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Layette Shower Has New Register Idea

A dainty layette shower was given for Mrs. Jimmy McDonald, Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Lemond. Other party hostesses were Mrs. E. L. McDonald, Mrs. Joe Baxter, Mrs. Wayne Williams, Miss Naomi Baxter, and Miss Zada Lemond.

Bouquets of zinnias, marigolds and other summer flowers were used in distinctive arrangements throughout the party rooms.

As guests entered they registered on pink and blue clothespins which were hung on a white satin clothesline which held baby garments.

The honoree was presented with a pink and blue carnation corsage by the hostesses.

Mrs. Baxter directed games during the party. Refreshment plates emphasized the pink and blue motif and were accompanied by appropriate favors.

Miss Frances Duckworth and Miss Katy Colvert of Wichita Falls spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Barbour. Miss Duckworth and Cora Frances Barbour were school friends.

Mrs. C. J. Simpson has returned from a visit with her daughter Mrs. W. H. Coyle and family at Garland. Pfc. Gilly Gene House, Kelly Field, San Antonio, will return Friday to camp after spending a week here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. N. House.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spruiell went to Van several days ago to visit their son Durward and wife. They were accompanied home by their granddaughter Cindy, who will visit here.

Miss Anne Ralston, who is attending TSOW at Denton this summer, was named on the honor roll for the first six weeks term. She is also organist for the Little Chapel in the Woods on the campus. Anne is a daughter of Mrs. Jack Ralston. She was graduated from Iowa Park High School last spring.

Earl Lehman, Cora Jo Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lehman Jr. and children of Big Spring arrived last Thursday for a four days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lehman, Mrs. S. R. Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lehman.

*** BAPTIST W.M.S.**

The Blanche Groves circle met Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Carl McKinnon. The study period was devoted to the concluding chapter of "O Jerusalem for Christ." Mrs. McKinnon taught the first lesson of the Bible study book "How to Pray." Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. L. E. Brooks. Following the meeting the group will observe visitation day.

Mrs. Lila Traylor presided during a meeting of the Ruth circle in the church parlor Monday morning. Mrs. Curtis Hill directed the Bible study assisted by Mmes. James N. Easterwood, Maria Stogsdill, Earle Denny and Lila Traylor.

The Mary-Martha circle met in the church nursery Monday afternoon for a Bible lesson taught by Mrs. Fred Parkey. She was assisted by Mrs. Doyle Koonce and Mrs. H. I. Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hansen and daughter Marian left Thursday for Pittsburgh, Pa., to make their home. Calvin, a former member of the faculty at Midwestern university, has taken a job with the Republic Oil Refining company in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Hansen is the former Miss Bettye Birk of Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young and daughter visited Sunday in the Rex Lehman home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stowe and Miss Fay Stowe, Mr. and Mrs. John Herrell and children visited friends in Newport, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elhard Glover and children of Hernleigh spent the weekend with his sisters Mrs. A. O. Beall and Mrs. S. E. Ketchum and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sims of Des Moines, Iowa, visited this weekend with his mother Mrs. Della Sims. Mrs. Tirzah Portis and Miss Hazel Crites visited in San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roling and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Basham of Baltimore, Md., visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roling.

Don Evans of Madison, Wis., is visiting Charles Miller this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griffis of Houston purchased a home at 512 Old Electrica road this week and moved in Monday.

Mrs. Yeargan Finishes Managers Course

Mrs. Ruth Hill Yeargan, manager of the Iowa Park C of C, returned Saturday from Dallas where she attended the 17th annual Southwest Institute for chamber of commerce executives.

Two hundred seventy students were registered from the eight states covered by the institute: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Faculty members and speakers came also from the District of Columbia, Illinois, Georgia, Mississippi, Nebraska and Alabama. Classes were held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Final examinations were held.

Welcoming the group at their first gathering was Dechard Hulecy of Dallas, new president of the C of C of the U.S. and president of the Lone Star Gas company. He also made the first all-student address on Monday.

The faculty was composed of men outstanding in their fields.

Mrs. Yeargan was a member of the graduating class this year and is looking forward to receiving her certificate and a photograph of the 1951 graduating class.

Community Chorus Enjoys Picnic Here

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Owens on Kamay road was the scene of a delightful picnic supper Monday evening which was enjoyed by members of the Wichita Falls and Community Chorus and their families.

The chorus is made up of singers from Henrietta, Burkburnett, Wichita Falls and Iowa Park.

Cecil Lapo, minister of music at the First Methodist church of Wichita Falls, is director and Dr. Nita Akin, noted organist, is accompanist for the group.

The Owens lawn provided an ideal setting for the party. Friendliness and hospitality of the hosts made the occasion pleasant.

Following the meal, the group heard recorded music of Fred Waring's arrangement of the poem "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House We Go," prior to starting work on the beautiful arrangement. Approximately sixty attended.

Miss Jane Hawkins of Galveston spending the week with her parents Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Simpson.

Mrs. S. R. Lehman and her niece Conja Fern Tucker have returned home after a visit with relatives at Big Spring.

House guests of Miss Paula Ralston last week were Miss Marcia Stuart and Vonie Jean Clearman of Denton, two of her classmates at NTSC last year.



By Don Slaber

A good time was had by all and when can we have another?..... was the sentiment expressed at the basket social held last Friday night at the Wichita Valley Community House. By a personal observation, I don't believe I have ever seen any better food than was consumed during the evening.

After dinner, the county agent Mr. Shahan and the assistant county agent Tommy Duffey provided entertainment. The movie was in color about farm management and the second picture was about cotton insecticides. Future plans are for more basket socials and other types of entertainment for Farmers Union members and friends.

Following USDA fund cuts in the House, attempts are now being made on the Senate side where the appropriations bill now is being considered to further reduce funds.

The bill as passed by the House made a general economy - type downward adjustment across the board plus greater than average reductions in a few items: appropriation for Secretary Brannan's staff was cut below the level required for efficient operation; funds for the important research work of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was whacked 25 per cent from a figure already greatly reduced from pre-World War II; and although the House did not go along with those who seek to impose unfair taxation on farmer co-operatives, the enemies of farmers co-ops did make some headway in their attack by getting the House to pass a whopping 48 per cent cut in the appropriation for the Co-operative Research and Service Division of Farm Credit Administration.

Secretary Brannan, Under Secretary McCormick, and other witnesses before the Senate subcommittee have urged that these cuts be restored in the Senate bill. Despite these efforts and those of Farmers Unions and others, funds for agricultural conservation payments which are for partial financial assistance to farmers who adopt improved soil conservation practices may be cut in half. This appears to be a part of the perennial attack upon the democratically elected farmer community and county committeemen who have administered the agricultural conservation program.

Write your congressman.

The latest excuse for staying out late was offered recently by a local young couple. A mother skunk was crossing the road and they didn't want to disturb her younguns.

J. C. Searl is steadily improving. He is able to sit up a little, and invites his friends to visit him.

Margie Lemond visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lemond over the weekend.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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A bunch of psychologists came to this sad conclusion after telling jokes to college students. Very often they would give out with what they considered a side-splitter—and not get even a chuckle in response. Other times the students would laugh their heads off at stories that weren't considered really funny.

Maybe I'm wrong, but what makes a psychologist such a better judge of humor than the rest of us? If a man gets a kick out of a joke that proves it was funny to him—doesn't it?

From where I sit, when psychologists try to set up a standard for a sense of humor they're getting too serious for me. Stands to reason that different people laugh at different things, just as they have different tastes for most everything. I'm partial to a glass of beer with meals myself—but I promise not to make any "wise-cracks" if you prefer tea.

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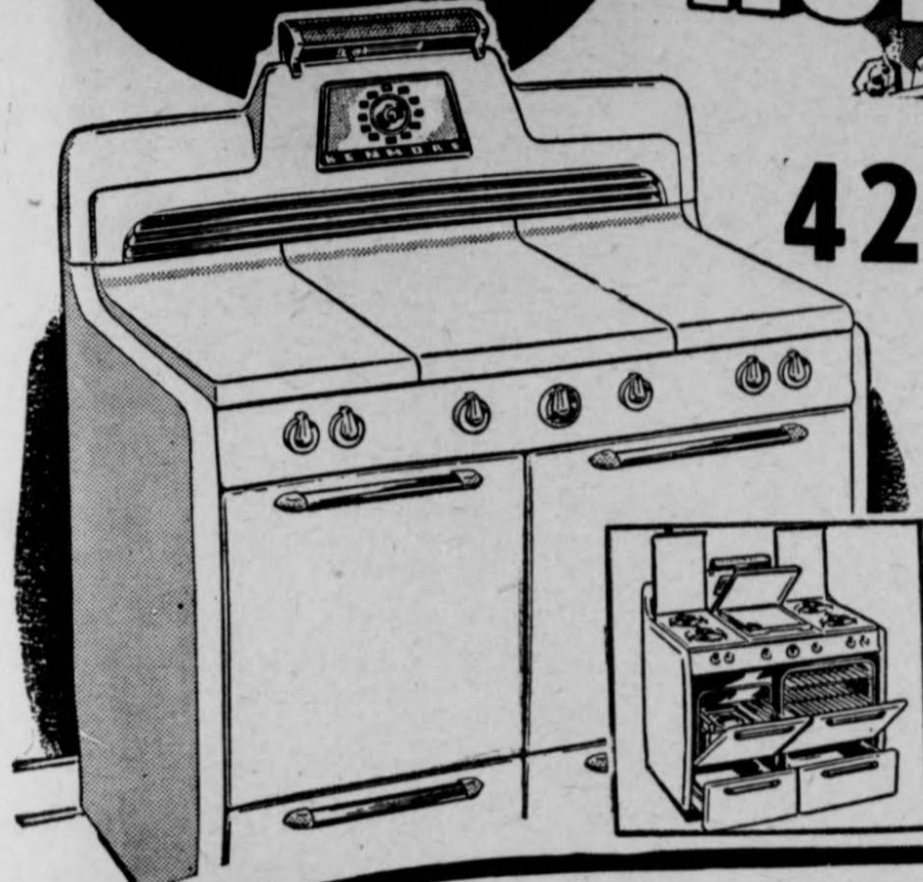
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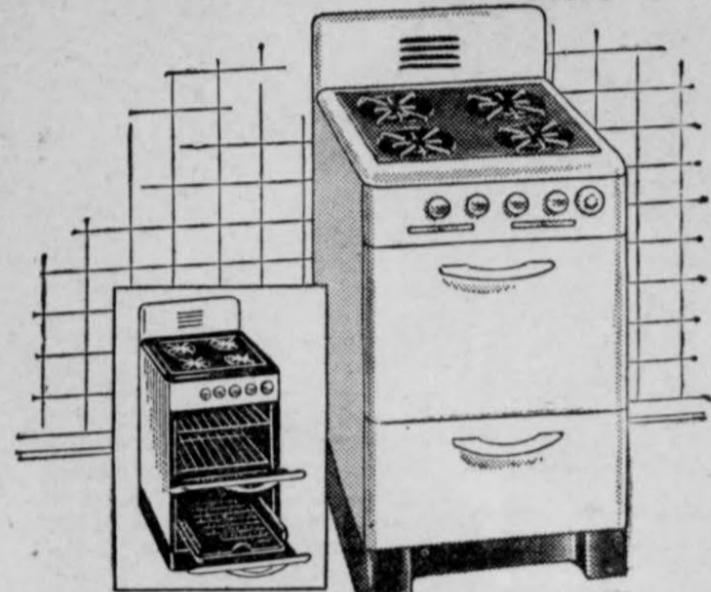


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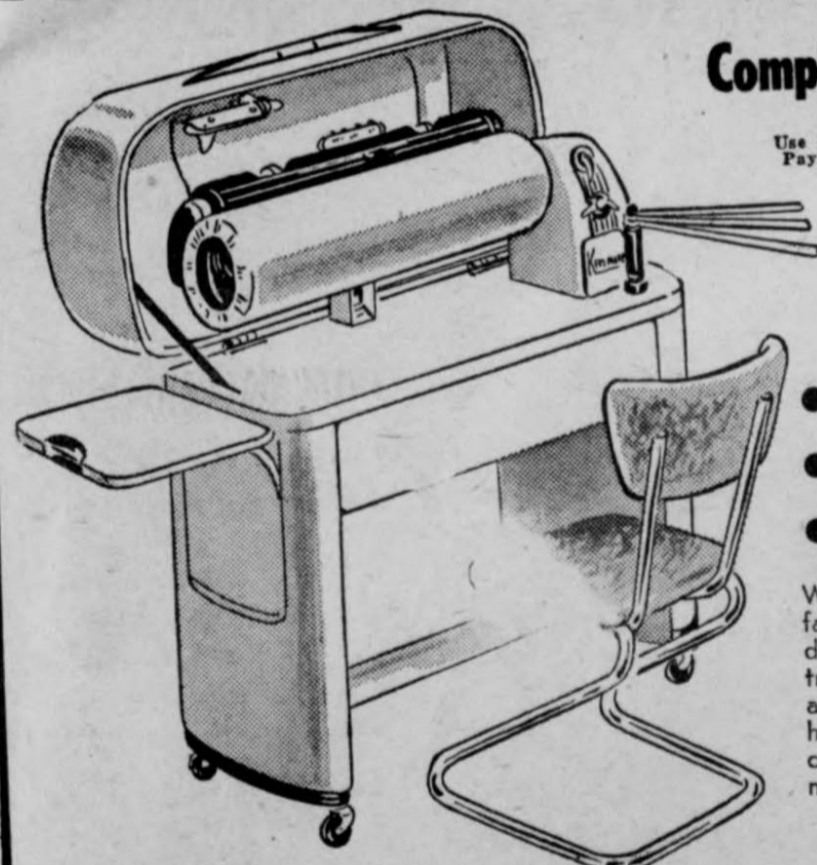
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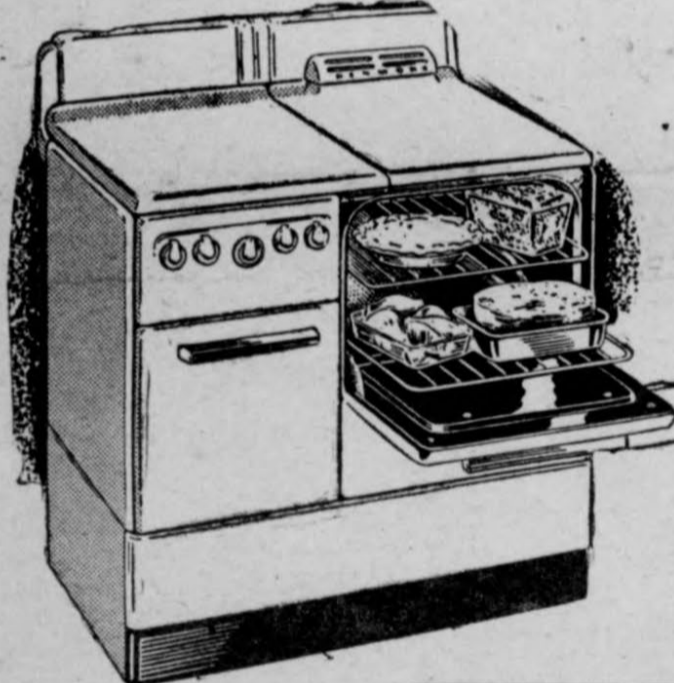
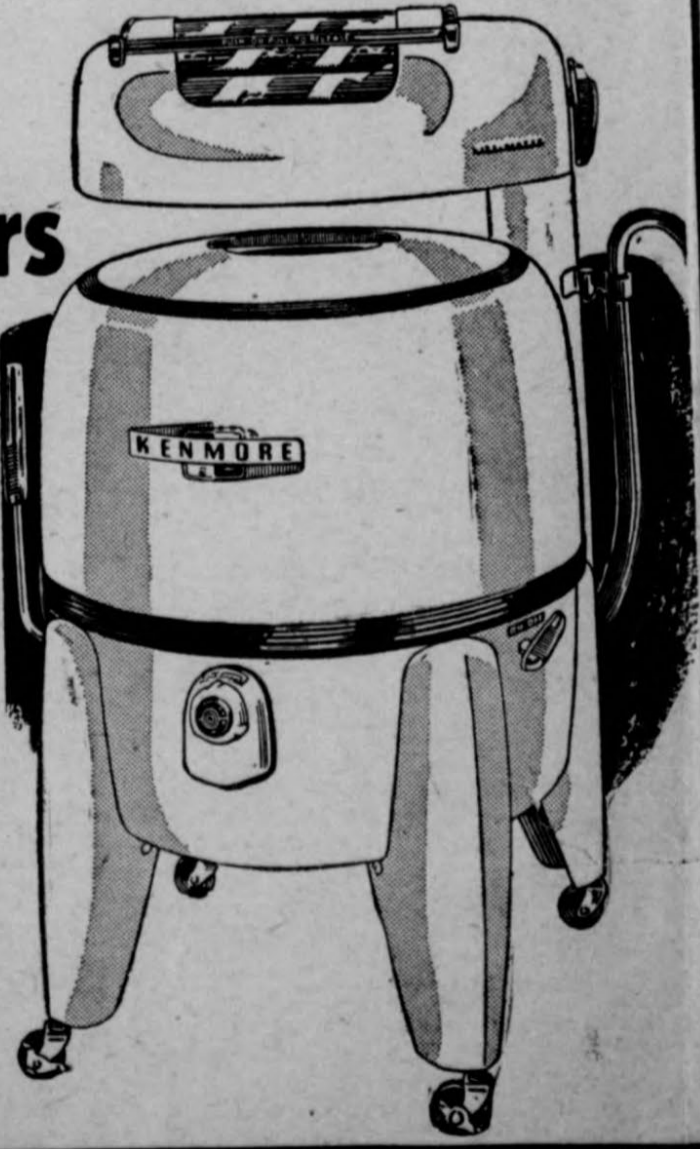
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Mrs. J. T. New, PTA president, is calling a meeting of all members of the association immediately following the concluding program of the summer recreation, Thursday, Aug. 2 on the lawn of the Methodist church.

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**Don James Writes
Home About Flood
At Fort Riley, Kans.**

Pvt. Don James, team chief of 10th Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kans., has seen many of the disastrous effects of the midwest's greatest flood in more than 100 years, some of which he described in letters received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. O. James last Saturday.

His relatives had been anxious about him for 10 days before hearing from Don. They had received a letter on July 7 before the flood hit Fort Riley on July 11. They tried in vain to communicate with Don by telephone and telegraph.

Finally Mrs. James got a telegram through July 17 requesting an immediate answer. She received a telegram on the 21st, the same day his first letter came.

Following is an excerpt from Don's letter in which he tells about the flood:

We've had some pretty eventful days so far but I am O.K. and in the best of health. The whole division area out here is just one big bivouac. Our whole battalion is in one section and it is divided up by regiments for the rest of the Division.

I expect you know more about what happened here than even we do. It had been raining and drizzling all week and Wednesday afternoon it started raining harder. So after duty hours everyone moved their cars up to the highway on higher ground and we also moved everything upstairs in all the barracks. Everyone packed their packs and rolled their blankets up just in case.

They woke us up at 3:00 Thursday morning and sent all the class but 15 out to fill up sandbags. Before it was all over, all our sandbags, mattress covers and pillowcases were laying on the dike but of course the water came over anyway. The balance of the class I'm with fell out at 6:30 and started placing sandbags on the dike. They were filling them up at one of the rifle ranges and hauling them in. The water the last time I saw it was up to within about 2 inches of the top of the dike and still rising.

They had us give up and move back to the barracks preparatory to moving out of the area. That was about 10:00 Thursday morning. We marched out and got here a few minutes before noon. We had our tents set up by noon and had everything pretty well under control.

We didn't have enough to eat for the first couple of meals, but the Air Force dropped food off at a central point and it was distributed by truck. They issued clothing today and we had a PX truck come by yesterday and everybody that needed anything got fixed up.

The Red Cross brought razors, blades, shave cream and soap out too.

It looks like we will live out here for at least 2 weeks and probably 3. There were no fatalities with the exception of a child in Junction City who fell off a bridge and an army officer in Manhattan who had a heart attack.

Miss Sena Duan of Rockingham, N.C. is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McDonald. She is elementary school principal at her home town. She and Mrs. McDonald taught together for many years.

Mrs. Joe Byars of Abilene and her son Are Joe Byars and wife and two children of Winters have been here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hartfield. Mrs. Joe Byars and Mrs. Hartfield are sisters.

Friends of Mrs. B. O. Gilstrap will be glad to learn she is able to be up and about some with the aid of crutches. She enjoys company and cards.

Ray and Jimmie Cannedy are here from Quannah visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Redin.

Doyle Tate of Wichita Falls has been in town this week visiting with friends. He is working this summer at Altus, Okla.



**Mrs. Lucy Birk Is Hale and Hearty After 60
Years Here; Celebrates 89th Birthday July 19**

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Lucy Birk joined to make her 89th birthday, Thursday, July 19 a most joyous occasion.

The Women of the Presbyterian church went to her home that afternoon and honored her with a surprise social and shower of gifts.



Attending the afternoon function were Meses. John Herod, Locke Lowrance, A. H. Estes, C. F. McManus, J. B. Ridenour, Pearl Jenkins, L. Lovelace, Gayle Park, John Clapp, C. C. Miller of Marks, Miss, W. A. Jenkins, T. A. Ulrich, Aaron Brubaker, Gene Lowrance, Gale Lowrance, King Abernathy, C. E. Birk, Miss Clara Lowrance, Beverly Birk, Portia Ann McManus and W. A. Jenkins Jr.

Mrs. Birk was honored at a family picnic on the lawn of her home Thursday evening. Enjoying the outing were Meses Kate and Emma Haynes; Messrs. and Meses. Ralph Charles Birk, F. M. Hansen, Ralph A. Birk, Calvin T. Hansen and Marian and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and Dudley Hall of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert S. Weeth, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Osborne of Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cornwell of Waxahachie; Rev. M. C. Yeagan, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Birk, Bobby and Beverly Birk of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Birk, a resident of Iowa Park since 1891, was born in Dallas county, July 19, 1862, the second year of the War between the States. She was one of eight children of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Birk says that when her father located in the vicinity of what is now the city of Dallas there were only a few log cabins along the Trinity river. The county wasn't organized. Consequently the deed to the first land purchased by her parents was recorded at McKinney. The family bought groceries and supplies at Lancaster and attended church at Ferris in Ellis county.

Mrs. Birk remembers a grasshopper plague which hit their section of the state not many years after the war. For two years the insects devoured the wheat crop. Flour had to be hauled from Shreveport, La., and cost \$15 a barrel. Mrs. Birk

said people could not afford such a price, so they ate cornbread for two years.

Miss Lucy Kilbourn was married to the late Charles Birk in October 1891. They came to Iowa Park immediately and moved into a new home Mr. Birk had built that summer. Incidentally that honeymoon cottage is at present the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hill.

In 1923 the Birks moved into their brick home east of town. Through the years the Birk family has figured prominently in affairs of the community.

Mrs. Birk was a source of inspiration and encouragement to her husband in his business enterprises. For years he owned and operated a grocery and dry goods store in Iowa Park. During the years he accumulated large land holdings. He was the first president of the First National bank, serving in that capacity for 33 years, until ill health forced his retirement.

Mrs. Birk is a member of the Presbyterian church and still sings regularly in the choir. She is also a member of the 23 Study club.

Her four children are Ralph Birk of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Gilbert Weeth of Vernon, C. E. Birk of Iowa Park and Mrs. J. D. Hall of Wichita Falls.

The eight grandchildren are Ralph Charles Birk of Wichita Falls, Mrs. John Hoover of Eunice, N.M., Mrs. Lloyd Osborne of Vernon, Mrs. Gene Gardner of Austin, Dudley Hall of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Calvin Hansen of Pittsburgh, Pa., Bobby Birk and Beverly Birk of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Birk's three great grandchildren have all been born during 1951. They are Gary Weeth Hoover, Marian Lucille Hansen and Pamela Ann Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shoopman and little son, Tommie, were here Tuesday visiting her aunt Mrs. P. O'Brien and Mr. O'Brien, while enroute from Kermit where they visited relatives. From here they went to Bristow, Okla., to visit Mr. Shoopman's relatives and from there they will go to their home in El Dorado, Kans. This is the first time Mrs. O'Brien has seen her niece in 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davis and little daughter Doris have returned to their home in Port Arthur after a visit here with her uncle Will Spruiell and Mrs. Spruiell.

Mrs. Dorman Hodges and son Kenneth will leave the latter part of the week for Houston where they will join Mr. Hodges who is employed there. They have been here several days visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Wilson of Vernon visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lemon. The Wilsons are former Iowa Park residents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson and daughter Jan visited Sunday in Electra.



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The Do-Nothing 82nd Congress

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Most capital observers agree that not in years has there been such a tired, listless, indifferent, do-nothing Congress as the Eighty-second. The famed Eightieth Congress, against which President Truman campaigned to victory in 1948, was a stem-winder by comparison.

Not only has the Eighty-second Congress failed to pass a single appropriation by the end of the fiscal year, on June 30, but a good many members don't seem to care. They don't even seem to care that they are being called the "horse-meat" Congress.

Never in my recollection have both morale and morals been so low, leadership so lacking.

Never in my recollection has there been less idealism, less patriotism, such poor party discipline; never such shameless absenteeism. Some congressmen are present in Washington only one day a week.

This is the tail-end of a tired, uninspired administration—probably the end of a long period of Democratic rule. Nobody, except a

few incurable optimists, really expects this administration to be re-elected. When that frame of mind exists in Congress, there can be no party discipline, no leadership.

Without leadership, every congressman adopts the law of the jungle—every man for himself. Instead of voting what's good for the country, he votes what's good for himself or the lobbyists who helped fill his campaign chest. He knows that, in many legislative problems, the nation's interest has to be put above his district's interest. A flood-control reservoir may dislocate a hundred or so people in his district, but their dislocation may save the lives and property of millions below the reservoir area. However, an "I'll get mine, you get yours" spirit has become rampant in this Congress. The law of the lobbyist and the local interest reigns supreme.

There has been no firm hand on the reins. This is true both of the White House and of the Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill. The President has alternately begged and scolded. He has seldom inspired.

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