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Group Votes to Fight Integration

Mansfield News Names Editor

Byron B. Buzbee, former owner and publisher of the Grand Prairie Texan, this week joined The Mansfield News as editor and managing director of the 73-year-old Tarrant County weekly.

In addition to his editorial duties, Buzbee will manage and operate the newspaper and printing plant for the owners, The Mansfield News, Inc., J. T. Hinkle of Fort Worth, well-known to many Mansfield businessmen and residents, is corporation president, and Bill Corry recently joined the organization as general manager with headquarters in Fort Worth. The corporation also owns and operates the River Oaks Printing Co., and The Citizen, a tabloid newspaper distributed to thousands of North and West Fort Worth homes.

BYRON B. BUZBEE
New Editor

The News, without a full-time editor for several months, hopes to regain the prestige it lost as a hustling newspaper published for and in the interests of Mansfield exclusively for so many years.

Towards that goal, The News editor reminds and invites the grapevine correspondents of Mansfield residents, business and professional people. He has long realized that "after editorial policy and news presentation are primary functions of a newspaper and that through the medium of reading the public the advertiser and subscriber will support a paper that gives news with honest impartiality, revolutionary changes are contemplated and the new editor gets his feet on the ground so to speak rather than look to the past. The News' editorial policy will be independent in every respect. The paper belongs to the community of Mansfield, its citizenry and its readers.

The News, more than ever now welcomes the items and articles from community organizations, churches, and individuals of their meetings and household guests. The new editor will strive to cover the major news happenings of Mansfield as well as the recognized officials and officials nominally considered regular news sources.

For the time being, duties of the new editor will include the handling, placement and selling of all advertisements in The News. With one of the best advertising mediums available to advertisers, the new editor-advertising manager will be glad to advise and cooperate with local merchants on their advertising programs at no extra charge.

As owner and publisher of the Grand Prairie Texan, a Dallas County tri-weekly, for five and a half years, the editor was awarded several prizes by the Texas Press Association for advertising and editorial composition and makeup. Prior to purchasing the Texan, Buzbee owned the Grand Saline Sun for five years and was reported and a sub-editor of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for nine years. He attended the University of Oklahoma from 1928 to 1933, is married and owns his home at 517 College, Grand Prairie. A daughter, Tippi, graduated from Grand Prairie High last May and is currently a freshman at TCU.

Other personnel of The News includes George Gray, who will take over supervision of the mechanical department, and O. T. Campbell, who operated The News for a short period earlier this year, will operate the linotype among other duties.

Starting with next week's issue, The News will publish a weekly editorial, written by the new editor, on matters and current events pertinent to Mansfield, Tarrant County, the state and nation. Probably at a later date, a front-page column mostly about Mansfield people and happenings will be written by the editor.

Mary D. Wisrock Former Resident Buried Here Sun.

Last rites and burial for one of Mansfield's former pioneer residents, Mary Darthula Wisrock, 80, were held at 2 o'clock last Sunday afternoon at the Mansfield Methodist Church.

Mrs. Wisrock, who resided here from 1894 to 1947, died Thursday, October 20, at Buda, where she had been living with a daughter, Mrs. L. T. Johnston, since leaving here. Mrs. Wisrock had been ill only a few weeks, according to a daughter here, Mrs. J. W. Mathis.

Services were conducted by the Rev. D. P. Rogers, a Houston Baptist minister and old friend of the family, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Pratt, local Methodist pastor. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery under direction of Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wisrock was a native of Mississippi coming to Texas at the age of five.

Survivors are Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Wisrock, an invalid, three daughters, Mrs. Vernon Harris of Hurst, Mrs. Gilbert Day of Mansfield, Mrs. H. C. Murphy of Fort Worth, three sisters, Mrs. Joe Rose of Mansfield, Mrs. Ella Hill and Mrs. Howard Gough of Mansfield, one brother, Marion Phipps and G. T. Phipps of Mississippi and M. T. Phipps of Flint, Miss., three grandchildren, W. P. Johnston and Jerry Lee Phipps, all of Mississippi, a half sister, Miss Maggie Phipps of Mississippi, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

CD Corps Formed By Mansfield Men, Women Tues. Nite

S.Sgt. Thomas Walker of the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Dallas, assisted in the organization of the Mansfield Civil Defense ground observation corps Tuesday night according to J. B. Sorrells, chief observer.

Putman said twelve that 12 persons attended the minimum required to perform a local organization.

He named other charter members himself as follows: Mr. W. E. Marshall, Ruby Owens, Geneva F. Baxter, H. E. Baxter, Amanda L. Meek, Mel Meek, Bobby D. Sitton, Dorothy Hunter, Andy Wardell, Lloyd L. Putman and Charles Nash Putman, and there is no limit to membership and invited others to join.

Bill Swaim & Sons Welding Shop, telephone 329, has permitted the CD corps here to put an extension to their phone and it will be located in the press box at Tiger field. Putman said the line is clear to Dallas and a call can be made in 15 seconds or less to Dallas.

The City of Mansfield is paying for installation and maintenance of the telephone. Putman expressed his appreciation on behalf of the corps to the city and Mr. Swaim for their generosity.

Archie Van Sickle Jr. Dies Monday In Crash

Death hitched a ride with 11 year-old Archie Weldon Van Sickle, Route 1, Mansfield, about 7:30 o'clock Monday morning on the Bennet-Lawson Road, when the two-door Ford sedan the lad was driving shittered off a concrete culvert over a branch of Walnut Creek and overturned on the boy, killing him instantly. Archie was alone at the time. He was 11 October 18.

Archie, son of Archie W. Van Sickle, of the same address, and Mrs. Vernon Pipes, of Dallas, was passing over the road which has a half mile north Farm Road 1187 (Rendon-Oak Grove Road), according to Mrs. T. J. Romans, 34 Route 1, Box 62, and her daughter Wilma 14. They heard the crash of the two-tone hard-top sedan as it skidded into and off of the culvert guard and overturned 40 feet farther south. Romans, who was aroused from his sleep by his wife, was the first to reach the accident scene.

"The car frame was laying on his head and I couldn't push the car off," he said to The Mansfield News. "I sent my daughter up to get Mr. J. T. Merrifield and he pulled the boy out."

Romans said he believed the boy was still alive when he and Merrifield, Route 1, Box 60, rescued the boy, but Funeral Director Oscar Mellons, who answered the emergency ambulance call of Constable Tom Bryant, said a examination of the boy's body showed no signs of life.

ARCHIE W. VAN SICKLE, JR.

The crushed chest, a possible broken neck and multiple cuts and bruises. A deep gash in his upper right temple went to the skull and was said by first arrivals at the scene to have been caused when he was thrown from the sedan and the car frame came down on his head. Judge Newcom returned an inquest verdict of accidental death.

Appr ximately two-thirds of the body was crushed, a quarter of a mile north on Bennet-Lawson Road, sometimes called New Hope Road, from the paved road to Rendon and Oak Grove.

Tire tracks showed the boy, who is said to have been driving for two years, probably started losing control as he came down off a slight slope in the road. Frosts revealed the rock and gravel road probably shunted the car into the culvert, scraping the right side so much the car went completely out of control and overturned at least once, only laying on the driver's side heading back north the way the Fourth Grade Blue Ribbon School pupil had come.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home by the Rev. C. C. Beugh, pastor of the Mansfield Assembly of God Church here. Burial was in the Mansfield Cemetery.

In addition to his father and mother, he is survived by a sister, Wanda Gayle, 6, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Van Sickle, Route 1, Mansfield; and his maternal grandfather, A. J. Rose of Fort Worth.

The father, an employee of TEMCO at Grand Prairie, defended his son's driving in statements to newsmen Monday, prior to the time he had been notified at 8 a.m. of the tragedy. Mr. Van Sickle asserted that Archie had been a more careful driver than he was.

Judge Newcom listed 35 cents as the only contents of the boy's pocket.

Tigers Journey To Itasca Friday; Swamped In District Opener, 46-13

The Mansfield Tigers, smarting under a 46-13 defeat in Tiger Stadium last Friday night in their opening District 11-A game of the football season, will journey to Itasca Friday night for their second 11-A game of the season. Game time Friday night is 8 o'clock in Itasca high school gridiron.

The Granbury Pirates were the masters of last Friday night's defeat of the Tigers, who twice were able to crack the Granbury defense on Ronald Rowers' five-yard plunge over center in the third quarter and Bill Taylor's 50-yard smash over the same spot in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Vernon Hornell sneaked over for the final Tiger point.

Granbury counted quickly in the first quarter to bring first blood, as Quarterback Walter Rains passed to Tommy Davis for 11 yards and the TD. Six more Granbury touchdowns were rolled up before the final gun.

Rhodes Rowers, star quarterback, played excellent ball, and was outstanding on defense for the Tigers. Bill accounted for 11 tackles in the big and hard-fought district contest. Gary Dalton and Kenneth Tramel also showed up well on defense.

Both bands performed at half time activities and some excellent entertainment was afforded fans from both schools.

Coach Milton Kresse will take about 19 Tigers to Itasca for Friday night's game, and a good number of supporters is expected to be in the Itasca stand rooting for Mansfield.

AUXILIARY TO HOLD 42" PARTY SATURDAY

The Public Auxiliary of the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a 42" party at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in Fireman's Hall.

Mrs. Geneva Baxter, secretary of the auxiliary, said tickets are selling for $1 per couple and that no admittance will be allowed after the evening begins. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Cooperation

A practice session will be held sometime in November, Putman said. However, Sergeant Walker informed the group Tuesday night that his office is booked through November and an official CD representative will be unable to attend the local session.

The Dallas CD filtering center will hold open house November 2, 3, and 4, and the public is invited. Putman urged everyone possible from Mansfield to visit the center on one of those days.

CONG. JIM WRIGHT TO ADDRESS P-TA

Congressman Jim Wright of Weatherford, U. S. representative from the 12th Congressional District, will address the Mansfield P-TA at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday night in the Erma Nash Elementary School auditorium, according to Mrs. Geneva Baxter, publicity chairman.

Subject of Mr. Wright's talk to the P-TA and visitors wishing to attend was not disclosed. It will be regular meeting of the P-TA, but nonmembers may attend. All P-TA members are urged especially to attend.

Sam Rayburn To Receive Cowtown Banquet Tonight

Tarrant County, Texas, and the Rayburn Library Foundation are honoring a political friend, party ticket $5 each, meeting Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibit building, Will Rogers Memorial center.

The Hon. Sam Rayburn is to be the guest and main speaker.

A Democratic rally is to be staged. The flag which has been accompanied is being now used as Mac public officials and other distinguished citizens of different political faiths have been invited to attend.

Raymond E. Buck, Fort Worth attorney and insurance company executive, is general chairman. Congressman Jim Wright and John Connally, attorney, are co-chairmen of the Rayburn Library committee.

The library is to be built in Bonham, Texas, to preserve and make available to the public the official and personal papers accumulated by Rayburn during a half century of public life.

St. Paul HD Club Elects Officers

Mrs. Hershel Good was elected president of the St. Paul Home Demonstration Club Oct. 18 at the home of Mrs. Davie Davis with Mrs. Davis presiding.

Other officers elected for the new year were Mrs. Neil Craig, vice president, Mrs. W. M. Evans, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ed Turner, council delegate, and Mrs. J. C. Kildebensten, reporter.

Refreshments were served to twenty-two persons and the next meeting was to be held Oct. 27 at the home of Mrs. Rob Wilson.

Board Unchanged

The board of trustee of the Mansfield Independent School District met Tuesday night and conducted only routine business, after the district's attorney in the pending integration suit in Federal District Court failed to appear Tuesday night, according to Board Secretary Ira Gibson. The attorney cancelled his appearance at the last minute and the board conducted only routine matters.

However, the August decision of the board to refuse to integrate Negro children in white schools is just as firm as ever, The News learned.

Meanwhile, the board is pursuing plans to make an all-out defense in the federal integration suit, scheduled to be called November 7.

125 Men And Women Here Voice Unanimous Sentiments

In no uncertain terms, an estimated 125 citizens of the Mansfield School District and other communities Tuesday night voted unanimously at the Memorial Hall here to oppose integration of Negro pupils with white children in Mansfield schools and present their feelings to the Mansfield school board.

Curious at first, the crowd of people, which included a surprising number of women, heard Howard H. Beard, a Fort Worth office supply salesman and president of the Citizens Council, explain the purpose of his organization, and then in rapid sequence elected Bud West temporary chairman, Lon T. Hubbard, vice chairman, and began taking memberships at $2 apiece for regulars and $5 a year for "sustaining" members. One man declined to serve because of various reasons when his name was submitted for one of the two temporary offices, but West and Hubbard asserted no misgivings.

"We ought to get the monkey off those seven men's (the school board) back," West said, after accepting and thanking the folks for their confidence. "I appreciate it, but don't care about the work."

His election and willingness to serve brought two spontaneous rounds of applause.

"This organization is the only legal way," he added, referring to the fight against the pending suit in Federal District Court to force the admission of about 14 Negro pupils to attend Mansfield High.

"This is some kind of start as to what we intend to do."

West continued that "the Supreme Court can't do anything, if the whites refuse to integrate."

Webb B. Joiner of Webb community presided and opened the tense meeting by declaring that "we want everything open and above board and in a legal manner. Let the president (Beard) explain and then you can say what you want to do as a group."

Mr. Joiner urged that the group not just come out to the meeting and then go away to forget about the crisis.

"It is up to your best judgment which is the best manner for both the whites and Negroes in this school district," he went on. "Here is the man who will guide us, Mr. Beard."

Beard, a young, modest brunette, with wavy black hair, calmly began the citation of John Marshall, sometimes referred to as the father of the U.S. Supreme Court and its chief Justice for many years, who said that it is treason to usurp power.

"Two years ago, May 17, 1954," Beard said, "nine political appointees to the Supreme Court reversed 50 years of litigation to turn the situation upside down. Whites and Negroes in the same schools, the same social affairs and the same neighborhoods. That's what it's coming to in Fort Worth."

Beard, speaking in a broad Southern accent, declared that 216 scholars and experts with notorious Communist backgrounds" produced the formula for integration, in the book, "American Dilemma."

The youthful Citizens Council president charged that the United States Supreme Court used "American Dilemma" as its source book for its now famous or infamous, as proponents of segregation sometimes call it, decision, barring segregation as unlawful and unconstitutional.

"If this decision is allowed to stand, our children will be guinea pigs and our days as a national race are numbered," Beard declared.

He foresaw in its continuation "complete racial and national destruction," but "we are determined it will not stand."

Beard said the Fort Worth Citizens Council, which he heads, was patterned from the parent organization in Indianola, Miss. Every chapter is autonomous.

The Citizens Council, as such, is the old town meeting where public sentiment decides the voting on paramount issues of a community, Beard said.

People are unlike cities and highways, according to Beard, in that cities and highways can be rebuilt, but not a race of people.

"Once mixed, they can never be unmixed, and this the surest and most certain way to destroy us. If we don't organize, it will be our children who will pay the price in the next two generations for our cowardice."

Beard claimed that 200,000 to 300,000 people in the United States are trying to corrupt the nation, but with "guts, grit and gunpowder" it can be prevented.

Resuming his presidential, Joiner invited questions from the forum, and called on [illegible]

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James A. Stowe 69, Taken by Death

James Arthur Stowe, 69, a resident of the Rehoboth Community for many years, died at 11:05 o'clock Wednesday night at his home, following an illness of several months.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Stowe came to Texas at an early age and has lived in the Rehoboth farming community a large part of his life.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Rehoboth Baptist Church by Rev. A. C. Salyer, pastor, at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery under direction of Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home here.

He is survived by his wife, Lizzie; one son, James, one daughter, Mrs. J. R. McGuire, both of Mansfield; two brothers, John and George Stowe, both of Grapevine, and two sisters, Mrs. Zora Elrod of Kennedale and Mrs. Ora Koontz of Fort Worth.

E. M. Jones, 57, Dies While Driving Tractor Oct. 20

E. M. Jones, 57, a resident of the St. Paul community for the past 14 years, died suddenly of a heart attack about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, October 20, while operating a tractor in a field on his farm.

Two men passing by observed the tractor going in a circle in the field with Mr. Jones slumped over the steering wheel. Immediately sensing something wrong, they hurried over to the tractor, shut off the motor and pulled Mr. Jones out of the seat. Death was believed instantaneously.

Mr. Jones moved to this section from Grapevine 14 years ago. He was a native Texan.

Funeral services were conducted from the Britton Methodist Church at 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon, with the Rev. Bob Robertson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery under direction of Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Patsy, both of the home address; his mother, Mrs. C. N. Jones of Grapevine; and two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Corbin of Grapevine and Mrs. J. C. Dunn of Irving.

Buys Ditcher

Mayor Turpin and B. T. Webb, both of Kennedale, have returned from Oklahoma where they purchased a ditching machine for the City of Kennedale.