

## Segregation Appeal Not Filed Thursday

### CUBS, DADS BAKE CAKES FOR AUCTION SCHEDULED NOV. 17

Cub Scout Pack 125 will hold its annual cake auction of cakes baked by Cubs and their dads at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, November 17, at Memorial Hall. Funds will go to support the Cub Scout Christmas party.

Cakes will also be judged by the Rev. Ernest Platt, pastor of the Mansfield Methodist Church, the Rev. Charles W. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, and the Rev. Fr. Bodik, Catholic priest who serves parishioners here.

All parents are urged to attend.

Auctioneer Billy Hogg will handle the chore of peddling the cakes to the highest bidders.

### Fires Destroy 3 Rural Homes Here

The neat farm home of W. A. Bollinger, about 3 1/2 miles north of Mansfield on Highway 287, was almost destroyed by fire shortly after noon last Monday.

Damage was estimated at \$5,500 to the house, garage and a 1952 model sedan housed in the garage. Constable Tom Beard, who answered the alarm with Firemen Junior Dexter, Ira Gibson, Cecil Brantley, Louis Stricklin and Penny Henry, said the fire started from unknown origin. It was speculated it started in the car or garage as the south end of the house escaped fire damage, although it suffered water and smoke damage.

The Kennedale Fire Dept. also answered the alarm and helped local firemen bring it under control and kept it from spreading to nearby homes. Mansfield trucks made two trips back to town for water, using about 2,000 gallons.

Beard said Kennedale firemen probably made more than one trip with their two trucks.

Two other fires Thursday, Nov. 7, totally destroyed farm homes west of Mansfield. The thirty-acre estate owned a four-room home house 3 1/2 miles west of town and it was levelled by fire. The cause was unknown. Mark Moody was executor of the estate, Beard said, but the occupant was not known. About 11 hours later that morning, at 10 o'clock, the home of L. C. Ortiz, 4 miles west of Mansfield, went up in smoke, as did its contents. A Pontiac car was so destroyed. Fireman Gibson reported a coal oil stove started the fire.

Besides Gibson and Beard, firemen fighting those fires were Brantley, Henry, J. B. Putnam and Stricklin.

### Integration Opponent Cites Biblical Background at Meet

With all the fire and enthusiasm of combination Billy Sunday and Billy Graham, H. L. Collins, Fort Worth realtor, Baptist Sunday School teacher and native of the Everman Community, labeled Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court a Communist and scorned public school officials for not taking a stand against integration of white and Negro children in schools.

Collins, who is also a deacon at the Grace Baptist Church in Fort Worth, quoted the Bible freely in claiming the Holy Word does not countenance the integration of races. He began with Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis in his long and spell-binding quotations from the Bible.

Speaking at the second meeting of the Mansfield chapter of the Citizens Council in Memorial Hall Thursday night, Nov. 3, Collins, who has lived in Tarrant County all his life and has been a voter for 52 years, was introduced by Howard Beard, president of the Fort Worth Council. Thomas B. (Bud) West presiding. Invocation was brought by W. P. Oliver.

The audience equalled if not out-numbered the estimated 125 persons who turned out for the initial meeting Tuesday night, Oct. 25. Forty-seven white folks then signed up for membership and paid either the \$2 regular membership dues or \$5 sustaining dues. About 30 signed up at the second meeting. The turnout Nov. 3, was surprising in view of the cold snap that moved in on Mansfield earlier that day, requiring fires in Memorial Hall.

"The only way I know is the right way and that is to go back to the word of God," Collins said after reminding the gathering he felt at home because he was born on Village Creek at Everman.

"The judges and lawyers have twisted and warped the Constitution of the United States so that it doesn't look like what our forefathers drew up," he continued. The remark brought an "amen" from a spectator.

"We are in the throes of the greatest internal revolution in history. This government is about to be overthrown. Dallas and Jonesboro (Ark.) judges have granted injunctions without hearing the evidence. This judge (Warren) is not honorable, nor is he a gentleman, he's not an American patriot but a Communist. "I'd be tickled to death to go

to jail for contempt, but how can I be in contempt of a contemptible man?"

Collins said the Negroes are not to blame, but that "the white-livered politicians and corrupt See INTEGRATION Page 4

(Chairman Thomas B. (Bud) West of the Citizens Council said Thursday the meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night in Memorial Hall instead of next Thursday night. The meeting was moved up to prevent interference with the annual Cub Scout cake auction, held on that night.

### Committee Gets "Good Response"

A "good response" was reported this week by Reed Schnorr of the Citizens Council nominating committee in the committee's request for persons to serve on four other committees.

Schnorr, Albert North of Webb and Foy Curry met as the CC nominating committee last Saturday and named members to committees on information and education, political and elections, membership and finances, and legal advice. The trio was contacting prospective members this week in preparation for the next meeting of the council Thursday night, Nov. 17.

### Christmas Plans On Board's Agenda

The board of directors of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce was to meet Thursday night in the Mansfield State Park to discuss plans for the Christmas party.

The 1954 party, said to have been attended by the largest gathering of people on downtown Mansfield streets, probably will be followed in this year's planning. The News learned Wednesday a committee, headed by W. J. Boteler, however, will reveal plans it has decided on when directors meet.

President Oscar McInnis reported the chamber received 100 per cent cooperation from Mansfield merchants, who put up some \$400 as gifts and prizes during a drawing last December 21. Date of the party and appearance of Santa Claus was expected to be set at the board meeting.

### Mansfield Wins First Round Suit

The office of Federal District Clerk George W. Parker for the Northern District of Texas Thursday had not received a formal motion of appeal from the Monday ruling of Federal Judge Joe E. Estes, denying three Mansfield Negro youths a court order requiring Mansfield High to admit them to classes.

Judge Estes denied the injunction sought by Nathaniel Jackson, Floyd Stevenson Moody and Charles Moody, all Negro residents of the Mansfield School District of high school age, on the grounds the suit was "premature."

The Federal Court spectators' benches were crowded and about 50 men, women and high school students, a majority of whom were from Mansfield, stood around the walls, a privilege not customarily allowed by many federal judges. About "25 or 30" of the young people were students of Mansfield High.

From testimony brought at the hearing on the injunction, seeking the dissolution of segregation in Mansfield High, Judge Estes made his ruling.

Supt R. L. Huffman of Mansfield schools was the only defense witness put on the stand by Defense Counsel J. A. (Tiny) Gooch, Fort Worth attorney. Gooch told newsmen later that he was handling the defense for only a \$1 fee because he knew the district had no funds to fight a suit. However, he emphasized he was not involved professionally and actively in any group, but that he believed "they (Mansfield defendants) are entitled to representation."

Huffman's testimony reviewed what Mansfield School District was doing to provide educational facilities for Negro high school students and that "with one or two exceptions" they preferred to attend Terrell High in Fort Worth, where Mansfield transported them daily to and from downtown Mansfield.

Testimony introduced by plaintiffs counsel, L. Clifford Davis and U. Simpson Tate, Dallas regional attorney for NAACP, sought to prove that Negro students must travel unreasonable distances at great hazards.

In declaring defense would meet "that issue head on," Gooch brought out in Huffman's testimony that the Mansfield board had decided to continue the dual system for the ensuing school year Huffman stated that time would be required to break

### TURKEY SHOOT SET FOR NEXT SUNDAY

down old traditions and getting two races ready to accept. In his pleadings, Gooch stated the suit was brought prematurely, and the court sustained him in effect.

However, the court recognized desegregation and warned Mansfield defendants that "you must be prompt, you must solve this problem, for, if you do not, these plaintiffs may come back here soon to enforce their rights."

Counsel for plaintiffs gave oral notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

Federal Clerk Parker's office told The Mansfield News Thursday morning that it had received no written appeal, although they could have filed it with Judge Estes.

### Bank, Post Office To Close Friday

The Mansfield State Bank and Post Office will be closed all day Friday in observance of Veterans Day, formerly the old Armistice Day.

It was doubtful if any private business houses will close for the day.

### Mansfield C-C To Meet Monday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 o'clock next Monday night in Memorial Hall, W. J. Boteler disclosed Thursday.

On behalf of Pres. Oscar McInnis, Mr. Boteler urged all members and merchants to attend the meeting as "a very interesting program" will be held. The meeting also will hear a report from the board of directors on plans for the annual Christmas party which directors were to formulate Thursday night, he said.

### Pioneer Resident Dies at Age of 60

Mrs. Mary Jane Cornelius, 60, of 3800 South Grove St., Fort Worth, and a long-time resident of the Retta community near Mansfield, died Monday morning at her home.

Although in failing health for several years, Mrs. Cornelius' death was unexpected and came as a shock to her family and friends.