

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, modern schools, fine churches, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

CALLAHAN COUNTY, In Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

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Just 'Round About

As we walked up and down the street * * * Old Man Winter was still with us and we get word that several of his grandkids are on their way from the north pole to meet him here * * * One farmer made it to town through the ice to stock up on a few provisions, and in a group of men hugging a stove we heard him telling about the tax the City of Abilene is placing on farm produce that is marketed over there. Abilene is the market place for milk and cream throughout this territory and farmers are not exactly pleased with the new tax they are charged when they take their produce to that city. The fact is that our farmers take raw milk to Abilene where it is processed, then it is retailed in stores in the form of milk and milk products back here in the farmer's own community. About the only way to equalize this business is for a similar tax to be placed on these products when they are brought into Callahan county for retail. Other counties bordering Taylor are thinking seriously right now of doing that very thing * * * Baird folk are slowly but surely numbering their houses and installing mail boxes in preparation for the new mail delivery service that has been promised this city * * *

Roland Dunwoody, local manager of West Texas Utilities Company, states that plans are almost complete for his transfer to the general office at Abilene. No announcement has been made as to who will succeed him here * * * Mayor B. H. Freeland stepped from his car and pulled a leader in his back. It is painful, he says, but he is recovering * * * Donald Melton was rushing around to move over to Coleman * * * Frank Bearden was assigning crews of workmen in various directions to repair telephone lines damaged by ice. Cost of last week's cold wave has meant millions of dollars to communications companies in the southwest * * * The traveling public must surely appreciate the splendid work that is being done by highway department in sending out emergency crews to spread gravel on slippery hills and otherwise assist the motorist who must travel. The flow of travel on Highway 80 has not stopped, although it has been greatly slowed down, and thanks go to these men who have worked day and night to keep traffic moving all up and down the road * * * County Agent Oliver Werst was heard to say the moisture from the recent ice storm had soaked down into the ground some six or seven inches. With this kind of a season in the ground, old Callahan county ought to bloom forth in all its splendor when spring arrives * * * Hugh Ross is getting mighty tired serving a banquet to his cows every day through this winter season. Lee Ivey has the right slant on feeding cattle. That is to run them into his slaughter house while they are fat and let them feed you.

Water Board Has Business Meeting

The Water Improvement and Control Board met at the City Hall Wednesday night and the matter of bringing the proposed lake project to a vote of the people was thoroughly gone into. County Attorney F. E. Mitchell, who has compiled legal data for the project, was requested by the board to go to Dallas with City Secretary C. L. Hord today to complete the legal details for the election. N. A. Waldrop, president of the water board, stated that every effort would be made to hold the election at the earliest possible time. He also reported that all members of the board are eager to bring the lake proposition to the voters and expedite the project of giving Baird an ample water supply.

In conversation with Arthur Burleson, city water superintendent, a Star reporter learned yesterday that Baird's water supply at the present time is barely holding its own. Only one well in the water field is supplying water in any considerable quantity. Work is being done to obtain more water for use this summer, but the prospects are slim, Mr. Burleson said.

FORMER OPLIN RESIDENT DIES IN BROWNWOOD

Reid S. Singleton, 74, former resident of Callahan County, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 11 in a Brownwood hospital. Mr. Singleton was a ranchman. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the London and Burton Funeral Chapel in Brownwood with Rev. Moore Eubank officiating. Interment was at the Cox Cemetery.

Mr. Singleton was a brother of Thomas J. Singleton, 70, who died last Friday in a Brownwood hospital.

A bachelor, he was the last surviving brother of a pioneer Central Texas family. Another brother, Newt Singleton, died a year ago.

A sister, Mrs. Dora Dags of San Antonio, and several nephews survive. Nephews were pallbearers.

Mr. Singleton made his home the past twelve years with a niece, Mrs. E. L. Dennis who lives at Rowden. The Dennises and Mr. Singleton were former residents of Oplin, where they resided five years. Mr. Singleton resided at Mercury for many years.

WEATHER HAMPERS TRASH HAULING

Due to the extreme weather conditions, Madison Montgomery has not been able to get around to all the Baird residents to pick up trash, but he will have a helper for a few days when the weather clears up, and the town will again be cleaned up from stem to stern.

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Claude Flores is still ill in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. Swafford is a graduate of Clyde High School, class of '48. During her senior year she was Pep Squad leader, secretary of the senior class and queen of Clyde High School.

Mr. Swafford graduated from Rowden high school, and for the past two years has been employed by the El Paso Natural Gas Co., in New Mexico and Arizona.

For going-away, the bride wore a cocoa brown dress with matching accessories. The couple left immediately following the ceremony for a leisurely honeymoon trip to points of interest in New Mexico, before going to Safford, Arizona, to make their home.

Triple Funeral For Wreck Victims

Triple funeral services for Mrs. Raymond Higgins, 29, and her two children, Billy, 7, and Frances Ann, 2, were held Sunday afternoon at Admiral Baptist Church. The three died as a result of an automobile-train collision in the lower El Paso valley January 3.

Frances Ann was killed instantly and Billy died the next day. Mrs. Higgins, who suffered severe head and spinal injuries, died January 13, and a third child, Richard, age 5, was in the car, but escaped serious injury.

Mrs. Higgins, who was living in El Paso at the time of the accident, was the driver of a car that collided with a westbound Texas & Pacific train at El Paso Monday, Jan. 3.

At the time of the accident, S-Sgt. Raymond W. Higgins, husband of the deceased woman, was on temporary duty with the 97th Bomb Wing in England. He was flown back to the United States, arriving last Monday in Maryland. But, because of the bad weather conditions, he was unable to fly back to Texas, and had to take a train to El Paso.

Sergeant Higgins was with his wife at the time of her death. He has been stationed at Biggs Field.

Rev. J. L. Carter officiated at the funeral, assisted by the pastor of the Admiral Church, Rev. Otis B. Cavin and Rev. A. A. Davis, local pastor of the First Baptist Church. Wylie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and burial was in the Admiral Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Bobby A. Higgins, Jimmy Higgins, Elbert Higgins, Claxton Jones, Rube Smith, Truman Black, Truett Black, Carol Bradford, Jimmy Cauthen, Billy Joe Higgins, Buster Gary, S-Sgt. David S. Wells and S-Sgt. Claude Moon.

Mrs. Higgins, who was born Jan. 5, 1920, at Longview, is survived by her husband, one son, Richard Higgins; her mother, Mrs. Buella Heitt of Houston; one brother, Newt Heitt, of Houston; four sisters, Nelda Heitt, Houston; Mrs. Viola Richardson, Hallsville; Mrs. Mary Lou Mayes, Cisco, and Mrs. Charlie F. Henderson, Millsap.

The paternal grandfather of the children is Joe Higgins of Clifton, formerly of Baird.

FOOTBALL BANQUET POSTPONED

Due to the severe weather conditions that prevailed in this vicinity during the past week, the annual football banquet was not held Wednesday night as planned. Harold Ray, president of the Callahan County Club, stated that the banquet would be held at a later date which would soon be announced. The banquet is held each year at the close of the football season when the luncheon club entertains the Baird Bears and their dates.

NOTICE!

There will be services at Admiral Baptist Church at 10:45 a. m. Sunday.

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Will D. Boydston, Baird Business Man Celebrates 57th Anniversary With Cake Cutting Ceremonies At Store Saturday, January 15th

A huge birthday cake was cut at Will D. Boydston's dry goods store Saturday and served to some 175 friends and customers who attended the 57th Anniversary celebration. Mr. Boydston cut the cake and served it with the able assistance of his sister, Miss Myrtle Boydston. Rev. A. A. Davis, Baptist pastor, offered the invocation, before Mr. Boydston extended a short message of welcome and invited all to partake of the big cake. The cake was sent to Mr. Boydston by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Har-

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Baird vs. Clyde Games Friday Night at 7:00

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The teams have met twice each this year, the Baird girls nudging Clyde girls each time, and the Clyde boys have defeated the Baird boys twice in tournaments.

The largest crowd of the season is expected to jam the gym on Friday night. The games start at 7:00 p. m. and the admission price is \$15 for students and 25c for adults.

The Baird boys played some very good ball last weekend, defeating the strong Eula team and winning the Cross Plains tournament.

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War Victims Rites Held Saturday

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The body lay in state at the home of his mother, Mrs. Dorse Odom of Baird, until the funeral services Saturday at 2 p. m. Rites were conducted at the Denton Valley Methodist Church by Rev. Lennox Hester of Midland, assisted by Rev. John A. English, pastor of the Baird Methodist Church. Burial was in Kendrick Cemetery in the Denton Valley Community by Wylie Funeral Home.

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City Will Assist In Mail Project

The city council voted Monday to assist the residents of Baird in numbering their houses and obtaining mail boxes which has been required by the post office department. This action is being taken to help get the city ready for the new mail delivery service within the shortest possible time. The project has been approved by the postoffice department subject to citizens getting their houses numbered and installing mail boxes. Mayor Freeland stated that everyone should do all of the things necessary to complete this undertaking which will mean so much to our city. He further added that it would be bad for us to delay too long and have the offer to establish the service withdrawn. Two men will measure the streets and assign numbers to each house. As the numbers change each 12 1/2 feet, every house, duplex, etc., should have a number. It will be up to each resident to purchase his own numbers and mail box, neither of which will cost very much.

COTTONWOOD PREACHER BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral for Rev. W. B. Gilleland, 63, minister of Cottonwood Methodist Church, was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18th, at Cottonwood. Rev. Owen Stephens, Cisco, district superintendent, officiated, assisted by Rev. McAfee, pastor of Cross Plains Methodist Church. Burial was in Cottonwood Cemetery.

Rev. Gilleland died at 9:30 a. m. Monday, Jan. 17th, in Callahan County Hospital of pneumonia. He had been minister of the Methodist Church at Cottonwood for three years. Rev. Gilleland joined the Methodist Church when 8 years old.

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Ray Motor Company Shows New Car

The new 1949-Chevrolet has arrived in Baird and will be formally shown to the public at Ray Motor Company's show room Saturday, January 22. The new car is the product of three years development work and more than a million miles of engineering research. The model being shown here has been completely restyled. It is lower, wider and more distinctive than any previous series. Not only does the design introduce superior beauty to the lowest-priced ranks, but numerous body and chassis improvements promise to add to Chevrolet's reputation for comfort, safety and convenience. Harold Ray is inviting all the people of this locality to visit their show room this Saturday and view the new car. He states that this will be the greatest showing Ray Motor Company has held since the pre-war days. Read the announcement advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Star, which will give the reader a peek at the new Chevrolet ahead of the show date.

M. H. HANCOCK BURIED IN DALLAS

Funeral services for Marvin H. Hancock, 67, former Baird resident, was held at 11 a. m. Wednesday at Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas.

Mr. Hancock lived in Baird from 1912 until 1916, and was employed by B. L. Boydston. During the few years he resided here, he made many friends.

He had been a salesman for Harris Polk Hat Company for the last 32 years. He was born in Alabama and came to DeLeon in Comanche county, in 1906. He moved to Dallas three years ago.

Hancock was a past district deputy grand master of the Seventy-second Masonic District and a trustee and steward of the Highland Park Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Miss Marvel Hancock, a student at Southern Methodist University; a brother, S. S. Hancock, Houston, and two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Boone and Mrs. Villah Drenkie, Houston.

Rev. M. L. Boone and Rev. W. H. Dickinson officiated at the services. Burial was in Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas.

DAUGHTER IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Ray, of Breckenridge, are parents of a daughter, Carol Lynn, born Jan. 12th. The new arrival weighed seven pounds, ten and one-half ounces. Grandparents are Mrs. Della Farrar of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ray of Breckenridge. Mother and baby are reported getting along nicely.



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riage Wednesday, Jan. 12, in Clyde.
Mrs. Shanks is the former Juanita Inez Fewell, of Abilene, only daughter of Mrs. Lillian Fe-

THANK YOU!

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WAS
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They Came - They Bought - They Ate -
and best of all, they went off smiling and
saying "we hope to be here next year!"

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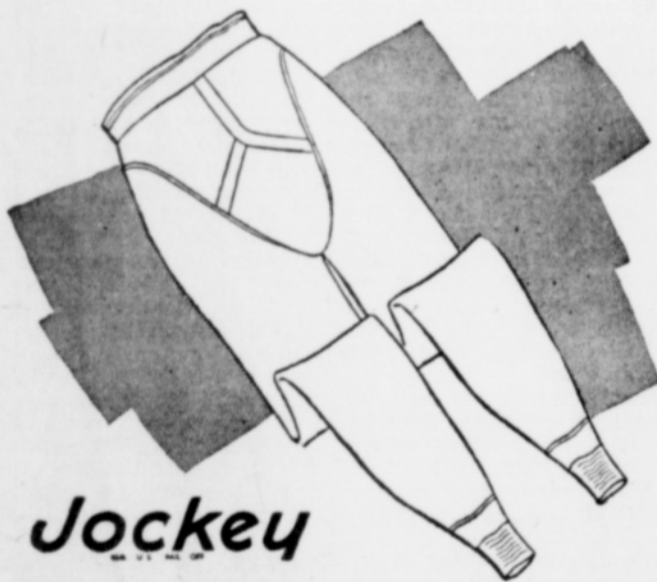
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well of Clyde. Corporal Shanks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shanks of Abilene.

Rev. Sidney Cox, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony at his home Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, as the couple stood before an arch of greenery and flowers. The arch was flanked by tall baskets of white gladioluses and stock. The setting was lighted by white tapers.

The bride wore a navy blue crepe dress and navy accessories and a white hat and gloves. Her white Bible was topped with a bouquet of orchids showered with white satin ribbon.

Joyce Weathers of Clyde was the bride's only attendant. She wore a plum colored wool crepe with black accessories and corsage of white carnations.

J. P. White of Abilene was best man. Bobby Fewell, younger brother of the bride, and Cleon Shanks, brother of the bridegroom, lighted the candles.

A reception was held, with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. White presiding. The dining room was centered with a bouquet of white gladioluses and stock.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Evans of Lott, the bridegroom's parents, his sister, Mrs. J. P. White, and Mr. White, of Abilene, and his brother, Johnny Shanks and Mrs. Shanks of Stanton.

For traveling the bride wore a moss green coat suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Shanks was graduated from Clyde High School in 1945 and attended Gall Business College, Abilene. She has been employed at Sun Electric in Abilene for the past three years.

Corporal Shanks is a graduate of Abilene High School and has served in the Army three years. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., where the couple will live.

Enroute they will stop in Eugene, Ore., where they will be guests of Corporal Shanks' sister, Mrs. Ralph Burkman and Mr. Burkman.

The bride was complimented with a gift party at the Clyde Baptist Church when some 44 guests called.

Hostesses were Mrs. J. B. Paylor, Mrs. H. B. Terry, Sr., Mrs. Jewell Swanzy, Mrs. L. M. Green, Mrs. Archie Pee, Mrs. A. E. Stevenson, Mrs. W. B. Barton, Mrs. C. S. Cox, Anna Belle Tabor, Alda Nordyke and Joyce Weathers.

A. B. SHELTON OF CLYDE MARRIES IN GAINESVILLE

Before an altar decorated with baskets of white chrysanthemums, fern and candles, Margie Plumlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Plumlee of Gainesville, became the bride of A. B. Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Shelton of Clyde, Jan. 4th.

The service was read in the Grand Avenue Baptist Church at Gainesville with Rev. Fred Stumpp officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown with sweetheart neckline, and long fitted sleeves which came to points over the wrists. She carried a nosegay of white carnations tied with satin ribbon.

Mrs. Loveta Schmitz, Muenster, served as matron of honor; and Lucy Miller, Clyde and Mrs. Martha Avaret, Odessa, were bridesmaids. All were dressed in similar gowns of pink taffeta.

The attendants wore shoulder length veils of pink net. Their flowers were nosegays of pink carnations tied with pink satin ribbon.

Margaret Ekins, who wore a pink brocaded taffeta gown and white carnations in her hair, lighted the candles.

Bob Shelton of Midland served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Tommy Plumlee, brother of the bride, and Douglas Plumlee, cousin of the bride.

Following a reception held in the church annex, the couple left

for a wedding trip to Mexico. For traveling the bride wore a navy blue gabardine suit with blue and gray accessories.

Mrs. Shelton is a graduate of Gainesville High School, Gainesville Junior College and attended North Texas State College at Denton, and Southeastern College at Durant, Okla.

Shelton was reared at Clyde and graduated from Clyde High School. They will make their home in Odessa where he is employed.

MRS. BAULCH HOSTESS TO W. S. C. S.

The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Tee Baulch, with Mrs. Bob Norrell and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., as co-hostesses, in a social meeting Tuesday afternoon.

During the business session, plans for the menu for the football banquet were made. It was announced that the ladies are invited to Zone III meeting at the First Methodist Church in Abilene, January 25th.

After a pleasant social hour, refreshments were served to the following: Miss Betsy Hickman, Mmes. Mary Sutphen, V. E. Hill, M. L. Stubblefield, Ace Hickman, Willard Kelton, J. J. Durham, Rod Kelton, J. M. Reynolds, J. Brice Jones, Robert Smith, W. A. Fetterly, and the hostesses Mmes. Norrell, Russell and Baulch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthen and Miss Emily Cauthen of Admiral were business visitors here Wednesday.

Miss Hazel Respass, post-mistress at Cottonwood, was a visitor here last Friday.

Mrs. M. D. Hoover arrived Sunday night from Dallas to visit her sister, Mrs. Lee Estes.

MR. AND MRS. DUNWODY HONORED AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek entertained on Wednesday evening of last week with a party for the choir of the First Methodist Church. Honor guest was Mr. Roland Dunwody, who is moving to Abilene at an early date. Mr. Dunwody served as president of the choir for several years.

During the evening, musical games were played. A gift was presented to the honor guest.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shrader, Mae Clair Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George, Mrs. Willard Kelton, Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Mrs. Haynie Gilliland, W. A. Fetterly, Mrs. M. C. McGowen, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunwody, Rev. and Mrs. Darris Egger and Darris, Jr., of Clyde, Rev. and Mrs. John English, Mrs. Tee Baulch.

PTA MEETING POSTPONED

Due to mid-term exams, the regular meeting of the Baird PTA will be postponed. The next meeting has been set for Thursday, January 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, Jr., of Cisco, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, Sr., during the weekend.

Ward Hardy, Rankin, is a visitor at the bedside of his sister, Miss Virgie Hardy, who is ill in Callahan County Hospital.

Mrs. Otis Odum and Mrs. John Jordon of Opilim visited Mrs. Dorse Odum Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear made a trip to Dallas Wednesday.

Miss Maurine Eubanks of Admiral was a shopper here Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Harris of Toyah visited here the first of the week.

Eula Episodes

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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barnes made a trip early last week to Mansfield, Ark. to attend the funeral of a grandchild. The parents were their son, J. T. Barnes and wife.

School was suspended Monday at 1:30 until there is a rise in temperature and it will be safer for the busses to make their routes.

Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKee, and Weldon Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Edwards are both suffering from bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morrow of New York City, N. Y., are visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Farmer, Mr. Farmer and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wygal of Post were visitors in the com-

munity on Tuesday of last week. They came to get the last load of furniture that has been in storage since late summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lastier of Teague are now living in the place vacated by the D. L. Kisers over at the Magnolia Pump Station.

Eula is about to recover from the most damaging ice storm in its history. Electric power was restored to most of the homes by 5 p. m. Friday afternoon. Most REA lines are expected to be repaired by Saturday for limited service. It will be several days though before lines will be A-1 condition.

The most serious bodily injury reported was sustained by Albert Meissner, who has a fractured arm near the elbow. Several others received cuts and bruises. The bright side of it all was the equivalent of one inch of rain fell, which was the cause of it all.

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Payments made before February first will not be subject to additional fees for interest and penalties, and to accomodate property owners this office will remain open each Saturday afternoon until 5 o'clock.

Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1949 your poll tax must be paid before February first. Although '49 is not a general election year there are at present indications that important issues will be balloted on. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes may be paid at the Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains as well as at the office of

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Wide-Tread Front Axles	62 in.	56 in.	60.03 in.	58 1/2 in.
Total Spring Length (front & rear)†	194 in.	171 1/2 in.	182 in.	178 in.
Cab Seat Width‡	67 1/4 in.	53 1/2 in.	53 in.	47 1/2 in.
Windshield Glass Area^	901 sq. in.	713 sq. in.	638 sq. in.	546 sq. in.

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ILL PROPOSING SECRET BALLOT IN ELECTION LAWS

Dallas — A bill proposing inclusion of a secret ballot in the election laws of Texas will be introduced early this week for consideration by the Fifty-first legislature of Texas, Mrs. Marjorie Row, President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, announced Saturday.

The bill stems directly from the recommendations Friday in Austin by Gov. Beauford Jester's Committee on Revision of Texas Election Laws. The Committee found that Texas is the only remaining state without some form of secrecy in its balloting.

Senator Keith Kelly will launch the legislation in the higher house, while introduction of the proposal in the House of Representatives will come from Hon. Doyle Willis. The bill is being supported by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Texas, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, Federated Womens Clubs of Texas, The Council of Jewish Women, The Parent - Teachers Association, and the League of Women Voters.

Basic feature of the new proposal is a double-perforated stub type ballot, Mrs. Row explained.

"Contrary to the idea held by many uninformed persons, Texas does not have a secret ballot, such as all other states have," she continued. "Texas has a written ballot which has a number on the back. This number corresponds to the number opposite the voter's name on the poll list. Right now it is possible to check on how each person voted. Only three of our 254 counties are financially able to provide voting machines, which are truly secretive."

Under the system proposed by the governor's committee, numbers would be written on the stubs which corresponds to the one opposite the voter's name at the polls. The first numbered stub would be torn off before the voter marks the ballot. After the ballot is marked, the end stub then would be removed.

"This form of balloting would not only provide the greatest amount of secrecy at the least expense, but also insure against possible fraud," Mrs. Row concluded.

Mrs. A. A. Dodd and son, Harlin Dodd and Mrs. Harlin Dodd of Dimmitt visited Mrs. A. A. Dodd's sister, Mrs. Rosa Ryan Sunday night. They had attended the funeral of Clyde Dodd Sunday in Big Spring.

Mrs. M. H. Brown of Oreland, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Campbell of Clyde. Mrs. E. G. Connally of Glen Rose was a recent visitor in the Campbell home.



JAMES GORDON DAVIS

Appointment of James Gordon Davis as Lone Star Gas Company's dealer sales assistance representative in this territory has been announced by M. L. Bird of Abilene, division superintendent. He succeeds Herbert C. Davis of Abilene, who has been appointed sales supervisor in Lone Star's West Texas territory.

With headquarters in Abilene, Mr. Davis will handle the gas company's program of assisting dealers in the promotion and sale of modern automatic gas equipment. His territory comprises forty-four cities and communities in the company's Abilene, Ballinger, Brownwood,

Clisco, Colorado City, Eastland, Stamford and Sweetwater districts.

A native of Decatur, Texas, Mr. Davis joined the Lone Star Gas Company in 1941 as salesman in the Stamford district. In 1947 he was transferred to the Abilene district as senior salesman and was appointed specialty salesman in the entire Abilene division last June. He held this post until his assignment as dealer assistance representative.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Church, a past president of the Stamford Exchange Club and a past member of the state board of control of National Exchange Clubs. He is assistant district commissioner of the Chisholm Trail Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Fishing is his hobby.

Mrs. Davis is the former Florine Eubanks of Houston, La. The Davis children are Sarah, 10; Linda, 7; and Florence, 5.

Miss Agnes Thompson, Otis B. Cavin, Cecil Jones, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hancock of Rowden, attended the funeral of Mrs. Raymond Higgins and two small children Sunday at Admiral Baptist Church.

Robert Blakley and Mrs. Harold Bozeman are visiting their sister, Mrs. Marvin Smith in Toppensish, Wash.

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn left Monday for a trip to El Paso.

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HEALTH FACTS

Austin — A statement from Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes his often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we leave the house.

Another method of prevention in pneumonia is to never neglect a cold, for the common cold often opens the door for pneumonia if it is neglected. A person with a severe cold should stay at home and call his physician for advice, if temperature persists and the cold lingers on. He should follow his physician's advice until the cold has entirely disappeared.

Another advantage of consulting a physician when suffering from a cold is the fact that what the patient mistakes for a severe cold may be beginning pneumonia. If this is the case, the doctor will have an opportunity to begin treatment early, which adds materially to the patient's chances for recovery.

Austin — Despite the fact that modern medicine makes it possible for the diabetic to live out a normal life span in comparative comfort, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, says that diabetes continues to take the lives of hundreds of Texans every year.

"The death rate from communicable diseases such as typhoid, malaria, diphtheria and smallpox are decreasing through-

out the country," Dr. Cox said, "but diabetes continues to bring about a tragic number of deaths each year, especially in the middle-aged group."

The State Health Officer said that until recent years diabetes was not noted as a major health problem, but it became acknowledged as such when the development of medical laboratory procedures made the disease more easily diagnosed.

Diabetes is generally recognized as a class disease, since it seems to attack the "white collar" class of indoor men and women much more frequently than it does the outdoor person whose work is more vigorous and calls for more exercise. Vocational and economical conditions apparently are predisposing factors in the incidence of the disease, since it is a fact that those persons whose occupations call for manual labor and simple living are not frequently affected.

Dr. Cox recommends simple, wholesome diets, sufficient sleep and exercise and other general health protections as being beneficial in preventing diabetes, and stressed the importance of annual physical examinations so that if the disease is present, competent treatment can be instituted at the earliest possible moment.

Mrs. D. L. Blair writes from Los Angeles, Calif.: "Enclosed my check for the paper for another year. It surely is nice to hear from all my friends through the home town paper. I wish all my friends there a happy New Year."

Mrs. C. R. Harris of Slaton is visiting her father, L. A. Blakley of Bayou.

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SOIL CHIEF SITES PERMANENT GOAL

H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, said in his 1948 fiscal year report to-day the margin between land deterioration and land conservation in the United States has been so narrowed that the goal of a permanent agriculture is in sight "if we but speed up our efforts."

Contributing to the progress of the Service's work he reviewed during the past 15 years in his report to Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan was still another record year of farm and range land conservation treatment in farmers' soil conservation districts. That was 21½ million acres on which soil conservation measures were applied to meet the needs of the land, or about 7 per cent more than in the previous record year of 1947.

The report pointed out that during each of the 15 years of the life of the Soil Conservation Service, more conservation work was done per employee than during the preceding year. "Moreover," the soil conservation chief observed, "increased experience on the part of Service technicians, together with increased experience and efficiency of the soil conservation districts and cooperating farmers, . . . collectively have made it possible for the Service to increase the work load per man each year without sacrificing quality or thoroughness of the conservation work done."

The 1948 accomplishments with a staff reported at 17 per cent less per soil conservation district than the year before, brought to 571,163 the number of active conservations plans made in the districts since August 1937, covering 157,751,642 acres. The 1948 year's 109,673 plans covered 31,484,947 acres. The 21,576,654 acres treated in the last fiscal year brought the total acreage treated in districts since the first ones were originated to 82,824,431. The figures do not include other work done during the demonstration phases of Service activities, mainly on private lands.

The report showed there were 2,033 conservation districts in the 48 states, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands as of June 30, comprising 1,114,003,200 acres, and including about three-fourths of all the farms and two-thirds of the farmland in the country.

Chief Bennett also reported a considerable spread of soil conservation to other countries, with now carrying on some work patterned after that of the Soil Conservation Service, and with 378 scientists or officials of 67 countries having come to the United States since 1942 to study soil conservation methods.

"A prosperous and lasting agriculture utterly depends on an adequate supply of productive land, properly used and so protected that it will remain permanently productive," the report emphasized. "Without this solid foundation, there can be no real hope for a continuously successful agriculture anywhere. And too, without this foundation there can be no assurance of economic stability and social progress; there can be no assurance of adequate nutrition, prosperity, happiness, or peace anywhere on earth . . . The solution of our land problem can be stated simply: Use every acre of land under adequate safeguards from erosion and other impoverishing forces for the type of production to which it is best suited by nature."

By sharply increasing present conservation operations on the land, he said, the United States can overcome and control erosion within 20 to 30 years. To this end, he advanced seven recommendations for getting the conservation done on time:

1. Set up a timetable for the establishment of those basic measures needed for the conservation of our soil and water resources, according to capability of the land and availability and need of water.
2. Adjust research in conservation to specific problems encountered in field work and intensify research on those problems.
3. Encourage and promote a comprehensive program of conservation education through all available education agencies and institutions.
4. Complete land capability surveys of the country and analyze the information to provide

land facts needed for future warm planning and action.

5. Recognize and use land capabilities in making production adjustments and in developing other agricultural programs.

6. Encourage continued organization of soil conservation districts, in order to develop conservation programs with local leadership and direction.

7. Improve the conservation credit structure.

Mrs. Edna Yonge returned Saturday from Clovis, N. M., where she visited a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Arnett. Enroute home she visited a son, Arthur Yonge, Jr., at Lubbock, and a daughter, Mrs. Dalton Moore at Sweetwater. Mrs. Yonge spent Christmas in Longview with a son, Charles Yonge.

M.Sgt. and Mrs. Morris Cooke and children arrived Thursday from San Antonio to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooke.

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I guess few people were overjoyed to see all this ice, but they were probably glad that they didn't have to go to work. The roads were all so iced over that no one except Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Jones were industrious enough to even try to go to work. All the electric lines and telephone lines were down, broken by the heavy load of ice.

Mrs. Thurman Roberts is visiting her new granddaughter at Corpus Christi. The baby's mother is the former Modgie Roberts of Dudley.

The weather surely doesn't bother some people. Mr. and Mrs. Esker Crawford visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lehigh and daughter last Tuesday.

We are happy to welcome to the Dudley Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Culpepper and their daughter, Nelda Mae. We hope they will continue to attend.

Elizabeth Ann Bureson and Mr. Bailey were both on the sicklist. We hope they will be feeling better soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Price and children were guests in the home of Mrs. Price's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wolfe Sunday.

I have never seen so much ice in one place before. I stepped out the door, slipped and fell, and when I got up, slipped and fell again. As 'me' old grandpa used to say, "Blame nigh busted my knee, and that ain't all I nearly busted."

Say 'keeds' did you ever try to read by a dim kerosene lamp after being used to electricity? Well, Don Jones tried it Thursday, but it doesn't seem he was any too successful at it. It turned out that Don's troubles ended abruptly, but not in the 'happy ending' way. Mrs. Jones needed the lamp, too, so guess who got it. Try a different system next time, Don.

This week has been almost as good as Christmas. All the kids have surely been happy because of this weather. There hasn't been any school at 'dear old Denton' this week. Oh well, Mr. Durham will make up for it this week, I betcha'.

A party was being planned for Betty Lou Coughran, whose birthday is Saturday, Jan. 15, and for her father, Sunday. Congratulations, and many happy returns of the day to you, Betty.

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Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin
Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook went to Ranger Sunday afternoon to visit his uncle, Pat Ready and family and Mrs. R. W. Cook, who has been in Ranger with her brother and family for the past two weeks.

The Hiram Cooks are giving their house a face lifting inside and out. They are putting in new windows, a new roof and stuccoing. The inside will get new paper, paint and floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin were in Abilene Friday and Saturday visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and family. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph South and family while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foy and children, Nancy and Jimmy, of Brownwood, spent the weekend visiting the Griffins here, and his mother, Mrs. H. F. Foy and the C. B. Sniders at Baird.

As our community has been pretty well "iced in" the past week, news is scarce this week.

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

The Bayou basketball teams attended the Cross Plains tournament last weekend. The girls defeated Burkett and Eula, but were defeated by Cross Plains in the final game. The Bayou boys were defeated by the Cross Plains team in the final consolation game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jug Garrett of Stamford visited her mother, Mrs. Annie Miller, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kline and girls, Hansel Sanders and Donald Stephens visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and children Thursday night and made music.

Miss Mildred Kanady spent Friday night with Mrs. Lillie Swafford.

The Bayou school was dismissed last week because of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Bains of Monahans visited Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains and children Sunday and Monday.

The Bayou basketball teams will go to Putnam next weekend to play in the tournament.

Katy Swafford and Mary Jo Dennis spent Friday night in Cross Plains with one of Mary Jo's cousins.

Mrs. Cora McCarty attended the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. D. E. Gilley, Sunday in Marble Falls.

Donald Stephens spent Friday night with Derwin McCarty.

MRS. CLARK SMITH HONORED ON 77th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Clark Smith was honored with a birthday dinner Jan. 16th, at her home in Admiral. She was 77 years old, Saturday Jan. 15. She was presented a number of birthday gifts. All ten of her children were present, several grandchildren and one great grandchild, also a number of friends.

A delicious dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Summers and Dolly, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith, Mrs. Myrtle White and Aleta Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shelton, C. B. Melba and Etta Fay, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Eubanks, Dora Frances and James, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, Miss Dollie Smith, Mrs. Clark Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Smith, all of Admiral; Edgar Smith, Mrs. Lela Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lambert, Robert Lynn and Lawrence Howard, Mrs. Ben Glover, Miss Gay Young, all of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dee Hogan and Margaret of Anson; Mrs. Everett Kilpatrick and Jolene, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Kilpatrick, Miss Dorothy Jones, of Abilene; and Jay Jones of Cottonwood.

Doyle Nordyke, stationed at Westover Field, Mass., with the Army Air Corps, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Nordyke at Brownwood, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nordyke here. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Nordyke met Doyle in Dallas Sunday. He will leave Monday for Westover Field. He plans to enter Texas University in the summer.

Avery - Bullard Vows Made January 12th

In a candlelight home ceremony Jan. 12th, Betty Jean Bullard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bullard, became the bride of James Kelly Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avery of Baird.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Davis of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. B. H. Freeland played the wedding music accompanied by Mrs. Blanton Freeland, who sang "I Love You, Truly," and "Because."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an aqua fitted suit with black accessories. Her hat was of black velvet trimmed in gold, with a shoulder length veil. She carried a white Bible, topped with white carnations and white streamers. Her shoulder corsage was also of white carnations. She carried out the traditional something old, something new, wearing pearls belonging to Patty Perry of Baird. For something old, she wore an engagement ring belonging to her great grandmother.

Miss Peggy Perry, daughter of Mrs. R. T. Perry of Baird, served as maid of honor. She wore a gray gabardine suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Mr. Avery was attended by Johnnie Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Manning.

Immediately following a reception was held. The reception table was laid with white lace and was centered with the crystal punch bowl with candles at each end of the table. The first piece of cake was cut by the bride and groom. The two-tiered cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Patty Perry ladeled punch and Mrs. Jesse Parks, of Abilene, served cake.

The bride is a 1947 graduate of Baird High School, and the groom is employed in Baird, where the couple will make their home.

Out-of-towns guests attending were: Mrs. Horace McQueen, Moran; Jack Noble, N.T.A.C.; J. E. Poindexter, Canyon; Norma Newsome, Clyde; Mrs. Herman Vestal, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mauldin and Waynelle, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Edwards and sons, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bullard, Jr., of Hico.

Other guests included parents of both bride and groom, Mrs. B. H. Freeland, Mrs. Blanton Freeland, Mrs. L. A. Reese and Martha, Franklin Miller, Mrs. Lucille Saunders, Mrs. Letha Shelton, Mrs. Melba Walls and Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vines, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Manning and Laura Nell, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren, Stephen Warren, and Mrs. Gertrude Bullard, grandmother of the bride.

Mr. J. D. Warren hasn't been feeling so well lately.

JUNIOR WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Junior Wednesday Club met Monday night with Evelyn Frazier, hostess, in the home of Mrs. Frank Crow.

Mrs. Arnold Colcleasure, a new member, was welcomed to the club at that time. Roll call was given by members answering with "A Helpful Household Hint."

Mrs. Richard Windham presided over the business meeting. The resignation of Mrs. Bill Yarbrough, who recently moved from Baird, was accepted by the club.

At the annual business meeting in January, officers are elected for the new club year which begins in September. The officers elected to assume their duties at that time are: president, Mrs. Harold Ferguson; 1st vice-president, Evelyn Wieland; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Jimmy Pierson; recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Crow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Richard Windham; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Yarbrough; reporter, Sue Hooker. Refreshments were served by the hostess to the twelve members present. The club adjourned to meet January 19 with Mrs. Harold Ferguson, at which time Miss Eudora Hawkins of Abilene will be guest speaker.

BELLE PLAIN H. D. CLUB

On January 18th, the Belle Plain Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes. Those present received their new year books, and also discussed the scrapbook work. Mrs. Dick Young was selected to manage the book, with help from the rest of the members.

Mrs. Bill Stroope showed some wonderful cook books which members bought. Those who wish to have a cook book may see Mrs. Stroope.

The club has called a meeting, which will be at the Community Center January 28th. Everyone is invited to be present with whatever work they may wish to bring along.

After all business was attended to, the club adjourned at the usual hour.

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FLOUR, Gladiola, 25 lb. bag \$1.79

SHORTENING, Mrs. Tuckers, 3 lb. ctn. . 75c

TOILET TISSUE, White Sail, 4 rolls 39c

HEART'S DELIGHT

FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 2 1-2 can 39c

ARMOUR'S DEXTER

BACON, sliced, lb. 49c

OLEO, Wilson's Certified, lb. 29c

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BEEF ROAST, Corn Fed, lb. 45c

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Joreta Gwin

Edith Nobles has returned home after visiting her sister in Austin.

Lucian Warren visited his brother in Houston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Morse and son, of Wichita Falls, visited relatives here last week.

Friday visitors in the home of Mrs. G. A. Gwin were her brother, Mat Warren of Big Spring, Mrs. Mable Warren of Baird and Lucian Warren of Oplin.

Mrs. Dee Peevy has gone to California to visit her son and wife, after receiving word of

the death of their infant daughter. The baby was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson.

Lucian Warren is visiting his brother-in-law, Walter Bradshaw, who is seriously ill in California.

Mrs. Jack Bryson is still in the Callahan County Hospital, but is reported to be getting along fine.

47th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mr and Mrs. E. C. Fulton were married 47 years ago Saturday, February 1, 1949 at Assessor-Collector Bob Joy's office in the courthouse. Black numbers on yellow will run from BR10 to BR2449.

LICENSE NUMBERS GO ON SALE FEB. 1st.

First car license numbers for Callahan county will go on sale February 1, 1949 at Assessor-Collector Bob Joy's office in the courthouse. Black numbers on yellow will run from BR10 to BR2449.

Hospital Notes

Nelson Bailey, surgical patient, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. W. O. McLean and infant son have returned to their home in Clyde.

Mrs. A. B. Ashabranner and daughter, Miss Mattie, were medical patients recently.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Seelig was a patient a couple of days this week.

Mrs. J. A. Christian, Jr. returned to her home the 19th.

Born the 14th to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Collingsworth, Moran, a daughter, weight 8 lbs. 13 ozs. Both were getting along fine when dismissed.

W. L. Goble, medical patient, was feeling better when he returned to his home the 17th.

Tommye, little daughter of Mrs. Ruby Mae Stone, was a medical patient recently.

S. Y. Morris, DeLeon, was dismissed the 18th.

Mrs. Virgil Halle and infant son were doing nicely when dismissed. The baby was born the 14th, weight, 10 lbs. 3 ozs.

Joe Reed returned to his home in Clyde after a couple of days hospitalization.

Mrs. Dupree Bryant is a medical patient.

Earl Johnson, who was admitted for medical treatment the 17th, is reported feeling better.

Mrs. Tom Barton is a medical patient.

Miss Virgie Hardy, a surgical patient, is improving.

Mrs. L. C. Cash returned to her home the 19th feeling better after several days hospitalization.

Mrs. J. G. Norrell is feeling better.

Gilbert Spinks is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. R. McFarlane is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Fred Thompson and infant son returned to their home the 19th. Both were getting along fine.

Albert Davila is improving slowly.

Mrs. J. W. Bryson, Oplin, is getting along just fine.

E. M. Wristen is recovering from recent surgery.

Mrs. N. E. McGee is feeling well, as usual. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Austin of Snyder visited with her Monday.

B. W. Lofton is getting along nicely.

Mrs. P. C. Gilmore entered the 19th for medical treatment.

Little Miss Patty Jones is a medical patient.

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HOMINY 19c
RED & WHITE, Two No. 2 cans

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GRAPEFRUIT JUICE ... 19c
TEXSUN, 46 oz. can

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FLOUR \$1.79
AUNT JEMIMA, 25 lbs.

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PICNIC HAMS 49c
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BACON 53c
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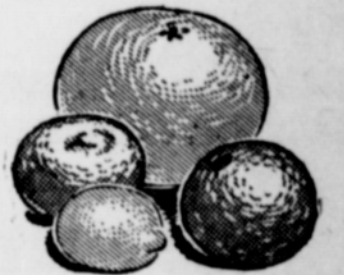
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