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WHERE THREE GOOD TEXAS COUNTIES GET TOGETHER

The experience of being robbed at gunpoint is not a pleasant one...

It happened at the First State bank in Rising Star last week for the first time in its long history...

But the manner in which they reacted to the nerve-racking event was a tribute to their self-discipline and their good sense.

No one became excited. Everyone obeyed the orders of the two gunmen and the instructions of the bank officers as calmly as if they were going about some detail of the day's business...

"I was certainly proud of the way our people reacted," said Charles Rutherford, vice president. "They kept their heads; they did as they were told and nobody got excited."

James, his brother, who is president of the bank, explained that both the State Banking Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation had given frequent and explicit instructions to the Rising Star personnel along with those of other banks...

The rapidity with which news of the robbery spread over the country was amazing.

"Ten minutes after it happened," said Lane Wells, cashier, and the first person to be accosted by the bandits, "I was talking to a bank in Houston about it."

James Rutherford, the bank's president expressed his appreciation for the many offers of help that came from other banks and even from some of the depositors.

"The First National Bank at Cisco called and said that if we needed any money to carry on our business they would be glad to furnish it until we could replenish our supply. Fortunately we didn't, but it was a fine gesture of neighborliness and we appreciate it."

Shortly after the robbery became known one of the women depositors called to say she had written checks to pay some bills, but if it would be any help to the bank she would delay mailing them.

"It just goes to show how thoughtful people are when there is a misfortune, and we certainly appreciate that kind of a spirit in the people we do business with," said James.

But there were moments of disappointment, too. And one of the most frustrating happened to Arley Bibby, Rising Star policeman, who was talking to James when the robbery began. Bibby left the bank almost on the heels of the two bandits and attempted to follow their flight in his own car while broadcasting an alarm. It was his idea to keep them in sight until help could arrive. But less than a block from the bank his car collided with a truck and that was it.

Somewhere, if the bandits have not already been apprehended, three men may be reading or listening to accounts of the holdup and getting a great deal of amusement out of the inaccuracies of detail and the speculation.

But they are paying a high, if deferred price for the privilege. Sooner or later the consequences of their act will catch up with them.

And when that happens they may do some speculation of their own. They can reflect, for instance, on whether or not the slightly more than \$3,000 each was to realize from the holdup was worth what it cost them.

Something New In Nuts . . .

Curious Housewife Proves Area Suitable To Produce Chestnuts

The Rising Star Country famed for its peanuts and pecans, has discovered a new kind of nut, thanks to the curiosity and experimental instincts of Mrs. Ray Welch...

For it is, strictly speaking, nothing new, but a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool Yankee product that it is not supposed to grow with any success south of the Mason and Dixon line.

It is a chestnut, celebrated by Henry A. Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem, "The Village Blacksmith," and considered to be as regional to New England, et cetera, as the pecan is exclusively adapted to the south.

But Mrs. Welch has demonstrated that the chestnut will flourish and bear in the soil of this section as well, perhaps, as it does in climate to which it is endemic.

The three trees which she planted as tiny sprouts several years ago are now maturing a very prolific crop. The flattish dark brown nut, about the diameter of a 50¢ piece, is borne in threes or fours in a round greenish shell about the size of a large peach.

The outer cover of the shell is hostile with spines as thick as those of a cocklebur and very wicked to the touch. The shell splits into three leaves when it is ready to yield its fruit.

A person handling the spiny ball is better advised to wear gloves, preferably leather.

Mrs. Welch said she ordered the chestnut sprouts from a northern seed company because she loves to plant and tend things and she is curious about any new or odd plant. All three of the sprouts flourished and the trees, two of them 12 or 15 feet tall, are compact and have a thick foliage of lanceolate leaves about 10 inches long and four inches wide at the most.

They are increasing their crops every year, she said.

The nut, peeled of its tight, varnished shell, has a neutral taste, something akin to that of a green peanut. The meat is white and very firm, with a woody texture. They



MR. AND MRS. RAY WELCH . . . Developing New Crop

are usually roasted, said Mrs. Welch, but when she put some in her oven they exploded. Left to cure the nuts decayed, she said, so that she has not yet developed a proper method of preparing them to eat.

The Welch home where they live in retirement from Mr. Welch's business of farming, is surrounded with evidences of their interest in the unique. There are greasewood bushes, native to the deserts of south Texas with a scanty foliage of tiny leaves, and numerous other plants which are not usually found in this area.

There are also many trees and shrubs very familiar to our area, including pecans, pears, apples, plums, Japanese persimmons and walnuts. There is one tree of a very unusual variety of walnut

known as the Black Thomas walnut, very similar to the English walnut in size and quality, except for a black hull.

There is a fine grove of Burckett pecans and one crop of native pecans that Mr. Welch planted 30 years ago and did not bud. All but one of these natives bear softshelled pecans of an exceptional quality.

The chestnut may never become a commercial crop, but the Welchs get a great deal of pleasure out of growing them as odd gifts for their friends. They recently carried a bucket of them to the Jones Feed and Seed Store and gave them to Mearlyn and Monty Jones to grow around. And of course, their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watkins, always get a share of the crop just for curiosity's sake.

Exes Urged To Attend Homecoming

Ex-students of Rising Star High School will gather in their annual homecoming Saturday, October 17, and Mrs. W. S. Carter, president of the sponsoring Ex-Students Association, has urged all former students to make arrangements to attend.

Highlight of the program will be a football game between the Rising Star Wildcats and the Gorman Panthers at 8 p.m. at Wildcat field.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Homemaking Cottage on the High School campus where coffee will be served.

"There will be activities throughout the day," said Mrs. Carter, "in a very interesting program that has been arranged." These will include a business meeting, a pep rally and reunions of various classes.

Luncheon will be served by the Parent-Teacher Association at the Elementary school lunchroom.

Mrs. E. R. Moore of 3700 Northhaven Road, Dallas, the former Luciene Cooper will be here to assist with the program, Mrs. Carter said.

O. A. Burnett Of May Dies Of Brief Illness

Funeral services for Oadis Alford Burnett, 62, of May, Texas were held in the Church of Christ at May at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with Ollie Cantwell officiating, assisted by George Hughes, minister at Blanket. Burial was in the May Cemetery under the direction of Hibbinbotham's.

Mr. Burnett was dead on arrival at Brownwood Community Hospital Sunday after a brief illness.

Born in Comanche County Jan. 26, 1908, he married Dorene Miller. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a veteran of World War II. He owned and operated the Burnett Grocery at May for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife of May, two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Cravens of Brownwood and Mrs. Dan Holloman of Fairbanks, Alaska; three brothers, J. H. of Odessa, Bill of Austin and Travis of Houston; four sisters, Mrs. E. A. McBride of Blanket; Mrs. Leta Good and Mrs. C. E. Haddock both of Austin, and Mrs. Roy West of Fort Worth and four grandchildren.

Retirement Party For Louis Mayfield

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mayfield are in Houston to attend a party honoring Mr. Mayfield for his 23 years of service with the Engineering Department of the Texas Pipeline Company. A Tea was held in their honor on Tuesday at 2:15 p.m.

Mrs. Ethel Barnes has received word that her son, Billy Barnes, and family have recently moved from Glendale, Ariz., to Orange, Calif. They are living at 531 Laveta Park Circle.

Cats Play Buffaloes In Cross Plains Homecom'g

The Rising Star Wildcats will furnish the excitement for the annual Cross Plains High School Homecoming next Saturday when they go to Cross Plains to engage their old rivals, the Buffaloes, in a non-conference football game. The game will take place at Cross Plains stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Cats lapsed in the fourth period of their game with the Baird Bears here Friday night, and the I-A Bears kept their victory string unblemished with a tie-breaking touchdown in the fourth period followed by an unneeded but impressive second.

The final score on a rain-swept field which made ball handling difficult and fumbling common, was 18-14.

The Cats came from behind a 14-0 deficit to tie the score when Tommy Bibb scored on a two-yard run and Dick Clarke passed to Larry Alford for two points and Clarke later ran in for six more points from the one-yard line. Baird which had previously defeated Jim Ned and Santa Anna scored first on a 71-yard run in the first quarter and added a second in the second period with an eight yard run followed by a pass for two points.

The Bears found their opportunities for the winning scores on Wildcats fumbles in the fourth period. The cold rainy evening kept most of the fans away from the field during the game.



OFFICERS OF ROBBED BANK—Charles Rutherford, left, vice president; Lane Wells, behind window, cashier, and James Rutherford, president of the First State Bank of Rising Star standing at window where two bandits who robbed the bank Thursday gave their first order to Wells. A third bandit kept watch outside the bank.

No Clues Yet Revealed In Robbery Of Bank Here

The trail of three bandits who robbed the First State Bank of Rising Star of \$9,272 in a hold up about 10:30 a.m. Thursday of last week had ended Thursday afternoon in a wrecked get-away car lying in a ravine on a farm three miles west and five miles south of Rising Star.

Tuesday of this week there was still no indication that any clues to the identities of the bandits had been uncovered.

The car, an aqua-colored Chevrolet reportedly stolen in Dallas and equipped with license plates stolen at Lubbock was driven through a cut in a barbed wire fence and run over rocks and broken tree limbs in an effort to conceal it behind some brush.

There was no sign of the robbers and officers and FBI agents who went over it with a fine tooth comb, so to speak, speculated that the three had another car left nearby in which they continued their flight.

The three men, all well-dressed and groomed, parked their car upon Highway 36, known as College Avenue inside Rising Star, across from and north of the bank.

"I was talking with Arley Bibby," said President James Rutherford, "when I looked up through the window to see two of the men coming across the street toward the bank. I remarked to Arley that they looked rather odd in their beards and Arley said jokingly, 'Do you suppose they are going to rob the bank?'"

"The next thing I knew they were doing just that."

Across the narrow lobby Charles Rutherford, vice-president and brother of James, was talking to Olin Lee, another customer. He didn't pay any attention when the two men entered and one of them, a rather thin person with a pointed goatee type beard walked up to the teller window where Cashier Lane Wells was stationed. Standing in front of Lane's window, the bandit also stood in front of the desk of Miss Pate Goss, secretary to the bank officers.

"When the man appeared at my window," said Lane, "I said to him 'Good morning.' He lifted his arm and showed me a pistol. He didn't point it at me; he only let it be seen. Then he said to me, 'Get all of these people in the back room.' I turned around and called to the other employees to go to the back room. The check machine where Mrs. Mildred Hounsel was working makes a considerable noise and she asked me in a puzzled way what I had said. I again told her and the rest of the employees to go to the back room."

stood at the door to the directors room to keep watch on the group there while the other man went behind the cages and scooped the cash from the teller drawers into the brief case.

"He overlooked one bundle of more than \$500," said James.

The bandits did not enter the vault.

During the robbery the third bandit stood outside the front door of the bank keeping watch.

While the robbery was in progress, Mrs. Bruce Harris entered the bank. "I sensed something was wrong," she said, "because there were no people in the front of the bank, except a dark looking man who was taking money from the drawers. When I started to leave a man on the outside stepped up and forced me to go back into the bank. He put a gun between my shoulders. I started to scream but he told me to be quiet that they didn't want to have any noise. He made me go to the back of the bank and sit on the floor."

Immediately afterwards the three men hurriedly left the bank, got into the Chevrolet, and the trio drove rapidly westward on Highway 36, Bibby followed and gave the alarm, but his efforts to trail the Chevrolet ended in a collision with a truck.

Members of the FBI and county and state area officers went into action immediately, blocking highways and following every possible lead in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

They noted much similarity between details of the Rising Star robbery and that which happened at Bangs some months ago and has not yet been solved.

Elzo Been, Former District Judge, Buried In Monday Rites

Funeral for Elzo Been, 86, former Eastland County judge, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Carbon Baptist Church in Carbon with the Rev. C. O. Clements of Cisco officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ray Head of Elgin.

Burial was in the New Murray Cemetery in Carbon under direction of Newby Funeral Home of Elgin.

Mr. Been died Saturday afternoon in Fleming Memorial Hospital in Elgin after a long illness.

He formerly served as district clerk, district attorney, and district judge of Eastland County. He was a member of the Texas State Bar Assn. for over 50 years. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church.

Out front, Miss Goss, who

Grandsons and nephews were pallbearers.

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Residents Buy Markers For Rising Star Streets

Over half of the street intersections in Rising Star have now had markers erected and the remaining street markers are ready to be placed, according to James Haney, chairman of the street marking project of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce. The street markers erected are the ones that have been bought by residents or businessmen. As soon as other markers have been paid for, they will also be erected. Mounting pipes for the signs have already been put on most corners by the city of Rising Star, working in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce.

The two street markers and all hardware necessary to mark an intersection cost \$15.75. An intersection may be purchased by a resident, a group of residents, or by a business establishment. Anyone desiring to pay for an intersection can do so at any of the following business locations: Jenkins Insurance, Shults Implement, or The Rising Star.

Following is a list of those who have purchased one or more intersections:

- Mrs. Nettie Hickman Estate (1)
Medley Motor Company (1)
E. B. Garretts (1)

- C. A. Claborn (1)
Shults Implement Co. (3)
J. A. Rutherford (1)
First State Bank (6)
Jay Koonce (1)
Palace Drug Store (3)
James Blue (1)
S. C. Cotton (1)
West Texas Utilities (4)
Ralph E. Kizer (2)
E. F. Agnew and Sons Grocery (1)
James F. Carr (1)
Lion's Club Fund (1)
Higginbotham's (4)
Boy Scouts, Troop 115 (1)
Cub Scouts, Pack 115 (1)
L. J. Collins (1)
Methodist Church (1)

\$100 Gift Made To Cemetery Permanent Fund

Mrs. Irene Mayfield, secretary of the Rising Star Perpetual Cemetery Fund, has announced the first donation to the fund, a check for \$100 given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, former citizens of Rising Star, are here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. T. (Tilly) Garretts, and other relatives.

- Ivan G. Sherrill (1)
Louis Mayfield (1)
P.T.A. (1)
American Legion (1)
James R. Haney (1)
A. D. Jenkins Insurance (1)
North Star club (\$10.00)
Carl Garretts, Eastland (\$10.00)

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rising Star finds that there are many obsolete, deteriorated and dangerous buildings within the City of Rising Star which constitute fire hazards or are in such condition as to constitute hazards to those going in and about said buildings, or are unsanitary, and in such a filthy condition as to constitute public health menaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the repair or removal of such buildings is essential to the safety, health and general welfare of the citizens of Rising Star, Texas;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that existing regulations and ordinances of the City of Rising Star are insufficient to provide for the satisfactory abatement of nuisances occasioned by the existence of such buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RISING STAR, TEXAS:

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or maintain, or permit to stand upon any premises within the City of Rising Star, Texas, a dangerous building, and all such dangerous buildings are hereby declared to be unlawful, and are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

For the purposes of this ordinance, a "dangerous building" is defined as a building which possesses one or more of the following qualities:

(1) Any building with roof, ceiling, floors, sills or foundations, or any combination thereof, rotted or decayed and falling apart; windows out, uninhabitable, untenable, and unsightly, due to obsolescence and deterioration caused by neglect or vandalism or fire damage or old age or the elements; or

(2) Any building in danger of falling and injuring a person, persons or property which might be on and about said premises; or

(3) Any building which is a fire menace by virtue of containing in or near a building accumulations of trash, rubbish and debris; or which, by virtue of its abandonment or neglect, is likely to attract children or transients who may start fires on said premises; or which contains accumulations of combustible material which may take fire either by accident or on purpose; or

(4) Any building which is in the condition or conditions described in (1), (2) and (3) above, which is damp or in an unsanitary condition which is likely to provide breeding places and habitat for snakes, rats, mice and other vermin which are detrimental to the public health.

building a dangerous building is not reasonably related to the value of the building, a notice of intent to order the demolition of the building shall be served on the owner by the Building Inspector, by certified mail, to his post office address as shown on the city tax rolls; or, if his address is unknown and cannot by the exercise of reasonable diligence, be ascertained, such notice shall be served by publication for not less than two times within ten consecutive days, in official newspaper, and in the event the violation is not eliminated within 30 days from the date of said notice, the City may demolish and remove said building, or cause the same to be done, and charge the expenses incurred in doing such work or having the same done, to the owner of said land; and if such work is done at the expense of the City, then said expense may be assessed on the lot, parcel or tract of land, or to the premises upon which the expense was incurred.

For the purposes of this section, any repair, alteration or improvement which is determined by the Building Inspector to cost more than 50 per cent of the gross assessed valuation of the building, exclusive of land value, shall be deemed not to be reasonably related to the value of the building.

The City Secretary or the Building Inspector of the City shall file a statement of such expenses incurred under the preceding Section V, giving the amount of such expenses, the date on which said work was done or improvements made, with the County Clerk of Eastland County, Texas; and the City shall have a privileged lien on such lot, lots, or other premises or real estate upon which said building was located, to secure the repayment of the expenditures so made, which said lien shall be second only to tax liens and liens for street improvements; the said amount shall bear 6% interest from the date said statement was filed.

It is further provided that suit may be filed by the City for the recovery of the expenses so incurred, and for the foreclosure of said lien, and the statement of expenses so made, as aforesaid, or a certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie proof of the amount expended for such work.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall own or maintain any dangerous building as that term is defined herein, and who shall, after notice as provided in Section IV hereof, fail to repair or eliminate the conditions which cause such building to be a dangerous building, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceed \$200.00, and each and every day's violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. In the event the owner or occupant of any dangerous building shall be a corporation, the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of such corporation, or the manager, agent or employee of such corporation, shall be also severally liable for the penalties herein provided.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading the 8th day of September, 1970.

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Approved: C. M. Carroll Mayor

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Mrs. Crisp Has Quilting Party

Mrs. T. C. Crisp entertained a few of her friends at a quilting party last Tuesday in her home on West College St. Each person carried a sack lunch, Mrs. Crisp served red beans, cornbread and dessert with the lunches at noon. Quilters present were Mrs. Mabel Ralston, Mrs. J. Mark Jones, Mrs. Jess O. Perry, Mrs. Nora Carroll and Mrs. Jim Ray Bucy.

Mrs. Nora M. Carroll is spending several weeks in Burnet visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Earl Duke.

A. L. Cartwright of Austin was a recent visitor in the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bucy.

Mrs. Gretchen McInnis of Dallas spent last week with her sister Mrs. Vada Arnold.

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CARD OF THANKS

To say I am deeply thankful to each of my friends and relatives for their wonderful kindness during my illness and hospitalization doesn't express my sentiments at all. For all your cards, visits, gifts and concern, please accept a personal word of appreciation. God bless each one of you. A. B. (Duby) Jones

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CARD OF THANKS

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The students at R.S.H.S. seem to sense their well qualified information bank because as of the month of August over seventy books were used. This is quite an amount when you realize this only four days of library usage. This would be an impossible task for the sponsor, Mrs. Claborn; but with aid of a well qualified staff of student librarians, this is a possible service. These student librarians are as follows:

- 1st period: Wanda Robinson; asst.-Pat White
- 2nd period: Debbie Tarver; asst.-Sheila Green
- 3rd period: Mary Lee; asst.

Gary Dennard
4th period: Sandy Jones; asst.-Mary Hubbard
5th period: Betty Kizer;
6th period: Donald Martin;
7th period: James Steel.

The library has a standing daily circulation report and our thanks go to all librarians for helping to make this program possible.

Till next bookworming time!
Donald Martin.

THERE'S ROOM AT THE TOP

The six weeks' tests are over, and everyone is trying hard to do even better in his studies in the second six weeks. All the seniors are already looking forward to Homecoming, which is only a few weeks away. In English IV we have finished the study of "Macbeth," and now everyone is worrying about the subject for his term theme.

In Chemistry we are learning how to find the percentage composition of chemical formulas. Algebra II has become a problem to many students because we are now learning how to work story problems.

In Civics we are carefully going over all the amendments

to the Constitution of the United States. Our Bookkeeping class may not be the largest class in high school, but it is one of the most interesting. We are learning how to journalize business transactions. The seniors are still busy working on money making projects. We are selling light bulbs and window cleaner. We are also going to have a car wash.

See you later,
PAT

WILLING TO LEARN

Now that Six Weeks Tests are here, everyone is suddenly studying trying to get all their past due papers turned in.

In Algebra II we have been having tests over equations and statement problems. We are studying "The Making of a Constitution" in American History. In English we began a new unit; "Work and Play." We know all about play but what about work.

Now, that everyone is a little more certain of their keys and picking up speed, typing is not so hard.

MARY JANE

NOT FINISHED-- JUST BEGUN

All the Sophomores have been cramming for six weeks' tests this week. The teachers really must have put a lot of work into their tests. They were murder!

We have just finished our book reports in English II. Our Algebra I books finally came in; maybe Mr. Hounsel will be seeing some improvement in our grades. In Biology we are studying dissecting animals until second semester.

Everybody knows the Sophomores are really backing the Cats this year since we won the "Spirit Jug" in the pep rally.

Till next week--
Debbie

IN THE FISH BOWL

Hi! We fish have really been working hard and six weeks' tests are here.

We freshman girls have been having a great time in Home Ec. I; we have been cooking; if anyone would like to sample our peanut butter, banana, and jelly sandwiches, we have about four left but we are not responsible for any serious illness!

Basketball starts this week. The forwards are doing a lot to improve their free shots, while guards are improving their passes and rebounds.

Last week we saw a really

great show. It was put on by the Mexia State School-a group known as the Sunshine Choir; they really put sunshine in our lives.
MARY LEE

AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING

There has not been too much happening in the Ag. Department this week. On Friday, September 18, the West Texas Fair sponsored the annual Tractor Operator's Contest. Bob Rust was one of twelve semi-finalists who returned on Saturday morning for the contest finals. Results placed Bob in ninth place; congratulations, Bob, on a job well done.

The Magazine Drive is being closed out this week; early tabulations showed good results.

Entries are being made for the Sears' Foundation Heifer program. Two boys will be chosen to receive the heifer.

That about wraps it up for this week--
James

L. C.'s GOALFLINGERS

The first of October is here and our training rules are really being enforced. Our first game is coming soon, October 19, and Mr. H. wants us in shape and hitting baskets by then. If we can hit 70% of our free shots and over 50% of our field goals, he will be happy! But only for a little while; then he will want a better percentage on both, and I believe we will be able to give it to him.

The guards are really doing great! If our opponents' forwards are not extra good, they will not even get near the basket.

We are running quite a bit now, and the forwards are staying overtime shooting. They do not mind, through. Everyone wants to win district this year and scoring is a big part of it.

That about wraps it up for this week.
See ya! next week
Billie White

RAH! RAH! RAH!

This week let's really come out on Beat the Buffaloes! Yea! Yes, we play Cross Plains this Saturday, at Cross Plains at eight o'clock. We want everyone to come and back the Wildcats with us. It should really be a great game!

On every Friday at three o'clock we have pep rallies.

Faye Hodnett Is Choral Director At State School

The Governor's Conference for the handicapped convened Friday September 25, 1970 in the Convention Hall of the Terrace Motel in Austin.

Entertainment for the conference was provided by a string ensemble from the Texas School for the Blind under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Goodenough. Students from The Texas School for the Deaf interpreted with hand motions. The two vocal numbers, "Climb Every Mountain" by Margo McDaniel and "The Lords Prayer" by Mike Carver served as the invocation. The two vocalists are voice students of Miss Faye Hodnett, choral director at the Texas School for the Blind. Miss Hodnett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hodnett of Rt. 2, Rising Star.

Two Here Get Caps In Cisco LVN Ceremony

Mrs. Louise Chambers and Mrs. Patsy Cotton both of Rising Star received caps in the Capping Exercises for Cisco Junior College Vocational Nursing School, Saturday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Corral Room of the College Annex.

Dr. H. J. Bulgerin of Eastland was featured speaker for the occasion.

Presentations were made by Mrs. Bernice Prescott, R. N. who is Director of Nursing at the Cisco Junior College.

Mrs. R. D. Brice of San Mateo, Calif. is spending her vacation in the home of her sister Miss Addie Irby and visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irby.

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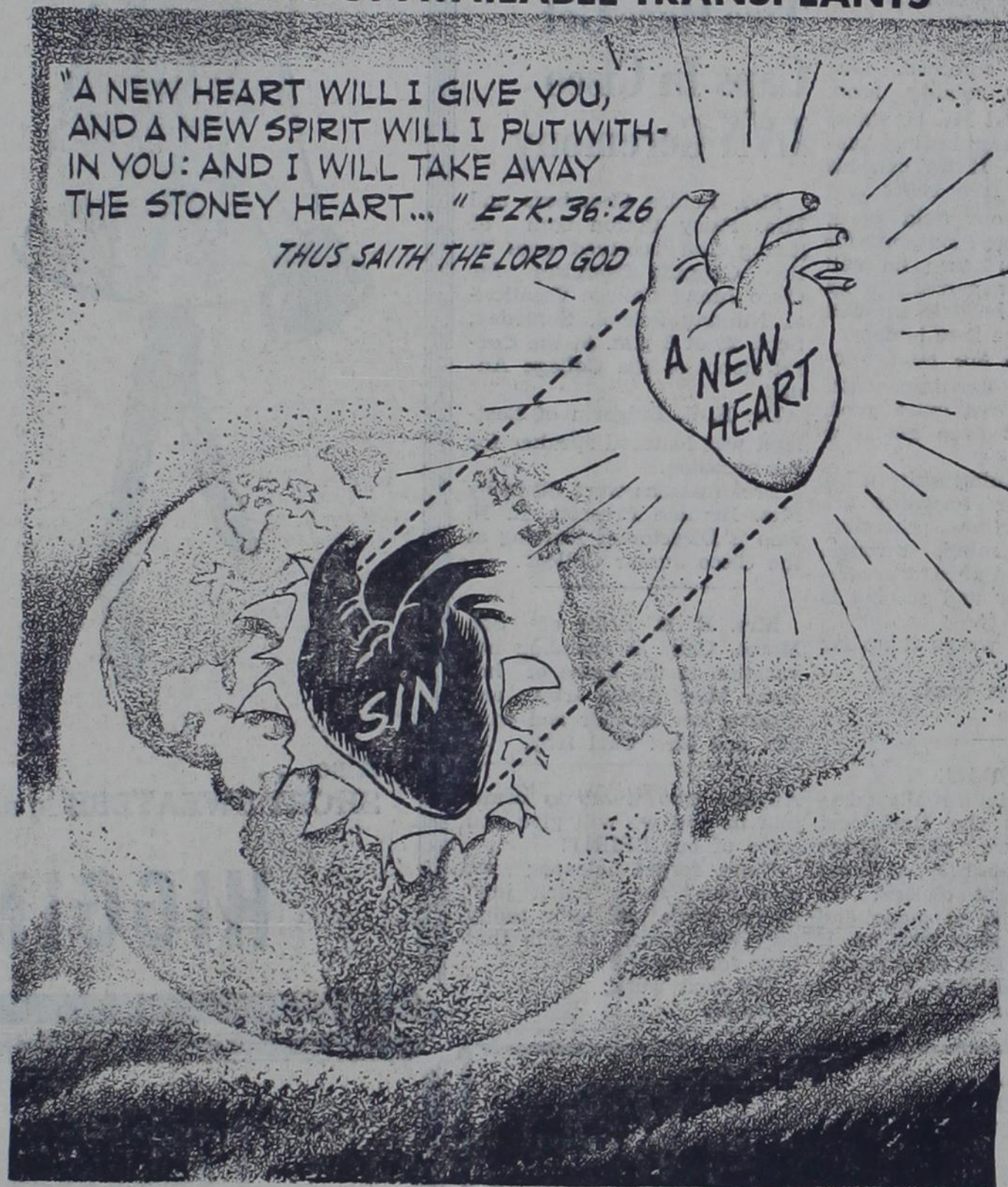
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Mrs. Wilson Writes Interestingly Of Vacation On Indonesian Island

RS Mrs. Wilson In a recent letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Crisp, Mrs. Jimmy Wilson, whose husbands is with the Shell Oil Company in Indonesia, gives an interesting account of the trip which she and Jimmy and their two sons made to the tiny island of Labaun.

"We left Miri Airport at 3:10 p.m. on a B99 and flew to the island which lies off the northwest coast of Sarawak. The island is only 36 square miles, but it is some of the prettiest country I have ever seen.

We arrived in Labaun at 4 p.m. and were taken by taxi to the Membedia Club. This is a Shell club and lies just off the beach and is very nice. There was only one other couple and their two boys there at the time and so we really got the full attention of the stewards. I don't believe I have ever been treated as well. We had two double rooms, so the boys had their own room and really felt grown up.

The next morning we spent in town, looking around and shopping. We found the shopping very nice and the prices almost as low as those in Singapore.

After lunch, we went to the beach and took Brent and Bebo and also their new friend, Niki Roos. Niki is Dutch and doesn't speak any English so they couldn't do much talking. The beach there is really beautiful but we didn't do much swimming as Niki and Brent found a man o' war and Niki almost picked it up. Luckily Jimmy shouted in time and the boys got out of the water.

After we went back to our rooms for a rest and a bath, the boys had their supper and went to bed. Jimmy and I had dinner at 8 o'clock. Sure is nice to go somewhere where you dress for dinner. Jimmy even wore a tie.

The next morning we took a taxi and toured the island. We saw all the points of interest: the Australian cemetery where 4,000 soldiers are buried. It is very beautiful and very well kept. From there we went to Surrender Point, where the Japanese surrendered after World War II. After he surrendered, the Japanese general is said to have cut his throat.

This place is on the beach and at the time we were there there wasn't a ripple in the water. It is the prettiest I have ever seen the sea. From there we saw the remains of an old coal mine. The only thing that is left is an air vent made of brick and about 60 feet tall. The jungle has all grown up around it. It was abandoned in 1905 when the mine was flooded with sea water and all the 65 miners were drowned. All along the way we saw rice paddies and people planting rice and working the ground with water buffalo. They trample the muddy earth to make it soft, instead of plowing it, for planting. This is really a sight to see.

After lunch we went back to town for a little more shopping and then back to the club for a rest and our dinner. Then, with the other couple, we went into town (By the way the town is named Victoria and not Labaun) and saw a good English movie, "Support your local Sheriff."

After the movie we found there are not taxis after 10 p.m., and it was 11:30. Luckily we caught a ride with a local back to Membedia. We were very grateful as it would have been about a four mile walk.

The next morning, our last full day there, it was back to town for last minute buying. They have beautiful shells there which are very inexpensive. We got a very pretty lamp made of a shell and a large piece of coral, and Brent and Bebo bought turtles made of shells.

We got back to Membedia in time to rest a bit before lunch and afterwards at 2:30 we took a taxi to the far side of the island and a very nice beach. It was very pretty there, and gave one the feeling of being all alone on the island. We ate coconuts from the nearby coconut trees, and Jimmy admitted it worth the 45 minutes it took him to get the outside covering off. In the States we never see coconuts with the outside covering still on them. There is a very hard outside layer and underneath about three inches of a hairy pulp. They are really padded and it is very hard to get off. But as I said, it was worth it.

We went back to Membedia about 5 p.m. and rested a while before dinner. We had our last dinner there with the couple we had met and afterwards sat and talked with them until about 1 p.m. We then went back to our room and packed our things. We were up early the next morning and had breakfast at 6:30 then to the airport arriving at Lutong about 9 a.m. We had a very wonderful trip and are looking forward to going back.

General Officers for First Baptist Church are: Church Clerk, Bill Dennard; Secretary Treasurer, Librarian, Pat Walker; Music director, Lane Wells; pianist, Mrs. Billy T. Carpenter; organist, Pat Walker; associational Board Member, W. H. Carleton. Missionary Director, Mrs. Billy T. Carpenter; Sunday School Supt., James Wolf; Adult dept. Supt., F. J. Maynard; Youth Dept. Young Peoples Supt. and Sec., Mrs. Marie Hardin; Childrens Dept., Junior Supt. Mrs. W. H. Carleton; Primary Dept. Supt. Mrs. Lottie Roach; Pre-School Dept.; Mrs. Bill Dennard; Nursery Dept. Mrs. Ted Barton; Training Union Director, W. H. Carleton.

ATTEND WORKSHOP
Attending the workshop at Brownwood First Baptist Church last Monday were Mrs. Billy T. Carpenter, Mrs. W. H. Carleton, Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. C. E. Baker, Mrs. Bill Dennard, Mrs. Easter Gray, Mrs. Norma Winchester and Mrs. Vic Allen.

DATA PROCESSING
Data processing techniques will deliver better poll lists more economically, announced County Tax Assessor-Collector Edgar Altom. The System is being implemented through an agreement with Western Data Services of Waxahatchie.

Persons who registered in this county last year will receive a fully filled-in application card to be signed and returned to the tax office for registration. Voters who are also on the county tax rolls, will receive their application card with tax statements due to be received in the mail about Oct. 1. Previously registered voters who are not on the tax rolls will receive the application cards through the mail direct about the same time. All persons who did not register in this county last year should come by the tax office in order for a data-processing application card to be filled out, he said.

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Ernest Morris Continues Tradition Of Fine Men's Wear At Brownwood

There has been a mens clothing store at 315 Center in Brownwood since 1926 and the present owner, Ernest Morris has been associated with the store for almost that time. He started working at the location when the store was known as Hopper and Stanley and he was a youth of 16 years.

In 1942 World War II intervened and he served in the artillery until 1945. After the war he returned to the store which was then known as Harry Ford Mens Wear and he has been with it since, the last seven years as its owner. He purchased the store in 1963 after the death of Mr. Ford, and changed the name to "Ernest Morris, Men's Wear". Tradition, many years of serving the clothing needs of men, and the best in brand names have made Ernest Morris one of the most popular mens clothing stores in the west central Texas area.

Kuppenheimer's is the featured line of mens suits which the store offers, a brand which has been among the national leaders in the industry for generations. The finest fabrics and superb tailoring have made Kuppenheimer's suits and sport clothing widely popular and a synonym for the well-dressed man. The store offers other popular, nationally known brands such as Kingsridge, a more conservative line; Ratner's highly styled clothing, and Rockingham. Florsheim and Hush Puppies are two featured names in the store's large shoe department, names which certainly need no explanation. Other famous names in men's clothing which are featured in the Ernest Morris inventory of fine mens clothing are Resistol Hats; Van Heusen, Enro and McGregor shorts; Interwoven socks, and Lee Prest casual pants.

Assisting Mr. Morris in serving the needs of the store's customers are Charles Hawkins and Bill Johnson and a son, Bob Morris, Mrs. Claudia Stubblefield is in charge of the billing and bookkeeping. Bob, who is the younger of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, has just returned from a tour of duty with the U. S. Armed Services in Vietnam. An older son, Jommy, is in the submarine service of the United States Navy. Ernest Morris Men's Wear invited men of the Brownwood, May and Rising Star areas who like to be well dressed in the current mode to make the store their clothing headquarters. It invites those wives who want to be proud of their husbands, to become acquainted with its up to date stocks of nationally known brands. Good clothing is an investment in self-confidence.

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False Alarm AT Eastland Spurs Jitters

A "false alarm" shortly after the Rising Star bank robbery centered excited interest on the Eastland National Bank at Eastland Thursday morning of last week.

The Eastland police department had just received word that the Rising Star bank had been robbed when, in less than 10 minutes, the bank alarm for the Eastland bank went off at the police station.

Police Chief John Morren raced to the bank with shotgun at ready to discover that no holdup was in progress.

Telephone line repairs were being made near the bank and it was reasoned a short in the line had caused the alarm to go off.

In all it gave cause for concern among lawmen and officials, realizing that the Rising Star job could have been a "draw" to attract officers there and leave other banks vulnerable.

Sheriff's deputies, Texas Rangers and other officers left a murder trial in progress in 91st district court to help investigate the Rising Star robbery and join the chase.

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Jobseeker Suggests Connection With Robbery Of Local Bank

Shortly before the robbery of the First State Bank in Rising Star Thursday morning of last week, a stranger is reported to have entered the office of the Texas Telephone and Telegraph Company here and asked Mrs. Marion West if he could register for employment.

Mrs. West said she directed him to the office of Dwayne Holmes, district manager of the telephone company.

Holmes told the man the company had no need for equipment workers, as the man represented himself to be, but that he could register if he wished.

Questioned, the man said he was employed by the telephone company at Lubbock but wanted to change jobs.

Later Holmes called the Lubbock manager and asked if he had an employe of the name signed to the Rising Star application.

The Lubbock manager said that he did, and that the man was even then working on equipment in the office in view of the Lubbock manager.

Somewhat puzzled, Holmes and a companion went for coffee and enroute to the cafe noticed the Chevrolet drive up and park near the bank and saw the three men get out of it. On an impulse he took the license number of the car

which was furnished the officers after the robbery.

Although there was no apparent connection with the robbery, it was reasoned that the man who entered the bank may have been checking on the possibility of disrupting telephone service to prevent news of the bank robbery being telephoned out.

Mrs. Buzbee, 91, Buried In Rites At 2 Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ona Buzbee, 91, were held in Higginbotham Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, with burial in the Wolf Valley Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham's.

Mrs. Buzbee died in Cross Country Community Center at Brownwood, Sunday, Sept. 27 at 5:36 p.m.

Born in Kaufman County May 21, 1879. She had made her home in Rising Star for a number of years. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her husband D. L. (Tuck) Buzbee preceded her in death. Survivors include a brother, James Wrenn of Brownwood, and two nephews, Jack Wrenn, Brownwood, and Jimmy Wrenn, Paris, Texas.

Mrs. Bob Duke Is Now Burnet District Clerk

Mrs. Robert Duke, daughter of Mrs. Nora M. Carroll and sister of Mayor C. M. Carroll, both of Rising Star, was administered the oath of office as district clerk at Burnet on Monday, Sept. 14, 1970, by District Judge Jack E. Miller of San Saba in the district court room at Burnet.

Mrs. Duke was appointed to the vacancy left by the late Walter E. Wallace, district clerk of Burnet County since 1932.

She served as secretary for First Baptist Church at Burnet for five years, and assisted in the Home Demonstration office at Burnet. She has been assistant to the late Mr. Wallace in the district clerk's office for several years and for the past year has worked full-time as deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke live at 711 South Pierce in Burnet. They have one son, Daniel Earl, who is married to the former Sharon Daugherty. They also live at Burnet.

Mrs. Rada King has returned from a two weeks visit with her sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wolf and family at Midland. Mrs. King visited a sister, Mrs. Alice West, at Odessa and a brother, S. C. Elliott at Skellytown.

IT HAS BEEN

By Vada Arnold

From the very beginning citizens of the Rising Star community have been people of faith and courage.

Pioneers of this country suffered many hardships and failures. During the years 1886-87 actual suffering was experienced by many families due to the extreme drought that covered Eastland and adjoining counties. Many fields were as barren as a cleanly swept floor. Crops that were planted never came up. Spotted Oak trees failed to bud and post oaks only put out a few leaves that died in their early stages. Grass did not sprout in the spring of 1886.

Stock ponds and turkey roost water holes went dry that had never been dry before. Cattle died of hunger and thirst. Barrels of water were hauled for miles and guarded as if they were precious gold.

During these years of ups and downs there was ever a dominant spirit the spirit of expectancy, an expectant faith in God that all would turn out right and times would be better if they would only trust, work and save. These courageous people rode the drought through and established homes, cultivated fertile soil, raised fine families and blessed this new country. The first schoolhouse of the early 70s was a small one room log cabin with a dirt floor and log benches (no desks) just east of the present Rising Star cemetery. This small cabin served as a Methodist Church for a time. The church was properly organized with three charter members, Mr. and Mrs. James Irby, Sr., and a Mr. Dennis Bond, a bachelor.

In the year 1900 Rising Star boasted a LARGE six room school house. In the summer of 1902 a new High School building was completed, "A large commodious six room building," with a long hall.

J. F. Murphy (former mayor) established the first opera house in Rising Star in 1911. There were no motion pictures then. Traveling stock companies came and gave programs. Local plays, musicals, and exhibitions and other forms of entertainment brought pleasure to the community.

W. W. Anderson, known as "Uncle Will," may well be named as father of electric lights in Rising Star. In 1910 Mr. Anderson formed a small stock company and put in a direct current lighting plant.

A few years later a Norwegian by the name of Nielson came here and established an up-to-date electric light plant. This plant was located back of the present Agnew grocery and market.

One of the most exciting events in the history of Rising Star was the day in 1910 when the first train steamed into town on a Texas Central railroad track from DeLeon. For days even weeks, preparations were made for that wonderful day. Hundreds of people came for miles to see their very first train. Streets were decorated, the brass band played and a current of excitement prevailed. As the train came to a stop the crowd literally swarmed around the powerful, puffing engine to look things over.

Mr. Jetton the engineer struck his head out of the cab

and in a loud voice cried to the crowd, "Look Out, Stand back we are going to turn around. In the excitement of trying to get out of the way one woman was knocked down and trampled on by the surging crowd, suffering minor injuries. But she didn't sue the railroad company. She said "Seeing that train was worth getting hurt."

In 1917 oil development started in this area. During the early 20s the famous Hillburn discovery well was brought in, north west of Rising Star.

Within a few hours the peaceful, law abiding town became a seething mass of humanity. Lease brokers, men seeking oil field work, business men of all types and less welcome followers of oil fields seemed to drop down onto the streets. The boom lasted for a time and was gone. Some people got rich, some went broke but Rising Star lived on.

Through the years old settlers have come from far and near to visit, revive old fellowships and observe the founding of our beloved town.

In the year 1903 more than 2,000 people attended an "Old Settlers Reunion," here. W. S. Michael was master of ceremonies. Rising Star School students presented an interesting program. J. E. Wells led male quartettes and Hon. J. H. Calhoun of Cisco, H. P. Brelsford and C. D. Spann of Eastland, made speeches. These men referred to the Sterling qualities and worth of mind and heart of the early settlers in this area. Who came to this wilderness, braving hardships and Indian raids to establish homes, clear land for farming, organize churches and open schools.

Had it not been for these our pioneer fathers we would not be enjoying the blessings of our day.

J. F. Murphy Is Buried Sunday

Funeral services for J. F. Murphy, 76, were held in the Davis Morris Funeral Home Chapel at Brownwood Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2:30 p.m., with burial in the Lost Creek cemetery.

Mr. Murphy died in Brownwood Community Hospital at 3:40 a.m. Saturday following a long illness.

Born August 20, 1894, in Brown County, he had spent all of his life in the county. He was a retired farmer, a member of the Baptist Church and a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include one brother, Jodie Murphy of Rising Star, and a number of nieces and nephews.

NEW BROTHER

Glen Howard, Shannon Rochelle and Carly Todd Smoot welcome their tiny new brother, Larren Wade, born in the Eastland Memorial Hospital September 19. The baby weighed six pounds and ten ounces. Parents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Odean Smoot of Rising Star. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smoot of Pioneer; and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Christopher of Dallas. The great grandmother is Mrs. George M. Wheat of Houston.

NIMROD NEWS

BY EVA STROEBEL

Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Ziehr of Cisco were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart were supper guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hurley in Clyde Tuesday evening.

Visiting the Edgar Townsends last week were Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hallmark and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaefer visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schaefer recently.

Mrs. Louise Pippen spent Wednesday with her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Jack Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cokes and children of Beaumont and Mrs. Ben Williams of Rising Star spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Notgrass of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Townsend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ervin were visitors of her sister Mrs. J. B. Mashburn.

Over 200 registered at the Nimrod Barbecue Supper Monday night.

Mrs. Nellie Scott and Mrs. Duke Mitchell visited Mr. and Mrs. George Moore in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Switzer and children of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. James Switzer and daughter of Abilene and Lewis Switzer of Waco visited Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Switzer Sunday.

Mrs. Clay Nichols of Cisco, Mrs. J. L. King and Mrs. Edwin Ervin visited Mrs. Wes Holcomb Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Watkins of Arlington spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel spent Wednesday with her cousin and wife Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnstons in Stephenville.

Mrs. Wordis Erwin visited her mother Mrs. P. C. Larkin in Rising Star.

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- CABBAGE Fresh..... lb. 7c
- MILK Borden's Homo..... gal. 99c
- HAIR SPRAY Aqua-Net..... 13-oz. 59c
- FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 303..... 25c
- TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT JUICE ..46-oz. 49c
- DOG FOOD Scotty..... 3/25c
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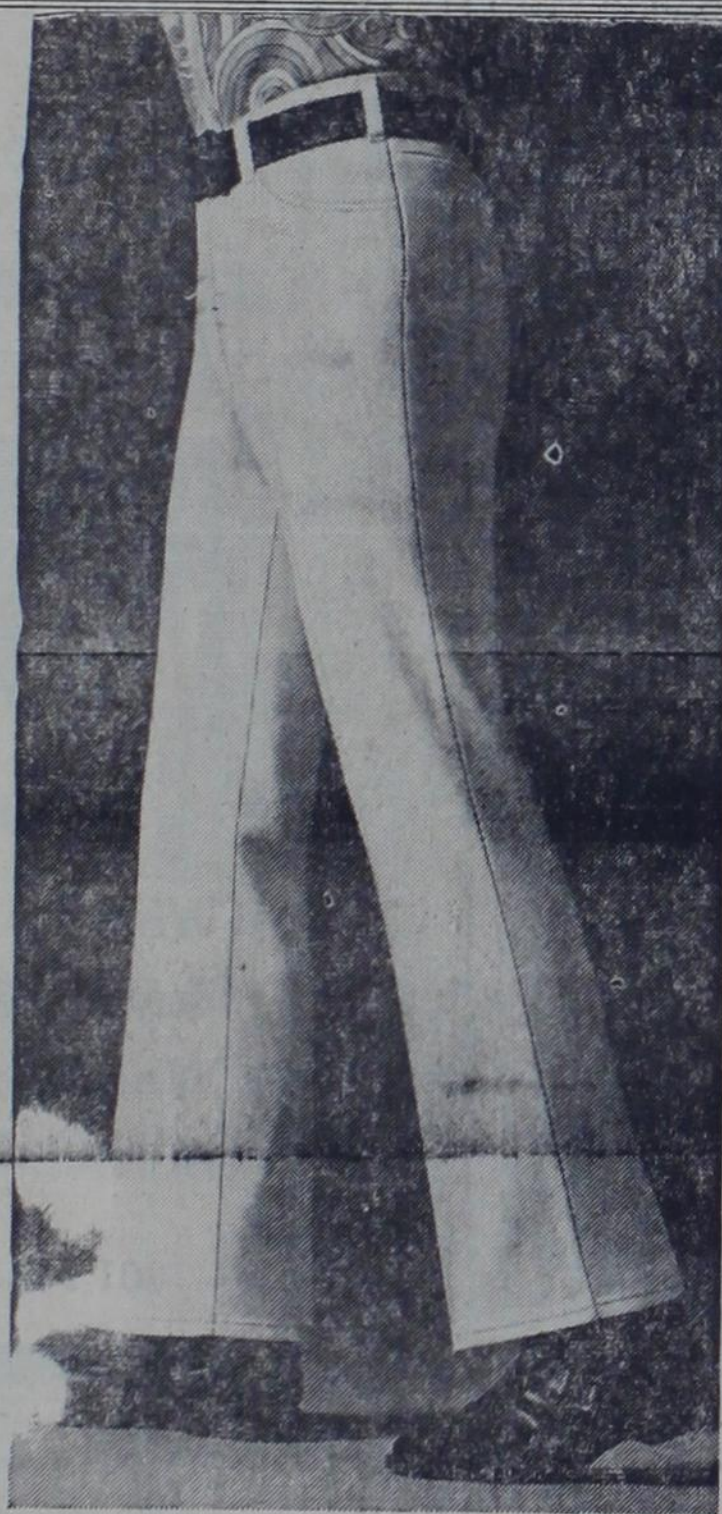
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 - LETTUCE Extra Quality..... each 19c
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 - FANCY QUALITY DELICIOUS APPLES lb. 19c
 - CREAM PIES Brden's..... each 29c
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 - VAN CAMP'S PORK & BEANS 2 cans 29c
 - TEA Lipton's Instant..... 2-oz. 79c
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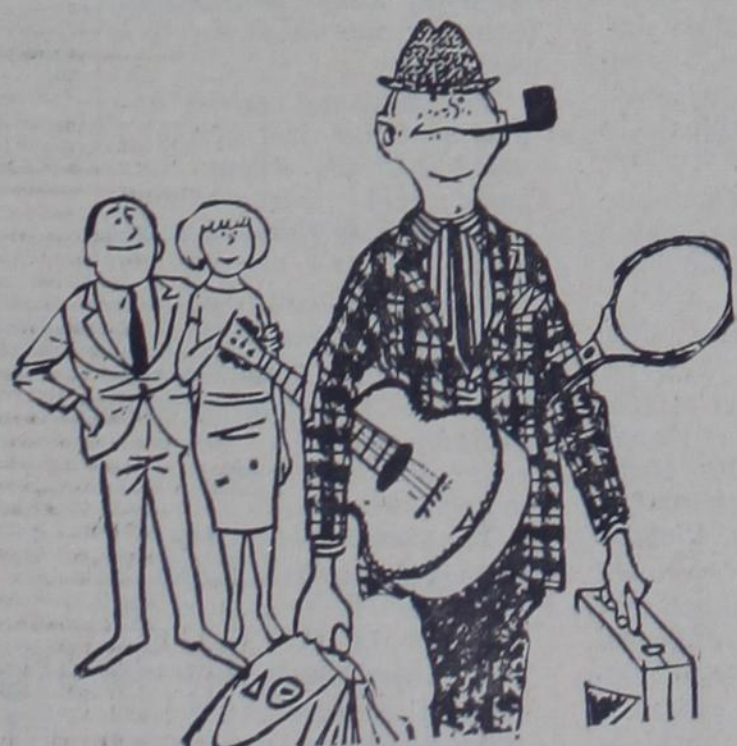
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