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## Speaker Calls NO Cloak for Power Alliance

### 'Disgusting Spectacle' Del Rioan Describes Russian Stand

An observer who sat in on sessions of the San Francisco Conference which drafted the United Nations Charter told members of the Ozona Rotary Club in a talk before that group here Tuesday that the charter amounts to nothing more than a "power alliance" and that the lack of compulsory jurisdiction of the Court of International Justice is as sorry a spectacle as the Big Five veto power in the Security Council.

The speaker was Arthur Gonzales, Mexican attorney of Del Rio, who attended the San Francisco Conference as an advisor to the Mexican delegation headed by Sr. Padillo, Mexico's foreign minister. Mr. Gonzales and Autry Walker, Del Rio banker, came to Ozona by plane from Del Rio, arriving at the airport shortly before the noon luncheon hour, where they were met by club representatives. The party's pilot and co-pilot were also guests of the club.

Russia's contention through the San Francisco Conference that power be the measuring stick for the exercise of authority by nations of the world was a disheartening feature of the Conference, according to Mr. Gonzales, who described as a "most disgusting spectacle" the sarcastic and at times almost insulting attitude of Russia's Molotov toward the smaller nations represented at the Conference. The delaying tactics of the Russian delegation and their insistence on emasculating of the Security Council through the Big Four veto power were also strongly berated by the speaker.

"The voting system of the Security Council (the veto power) can not be defended either morally or from the standpoint of history," Mr. Gonzales declared. Under the system as at present constituted, any one of the big powers, permanent members of the council, can veto the use of force to put down aggression by any nation in the world.

## Students Choose Staff for High School Annual

### "Hitching Post" Title Of Book Dedicated To Service Men

Students of Ozona High School have elected staff members and chosen a name for the 1946 High School annual to be published sometime before the end of the present school year.

"The Hitching Post," title selected for the 1941 annual, was chosen again as the title for the 1946 issue. The local high school's early-day annual was titled "The Maverick."

This year's annual is to be printed by the off-set process by a Dallas printing concern and will contain approximately 60 pages or more. Estimated cost per copy to the students is \$3, with the cost to be decreased according to the amount of paid advertising to be included in the publication. Solicitation of advertising will begin this week.

John Fussell has been chosen by vote of the students as editor-in-chief. Muggs Davidson was selected as business manager and clubs editor, with Ralph Carden as assistant. Jo Nell Coose and Don Hoover will be in charge of the athletic section and Joe Perry as photography and art editor, with Benny Gail Phillips as assistant. Benny Hokit will edit the snapshot and Senior section.

By vote of the student body, the 1946 annual will be dedicated to those ex-students and graduates of Ozona High School who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II.

## Brother of Scott Peters Dies Tuesday In Temple Hospital

Roscoe Peters, brother of Scott Peters, active vice president of Ozona National Bank, died in McCloskey General Hospital in Temple Tuesday following an illness of several months from heart disease.

A wounded veteran of the first World War, Mr. Peters had been employed for the past several years in the offices of a government hospital in Waco.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Waco with burial following in Valley Mills, Texas.

Mr. Peters is survived by his widow, four brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Scott of Ozona, John of Tyler, Grady of Valley Mills and Rolly of Galveston. The sisters are Mrs. W. L. Tibbs of Waco, Mrs. Goodson Laster of Tyler and Mrs. Carl Wortham of China Springs, Texas.

## March of Dimes Campaign Under Way in January

### Dime Boxes Placed in Downtown Stores to Receive Donations

Frank James, chairman of the Crockett County March of Dimes committee to raise funds for the fight on infantile paralysis, announced that the appeal will continue until January 31. Dime boxes have been placed in downtown stores and larger contributions will be received by committee members.

"All people," Mr. James said, "have come to know that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is a necessary and invaluable force in our national life. We know how effective it has been in epidemics of polio, providing medical care and treatment for poliomyelitis patients, regardless of age, race, creed or color."

"We realize that much of the knowledge of the disease and its treatment results from scientific research made possible by the National Foundation. I am sure that everyone will contribute more generously this year than ever before."

As in former years, Mr. James said, half of the money collected in the county will remain here to finance the hospitalization, care and treatment of local sufferers. The other half goes to headquarters of the National Foundation and is used for continuing research, education and emergency aid in epidemics throughout the nation.

## Mrs. Dick Henderson Honored at Gift Tea In Paul Perner Home

Mrs. Floyd R. Henderson, Jr. a recent bride, was honored at a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Paul Perner Saturday afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. Perner, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. Roy Henderson, Mrs. Massie West and Mrs. W. R. Baggett.

Mrs. W. R. Baggett greeted guests at the door. Receiving with the honoree were Mrs. Perner, Mrs. Hudson Mayes, mother of the bride, Miss Helen Mayes, her sister, Mrs. W. E. Friend, Sr., and Mrs. Floyd R. Henderson, Sr. Rosalie Friend was at the guest book.

Mrs. Scott Peters and Mrs. J. W. Henderson poured during the first hour and Mrs. Jake Short and Mrs. Eddie Anold during the second hour. Assisting in the dining room were Miss Joy Coates, Mrs. P. C. Perner, Mrs. Roy Henderson and Mrs. Massie West. Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., was in the gift room. Music was furnished during the tea hours by Mrs. Neal Hannah and Mrs. H. B. Tandy.

The table held an all-white flower centerpiece with white tapers in silver candelabra at each end. The buffet was decorated with urns holding magnolia leaves at each end and silver candelabra with white tapers in the center.

About fifty guests called during the tea hours.

## Have Clothing Bundles Ready for Collection Jan 24

### Chairman Carter Asks Cooperation in Local Campaign

An appeal for the cooperation of the citizenship of Ozona in the United National Clothing drive, under way all over the nation during the month of January, was issued this week by the Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church and local chairman of the drive.

Thursday, January 24, has been designated Clothing Collection day in Ozona and on that day committees representing the various cooperating organizations in the city will make a house-to-house canvass to collect usable clothing for the relief of war sufferers in all parts of the world, Rev. Carter said.

Residents are urged to have their bundles of usable clothing ready for the collectors early Thursday morning, January 24. An invitation has also been extended to contributors to this cause to promote international good will by writing good will letters for inclusion with their relief bundles of clothing.

"Begin now to collect usable clothing and prepare your good will letter in advance," is the plea of the chairman.

Articles wanted and desperately needed by war-ravaged peoples of the world include garments of all kinds and sizes for men, women and children; shoes of all sizes and kinds and all kinds of bedding, comforts, blankets, quilts, etc. Be sure all contributions are clean and usable.

The Methodist Center will be the collection center for the drive and ranch people who do not live in town are asked to bring in their clothing collection from the ranch and leave it at the Center. All organizations in the city, including women's clubs, church organizations, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, schools, etc., are participating in the collection campaign and each organization has been assigned its territory in which solicitors will work. It is hoped that all groups will be out early Thursday morning, January 24, and that the drive can be completed that day, the bundles to be prepared and shipped before the end of the month.

## More Rooms Are Needed for Cage Tourney Visitors

### Plans Shaping up for Two-Day Meet Here January 25-26

Except for the fact that more rooms in Ozona homes are needed to house visiting team members and coaches, plans are shaping up well for Ozona's fifteenth annual basketball tournament to be held in the Ozona High School gymnasium Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, Supt. C. E. Danham reported this week.

Rooms for an estimated 100 visitors who will be here over night Friday, January 25, are needed and a housing committee composed of Muggs Davidson, Benny Gail Phillips, Jo Nell Coose and Baby Hokit has been appointed to contact householders to provide housing for the visitors. No meals will be expected and residents who have not yet pledged rooms for the visitors and who can care for one or more are asked to phone or see some member of the committee.

Drawing for the tourney bracket will be held next Monday morning in the Ozona National Bank. Twelve teams will be entered in the contests for handsome trophies to be awarded in both the championship and consolation brackets.

Teams which have accepted Ozona's invitation to play in this year's tourney, in addition to the host team, include Barnhart, McCamey, Iraan, Rankin, Eldorado, Sonora, Junction, Rocksprings, Oh Sonora, Junction, Big Lake Fort Stockton Rocksprings and Menard

## Ozona Cagers To Open Big Lake Annual Tournament Tonight

Coach L. B. T. Sikes' basketball squad will undergo tournament seasoning the coming week-end when they bang with entries in the annual Reagan County High School tournament at Big Lake Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday.

The Ozona squad is bracketed for the tourney opener at 7 o'clock tonight against the host team, the Big Lake Owls. Last Saturday night the locals took a 26 to 20 licking at the hands of the Owls on the Big Lake court and have been trying this week to cash in on what they learned in that practice encounter. Ozona second stringers beat the Owl second team by a count of 25 to 10.

If the Lions top out ahead of the Owls in the opening game, they probably will meet the Eldorado Eagles in quarter finals at 7:05 Friday night. Barnhart and Rankin are scheduled for the second game on tonight's opening slate.

## Near 500 Poll Tax Receipts Issued Here

### January Final Month In Which Valid Polls May Be Secured

With an election year in the offing, and only two weeks left in which to secure a poll tax receipt to qualify to participate in 1946 elections, Crockett county citizens are flocking in increasing numbers to the office of the county tax collector to spend \$1.75 to become qualified voters.

That was yesterday's report from Ms. A. O. Fields, deputy in charge of collections in Sheriff Frank James' office. Nearly 500 poll tax receipts had been issued yesterday, Mrs. Field reported, and a busy time is expected in the office near the end of the month as the last minute payers rush in to pay poll taxes.

Some \$25,000 worth of property taxes, due for the year 1945, remained unpaid at the beginning of January, the office reported, and payments are coming in at a fairly rapid pace. Payments made during this month earn no discount as was in effect during October, November and December, but unless taxes are paid in full before February 1 they become delinquent and are subject to stiff penalties and interest charges, the collector pointed out.

Returning GI's will swell this county's voting strength this year beyond the total indicated by the poll tax receipts issued. Men in service or discharged not more than 18 months prior to the holding of an election are entitled to vote without poll tax receipts, a discharge certificate or other evidence of service being sufficient to entitle an ex-service man to the right to vote.

## Students Taking Mid-Term Exams

Students of the Ozona Schools are in the throes of final examinations, covering work of the past six weeks' period, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The new semester will open Monday morning.

Report cards will be issued at noon next Wednesday, Supt. C. S. Denham announced.

## Lions Play San Angelo Kittens on Local Court Tuesday

More seasoning in preparation for a determined defense of its championship standing in the fifteenth annual Ozona High School invitational tournament scheduled for Friday and Saturday of next week, Coach Sikes will pit his Ozona Lion cagers against the San Angelo Kittens Tuesday night in the local gym.

The game will be called at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. The public is invited.

## Moore Wildcat in Western Crockett Fails in Two Zones

Moore Exploration Co. and others' No. 1 Half-Bivins, western Crockett county wildcat, had set a retainer at 5,600 feet Tuesday to perforate casing between 5,365-73 feet.

Sulphur water was recovered in testing two zones at one time by swabbing: one from 6,270-85 feet, the other from 6,300-15 feet. Each section had been perforated with 90 shots. A retainer was set at 6,170 feet and the casing was perforated between 5,170-25 feet with 90 shots, after which an average of eight barrels of salty-sulphur water was swabbed hourly.

The wildcat in drilling to 7,505 feet failed in the Ellenburger entered at 7,222 feet, 5,039 feet below sea level. It is 660 feet out of the southwest corner of section 65-1-I&GN, between the Noelke field and the Pecos river.

Moore Exploration No. 3 - C Half estate, where gas ignited and destroyed the cable tool rig last August when the depth was 1,430 feet, had drilled to 1,777 feet in lime and was underreaming 8 5/8 inch casing. It is 515 from the north 4,895 feet from the east line of section 69-1-I&GN.

## Husband of Former Ozonan Dies in Cal.

Dr. Dudley Danforth of Sacramento, Calif., husband of the former Miss Gracia Swanson, for many years a resident of Ozona, died at Sacramento on January 13, friends here have been advised. Dr. Danforth, who had been an army dentist during the war, died of a heart attack.

Mrs. Danforth came to Ozona as bookkeeper for the West Texas Utilities Co. Later she was office assistant to Dr. F. T. McIntire for several years, going to Shannon hospital in San Angelo where she took training as a nurse.

## Two New Memorial Volumes Donated To O. H. S. Library

Two new memorial volumes have been donated to the Ozona High School library recently, Supt. C. S. Denham reported this week.

"The Gauntlet," by James Street was placed in the library by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Childress, Sr., in honor of the late Mrs. Felia Friend, "The Longhorn," by J. Frank Dobie is another new volume in the collection given by Bill Wilkins, high school student, in honor of his grandfather, the late Lee Henderson.

## Ammon C. Potter, Former AAF Pilot, Buys DeWitt Cafe

Ammon C. Potter, a native of Seattle, Wash., and recently discharged after three years as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Force, 18 months of which was spent as a liaison pilot in the European theatre, has purchased the DeWitt Cafe in Ozona and he and Mrs. Potter took over active management of the business this week.

Joe DeWitt, who a few months ago purchased the cafe business from Jess Hancock, has moved to San Angelo where he and Mrs. DeWitt will make their home.

Mr. Potter was in the cafe business before entering the service. Before going overseas he was assigned to liaison flying in Texas, flying in the Laredo, Brownsville, Eagle Pass and Del Rio area for some months before going overseas. Too old for combat assignment, he did observation, transport and general liaison work in the European theatre during the war.

Mrs. Potter is a Texas girl, formerly a resident of Kerrville, Texas, and Mr. Potter adds that he "is a Texan by marriage and by choice."

Mr. Potter announced that it was his intention to maintain the quality of foods and service offered in the cafe and to make improvements wherever possible. Among contemplated improvements are the installation of new automatic dishwashing equipment, new

## Development of Airport Planned By E. R. Kinser

### Flying Service Now in Operation at Field; Has New Plane

Development of the Ozona Airport and expansion of commercial flying operations from the field is in the offing with settlement of lease terms under which E. R. Kinser, operating as the Kinser Flying Service, will lease the field and make the necessary improvements for widespread use of the facilities.

Among the first improvement planned for the field, Mr. Kinser says, is the construction of a hangar large enough to house four planes. Hangar space will be available to house planes which Mr. Kinser will have in operation from the field, for charter service and for instruction of student flyers, and any privately owned planes based at the field. Additional hangar space is contemplated as the demand rises.

Improvements to the small house now on the property, with possible enlargement of the quarters so that housing may be provided for a field attendant to live at the port, are other developments contemplated under the new operation plan, Mr. Kinser said. Provision for a water supply to the house and for other needs at the airport will be made in the near future.

Mr. Kinser last week received the first new plane, an Aeronca trainer, from the factory. Mr. Kinser is local agent for the Aeronca plane and has an order for a second plane on which delivery is expected within the next two months. The planes are now in mass production and more will be available a little later, dealers have been informed.

The new Aeronca is an all-metal plane with a 65-horsepower motor. It is equipped with double controls for training purposes and with Thad Tabb as pilot will be used for student training at the local airport.

## Rains Bring 1.43 Inches of Moisture in Jan.

### 'Texas Weather' Dem- onstrations Add Needed Moisture

Although accompanied by a demonstration of typical "Texas Weather," which ranged from warm sunshine to sleet and snow and below freezing temperatures, badly needed moisture was visited on West Texas range lands during the past week to brighten prospects for winter and early spring grazing.

Slow falling rains which at times turned into sleet and again into snow fell over most of this section early this week, local rain gauges showing a little more than a half inch of moisture this week to bring the total so far in the month of January to 1.43 inches.

Rains this week and last were the first to fall in this area since the first of October and although livestock in most parts of the section were in fine condition due to the October seasoning, rain was badly needed to bring up the weeds and to put range lands in condition for early Spring growth.

The year 1945 brought a better than average total of rainfall to this area, but bad distribution of the quantity made it anything but a "wet" year for the ranchmen. The year's total as registered by the rain gauge at the Ratliff store was 25.74 inches. However, eight inches of that total was registered in less than an hour in early June when the town of Ozona was visited by a devastating hail storm and deluge of rain. Most of the balance of the year's total came in two rainy spells, one the first of July and the other three months later, beginning October 1.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 1946

Men in Enlisted Reserve May Retain Grade in Reg. Army

The West Texas US Army Recruiting Service with enlistment stations in Amarillo, Abilene, Lubbock, Big Spring and San Angelo, Texas, today received a War Department communication by telegraph which is of vital concern to men who have been released from the Army, and who are now on inactive status in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, particularly those who have been discharged more than twenty days, thus being ineligible for retention of the grade held upon discharge if they

desire to reenlist in the Regular Army.

According to the telegram received, all members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps on inactive status who request enlistment in the Regular Army on or before 31 January 1946, may be administratively discharged from the Enlisted Reserve Corps and enlisted in the Regular Army in the grade held in the Reserve Corps.

First Reunion of 36th Division at Brownwood Jan. 19-21

BROWNWOOD, Texas. — The first reunion of men of the famed 36th Infantry Division, the "Texas Division" which invaded Hitler Europe at Salerno, fought through the rugged mountains of the interior of Italy and pushed the Nazis back through France, Germany and Austria, will be held in Brownwood January 19-21.

All former members of the 36th Division — and that includes veterans of the World War I Division — are invited to attend the reunion by officials of the 36th Division Association and by the City of Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

Highlights of the three-day reunion include a street parade in downtown Brownwood, memorial services for 36th Division men killed in action, several dances, business sessions and general get-togethers of the Texas soldiers.

Sunday afternoon, January 20, Governor Coke R. Stevenson, will dedicate the 36th Division Park at nearby Lake Brownwood. Major General Fred L. Walker, wartime commander of the 36th, will accept the park on behalf of division veterans.

Numerous state and national dignitaries, including high-ranking War Department officers, will attend the reunion.

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Pneumonia Death Rate High in Texas

AUSTIN — According to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, pneumonia caused over 1,934 deaths during the first ten months of the past year in Texas, a reduction over the previous year, but still too high. It is more prevalent during the winter and spring months.

Pneumonia is usually caused by a germ called the pneumococcus, which many of us have lurking in our throats ready to start trouble when our resistance to it is lowered. We can keep up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and avoiding unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go out into the cold, additional wraps should be worn, sufficient to protect us. Keeping the temperature of our homes as low as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we go out.

Another method of prevention in pneumonia is not to neglect a cold, for the common cold often results in pneumonia when neglected. A person with a severe cold should stay home.

BACK FROM JAPAN

Lt. Col. Woodrow Wilson, son of Lee Wilson of Ozona, with Mrs. Wilson and their two children, arrived here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Col. Wilson recently landed in the U. S. from Yokohama, Japan, for a 30-day leave of absence in the States. He has been stationed in the Philippines and Japan with the Army Engineers.

Col. Wilson is a West Point graduate and while a cadet there was a star backfield man on the Army football team, later returning to the Academy as assistant coach and instructor. He is scheduled to return to Japan to rejoin the occupying forces as soon as his leave is terminated in the United States.

Unlicensed Drivers Figure in 24 Pct. Of Fatal Accidents

AUSTIN — Unlicensed drivers are figuring in 24 per cent of the fatal collisions in Texas, Director Homer Garrison of the Department of Public Safety said today.

A survey covering 415 "fatal drivers," all residents of Texas, showed that 104 either never had licenses or had permitted their licenses to expire.

"Driver licensing suffered during the war from public apathy and inadequate law enforcement," Garrison commented. "Now it's time for everybody to get back on the ball. I hope the people will cooperate voluntarily."

"We don't want to wage a drastic statewide campaign against unlicensed drivers, and we have not the man power to do it without neglecting other important work, but increasing traffic fatalities may force us to it."

Ex-Service Men May Get Social Security Cards in San Angelo

During the war many men who entered the armed forces lost or misplaced their social security cards. Now many of them have been discharged, and they find it necessary to secure a duplicate. They seem to think it is compulsory to secure the duplicate from the office where they secured the original card and are telegraph-

ing these offices from various parts of the United States, according to Elliot W. Adams, manager of the San Angelo office. The facts in the case are that any field office of the board will be glad to accept an application for a duplicate and thereby save the applicant time and expense in wiring back to the office where the original was issued. For instance if you live or work in this town your application for a duplicate social security card should be sent to the San Angelo office.

Ex-servicemen do not have to request a duplicate from the issuing office. Without cost any applicant will gladly cooperate with his power to expedite the issuance of a duplicate. Mr. Adams said.

The aggregate value of corporations chartered in Texas in November, 1945, was \$3,428,000 as compared to \$909,000 in November, 1944, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. This was an increase of 280 per cent.

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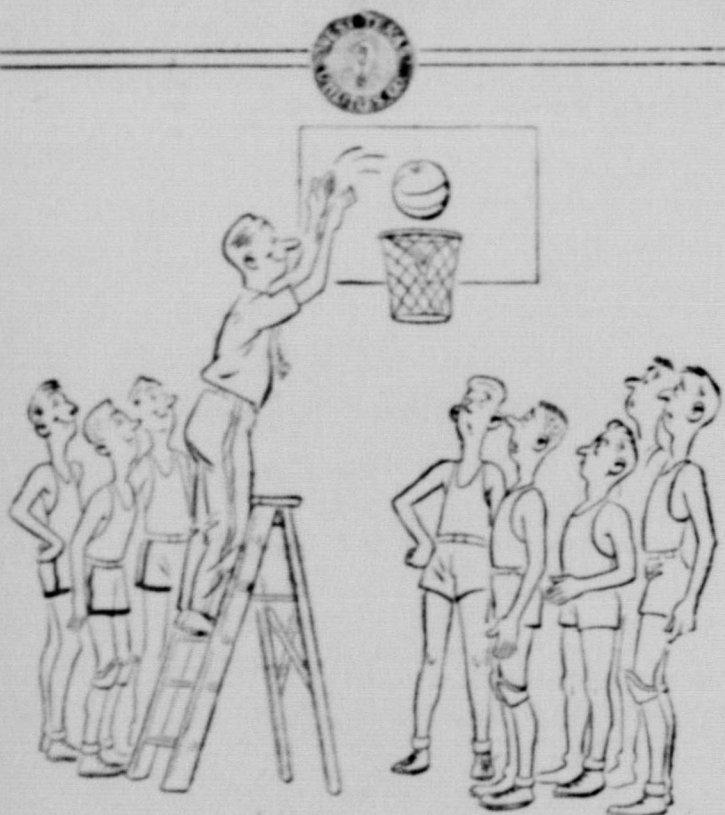
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PAY YOUR POLL TAX NOW!

This is election year! You must pay your poll tax before Feb. 1 to qualify for the voting privilege.

YOUR HELP PLEASE!

COME TO THIS OFFICE TO RENDER YOUR PROPERTY!

Due to the shortage of help we must ask the cooperation of property owners in securing renditions of property for tax purposes.

Renditions must be completed before April 30. It will take but a few minutes of your time to complete the form at the office and we will greatly appreciate your help in getting the work completed on time.

FRANK JAMES

Sheriff, Assessor and Collector of Taxes—Crockett Co.

**TRAIL DUST**

By Douglas Meador

Shafts of light struck low, hurrying clouds that sifted snow into the winter night's dark tresses. A bitter wind whipped the flakes in confused eddies on the pavement below the lighted board. Two men in uniform rubbed their hands for protection from the wind-broke, looking anxiously at the lights of each approaching car. They did not look at the board and its roster of fading names.

In the chemistry of life, happiness might be more easily understood as hours from which unhappiness has been removed.

Beauty transcends its divine commission when stars of a winter night are seen through tears.

Solitude had danced its pagan dance for the little man who stood behind the great cash register in the always-crowded store. He punched the keys like stops in an organ and watched the till spring open as the neat piles of money increased. For years each day had been tailored from the same uninteresting pattern. At night the ringing of the cash register followed to the very portals of his slumber. One afternoon he looked up and into the blue eyes of a slender girl who waited for the wrapping of her purchase. He thought there was a trace of a smile on her lips and struck a locked key on the register. He continued to see the bright color and tender depth of her eyes after she was gone. Days passed and he became confused when the girl stood again and waited for her change. She was half out of the store when he realized that he had made a mistake in the amount of money she had accepted. From the sales slip he learned the address to which her purchase was to be delivered. That evening the little man knocked on the door of an apartment near his own and was met by the girl. Soon he was drinking tea from a dainty cup. The sound of the cash register no longer echoed in his ears; love may be galvanized by a mistake.

Life would be far less perfect except for the universal abhorrence of admitting our mistakes.

Whatever relationship may exist between what we say and what we think is not dominated by any save the fundamental sincerity of character.

Darkness came quickly on the lonely Oklahoma road I once traveled. My uncle believed the tires on the heavily-loaded trailer behind the small car would carry their burden but he was mistaken. Soon we drained gasoline into an emptied sausage can and repaired two tires by the light of the flaming fuel. We had only funds for gasoline as the slow miles rubbed the night away. Stalled in the

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**FRANK JAMES**  
Sheriff, Crockett County

loose gravel of a new road we waited wearily for dawn while the cold dry wind tugged at the canvas curtains. Brown tumbleweeds were following one another across the road when I opened my eyes. We broke pieces from the loaf of bread and ate it without water for breakfast. Memories of the long journey festoon my more placid traveling experiences like empty flagons left beside a spring which has vanished in the sand.

We sometimes make the mistake of trying to smother out the fires of little troubles with the addition of fuel.

**4-H Billie Kid Show to Be Held in Kerrville Feb. 2**

COLLEGE STATION. — County agricultural agents in goat producing counties have chosen Kerrville and February 2 as the place and date for the 1946 spring billie kid show. A fall show also is in prospect, according to W. R. Nisbet, sheep and goat specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service. Entries will be confined to 4-H Club boys and the show sponsored by the Texas Mohair Grading committee. The agents have indicated a preference for a classification show, Nisbet said.

The objective of the exhibit is to encourage members of boys' 4-H clubs to demonstrate flock improvement through selection and

development of the most desirable type of flock sires. This movement began in 1944 and the first show was held in the fall of that year. Since November club boys in the goat country have been shopping among ranchmen for good prospects in billie kids to enter at the show and also for club demonstrations. Nisbet said that entries would be received up to the time of the show. Kerr County Agricultural Agent W. H. Gardner is in charge of arrangements.

Major Robert W. Meybin has landed in the United States after service with an Army engineers unit in the European theatre, and Mrs. Meybin, the former Dixie Davidson of Ozona, met him in Baltimore, yesterday. Major Meybin received his promotion from the rank of Captain shortly before sailing for home.

**General Withdrawal Of Gov't Subsidies On Livestock Plan**

A general schedule of withdrawal of subsidies on livestock has been announced by the government. Most subsidy payments on meat and meat animals, both to farmers and to slaughterers, will end not later than June 30, 1946, it has been announced.

The original "roll-back" subsidy of \$1.30 per 100 pounds paid to hog slaughterers is scheduled to end not later than March 31, 1946.

The remaining subsidy of 40 cents per 100 pounds on hogs is due to end by mid-year of 1946, together with all subsidies on sheep and cattle, except the special payments to non-processing slaughterers. No final determination has been made as to the ending of the special subsidy of 40 cents per 100 pound, live weight, to non-processing cattle slaughterers.

About as many lambs will be finished in feed lots during the 1945-46 winter feeding season as the large number last winter. Slaughter of sheep and lambs in comparable federally inspected plants in October was 15 per cent below 1944. Slaughter of ewes continues large, indicating a further liquidation of range herds. The number of ewe lambs that will be saved this fall for flock replacements will be relatively small. The number of fed lambs for slaughter during the winter and early spring promises to be large.

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**A RECORD TO BEAT**

Who will be America's Star Farmer of 1946? He'll have to be good to beat the record of Gordon Eichhorn of Marion County, Ohio, who won this top award of the Future Farmers of America at their 1945 National Convention last fall. A high school freshman in 1939 with one sow, two steers and 26 sheep, Gordon now has 60 hogs, 90 sheep, 1,500 chickens, land and equipment for a total net worth of more than \$8,300. He farms his own land, is partner with his dad on 186 acres, and rents from his neighbors 96 acres more on which he raises corn, alfalfa, small grains and clover.



**THE EDITOR'S COLUMN**

Several times in this space, I have invited producers of agricultural products to come and see us. As a result of this, we have had quite a number of visitors. Conversations with these visitors have been very interesting and helpful to me and have brought out many of the ideas which producers have regarding the livestock and meat industry.

Some recent conversations indicated that quite a number of producers think that there are less than a hundred meat packers in the United States, in fact some thought there were as few as ten. This idea seems to come from the fact that many of them ship their livestock to only one market and are familiar only with the number of meat packing plants at that market. I am sure that it will interest all of you to know that there are more than 3,500 meat packers in the United States. In addition, there are upwards of 22,500 other commercial slaughterers.

The only way those 26,000 companies and people can make money in their business is to sell meat. And to sell meat they must buy livestock. So all over the country—from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine, from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border—these competing livestock buyers are bidding against each other for the essential material of their businesses—the cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep produced by American farmers and ranchers. The buyers who get that livestock are the ones who bid the highest prices in their particular areas.

F.M. Simpson,  
Agricultural Research Department

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**Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED SPARERIBS with DRESSING**

For six servings, use 4 pounds pork spareribs. Combine 1 teaspoon salt, 4 cups soft bread crumbs, 1/2 cup diced onion, 1 cup chopped apple, and 1 cup water. Pat out 1 inch thick in greased dripping pan. Wipe spareribs. Salt. Place over bread dressing. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 2 hours.

**IT PAYS TO KEEP FARM ACCOUNTS**

By E. C. YOUNG  
Professor of Agricultural Economics  
Purdue University



Profits are the final test of good farming. Farm accounts give the results of management in dollars and cents. Well kept records are a check on management. They serve as a basis for determining the success or failure of crop and livestock practices. Properly kept, they identify the profitable and unprofitable enterprises and suggest points at which improvements can be made.

Farm records are nothing more than an orderly classification of your financial experience. To be most valuable, they must be simple and they must be used.

Most state colleges furnish simplified account books which can be obtained through your county agent. Sometimes it is better to plan your own accounting system in an ordinary ledger. If all your cash income is deposited in the bank and all your outgo is paid by check, you can use the bank records of your deposits and checks as a basis for your accounts or as a check on your own records. Your records will be more valuable if you include an annual inventory along with your record of cash receipts and expenses.

**FEEDING EARLY-LAMBING EWES**

To develop good milk-producing ewes, and therefore good early lambs, winter feeding is important. Feed them plenty of top-quality legume hay and just enough grain to keep them in good condition, gaining a little weight. And don't forget exercise. It makes lambing easier and helps save a higher percentage of lambs.

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. . . that it's smart to live as though you expected to die tomorrow—and to farm as though you expected to live forever.



**Ammon C. Potter**

(Continued from Page One) refrigeration, new kitchen equipment and general clean-up and renovation of the place. The cafe will be re-named, Mr. Potter said, but the name by which the business will be known has not been decided.

"We hope to make Ozona our permanent home and will welcome an opportunity to get acquainted with its people and to become a part of the community life," Mr. Potter said.

**W.S.C.S. Officers Installed at Service Wednesday Afternoon**

Mrs. Charlie Coates was installed with other officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in a very impressive ceremony conducted by Mrs. Paul Perner Wednesday afternoon. A candle lighting service was given by Mrs. Eddie Bower and Mrs. James Baggett.

Mrs. Coates lead in a pledge program immediately following the installation, Mrs. James Baggett assisting her. About fifteen were present for the service.

Mrs. Leslie Proctor, lecturer and leader in the Methodist church of this conference, will be here Monday, Jan. 21, to start a series of lectures on "The Family in World Affairs." The first lecture will be Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, another at 7 Monday night. Other lectures in the series will be Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and 7 p.m.; Wednesday at 3 and 7 and Thursday at the same hours.

Every one is invited to attend these talks. All will be at the Methodist Center.

**Self-Employed Vets May Be Eligible For Compensation**

Veterans of World War II who are self-employed are eligible, under certain conditions, for monthly compensation. Veterans going into the ranching business should be particularly interested as their income will be seasonal instead of monthly, Tommie Stuart, Crockett county agent and veteran's officer pointed out.

Below are several questions and answers frequently being asked and ones about which there seems to be considerable confusion.

Q. What are the requirements for a veteran to receive monthly allowances?

A. There are two general requirements governing the receipt of monthly allowances by veterans.

(a) Requirement relating to length of service.

(b) Requirement relating to full-time self-employment.

Q. Are the requirements relating to the length of active service the same for a self-employed veteran as for a totally or partially unemployed veteran?

A. Yes.

Q. Are the other requirements relating to eligibility the same for self-employed veterans as for totally unemployed or partially unemployed veterans?

A. No. The self-employed veteran must meet only these conditions of eligibility:

(a) Must be fully self-employed during the entire month.

(b) Must keep an accurate record of income and expenses.

(c) Must have net earnings of less than \$100 per month.

Q. How does a self-employed veteran get a readjustment allowance?

A. On or before the twentieth of the month, following the month for which he wishes to claim an allowance he must file with the local office of the Unemployment Compensation Commission a claim on which he will submit a record of income and expense.

Q. How much allowance will a self-employed veteran receive?

A. If his net earnings are less than \$100, he will be entitled to the difference between his net earnings and \$100. He will be charged with five weeks readjustment allowance for each such payment, regardless of amount he receives on each claim.

Q. How long are self-employed veterans eligible for readjustment allowance?

A. From 12 1/2 months to 10 3/5 months, depending on length of service.

Q. Can self-employed veterans receive weekly payments?

A. No. Self-employed veterans are paid only monthly allowances by mail by Federal Government checks.

Further questions or information may be secured from Tommie Stuart, County Agricultural Agent and County Service Officer. Stuart

also states that a representative of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission will be in Ozona, Tuesday, January 22, 1946, in the district court room, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Each individual wishing to file an application and claim should present his discharge or separation paper (not just a photo-static copy) and those separated from the navy should have their form 553 if the information is not entered on the back of the discharge document.

Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church, is in San Antonio this week attending the Methodist School of Evangelism in progress there Monday through Thursday.

The Apostle of the Temple of Truth in the Donley County Leader, says: "Atom-splitting goes back to the Holy Scriptures where you will find that the first Adam-splitting gave us Eve, a force which man in all ages has never gotten under control."

Pfc. Bernie B. Adwell, former manager of the Ozona Theatre in Ozona, landed in the U. S. January

4 after 9 1/2 months of service with the Army in Italy. Pfc. Adwell is in San Angelo with his wife and two children to spend a 30-day furlough before reporting to Ft. Sam Houston on February 6. They spent Sunday visiting friends in Ozona.

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