days visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Balkum and Peggy of San Angelo were week end visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Balkum and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baum and children attended the stock show in Baird Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Balkum were visiting in Brownwood Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayley of Goldthwaite visited in the Jack McCarty home Saturday afternoon.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Grady Ramey and sons of San Angelo visited here over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson.

Mrs. Zola Plumlee and Mrs. J. I. Buzbee were Coleman visitors Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruet and son were visiting relatives at Putnam Sunday.

Misses Billie Ruth Loving and Jan Cannon of Abilene visited Mrs. Ira Loving and family Sunday and attended the school dedication Sunday afternoon.

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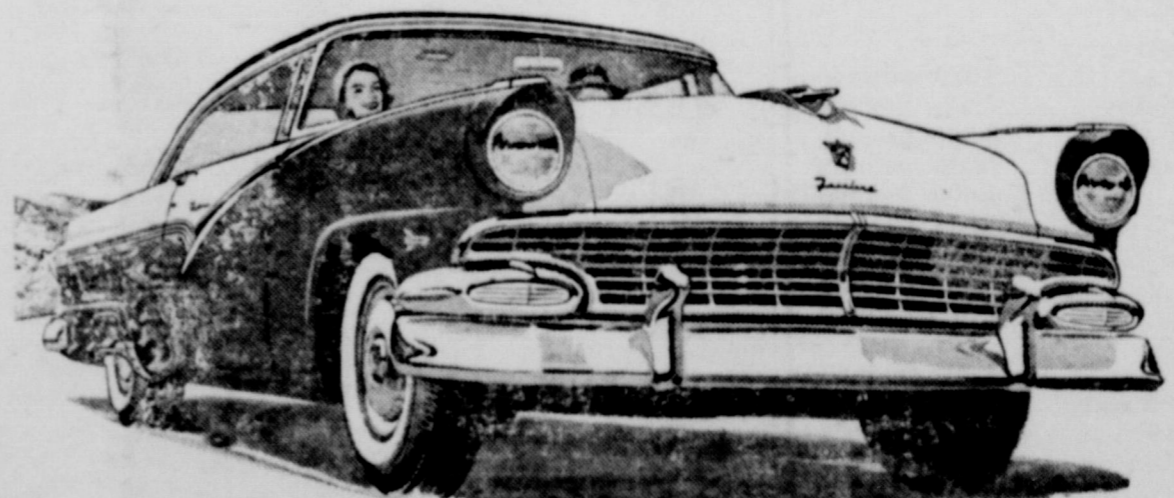
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Public officials and oil men in general seem in agreement that passage over the President's veto is impossible. Therefore, Texas' next move may be a campaign to bring gas duties to Texas.

Ike's veto was a set-back to Senator Daniel who promised to support his future political plans by March 1. "Delay in passage of the farm bill, and the Presidential veto of the natural gas bill, may mean that I will not be able to reach a decision as early as I had planned, regarding the governorship race," said Daniel.

Gov. Allan Shivers, Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and members of the State Railroad Commission joined in criticizing the President's action.

Jack Porter, the Republican party's national committeeman from Texas, said that he disagreed with the advice upon which the President's action was based. The veto will make Porter's job in Texas more difficult.

Two Question Marks  
Two big question marks remaining in Texas' current political scene are the intention of Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and Lt. Gov.

BURKETT NEWS

By Anita Strickland

The local basketball teams met the Moezelle teams in the local gymnasium Thursday night. The local girls were defeated but the local boys won.

Mrs. Luther Porter is confined to her bed due to a heart ailment. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris of Midland spent the week end here.

Jack Brown is reported to be some better at the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring.

Miss Bina Strickland of McMurry spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Strickland and sisters who accompanied her back to Abilene and also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes Sunday evening.

Miss Glenda Sue Porter of ACC, Abilene visited over the week end with her sister, Mrs. Roy Dean Young and family and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyle.

The whooping cough seems to be almost over in this community. Mr. and Mrs. E. Durbin of Fort Worth visited their daughter, Mrs. P. A. Voss and family. They brought their little grandson, David, home after a visit of several days with them.

The local basketball boys team won this district and played the Eola boys team at Brady Tuesday night. The winner of this game will play at Brownwood Friday night.

Ben Ramsey. No one seems to know what either one will do.

Shepperd, only recently regarded as definitely planning retirement to private business, again is being discussed as a possible candidate, either for re-election or for governor. His only comment has been that, "The frost is still on the dogwood"—interpreted as "it's too early for political announcements."

A growing number of editorials urging his to continue in public office have appeared in several dailies. The latest have been the Lufkin Daily News and the Cuero Daily Record. It was the latter newspaper that broke the veterans' block-land-sales story. The Cuero Record commended Shepperd on his work in the veterans' land investigation.

For Ramsey the suggested possibilities include (1) running for governor, (2) running for re-election, (3) waiting for a possible U. S. Senate race, or (4) retiring to San Augustine. He has given no public hint.

Insurance Story

Texas' once-explosive insurance story is beginning to lag. Industry spokesmen hopefully termed the new stage a "curative period."

Both legislative investigating groups have adjourned. Though more hearings are expected, predictions are that they have about run their course in making headlines.

Cashiers of 11 letters written by A. B. Shoemaker, head of the defunct US Trust and Guaranty Co., to the then Insurance Commissioner Garland Smith, made headlines. However, the commissioners had reported earlier that they knew the firm was selling securities. What they didn't know was how to get them stopped.

Insurance commissioners are urging companies to file replies to solvency questionnaires of the May 31 deadline, if possible. Those passing the test will be announced in groups, starting perhaps in March.

One company, which failed before the test, Texas Union County Mutual of San Antonio, was placed in permanent receivership by an Austin district court.

Newest name in the insurance picture is that of State Treasurer Jesse James. He is reported to be "dumping private ventures for which he might be criticised." He owns 1001 shares of stock in the International Life Insurance Co., which leases the major part of its building to the state. He also has been criticised for selling boats to the state.

James says he knew nothing about the International lease; and that he already has sold his boat dealership to his daughter and her husband.

According to the State Treasurer, he now can afford to get rid of all his private ventures since the legislature increased his pay from \$419 a month take home to an annual \$17,500.

Legislative Code Sought

Former Gov. Dan Moody of Austin heads a special state bar committee named to work out a code of ethics for lawyer-legislators. Serving with Moody will be Bill Kerr of Midland, Page Keeton, dean of the University of Texas Law School, and probably three others.

Rep. Wade Spilman of McAllen, chairman of the house investigating committee, requested the bar study. He also suggested the Texas Legislative Council do similar research, including an evaluation of lobby laws and whether lawmakers are paid in proportion to their responsibilities.

Water Fight Hot

San Antonio and some 26 nearby towns are squabbling over rights to one of the state's most controversial resources—water.

San Antonio wants an appropriation of some 100,000 acre feet of water per year from the proposed Canyon Dam and reservoir near New Braunfels. Officials in communities in a 10-county area in the Guadalupe River basin have organized an opposing campaign.

A hearing on the San Antonio application is scheduled by the State Board of Water Engineers for March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Faucett, Edith and Cheryl, of San Antonio, spent the week end with relatives here and made the acquaintance of their nephew and cousin, James Glenn Riffe.

SABANNO NEWS

By Mrs. Edwin Erwin

Mrs. Bill Smoot and Martha made a trip to Waco Thursday where Martha had a thorough check. Her braces were removed and she came home feeling much encouraged. We do hope the best for Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King and Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Barron attended the funeral of Uncle Geo. Gattis in Scranton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba, Janie and Mrs. Euna Cumba, visited with Miss Patsy Cumba in Abilene Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Earl Casey and children of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Casey, Sr. were Sunday dinner guests in the Jim Casey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ingram and children visited in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brooker, Sunday.

F. O. Stokes and family of Mineral Wells, C. W. Dooley and family of Ranger, Herbert and Eula Lusk of Dallas, Clifton Lusk of Sidney and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lusk and daughters from California and Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Lusk and children were visitors in the W. E. Lusk home, Sunday.

Mrs. Wes Holcomb has returned from Abilene, where she has been at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Clark, who was seriously burned in a gasoline explosion. We do hope Mrs. Clark will soon be much improved. Her children returned home with Mrs. Holcomb for a visit.

H. Durham is having a water well drilled. He plans to do some irrigation on his farm.

Rev. Whitehorn, pastor of the Baptist Church, ask that we announce that he plans to show the film, "Martin Luther" on Sunday night, March 4th. Everyone has a welcome to be there to see this great film.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Brooks and children of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dawkins visited in the home of H. N. Lawson Sunday. Mr. Lawson has been on the sick list, but is doing better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Switzer and boys.

Rev. Whitehorn and family were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Misses Josie and Alma Morris.

Mrs. Lizzie Knight, Duane, J. C. Beene of Brownwood, Rev and Mrs. Whitehorn and children were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beene.

Rev. and Mrs. Nesbit were at their farm visiting and attending to business. They are now living in Dallas.

Aubrey Hicks of Eastland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hicks, Sunday.

Mrs. Mitchell of Cross Plains and mother of Mrs. Clarence Scott, is spending a few days in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCann visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba.

Mrs. Claude Brown of McCamey and Mrs. M. A. McGowen of San Angelo visited here last week in the home of their aunt, Mrs. John Baum.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes left Tuesday for a ten day visit with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gregory of De Leon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slaughter were visiting in Big Lake during the week end.

Truman Foster of Toyah spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Foster.

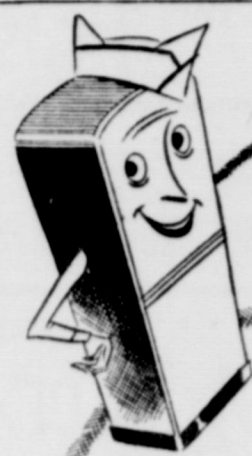
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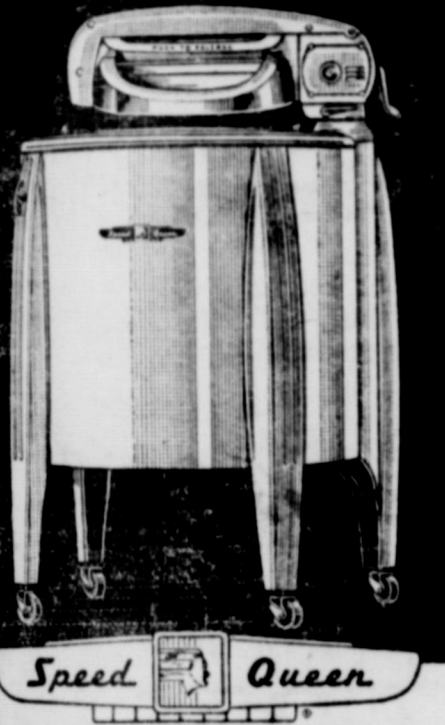
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### ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. BERNARD CROW

The ladies met at the Community Center Wednesday of last week and quilted two quilts for Mrs. Danny Brown. This is a weekly affair and we enjoy it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephens of Snyder, Miss Theida Crow of Howard Fayne College and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow and Richie of Baird visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovell and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Judy Friday night.

Mrs. Bernard Crow visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth, and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hanford, Thursday of last week.

Roy Boen spent the week end in Fort Worth with his sister, Mrs. Anny Miller and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price Wednesday night.

### ATWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

Lynette Hutchins spent Saturday night with Betty Childress at Cross Plains and Betty spent Sunday night with Lynette.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hart and daughter of Arlington, California spent the week end with Mr. Black. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKinnley and boys of Brownwood also visited Mr. Black over the week end.

Several attended the funeral of George Gattis at Scranton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom brought word out to Alton and Roy Friday that Otis Tatom was very sick in the hospital at O'Keene, Oklahoma, but at the present he is improving.

Rev. Don Love and family and Binnie Gobel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morgan.

Visitors in the Nathan Foster home recently included Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Payne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Harris and family of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pillans and children from Abilene.

Mrs. Tip Wrinkle took suddenly sick Sunday morning. We hope she is better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Smith of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Tatom visited Mrs. J. C. Foster in Cross Plains Tuesday and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom and baby visited Mrs. Leroy Burd at Cross Cut.

### Workers Conference Held At Baird Monday Night

The Callahan County Baptist Association worker conference met at the First Baptist Church in Baird Monday night, February 20 with the associational Sunday school superintendent, J. H. Balkum, of this city in charge of the meeting. The conference was a Sunday school clinic.

Every church of the Association was represented with a total of 250 present. Thirty-six attended from the local Baptist Church.

Inspirational speaker at the closing session was R. Hooper Diddy from State Sunday School Department of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleming and sons were in Paducah over the week end where they were met by their daughter and sister, Miss Jo Veda Fleming of Pampa for a visit. Glenn Fleming returned home with his sister and will be employed at Pampa.

### PLAINS

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

February 24 - 25

GLENN FORD  
BARBARA STAWYCK

"VIOLENT MEN"

CinemaScope  
(In Technicolor)

SUNDAY - MONDAY - TUESDAY

February 26 - 27 - 28

WILLIAM HOLDEN  
JENNIFER JONES

"LOVE IS A MANY  
SPLENORED THING"

CinemaScope  
(Color by De Luxe)

### PIONEER DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Cross Plains - Rising Star Hwy.

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

February 29 - March 1

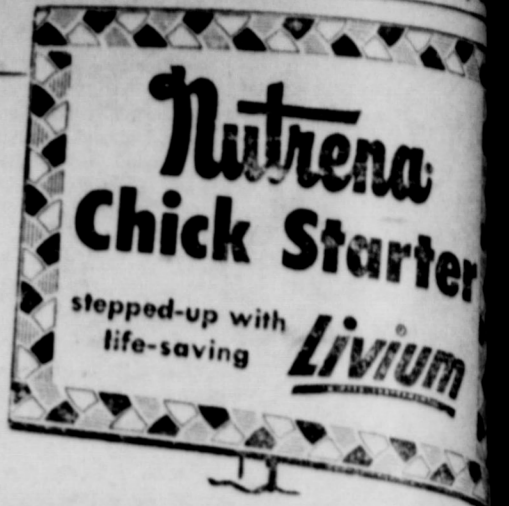
JOAN CRAWFORD  
BARRY SULLIVAN

"QUEEN BEE"

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COSTS TO START CHICKS  
WITH THAT...

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VAN CAMP'S  
Tuna 2 cans 49c TOMATO  
Juice 3 46 oz. cans 75c

**Flour** GOLD MEDAL  
10 lbs. (with coupon) **69c**

FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

RADISHES, 2 Bunches ..... 15c

GREEN ONIONS, 2 Bunches ..... 15c

CABBAGE, lb. .... 2 1/2c

ORANGES, 5 lbs. .... 39c

**PEACHES** ELBERTAS, in Heavy Syrup  
No. 2 1-2 can **29c**

HUNT'S  
Apricots 3 No. 2 1-2 cans 83c Sardines 3 cans 29c

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