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Crockett Co. Steers To Be Shown in Houston

Steers Withdrawn in Favor of San Angelo Mar. 4-7

Crockett county 4-H Club boys exhibit nine steers at the Fat Stock Show from Jan. through February 6, Bill Crockett county agent, announced Tuesday.

Boys who have been feeding decided to withdraw entries from the Houston show and to exhibit fat lambs at the San Angelo show March 4-7, Mr. Berg announced. Louis Robison and Dan Harrell will also exhibit steers at this show.

Schedule of events at the show includes sifting the steers on Saturday, January 31, on Monday, February 2, and sale on Friday, February 5.

Line calves left Ozona late afternoon aboard a Wilbur truck and they were scheduled to arrive at Houston Wednesday.

Boys exhibiting steers include Charlie Boy Davidson 1 red steer; Lin Hicks, 2 Herefords; Frankie Jones, 1 Hereford; Ben Conklin, 1 Hereford; Jack Coates, 1 Angus; Buddy Phillips, 1 Angus; Kerry Tandy, 1 Hereford; and Bill Melton, 1 Hereford.

Boys will be accompanied by county agent, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Frankie Lindsey Hicks, Sarah Hicks, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jones, and Frankie Jones will be in charge of the week-end to the show.

Farmer's Record Grips Area; Injury to 12 Here

With the rest of the northern West Texas area enduring winter's worst of weather, the past ten days, biting cold which froze water, made many butane gas heaters inoperative for a time and automobile cooling systems on the blink.

The coldest morning of the spell was Wednesday when the thermometer sagged to 12 degrees, with lower temperatures recorded in many spots. Intermittent snow and sleet, powdery dry, during most of the week, but enough to coat the ground with a thin covering, containing an infinitesimal amount of ice.

Area Schools Again Open for Membership Southern Assn.

The public school system has been approved for membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges meeting certain standards of excellence set up by the association as a measure of standard school systems.

The question of retention of the system on the membership of the association was resolved this week by Supt. C. S. Denham in a letter from Gordon Denham, director, Division of Secondary Schools, of the State Department of Education.

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Texas Executive Committee and the Regional Executive Committee passed favorably upon your application for membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges." Mr. Denham said.

Family Have Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Haynes of Ozona are the parents of a daughter born in a San Angelo hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West are grandparents of the baby.



Charles B. Moore

Chas. B. Moore Enters Race For State Senate

Representative from Del Rio Seeks Promotion to the Senate

State Representative Charles B. Moore, merchant and farmer of Del Rio, Texas, today announced his candidacy for the State Senate, 29th Senatorial District, composed of 27 West Texas counties. The post is now held by Senator H. L. Winfield of Fort Stockton, Texas, who has stated that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Moore has been active for several years in governmental and civic affairs. He is a member of several important committees of the House of Representatives and has been active in the effort to eradicate the hoof and mouth disease threat now facing the livestock raisers in counties composing the district and other parts of the state.

During the last war Mr. Moore was with the War Department Intelligence Division, assigned to the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Moore says, if elected he will continue to use his best efforts for the benefit of his constituents and the public welfare generally.

Mr. Moore plans to make a vigorous campaign and says that while it is impossible to personally contact each voter in the district, which, incidentally, is the largest district in the state, he expects to see as many as possible and inform the voters of his platform and views on government from time to time in the press, on the radio and by public addresses.

Independent Cagers Trim Mertz; Play in Ft. Stockton Tourney

Led by the accurate shooting of their player-manager, Mac McClanahan, the Ozona Green Hornets defeated the Mertz independent basketball team 62-54 Thursday night. McClanahan hit the bucket for 21 points, 14 of them coming in the first quarter before an injured ankle slowed him up. Carr of the visitors was runner-up in the scoring honors with 19 points to his credit.

The outcome of the game, though faster and with more wide-open action than any other of the season, was never in doubt, as the hometowners spurred to an early lead and coasted in. One encouraging aspect of the game was the improved accuracy from the free-throw line for the local club. Successfully cashing-in on 10 of 16 tosses, the team wiped out part of the ignominy of having made only 2 out of 12 and 5 out of 23 on two other occasions.

This week-end the Green Hornets are to participate in the annual Fort Stockton independent tournament. Their first game will be Thursday night when they meet the reputedly strong Imperial club, a team possessing considerable strength. Having a definite lack of height, the Ozona "shorties" depend more or less on finding one or more "hot" men among them for a particular game. If three or four of them caught fire on the same night, anything could happen—even possibly a victory over the unbeaten Crane Sand Hills quint.

School Board Names Architect On Building Plan

David Castle, Abilene, To Prepare Plans For Submission

David Castle, Abilene architect, was employed by the school board in a special session last week to prepare plans and estimates on the proposed local school expansion program and to submit such plans and estimates to the board for submission to the people in the form of a bond election.

Mr. Castle was chosen from a number of architects interviewed at the special sitting. The architects were present at the invitation of the board.

The board instructed Mr. Castle to prepare preliminary sketches of proposed new buildings and additions as have been decided upon in previous discussions of the board and to have the estimates of the probable cost of each improvement. When these sketches and estimates have been received, the matter of expanding the local school plant to take care of the sharply increasing enrollment will be submitted to the people for decision at the ballot box.

Crowded conditions in the elementary grade school are such that a new grade school unit, to be known as the primary-elementary school, is proposed by the board as the solution. This building, to be erected on school property across from the Church of Christ parsonage, if approved, will contain 10 class rooms. The expansion program includes a 5-room addition to the Latin-American school sufficient to take care of the school's high school group, leaving present overcrowded quarters for use of the elementary grades.

Development of a new athletic field is also embraced in the expansion planning. The schools have acquired a block of land west of the draw and on the north side of town on which such field is to be located. Erection of an athletic stadium, with football field, race track and practice field, a field house containing showers, dressing rooms, toilets, etc., are envisioned for this much needed addition to local school facilities.

The present high school gymnasium, too small for present needs and inadequate to meet the demands of the school's athletic and physical education program, will also come in for some planning in the contemplated expansion program. The architect was instructed to study the possibilities and advisability of enlarging the present gymnasium and on the basis of such information the board will decide whether it would be wiser to undertake such enlargement or to erect a new high school gymnasium, thus making the present gym available for both the high school and grade school physical education program for both girls and boys.

Mr. Castle estimated that at least eight months from the present date would be required for completion of any portion of the proposed building program, this estimate taking into consideration the time necessary to prepare preliminary plans and estimates, call and hold a bond election and award and complete building contracts.

OZONA LITERARY CLUB

Mrs. R. J. Adams gave an interesting talk on "Antique Periods" at a meeting of the Ozona Literary Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Conley Cox. Mrs. Cleophas Cooke was program leader for the day.

At a business session it was decided that the club will present three one-act plays to raise funds.

Mrs. Jack Sims and Mrs. Pat Taylor assisted Mrs. Cox in serving refreshments to members.

ROOMS NEEDED FOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

Local school officials were puzzling this morning the problem of housing the visiting basketball teams and coaches who will be here for the 17th annual Ozona basketball tournament to be run off Friday and Saturday of this week.

Facing a need for 40 rooms, only 18 had been listed to this morning Supt. C. S. Denham reported. Nine visiting squads, averaging ten or more players with coaches, will be here overnight Friday, each team being bracketed for a game Friday afternoon or night. Since each team plays at least two games with a consolation bracket, all will be in line for games Saturday morning or afternoon, therefore will want to spend the night here.

An appeal to Ozona residents to open their homes to these visiting boys was issued by the housing committee, Mary Kathryn Flowers and Lillian Schneemann. Ozonans who will have a room for one or more boys to spend the night are asked to call either of these girls or the high school office. There will be no necessity for serving meals, only a place for the boys to sleep.

Lions Beat Owls To Capture 17th Reagan Tourney

Local Cagers Top 16 Entries for Trophy; 2 on "All" Team

Coach D. A. Parker's Ozona High School Lions slambanged their way through to capture the championship trophy of the 17th annual Reagan County High School basketball tournament in Big Lake the week-end.

The Lions, topping a field of 16 entries in the colorful meet, trimmed the scrapping host team, the Reagan Owls, 32 to 27 in the championship finale to take top meet honors. A handsome trophy attesting superiority of the locals now graces the trophy case in the entrance hall to the high school here.

The Lions also placed two players on the all-tournament team, selected by a committee of judges. Red Harrison and Don Cooke of the Lions were chosen with Leslie Baker and Bennie Bullock of Lake View; Clifford Jett of San Angelo; Bud Jordan, Winfred McClure and Jimmy Dishman of Reagan; Walter Hill of Ballinger and McAngus of Eldorado, on the all-tournament team.

The Ozona crew eliminated Rankin 35 to 19 in the opening round game, took Ballinger in the quarter finals and nudged the Eldorado Eagles out in the semi-finals. Big Lake bounced the powerful Lake View Chiefs, who beat the Lions for the Eldorado tourney championship, in the semi-finals, making three of the District 22-B teams playing in the four semi-final games of the meet.

Tidelands Issue Discussion Topic In Rotary Talk

The question of who owns the tidelands, the off-shore area on coastal states, placed in question by a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court vesting title in such lands in the federal government, was the subject for an interesting discussion by N. W. Graham before the Rotary Club at its luncheon Tuesday.

Mr. Graham traced the history of the tidelands title which has rested in the states by court decision and precedent since the nation's inception, until the recent court decision clouded the issue. The decision was in connection with California's tidelands. The state of Texas has realized many millions of dollars in revenue from oil leases on tidelands in recent years, this money augmenting the state's public school fund. A bill is now before Congress to settle the question by vesting title in the tidelands to the states.

Saturday Last Day To Pay Poll Tax for 1948 Voting Right

Crockett county voters are reminded this week that Saturday of this week, January 31, is the deadline for paying poll taxes, thus qualifying for the right to vote in this important election year of 1948.

With national, state and local elections in the offing, this Saturday deadline is important to those otherwise qualified voters who have not yet paid the poll tax. Better call at the sheriff's office today if you have not yet paid your 1948 poll tax.

Gershwin Tunes Form Music Club Program Feb. 5

Mixed Chorus Presents Free Concert in Auditorium

Ever popular music of George Gershwin, famous American composer, will form the material for a varied concert to be given by members of the Ozona Music Club and community singers in the high school auditorium here Thursday evening, February 5. The Gershwin program is sponsored by the Ozona Music Club. No admission charge is to be made and the public is cordially invited.

A four-part program is to be presented by a mixed chorus composed of club members and community singers. The chorus, directed by G. A. Rhoads, high school band director, will sing the following popular Gershwin tunes: Strike up the Band, Wonderful, Somebody Loves Me, Embraceable You, It Ain't Necessarily So, S'wance, Love Walked In, and For You, For Me Forevermore. Miss Elsie Hummel will accompany the chorus at the piano.

Gershwin's immortal "Rhapsody in Blue" will be played as a piano solo by Mrs. L. B. Cox, III, and the First, Second and Third Preludes by Mrs. Fred Parker, W. B. Robertson and Mrs. Ed Lewis, Jr., will play as piano duet numbers "The Man I Love" and "I Got Rhythm." Mrs. Beecher Montgomery will do a toe ballet to "The Man I Love," and a tap dance number to "Lady Be Good."

Vocal solo numbers will include a bass solo, "I Got Plenty of Nothing" from "Porgy and Bess" by Ross Hufstедler and a soprano solo by Mrs. Ed Lewis, singing "Summertime." Mrs. Lewis and Billy Hannah will sing a duet "Bess, You Is My Woman Now." Miss Jacqueline Theis will sing "Someone to Watch Over Me," and "For You, For Me, Forevermore." A mixed quartette composed of Miss Theis, Miles Pierce, L. B. Cox, III, and Mrs. Ed Lewis, Jr., will sing "Bidin' My Time," from "Girl Crazy."

The chorus will be composed of the following voices: Sopranos: Mrs. H. B. Tandy, Mrs. H. N. Brown, Mrs. D. L. Scott, Mrs. Fay Lucas, Mrs. Tommy Harris, Mrs. W. T. Stokes, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. Joe Friend, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Jr., and Miss Nan Tandy.

Altos: Miss Jacqueline Theis, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. Glen Edwards, Mrs. Charles Black, Jr., Mrs. Fred Parker, Miles Pierce.

Tenors: Billy Hannah, Glen Edwards, Roy Thompson and W. B. Robertson.

Basses: Ross Hufstедler, M. E. Corbell, Lowell Littleton, Jim Ad Harvick, Hubert Baker and Billy Joe Forehand.

Mrs. Ed Lewis, Jr., president of the Ozona Music Club, will be program director.

17th Annual Cage Tourney Kicks Off At 1 p.m. Friday

10 Teams To Vie For Handsome Tournament Trophies

Ozona High School's 17th annual invitation basketball tournament is due to kick off at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon in the high school gymnasium, with ten teams entered in the two-day meet.

The opening game will be between the Eldorado Eagles of District 22B and the McCamey Badgers, starting at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. The opening afternoon session, lasting until about five o'clock, will see three games reeled off. The Sonora Bronchos will tangle with Fort Stockton beginning at 2:30 and starting at 3:40 Imperial and Menard will match skills on the court.

The other two opening round games will occupy the evening session, beginning at 7 o'clock, when Iraan and Junction are matched. Ozona and the powerful Reagan county Owls, runnersup in their own tournament last week, which was won by the Lions of Ozona, are matched for the opening round play starting at 8:30 Friday evening.

Classes will be dismissed at noon Friday in both the grades and high schools, Supt. C. S. Denham announced, in order that pupils may attend the Friday afternoon tournament session.

The meet will be divided into five sessions, Friday afternoon, Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. Admission prices for each session will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults. Season tickets for all five sessions are \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for adults.

Coach D. A. Parker of Ozona is tournament director. L. B. T. Sikes will act as scorer and Wayne Matthews, timekeeper. Officiating the games will be Cagle Hunt of Mertz, and C. O. (Lefty) Walker of Ozona.

The Fort Stockton quintet will be the defending champions this year, having defeated McCamey 29 to 27 for the tourney championship last year. Ozona won the consolation trophy with an easy 46 to 15 victory over the Reagan county Owls from Big Lake.

The Saturday morning session will open at 8:40 a.m. with the final game of the consolation bracket, the teams to be losers of the opening round Iraan-Junction and Ozona-Reagan. At 10 o'clock Saturday morning winners of the Eldorado-McCamey and Sonora-Fort Stockton bouts will play in the first quarter final championship game, and the next consolation bracket quarter final between losers of the same pairing will be at 11:20 Saturday morning.

The Saturday afternoon session will begin at 1:10 p.m. with the consolation semi-final game and semi finals in the championship bracket will occupy the rest of the afternoon session. The Saturday night championship and consolation finals will wind up the meet, the consolation final to begin at 7:30 and the championship decider at 8:45.

Handsome trophies will be awarded the championship and consolation winners and individual basketball charms will be presented members of the all-tournament team to be selected by a secret committee of judges.

DAUGHTER TO OZONANS

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crenwelge of Ozona are the parents of a daughter born in a San Angelo hospital last Wednesday afternoon. The baby, named Joy Lynn, weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hubbard of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crenwelge of Fredericksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Adams and their daughter, Camille, have moved from Fort Stockton to make their home on their ranch south of Ozona. The Adams' older daughter, Jane is in school in El Paso.

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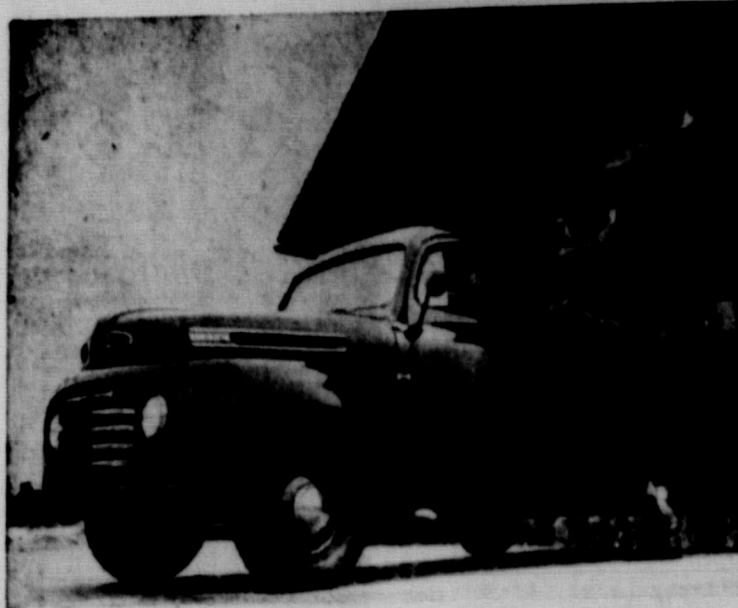
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Livestock Disease Prediction Service Set Up by College

COLLEGE STATION. — Texas farmers and ranchmen have a new service this year — a prediction of livestock disease occurrences in 1948.

Dr. E. A. Grist, extension veterinarian for Texas A. & M. College, says that the idea is based on the fact that many livestock infectious diseases occur seasonally as well as in specific areas. Using crop and livestock reports as examples, a monthly reporting system was set up in early 1947 in cooperation with veterinarians and county agricultural agents in every county in the state, and the records for the year are now complete. Every case of a livestock or poultry disease encountered during the year was reported to Extension Service headquarters.

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be involved in these diseases, representing a loss of many thousands of dollars to their owners.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTION

AUSTIN. — Even though Texas looked to its largest cotton crop in ten years, receipts of cottonseed at Texas mills sank 50 per cent between October and November, but crushings scored a one per cent gain.

The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported that the hike in crushings was expected in light of the usual October-to-November decline, and the

Bureau's seasonally-adjusted index soared upward 14 per cent to reach 88. (Base: 1935-36=100)

Crushings bettered 1947 totals by 29 per cent, amounting to 158,970 tons for the month.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Are You "Hobby Happy?"

Funny thing about hobbies... When Ed Carey started making a model of the "Flying Cloud," it was only to rest his eyes from reading. But now he spends every spare moment ship modelling!

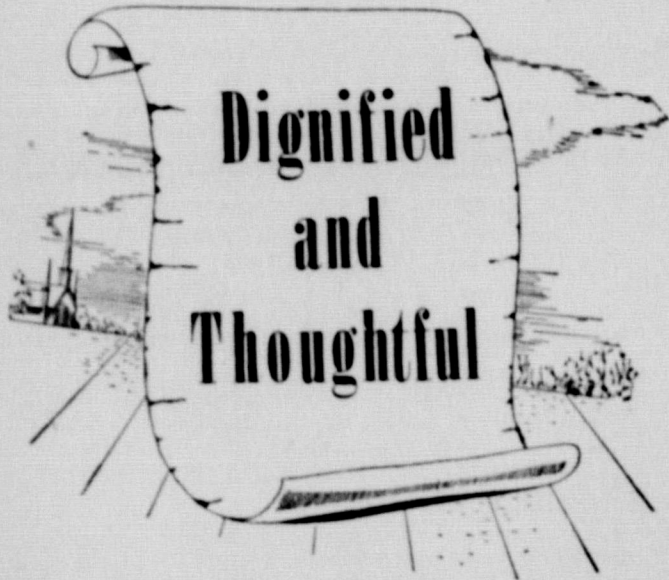
Some wives might have resented a husband suddenly shutting himself in the attic every night. But not Ed's Prudence. When she found him working late, she brought him up some beer and crackers... showed a real interest in his hobby... until finally Ed had her helping with the rigging.

Wasn't long before they were working side by side on Ed's bench, sharing a common interest. Instead of keeping them apart, Ed's hobby brought them more together.

From where I sit, a husband's hobby can often be a wife's as well. In fact, I've got the missus interested in tying trout flies—and, along with that mellow glass of beer, it makes the evenings go by mighty pleasantly.

Joe Marsh

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that can be rendered by the system, Dr. Grist pointed to anthrax or charbon in cattle. The reports of the past year have pretty well shown that the disease is largely found in the Gulf Coast region and cattle owners should vaccinate regularly for it. When an outbreak of the disease in other parts of the state is reported, as happened in 1947, when 13 northeastern counties were quarantined, prompt emergency measures can be taken.

Based on the reports and histories of livestock diseases in the state, Dr. Grist makes some predictions for 1948: In the spring, farmers and ranchmen can look

for blackleg and internal parasites in their cattle; cholera and internal parasites in hogs; pox, coccidiosis, and pullorum disease in poultry; sorm-mouth and internal parasites in horses and mules.

During summer months, anthrax will show up in cattle; typhoid and blackhead in poultry; pinkeye and effects of poisonous plants in sheep and goats, and sleeping sickness in horses and mules. Internal parasites will also be prevalent.

Unless adequate preventive measures are taken during the coming year, Dr. Grist says, at least 500,000 head of livestock will

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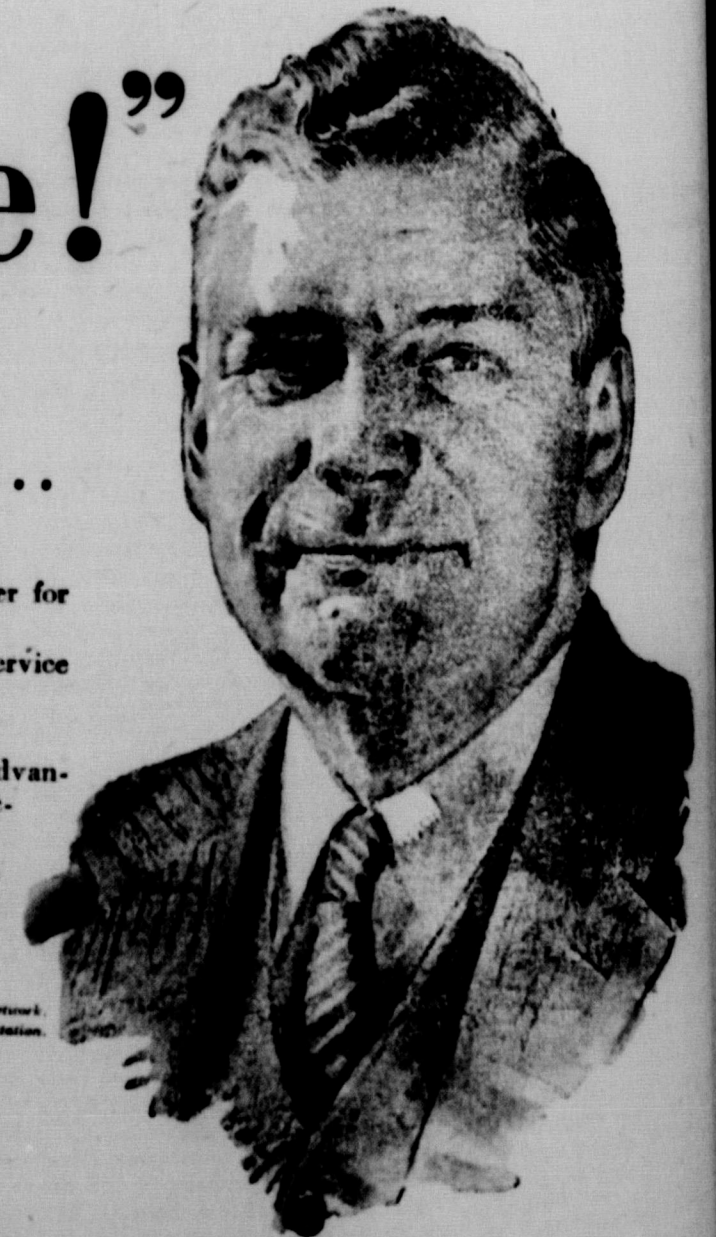
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Worth Editor Writes "Human" Column On Safety

Approaching the problem of safe vehicle driving from the point of "love of family," Mr. R. Humphrey, editor of the Worth Press, recently wrote an interesting story on safety in "Home Towner" column.

Without use of statistic, Mr. Humphrey clearly emphasized a point that passenger car drivers and commercial operators as well would be wise to remember that accidents usually hurt someone besides the careless driver.

Reproduced below is Mr. Humphrey's column. Most warnings we heed only in the most casual way.

We think that some of them "listen good" but then we proceed to forget all about them.

Then, some day when we least expect it, something happens because we did not heed the warning and we remember it vividly. But too late.

One warning which has been given to me many times I recall over and over. It has branded itself on my mind.

It is a warning which is the stronger because it contains the elements of love and affection, too.

Seldom, when I depart from home on an automobile trip, do I fail to receive these words of caution from my wife as I go out of the door:

"Drive carefully. I love you."

Somehow that strikes me as more than just a warning, more than just a statement of affection.

It impresses me keenly with the responsibility to my family which I undertake when I hit the highway — a responsibility to come home safely.

At home so much depends on me and my ability to earn a livelihood for my family, to see that the family is fed, clothed, housed, entertained, educated, provided for in emergencies.

Insurance is a good asset and an indispensable one but it's so much better to be alive as long as possible to do the necessary things for your family personally, in the flesh!

When my foot pushes the accelerator a little too close to the floor board as my car sails down the highway, I'm often reminded of that warning and the love behind it.

Carelessness in those circumstances is carelessness of the family, if I think about it often enough, it will be a constant check on my carelessness or recklessness.

Surely it implies plenty to think about.

No one who is responsible for the well-being of others has a moral right to be careless with his own life or the lives of other people.

Carelessness under those circumstances is carelessness of the most selfish sort.

An automobile can so easily be turned into a weapon of death.

There is no reason for it to be and a million reasons why it shouldn't.

I have seen or heard many warnings about driving safely. The records, the statistics, the headlines in every day's paper re-inforce the urgent nature of those warnings.

Yet none hits me so close to a vulnerable spot and impresses me with greater finality than the one I receive when I leave home on a trip, for it implies the full depths of my responsibility.

"Drive carefully. I love you."

I should need nothing else to dictate the course of my conduct behind the wheel on the highway.

And, said or unsaid, it's the

warning which is spoken from the heart of women everywhere as their loved ones take their leave for trips or just for the duties of each individual day.

Texas Livestock Shipments Slump

AUSTIN. — Livestock shipments from Texas stations slid to 9,595 carloads during November, a 26 per cent decrease from October's total and an 8 per cent slump when compared with shipments in November 1946, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Hog shipments soared 33 per cent October - to - November dip. Shipments of cattle and calves, however, were below the preceding month to slip far below November shipments in 1946.

Marketings of sheep in Texas

scored a 17 per cent hike over 1946 November shipments but failed by 34 per cent to reach October marks.

Although the high prices of feed forced many farmers to market livestock, prices received by Texas farmers for hogs, beef cattle and veal calves were down in November.

Joyce West and Barbara White, SMU students will return to Dallas Friday after visiting with their parents for a few days between terms. Bill Hilliard, from Kerens, also an SMU student was a guest in the West home the first of the week.

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Nine Tex. Production Credit Assns. Have Paid Government Loans

HOUSTON, Texas. — Nine production credit associations in Texas have voluntarily returned their last dollar of government capital to the U. S. Treasury and the other 27 associations expect to pay out in the next year or two, according to Virgil P. Lee, President of the Production Credit Corporation of Houston. "During the past four years capital stock held by the government in the association in Texas has been reduced from \$6,560,000 to a nominal figure of \$135,000," he said. "They are now 98% owned by some 32,000 Texas farmers and ranchmen who own \$7,073,285 in capital stock backed by \$4,315,144 in surplus."

Mr. Lee stated that farmers and ranchmen now hold about \$4,000,000 more capital stock than is actually required in connection with their loans, about half of which was voluntarily purchased in order to hasten full member owner-

ship of the associations.

The 36 associations loaned more than \$100,000,000 to finance Texas farm and ranch production during 1947 and collected approximately the same amount, leaving them with \$31,190,865 in loans outstanding at the end of the year.

The Texas Production Credit Association at San Angelo is one of the nine associations now wholly owned by local people. It serves Sterling, Coke, Irion, Tom Green, Terrell, Crockett, Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, Kimble, and part of Pecos Counties. President Len M. Mertz of San Angelo says farmers and ranchmen in this area now have their own credit institution with paid-in capital and earned surplus of more than \$947,000. He says the association is well established and is in position to serve the needs of this section.

The directors of the association, in addition to Mr. Mertz, are: J. R. Canning, Eden; J. S. Farmer, Junction; Geo. Atkins, Fort Stockton; and R. C. Chandler, San Angelo. Phil Lane is manager.

Educational Crisis Seen Unless More Go Into Teaching

AUSTIN, Texas. — An educational crisis will occur in America's public schools in the next few years, unless at least 300,000 additional men and women become trained teachers, Dr. Arno Jewett, University of Texas associate professor of curriculum and instruction, declares.

As chairman of the University's teacher recruitment committee for the College of Education, Dr. Jewett suggested the need for stronger professional organizations among teachers, the need for higher salaries, an understanding by teachers of how schools are financed and supported, and the subsidizing of qualified students to prepare to become teachers.

"To alleviate the seriousness of the teacher shortage as quickly as possible, educational leaders ought to inform high school students

through talks, discussions, and printed literature of the advantages of a teaching career," Dr. Jewett said. "College guidance personnel should emphasize opportunities afforded in teaching, and religious and service group leaders might encourage young people to consider the possibilities for service to mankind through the teaching profession."

Of the 900,000 teachers employed in America, approximately 90,000 leave the profession each year, he stated. Teacher training institutions and colleges of education are graduating fewer than 50,000 teachers a year.

Conoco 1-A-13 U To Test Silurian After Treatment with Acid

Continental No. 1-A-13 University, northern Kern Crockett county Wildcat, with plugged back depth 2,165 feet, had squeezed 225 barrels of cement Monday back of

the 5½-inch casing through four perforations to the foot at 9,150-56 feet. A retainer had been set at 6,965.

The cement was squeezed in an effort to shutoff fluid and pressures from above in order to get an accurate test of the Silurian. A packer slipped last midweek, interrupting swabbing following retreatment of the Silurian with 10,000 gallons of acid through casing perforations at 9,110-9,305 feet.

An Ellenburger failure, No. 1-A-13 University is in the C. N. E. N. 13-47-U, in the Block 47 (Grayburg) pool, six miles southeast of the east side of the Barnhart field.

Sinclair Prairie and Atlantic No. 1-62 University, C. S. W. S. E. 21-

46-U, north outpost to the Hildebrand (Ellenburger) field in southeastern Crockett, completed. An attempt to drill from the well at 7,500 feet with 2½-inch casing was a failure. No. 1-62 University, C. N. W. S. E. 21-46-U, south outpost (ing at 6,731) in shale. No. 2-62 University, location farther south, was drilled at 373 in line.

Location was stated for No. 1-A-13 University, 600 feet east of the southeast corner of highway block U. No. 1-68 University, C. S. W. S. E. 26-46-U, two locations west of the pool opener, was making hole at 3,220 feet in shale.

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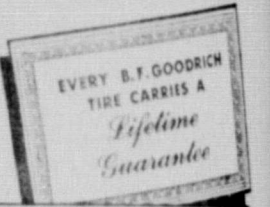
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SWING OF WEST FARM MARKETS
 (USDA)—Many southwest farm products found weaker markets last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.
 Hogs fell sharply at midweek for net losses of mostly 50 cents to \$1 for the period.
 Even solid fully steady to strong, but lambs dropped 50 cents to \$1 and more at most southwest markets. Good and choice lambs closed around \$23.75 at San Antonio, \$23.50 to \$23.15 at Wichita, and \$24.00 at Denver. Fort Worth bought medium choice woolled fat lambs at \$21 to \$24. Oklahoma City closed at \$24 top. Contracting of spring clip wools increased, as a million pounds of Texas combing wools were signed up at 50 cents a pound fab. 50 percent shrinkage.
 Late losses offset early gains on southwest cattle markets to leave some classes higher, some lower than a week ago. Steers and yearlings showed weakest tendencies. Common and medium steers and yearlings brought \$16.50 to \$22.50 at Houston, as medium grades sold at \$22.50 to \$26.50 at San Antonio.

Medium and good steers cashed from \$23.35 to \$29.75 at Denver, and \$25 to \$29 at Wichita. Medium and good steers moved at \$20 to \$27 at Fort Worth and \$24 to \$28 at Oklahoma City.
 Wheat marketings fell off sharply as prices slumped early in the week and closed fully 10 cents lower Friday. Bulk carlots sold at \$3.11½ per bushel at Texas common points. White corn all but regained early losses but yellow corn stayed 12 cents lower, and other grains netted declines of around five cents.

BOYCE HOUSE 'GIVES 'EM TEXAS'

I have a friend whose nickname is "the terrible - tempered Mr. Bang," from the character in the comic feature. One day his car was almost side-swiped by another machine so he whirled around and gave chase. He got up to 80 miles an hour but overtook the other car and signaled the driver to stop.

My friend sprang out and began cursing the other fellow. The driver had a high-pitched voice and he said, "I'm sorry, very sorry; I didn't mean to do it. But Mr. Bang was still sore and contin-

ued to "raise sand." The other man, still saying he was sorry, got out of the car and then my friend (who is average size) found himself facing a man who stood six feet, three or thereabouts. The thought flashed through my friend's mind, "Ain't this a thunder of a note? I've chased a man five miles in order to get myself licked."

But he yelled, "You say you're sorry; I'm going to let you off this time but be more careful in the future" and "Mr. Bang" jumped behind the steering wheel, whipped his car around and dashed off down the road.

Similar but different is this true, little incident: Two friends were motoring in a city when they had a slight collision. The driver of the second car jumped out and began blaming the other driver and at last said, "I would bust you one but you're too little." The small driver's friend, clambered out, straightened up (he was a couple of inches above six feet) and drawled, "Partner, am I big enough?"

The other man snapped, "I believe you are" — and bang! against the big fellows jaw went the angry man's fist — and two front teeth fell out!

Bob Hope, part owner of the Cleveland Indians, said the team gave a try-out to a young player from Texas but, every time a Texas Leaguer was knocked, instead of going after the ball, he just stood there saluting — so they had to let him go.

I DEAL BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Boyd Baker, entertained the I-Deal Bridge Club Monday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Patterson, a

guest, won high score prize, Mrs. D. L. Scott, second high, and Mrs. Byron Stuart took the bingo prize.

Others present were Mrs. Marvin Barnes, Mrs. Jack Robinson, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. W. V. Guidroz, Mrs. Willard Deaton, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mrs. W. R. Clegg and Mrs. J. H. Taber.

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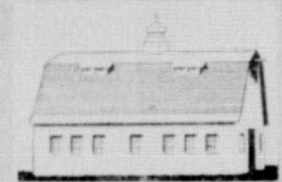
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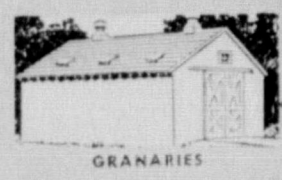
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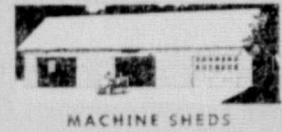
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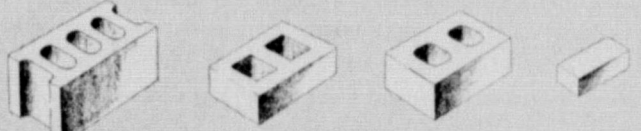
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May we also remind you —

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There is no alternative — to qualify for the privilege of voting during 1948, you must pay your poll tax before Feb. 1. Don't put it off — it may slip your mind.

This is election year. Important issues, important offices, local state and national — you will not want to be without a poll tax receipt this year. Better come in now and avoid the chance of forgetting and that last-minute rush.

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Crockett To Be Well Represented In Houston Show

Over 7500 Head Prize Stock Entered in Big Exposition

HOUSTON, Jan. 14.—The county of Crockett will be well represented at the 1948 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition which opens January 31 and continues through February 15 at Sam Houston Coliseum when the 16-day program will be packed with outstanding livestock exhibitions, rodeo thrills, and other colorful educational and entertainment features.

With more than 7500 head of prize stock expected, and \$80,000 appropriated for this phase, the

livestock exposition will surpass that of any previous year. For the first time in the 15-year history of the gigantic Western enterprise the livestock exhibitions will not be held simultaneously. The market show will be held for the first week, and the breeding show, the second week.

Fat Stock Show officials report that Crockett county exhibitors and entries tabulated thus far include the following:

From Ozona: Jack Coates, one fat steer; Charles E. Davidson, III, one fat steer; Ben Conklin, one fat steer; Lin Hicks, two fat steers; Frankie Jones, one fat steer; Bill Melton, one fat steer; Kerry Tandy, one fat steer. These are entered in the Boys' Livestock Division.

The sixteenth annual Houston Fat Stock Show will be preceded by a gigantic, panoramic parade, with local and state dignitaries, cowgirls and cowboys in smart regalia, other outstanding personalities, and bands participating.

More than 350,000 spectators are expected to view this longest and grandest of Houston expositions which is being produced at a cost of more than \$375,000.

The entertainment program will be highlighted by 22 performances of the Gene Autry World Championship Rodeo which for years has thrilled Madison Square Garden crowds in New York. It will be staged every night and at matinees on Saturday and Sunday. The regular rodeo events plus many

new acts are scheduled. Trick riders, the "glamour" side of the Rodeo and other top talent of the arena world, will be on hand to thrill rodeo spectators.

Mrs. B. B. Ingham and Mrs. J. M. Dudley went by plane from San Angelo last week to Fort Worth where Mrs. Dudley visited a brother. Mrs. Ingham went to McKinney where she took delivery on a new car and the pair drove back from Fort Worth.

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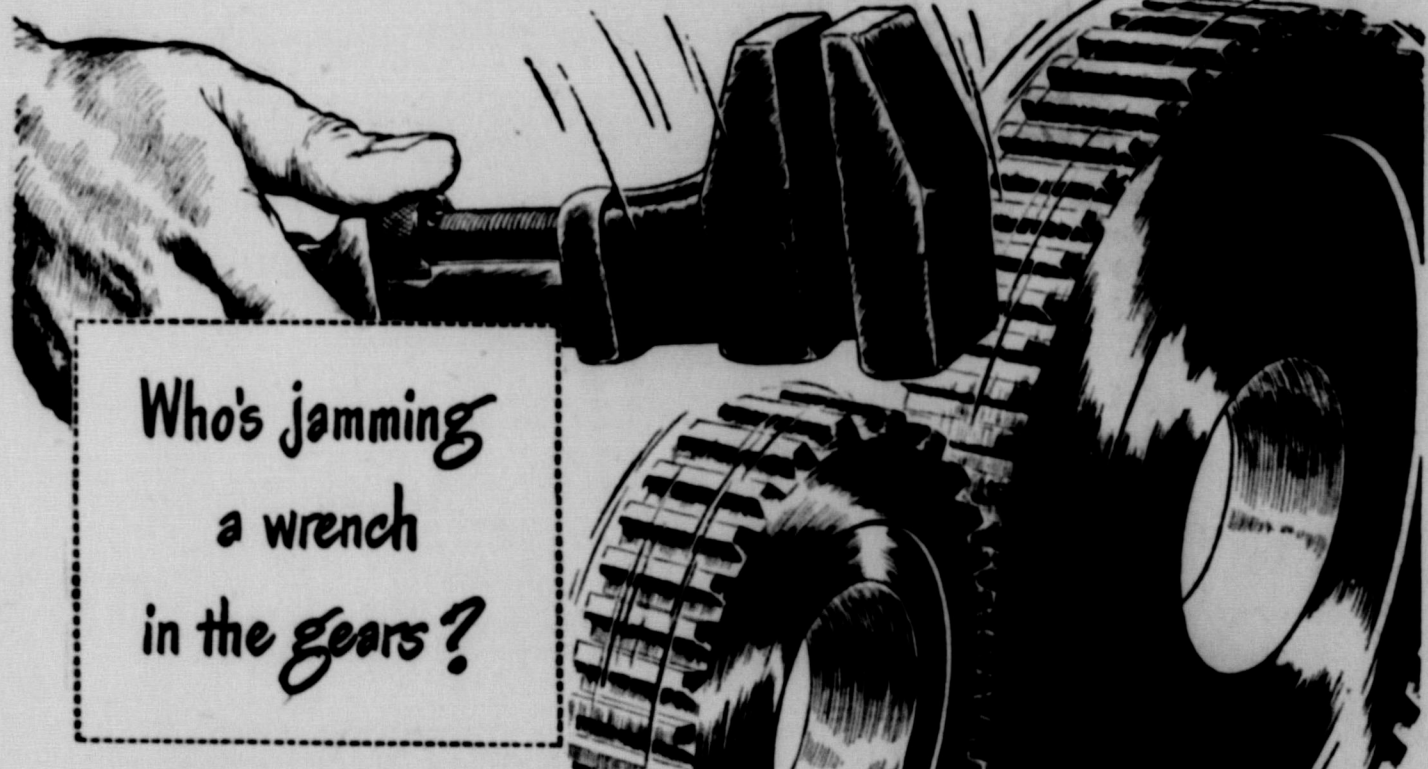
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3 Unions Block Labor Peace—Refuse Wage Boost Already Accepted by 19 Other Railroad Unions!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Firemen and Switchmen's Union of North America, representing 125,000 railroad employees, have refused to accept the offer of the Railroads of a wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

This is the same increase awarded 1,000,000 non-operating employees by an arbitration board in September, 1947.

This is the same increase accepted by 175,000 conductors, trainmen and switchmen by agreement on November 14, 1947.

Agreements have been made with 1,175,000 employees, represented by nineteen unions. But these three unions, representing only 125,000 men, are trying to get more. They are demanding also many new working rules not embraced in the settlement with the conductors and trainmen.

Incidentally, the Switchmen's Union of North America represents only about 7% of all railroad switchmen, the other 93% being represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and covered by the settlement with that union.

Strike Threat
The leaders of these three unions spread a strike ballot while negotiations were still in progress. This is not a secret vote but is taken by union leaders and votes are signed by the employees in the presence of union representatives.

When direct negotiations failed, the leaders of these three unions refused to join the railroads in asking the National Mediation Board to attempt to settle the dispute, but the Board took jurisdiction at the request of the carriers and has been earnestly attempting since November 24, 1947, to bring about a settlement. The Board on January 15, 1948, announced its inability to reach a mediation settlement. The leaders of the unions rejected the request of the Mediation Board to arbitrate. The railroads accepted.

What Now?
The Unions having refused to arbitrate, the Railway Labor Act provides for the appointment of a fact-finding board by the President.

The railroads feel it is due shippers, passengers, employees, stockholders, and the general public to know that throughout these negotiations and in mediation, they have not only exerted every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement, but they have also met every requirement of the Railway Labor Act respecting the negotiation, mediation, and arbitration of labor disputes.

It seems unthinkable that these three unions, representing less than 10 per cent of railroad

employees, and those among the highest paid, can successfully maintain the threat of a paralyzing strike against the interest of the entire country—and against 90 per cent of their fellow employees.

The threat of a strike cannot justify granting more favorable conditions to 125,000 employees than have already been put in effect for 1,175,000, nor will it alter the opposition of the railroads to unwarranted wage increases or to changes in working rules which are not justified.

A glance at the box shows what employees represented by the Engineers and Firemen make. They are among the highest paid in the ranks of labor in the United States, if not the highest.

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Type of Employee	1937 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with 15 1/2% Cost of Living Allowance
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Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,126	\$6,757
Road Passenger	3,632	5,399	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,684	5,169
Yard	2,749	4,081	4,539
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	2,738	4,683	5,258
Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,165
Road Freight (Through)	2,609	3,460	3,891
Yard	1,982	3,136	3,553

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