

# THE BAIRD STAR

Our Motto, "Th' Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Grit and Gilt That Makes Men Great."  
Callahan County Clarion—Established November 15, 1879

CALLAHAN COUNTY: Area ranches, diversified farming, and one of Texas' most active oil producing areas. Population 8,987, elevation 1,360 feet, annual rainfall 25 inches.

BAIRD: Callahan county seat, T & P railroad division point, on state and federal highways, church, schools, population 1,282 typical Texas people.

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SUPPORT YOUR HOME TOWN

## SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

Old home town was buzzin' last week with Easter guests, Frances, Johnny and Jimmy Dean Sparks were here from Midland. Mary Mae and Benny Klusky from the same town were also home for the holidays and so was Alene Crutchfield Jackson.

The Lee Ivey's had some special guests for the Easter holidays, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams and son of Marlin, and the Fergusons and children were also home for the spring celebration.

It was a happy, happy Easter for Maude and Fred Hart with all the children home - Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hart from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hart from Temple, and Mary Jo and Don Garner and youngsters from Lamesa.

Earlene West was here from Dallas to visit her family over the long week end.

The Gardners, Frank and Maudine and the children Larry, Nancy and Jane Ann, were especially happy about an Easter visit from Frank's mother, Mrs. W. J. Gardiner of Weatherford, Okla.

Visits from grandmothers are always extra nice and Martha Ann and Robert Martin can attest to that for their grandmother Martin from Arkansas is visiting with them and it's ever so nice to have her.

The Mort Gormans and son, Mike, from San Angelo, were here to make Easter a pleasant one for Mort's parents.

Ben and Lula Mae Russell had an Easter visit from their daughter, Elaine and her lovely children of Dallas, and with two wonderful grandchildren to love and romp with, it must have been a wonderful holiday.

April brought lots of birthday celebrations, didn't it? Larry Gardiner had one on Easter Sunday and so did pretty little brown-eyed Garlie, Carrico who was all of eight years old. Glenda Wilson had an April birthday and we can't think of a nicer time for celebrating than in spring.

Did you see our glamour gals pictures in the paper, showing the work they've been doing in the 1957 production of The Junior Wednesday Club's Easter Parade? Well, there was Margaret Green, Beckye Griggs, Bobby Bell and Wanda Young, all looking pert, pretty, and proud of their accomplishments. The parade was really an accomplishment too, and was shown to a record crowd despite threatening weather last Thursday night. Some one hundred and sixty-five youngsters participated and that alone is enough to gain it the title of spectacular.

We'll just bet that young Easter Paraders were at their very best Thursday night and we know three of them who were because they came by to give us a pre-view peep of their Easter frocks - they were the Shelnitz children, Yvonne, fashion plate pretty in a green polished cotton, Nadine in a boufant pink nylon, and Doris Ann, dainty as a story book fairy in red nylon with matching accessories. They were three pretty little girls in three pretty dresses, which were all hand-made by their mother.

Do you know who are extra good neighbors and just all-around nice folks to know? The C. P. Porters of Admiral (always did claim some mighty fine folks live in Admiral). Mr. Porter has been giving Roy Higgins a helping hand with clearing away the old Baird high school building and that's the kind of cooperation we could all use more of.

And speaking of good neighbors, if they ever give an award for that, we are going to rush right out and give some solid gold ones to Theresa and Curtis Sutphen, and ones for David and Mack too, because if ever anyone made someone happy they did when they gave us one of their beautiful daschund puppies. His name is Fritz and Linda thinks he's the most wonderful puppy in the whole wide world - come to think of it, we bet he is.

Nadine Smith, fourth grade teacher, received a sore of unusual Easter gift - a real live bunny from Wallie Harris.

Our very best wishes to Eliska Gilliland, who is recuperating from surgery and progressing just fine.

Get-well wishes to Iris Perdu who is hospitalized now. We do hope this finds her much better.

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## Local T&P Foreman Retires After 48 Years Of Railroading

William Amos (Billie) Fetterly, a Pennsylvania Swiss lad who came to Texas to look around at age 18, wrote finis to a 48-year railroad career here recently.

Mr. Fetterly, 65, has worked over 33 years for the Texas & Pacific Railway, with the last 32 being spent here in Baird. Since May 10, 1930, he had been general foreman of the roundhouse, shops and car repairing departments in Baird.

Before joining the T&P, he worked for other railroads, including the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass, the Frisco and the Jake Hammon road at Ranger during the big oil-boom days.

The Fetterlys bought the Ray home and for weeks have been remodeling it. "We decided to make Baird our permanent home because we'd long lived here, had formed many close friends, and had been active in church, lodge and civic affairs," Fetterly explained.

Fetterly, born in Lancaster, Pa., May 31, 1891, began his career at Yoakum, Texas, for the "Sap" railroad in February, 1909 as apprentice machinist, in railroad parlance a "nut splitter." He learned everything about steam locomotives so that he could build a good one himself if given tools and materials. For the next nine years he did a little "booming" around among railroads, but in 1916 settled down with the Frisco Railroad, and spent some time in the Sherman, Texas, rail shops.

His career with the T&P began at Big Spring Sept. 20, 1923, as machinist. Motive power ranged from the Old Eight-ball (a small six wheel slope tank switch

engine) and the "Twenty-Spot" of the old 4-4-0 high-wheeled passenger "bicycle wheelers" up to the 500s.

Fetterly was made night roundhouse foreman in Baird March 17, 1925. At one time he was general foreman here over 110 shop and repair department employes.

On May 10, 1920, the company promoted him to be general foreman here, a position he held until his retirement.

In all his long career here Fetterly holds the record of not having a serious accident or accidental death among his numerous employes.

He inherited true railroad blood. His paternal grandfather, J. P., purchased right-of-way and paved the way for the construction of the International & Great Northern Railroad under the celebrated Jay Gould from Longview to Laredo. A grand uncle, Jacob, also was a noted railroader. Fetterly's father was a long-time locomotive engineer and machinist, too.

On May 26, 1913, at Yoakum, Fetterly was married to Elizabeth Hammerlin, of DeWitt County. Both have been active in Baird lodge and church work. He is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Baird First Methodist Church, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and he and his wife are Past Patron and Past Matron of the Eastern Star.

The Fetterlys have two daughters and a son. The daughters are Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Friery, Palacios, and Mrs. Ida Louise Anderson, Crane. The son, W. A. Jr., is an oil company accountant.

## Mrs. Margaret Cline Follows Son in Death

Mrs. Margaret N. Cline, 92, of Elm Mott, McLennan County, died Sunday morning at her home a few hours after her son, James W. Cline, 62, died in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Cline moved from Fort Worth about a year ago after residing there for 50 years. She had been a member of the First Christian Church and the Eastern Star, in Fort Worth.

James Cline, who died Saturday in a hospital, had lived in Fort Worth for 50 years and was foreman for General American Transportation Corporation. He joined the company when he was 22.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge 942 and Mosiah Shrine Temple, and was a World War I veteran.

Funeral services for Cline were held at 4 p. m. Monday in Robertson-Mueller-Harper Chapel, with burial in Mount Olivet in Fort Worth.

Graveside services for his mother were held in Mount Olivet after funeral services at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Compton Funeral Home at Waco.

Cline is survived by his wife; three sisters, Mmes. Goldie Neaves and Helen Linton of Elm Mott and Verna Bandy of Fort Worth; and a brother, M. A. Cline of Baird.

Mrs. Cline is survived by a son in Baird and the three daughters and two grandchildren.

## New Post Office Hours Announced

The District Operations manager of the Postoffice Department has authorized the following hours of business for the Baird postoffice:

Monday through Friday, window service will be from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Closing dispatch for outbouding mail at 6 p. m.

Saturday hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, and closing dispatch at 6 p. m.

J. Brice Jones, Postmaster.

George and Paul Jones, students at NTSC, Denton, spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Freida Jones.

Bobby Poe, student at Texas University, Austin, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Crutchfield of Breckenridge, were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Myrtle Berry.

## Baird Re-elects Trustees, Teachers

Hugh Ross and Curtis Sutphen have been re-elected to their third terms on the board of trustees of the Baird Public Schools. They were unopposed in the race.

Ballots were cast in the American Legion Hut April 6.

All classroom teachers and administrators for the school system have been re-elected for another term. The system's 14-class room teachers were extended a one-year contract, Supt. Bill K. Ford said.

Administrators, including Supt. Ford were extended two-year contracts.

## FEDERATED SOCIETIES TO MEET APRIL 29

The Federated Missionary Societies of Baird will meet at the Presbyterian Church Monday, April 29, at 3 p. m.

## Club Meets For Business, Social

The Presbyterian Ladies met at the church Monday, with Mrs. James Asbury, president, presiding.

After singing two hymns, prayer was given by Mrs. V. F. Jones. Plans were made to entertain the Federated Societies of the town April 29 at the church. Mrs. Jones reported she had mailed the Overseas Supplies. Mrs. George Jones gave a talk on Greek and Hebrew Philology of early days. Mrs. Asbury closed the meeting with a prayer.

The-hostess, Mrs. Harry Berry served refreshments to Mmes. Asbury, Berry, V. F. Jones, Geo. Jones, Joe McGowen, Fulton and Sheryl and Linda Alexander.

## Mrs. Kehrer Hosts Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club met April 10 with Mrs. Mary Kehrer as hostess.

After a business session, the members voted to send \$5.00 to Jo Nell Chumley at Sherman.

Delicious refreshments were served to six members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ed Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, of Midland, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nobles.

Mrs. Viola Gilit and children of Abilene, visited Mr. Charley Young, Darrell and Charles, Sunday.

## Putnam Homecoming Draws Record Crowd

The largest group in many years, approximately 400, attended the Putnam High School Homecoming, which was held on Saturday, April 20.

The days program began with registration at 9 a. m., and the remainder of the morning was spent with the visitors and home folks intermingling and talking over the old school days.

At noon, the group was served lunch by a catering service from Clisco.

The afternoon program began at 1 p. m. with the Putnam Rhythm Band, directed by Mrs. Roland Nichols and Mrs. Northrup, giving a thirty minute musical program. Following the musical was the invocation given by Rev. Bill Gaskins of Granfield, Okla. The Welcome was given by I. G. Mobley of Putnam and the Response to the welcome given by C. M. Isenhower of Clifton. The group then stood to sing the school song, led by Roy Lee Williams.

After the school song, Frank Taylor acted as master of ceremonies for a program designed to allow several ex-students to make short talks.

During the evening activities, special recognition was given to the ex's coming the greatest distance, who were Ben Bradley of Downey, Calif., and Mrs. Roberts of Bakersfield, Calif.; the two oldest ex-students, Joe Steadham of Austin, and Mary Thompson of Pico, Calif.; the teacher that taught the longest time ago, Mrs. Mary Kellner; the ex's who have the largest family, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower; and Mrs. J. S. Yeager for being the oldest trustee present.

The committee for this year's homecoming was: I. G. Mobley, Mrs. Vena Stackelford, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman and Mrs. J. O. Taylor. The committee elected for 1958 was: John D. Isenhower, I. G. Mobley, Mrs. John McIntyre and Mrs. B. Cunningham.

A permanent organization was also elected with John D. Isenhower, president; I. G. Mobley, vice-president; and Mrs. Gertrude Jones, secretary.

## Notaries Public To Be Reappointed

Mrs. Chas. L. Robinson, County Clerk, has received a letter from Secretary of State Zollie Steakley, announcing that he will reappoint persons now holding notary public commissions but that such persons must requalify by the filing of a new oath and bond between June 1, 1957 and June 10, 1957.

Any person not now a notary public who desires appointment should apply to the County Clerk between May 1, 1957 and May 20, 1957. Application during this period will assure prompt attention before the rush procedure of reappointing present notaries. Each person applying for a commission as a notary public must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of this county. The exact name and permanent address of the applicant must be furnished the County Clerk.

The amendment to the Texas Constitution changing the constitutional oath of office for all appointed officials was voted favorably by the people at the last General Election on November 6, 1956.

This official oath of office is now in effect and must be taken by Notaries Public when they qualify.

## Moran, Eula Winners In 10-B Baseball

Eula Pirates clipped South Taylor 3-2 and Moran shaded the Baird Bears 10-9, in District 10-B baseball action Thursday.

The victory gave Eula a 2-0 record in district play. It was South Taylor's first district loss.

Moran scored the winning run in the last half of the seventh inning. They outhit the Bears, 8 to 7.

Bill Harris led Eula's five-hit attack with two safeties and Rosson had two of South Taylor's four hits.

Week end guests in the home of Mrs. Grace Vaught were, her sister Mrs. B. E. Cluskey and Mr. Cluskey of Midland, and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerol Pries and Tana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poindexter and girls, of Seymour, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mart Poindexter and Ted, Sunday.

## Root Plowing, Reseeding Demonstration Held

Approximately 50 persons attended a root plowing and grass reseeding demonstration on the John D. Isenhower ranch at Putnam April 20. The demonstration, sponsored by the Lower Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, in cooperation with the Central Texas Machinery Co., of Abilene, showed how ranchers can combat one of their biggest problems, brush and denuded ranges.

"Root plowing is the nearest thing possible to permanent control of brush," said Mr. Isenhower. His words of wisdom were proven as the group watched a big caterpillar leveling and cutting in an almost solid covering of mesquite on Mr. Isenhower's ranch one mile south of Putnam. Not a single mesquite was left standing or roots left uncut after about 2 1/2 acres had been plowed.

## Civil Defense Talk Given to B&PW Club

The Baird B&PW Club met in regular session at Patterson's Cafe Tuesday evening at 6:30 p. m.

After the evening meal, President Adella Rockey turned the meeting over to Mae Lewis, Chairman of National Security. Mrs. Lewis introduced the speaker of the evening, who is Bill H. Walls, County Coordinator for Civil Defense.

Mr. Walls spoke to the club briefly on our being located near a prime target in the event of nuclear warfare. Since Dyess Air Force Base has been located near Abilene, we in this vicinity, would be in the area that would likely be affected by any bombing that area would receive and would be in an area to receive lots of the fall out material from such a bombing. Mr. Walls told the club how it could happen; also how we could protect our families and how we could survive such an attack in the event it did happen.

After Mr. Walls talk, Mrs. Helen Thompson told the club briefly about some of the work along civil defense she has done in line with her job. Her office, in the months past, has made a survey and located all available buildings, facilities, etc., in Callahan County which could be used in the event other towns needed to be evacuated to our county.

Mr. Walls and Mrs. Thompson both gave some very interesting and enlightening points to the club and both talks were enjoyed by all present.

One of the main points Mr. Walls brought to us was that each family should have a three-day supply of food and water on hand at all times in the event of nuclear warfare.

A short business meeting was conducted by the president after the program.

Mrs. Helen Thompson's resignation was offered, due to the fact that she is moving away. Her resignation was accepted and Adella Rockey presented Mrs. Thompson with a small memento.

Beckye Griggs was elected as delegate to the annual convention in Lubbock June 14, 15 and 16 and Jessie Odom was elected alternate.

Mrs. Rockey appointed Mrs. Mae Lewis as National Security Chairman to meet with the City Council to suggest that they appoint a City Civil Defense Coordinator.

Present were: Mmes. Alma Stephenson, Bobby Bell, Adella Rockey, Cubelle Harris, Pearl Lea, Beatrice McElroy, Jessie Odom, Mae Lewis and Misses Beckye Griggs, Sarah Parks, Sig Blakely, Floy McCaw, and Betty Cunningham.

Next meeting will be May 28, at which time the annual picnic will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie T. Gunn and daughter, Cynthia Ann, of Weatherford, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nichols and family.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. C. W. Conner were Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Heard of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Graves of Abilene, Mrs. Virgil Sowell and daughter, of Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer and son, of Cross Plains, visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jefferies and attend the Cantata at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Isenhower, who has ranches in Callahan County all his life, said that he's "tried every method I've ever heard of to control mesquite. None of them," he said, "has proven as effective as root plowing."

Mr. Isenhower first root plowed about 130 acres in 1948 and 1949. He is believed to have been the first rancher in the Lower Clear Fork SCD and perhaps the first in this entire area, to try the new brush control method.

Before plowing, those 130 acres were as "heavily infested with mesquite as any rangeland you could find anywhere," Isenhower said.

"It was so thick that you couldn't chase a rabbit through some of it," he added. Isenhower said that he doesn't believe root plowing destroys much of the grass cover. He said his native grasses flourished and did well after the plowing.

"My grasses came right back the next spring on that root-plowed land," he said. "They didn't spread as much as the others, but they stayed greener longer that summer."

Also stressed during the demonstration was the importance of reseeding of native ranges to increase their productivity.

A mixture of King Ranch bluestem, blue panic and a small amount of Madrid clover was seeded during the actual plowing operation. The seeding rates were about two pounds of panic, two pounds of bluestem and three or four pounds of clover to the acre.

## Baird High School Takes Iowa Tests

Baird high school was invited as one of certain selected high schools in the United States to participate in establishing new national norms on the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, a comprehensive series of achievement tests for secondary schools. This test battery consists of nine separate tests covering most every field of learning. The separate tests vary in their time limits from twenty-two minutes to sixty-five minutes, with most of the tests being one hour in length. Baird High School students took these tests on Tuesday and Wednesday morning of this week.

The tests will show not only what each student has achieved, but will also reveal strengths and weaknesses of each student in the various areas tested. The teachers can then assist the student in improving their educational development in the areas which show weaknesses.

## Brady To Host Annual Singing Convention

The annual Heart O Texas Singers Reunion will be held in the Brady high school auditorium Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28.

Among the visiting quartets will be the famous Cavaliers Quartet of Fort Worth, the Glory Morning Singers of Gatesville, the Adams Trio of Monahan, the Brown Family of Fort Worth, the Gospelsaires of Midland, the Melo Dears of Brady and the well-known Capitol City Quartet of Austin.

A concert Saturday night by the visiting quartets will open the activities. There will be all day singing Sunday.

For the convenience of the singers, a barbecued chicken or a roast beef lunch can be had for a reasonable price at noon Sunday in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Voca is president of the organization, and cordially invites the public to attend.

## Services Held Here For Mrs. Argumaniz

Mrs. Maria Jesus Argumaniz, 69, of Baird, died at 5 a. m. Friday at her home here in Baird. She had been ill more than a year.

Born in Tanhuato, Mexico, Dec. 24, 1887, she has been in this area since 1920.

Her husband is a retired Texas and Pacific Railway employe. Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Wylie Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Ross Cemetery.

Surviving is her husband, Francisco Argumaniz of Baird. She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Church.

James Dominy, work unit conservationist with the Abilene Soil Conservation Service, pointed out that root-plowing and reseeding of brush infested land in South Texas has raised grass production from as low as 25 pounds per acre to about 18,000 pounds.

"And they don't get any more rain there than we do here," he said. "Some of our native ranges are in such poor shape about the only way we're going to get them back into a good cover is by reseeding."

Many denuded ranges in this area now have only about 500 pounds of forage per acre, Dominy said. And yet these ranges are just as fertile as those in South Texas where cattlemen are producing more than three times that much grass on the same amount of rain through root-plowing and seeding, he added.

Dominy pointed out that it takes 100 pounds of grass to produce a pound of beef. He said South Texas cattlemen who have leased land for \$1 an acre, root plowed and seeded it for \$12 per acre, are now producing beef on their increased grass production at seven cents a pound.

South Texas cattlemen have also found that it's costing 40 cents a pound to produce beef on brush infested rangeland that hasn't been root-plowed or seeded, the SCS technician said.

With assistance available through the Agriculture Conservation Program in most area counties, the cost of root plowing in this area will run about \$10 an acre, Dominy said.

"That may seem pretty high at first, but we thing nothing of investing \$10 or \$12 in cropland year after year and not getting it back right away," Dominy said. "Maybe we should begin to think about putting the same kind of investment into rangeland."

D. C. Cox, work unit conservationist with the Baird SCS, who arranged the demonstration, had charge of the program.

## Lions Sell \$550.15 Worth of Brooms

Baird Lions sold \$550.15 worth of brooms and brushes manufactured by the Texas Lighthouse for the Blind.

The sale Tuesday was the fourth annual campaign conducted by Baird Lions to help provide a market for products made by the blind workers.

According to representatives of the Lighthouse who came here for the sale, "Baird is one of the best towns in Texas for its size to support the broom sale. Sales here are high each year and the people are to be congratulated on a good job for a great cause."

Baird Lions asked the Star to thank everyone for the fine response to the sale Tuesday. The good work the Lions do in the community is made possible by people of the community.

## 1 1/2 Inches Of Rain Covers County

Rain, variously measured between 1 1/2 to 2 inches blanketed all of Callahan County Monday night, and continued cloudy skies promises additional moisture.

Over the State, from light showers in West Texas to floods in South Central Texas were recorded.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chatham during the Easter holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chatham and daughter, Kim Lee, of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and Jimmy of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bailey of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodson and Mary Lynn, Curtis Chatham, who is stationed in Georgia, was unable to be home but called to say hello to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Payne and Leonard visited Sunday afternoon in Carbon with Mrs. Payne's brother, Archie Jackson, who has recently suffered a stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Stevenson enjoyed having their daughter home for the holidays, Virginia of Abilene, and Virgie Mae of Denton.

Cleo Ivy, of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Manion over the week end.

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**FOR RENT** — 3-rm. duplex apartment with screened porch. Furn. or unfurnished. 521 Cal-lowhill, Mrs. Raymond Clark. 16-2-p

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**FOR RENT** — 4-room apartment, upstairs. Adults. Mrs. John McGowen, 500 Girard, Phone 229. 17-1-c

**FOR RENT** — Recently re-decorated 6-rm. house with good concrete storm cellar, garage and chicken house with concrete floors. Enclosed in yard fence. Lot 75x150, for \$45.00 per mo. See Lillian Coffman Bates, 404 Eugenia, also Sutphen Ins. Agency. 17-2-p

**FOR SALE** — Breakfast suite, antique bedroom and living room suite. Mrs. John McGowen, 500 Girard, Phone 229. W-1-c

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**IN RE: Estate of Gertrude Short, Deceased**  
No. 1996  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Gertrude Short, Deceased, were granted to Mr. Jimmie M. Whitmire, an Administrator of said Estate on April 8th, 1957, by the County Court of Callahan County in Cause No. 1996.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to said Jimmie M. Whitmire within the time prescribed by law. Jimmie M. Whitmire's mailing address is:

Oil and Gas Building  
Wichita Falls, Texas  
Jimmie M. Whitmire,  
Administrator of the Estate of Gertrude Short, Deceased

### Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Rev. J. B. Chick and wife and son, Charley, and Miss Nona Lawson visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Black Sunday evening. D. L. Sessions carried his wife to Callahan County Hospital in Baird Saturday evening. Mrs. Sessions has been ill for several days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Roy Nell Tatom, Beverly and Kimberly, visited relatives at Cross Plains last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley and Joe Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. Arno Bentley and baby, of Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ellis visited Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hutchins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brashar Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Griffith and daughter, of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKinley and boys, of Brownwood, visited S. A. Black Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster attended the funeral for Albert N. Simpson at Nimrod Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom and Roy Tatom attended the funeral for old Grandpa Breeding at Cottonwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom and Larry, and their new grandson in Cross Plains Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Rouse visited relatives in Cross Plains Wednesday. Mrs. F. C. Brashar and Mrs. Nathan Foster visited Mrs. M. E. Rouse last Tuesday.

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### Cottonwood News

By Hazel L. Respass

Mrs. Levi E. Bennett and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woody visited Levi E. Bennett in Veterans Hospital in Big Spring last week. He is reported much improved.

Mrs. W. B. Varner and Mrs. J. N. Varner of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner Thursday of last week and attended the lectures at Church of Christ.

Charlie Davis of Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weaver and baby, Miss Darlene Jones and Miss Shirley Weaver of Houston visited in the E. E. Weaver home Saturday and Sunday. Homer Sudderth and a neighbor, Mr. Elmore, of Tokio, were here Friday. They came after Mrs. L. J. Sudderth who had spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Bailey, at May.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Sandifer and children, of Borger, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Sandifer Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Peavy and daughter, of Abilene, also visited in the Sandifer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schofear and daughter, and Richard Schofear, of Tyler, visited their mother, Mrs. Hermon Heine over the week end.

Jimmy G. Coffey, of Dallas, visited Mrs. J. F. Coffey and Mrs. Norman Coffey Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woody and son, Allen, of Grand Prairie, were here Saturday, driving a new station wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Truit Myrick and children, and a neighbor family of Brenham, visited Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilcoxen and children, of Houston, were back home visiting Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowman, of San Angelo, are moving to the Clarence Buch place east of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Simpson and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Wilcoxen Sunday and attended the Baptist revival Sunday night.

Another great land mark has been removed. Mr. Hugh L. Breeding died Saturday at 12:45 in his home and son's home. The oldest citizen around our community, he came to this county in the 80's, and was 91 years old when he passed away.

Rev. C. R. Myrick and Rev. Floyd Newberry conducted services at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. F. W. Respass and daughter, Miss Dixie Respass, of Midland, visited in the Respass home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson, of Abilene, visited Mrs. W. O. Peavy Sunday.

The WMU Associational Quarterly meeting was held at the Baptist Church in an all day service. Lunch was served in the basement to about 40 ladies last Thursday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey Saturday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs and son of Odessa, Mrs. Mattie Holly of Abilene and Mrs. Lela Gibbs of Rowden.

### Margaret Spencer To Wed June 8

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer of Dallas, have revealed the marriage plans of their daughter, Miss Margaret Ann Spencer, and Wallace Eugene March, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickey, also of Dallas.

The wedding will take place June 8 at the Brandon Avenue Methodist Church.

Miss Spencer is a student at Austin College where she was a Freshman Class Favorite and cheer leader last year. Her fiancé will be a May graduate of Austin College where he is a member of Phi Sigma Alpha and Alpha Chi, president of the student body, and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Spencer is a granddaughter of Mrs. J. H. Grimes of Baird.

### Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin

Mrs. Don Wright, of Abilene and Mrs. Barbian and children visited their mother, Mrs. Best Monday.

Visiting Mrs. Webb since she returned home from the hospital are Robert Dameweet and his mother, Mrs. Chapman, both of Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb and sons of Silver City, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faircloth and daughters of El Paso, Mrs. Buck McClure of San Angelo, Mrs. Jack Hallbrook of Ft. Worth. Friends and neighbors have showered her with the most gorgeous flowers and lovely cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith and children, of San Angelo spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith.

Mrs. H. C. Foy and children of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Griffin and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Griffin and children, and Vicki Bill Griffin of Clyde spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin.

The rain Monday night was the finest we have had - 1 1/2 inches in our gauge.

### ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rowe of Grass Lake, Mich., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beasley.

Rev. Causey and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gary and Virginia, of Cross Plains, visited Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Porter visited relatives in Waco over the week end.

Ruebelle Smartt and Ethel Eastham attended singing at Stephenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins visited Sunday afternoon in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Gracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Joy and family visited his parents at Cottonwood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black and sons, of Brady, and Mr. and Odell Petty and family of Fort Worth visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker.

Mrs. Martin and son, Bill, of Eldorado, Ark., visited Mr. and Mrs. Hernie Martin and family recently.

Mrs. Bernice Drake, of Midland, visited relatives in Baird Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young and family visited relatives in Denton over the week end.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson is visiting her son, Cliff Johnson and family in Pecos.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlon Sampson and family, of Clyde, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gorman, Sunday.

Glynda Gilbreath of San Marcos, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath.

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Earlene West, of Dallas, visited relatives in Baird over the week end.

George Sutphen, student at A&M, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sutphen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson and Nelda of Odessa visited relatives and friends here last week. Nelda returned home by bus and Mr. and Mrs. Gibson went on to Fort Worth to visit their grandchildren, Marlan, Byron, and Eddie Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Williams and children, Wilda and Debra, have returned from a visit with relatives in Nevada. They reported ideal weather in every state except Texas. They were in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Colorado.

Visitors with W. D. Boydston during Easter were his three daughters, Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of Brownsville, Mrs. S. L. Stokes of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of Abilene. After attending church, they all went to Abilene and took Easter lilies to the Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis of Bovina visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith last Saturday.

Mrs. Perry Hughes has returned from a visit in California and Arizona. Returning home with her for a visit were Mrs. H. V. Miller and children, Jimmy and Gail of Yuma, Ariz., and Mrs. J. R. Dent of San Diego.

Doris Waggoner spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Bobby Henley and Mr. Henley in Saint Jo. The Henleys accompanied her home Sunday.

Mary Brown, student at McMurry, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown.

Bruce Bell and Dr. R. L. Griggs attended the wrestling matches in Fort Worth Monday night.

Visitors of Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield during the Easter holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson and Jo Ann of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crutchfield of Breckenridge. They also visited relatives in Abilene and Cisco.

Mrs. Carroll Gillit and children of Midkiff spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gillit and attended the Putnam homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Dunlap visited Sunday in Clyde with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Taylor.

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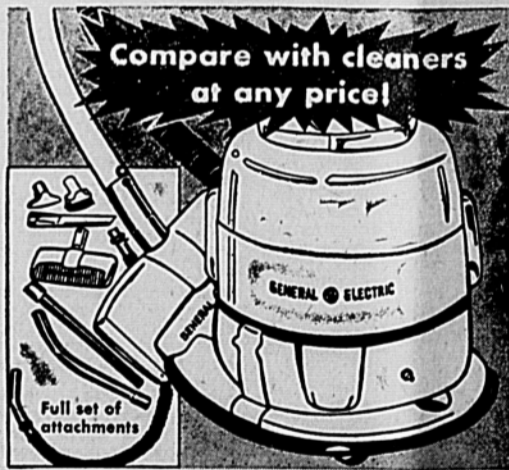
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# Highlights and Sidelights from the State CAPITOL

AUSTIN — Reorganization of the Insurance Commission is a perched issue again. More than a month ago the state passed a bill that would keep out present commissioners and allow the governor to name a new board. But the House State Affairs Committee shunted off to an unfriendly subcommittee. Some thought it would die there. Then a verbal battle broke out between John Osorio, chairman of the commission, and Price Daniel.

Osorio, who was appointed by Governor Daniel, is in answer to question from Jerry Sadler, Osorio said that Daniel had offered to help him find another job if he would support reorganization. Osorio said that he felt such a "deal" would violate his oath of office. Osorio also said, in answer to Sadler's questions, that the governor apparently did not oppose confirmation by the Senate after the Commission had voted down the ICT Insurance

reorganization plan goes through. Governor Daniel called the charges false. He said he had expected personal attacks to reform his efforts for reform. He declared he would fight harder for cleanup and reorganization.

In reply to the governor's action of a "false" charge, Osorio offered to take a lie detector test, if Daniel would. Osorio committee members, while took new looks at the reorganization bill, admitted to being in a tight spot. Sentiment reportedly very evenly divided.

Sessions Favored — Time running out on this prospect of annual bills in the future is gaining favor. Preliminary approval to a measure for annual sessions and \$7,500 a year salary for legislators. House passed similar version with only \$10 a year pay.

Sessions on odd-numbered years would be as now. On even-numbered years a short budget appropriation session would be held.

Measure is a constitutional amendment which would require approval of the voters in November, 1958.

Bill Moves — Texas would be able to get federal

eral aid for cleaning up blighted areas under a bill given final House passage.

Senate State Affairs Committee blackballed the same bill 9 to 8. But supporters gained an unusual victory when the Senate voted 23-6 to accept the report of the committee minority.

Opponents attacked as unconstitutional the provision allowing a city to condemn property for sale to private parties. Backers said the bill had safeguards to prevent the abuse of condemnation powers.

Segregation Up To Senate — Enactment of 8 bills designed to preserve school segregation is in the hands of the Senate.

Sponsors predicted an easy majority in the upper house. However, two South Texans whose constituencies are already integrated promised opposition. Sen. Abraham Zazen Jr., of Laredo and Sen. Henry B. Gonzales of San Antonio indicated they might try to talk the bills to death in an end-of-session filibuster.

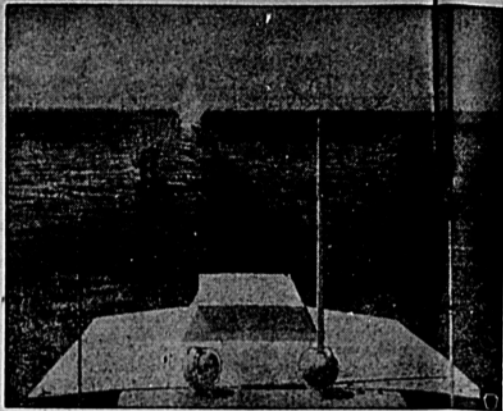
Measures already given House approval would (1) allow school boards to assign pupils to schools, (2) exempt children from compulsory attendance at integrated schools, (3) authorize state to pay tuition for pupils to segregated non-sectarian schools where no segregated public school is available, (4) authorize school boards to designate schools as "White," "Negro" or "integrated," (5) direct the attorney general to defend anti-segregation suits against the state, (6) require registration of persons paid to work for integration, (7) prohibit public employment of NAACP members and (8) ban future integration without a local school district vote.

Teacher Money Sought — Two bills aimed at gaining funds for teacher pay raises probably will be debated this week. Each has gained committee approval in both houses.

One would double tuition at state colleges for an estimated \$10,000,000 more in revenue. Another would make one per cent of the permanent school fund available for current spending. It would bring in \$7,000,000 to \$11,000,000.

Added to a predicted \$27,000,000 surplus in the general fund, passage of the two bills would bring to about \$47,000,000 the amount available for teacher raises.

## Potential Oil Gusher



This seismicographic explosion in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, which is recorded and charted by experts on the boat in the foreground will enable them to determine prospects of finding oil there.

Lake Maracaibo, which is about the size of Lake Erie and dotted with 4,500 oil derricks, is one of the world's richest oil basins. More than 2,000 of these derricks belong to the Creole Petroleum Corporation, affiliate of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), and produce over 900,000 barrels daily.

Teachers originally asked a basic \$399 a year boost, plus improvement in the schedule of increases for experience. This would cost a total of \$67,000,000.

Governor Daniel suggested a compromise whereby teachers get the basic raise, but not the experience increase. Teacher spokesmen have indicated probable acceptance.

Women Gain Ground — Women's clubs won a modified victory with Senate passage of a much-patched separate property bill. It would give married women authority to manage their own estates without husband's consent.

A number of restrictive amendments were put in before passage. One would require a woman be 21 before assuming estate management "to prevent a 14 year old girl from getting married and throwing away her inheritance."

REA Compromise Okayed — A bill designed to smooth over the squabble between private and cooperative utilities has been voted out of committee in both houses.

Proposed changes in law would allow a co-op to continue to serve old customers in an area after it is annexed by a city and add new customers where private power is not available.

Short Snorts — After two months delay the Senate okayed the House-passed Pool bill requiring a runoff in special elections for U. S. Senator and congressman-at-large. Legal Security Life Insurance Company won the right to continue

business after a show cause hearing before the Board of Insurance Commissioners. Board called some of the company assets overvalued, but did not find the one-third impairment of capital required by statute for dissolution. Friends of Speaker Waggoner Carr are pushing him for a second term. His only comment is that he's too busy now for politicking.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has approved continuance of emergency feed program in 119 Texas counties. The Thanksgiving snafu whereby Texas celebrates the last Thursday in November and the rest of the country the fourth Thursday is apparently to be cleared up. A bill making the Texas holiday conform passed both houses.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Buford Tyson during the week end with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Shindler of Midland.

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Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Jess Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Denton, and Tinker of Fort Worth.

Sunday visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dennis were Jack Meador, Mrs. Opal Gattis and Jimmy, of Cross Plains.

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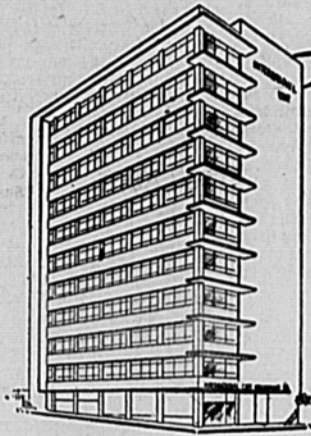
Mrs. Alma Cummings, of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. William Cummings and family over the week end.

Recent guest of Mrs. Buford Tyson was Mrs. Dolores Shelton of Abilene.

James Paul Shanks, student at Texas University, Austin, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks.

John Bullock, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bullock over the week end.

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FIFTEEN YEARS OF SATISFACTORY SERVICE TO POLICYHOLDERS

NO. 9—in a series of articles on Duval County by Frederick Hodgson and Fr. Rosenwald, New York newspaper and magazine writers who visited Duval County and wrote the series exclusively for Texas readers.

## Decline of Duval Dukedom Shows How Publicity Withers Dictators

By FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, Tex.—What was that finally pulled the props from under George Parr's political dictatorship? The people? The State? The Federal Government? The newspapers?

They all had a hand in it! There were also the Texas Rangers, and a lot of freedom-hungry Duval residents both "Anglo" and "Mexican." And there were some Texas newspapers and newspapermen who risked life or limb, or both.

Without them, former Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd's assault on the iron-clad county of Duval might have been a grand and valiant flop. He knew that when he started.

As it turned out, the newspapers were eager to print the facts about George B. Parr, if they just had some facts to print. When they had the facts, they pulled all the stops. That's when the machine began to come apart.

There was a spunky newspaper here and there that had been chipping away at the foundation all along, within the bounds of legality and discretion.

The Alice Daily Echo wasn't afraid of the Boss. And when the facts began to emerge the Echo's proof-reader, a little woman named Caro Brown, turned reporter and won herself a Pulitzer Prize. But not without having her own life and that of her teenage daughter threatened.

There was also Santos de la Paz over in Corpus Christi. He ran a little bi-lingual weekly called La Verdad, the Truth, and that's just what he tried to print about George Parr. Before it was over he wound up holding a giant libel suit, besides going to jail for getting over-eager and printing things he couldn't prove about some of Parr's friends. The libel suit turned out to be a legal trick to force Parr to reveal what he knew in a court hearing. The suit was later dropped.

Just about all the newspapers in Texas were as eager to get the truth out of Duval County as those close to the scene, and weren't afraid to print it.

That kind of spotlight withers a dictatorship in the way a hot wind withers an orchid. And that, combined with more than 400 separate court actions all over Texas, is the reason George Parr's empire isn't the same old empire it used to be.

Parr used to deliver 100-to-1 majorities at the polls. That's why Duval was his county. The district judge, the district attorney, the grand jurists, the sheriff—everybody took their orders from the Boss. But not any more. There's a new slate of officeholders, men whom the Duke did not choose.

The hundreds of gun-toting "deputies" are gone. The Commissioners Court and the school boards no longer take orders from Parr. He doesn't sign the checks anymore, or keep the records. There's no more easy money, no handouts, no payoffs.

County officials don't charge their personal household expenses, medical bills or gasoline to the county any more. They don't carry their daughters on the payroll as teachers while they're away at college. They don't get their deer rifles at county expense, or charge their kids' cough medicine and castor oil to the school district. Things are different in Duval.

They're different for the Duke, too. His two banks, depositories of county and school funds, long

ago were taken out of his hands, closed down by the state. His 55,000-acre ranch, bought with county funds, has gone back to the county, and another 4,000-acre hacienda was auctioned off by the authorities to satisfy tax claims against the Duke.

Donato Serna, the man Parr jailed and clubbed with a flashlight for taking a picture of Parr's "deputies" is now County Auditor, handling the purse strings, requiring a sworn statement from every county employee that he did the work for which he is paid. There are no more fictitious names on the checks. Every recipient of Duval County funds now has to be a flesh and blood reality with a name and a face.

When a boss loses his grip on the purse strings, he loses friends fast. Those who still stick by him, and they are few, remain at his side because they're in the same trouble he's in.

Not all of Parr's friends-in-distress stayed with him, however. County Judge Dan Tobin, long-time Parr supporter who was heavily indicted himself by Duval grand juries, pulled away from the Duke and in effect joined the forces opposing him. In the same way, Parr lost his control over the Commissioners Court. That, plus a half-dozen elections Parr couldn't control, lined up the county and school district offices against the once-mighty Duke who used to give orders to them all.

The biggest change, though, is in the names on the county and school district payrolls—the many non-elective employees who can either serve the county or rob it, depending on who's in charge. The Duval County government is no gravy train any more.

Duvalians long ago lost count of the more than 150 hangers-on, parasites and "cooperatives" employees who have either resigned their jobs in panic or have been chopped off the payroll by Serna. His budget-trimming knife is razor-sharp. The Parr supporters who used to be carried on the books as "road consultant" and "hide inspector" at two or three hundred a month, some of them the wealthiest men in the county, have been relieved of their duties.

I pointed out in an earlier article that Duval's tax rate used to be the highest in the state. It began to come down when the parasites started resigning. Election costs have been reduced as much as 90 per cent, while the number of voters has just about doubled.

County services, meanwhile, have improved remarkably. Parr critics whose ranches were all but inaccessible because county machinery wouldn't grade their roads now are getting home in 30 minutes over country lanes that it used to take two hours to navigate.

The Benavides school kids got one of the biggest breaks of all. Four Parr men resigned from the board three years ago when school records were impounded, and the new board found the district about \$60,000 in the hole, in spite of a gigantic tax intake. Many improvements had been made and paid for on paper, but not in actuality. The new board figured they could make vast physical improvements and undertake major construction projects and still put the district back in the black without raising taxes. Like the county, the school districts have been audited and re-audited in the last

three years, after being without fiscal check-up for decades.

All this examining of records has had results. George Parr's sun is setting, and his shadow stretches long and thin over the rubble of his falling empire. Half a dozen grand juries, no longer hand-picked and controlled, have hung hundreds of indictments around the necks of the Duke and some 40 of his followers.

On January 29 in New Braunfels a jury in New Braunfels found Parr guilty of stealing funds from the Benavides School District and sentenced him to five years in prison. The previous day he was declared bankrupt by a Federal court.

Three of his followers, convicted of conspiracy to steal from the county, have appealed their cases. The rest have used a dozen legal loopholes to postpone their trials, including the hiring of a Texas legislator as legal counsel. A legislator, under Texas law, can't be taken away from his lawmaking duties to try a case. When the 54th Legislature adjourned, the lawmaker dropped out of the Duval cases without having been in court.

Right up to the time he finished his term January 1, Shepperd kept men in Duval County at the request of District Attorney Sam Burris, to work with grand juries. Men like soft-spoken Willis Gresham, jovial Sam Rattliff, youngish Frank Pinedo, and efficient Ralph Rash. Most important, he kept bulldoggy Sydney Chandler there, an eternal thorn in the side of the Duke. Back in Austin a battery of barristers in the Attorney General's office worked around the clock many times to keep ahead of George Parr, who was nobody's fool.

All these men have become symbols in Duval County. Symbols of the new order, of the democratic process, of the Constitution, of the law of the land as opposed to the law of the pistol and the whip.

The presence of the Law in Duval has changed even the conduct of the county's decent citizens. The old fear has been lifted. Election day used to be the day everybody stayed indoors, while the Duke's faithful marched to the polls to vote as instructed by the pistoleros who patrolled the polling places. You didn't go near them if you wanted to avoid serious unpleasantness. It was long years ago that the last man was killed at the polls on election day, but maybe that's only because the machine's opposition got smart and shut showing up to vote.

But now everybody votes in Duval, and they vote the way they feel. The impounding of the ballots after each election to assure an honest count is standard operating procedure. People know that every ballot is now secret, and it makes a powerful difference in the way Duval voters mark the little square.

In any well-run dictatorship it's the natural leaders of a community that fall to the bottom and are kept there. But when the shake-up comes they rise back to the top. Before Shepperd had been in the county a month, citizens had formed the Duval County Clean Government League and started a campaign for reform. A hundred or so Duval women who said they were fed up with locking their doors at night and wondering if their husbands would come home alive, organized the United Mothers and Wives of Duval County.

In stories to follow, we'll take a closer look at the "new" Duval County, and at the proposed laws which will help prevent another "Dukedom" from springing up within the borders of the nation's largest state.

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**Oplin Observations**

By Daphne Floyd

Easter Sunday turned out to  
 be a cloudy, windy day with no  
 rain, but a nice day after all. A  
 nice size crowd attended the  
 Sunrise Services and the one  
 Sunday of the year when most  
 everyone attended church. East-  
 er is another occasion which  
 brings quite a few visitors also.  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller had  
 their son and family, Mr. and  
 Mrs. L. C. Miller of Stamford  
 as week end visitors.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Pierce and  
 baby, of Fort Worth, were recent  
 visitors in the home of his un-  
 cle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien  
 Pierce.  
 Congratulations over Lawn  
 way to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel

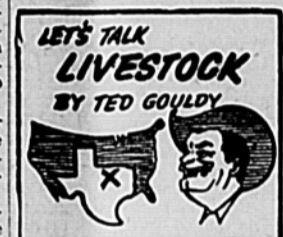
Haynes who announce the arrival  
 of a baby daughter April 16.  
 The baby has been named Paula  
 Kay.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Geisinger  
 and daughters, Sandra, Sherri  
 and Marilyn, of Dobbin, were  
 guests in the home of her sister  
 and husband, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Ray Floyd during the holidays.  
 Other guests on Sunday were  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barrett and  
 Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Barrett, all  
 of Lawn.  
 Friends at Oplin were sorry  
 to hear that Mary Johnson, of  
 Merkel, had to have a tonsilec-  
 tomy Thursday of last week.  
 Mary, along with her little sis-  
 ter, Betsy, and her parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, are  
 all former Oplinites. Hurry and  
 get well, Mary, and no more sore  
 throats.  
 Mmes. M. C. Miller, Dad Poin-  
 dexter, J. P. West and Lillie Mc-  
 Bride sponsored an Easter egg  
 hunt at the Methodist church  
 grounds last Sunday afternoon.  
 Out-of-community visitors were  
 the children of Mr. and Mrs.  
 Sammy McBride of Abilene, Car-  
 olyn and Kenneth, and my little  
 nieces, Sandra, Sherri and Mar-  
 ielyn, who assured me they had  
 more fun.



**HOMESTEADS MAY BE SOLD FOR TAXES**  
 Many Texans have the mis-  
 taken impression that their  
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 sold for delinquent taxes. In  
 many cases, this idea has led  
 to considerable grief and mon-  
 etary loss which could have been  
 avoided. A homestead should be

rendered to tax assessors like  
 any other property, and taxes  
 assessed against it should be  
 paid as faithfully as those on  
 any other taxable property.  
 The deadline for rendering  
 property for taxation is April 1,  
 so far as most city taxing agen-  
 cies are concerned. The last date  
 for rendering real and personal  
 property for state and county  
 taxes is April 30. State taxes are  
 collected by the County Tax Col-  
 lector.  
 Under the Texas Constitution,  
 each family is entitled to claim  
 one piece of real property as  
 their homestead. This claim  
 must be established by an affi-  
 davit filed with the county tax  
 assessor on or before April 30,  
 each and every year. This affi-  
 davit must be filed by the owner  
 himself. A lending agency cannot  
 do so, even though it may  
 actually pay the annual taxes  
 thereon from a fund created by  
 the owner's monthly install-  
 ments.  
 When the homestead affidavit  
 is properly filed, the owner be-  
 comes entitled to an exemption  
 of State taxes up to the value  
 of \$3,000 or 200 acres in the case  
 of farm lands. This an exemp-  
 tion from payment, not a com-  
 plete exemption from rendition  
 and assessment. There is no sim-  
 ilar exemption with reference to  
 county or city taxes.  
 The homestead claimed for  
 tax purposes need not be the  
 property which is actually occu-  
 pied by the owner as his resi-  
 dence.  
 When the homestead affi-  
 davit is not filed by April 30, the  
 taxpayer loses his right to the  
 \$3,000 or 200-acre exemption,  
 and consequently becomes lia-  
 ble for more taxes than he would  
 otherwise be required to pay.  
 Property taxes are assessed  
 against the person who is the  
 record owner of each piece of  
 real and personal property on  
 the first day of January of each  
 year. Individuals purchasing  
 property during the year should  
 make sure that the taxes for all  
 previous years have been paid.  
 Otherwise, the purchaser may  
 be forced to pay hundreds of  
 dollars in delinquent taxes to  
 protect his property. Unpaid

taxes create a lien against the  
 property which can be enforced  
 regardless of change of owner-  
 ship.  
 One should keep in mind to  
 make some arrangements for the  
 previous owner to pay his prop-  
 erty taxes for the current year.  
 Otherwise, the buyer  
 may find it necessary to pay  
 the entire taxes for that year.  
 When taxes are not paid by  
 the deadline prescribed for the  
 particular taxing unit (county,  
 city, State or district), monetary  
 penalties and interest are ad-  
 ded from month to month. In ad-  
 dition, the property becomes  
 subject to seizure and sale to  
 satisfy the tax lien. This lien  
 applies to any property, whether  
 homestead or not.  
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 to inform -- not to advise. No  
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 terpret any law without the aid  
 of an attorney who is fully ad-  
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 volved, because a slight variance  
 in facts may change the applica-  
 tion of the law).



**All Livestock Strong As Receipts Small**  
**FORT WORTH** — Strong prices were the rule at Fort Worth and all around the major livestock market circuit Monday as numbers of cattle, hogs and sheep were well below a week earlier and also a year ago. Improving range conditions and spring field work were credited with the slack receipts, as well as the small over-night movement of livestock for Monday sale because of Easter observance.

**Cattle and Calves Strong, Spots 50 Cents Up**  
 Trade was active and prices of cattle and calves were fully steady to strong, with spots 25 to 50 cents higher. Fed cattle were very scarce, with the top beeves some club steers from Motley County that topped at \$24.50. Other good to choice cattle sold from \$19 to \$22.50 and plain and medium sorts sold from \$12 to \$18. Butcher cows sold from \$12.50 to \$15, and canners and cutters sold from \$9 to \$13. Bulls drew \$10 to \$15.  
 Good and choice fat calves brought \$20 to \$23, and medium and lower grades sold from \$12 to \$19. Stocker steer calves sold from \$16 to \$25, and steer yearlings sold from \$21.50 down. Stocker cows drew \$10 to \$15.  
**Motley County Steers Bring \$24.50 Top**  
 Motley County 4-H and FFA livestock topped the market in all divisions Monday as a group of young people and adults visited the market. County Agent Bill Pallmeyer and Vocational Ag Instructor Mickey McMeans of Roaring Springs, were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barton, Jr., and Max of Matador. Pallmeyer's brother, E. L. Pallmeyer, Fort Worth, joined the group. The young people included:  
 Jan Barton, Cheri Barton, Carol Campbell, Mike Barton, Jimmy Reed and Ed D. Smith, Jr., of Matador; Bert Green, Roaring Springs; Leo Reed and Bobby Joe Smith of Flomot.  
 Top steers at \$24.50 were sold by Jan Barton, Boyd Long, Leo Reed, Bert Green, Jerry Green, Mike Barton, Cheri Barton and Kenny Barton.  
**Lambs Up Half Dollar, Spring Lamb Top \$24.50**  
 There was continued improvement in the sheep and lamb trade Monday as good and choice milk fat lambs topped at \$23 and \$24.50. Old crop lambs went along with the strong market as good and choice yearling lambs sold from \$19 to \$22.50, those at the higher figure having Fall shorn and full wool pelts. Lambs with No. 2 and No. 1 pelts sold from \$22 down, and No. 3 pelts sold around \$21 down.  
**Hogs Open 50 Cents Higher, Top Hits \$19 - \$19.25**  
 Choice butcher hogs topped at \$19 and \$19.25 Monday, while medium grades sold from \$15 to \$18.50. Sows cashed at \$15 to \$16.50. These prices were fully 50 cents above late last week. Supplies of hogs were 22,000 below a week earlier the same day around the 12 major markets.  
**Stockyards Area Again Will Be Site Of Rodeo**  
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**People, Spots In The News**

**GOOD MIXERS** brighten up for spring. American Can Company, supplier of containers for widening array of paints and painting materials, finds that women in 1957 will do about a third of all painting jobs inside the house.

**WILLING** to "take one to give one," Carmen Basilio (right) wades in on Johnny Sexton, kayoing him in second round to retain welterweight title.

**TINA** Louise in costume as queen of the Art Students League's ball. Regal enough!

**BEAR-FACED** bravado is shown by Rene, miniature poodle, putting paw right in eye of non-protesting polar bear (rug).

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# NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

## SCHOOL NEWS . . .

**1st & 2nd Grades**  
We had a nice Easter vacation so we want to study hard for the remaining weeks of school.

We had a nice time at school Saturday at homecoming. Mr. Joe Steadham of Austin made a tape recording of our Rhythms. We had fun listening to the recording.

In Science, we are beginning a unit on Insects.

Reagan Shackelford spent a part of his Easter vacation with his grandmother in Seymour.

We are proud to have Pat Gunn back with us. She was able to be in our part of the program Saturday.

Jan Petty spent part of her vacation with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, who live near Cisco.

Dan Northrup visited with his grandparents during the week end.

Wanda Cunningham had several guests during the holidays. Her uncle, Mr. Charles Reynolds of Tulsa, Okla., visited in our room Saturday.

Joey and Mona Normand spent Sunday in Breckenridge visiting an uncle.

Roselee Rouse spent part of her vacation in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Waddell's music pupils will present a program at the high school auditorium Thursday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

## Putnam Personals . . .

Those having Sunday dinner with Mrs. D. D. Jones and Dove Gunn were Mrs. T. B. Watson and daughter of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowne of Dallas, Mrs. B. H. Yeager, Mrs. Homer Pruet, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones and family, Hodge and Billy Bowne.

Those visiting the J. E. Pruets over the week end were Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and three sons of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mundt and two sons of Mineral Wells, Mrs. Earline Clark and daughter of Boerne.

Those spending the week end with the S. M. Eubanks were their daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Williams and two sons of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and son of San Antonio.

Dr. R. D. Brown and family of San Antonio were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and Mr. and Mrs. A. Schultz of Rising Star.

Those visiting Mabry Tatom's family were Junior Tatom and family of Abilene.

Danny Sherman spent the Easter holidays with her aunt, Mrs. G. S. Pruet and brother Ricky.

Carol Smith and family, and Clifford, of Grand Prairie, were week end guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith.

Dicky Peterson and wife, of Detroit, Mich., were visiting relatives Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee White had as their week end guests their sons Lyndon and family of Baird, Royce and family of Colorado City, and daughter Mrs. H. T. Varner and family of Jal, N. M.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey during the week end were Mrs. Bailey's sisters: Mrs. Sadie Heslep of Jal, N. M., Mrs. Effie Dodd, Mrs. Rosa Ryan of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Hayme Armstrong of Jal, N. M.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett over the week end were their sons: Buel of Big Spring Bill and family of Colorado City and Jack and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Caraway and sons, of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

Joe Coleman and daughters, Doris and Fay, visited Mr. and Mrs. Epp Free Saturday.

Mrs. John Miller and daughter of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wagley Sunday.

Those visiting the R. B. Cunningshams Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cunningham and son of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Lamb of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Tulsa, Okla.

Willie Butler visited his brother, Loyd, Friday.

Mrs. W. J. West and daughter of Sipe Springs attended the homecoming, also Mr. and Mrs. Seastrunk of Abilene.

Mrs. Alton Hutchinson and daughter, Nancy, of Stephenville, attended the homecoming.

Mrs. Kelly Peek, of Dallas, spent several days last week with relatives in Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Walton of Houston were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reese over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Spencer, of LaFeria, Mr. and Mrs. John Black of Abilene, Sgt. and Mrs. Don Spencer of Breckenridge were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hedrick.

Buck Brock, of Tulsa, Okla., and his mother, Mrs. Lawrence Brock of Abilene, attended the homecoming.

Mrs. Mary Guyton is attending the Texas Graduate Nurses Association's 59th Convention. Headquarters are at Settles Hotel in Big Spring.

Gail Williams of Lubbock spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton and sons, of Snyder, were week end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Mrs. Pete King of Fort Worth spent the week end with relatives and friends in Putnam.

Those visiting the E. E. Sundermans were their sons, Eugene and family of Corpus Christi, Earl and family of Fort Worth, Edward and family of Cleburne and Frank and wife of Sinton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Ramsey of El Paso are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and son, Jimmy, of Grand Prairie, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chatham of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco.

Supt. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and son and daughter spent the Easter holidays in New Mexico.

Meta and Janice Reynolds spent the holidays in Breckenridge with their sister, Mrs. Jerry Cochran and Mr. Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton of Sweetwater spent the holidays in Putnam and Granbury.

Mrs. Jamie Hale, of El Paso, spent several days with friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kennedy and children, of Fort Worth, attended the homecoming.

Willie Geter and daughter of Archer City, visited his sister, Mrs. Burette Ramsey over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilbanks of San Antonio, were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilbanks.

Visiting with the John D. Isenhower family over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Isenhower, Jane, Elizabeth Ann and Billy of Baytown; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Isenhower and Wanda of Clifton; Mrs. Henry Freeman Doris Ann, Mary Ruth, Jackie Jean, Glenda Jo and Henry Allen



**ROOT PLOWING AND SEEDING DEMONSTRATION** — Discussing the benefits of root plowing and seeding of brush infested rangeland at a demonstration on the John D. Isenhower ranch at Putnam Friday are, left to right, W. O. Dawson, Ranger rancher; Isenhower; Bill Lawrence, Baird rancher and Charles Greenway, salesman with Central West Texas Machinery Co., of Abilene, which furnished the equipment.

of Corsicana; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green and son, Buford, of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Allen and son, David, of Merkel, visited relatives in Putnam Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Yeager and daughters, Mrs. Carl Wallace of Tyler and Mildred, of Dallas, attended the homecoming.

Those visiting Mrs. Mitt Cook over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruyle and Lillian Cook of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook, Artie and Bruce Bollick, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett and son, Mike, of Colorado City, were week end visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and son of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wirt.

Mrs. Lena Kelly of Fort Worth spent the week end here with friends and relatives.

Attending the homecoming were: Mrs. Williams and daughter of San Marcos; Henry Orr of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Webb and family of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beard of Canyon, Mrs. Eubank and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilbanks of Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright had as guests during the holidays Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons, Charles and Robert of Big Spring. Mrs. Clay attended the homecoming.

Aura Frances Waddell, of Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Linecum of Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weeks. Other visitors in the Weeks home were Mrs. May Williams, Mrs. Amy Dodson, O. E. Harwell of Merkel, Charles Harwell of Odessa. Mr. Weeks has been in the hospital at Baird for several days.

## Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi, neighbor! We sure have had a windy day this Monday. Roma and I went to Abilene shopping and am I tired. If you missed the homecoming at Putnam Saturday, you shouldn't. There were lots of people there. Everyone seemed to have a good time visiting and talking. Had a nice lunch and a short program afterward. We enjoyed the Rhythm Band and the little square dancers very much. I saw so many of yesterday neighbors and friends I had not seen in so long. There were four very good and dear friends came all the way from California. They were Mrs. Mary Shackelford Thomas, Mrs. Emma Ray Roberts, Mrs. Stella Ray Clements and Ben Bradley. I could not begin to name all the ones that were there. We will have another homecoming in two years so don't forget to come.

We are still dry here. Had a little shower last week. The wind came the next day and blew it all away. They have out tornado warnings for these parts now, will last till midnight or later. Mike, Stella Hughes and girls spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John

Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Burette Ramsey and attended the homecoming.

Retha Burnam spent the week end with her parents, the Mark Burnams, and attended homecoming.

The Jack Everetts spent the week end with the Mark Burnams, and also attended homecoming.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey had dinner

with the Mark Burnams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford and children, of Cisco, visited Saturday evening in the Mark Burnam home.

R. C. Yarbrough and family, of Menard, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Yarbrough. They attended homecoming.

Gerald and Mildred Carter

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spent the week end with John and Roma and Jim and I. They went to church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wood and daughter spent the week end with their parents, the Emmitt Woods and the Roggensteins.

Roma and I went to Cisco Friday and visited with Fred and Mary Allen and new baby. Also visited with Faye and Emmitt Wood.

Good morning this pretty Tuesday. We had 1/4 inch of rain

last night. Sure was glad to get it. No storm. The wind blew pretty hard, still cloudy and rainy looking. Hope to get more rain today.

Little Boy Jim has gone to the pasture to see if we caught any stock water. Roma just came by. She said their tank just above the barn just liked about a foot running around.

I guess I better seat, I got to go over to Cisco, so be good and I'll be seein' you.

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**SWEET AND SOUR**

(Continued from Page One)

And a special wish to Wanda Glasson, who underwent surgery this week. Wanda's host of friends send all their love and hope her illness will be short-lived.

Up Abilene way we send some very loving thoughts to Ann Catherine Ross who is in the hospital and hope she'll soon be home and feeling fine.

We send greetings way down to San Antonio and hope it finds Sgt. Jack Sims much improved. Jack has been battling a back injury. We'll throw in a special good wish for his wife, Pat, too. What with tonsilectomies, measles, flu and slipped discs we guess Pat feels a deep appreciation for that good man Jobe. One thing about it, though, Pat

keeps right on smiling and joking about it and you can't beat spirit like that, can you?

Julie Lawrence, grandbaby of the J. T. Lawrence was a tonsilectomy patient this week but she's "all well" now, and that's good news to be sure.

We had the nicest card from the nicest person - Naomi Heyser sent us a card from Salt Lake City where she and Fred and the Art Shaws are on vacation. Attached to the card was a tiny bag of salt. That made it quite an item of interest for Mrs. Ivey's geography class and wasn't it thoughtful of Naomi to remember us?

Have you noticed the spot of bright verbenas growing right on Market Street by the street light in front of Lowell Boyd's store? The green thumb that deserves the credit belongs to "Chigger" Pruitt and we think she should have some sort of citation for beautifying the city.

Did you get some of the colored Easter chicks at the Star Hatchery? They were extra pretty this season.

We've had something brought to our attention that sent blood curdling chills down our spine. You probably know that we've had a plague of dog poisoning, but did you know that the poison was placed in wieners and thrown into yards? Can you im-

agine what would happen if a child found the poisoned tidbits? Young children are very apt to find a wiener tempting, so if you know of any ghouls who takes delight in killing people's pets, please ask that 'dracula' type individual to leave the children alone.

We don't like to close this chat on that sort of note so we'll add something pleasant like how pretty the Ringhoffer children are -- saw them in town last week getting all set for Easter and looking pretty as pictures.

**THANKS!**

Mrs. Katherine Hinds, Baird chairman for the Cancer Crusade, wishes to express her appreciation and thanks to the following for their unselfish efforts in the Cancer Drive. Without their untiring aid, the drive could not have been such a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Black, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hord, J. H. Fiedler, Grady Davis, Vance Stephenson, James Eubanks, Glen Kerby, Curtis Sutphen, Leslie Bryant, Arlon Barton, Earl Slater, E. B. Posey, Baetrice Deal, Verna Burleson, Helen Curtis, Juanita Danieleson, Margie Ray, Faye Smith, Mary Kehrer, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Mrs. Ellis Warren, Mrs. James Snyder and Mrs. Raymond Corn.

**Rowden Round-Up**

By Thelda Crow

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Norvell, Rosemary and Dicky, had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Duncan and family.

The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kline and Martha spent the week end with her mother and brother, Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and Raymond. Mrs. Mattie Holly of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gibbs and Carl, of Odessa, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Lella Gibbs.

Miss Irene Mauldin of Snyder, Roland Mauldin of Cisco Junior College, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brown of Abilene also spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter, of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Linweaver and son of Abilene spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hines of Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thornton and Irvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephens and Debra of Snyder, Thelda Crow of Baird and Scottie Jefferies of Talpa visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow over the week end. Nelda Smedley of Baird visit-

ed relatives at Rowden Sunday. Don Mauldin spent the week end at Lake Travis with relatives and friends.

Sammy Sikes, of Abilene spent the week end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Manjon were Sgt. and Mrs. H. M. McElrath of Abilene.

Saturday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Ballard were R. M. Meador, Mrs. A. A. Smith and Jimmy Gattis, all of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bryant spent the week end in El Paso visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lans.

A group of girls from the Church of God and their sponsor, Mrs. O. C. Luck, enjoyed an Easter egg hunt out near the lake Sunday afternoon.

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