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Ranchers Welcome Winter Moisture In Drouth Area

Dry Soil Soaks up Two Inches in Past Two Weeks Period

Two inches of moisture and up to nearly three inches in some areas, has been Winter's gift to a drouth stricken ranching area of West Texas in the past three weeks.

Although some of the welcome moisture came in the form of ice, sleet and snow, it was none the less welcomed for its benefit to range conditions, both during the rest of the winter and for early spring growth of range feed on grazed acres.

Last Saturday a general rain throughout this West Texas area was the most cordially welcomed of all that has fallen in the three weeks period. Falling on top of moisture that ha been brought the previous week and the week before that by the coating of ice laid over a wide sector of the country, with accompanying inconvenience to transportation and widespread damage to public utilities, but beneficial to agriculture, Saturday's all-day slow rain all sank more moisture into the ground than it has had in more than a year over most of this area.

This Saturday rain, falling slowly throughout the day and into the night, registered .66 of an inch in Ozona but was heavier over most of the country, with many ranchmen to the south and west reporting approximately an inch.

Continued cloudy weather and rain and sleet this week will help to send the moisture deeper into the parched earth and ranchmen are hopeful that with favorable weather the rains will bring up some winter weeds and serve as a foundation for drouth recovery should Spring bring more moisture at the right time.

Although the temperature did not reach the lows registered previously this winter, the bluenosed blizzard which whipped into West Texas Monday afternoon brought what was probably the most disagreeable weather of the winter, with a cold north wind which sent the temperature from a balmy 60 plus at noon to below freezing before night fall. Freezing rain, sleet and snow came in the wake of the new cold wave and the temperature sagged to 20 degrees on Tuesday morning and remained in the low twenties for most of the day and that night, with some relief in the temperature Wednesday. Weather forecasters promised a break in the cold by today, but no appreciable rainfall over the a-

[illegible] Mexican Man Found Dead in Home

[illegible] Vasquez, about 60 years of age, was found dead in his home by neighbors early this morning. Vasquez had been ill for several days, suffering from what was believed to be heart disease. Officers went to his home Wednesday night to inquire about his condition, but finding the door locked, did not enter. After daylight this morning they looked through a window and saw the body sprawled on the floor beside the bed. He had been dead several hours. Funeral arrangements were pending this morning. Vasquez had worked in yards in Ozona for several years.

[illegible]keeping Topic Of Literary Club

[illegible]keeping was the discussion when the Ozona Literary Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. P. Ketner. Mrs. [illegible] Williams assisted Mrs. Ketner as hostess.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Pogue. Mrs. [illegible] talked on "It's Fun [illegible]" and Mrs. Cleo [illegible] spoke of "Tomrrow [illegible] Kitchen Door." Other [illegible] were Mrs. Harold Fom[illegible] and Mrs. W. Stuart.

Crockett 4-H Steers Shown This Week at Fort Worth Show

County Agent Bill Bergfeld and three Ozona boys, Charlie Boy Davidson, Lin Hicks and Buddy Phillips, left Monday morning for Fort Worth. where the three boys will exhibit five animals in the Livestock Show.

Young Davidson will exhibit two fat Hereford steers, both animals having been bred by the Black Hereford Ranch of Granbury, Tex.

Hicks will show two Hrree.sfod

Hicks will show two Herefords. One animal was bred by Winston Brothers of Snyder, one by George Weddell of Water Valley.

Phillips will exhibit one Aberdeen Angue. The animal was bred by Herman Allen of Christoval.

Charlie Davidson, Sr., Lindsey Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Phillips also were included in the show-bound party.

Tournament Trophies On Display in Ratliff Hardware Co. Windows

An array of trophies to be awarded tournament winning teams and individual star players in the eighteenth Ozona Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday of this week have been placed on display in the show windows of the Ratliff Hardware and Furniture Co., and may be viewed in advance of the tournament. The trophies will remain on display in the downtown store until Saturday noon.

The handsome trophies are for the tournament champion team, the championship runner-up team, the consolation winner and consolation runner-up team and the all-tournament team individuals. The small trophies have been secured for award to the all-tournament team selections and a medal for the individual best sports award. For the tournament's outstanding player, a gold diamond - studded basketball charm will be awarded.

T. J. Bailey Buys Baker Locker Plant

T. J. Bailey, for nearly five years local manager for the West Texas Utilities Co. branch in Ozona, has entered business for himself in Ozona.

Mr. Bailey last week completed negotiations for purchase of the Frozen Foods Locker plant established here by Hubert Baker. The locker plant, located in the Ellis Food Market building, was retained by Mr. Baker when he sold his grocery business to Mr. Ellis and was operated by Mr. Baker until its sale last week to Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Bailey will continue as local manager for the West Texas Utilities Co. and supervise operation of the locker plant business under the management of Doyle Perdue. Mr. Perdue is well known to Ozona people, having served as butcher in local markets for several years. He will be in charge of all processing operations in preparation of meats and other foods for locker storage.

Want 4-H Club Show Photos? Inspect Prints At Wilson Motor Co.

Lee Wilson, who takes time out from the automobile business to tinker with amateur photography, has received prints of pictures he made at the recent Crockett County 4-H Club livestock show and invites club members or parents to inspect the prints and those who desire additional prints may order as many as desired.

Club members or parents are invited to see the prints at the Wilson Motor Co. office. If prints are desired of any one or more pictures, leave orders with Mrs. Taylor Word at the office, Mr. Wilson said.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris are the parents of a daughter, Gloria Helen, born January 21 in San Angelo. The grandparents are Mrs. Allen McKinney of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris of Lufkin, Texas.

Mrs. B. C. Flowers is recovering from a broken arm suffered in a fall at her home recently.

Wings Over Jordan Choir To Return Here February 7

Famous Negro Choir To Be Sponsored Again by Rotary Club

"Wings Over Jordan," which has won the title of the world's greatest Negro choir, will make its second appearance in Ozona on Monday, February 7, again under sponsorship of the Rotary Club.

The famous Negro choir thrilled a large Ozona audience which almost filled the high school auditorium when the choir appeared for its first concert here last year. So enthusiastic was the local reception of the group of singers that the choir is playing the local engagement this year without requiring a guarantee from the sponsoring club.

The group, which has broadcast over the Columbia network the past ten years or more, will present two concerts while here, one in the afternoon starting at 3 o'clock for the school children and at 8 o'clock in the evening, both in the high school auditorium.

The chorus was organized in Cleveland, Ohio, by the Rev. Glen T. Settles, then pastor of the Cleveland Gethsemane Baptist Church, who is still the group's director and manager. From appearances in nearby communities, the choir gained rapid fame and its first radio concert was over a Cleveland station after which Columbia Broadcasting Co., signed the choir for regular Sunday morning programs over its network. Since then the choir has thrilled millions of radio listeners. During the war, the choir spent 10 months overseas singing to GI's and civilians throughout the European theatre.

Preserving and perpetuating the sacred Negro Spirituals has become a major project of the organization under Rev. Settle's direction. It is carried on in the interest of better interracial relations and the fostering of a deeper universal appreciation of the cultural and artistic background of the American Negro.

"Negro or white, regardless of religious preference, all people can feel the beauty an dsincerity expressed by the Spirituals," says Rev. Settles. They are the creation of a God fearing people who expressed their sorrow, joy, hopes and fears through the medium of prayer which flows from their hearts in music. Wings Over Jordan sings these songs, which are the heritage of the American Negro, as they were created."

Woman Falls Into Open Stove Firebox, Critically Burned

Julia Vasquez, wife of Alcario Vasquez, ranch hand employed on the W. A. Childress ranch, suffered critical burns shortly before noon Tuesday when she fell into the open firebox of a wood stove at the ranch home occupied by the couple.

Mrs. Vasquez was subject to epileptic seizures and suffered such a seizure as she was putting a stick of wood into the stove. She fell across the stove with her hand and part of her arm in the firebox. Her small daughter pulled her away from the stove and she was rushed to a San Angelo hospital where attending physicians pronounced her condition as critical. It was thought possible that it would be necessary to amputate the badly burned arm.

Aside from a few smashed fenders, the first casualty of the week's "ice age" is Kenneth Perdue, high school student, who broke a finger while riding a sled behind an automobile. When the car stopped suddenly, the sled scooted into the bumper and young Perdue smashed a finger in trying to lessen the collision impact.

George W. Kendrick of San Angelo, representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was a business visitor here last week. Mr. Kendrick conferred with N. W. Graham, local loan correspondent for the Equitable [illegible]

Property Rendition Blanks Being Mailed To Crockett Taxpayers

Property owners of Crockett county are receiving their rendition blanks being mailed from the office of the county tax assessor and collector. These blanks are to be filled in by property owners for tax purposes in 1949, showing property owned on January 1 of this year.

All property owners in the county are urged to fill out these blanks immediately and return to the assessors office and those who do not receive the blanks by mail should call at the sheriff's office and fill out a blank.

Persons who do not own land, livestock or town property of any kind are reminded by Sheriff V. O. Earnest that they may render their automobile, jewelry or any kind of personal property to qaulify themselves for voting on any issue which may be presented. Only property tax paying voters are eligible to vote in certain elections, on bond issue voting, for insatnce, and all otherwise qualified voters who wish to qualify for voting in bond elections should render some property for taes.

Sheriff Earnest also reminds this week that the deadline for paying poll taxes is drawing near. January 31 is the last day on which poll taxes may be paid to qualify for voting in any election in 1949. If you have not paid your poll tax, better not depend on the "Civil Rights" Congress to get the poll tax ban passed in time for 1949 voting in Texas.

Crockett 4-H Club To Enter 18 Head of Livestock at Houston

The ctiy of Ozona will be well represented at the 1949 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition which opens February 2 and continues through February 13 at Sam Houston Coliseum when the 12-day program will be packed with outstanding livestock exhibitions, rodeo thrills and other colorful educational and entertaining features.

With more than 7200 head of prize stock expected, and $75,000 appropriated in prize money, the exposition will surpass that of any previous year. For the second time in the 17 year history of this 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 Ozona exhibitors and entries tabulated thus far include the following:

Lambs (Boys' Lamb Show)

Graham Childress, 3; Philip Childress, 2; Sonny Henderson, 3; Tom Kincaid, 3; Bill Schneemann 3.

Boys' Fat Steer Show

Bill Conklin, Hereford; Lin Hicks, Hereford; Frankie Jones, Hereford; Jack Coates, Aberdeen-Angus.

The seventeeth 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 persons and bands participating. More than 350,000 spectators are expected to view this grandest of Houston expositions which is being produced at a cost of more than $395,000.

Bad Weather Again Causes Postponement Of Rotary Meeting

Bad weather again caused postponement of the Rotary Club's ladies night program set for Tuesday night.

President T. J. Bailey announced today that the function had been reset for next Tuesday night at the Granny Miller Hall. The Skaggs Sisters of San Angelo, instrumental and vocal entertainers, are scheduled to provide the evening's entertainment program.

D. L. Scott has returned after being at the bedside of his mother in Mexia. Mrs. Scott, whose home is in Prairie Hill, suffered a heart attack but was much improved when Mr. Scott left her.

Ozona Teachers To Study Schools In Visiting Plan

Schedule Arranged For Observations in 8 Texas Cities

A schedule of visits for Ozona Public School teachers to other school systems in the state for the purpose of observing teaching methods, planning and presentation of subject matter, has been announced by Supt. Jack McIntosh for the balance of January and through February.

Under this schedule, different groups of teachers will be assigned to visit one of several selected school systems on designated dates taking turns until a total of eight systems have been visited.

The first of such scheduled visits will be made January 26 to the San Angelo school system by a group of five teachers. These teachers include Mr. and Mrs. John Vogler, Miss Marie Gigstad, Miss Jean Reeves and R. D. Kirby.

On January 28, Miss Mozelle Taylor will visit the Lubbock schools. On Feb. 4, two groups will go on observation visits, one group to Dallas and the other to Austin. Visiting in the Dallas schools will be Miss Mary Pearl McWilliams, Mrs. R. J. Adams and Miss Janie Hull. To Austin will go Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hearne, Miss Madge McCormick and Band Director W. W. Ruscoe.

The Odessa Public Schools will be visited by another group from Ozona on February 8. In this group will be Fred Stoker and Mrs. Stoker, Mrs. Jack Rutledge and Mrs. Ted White. The Kerrville schools will be the next to be visited on February 16. Making that trip will be Mrs. Harvey Smith, Mrs. Jack McIntosh, R. D. Cathey, Miss Mildred North and Mr. and Mrs. John Plunkett.

Mrs. Green Mankin will visit in the Dallas schools on February 17 and Mrs. T. J. Bailey in the Abilene Public Schools on February 18. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Matthews and Miss Mable Brookshire will form a party to visit the Midland schools on February 23 and on February 25, Miss Marie Brown will be in Corpus Christi.

After all of the visitation has been completed, the teachers will meet in groups and report on and discuss their observations in other schools and compare their own programs with those in other schools with a view to taking advantage of any advances in methods noted in the observation visits.

TSGRA Committee Seeks Government Loan on Mohair

SONORA—A request for a loan on mohair from the Commodity Credit Corporation was made to the State Production and Marketing Administration by a group of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association members here last Friday.

Sayers Farmer, Junction, T. S. & G.R.A. President, said that a group representing the Association would go to Washington with B. F. Vance, State P.M.A. Director to assist him when he discusses the plan with the C.C.C. Farmer had just returned from College Station where he and Dolph Briscoe, Jr., Uvalde, director and Stanley P. Davis, Wool and Mohair specialist of the A. & M. College Experiment Station, met with the entire P. M. A. Committee and discussed the plan.

The Sonora group agreed to ask for a non-recourse loan. The C.C.C. will be asked for loan prices of 85 cents on fall kid hair, 80 for spring kid hair, 65 cents for yearling hair and 55 cents for adult.

Attending the meeting at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse were Farmer, Clayton Puckett and Jack Allison of Fort Stockton, G. C. Dink and Walter Wardlaw of Del Rio, Jack Mayfield of Juno, Frank Roddie of Bradie, Bryan Hunt and Fred Earwood of Sonora Thomas Morris of Rocksprings and Ernest Williams of San Angelo, T.S.&G.R.A. secretary.

18th Basketball Tournament Opens Friday Morning

Kittens-Junction Open At 10; Ozona-Barnhart at 11:15

With twelve teams entered, the bracket drawn for pairings and all other arrangements completed, Ozona High School is set this week for the eighteenth annual invitational basketball tournament, slated to start at 10 o'clock Friday morning and continue through Friday and Saturday.

The opening game for the Friday morning session will be between the San Angelo Kittens and the Junction Eagles, beginning at 10 o'clock. At 11:15 Friday morning, the host team, the Ozona Lions of Coach J. A. Pelto, will meet the Barnhart high team in opening round play. The afternoon session Friday will begin at 2 o'clock with Mertzon and Sonora ticketed for that hour and at 3:15 Big Lake and Menard will tangle in opening round. Del Rio, Iraan, Eldorado and Rocksprings, other entries in the tourney, drew byes on the opening round and go into quarter final championship play in games scheduled for Friday afternoon and night. Rocksprings will play the winner of the San Angelo - Junction fracas at 4:30 Friday afternoon to wind up the Friday afternoon session. Friday night at 7 o'clock will see the Del Rio team in action against the winner of the Ozona - Barnhart opener and at 8:15, Iraan will take on the winner of the Mertzon - Sonora bout. Eldorado will play the winner of the Big Lake - Menard tussle starting at 9:30 Friday night.

The Saturday morning session will open at 8 o'clock in the consolation bracket with losers of the San Angelo - Junction and the Rocksprings quarter final loser. Losers of the Ozona - Barnhart-Del Rio triange will play at 9:15, losers of the Mertzon - Sonora and Iraan round will play at 10:30 and at 11:45 losers of the Big Lake Menard and Eldorado play. Semi-finals in both the championship and consolation brackets will be played in the Saturday afternoon session beginning at 1 o'clock and the final games will be played Saturday night, the consolation final starting at 7:30 and the championship final ticketed for 8:45 p. m.

Admission prices to all sessions of the tournament, except the Saturday night final, will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults .The Saturday night session admission prices will be 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults.

Handsome trophies have been secured for award to the tournament champion and runner - up teams and for the consolation winner and runner - up teams. Ten individual trophies will be presented to members of the all-tournament teams to be selected by a secret committee of judges and another trophy has been selected for award to the best sportsman of the tourney. A diamond studded gold basketball will be awarded to the outstanding player of the tournament, also to be selected by a committee of disinterested judges.

Bud Hoover Named To All Tournament Team at Big Lake

Bud Hoover, a member of the Ozona Lion basketball team, was named to the all-tournament team at the Big Lake basketball tournament the past week-end. The Sonora Bronchos, tournament winners over Midland AA squad in the tourney finale, placed three players on the all tournament team.

The all-tourney teams as selected included Hoover of Ozona, Hill of Ballinger, Farnes of Winters, Belcher of McCamey, Messersmith of Midland, Ogden of Sonora and Schyler of San Angelo.

The Ozona Lions were eliminated by the Midland Bulldogs in the second round play of the championship bracket Saturday morning.

JANUARY 31st

IS THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING

1948 TAXES AND POLL TAXES

To those who have not yet paid your 1948 property tax, this a reminder that penalty and interest will apply on all taxes not paid by the last day of January. The discount period is ended and no discount can be taken on tax bills paid this month.

To qualify yourself to vote during 1949, your poll tax must be paid on or before January 31.

Notices now being mailed do not include the amount of your poll taxes. If you have not paid poll tax in this county before, come to the office to give necessary information for issuance of receipt. If you have paid poll tax here, it will be necessary only that you add the poll tax amount, $1.75 per person, to the amount of your taxes and receipt will be issued.

V. O. EARNEST

Sheriff, Assessor and Collector of Taxes
Crockett County

WEEKLY SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

(USDA) — Only cotton, corn, hay and wool were able to keep above the general wave of declining prices seeping into trading at southwest farm markets last week, reports the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Cattle prices broke around the market circle last week under the pressure of several weeks of heavy shipments, dull demand in the dressed beef trade and competition from increased pork supplies. Losses ranged mostly from $1 to $1.50 per 100 pounds with cows suffering the most. Vealers and some stocker cattle escaped the decline. Monday's markets made an effort to erase some of these losses, but higher asking prices slowed down trading. Sales were about steady with Friday's close.

Bad weather took the blame for last week's lightest sheep and lamb receipts at southwest markets this year. But despite these small supplies, the weakness in other livestock prices crept into the market, with slaughter lambs declining around 25 to 50 cents. However, Monday saw prices turn fully steady to stronger.

Scattered sales of southwest wool were firm. Some contracts were made in Texas for 8-months wools at 60 cents per pound, f.o.b. Mohair moved slowly at steady prices.

Rain, snow and ice helped to broaden the demand for hay last week. Both southwest and midwest markets were firm. Fort Worth sold U. S. No. 1 grade alfalfa at $39.50 to $42.50 per ton, wholesale. Kansas City quoted some grades at $30 and up.

Most wholesale prices of feeds worked their way lower last week. Cottonseed and alfalfa meal took the sharpest tumble. Bran and shorts withstood the decline farily well.

Since Monday a week ago, corn went up a half to 3 cents per bushel, sorghums a nickel and barley a penny. Oats lost about a half cent and wheat remained the same.

NOTICE OF REWARD

I am offering

$500 Reward

for apprehension and conviction of guilty parties to every theft of livestock in Crockett County — except that no officer of Crockett County may claim the reward.

V. O. Earnest
Sheriff, Crockett County

SENIORS PICK INVITATIONS

By Ramon Gonzales

A representative of the Southern Engraving Company was at the Ozona High School Tuesday of last week talking to the seniors about the graduations invitations.

He showed the seniors about four kinds of invitations. All were engraved, very pretty and the prices are very reasonable. The invitations will cost about ten cents each, deepnding on the number ordered.

All seniors will order their invitations from this company. The date for delivery isn't known yet.

FOR SALE — 70 x 400 foot lot in new residential district and near new school building in Ruidosa, N. M. See Mrs. J. G. Marshall, House 13, Gulf Camp. 1p

Furniture Dealers May Aid Drive to End Misuse of Mohair Label

SAN ANGELO — Retail dealers here at the recent furniture market in Chicago expressed great interest in the campaign to end misuse of the term mohair in upholstery and other products containing little or no mohair, according to information received by Ernest Williams, secretary, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The program provides for notification to Better Business Bureaus of deception being practiced upon the trade and the public and includes application to the Federal Trade Commission for rules governing the use of the word mohair. It is based on remarks made to the Annual Convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association by Nathaniel Duval, sales manager of the Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

Today furniture manufacturers have difficulty in determining the mohair content of many upholstery fabrics.

Under terms of a resolution passed by the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, it is required that where the word mohair is used on any product without a statement of percentage of mohair present, the product must contain a minimum of 50 per cent mohair. Further, where the product contains less than 50 per cent mohair, an exact statement of the percentage present must be made. The requirement would cover all identification labels and tags as well as other advertising.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. West have returned from their wedding trip to New Mexico and Colorado and are at home at the West ranch south of Ozona.

Harold Fomby, manager of the C. G. Morrison Co. store here, is being transferred to the Fort Stockton store. He and Mrs. Fomby and their son, Hodges, and their nephew Blake Baugh, who makes his home with them, will leave this week-end for their new home.

THE LION'S ROAR

Thru The Keyhole

By Jo Lou Brewer

What's this Rosalie was saying to say in Journalism? Don't talk too freely, Rosie.

Mary Ann and Ray are seeing a lot of each other here lately. What is this, Mary Ann and Ray?

Chris, those sure are sweet notes you write to Joan. Keep up the good work.

Judy seems to be having quite a time in Chemistry classes. Judy, at your age, too!

Armond and Betty Sue are still going fine. Aren't you, Betty Sue?

Are you Juniors still fussing about your rings? And your Junior-Senior banquet?

Ann and J. C. were seen at Big Lake together Saturday night.

Joan and Chris, Ray and Mary Ann, Ann and J. C. all came home together from Big Lake Saturday night.

June, Dorrene, Gene and Patsy were all riding around Sunday. But why were you waving so hard at everyone?

Betty Hansen, just why don't you mind your teachers?

Ray, were you out of school Tuesday? No, it must have been someone else.

Liz and Charlie have gone to Fort Worth to show their calves. Good luck, boys.

But, just what are you doing with those Sedan rings?

Judy, I see you were with J. C. the other night. Make up?

Mary Ann's theme song is "Two Lones Make 1." We wonder why.

Rosalie, how is Big Lake? Jack sure was lonesome.

Tassie, what was that you were giving to show Mr. Holland?

Ozona's 18th Annual Tourney Opens Friday

Ozona's 18th Annual Invitational Basketball tournament will get under way at 10 a.m. Friday with eleven teams battling for a chance to get into the finals Saturday night.

Friday at 10, the San Angelo B team plays the Junction Review, and at 11:15, Ozona and Barnhart will meet.

The afternoon session will see Mertzon tangling with the high flying Sonora Broncos at 2 p.m. and Big Lake and Menard clashing at 3:35. Del Rio, Iraan and Eldorado drew byes in the first round of play.

Second round play begins that night at 7 p.m. between Del Rio and the Ozona - Barnhart victor, and Eldorado plays the Big Lake-Menard winner at 8:30.

The consolation bracket will begin playing at 9:35 Saturday morning— with four games and then Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and 2:05 p.m. the semi-finals will be played off.

Saturday night at 7:30 the consolation winner will be determined and then comes the championship game at 8:45.

The tournament trophies are on display at Ratliff Furniture Co. First, second, consolation and runner-up consolation trophies will be given in addition to individual trophies to the members of the all tournament team. A basketball with a diamond in it will go to the best individual player, and a medal to the best sport.

Ozona Schools Contribute $106.68 To March of Dimes

By Armond Hooper

The Ozona Public Schools have contributed to the March of Dimes a total of $106.68.

The high school gave a total of $32.75, the junior high gave $26.41, the new elementary gave $29.33, the Latin - American school gave $18.97.

Of the elementary grades the following totals of money were given by each class: McIntosh, $2.60, Martin $3.10, Reeves $4.00, Brownlow $7.05, Smith $2.96, Hearne $5.58 and Rutledge $5.70 for a total of $31.19 from grade schools.

Sonora Broncs Sack Big Lake Tournament

By Armond Hooper

The Sonora Bronc won the 18th Annual Reagan County Basketball Tournament by giving Midland a 54-32 shellacking. Midland took second, Angelo third and Winters fourth. Ozona was eliminated in the semi-finals by Midland 39-31.

Ozona won their first game over Rankin by smashing them 54-18. The B squad played most of the game. The Lions were ahead of Midland all during the game up to the fourth quarter when Mesersmith of Midland got hot and scored 15 points in the final period.

The all-tournament teams were composed of the following: Butt Hunter of Ozona, Buddy Farmer of Winters, Allen of Sonora, Mesersmith of Midland, Smith of Sonora, Henderson of Midland, Belcher of McCamey, Schyler of San Angelo, Hill of Ballinger.

Ogden of Sonora won the outstanding player award.

The all tournament teams received little gold medals. Ogden received a good basketball with a diamond in the center of it.

The 18th Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament is scheduled to be played Jan. 28 and 29.

Ozona and Reagan County were to meet in district play Thursday of this week but was postponed to another date on account of bad weather.

Rooms Needed for 12 More Tournament Visitors Fri. Night

The Student Council has undertaken the task of finding rooms for all the players, coaches and managers of the eleven visiting teams for our annual basketball tournament to be held in Ozona Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28 and 29.

But Meuserke, senior student in charge of finding rooms, needs to find places for only 12 more. If anyone can possibly take one or two boys into their homes Friday night, notify her immediately.

Those who have already offered to keep some of the boys, are thanked by the Student Council.

Ten Clubs Formed In Junior High

By Chris Perner

Ten clubs have been recently formed in Junior High. They are the Sports Club, sponsored by Mrs. Vogler, Camera Club by Mr. Beattie, Dramatic Club by Mrs. Adams, Literature Club by Miss McWilliams, Library Club by Miss North, Music Club by Mrs. Bergfeld, fourth grade Boys Club by Mrs. Plunkett, fourth grade Girls Club by Miss Brown, fifth grade Boys Club by Mr. Stoner and fifth grade Girls Club by Mrs. White.

The newly formed clubs have met twice and were eagerly attended by the members. With the enthusiasm that has been shown thus far, the clubs will soon be important and helpful organizations.

Seniors Sell Eats During Tournament

By Bud Hoover

Everyone be sure and buy a bite to eat at the basketball tournament this week-end because the seniors need some money. The senior mothers are to be asked to donate pies, cakes and sandwiches. If anyone else would like to donate pies, cakes, sandwiches or anything else to sell, see or call Rosalie Friend.

There will be coffee, hot-dogs, cake, sandwiches and candy for sale in the hall of the high school by the Manual Training Room door where the concession stand is to be set up.

Business Firms Liberal in Buying Space in Annual

Have you seen any Ozona High School students wandering around town lately? In case you've been wondering, they're selling advertising space in the merchants for the annual, THE LIONS ROAR.

The following business firms have bought ads: Ranch Drug, Ranch Theatre, Melton Motor Co., North Motor Co., Ozona Laundry, Taliaferro's Garage, Ratliff Furniture Co., Ozona Stockman, Smith Drug, Dr. Pruett, C. G. Morrison, Ellis Market, Saunders Flower Shop, Ozona Butane Co., Bailey's Shoe Co., Ozona Dress Shop, Ozona National Bank, West Texas Utilities Co., Foxworth - Galbraith Lumber Co., Wilson Motor Co., House of Flowers and Gifts.

We wish to thank all the firms which have bought ad and promise to be around to see the results right away.

Clark-Owens Nuptials Celebrated in Iraan

Miss Nelda Jean Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delfo Clark of Westbrook, and W. W. (Amos) Owens were united in marriage on January 8th in Iraan, Texas. Mr. Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Owens, Crockett county ranch couple and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilse Owens of Ozona.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hardee of Colorado City.

Jack Hendrick, minister of the First Christian Church of Iraan, performed the single ring ceremony in the presence of members of the immediate families.

For her wedding ensemble, the bride chose a navy blue, gabardine suit, with white blouse. A high neckline and peplum back accented with self covered button trim. The skirt was cut on slender lines. Her accessories were grey and she wore matching grey suede sandals. Her half hat was of navy and featured a short veil. A corsage of red carnations completed her ensemble.

Immediately following the ceremony the newly weds left for a honeymoon in the mountains of New Mexico. On their return they will make their home on a ranch in Crockett county, where the groom is engaged in the sheep business.

The bride and groom were high school sweethearts, having finished Iraan High School in 1948, and 1947 respectively. The bride attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene after graduation from high school.

The bride was named honoree at a lovely gift tea on Friday evening, January 21st, in Iraan. Setting for the party was the banquet room of the Lunch Kit.

White stock and fern were used on the registration table which was laid with a Maderia cloth. Mrs. Earl Leverich presided at the satin - bound bride's book. White carnation and fern and potted ivy were placed at vantage points about the room and centered the gift tables. Imported Venetian point lace was used on the gift tables. Appointments of crystal and silver graced the refreshment table. Siver tea and coffee services flanked the wedding cake of unusual design. The cake was fashioned after a sheet of music with the traditional wedding march on one side and the names, Amos and Nelda, on the other. Mrs. A. L. Ford poured tea and Miss Marcella Coleman presided at the coffee service. Mmes. G. Roberts and C. C. Schweikhardt served cake. Illumination was provided by tall white tapers in crystal candelabra.

Miss Barbara Lee played a medley of love songs throughout the tea hours.

In the receiving line were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Delfo Clark, her grandmother, Mrs. F. W. Hardee, Mrs. Jeff Owens, mother of the groom, Mrs. Wilse Owens, grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Jim Watts of Alpine, sister of the groom and Miss Delpha Sue Clark, sister of the bride.

Calling hours were from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Hostesses were Mmes. Charles Watson, C .C. Schweikhardt, C. S .Wood, O. K. Powell, G. Roberts, Edward A. Lee, E. Leverich, Earl Meadors, A. L. Ford, H. P. Cartney and John Monroe.

Some of the students home between final examinations and the beginning of the next semester are Joyce West from S. M. U., Joe Perry and Bill Forehand from A&M, and Nat Read from N. T. A. C.

Early Baggett, who recently underwent treatment in a Temple hospital, has returned to his home here. The doctors apparently did a good job of putting him back in order.

FOR SALE — Small shop built trailer house. May be seen in Taliaferro Garage trailer camp. 42-2p

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garlitz are in Fort Worth this week on business.

Texan Heads Cancer Research at Oak Ridge

GALVESTON, Texas. — New director of the cancer research program of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies is Dr. Marshall Brucer, University of Texas Medical Branch physiology professor.

Dr. Brucer will direct a long-range program devoted to the study of cancer treatment and other malignant diseases, together with the training of medical and research personned in new techniques.

At the Medical Branch he has specialized in the physiology of circulation and repiration and is now completing a problem in biomathematics.

LOST or STRAYED—Red Cocker Spaniel female, half grown. Reward for return to Warren Taliaferro.

WSCS Approves Circle Plan; Three Circles To Be Organized

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the Chapel at 2 o'clock for a business meeting called by the president, Mrs. E. A. Harrell, for the purpose of hearing a report of the committee appointed to study the Circle plan of Society organization.

It was voted to form three Circles, each of which will choose its own officers, time of meeting and course of action. Each of the Circle chairmen will be a member of the Executive Board and will report at the regular monthly business meeting. On February 9 a social will be given at which time names of members of the Society will be drawn for membership in the three Circles.

Mrs. E. E. Arthur was elected treasurer of the Society to succeed Mrs. J. E. Baggett, and Mrs. Joe Clayton was chosen first vice president to succeed Mrs. E. A. Harrell, who was elevated to the presidency.

Beginning at 3 o'clock, the group began to study on "China in Asia Today" conducted by Mrs. E. H. Schmidt. Mrs. Stephen Ferguson spoke on "A Journey Through China" and Miss Frances Taylor discussed "Characteristics of the Chinese." Mrs. Charles Williams closed the study with the devotional.

It was announced that a Mexican supper will be served at the Community Center tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 o'clock by the Junior American Mothers Club. A cover charge of $1 will be made by reservation.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday, February 2, at the Chapel to continue the study on China.

Guests present for the meeting were: Mrs. Floyd Henderson, Mrs. Victor Pierce, Mrs. S. M. Harwick, Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs. N. W. Graham, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. Scott Peters, Mrs. Horace Hang, Mrs. W. E. Baggett, Mrs. Dora Lane, Mrs. L. E. Cox, Jr., and Miss Ola Gilbert.

1900 in 30 County Area Receive Old Age Benefit Payments

Old-age and survivors insurance payments in excess of $32,000 went to residents of 30 counties surrounding Ozona during 1948. This announcement was made today by George Gatz, manager of the San Angelo office of the Social Security Administration.

As of December monthly payments went to a total of some 1900 persons in this 30 county area; these payments amounted to about $30,000 for the month.

The largest group, from the standpoint of amount of payments, consists of workers over 65 years of age who are receiving retirement payments, based upon the social security built up during the years of employment. Over [illegible] such retired workers were estimated to be receiving payments of $12,000 at the end of the year. More than 150 of these retired wives 65 years of age or over; payments to these wives amounted to $1,700 monthly.