

COUNTY POULTRY SHOW OPENS

Amerada's No. 1 Coffee Tests 1,000 Barrels

'Other Side' In Tax Question Topic Of Allen

ABILENE, Jan. 11.—Ben F. Allen, county judge of Crane county, in Abilene recuperating from a surgical operation, had something to say about "the other side" of the tax-farming question. His interview was in reply to a talk made here Wednesday by Grady Kinsolving, publisher of the Corpus Christi Caller and Times and president of the South Texas chamber of commerce, in which Kinsolving strongly criticized the practice followed by more than 100 counties of Texas in contracting their tax assessments and collections to private corporations and individuals.

Crane is one of the tax-contracting counties, Judge Allen told the News. "We believe," he said, "there are two sides to every question. So much is being said lately about so-called 'farming' in tax matters, and about 'slickers' putting it over county judges and commissioners' courts, that I want to show the other side.

Development The rapid oil development in West Texas over the past few years has brought a real problem to counties where large discoveries have been made, and thrown heavy financial demands upon them. So much so that we find that our only salvation from bankruptcy is to secure just assessments from the oil companies and corporations of all kinds doing business in these places.

"We find ourselves swamped with just and fair demands for more roads, schools, law-enforcement officers and emergency matters galore, that are not being faced by older and more settled communities. How can we secure these funds? We must have the proper assessed values, of course. And let me say right here that these companies seldom render more than one-third the values we finally settle for.

"Our critics say we have officers elected whose business it is to obtain these facts. I grant this is true, but I believe the hardest assessor would soften if he were to sit with our board of equalization and see us battle against tax experts representing these companies and see them hammering values to the zero level.

Meet Fire With Fire "Does anyone believe that the ordinary tax assessor, receiving from \$1,200 to \$2,500 per year, can obtain the necessary information to cope with these experts swooping down on him with arguments that seem unanswerable? The only answer is to meet the corporation on its own battle ground, to oppose its tax expert with a tax expert of our own. This help must necessarily be efficient in geology, engineering and every other phase of the oil-producing industry. That is the sort of help we are hiring out in Crane county at a fee of five cents on the \$100 valuation, actually collected.

"Without fear of contradiction I can say that our county would not be obtaining one-half the values we now get from the employment of expert tax men. Without their work we would not have enough money to pay our ordinary administration expense. I strongly object to these critics going over the state citing the unusual cases and having the public believe that county judges and commissioners are a bunch of boobies that some shyster has put 'if over' on. We are perfectly willing to accept a maximum a court may pay, but as long as the corporations hire their own experts to beat values down we believe, it is good business to oppose them with our experts, just as good as theirs."

Not To Run Again Judge Allen will not be a candidate for reelection, he said yesterday. He is serving his second term, and at its expiration, January 1, 1931, will retire from office and move to Abilene. He arrived here last night from Lubbock, and will spend a week with his family in their Belmont home. They have a daughter in grade school here.

The Allens are former Abileneans. Mrs. Allen was Miss Carrie Spaulding and Judge Allen is a Simmons university graduate of 1912. Crane is the newest of Texas counties, and he has been its only judge. He also is in the lumber business in Crane City.

EXTENSION CONSIDERED GOOD WELL

First Pay 2,187-96. Increase At 2253-56; Total Depth 2,264

After pumping between 900 and 1,000 barrels of oil in the first 24-hour test period, Amerada Petroleum Company's No. 1 Coffee, southern and western extension to the Coffee-Phillips pool of Northern Glasscock county, was credited one of the best wells in the field. The only previous test made on the well was 216 barrels of oil swabbed from the hole in three hours. In that production test, operators could not swab the oil below 1,800 feet. First pay was encountered between 2,187-2,196 feet. Increases were noticed from 2,253-56 feet and from 2,261 to the present total depth of 2,264 feet (S. L. M.)

Lime was topped in Amerada's No. 1 Coffee at 2,955-65 feet with a surface elevation of 2,596 feet. The well is located 990 feet from the north line and 2,310 feet from the west line of section 23, block 3, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co., survey and is one location south and one location west of Simms Oil Company's No. 1 Coffee, a producer, which in turn is a south offset to Shell Petroleum Corporation's No. 1 Coffee up in section 15.

Thursday Amerada's No. 1 Coffee was shut down for boiler repair, but otherwise the well was in condition for continuous pumping, according to information from the company's lease.

HOLE OF WATER With a hole full of oil and water retarding drilling, Glasscock Brothers' No. 1 Edwards, three mile western extension well to the Coffee-Phillips pool of northern Glasscock county, has deepened to 2,350 feet, according to information received from the field Thursday morning.

The increase in sulphur water is generally accepted from 2,301-2,328 feet. Intentions are to deepen to the 2,400 foot horizon which showed some signs of commercial production in Luna Oil Company's No. 1, Turner, about one-half mile south and east of the present test. No. 1 Edwards is located 1,650 feet from the east line and 330 feet from the south line of section 18, block 33, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co., survey.

GRADING BIDS THROWN OUT

All bids for grading on East First street, designed to control flood waters, were thrown out when opened Tuesday afternoon, because they were unbalanced, according to City Manager Verner R. Smitham. Bids will again be received until 10 a. m. Saturday, January 18. All concrete and team contractors are invited to submit bids. Proposals may be had at the city managers office. Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the T&P civil engineer in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Lloyd E. Price Made Royalty Owners Head

FORT WORTH, Jan. 16. (AP)—Lloyd E. Price of Fort Worth was elected president of the Mid-Continent Royalty Owners association of Texas here yesterday. J. L. Crump of Midland and Charles S. Richardson of Olney were elected vice-presidents, and Price, Richardson, W. P. Edwards of Fort Worth, P. G. Northrup of San Angelo and H. S. Jones of Fort Worth, were named the executive committee. Election of officers followed defeat of a movement seeking to change the name of the association to the Texas Royalty Owners Association and complete severance from connection with other branches of the Mid-Continent association.

FORSAN WILL VOTE AT HOME

NEW PRECINCT ARRANGED BY DIVIDING BOX NO. 2 OF COUNTY

Creation of a new voting precinct in Howard county has assured Forsan residents of an opportunity to cast their ballots without making a trip into the city of Big Spring.

To establish the new voting precinct, the commissioners' court divided voting precinct No. 2 into two parts. All residents of Howard county living south of the rock filling station and east of state highway No. 9 are now in voting precinct No. 10 by order of the commissioners' court. Most of the territory comprising new voting precinct No. 10 is in the oil fields where residents are permanently located now and where demand for a voting box has increased rapidly. All Waco and Northwestern Railroad Company survey in the southeastern corner of the county is included in the new precinct.

Commissioners named Otis Chalk as one of two election judges and the other appointment will be announced within a few days, H. R. Debenport, county judge, stated.

MANY HEAR S A RIBBLE

Although the weather was extremely cold a highly attentive congregation gathered at the Church of Christ, Fourteenth and Main streets, Wednesday evening to hear Evangelist S. A. Ribble of Shamrock, deliver a profitable discourse. Services are being held twice daily this week, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. This evening's sermon topic, as announced by the speaker, will be "The Salvation of a Good Moral Man."

Using as text Genesis 49:10 Mr. Ribble interestingly dealt with the "gathering together of God people." Shiloh, as used in the text, he said, designated the "one who came as a peace maker, and was a way of saying that the ruling line of Israel would come from the tribe of Judah and that at the time of the gathering together of the people that Judaic regime might end.

"We sometimes forget that the laws of God govern His people. The law was supreme before Christ, and then grace and truth became supreme," he said, and continued, in part, as follows:

"Never is the Old Testament connected with the law of liberty. But in the New Testament we learn of the law of the spirit of life." He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad, we are told. How may God's people be gathered? By the peacemaker. By breaking down the wall that parted Jew and Gentile. By gathering all nations together.

"We are not taught that God's people are gathered into tribes or sects but into the Church of God. There are two theories as to gathering unto the Lord; through an irresistible and mysterious, immediate process of by believing some great truth, and obeying it. The one body into which God's people were gathered in the first century is the same, and has never been known except as the Church of Jesus Christ."

RETAIN SUGAR TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (AP)—The senate today voted to retain the existing sugar tariff. It adopted a proposal by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, to substitute present levies for the increases proposed by the finance committee republicans. The vote was 48 to 35.

GIVEN SANITY HEARING

EASTLAND, Tex., Jan. 16. (AP)—Judge Elbo Been of the district court today granted an application for an insanity hearing for E. V. Allen, under death sentence for bank robbery, and by injunction stayed his execution until after the insanity hearing, set for February 10.

PRICE DROP COSTLY FOR PRODUCERS

Loss Of \$145,500 Per Month To Operators Of This Region

As other pipe line companies fell in line with Humble Oil and Refining Company which announced an average 18 cents per barrel reduction of crude oil prices in Howard and Glasscock counties, local operators and company representatives started figuring what the slash means in dollars and cents.

Actual figures on the absolute production is not available, but to operators producing under rules alone, the reduction approximates \$145,500 per month. The computation is based on the maximum output of 27,500 barrels daily. At the average reduction of 18 cents per barrel the loss in dollars and cents is \$4,850 daily or carried out into monthly figures reaches \$145,500.

Had the cut been announced one month earlier, the loss to producers would have totaled \$144,375.00 as figured on actual reported pipe line runs of 801,820 barrels.

Royalty Suffers Royalty owners will suffer to the extent of \$18,189.99, figures based on maximum production of 27,500 barrels daily, reveal. Of course the loss is combined royalty interests in reduced from the total loss to find the actual amount producing will see lobbed from the former price which had stood unimpacted since last summer when Howard and Glasscock counties' crude oil production was placed on a strict gravity price scale.

The increase received last summer amounted in some cases to 41 cents per barrel, but of course the general average was below that figure. Even with the reduction, first posted by Humble Oil & Refining Company of Houston and followed by the Texas Company, Cosen Oil Company, Magnolia Pipe Line Company and the Big Spring Pipe Line Company, the prices of Howard and Glasscock counties' crude oil production is above that in effect when placed on a gravity basis. Before last summer when the gravity prices were first posted in West Texas, oil from this section was selling for the flat rate of 65 cents per barrel, regardless of gravity.

Four In Line Four companies which have already announced the new crude oil quotations, are purchasers of Howard and Glasscock counties oil. Cosen Oil Company averages approximately 8,000 barrels daily, Humble about 7,000 barrels daily and Magnolia and Big Spring Pipe Line Company average around 2,000 barrels daily.

MAGNOLIA FOLLOWS

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 16. (AP)—Reductions on crude oil prices averaging 25 cents per barrel throughout Texas were announced today by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. The reductions were made effective today until further notice, on all oil purchased on a gravity basis. Separate postings were made for the Panhandle district, West Texas, crude, Howard and Glasscock county crude, and for the Midland, Luling, Morsicana and Darst Creek areas. The new prices range from 60 cents for oil below 25 gravity, to \$1.44 per barrel for 44 gravity oil and above.

Posted Rates

The new postings include: Texas; 35 to 39.9 gravity, 60 cents to 96 cents; 31 to 40.9 gravity, \$1.02 to \$1.27; 41 to 44 gravity and above, \$1.25 to \$1.44. Panhandle (Gray county); below 29 gravity to 35.9 gravity, 60 cents to \$1.02; 36 to 40.9 gravity, \$1.05 to \$1.37; 41 to 44 gravity and above, \$1.30 to \$1.39. Wheeler County 30 to 35.9 gravity, 70 cents to 97 cents; 36 to 40.9 gravity, \$1.00 to \$1.12; 41 to 44 gravity and above \$1.15 to \$1.29. (Carson and Hutchinson counties) 32 to 35.9 gravity, 72 cents to 87 cents; 36 to 40.9 gravity, 85 cents to \$1.02; 41 to 44 gravity and above, \$1.05 to \$1.29.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROHIBITION



Henry H. Curran, opposed to the prohibition amendment, and Dr. F. Scott McBride of the Anti-Saloon League are marshalling their forces anew as prohibition ends its first decade January 16. Senator William E. Borah is a pivotal figure in the controversy over enforcement of the Hoover commission headed by George W. Wickersham studies dry law application.

SHEPPARD TALKS PRO

Texas Senator Hails "Triumph Tread" Of Prohibition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (AP)—The "triumphant tread" of prohibition was hailed in the senate today on its tenth anniversary in a birthday speech by Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, co-author of the eighteenth amendment.

"Prohibition in the United States continues its triumphant tread," was the opening line of the Texan's prepared speech which marked the first dry discussion in the senate since President Hoover's program for prohibition enforcement reorganization went to congress.

"It is in the federal constitution, and it is there to remain," Sheppard asserted. "It is in the enforcement statutes of the nation, and it is there to stay. It is in the hearts and consciences and bank balances, the home comforts, the living facilities, the moral, educational and economic advantages of the American people, and in all of these it is forever planted."

Detailing the benefits he sees in the nation's dry law, the Texan asserted that "the decrease in the national death rate since the coming of federal prohibition has meant the saving of 2,000,000 lives in ten years. He insisted prohibition was being enforced as well and as effectively as any other law against crime" and said this was demonstrated by most of the cases being brought against violators resulting in convictions. Senator Sheppard attributed America's greatness to this ban of intoxicating liquors, and concluded that "the advantages that have come to the United States from prohibition are of such permanent and beneficent character as to justify existence beyond all question." One additional step toward enforcement was urged by the Texan—adoption of his proposal to make purchasers of liquor equally guilty with bootleggers. "The moment it is made clear,"

ANGELO LINE IS OPPOSED

EXTENSION FROM BALLINGER TO SAN ANGELO BY A. & S. DRAWS SANTA FE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (AP)—Proposal of the Abilene and Southern Railway to construct a line from Ballinger to San Angelo was vigorously opposed today in a brief filed by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, and Panhandle and Santa Fe Railways.

Pointing out the extension of the Abilene and Southern would at no point be further than eight miles from the Gulf and Colorado and Santa Fe line between Ballinger and San Angelo, opponents presented the following points of opposition:

That San Angelo and the territory to be traversed have enjoyed excellent service from existing lines, and service of another facility is not needed to afford reasonable opportunities for future development. That there is insufficient present and prospective traffic between the cities to justify building an extension. That lines already in San Angelo territory are not now carrying sufficient traffic to make them assets to their transportation systems, and any diversion of traffic would be unjustifiable and cause operation in the territory to become a burden. That the extension would effect no appreciable economies in transportation, and minute savings would be offset by large extravagances. That the Santa Fe has undertaken the task of operating and strengthening the Orient, long standing and troublesome weak spot in the transportation system, and the proposed extension would handicap performance of this undertaking. The city of Sweetwater, the Chamber of Commerce of Miles, and the Chamber of Commerce of Rowena, as well as a number of citizens have also intervened in opposition to the application of the Abilene and Southern.

By L. A. BROPHY

(AP Feature Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (AP)—Ten years ago today the practice of resting a crooked arm on a polished bar became an unconstitutional gesture.

The eighteenth amendment went into effect at midnight, January 16, 1920, after Nebraska had ratified it as the thirty-sixth state. Adding prohibition to the basic law, however, made little difference then, as the country had been under a war-time ban on liquor since the preceding July.

Prohibition, stretching its limbs as a 10-year-old, finds itself being cuffed about strenuously, but with enforcement, rather than drinking, the target for controversy. Many profess to see that 1830 will be as critical a year for the "great experiment" as any in its existence.

Outstanding in developments that followed rapidly as 1929 waned were: The charge, taken directly to the White House by Senator Borah of Idaho, that government enforcement personnel is not efficient.

The sweeping study of dry law application by President Hoover's commission on law enforcement. Certainty that prohibition will be a major legislative topic before congress this year. A possible supreme court ruling on the move to make a liquor purchaser equally guilty with the seller.

Statement of Rear Admiral Frederick C. Billard, commandant of the coast guard, that "amiable gestures" will not be used in seeking to prevent liquor smuggling. Organized forces, for and against prohibition, marshalled their resources for continued battle. On its tenth anniversary, Henry H. Curran, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, in a statement said that national prohibition reminded him of a "squirrel in a revolving cage." "The little fellow makes a great show of doing something," he said "He runs at a furious pace until he is worn out, subsides long enough to catch his breath, and then starts off again, more determined than ever. . . . And the ordinary observer, outside the cage, finds himself

STANFORD TO SPEAK FRIDAY

The second annual Poultry Show and School, sponsored for Howard county by the Chamber of Commerce, will open at 10 a. m. Friday in the E. Reagan building on West Fourth street between Seury and Gregg.

All business men, as well as farmers, are urged especially to hear an address at 4 p. m. Friday there by J. E. Stanford, Texas editor of The Southern Agriculturist, whose theme will be, "Sick Agriculture." Mr. Stanford is a widely-recognized authority on this subject and is an interesting speaker. It is said by those who have heard him.

The number of birds being entered for the show, which will extend through Saturday, indicates the largest representation ever assembled for a similar event here.

Three Are Added To Tenants List For Office Building

The steadily growing list of tenants of the Petroleum building, Big Spring's super-modern office structure, was increased materially Thursday. Cook & Schelsig, who have charge of rentals in the building, announced the following had taken suites: Grover Cunningham, attorney, No. 205. Will F. Edwards, oil and real estate lands, No. 602. Clayton Stewart, royalties ranchman, No. 601.

Factory Equipment Damaged By Flames

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 16. (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the warehouse and manufacturing equipment of the Southwest Manufacturing Supply Company here. Loss was estimated at \$100,000.

A general alarm brought out all city's fire fighting equipment. Flames were brought under control after a many hose lines had played water on the burning structure for three quarters of an hour.

Charles Moss, 60, night watchman, was overcome by smoke. He was taken to a hospital, where it was reported he would recover.

Kirby Well Is Drilling Below Chalk Lime Top

First lime, generally referred to as the Chalk lime top, was encountered in Kirby Oil Company and others' No. 3 Baker, a Coffee-Phillips pool test, at 1,960 feet and drilling, at last reports, had progressed to 2,095 feet. It will not be necessary to set casing in the immediate lime top in No. 3 Baker, as a string of pipe was run higher in the hole preparatory to testing a shallow sand oil showing that was never encountered in the well. Some oil men believe that water encroachment in the field is possibly caused by cementing pipe too high in the lime. Therefore, casing will probably be carried into the solid lime several feet to prove or disprove the common theory.

No. 3 Baker is a south offset to the same company's No. 2 Baker, an east offset to Simms Oil Company's No. 2 Coffee and is 1,550 feet from the north line and 330 feet from the west line of section 23, block 33, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey.

T. & P. Roadmaster Victim Of Attack

TERRELL, Tex., Jan. 14. (AP)—Attacked last night and slugged with an iron bar, S. V. Aldridge, 41, Mineola, district roadmaster for the Texas and Pacific, was in a serious condition here today.

Aldridge was found near the freight house by two boys, and the iron bar with which he was slugged was nearby. He was unable to tell a coherent story of the attack today.

Slayer Of Father Is Judged Insane

LAMESA, Jan. 16. (AP)—Robert Durham today awaited removal to the state asylum. He was adjudged insane by a jury here yesterday after he was charged with the slaying of his father several weeks ago.

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Officers Elected By Martin County Interscholastic League; Dates For Annual Meet And Tournaments Set

HERALD STANTON BUREAU
STANTON, Jan. 16.—Prof. C. E. Sone, superintendent of the Stanton schools, was made director general of the Martin County Interscholastic League in an election held last week by teachers of the county who met in answer to call by Judge Glaser, county superintendent of public schools.

Nine rural schools were represented and it was voted to hold the county league meet March 21 and 22. The boys' basketball tournament will be held February 8 and that for the girl April 5.

All schools are expected to enter contestants in the county meet.

Besides Prof. Sone the following officers were elected: Miss Faye Smith, director of declamation; Mrs. Jackson, director of debate; Miss Elison, director of spelling; L. E. Burnett, director of essay; Mrs. Walton, director of music memory; Mrs. Taylor, director of art memory; Briggs Irvin, director of athletics; Mrs. Albart, director of exhibits and arithmetic.

John F. Epley this week announced he is a candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk, subject to the Democratic primary of July 28. He has been a resident of the county since 1891 and has a large number of friends.

E. P. Whitson has announced he is a candidate for sheriff and tax collector of Martin county. Mr. Whitson has been a resident of the county two years and has been a consistent worker in progressive community enterprises, and especially in placing farm exhibits in various fairs of the state last autumn.

W. F. (Bill) Epley, a resident of the county for 25 years, announces his candidacy for tax assessor of Martin county, subject to action of voters in the Democratic primary. He has been a county commissioner for six years and knows practically every resident of the county.

S. J. Foreman, who resides in the Lamesa community, announces his candidacy for the office of county tax assessor. He is a young man whose record in the county is a good one and his friends are numerous.

Mrs. Ella McLennon Richards of Sudan, Texas, who died at the home of her son in Lubbock, January 4, was buried in Evergreen cemetery here Sunday, January 5. Mrs. Richards had made her home in Stanton many years and has a host of friends who with her loved ones mourn her. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Reynolds assisted by Rev. Sailors and Rev. A. C. Hines of Colorado, a former pastor. She is survived by four children, all of whom were at her bedside when death came, as was a sister, Mrs. J. L. Snyder of Walnut Springs.

Mrs. J. P. Boyd and Miss Vera Burnham honored Mrs. Horace Blocker, formerly Miss Noma Atchison, last Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Boyd. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out and Miss Vera Burnham served delicious punch. Miss Ann Brown won a rolling pin as first prize in a contest that featured the affair. She presented her prize to the bride. Mrs. Blocker received many useful gifts, for which she thanked everyone most graciously.

Aubrey Hogue and Miss Lucille Currie were married at the home of Rev. Sailors, pastor of the First Baptist church, last Wednesday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Currie and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hogue. The young couple will reside here.

Judge James T. Brooks of Big Spring was here Tuesday.

Claude Isioley and Brick Eldson were business visitors in Big Spring Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hall, formerly of McCamey, moved to Stanton last week.

W. S. Eiland and Bennie Gottardi left for their home in Loyalton, Calif., Tuesday after having spent several weeks with E. E. Eiland and family.

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reflecting that not all motion is progress.

On the other side, Dr. F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, said "increasing sentiment for national sobriety marks the first decade of constitutional prohibition. This sentiment has been shown in repeated elections," he added. "A changing social attitude is being manifested. . . . To the economic progress of the United States prohibition has undeniably contributed."

Texas Business Failures Show Small Increase

AUSTIN, Jan. 16.—In the number of commercial failures in Texas during December was reflected a small seasonal gain, according to Bernard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review, issued monthly by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas. Mr. Nichols has just released his monthly analysis of the commercial failures.

"Failures have been increasing slowly since September, when the number of bankruptcies was the smallest for any month in ten years," Mr. Nichols said. "Moreover, the trend is expected to be upward during the next two or three months, if a normal course is followed again this year."

In December, 47 insolvencies having liabilities of \$1,185,000 were reported, compared to 54 failures with liabilities involving \$1,085,000 in December, 1928. During November, 44 companies with liabilities of \$522,000 went out of business. Although there were only three more failures in December than in November, liabilities were more than doubled, indicating that many larger companies were eliminated. This is an unfavorable development, especially in comparison to months early in the year.

"The record for the entire year is very favorable. Not only were failures the fewest since 1920, but also total liabilities were the smallest on record. During the year, 515 concerns having liabilities of \$8,720,000 failed, whereas 547 companies with liabilities of \$11,858,000 went into bankruptcy in 1928. Liabilities per failure during 1929 averaged \$17,000, against \$22,000 in 1928. It appears, therefore, that the year just passed was possibly the most favorable one in the past decade from the standpoint of profits."

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ne continued, "that purchasers are punishable, the number of buyers will rapidly dwindle. They will hesitate a long time before they will become law breakers."

Sheppard characterized the buyers of intoxicating liquor as the most dangerous character in our national life.

"Placing appetite above law and above the welfare of his fellowman," he added, "he supports as desperate and determined a class of lawbreakers as the police annals of any country have ever known. The very fact that the buyer is a person of position, wealth or prominence intensifies the harm that may follow his example, the danger of his conduct to society. Without him the traffic in illicit liquor would disappear."

PRICE DROP

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above, \$1.05 to \$1.14.

Howard and Glasscock West Texas (counties of Crane, Upton, Winkler and Mitchell): 25 to 30.9 gravity, 55 cents to 73 cents; 31 to 35.9 gravity, 76 cents to 88 cents; 36 gravity and above, 91c.

Howard and Glasscock counties: 25 to 30.9 gravity, 55 cents to 70 cents; 31 to 35.9 gravity, 72 cents to 80 cents; 36 gravity and above, 82 cents.

Mirando, Luling and Corsicana: 15 cents per barrel.

Darst Creek \$1.05 per barrel.

STANDARD CUTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (AP).—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, through its subsidiary the Carter Oil Co., has made price reductions ranging from 19 cents to 41 cents a barrel, depending on gravity, on crude oil in Oklahoma and Kansas. The minimum price under the new schedule is 66 cents a barrel for crude oil of 29.9 degrees, a reduction of 14 cents. The maximum price for 49 gravity and above is \$1.44 a barrel, a reduction of 11 cents.

Oil Man Hurt In Motor Mishap

W. M. Allier, district superintendent of the Amerada Petroleum company, is confined in a local hospital where he has received treatment for painful bruises and other minor injuries received Tuesday evening in an automobile accident. Hospital authorities expect to release him within a few days.

J. E. Payne Purchases Wilkins Barber Shop

J. E. Payne, Big Spring barber, has assumed ownership of the P. S. Wilkins shop on Main Street and is now in personal management of the new property. Mr. Payne retains his original shop on East Third Street and expects to operate both tonsorial establishments, he said.

WATSON AT CLUB LUNCH

Kiwanians Hear Plan For Chamber Work During Year

Stressing highways, and reviewing in brief matters expected to form major parts of the 1930 program of Chamber of Commerce work in Big Spring, C. T. Watson, the organization's manager, addressed the Kiwanis club Thursday at noon.

An important meeting of the directors and committee chairmen of the club was called for 6:15 p. m. Friday in room 314, Crawford hotel.

Steve D. Ford, club secretary, who represented Big Spring Monday in Dallas at a convention of district trustees in the Texas-Oklahoma district of Kiwanis International, reported to the club. He said 107 of the 117 clubs in the district were represented. The Big Spring club was reminded by Walter C. Humpston, field service man for International, that no Kiwanis club exists between Big Spring and El Paso, Abilene, Lubbock and San Angelo and urged the local club to sponsor new ones.

Edmund Notestine and H. L. Richards were visitors.

The program was in charge of Osburn O'Rear.

The detailed program of work for the Chamber of Commerce will be formed as soon as recommendations of members, as made by filling in questionnaires recently mailed, have been classified, said Mr. Watson.

"We wanted suggestions of individual members because we need them and because we want to know what individual members are especially interested in," he said.

Dealing with importance of good roads Mr. Watson pointed out that in five years just past, tourists spent five billions of dollars in the United States, a sum double the cost of all automobiles bought, two and a half times as high as the value of all steel produced and several times as large as total value of several types of agricultural products.

The average tourist, the department of commerce has determined, spends \$7.50 per car per day if he stays in a tourist camp and \$12 daily if he stops in a hotel.

In Big Spring, a survey made last year disclosed, no less than one million dollars is spent annually for tourist cabin rent alone not to speak of other expenditures in the city by tourists, said the speaker.

In the next five years, experience of the past five has indicated, five million persons residing north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi rivers will move—they'll follow good roads to places that offer best opportunities, he added.

"It would be suicide for a chamber of commerce here not to do everything possible to stimulate agriculture," he declared.

As to new industries Mr. Watson said it was much better to determine the type of industries needed and to be sure as possible they would prosper before seeking them than to pay a bonus for an industry not needed, which would likely become a liability.

Business men, he said, have learned that there is direct relation between civic beauty and prosperity, and declared the civic improvements committee would work toward beautification of the entire city.

"Any citizen who makes more than a living ought to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Watson in dealing with activities of the membership committee.

Publicity dispensed by the Chamber of Commerce, and publicity, he said, often is a word used to describe advertising as well, should be just as well supported by facts as that distributed by large news gathering agencies. "A statement from the Chamber of Commerce ought not to be discounted any more than one from a bank. It is important that in Chamber of Commerce publicity claims not be made that cannot be supported by facts."

The public relations committee's task is to build good will for Big Spring, said Mr. Watson. He stressed that the people make the town and that their ability to sell it to others is vitally important.

The school committee of the organization should work toward constructive development of the school system, he said. "I doubt if there was just cause for defeating a school bond issue. Our own schools are going to need one," he added.

Next week's program of the club will be in charge of the Kiwanis education committee, headed by George Gentry. It will be a stag affair at the Methodist church in the evening, in observance of the 10th anniversary of Kiwanis International. An unusual program in which the entire membership will take part was promised by Mr. Gentry.

Dr. G. M. Gillespie of Abilene was the guest of friends here Wednesday. He accompanied Dr. W. C. Deeds to the Henry Currie ranch in Garden City for a hunting expedition.

Sparsburg Country Muddy After Heavy Snow; Seek Connection For Fuel Gas Service; Many Hogs Die

By HAMILTON WRIGHT
Special Correspondent

SPARENBURG, Jan. 16.—The heavy snow which has rattled Mother Earth in this area for the last five or six days is gradually thawing, converting highways and country lanes into shallow morasses. Farmers welcomed the moisture with no misgivings, but express their desire to see old Sol come forth so they may begin to prepare the soil for what they expect to be one of the best years in history.

As a result of the soggy condition of highway No. 2, made doubly difficult since recent re-grading, many cars have veered into the ditch. Travelers reported several in the neighborhood of Sparsburg in the last few days. No serious accidents have been reported in consequence.

Prof. and Mrs. George M. Boswell returned Sunday from Slaton where they attended on Saturday the funeral of Mrs. Boswell's sister, Mrs. Dieck of Lubbock. Her death occurred in a Temple sanitarium following a long and severe illness.

Attendance at Sunday Schools here Sunday was very low due to a snow-covered terrain and cold weather.

Practically all the cotton of this area has been ginned.

Sparsburg will seek to get a lateral from the new main gas line which it is proposed to build from the Panhandle Pipe Line at Klondyke to Big Spring, to supply that city. It is understood that the line to Big Spring will be an eight-inch main. Investigation has already been made at Ackery looking to that town's receiving natural gas. It is understood a 2-inch lateral will be run into Ackery.

It is understood that parties are contemplating the installation here, or at Ackery of an electric light plant to supply Sparsburg and Ackery. Citizens of both places are hopeful that the company at Big Spring and Lamesa will put in a high-line.

The recent highway bond election failed to carry. Now, it is understood, insinuations are being made that the State Highway Department is angry and declaring it will see that No. 9 is deflected from Lamesa and run directly from Big Spring to Lubbock, eliminating Lamesa. The reason the bond issue failed to carry—and this is no secret—is because several prosperous communities and towns now on No. 9 were given no assurance that they would continue to be on this important transportation artery. However, Lamesa received assurance that she would be on it.

An effort will be made again shortly to put over the project. There will be some re-arrangements, better promises and different tactics employed. And the probability is that it will carry.

Farmers of this area report a shortage of roughness over the area. Maize is selling for \$20 a ton in heads. About 2 1/2 cents a bushel is being offered for roughness. The cotton crop resulted better than was thought earlier in the season.

Mrs. George Barkowsky, who has been confined for several weeks in a Lamesa sanitarium, is reported much improved. She is the wife of one of the most prominent and influential farmers of this area.

During the past week several farmers slew many hogs, filled their smokehouses, ground sausage and are feasting on "backbone and spare-ribs." Among those who went into the "butchering" business during the period were Otto Riethmayer, Otto Barkowsky and A. G. Barkowsky.

Services will be held at the Methodist Church at Ackery next Sunday morning and evening. The last service scheduled by this denomination at that place was abruptly called off when the Andy Brown girl caught fire and was partly consumed. The big fire engine from Big Spring went to the scene but was out of commission before arrival. Ackery men fought the flames heroically and saved most of the gin and surrounding buildings.

No religious exercises were held at Flower Grove School Sunday due to the snow and slippery condition of the roads.

Rev. J. Barry Baker, pastor of the Tuscola and Ovalo Methodist churches, will begin a revival meeting in the Methodist church at this place on April 7, which will continue through about ten days. Preparations are being made for the event by the religious people of this area.

People from many counties around are looking forward to the second Methodist Reunion which is to be held here to send representa-

Gasoline soaked cotton was found. It was said. The incendiary was frightened from his design by an employee of the plant who suspiciously such action when he heard noise in the plant.

Why The Cigars? Jim Little Answers

Jim Little, county attorney of Howard county, passed cigars to those attending Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club.

Asked why, Jim, who is good at rising to the occasion, had this to say:

"I've got a little boy up at my house."
(Pause—cheers.)

"When I started to leave this morning he said 'Are you coming home to lunch, daddy?'"

"I told him, 'no, son, I'm going to the Kiwanis club.'"

"What is that," he asked.

"Oh, it's just a crowd of good fellows who get together each week," I told him.

"That's good. Take them some cigars for me," he replied.

James Forrest Little was born Sunday morning in a local hospital. He weighed seven pounds and turned out around 900 baies when it was mysteriously burned one Monday night. It is said one or two attempts had been made a few nights previously to fire it.

Rotary Code Of Hi School Ethics Distributed Here

Pupils in Big Spring high school Thursday morning were made acquainted with the Rotary "High School Code of Ethics" in a program at the regular assembly period that was in charge of the local Rotary club directors and officers. Copies of the high school code were distributed among the students.

B. Reagan, vice president, spoke on the Rotary code of ethics. W. T. Strange, Jr., club president, interpreted the high school code.

The Rotary club will sponsor an election in high school next Tuesday in which each class will name the member it feels most nearly practices the Rotary high school code in his daily life.

Those representing the club were Messrs. Reagan, Strange, C. W. Cunningham, Max Jacobs, W. W. Inkman, George Wilke.

The code of high school ethics follows:

1. To develop a school loyalty and spirit which will be recognized by everyone with whom I come in contact.

2. To be known as one whose honor is to be trusted and who is capable of accepting responsibility.

To be a true sportsman, to be able to lose the game but never to lose my smile nor my courage, and not to blame others for my own shortcomings.

3. To be able to scorn personal success which I might achieve by unfair advantage of my school mates.

4. To make my aim and goal—"above the average"—realizing that the "average" person seldom attains real success.

5. To improve myself, increase my efficiency, and enlarge my service to mankind and by doing so attest my faith in the fundamental principles of Good Citizenship—"Service Above Self."

6. To be willing and ready to give my time and services to any worthy person who asks it of me, or to any worthy cause which may promote the welfare of the school community or state, remembering, "He profits most who serves best."

7. To believe in the words of the Golden Rule—"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

8. Finally, I will strive to achieve these high purposes, realizing the fulfillment of them will make an exemplary High School Student.

Miss Winnie Pittman is in Dallas on business.

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Resolutions Adopted By Men Of West Texas Counties Opposed To Some Parts Of Fee Proposal

Officials of numerous West Texas counties assembled at Rankin in Upton county last Friday, went into permanent organization and then went on record as firmly opposed to action of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce in its fight against special tax assessors in particular and against the present fee system in general.

20th Annual Convocation To Open Sunday

The twentieth annual Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Missionary District of North Texas will assemble in St. Andrew's Church, Amarillo, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, January 19th, and continue until 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Speakers at the evening service beginning at 8 o'clock are Thomas R. Smith of Colorado, Lay Deputy from the North Texas to the General Convention; Rev. W. P. Gerhart, B. D., rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene; Rev. R. Thomsen, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Amarillo.

Bishop's Reception On Saturday evening preceding Convocation from 8 to 10 Bishop and Mrs. E. C. Seaman will entertain informally with a reception at the Bishop's House, 1516 Tyler, at which the local Episcopalians and the pastors of other churches are invited to meet Rev. Dr. Davis, the Convocation preacher, Mrs. J. C. Tolman of Houston, who is President of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Province of the Southwest, and all the visiting clerical and lay delegates to Convocation and to the annual meeting of the North Texas Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Parent-Teacher Association is circulating a petition seeking an independent school district and quite a number of citizens have signed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duke were Sunday guests of Delphine Shortes.

West Knott has been suffering from a water shortage for several days, cold weather having impaired the water system.

A lecture by Mr. James, missionary from South America, was to be given tonight at the Basement. It was hoped there would be a large audience.

L. F. (Cotton) Walker and J. W. (John) McGregor, sons of prominent East Knott families, left early this week for San Diego, Calif. Friends of the boys were sorry to see them go but wished them a very profitable trip.

Fred Roman, who is ill from pneumonia is reported improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Motley of Lamesa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Turner in this community.

POPE AT CEREMONY IN ST. PETER'S



Pope Pius is shown above attending a special ceremony in St. Peter's church in the Vatican City in honor of the beatification of 128 English martyrs, the largest number of martyrs ever beatified at a single ceremony. He is shown praying during the ceremony, surrounded by his ecclesiastical and military court. Below, six new cardinals are shown praying at St. Peter's following election in the consistory.

Knott Girls Team Wins Off Iatan As Boys Are Defeated; Petition Seeks Formation Of Independent School

KNOTT, Jan. 16.—The high school pupils are rehearsing a play, "Daughter of the Desert," which will be given soon.

The boys' basketball squad is putting in many hours preparing for the county tournament in Big Spring.

Iatan and Knott basketball teams played in Big Spring yesterday and the other night. Knott girls won 31 to 8 and the boys lost 21 to 8. Daisy Thomas' goal shooting and the guarding of Minnie Belle Page featured for the local girls. Pauline Trout, a star Knott guard, was not in the line-up.

The singing class was represented at Vealmoore Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Shortes, Mrs. Earnest Greer and Mrs. J. C. Spaulding.

The delegates to the Convocation at Amarillo, from Saint Mary's Episcopal Church are: Mr. W. R. Dawes, Warden; Mr. Verd Van Gieson and Mrs. J. B. Young. The alternates are Dr. Amos R. Wood and Mr. William A. Gilmour. The delegates to the annual meeting of the District Woman's Auxiliary are Mrs. H. W. Leeper, and Mrs. Carl S. Blomshield. Mrs. Verd Van Gieson will also attend as she is the Treasurer of the District Woman's Auxiliary.

The delegates and the Rev. William H. Martin will leave for Amarillo Saturday morning. Rev. Mr. Martin is Registrar of the District and Secretary of the Convocation.

NAMED SECRETARY HARLINGEN, Texas, Jan. 16 (INS)—John T. Floore, manager of the Rio Grande Valley Mid-Winter Fair Association, has been named secretary of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce, to succeed Myron F. Ward, resigned. Floore will combine the two positions.

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OUR BASKETBALL GIRLS The Forsan girls' basketball team which is composed of Myrtle Tucker, Arlene Villyard, Bernice Tucker...

Assault Case In Hands Of Jurors

The aggravated assault case against Dr. W. M. Long was tried in Howard county court Wednesday and was placed in hands of the jury before 11 o'clock.

Dogs In Window Attract Passersby

Dogs! A whole window full of them! A large assortment of German Police pups, a few weeks old is a novelty display for a drug store window.

What Would Happen If?

Mr. Bolin forgot his false teeth? Miss Rainwater lost her wig? Miss Creath lost her voice?

Science Building At Forsan School Will Be Equipped With Laboratory

FORSAN, Jan. 17.—Since the beginning of the new year, Forsan has been busy improving its school plant. A new science laboratory is nearly completed.

Lot O' Nothin

Mr. Hall—"Do you have any trouble with 'shall and will'?" Mr. Bolin—"No, my wife says you shall and I say I will."

Bits O' News From Forsan

Roy Tucker, a second grade pupil, has been absent from school the last two weeks because of an injured leg. The high school boys received an awful shock when they were told during the week that Forrest Bildeback had moved.

HEALTH DRIVE ON AT FORSAN

FORSAN, Jan. 17.—We are just beginning a health crusade which will last two weeks. We hope to have the cleanest and the most healthful group of boys and girls in the school.

SEVEN WIN AT CAUBLE

CAUBLE, Jan. 17.—Seven names appear on the Cauble school honor roll for the past month's work. Representatives from the various classes are: Primer, Mary Helen Faulk...

FORSAN GIRL HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

FORSAN, Jan. 17.—A birthday party was given in honor of Arlene Villyard on Jan. 11, 1930, in her home. Various games were enjoyed by the young people until a late hour when refreshments of punch and cake were served.

BANKS HOLD MEETINGS

Few changes in officers and directors of Big Spring banks were made in the annual meeting of directors and stockholders Tuesday evening, according to reports submitted by bank officials.

Forty-Seven Forsan Students Are On Honor Roll Released This Week

FORSAN, Jan. 17.—Forty-seven pupils in the Forsan school earned the distinction of placing on the honor roll released this week. The first graders outstripped all competitors with 15 boys and girls making required grades and meeting other requirements.

BOY'S BODY IDENTIFIED

The decapitated, dismembered body of a young man found on the T & P tracks just east of Barstow Dec. 4, has been identified by L. H. Gillilan of Big Spring, as his brother-in-law, Earl Guy Gotchy, 21.

Forsan Items Tersely Told

By BERNICE TUCKER FORSAN, Jan. 17.—Many people wonder how Forsan looks. It is situated on a prairie south of Big Spring and is surrounded by oil derricks. We have a postoffice, three drug stores, two hospitals, two dry-goods stores, a hardware store, three of four grocery and meat market stores, a dairy, four or five filling stations, an electric shoe shop, a cleaning and pressing shop, a theater, four hotels, and five restaurants.

SMU BAND DATE FIXED

The Southern Methodist University Mustang band, which flashed into widespread prominence in 1928 on its trip east with the Mustang football team when it started the grid world by playing Army on even terms, losing by a single point, will appear in concert here the evening of Thursday, February 8, under auspices of the Kiwanis Club.

EXHIBITION OF POULTRY TO BE LARGE

Indications that Big Spring's second annual poultry school and show to be held Friday and Saturday will far surpass last year's show are being augmented daily by numerous requests for information reaching the Chamber of Commerce office.

CONDRA QUILTS CLUB OFFICE

Curtis G. Condra tendered his resignation as president of the Business Men's Luncheon Club at its weekly luncheon Wednesday. He is planning to leave the city, he said.

Six-Inch Pipe Set In Baker 3

Six inch casing was set Tuesday in Kirby Oil Company and others No. 3 Baker at a total depth of 2,130 feet in line, according to information reaching Big Spring. The main line was topped at 2,065 feet, samples show, but the pipe was carried deeper into the line than in most Coffee-Phillips pool wells to test the theory that water appearing in several wells, is perhaps resulting from poor cement jobs on top of the line.

High School-Rotary Election Is Held

Four representative high school students, one from each class, were elected Tuesday in response to a request from the Big Spring Rotary club, which is piecing a code of ethics before the student body. Reto Debenport was elected in the senior class, Ted Phillips of the juniors, Fred Martin from the sophomores and R. V. Jones from the freshman class.

Mutual Aid Officers Named; Auditor Reports

All officers and directors of the Big Spring Mutual Aid Association were re-elected at the annual stockholders' meeting held Monday afternoon in the county courtroom of the Howard county courthouse.

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DONNIE PLAYS ON, THOUGH HIS TESTIMONY MAY SEND MOTHER TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

By NEA Service. NEW CASTLE, Pa. — Donnie Schroeder, who'll be 5 his next birthday, plays about the juvenile detention home here as happily as any child you could find, without a thing in the world to worry him. For Donnie, being so young, can't realize that the things he said to the policeman who came in to chat with him the other day may send his mother to the electric chair as a murderer.

Muskegee Burial For Mrs. Riley, 50

The body of Mrs. Electra Riley, 50, who died early Sunday morning in the home of her brothers here, Frank G. Adams, will be sent to Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday morning for burial. The funeral will be held Thursday morning in the chapel of the Leashe Funeral Home here with the pastor of the Methodist church in charge.

\$2 Acre For Terrace Doubles Cotton Yield

COLORADO, Tex., Jan. 14 (AP)—An expenditure of approximately \$2 an acre for terracing land by A. E. Madden of Mitchell county doubled the yield of cotton. Ninety acres of hillside land made 32 bales of cotton when terraced, while unterraced land adjoining the terraced field made only one-sixth bale per acre.

What Would Happen If?

Mr. Bolin forgot his false teeth? Miss Rainwater lost her wig? Miss Creath lost her voice? Lillian did not powder her nose? Bernice failed to giggle. Forrest would not smile? Dallas talked louder than anybody else? Thelma did not squeak? Gladys forgot her chewing gum? Irene stayed at home one evening? Bobbie bobbed her hair? Royce would be quiet? Arlene would dye her hair? Mrs. Macon sold her gold tooth? Maxine would get fat? Alberta were not bashful? Minnie Wills' hair were straight? Leslie made "A" on English? Florence were to grow tall? Walter would sit still in school? Esther Bell and Ray were to quarrel? Myrtle were to get fussy? Miss Team were to become quarrelsome?

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Donnie Schroeder and his rabbit that the police gave him.

Consulate At Laredo Opened

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 15 (AP).—Officials of the Mexican consulate, closed since December 18, were expected to return here today from San Antonio to prepare for reopening the consulate Friday. Business men were making preparations for resumption of international trade, virtually at a standstill since the threats of District Attorney John A. Vail to arrest former President Plutarco Elias Calles of Mexico on a charge of conspiracy to murder led to the closing of the consulate.

Borjue Santibanez, Mexican consular general in San Antonio yesterday announced the ministry of foreign relations of Mexico had instructed him to reopen the consulate with Consul Rafael De La Colina in charge. This action was taken, the consular general said, when the state department of Washington assured Mexico that Mexican residents and travelers in Webb county and its county seat, Laredo, would "enjoy the guarantees granted to them by law."

Wingo Girls Honored

Complimentary to Christine and Bonnie Wingo who with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Claude Wingo, left Tuesday to make their home in Floydada, Faye Runyan was hostess to members of the Junior Christian Endeavor of the First Christian church Monday evening in the Runyan home.

Honor guests were presented many pretty parting gifts from their friends. Refreshments were served at the end of a program of games and informal fun.

Those present were: Frances Bledsoe, Lula Belle and Lorraine Crenshaw, Evelyn Story, Mamie Roberts, Jewel Caudle, Pauline Franklin, Eddie Raye Lees, June Cook, Lilly Jean Cook, Miss Mary Goodwin, Miss Mildred Creath, the hostess and the honor guests.

Mrs. Basil Bell underwent a major operation in a local hospital Wednesday morning and is reported getting along nicely.

T.E.L. Class Guests In Home of Mrs. Squires

The T. E. L. Sunday school class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the lovely new home of Mrs. H. B. Squires at 806 Douglas street for the monthly social and business meeting.

A song by the group and a devotional by Mrs. W. W. Grant opened the meeting while Mrs. J. A. Boykin closed the meeting with prayer, following disposal of routine business.

During the social hour which followed, a box of candied fruits sent from California by Mrs. A. E. King, former member, was enjoyed by the ladies. Names of "Sunshine Sisters" were revealed and given out again. Among interesting

Mrs. Stripling Is Hostess To Study Club Meeting

Mrs. Fox Stripling entertained the Epelosa Sigma Alpha Sorority Tuesday evening in her home in Cedar Crest. After a short business session at which the dates of meetings were changed to the first and third Thursdays in each month, Miss Georgia Kirk Davis, educational director, took charge of the meeting.

Subjects for the evening were "Tolstoi" and "Socrates." Miss Elizabeth Owen and Mrs. Frank Etter discussed the life and works of Tolstoi in an interesting and instructive manner. Miss Clara Cox, out of her training in social science and philosophy made Socrates seem more than just a name out of the dead past. Miss Frances Melton added some interesting sidelights on his life with an apt analogy of the greatest Teacher of them all, Christ.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Miss Clara Cox Thursday, January 23. Those on the program for the next meeting will be Mrs. Fox Stripling, Miss Valilia True, and Mrs. Alta Eldridge. The subjects for the evening will be George Eliot and her works, also some great American leaders in the field of literature. At the end of the hour there will be a roll call

Presbyterian Auxiliary In Meeting

Beginning the year's study text "According to Pattern" the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met in the Old Manse Monday afternoon in a program on "A Nation Breaking Bonds."

Mrs. R. L. Owen was hostess to the group.

Mrs. W. C. Barnett was leader for the program numbers. Numbers were as follows: An interesting talk on the work of missionary societies in other parts of the country by Mrs. E. O. Price, Sr., of Fayetteville, Ind., and Chicago; devotional "Turn from These Vain Things" by the hostess; song "The Old Rugged Cross" by the assembly; prayer "To Live According to His Pattern" by Mrs. W. H. Caylor; paper on "Breaking Social and Political Bonds" by Mrs. Temp S. Currie; paper on "Breaking Spiritual Bonds" by Mrs. L. S. McDowell; "Breaking Mental Bonds" by Mrs. Emory Duff; story by Miss Louise Tucker; prayer "The Power To Break the Bonds of Sin" by Mrs. J. B. Littler.

Those present were: Mesdames Temp S. Currie, R. L. Owen, H. W. Caylor, J. B. Littler, W. C. Barnett, J. O. Tamsitt, White, C. F. Rogers, L. S. McDowell, Emory Duff and E. O. Price Sr., and Miss Louise Tucker.

Mrs. Stripling Is Hostess To Study Club Meeting

Each member will answer with a question pertinent to the subjects discussed.

Mrs. Stripling and Miss Melton were appointed to arrange for a permanent meeting place and will report at the next meeting.

At the end of the hour the hostess served a delicious plate luncheon.

Bible Study Meets Held

Bible study sessions were held by both missionary societies of the Methodist church Monday afternoon, the Women's Missionary society meeting in the church parlors, while the Birdie Bailey group met in the home of Mrs. Raymond Wins on Park Avenue in Edwards Heights.

Mrs. Russell Manion conducted an interesting session on "Peter Brasmun" for the Women's Missionary society, the meeting opening with a devotional. Announcement was made of the program for next Monday afternoon when the society will take up the second and third chapters of the study text.

Those present were: Mesdames Charles Morris, Russell Manion, J. T. Bell, C. E. Thomas, Lawrence Simpson, W. A. Ricker, J. B. Pickle, Hargrove, W. A. Miller.

Members of the Birdie Bailey Missionary society opened the day's program with a prayer by Mrs. T. S. Jenkins, and a song by the assembly. Mrs. W. G. Bailey then took charge of the study program. Refreshments were served by the hostess following the study hour.

Those present were: Mesdames T. S. Jenkins, W. G. Bailey, H. R. Tucker, L. F. Levering, W. F. Steward, M. Ewing, A. Snitzer, Jake Bishop, J. C. Holmen, B. F. Walker, J. E. Kuykendall, L. A. Talley, Calvin Hoykin, C. T. Watson, C. C. Carter, Tom Slaughter and Karl H. Estes. Mrs. M. M. Mahaffey was a new member.

Mrs. L. A. Talley will be hostess next Monday afternoon, it was announced.

Barron Transferred To Local Gulf Office

Frank Barron of the Gulf Production company has been transferred to this West Texas territory from the Wichita Falls division headquarters. Mr. Barron is operating from Big Spring because of the more central location in the territory he is serving.

W. B. Robertson of Gorman arrived in Big Spring Tuesday and will be here for a few days. Mr. Robertson is seeking a new business location and will be a guest at the Crawford Hotel while in town.

Carl Barker is planning to leave Wednesday for a several days' business visit in Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Waco and Dallas.

Higher Courts

CRIMINAL APPEALS

AUSTIN, Jan. 15 (AP)—The following proceedings were had in the court of criminal appeals today:

Affirmed: Monroe Penny, Tarrant; C. Fleming, Cass; Ed Stalzer, alias E. A. Stanley, Potter; Ocie Allen, Haskell; Bud Jones, Lamar; H. A. Smith, Crosby; Sterling Davis, Erath; Elnora Jackson, Galveston; B. Mireles, Sterling.

Reversed and remanded: Edgar Harrell, Nacogdoches; V. S. Carlwell, Jones; E. F. Owen, Limestone; William Ryan, Polk; G. T. Gardner, Limestone; J. A. Talley, Stephens; George Brock, Dellam; R. E. Tillery, Potter; Dan Crawford, Panola; J. H. Byers, Limestone; Robert Tarrant, Smith.

Appeal abated: Marshall Ratliff, Taylor; ex parte Marshall Ratliff, Taylor.

Appeal dismissed at request of appellant: Enrique Terrazas, El Paso.

Appeal dismissed: Mose Eledson, Lamar.

Appellant's motion for rehearing granted, reversed and remanded: Hilda Watson, Milam, (Judge Latimore dissenting).

State's motion for rehearing granted, judgment affirmed: J. W. Cochran, Hall.

Application to file second motion for rehearing denied: Perrin Cotter, Morris; C. O. Fleener, Potter.

Appellant's motion for rehearing overruled: Eugene Walker, Callahan; Sam Stapleton, Brazoria; Johnny Whitehead, Kaufman; Sam Byrd, Kaufman; J. C. Lyles, Young; Henry Ruhnman, Colorado; D. C. Baker, Stephens.

Repeator's motion for rehearing overruled: Ex parte J. O. Williams, Dallas; ex parte J. H. Barganier, Dallas; ex parte Mrs. J. H. Barganier, Dallas; ex parte Mrs. L. M. Spurrier, Dallas; ex parte Guy C. Sampson, Dallas; ex parte Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Dallas; ex parte J. D. Crawford, Dallas; ex parte Mrs. J. O. Williams, Dallas.

REED ADDRESSES

P. T. A. Session

D. H. Reed, principal of the Junior high school, featured the program of the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of that school Tuesday afternoon in the school.

He told the parents of the grading system used in the school in order that parents and teachers might reach a plane of understanding regarding that phase of school work. He also told of the discipline in the classroom and the most approved methods of attaining and maintaining correct deportment during conduct of classes.

Announcement was made by Mrs. E. N. Duff, chairman of the cafeteria committee, that luncheon would be served school children on Wednesday of each week. Proceeds will be used to purchase classroom necessities.

The association now has a total of \$80 in the treasury, and it is expected that the weekly luncheons will add \$5 weekly to the total.

DR. BROOKS MADE ANTI-SALOON OFFICIAL

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 15 (AP)—Dr. S. P. Brooks, Waco, president of Baylor University, has been elected a vice-president of the Anti-Saloon League of America at a meeting of the national board here. E. A. Maness, Commerce, Tex., was elected member of the executive committee for the 11th district.

R. C. DUFF NOW WITH KIRBY OIL

R. R. Duff, formerly with the Pure Oil Company, has accepted a position with the Kirby Oil Company, and will be in charge of the company's office in the Coffee-Phillips pool, where extensive operations is underway. Pat Tatum is superintendent of the Kirby's interest in this territory.

Miss Edith Gay of the State National Bank is reported ill.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 1655—Ruth Davidson vs. J. Davidson. In the District Court, Howard County, Texas.

The State of Texas to the Sheriff or any constable of Howard county:—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Howard once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon J. Davidson whose residence is unknown, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard county, to be holden at the courthouse in the city of Big Spring, Texas, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1929, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said court, No. 1655, wherein Ruth Davidson is plaintiff, and J. Davidson is defendant; the nature of plaintiff's demand being substantially as follows, to-wit: that plaintiff now is and has been for a period of twelve months prior to exhibiting the petition herein, an actual bona fide inhabitant of the said Howard county, a period of six months next preceding the filing thereof; that plaintiff and defendant were married at Neosho, Missouri, May 10th, 1928, and that on September 28th, 1929, defendant voluntarily left plaintiff with intention of abandonment; and such abandonment has not endured until the present date.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1929.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk County Court of Howard County, Texas.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE, (BY PUBLICATION)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Howard county, Texas:—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, once a week for twenty days, exclusive of the day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice: KNOW YE, that H. F. Taylor, administrator of the estate of J. S. McCrickett, deceased, having on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1929, filed in the county court of Howard county, Texas, his application to sell the following described lands belonging to said estate:—

Three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land lying and situated in Howard county, Texas, and being the north east one-fourth (N. E. 1/4) of the South West One Fourth (S. W. 1/4) of Section No. Fourteen (No. 14) in block No. Ten (10) in block No. Twenty-two (No. 22) Township One (1) north and P. R. Co. survey in Howard county, Texas.

Forty (40) acres of land lying and situated in Reeves county, Texas, and being the north east one-fourth (N. E. 1/4) of the South West One Fourth (S. W. 1/4) of Section No. Fourteen (No. 14) in block No. Five (No. 5) H. & G. N. Ry. survey in Reeves county, Texas.

Now, therefore, these are to notify all persons interested in said estate to be and personally appear at the next regular term of the Honorable County Court, to be holden at the courthouse in the city of Big Spring, in Howard county, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1930, same being the 2nd day of said month, to show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1929.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk County Court of Howard County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 1648—Frances Starr vs. Gale Starr. In the District Court, Howard County, Texas.

The State of Texas to the Sheriff or any constable of Howard County:—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Howard once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Gale Starr, who is alleged to be a non-resident of the state of Texas, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard county, to be holden at the courthouse in the city of Big Spring, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said court, No. 1648, wherein Frances Starr is plaintiff, and Gale Starr is defendant; the nature of plaintiff's demand being substantially as follows, to-wit: that plaintiff and defendant were married on the 17th day of September, A. D. 1919, in the county of Howard county, Texas, and were lawfully married to defendant, that they continued to live together as man and wife until the 17th day of May, A. D. 1929.

Plaintiff further alleges shortly after the aforesaid marriage defendant began a course of conduct which was harsh, cruel and tyrannical towards this plaintiff which caused her to be driven from her home and to be permanently abandoned by defendant as aforesaid, plaintiff alleges that said defendant often beat and abused her, and that she and her children were in constant fear of him, and that said defendant in a manner and way that showed that defendant did not care if he killed her, and that said blow caused plaintiff to be confined to bed.

Plaintiff further alleges that defendant on or about the first of January, 1929, defendant pulled plaintiff down on a box and struck her in the face and choked her, and gripped plaintiff arms and hands and threatened to kill plaintiff and children and himself, and that said action caused this petitioner much pain and worry. Plaintiff alleges that on or about the first of May, A. D. 1929 defendant cursed plaintiff, calling her a "bitch" and threatened to do her bodily harm, and he accused plaintiff of being a "bitch" with other men which was untrue, whereupon plaintiff was forced to abandon defendant.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and for judgment dissolving said marriage relations, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief special and general in law and equity, that she may be justly entitled to.

H. C. HOOPER, Attorney for plaintiff.

Herein fall not, but have you before said court on the said first day of next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in the City of Big Spring, Texas, this 15th day of January, A. D. 1930.

(SEAL) J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk of District Court in and for Howard County, Texas.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1930 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of the Court of Howard County, Texas, will receive and open bids for the construction of three or more steel and concrete bridges to be erected in Howard County.

Plans and specifications may be inspected at the office of the County Judge in my hand and seal of office this 15th day of December, A. D. 1929.

H. R. DEBENPORT, County Judge, Howard County, Texas.

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Personally Speaking

Romayne Baker of San Angelo is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett and family.

Maxwell Perkins of McKinney was a business visitor in Big Spring Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Jacobs and family were called to Greenville Monday by the illness of Mrs. Jacobs' brother, Sam Rosenthal.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Wingo left Tuesday noon for Floydada where the minister will take up his duties as pastor of the First Christian church. He has just concluded two and one-half years of service with the local Christian church.

Mrs. J. B. Delbridge left Wednesday night on a business trip to Dallas.

Mrs. William Robinson who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Can Powell, and her sister, Mrs. J. O. Tamsitt, returned to her home in Toyah Monday.

Mrs. C. R. Boggs and Mrs. C. C. Quinn made a brief business trip to Odessa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Veale of Odessa were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ballard.

Mrs. Morris Burns left Tuesday morning for San Angelo where she will be the guest of her mother for a few days.

Miss Alice Tingle of Birmingham, Alabama, was called to Big Spring to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. L. M. Tingle, who is quite ill at the home of Mrs. W. D. McDonald, another daughter.

G. F. Cotton was a business visitor in Fort Worth Sunday.

Minister J. D. Boren and family of Lamesa were guests of friends here Monday and Tuesday.

P. C. Cayton made a brief business trip to Andrews Tuesday.

Roy E. Bell left Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, after a two weeks at the bedside of his father who has been critically ill but is somewhat improved now.

C. S. Willis returned Monday from Dallas where he attended a school of instruction held by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

S. A. McWilliams of Fort Worth was in Big Spring Wednesday looking after business interests.

Harry Rhodes returned recently from Lubbock where he was the guest of friends, for a short while.

Mrs. Paul Moss, Mrs. Carl Akh and daughters, Misses Imogene and Onita Ruth, were guest of Mrs. C. R. Boggs and Mrs. C. C. Quinn at the Tex Hotel Wednesday.

Miss Annie Chisolm and her party of fourteen friends of Ontario, Canada, stopped in Big Spring Tuesday night while enroute to California for the winter. While in town they were guest at the Tex Hotel and were complimented by Mrs. C. R. Boggs and Mrs. C. C. Quinn with a theatre party at the site.

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COMMUNITY TEAMWORK OF 1929 POINTS TOWARD RENEWED DEVELOPMENT

By Staff Correspondent

STANTON, Jan. 15.—With a round of brief addresses of felicitation and encouragement to this city and the county of which it is the seat, more than 100 persons last night listened to reports of community teamwork which beyond doubt stand at the pinnacle in the 1929 galaxy of West Texas towns grown wide awake to their own potentialities.

The annual banquet of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce held in the magnificent new house of worship erected by the Methodist congregation here proved a delightful occasion not only for several score of Martin county people but for a large group of visitors as well.

The report of Secretary Claude Holley, an address by Mayor R. E. Thomason of El Paso, introduction of the 1930 president, Robert Hamilton, and presentation of the new board of directors were among the high spots of the program.

Music

Music was furnished by the high school orchestra and a fine meal served by the Catholic ladies.

A whistling solo by L. E. Burnett of the high school faculty, a reading interspersed with musical remarks by Mrs. J. F. Priddy and the usual cross-fire of good-natured joking furnished entertainment aplenty.

The program opened with singing of America by the assembly and prayer by Rev. J. B. McReynolds.

J. S. Lamar, retiring president of the Chamber of Commerce was toastmaster. Prof. C. L. Sone, superintendent of the Stanton schools, and Rev. J. B. McReynolds, Methodist pastor, were other speakers on the program. Impromptu talks were made by Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the Midland Chamber of Commerce; C. T. Watson, manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce; Taylor Long of the Southwest Dairy Products company and Judge Horace Holley of Snyder, father of the local secretary. The visiting secretaries introduced members of the delegations from their cities.

Major Project

The major project of 1929 as outlined in the report of Secretary Holley, was a campaign for a powdered milk plant in Stanton, in which the people of Martin county raised \$100,000. This was viewed as an outstanding success and of tremendous value to the community even though later developments did not result in establishment of the plant. The feat of raising a sum in a city of this size, was considered an outstanding illustration of the development of community teamwork calculated to inspire self-confidence among the people.

Several carloads of fine dairy cows have been shipped here and the cream market here is unusually good. A car of certified cotton planting seed also was shipped in. Many farmers still are holding insect poison which they did not need to use last season.

An agricultural exhibit representing the county was assembled and was premiums totaling \$180 at fairs in Lubbock, Dallas and Houston.

Efforts to have the telephone system improved met with success and in March Stanton's first telephone directory will be issued.

Just now considerable efforts are being made toward development of roads leading southeast and southwest and three concerns have been interested in a hotel project for Stanton.

Credit for whatever success has come to the Chamber of Commerce was accorded by the secretary to the directors and individual members, especially the committee chairman.

Total receipts, including \$849.83 on hand January 1, 1929 were \$3,055.13 and on January 1, 1930 the balance on hand was \$24.36.

Midland-Big Spring

Mr. Vickers, representing Midland, declared he would repeat a statement often made to Stanton people, but in which he was done the less sincere: "next to Midland county we had rather see Martin county grow and develop than any other county in the world, not so much because we love you so, but because we know that if you prosper some of it is going to ooze across to us."

Speaking for Big Spring, which had the largest visiting delegation, Mr. Watson used as an illustration a story of three merchants, whose stores adjoined. One erected a sign reading, "big sale on everything goes at less than half-price." The second erected this sign: "we never close, open all night." The third, after studying the situation, erected in large letters these words, "main entrance."

"We're glad to see Martin and Midland get their shares but we have the comfort of knowing that most of the people who come to you must pass through Big Spring and we'll get ours," said the Big Spring man. A score of farmers in attendance, were introduced.

T. W. Long, an official of the Southwest Dairy Products Company, complimented Stanton and Martin county on development of the dairy industry, declaring that his company was paying approximately \$200 per day in Stanton for milk, and about the same sum

each day at Big Spring.

After listening to some of these fellows compliment your secretary I didn't know whether he was my boy, Claude, or not," said Judge Holley of Snyder, widely-known enthusiast for lateral roads.

Judge Holley

"I understand now how Stanton and Martin county have progressed so soundly. You are helping each other. Let me remind you never to forget, in your scheme of development, your rural communities. Give them good roads, lateral roads; they are most important. And, if Clyde doesn't do to suit you get rid of him. He was taught on the farm to earn what he received and he ought to do it," he added, good-naturedly.

Mayor Thomason, who is a candidate for congress from this district, reviewed the tremendous development of West Texas.

His address was opened by allusion to words of Mrs. Priddy, who have favored the assembly with readings. She had told of being a student in Howard Payne College, Brownwood, a Baptist institution, when Mr. Thomason and Pat M. Neff were opponents for the democratic gubernatorial nomination and of how she threw consternation into ranks of teachers and fellow students, who had inaugurated a Neff-For-Governor club in honor of a distinguished member of the Baptist church, when she declared in open meeting that she favored Thomason, although she was a Baptist. "And I am still for him," she had added.

"I am convinced that Mrs. Priddy was the only Baptist in captivity who did not vote for Pat Neff," said the El Pasoan. "I never knew there were so many Baptists in the world until I ran against him. I never mention that little fracas of ten years ago unless someone else opens the subject. But I was defeated by a fine gentleman, we quit friends, still are friends and expect to remain so until the end of our days."

No Favorites

"I play no favorites, therefore I'm going to tell you what I've told the folks in Sweetwater, Colorado, Iatan, Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Van Horn and the other towns along here. And that is that this is the best town in West Texas," he said amid laughter.

Calling attention to the growing importance of West Texas agriculturally and industrially Mr. Thomason declared that the region in 1929 did construction totaling \$100,000,000; produced 50,000,000 bushels of wheat, 215,000,000 barrels of oil worth \$27,000,000, refined 20,000,000 barrels of gasoline; sold livestock for a total of \$100,000,000 and produced three-fifths of the national wool supply.

Though much can be done thru cooperation of the entire region an item which calls for utmost common sense and practical methods is legislation, he continued.

"West Texas is bearing more than its just share of the state tax bill," he declared. "I am not a radical who would revamp all the tax laws but we should see to it that the legislature equalizes the tax burden."

Another matter requiring attention of West Texas, he declared, was taxation of University of Texas lands and distribution of income from those lands for benefit of counties as well as other state institutions.

University Lands

"The University (and I am not, as a graduate of that institution, traitorous to it when I say this) has received approximately ten millions of dollars because of oil production discovered on its lands. And you and I know many West Texas counties which, because the University owns most of their lands and these lands are tax-exempt, have had to struggle bravely even to support a county government, not to speak of maintaining adequate school facilities. Too, such institutions as the School of Mines in my own city, the West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon and Sul Ross State Teachers College in Alpine are having their usefulness curtailed by inability to obtain appropriations.

Alluding to pink bollworm regulations Mr. Thomason declared he strongly favored quarantine along the Mexican border for protection of Texas cotton growers and did not oppose regulations on West Texas counties provided actual infestation existed.

"But, if they are going to quarantine us to protect other counties they ought to pay us all losses," he said amid cheers.

Prof. Stone, in an appropriate ad-

dress, pointed out that community success rested not so much in weight of possessions, as in height of goals set for itself. He declared his purpose was to make the school system all that it should be for beautification of the lives and increasing the usefulness of the people.

New Officers

Toastmaster Lamar introduced the new president, Robert Hamilton, county attorney of Martin county, member of a well-known local family but himself a resident of the county but seven months. He is perhaps one of the youngest chamber of commerce presidents in Texas, an unusually polished and likeable gentleman.

Mr. Hamilton introduced members of the 1930 board of directors as follows: Dr. J. E. Moffett, vice president; A. M. Turner, banker, treasurer; E. P. Whitson, ice plant manager; John B. Lewis, banker; J. S. Woody, barber and sportsman; Charles Ebbersol, real estate; Sam Stamps, dairyman; Eddie Wilkinson, grocer; M. E. Parker, farmer; George F. Spears, Jr., editor of The Stanton Reporter.

Rev. W. B. McReynolds closed the program in high good humor with a steady fire of stories, and warned new officials of the chamber of commerce that they had much to do and would be expected by the people to interest themselves in a multiplicity of things.

Guests

Those who signed the guest register follow: John F. Epley, W. A. Kaderli, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Woody, Sidney E. Cross, Fred Stewart, T. P. Kelly, W. W. Deavenport, J. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stewart, W. S. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitson, R. M. Deavenport, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lewis, P. M. Bristol, V. Y. Sadler, T. W. Long of Midland, W. F. Stewart of Big Spring, J. P. Carter of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simpson, R. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Ammons, T. W. Ashley of Big Spring; L. E. Burnett, Mrs. John F. Priddy, Elvis Clements, Jr., Elvis Clements, M. F. King, E. A. Baugh, Milt Yater, Curtis G. Condra of Big Spring, Miss Estelle Hutto of Big Spring, Dr. Ora Eates Johnson of Big Spring, Ed. W. Wilkinson, G. Gib Groves, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Sone, J. D. Maups, J. J. Cook.

J. P. Boyd, Ray Chambliss, Joe D. Chambliss of Midland, R. L. Cook of Big Spring, Ray Wilcox of Big Spring, M. L. Tinsley of Big Spring, J. F. Wolcott of Big Spring, H. H. Evans, B. F. Robbins of Big Spring, L. C. Brothers, Guy S. Burlingame, B. F. Smith, N. H. Hause, M. E. Parker, A. M. Turner, J. L. Hall, S. E. Jones, J. T. Matthews, Erick P. Eldson, J. A. Lee, W. E. Whitson, Paul K. Jones, Dr. J. E. Moffett, S. C. Houston, W. C. McClure, M. A. Walker, H. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stamps, Kenneth E. Ambrose of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Taggart of Midland, W. Edward Lee, Ima Kelly, P. H. Kelly, E. P. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ebbersol, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holley, Paul T. Vickers of Midland, Dr. E. O. Elington of Big Spring, C. T. Watson

Sex Of Complainant Is Omitted, Defense Seeks Dismissal Of Charge Local Man Violated Labor Law

After the jury had been empaneled to hear the first case in the regular January term of county court, which convened Tuesday morning, a temporary recess was called to consider motion of defense counsel alleging that information in the case was fatally defective.

No sooner had James Little, county attorney, read the complaint to the jury, than Clyde E. Thomas, defense counsel, prepared and filed his motion. The motion which caused the temporary recess alleged that state's attorney did not assert the complaining witness, Minnie Murray, is a woman.

The case involved is styled, State of Texas vs Lee Eddy, who is charged with working Minnie Murray more than 9 hours on or about Oct. 15, which, according to the complaint, is an offense against the peace and dignity of the state. In the motion filed defense counsel alleges that the complaint did not show Miss Murray to be a woman and that to employ men longer than nine hours each day is no violation of the statutes.

The court concurred with the defense counsel's contention, but was undecided whether to dismiss the case or instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

State Institutions Consider Limiting College Attendance

AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—Texas higher education now has reached the question of limiting college and university attendance, though it is "none too common." Pres. H. Y. Benedict of the University of Texas said in the January Outlook, publication of the State Teachers' association.

Higher entrance requirements and fewer university students is one of the three problems into which Pres. Benedict resolved the financing of college and university education in Texas. He stated the matter as a problem and not as a solution, and invited attention of the 20,000 Texas teachers to the whole question of the state's duty toward the graduates of the public schools.

Whether all the young people who seek it shall get free college and university education is bound up, according to Pres. Benedict's analysis, in three questions:

1. Increased and sure support by way of higher taxation.
2. Increased and sure support by increased student fees.
3. Decreased student bodies, by increased requirements.

Texas spends only two-thirds as much as the national average for education, both grade and higher education, Dr. Benedict pointed out. Since the wealth and income of Texas are only two-thirds the national average, Dr. Benedict said "we find Texas in proportion to its financial position is putting only a little less than the average into her schools."

Dr. Benedict made this comment concerning legislative appropriations: "Contrary to a lot of talk which blames the legislature for most of the evils that beset the common-

wealth, that God is, I believe, to be commended and not blamed. Many members deserve great praise, working diligently for the public welfare under difficult and crowded conditions. The legislature is far less to blame than a careless, uninformed public opinion."

After propounding his third question, whether youths shall be excluded from higher education by more difficult entrance and staying requirements, Dr. Benedict commented:

"More pros and cons. Fewer students in college can be opposed because higher education is none too common now, and a democratic equality of opportunity view; and supported because a lot of students are now in college without either the desire or the capacity to make use of their opportunities, and to justify the state in spending \$300 per year on a student, some earnestness and capacity ought to be demanded."

Meriwether Starts Drilling From 1680 Meriwether Oil Company resumed drilling on its No. 1 Smith, Howard county wildcat oil test, Monday noon at a total depth of 1,680 feet, after severe cold weather last week forced a temporary shut down.

Salt water was encountered in No. 1 Smith at 1,570 feet, but operators are attempting to drill below the red beds and be sure all water has been passed before running casing. No. 1 Smith is located 150 feet from the south line and 2,490 feet from the west line of section 45, block 33, township 2 south, T. & P. Ry. Co., survey, and is three miles north of production in Glascock Brothers' No. 1 Edwards, in northern Glascock county.

MILLIONS DEAD; MORE PERISHING

Authorities Abandon Efforts To Stop Savagry

CHANGHAI, Jan. 14. (AP) — Unrestricted cannibalism, highways congested with bodies of famine victims, 2,000,000 dead and 2,000,000 dying were reported in stories recounted here today of the starvation and exposure that have scourged the populace of Shensi, Kansu and Shansi provinces of China.

Crops failed last year, said Missionary George Andrews, and with nothing planted, the coming year probably will be one of the worst in China's history of plagues and famine.

Andrews said he saw sufferers on many occasions carve flesh from the dead and eat it. Brought before authorities, one starving man demanded:

"Why should I be punished for eating only what dogs are eating?"

Officials have abandoned efforts to prevent cannibalism.

90-Pound Shepherd Which 'Went Native,' Killed Near Hospital

LEGION, Tex., Jan. 16. (AP)—A ninety-pound Shepherd dog that "went native" three years ago and since had spread terror among livestock of this section, has been killed by a guard at the United States Veterans Bureau Hospital here. He was shot at long range as he returned to the hospital grounds several hours after he had killed and partially eaten a deer donated as a mascot to the hospital by the city of San Antonio.

The dog was brought to this section by a party of tourists who camped near the headwaters of Guadalupe river. He was unchain-

O'Donnell Man Establishes High Record In Sale Of Products

LAMESA, Jan. 16.—An unusual record in the sale of farm products during the year of 1929 was made by E. W. Hester, farmer near O'Donnell, Texas. Hester realized \$3,501.31 during the twelve months on poultry, hogs, and dairy products, which is above the money he made on his cotton and feed crops during the year. By keeping an itemized account of each month he was able to see which of the twelve months were most profitable for him.

April was the outstanding month, according to his account, for in that month he made \$891.90, of which amount \$37.50 was realized in show winnings. April was a close second in the butter market. He made \$119.25 from butter during that month.

July saw the largest earnings in butter, for during that month he sold \$134.55 worth of butter at 40 per pound.

On his itemized account may be seen profit from butter, cream, eggs, hogs, cattle, poultry, beans, mules and show winnings. During the year he realized a total of \$1,228.40 on butter and \$1,320.00 on livestock.

The money he made during each month is given below: January \$427.12; February, \$140.64; March, \$128.71; April, \$891.90; May, \$512.35; June, \$97.80; July, \$381.69; August, \$131.36; September, \$124.50; October, \$95.75; November, \$251.00; December, \$518.49. He states that by keeping this record he can better his monthly incomes during the next year by observing which products sell most in each month.

County agent W. W. Evans points out that progressive farmers in Dawson county can double their yearly income by using their spare moments to specialize in the smaller industries of farming, such as poultry dairy products and hogs. Proof of the agent's statement may be seen in Hester's unusual record.

Mitchell County Farmer Makes Money

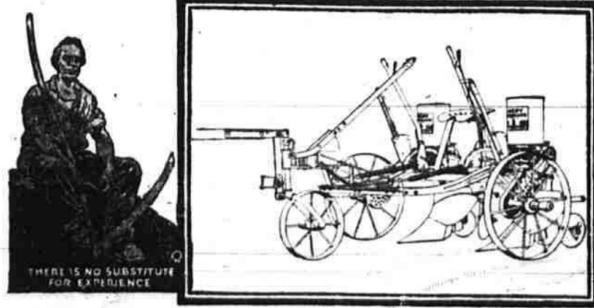
COLORADO, Tex., Jan. 15. (AP)—Farmers could make money enough to run their farm off of a few cows and hogs by selling the surplus products. D. P. Smith, of the Buford community says. He kept books on his sales of products during 1929 which show that he realized \$1,331.45 during the year. He had three milk cows and a few hogs from which he supplied his family, and sold the surplus butter and pork.

The Shimizu tunnel, in Japan, now under construction, will shorten the time between Tokyo and the northwest by three and one-half hours.

Lubbock Terraces 7,965 Acres in Month

LUBBOCK, Tex., Jan. 14. (AP)—During the last 30 days 7,965 acres of Lubbock county and were terraced, according to J. T. Peterson, assistant county agent. Forty-four farms have been terraced and 15 farm levels placed in the county; Ten men have been trained for the work.

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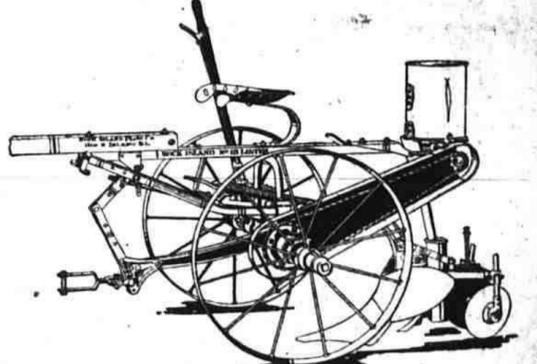
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Major Items In 1929 Building Program Here

Pictorial Evidence of Tremendous Expansion

Here is pictorial evidence of the healthful growth Big Spring experienced during 1929.

A few of the more important structures started during the year are shown on this page, and in other parts of this section of the paper.

Two of the largest oil refineries in West Texas were completed. Grading for the Texas & Pacific divisional terminal was started and numerous other projects included in the 1929 building program here.

The structures pictures on this page are:

Top row:
Left: The Hall Tire Company, 517 East Third street, built by the concern for its wholesale and retail tire and general automobile supply business.

Center: The Presbyterian church, nearing completion at Seventh and Runnels streets. This is one of the most magnificent houses of worship in Texas, especially being outstanding because of its pure Gothic architecture.

Right: The Homan buildings at Third and Scurry street. The Homan Service station, on the corner, is one of the largest and finest in West Texas. Next to it are store spaces housing new enterprises.

Second row:
Left: The Bivings and Barcus hospital, 811 Main street, finished early in 1929. It is modern in every respect and equipped in compliance with the latest medical and surgical practice.

Center: The Alta Vista apartments, 401 East Eighth street, which stands in the front rank among modern structures of the type in West Texas.

Right: The Church of Christ, Fourteenth and Main streets, an ideal specimen of the smaller, but well-planned and usefully designed church building.

Third row:
Left: The Texas & Pacific freight and office building, extending along the right-of-way for a full block from Main to Scurry streets. Including the 250-foot concrete platform this structure, it is estimated, cost \$45,000 to \$50,000. The freight and other departments are housed in the second floor.

Center: The Wilcox-Ellis building at West Third and Gregg streets, housing The Montgomery Ward & Company store. This structure is the last word for modern mercantile needs.

Right: Buildings on West First erected by Messrs. Wilcox and Ellis, which house the H & M Dollar Store and the United Dry Goods Stores, Inc., two late additions to the business district.

Fourth row:
Left: The East Fourth Street Baptist church's building, just opened. It is designed according to most widely approved plans for efficient church plants and marks the realization of a goal set by a rapidly growing congregation.

Center: The Big Spring Hospital, an outstanding institution of its kind. Nothing was spared in building and equipping it as a highly useful plant. The finest of equipment was installed in a scientifically designed building.

Right: The home of Mrs. Dora Roberts on Scurry street, remodeled at a cost of \$10,000. This is but one of numerous elegant homes built during the year.

Fifth row:
Left: The Douglass hotel, enlarged during the year by addition of two floors and beautification of the entire structure. With 150 rooms, numerous store spaces occupied by substantial concerns, and all the attributes of the modern hotel, this is one of the most valuable assets chalked up to Big Spring's credit during 1929.

Center: The New Ice Company's plant on West First street equipped in the most modern manner for manufacture and marketing of ice, and for refrigeration.

Right: The First Baptist church's new \$100,000 house of worship at Sixth and Main streets. So complete is this plant, and so beautifully and sensibly designed that churches throughout this section of West Texas have sent committees to inspect it before deciding on plans for buildings of their own.

Bottom row:
Left: The \$165,000 concrete and steel viaduct over the Texas & Pacific tracks at Gregg street, on state highway 9. The need for just such a structure was so great that

the city, county and railroad joined forces in building it. It opens a direct and safe traffic artery between the north and south sides of the city and facilitates tourist travel over the highway.

Center: The Petroleum building at West Second and Scurry streets. There are a few taller buildings in West Texas but none into which was put more of time and minute attention to every detail of construction. Housing thriving merchants in the ground floor the upper floors, containing ultra-modern office suites, are rapidly being leased. This is another structure built with home capital, that filled a very apparent need in the city.

Right: A view of operations on the 15-story Settles hotel project at East Third and Runnels streets. This \$450,000 project is one of the most outstanding in West Texas. Above the Settles hotel view is the B. Reagan building, a fireproof structure at West Fourth and Gregg streets, which houses the Ed. S. Hughes Motor company.

Inside this section of The Herald will be found pictures of the First National bank's enlarged building at Second and Main street; the architect's drawing of the modern department store building being erected in the 400 block on Main street by J & W Fisher, pioneer merchants, and the Charles Eberly Funeral Home on Scurry street, an outstanding structure of that class.

Poultry Questions Answered In Book

Will your eggs hatch? Will they produce strong vigorous chicks? These are questions of timely interest as the hatching season is just ahead.

"Select eggs that are uniform in size, shape and color with firm smooth clean shells," says the 1929 issue of the Purina poultry book, in reminding poultry producers to eliminate the question mark from the next hatch. "Do not keep longer than two weeks and turn them daily to avoid any possible adhesion of the yolk to the shell. Be sure and keep in mind that the fresher the eggs the better the hatch and more vim, vitality and vigor in the chicks, providing the breeding flock has been fed and cared for properly. To get better chicks out of your incubator put better eggs into it."

The information given in the booklet is the result of a recent study made in 2584 hatcheries in all parts of the country.



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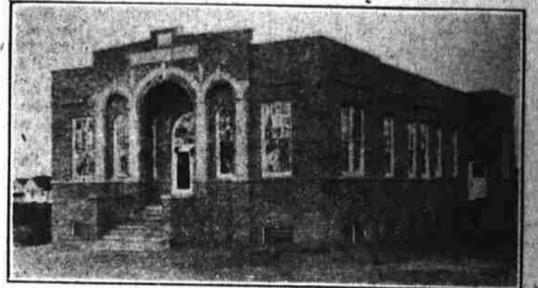
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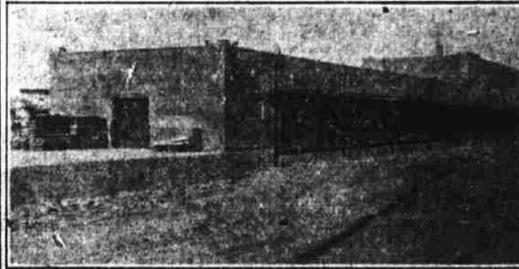
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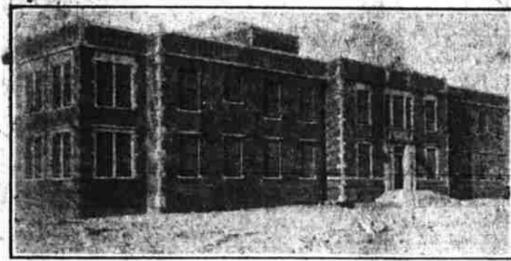
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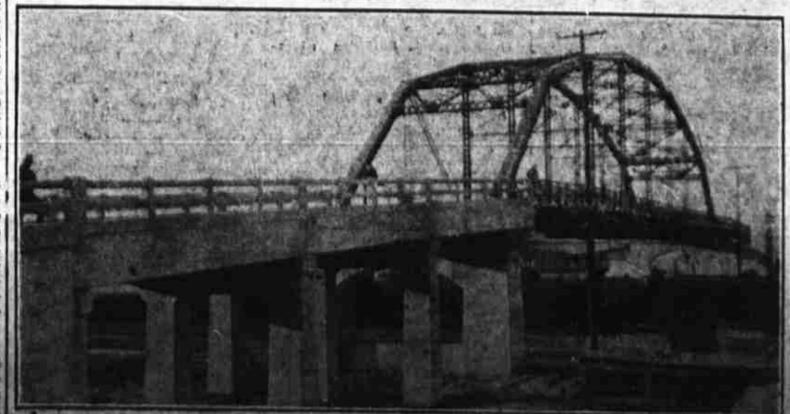
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—Photos by Douglas Perry.

TWO INJURED HERE IN FALLS ON ICE

FRACTURES SUFFERED IN ACCIDENTS

Motorists Stall On Level Ground As Ice Clings

The blanket of ice and snow that has covered Big Spring's business and residential thoroughfares for three days was directly responsible for two local accidents.

Mrs. Florence Robinson of 404 Goliad, is suffering from a serious hip fracture received Thursday evening when she slipped and fell on Nolan street, where she had gone to visit a friend. Until an X-ray photograph of the injury was taken Friday morning, attending physicians were not certain the hip had been fractured. Mrs. Robinson is in a local hospital.

Taylor Anderson, proprietor of the Anderson Music Company, was in a local hospital suffering fracture of ribs received when he slipped and fell on pavement at the corner of Third and Johnson streets.

Numerous disabled automobiles were brought to Big Spring garages Thursday evening and Friday morning, the victims of minor wrecks. No serious accidents in which automobile occupants received more than minor bruises or scratches were reported.

Several intersections in the Big Spring business district caused motorists considerable trouble Friday. Spots where traffic is heaviest where Wednesday night's snow had melted Thursday were turned into automobile skating rinks with Friday morning's severe freeze.

Those familiar with driving in northern countries where snow and resultant ice is common suggested that automobile operators will experience less difficulty starting on slippery pavement if cars are put in high gear and allowed to turn wheels over slowly. Garage men said the common tendency when wheels start slipping on ice covered pavement is to speed up the engine, which according to expert information, is the worst thing possible to do.

Schools Warned To Pay League Fee

A final warning to pay entrance fees immediately was issued to all schools of Howard county, both rural and independent district institutions, that expect to take part in Interscholastic League activities this year by J. H. Kannenberg of Deahem's schools who is director general of the league meet in Howard county.

Fees for rural schools with enrollment of less than 100 the preceding year will be \$1 while rural schools which had an enrollment of 100 or more last year will pay \$2 for entrance in the Interscholastic League.

Ward schools having enrollment of 100 or more the preceding year will pay \$2 and those with less than 100 last year will be asked to pay \$1.00.

Class B high schools which have fifty or more students enrolled in high school proper shall pay \$5 and those having less than 50 shall pay \$2. A class A high school shall pay \$8 and all Junior highs must pay \$5.

Funds for entrance may be addressed to the Interscholastic League Bureau at Austin, Mr. Kannenberg announced.

Munday Fire Does \$100,000 Damage

MUNDAY, Tex., Jan. 16 (AP)—Fire which broke out at 3 a. m. today in the E. E. Akers Dry Goods store caused losses totaling \$100,000.

The Akers store and the Guinn Hardware Company were destroyed, the loss amounting to \$40,000 on each. The Home Bakery and Mrs. Effie Alexander's Millinery store were damaged by water.

The burned structures were the property of Fred Broach and will be rebuilt. They were valued at \$20,000.

Munday and Gore firemen, who rushed here in answer to a call for help, fought the flames for three hours with the temperature near zero.

Mrs. Frank Hamblin is a patient in a local hospital.

Charles Barber, employe of the Great West Bakery, underwent a major operation in a local hospital early Monday morning.

BIG SPRING BOY SCOUT TROOP ONE HOLDS RECORD SECOND TO NONE IN UNITED STATES

BY CURT BISHOP

In the cold of a February evening a Chicago newspaperman became lost in the mist of a London fog. Suddenly a youth in a khaki uniform appeared by his side and offered to guide him wherever he wanted to go. When he reached his destination the American was surprised to find the youth would accept no reward, and upon discovering that he was a member of the order of scouts founded in England by the famous Baden-Powell, decided he would introduce the organization into his own land. And thus came into being the noblest society for boys the world has ever known—the Boy Scouts of America.

The foundation of a chapter in Big Spring was almost instantaneous after the report of the Chicagoan concerning its worth. In fact, it is the oldest in continuous service in Texas and certainly one of the oldest in America, for its organization date of September, 1911, the same year of its introduction into the United States, leaves little for completion.

Thirty boys were in this first troop, founded at the earnest wishes of Mrs. B. Reagan, and with C. S. Holmes as the first scoutmaster. Among those who answered the first bugle call were Horace Reagan, Harry Stokes, Rueben Stokes, Olden Hull, Carroll Barnett, Kenneth Barnett, Harry Whelton, John Quinn, Ralph Rix, Virgil Masters, Aaron Johnson, Vernon Crawford, Walton Morrison and Merle Lee.

Mr. Holmes remained scoutmaster until 1921, earning the highest badge a scoutmaster can win, when J. M. Manuel succeeded him. In 1927 F. C. Hopkins, the present scoutmaster, became supervisor of their activities and they came under the sponsorship of the Rotary club.

Thirty-two boys now compose the four patrols of the local organization. Walton Morrison and Mr. Holmes serve as honorary assistant scoutmasters. Jarrel Pickle, Clyde Thomas, Walter Smith, and Robert Robinson are the four patrol leaders. There are five first class scouts: Clyde Thomas, Walter Smith, Dwayne Ory, Tillman Crence, John Tildard, Howard Swarzenbach, R. D. Cross, Steve Ford and Wagner Thomas; seven second class scouts: George Thomas, Aubrey Davis, O. C. Hart, Thornton Hart, James Ripps, James Cross, and Paul Warren; and eighteen tenderfeet. Walter Morrison has earned a ten year badge for service while Allan Stripling and Harmon Morrison merit five year badges.

Honorary members are Theo Ferguson, Howard Smith, Joe Pickle, Harmon Morrison, James Smith, and Walton Morrison.

Under the regime of Mr. Hopkins the local organization of Scouts has advanced rapidly. This year athletics were introduced in the routine, and twenty-two of the members responded to the call for the first Boy Scout gridiron eleven. Games were played with Colorado and with Stanton, resulting in a tie and a victory for the locals.

Camping trips are taken by Scouts, at which merit badges are awarded for life-saving, friendship, signaling, athletics, journalism, speaking, and other forms of Scout activities. This summer a swimming meet was held at Christoval between the scouts of various towns who were encamping there, and the Big Spring chapter more than held its own.

The motive of the Scouts is a lofty one. The people of Big Spring are enured to the sight of the boys in khaki moving in and out of the traffic congestion upon special events, quietly and thoroughly easing cars through the crowded streets, informing strangers routes to places they want to go, and protecting women and children from the rush. Mr. Holmes points with pride to the fact that those who were in his first troop long ago have in some way attained a mark in this world.

"I have found," he said, "in my ten years as scoutmaster that the ones who make the best citizens are those who make the best citizens. But perhaps I shouldn't have said made a scout, for the organization makes them."

In spite of their military uniform the scouts are an organization of peace and of friendship. Mr. Baden-Powell's motive in organizing the scouts of England was to "improve the citizens of the British Empire." The Chicagoan who brought his ideas to America followed in every detail the work of the British general who had just returned from conquering a native tribe in Africa. Their handbook is filled with expressions of good will, their creed "do a good turn every day." They are America's greatest people, and Big Spring can be proud of her local unit that ranks so high among the millions of ambitious, talented youngsters who compose the boy scouts of America.

Howard County Ranks Thirteenth Among All Texas Counties In New Oil Exploration Papers Recorded

Although Young, Wichita, Shackelford, Archer and Guadalupe counties set the pace in December drilling notices filed with the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission, Howard county with twelve and Glasscock county with five notices of intention to drill, were above the average level.

The shallow production, common to Callahan county's fields, also proved attractive as 33 drilling permits were issued for the county. Guadalupe county, where the Darst Creek area has stimulated activity, came in for a good share of new development permits.

The monthly report issued by the oil and gas division of the railroad commission credits Texas counties with the following notices of intention to drill:

Archer county 48, Austin 13, Anderson 3, Brown 32, Bexar 1, Bastrop 1, Brazoria 2, Baylor 6, Brooks 1, Bee 1, Callahan 33, Coleman 18, Chambers 8, Cooke 8, Clay 10, Caldwell 5, Carson 4, Crane 6, Comanche 2, Cherokee 1, Crockett 1, Culberson

	To Drill	Production	Dry	Plugged	Gas
January	877	457	261	290	28
February	578	394	170	200	21
March	741	439	310	300	28
April	870	433	327	363	46
May	851	439	304	328	52
June	839	389	270	252	49
July	896	471	282	302	39
August	849	415	264	292	55
September	726	402	297	302	66
October	857	427	274	302	73
November	807	431	300	306	65
December	679	384	274	315	52
Total	9658	5101	3333	3554	574

Moody Finding Convicts Cost More Than State University Students Considers Working Them

AUSTIN, Jan. 16 (AP)—Gov. Dan Moody, finding the state is spending more money on 8,000 convicts, negro, Mexican and white, than it is in educating 10,000 students in the University of Texas, has announced that he will apply the drastic lash of action to put hundreds of idle prisoners to work, unless the legislature stops me.

He will support the prison locating report, which would permit the use of convict labor in building a new industrial penitentiary near Austin and create work for future convicts; but if the legislature fails to do anything about it, he will order convicts out on roads to build 75 or 100 miles of highway this year, without further legislative action, he said.

Gov. Moody, returning from a surprise inspection of the prison system said, "it is a disgrace to Texas," and announced the actual losses of the system last year were \$1,250,000 above the total production of the entire system. The losses were caused principally by floods on penal farms. The loss represented 25 per cent of the worth of the whole system, inventoried at less than \$5,000,000.

Governor Moody compared this loss with the \$1,800,000 a year used in operating the University of Texas, finding it was 70 per cent of the university education bill. The additional money spent that is earned in the system made the prisoners more costly than the state's university education bill.

Gov. Moody found 1115 men housed in the Huntsville walls that can properly care for only 500, he said. Over 600 were idle. A bright spot in the disgraceful picture, he said, was the clean, adequate food being given the convicts who are lying up idle.

He figured out the state lost, in addition to the income of the system last year, \$1 per day for every convict in the system, "which must be provided out of taxpayers' pockets."

Gov. Moody said he will offer no separate prison location plan apart from the majority locating report that favors an industrial prison in 50 miles of Austin. He will help get that on the statute books, he said. This would use all idle prisoners on labor, in manufacturing commodities for state use only.

But he will, if the legislature fails to locate a new prison, immediately call on the highway department to tell him where it wants to build 70 or 100 miles of highway. He will send the convicts to do the grading and ditch-digging work, under engineering supervision of the highway department, he said. And he will go ahead with the program without further legislative authorization until and unless the legislature steps in and stops him, he declared.

Claiming that prize money won in the C. C. Pyle transcontinental road race which passed through Big Spring during the summer is still unpaid, Samuel D. Richman, who finished fourth in the race and Herbert Hedeman, who finished eighth, were in Big Spring Saturday seeking affidavits of organizations paying Pyle during the race.

Hedeman, the oldest man in the race, did not say much while here, but his reserved disposition was more than offset by Richman's avowed determination to extract the cash from "Cash and Carry" Pyle; promoter of the race, who, the travelers allege, is now in Los Angeles riding in a "fine automobile, but who claims he is unable to pay prize winners of his badly-hooded transcontinental race.

The pair of runners are armed with 75 or more affidavits from various chambers of commerce and other organizations in cities between Los Angeles and Big Spring stating the exact amount of money paid to Pyle by his representatives to secure designation of their cities

Big Spring's Future



Alice Elizabeth Knowles

Alice Elizabeth Knowles is another one of those happy healthy babies and that's the reason she won first prize in the young ladies' department of the Pure Food Show held by ladies of the Presbyterian church sometime back.

The little girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Knowles and at six months of age weighed nearly 17 pounds.

Small Showing In Scurry Co. Well Reported

Wildcat drilling wells in Scurry and Borden counties came in for their share of interest during the past week with E. L. Smith's No. 1 Wright copping most of the attention by virtue of a small oil showing at 2,215 feet. The well is located 1,330 feet from the south and east lines of section 379, block 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey in Scurry county. The slight showing did not warrant a test and drilling continued to 2,220 feet as the week closed.

Other wildcats in Scurry county that offered interesting drilling information included the following: Camp Springs Oil Company's No. 3 Quinn, 1,300 feet from the south line and 300 feet from the east line of section 12, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey in which six inch casing was landed at 3,575 feet and was preparing to drill ahead.

Cottingham and Erico's No. 1 Truss, 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 427, block 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, is drilling by a string of loss tools at 3,890 feet. The bad fishing job that has temporarily delayed drilling will probably be successfully cleared up after tools are side-tracked.

Dickerman and Pender's No. 1 Davis, 1,000 feet from the south line and 1,770 feet from the east line of section 276, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey is still shut down at a total depth of 4,330 feet.

In Borden county where extensive wildcatting was done in 1929 and where more exploration is apparent for 1930, Moncrief et al's No. 1 Munger, 1,918 feet from the north and east lines of section 13, block 1, township 4 north, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, has finally run a string of casing around the top lost in the hole and is now drilling ahead at 2,465 feet.

Students in the University of Alabama are studying footprints left an estimated 40,000,000 years ago on a slab of rock found in the state. The animal is thought a forerunner of the dinosaur.

hope to account for \$85,000 or \$100,000 paid Pyle before reaching the eastern terminus of the transcontinental race course. That sum is in addition to the entry fee of \$300 paid by each runner. It was pointed out.

"I hope to gather sufficient data to force Pyle to pay every cent due runners in the race, land him behind prison bars, or release such a flood of adverse publicity that he will never venture to promote a single thing in the United States again," said Richman.

Both runners have walked every step of the way from Los Angeles to this city, they said Saturday evening and expect to continue by the same method of transportation to New York. Letters of personal greetings from mayors of cities along the route to Jimmy Walker of New York are being carried without charge.

Both men had the appearance of starving Armenians when they landed in Big Spring suffering from severe weather and from the lack of sleep and proper food. They are selling post cards along the route to defray expenses as far as possible. Neither had enjoyed a shave for several weeks, judging from their appearance.

Pyle's show drew less than \$50 in Big Spring and the chamber of commerce did not guarantee money to secure designation as a control point.

Wingo Reports Ministerial Work With First Christian Church

The report of Rev. Claude Wingo, who concluded his services as pastor of the First Christian church here on December 29 of last year is given below in full. Reverend Wingo came to Big Spring as pastor of the First Christian church March 1, 1927, and has been engaged in the civic and social welfare of the city as well as the religious.

The activities of the church since he became pastor of the local church are given by the pastor as follows:

It would be impossible to tabulate all the activities of the church during this period of time, or to try to tell the far reaching influence that have gone out from the church, but it is our purpose to set forth some of the things that have been accomplished that have been in the line of progress:

The Church Plant \$3,000 has been paid on church debt—leaving only \$2,000. \$600 for pewes wiping out this debt. 130 gallons of roof preparation has been put on roof in two years.

Awnings have been painted once. Windows have all been screened, auditorium windows fitted with shades, carpets have been put on pulpit and in aisles, floors have been oiled, study partition put in, linoleum put on study floor, book case, desk, tables and chairs purchased.

One mimeograph purchased. One electric church sign erected. One telephone paid for and furnished to the church by the pastor.

100 "Wonder Hymns of Praise" purchased. 200 faith inspiring song books purchased.

75 Gloria in Eleccelsis given by business men. 500 copies of church year book put out 1927.

\$118 has been put into movable partitions for the basement. One class room has been partitioned off and furnished. One piano has been purchased for basement. Tables and chairs, dishes and silver has been bought. Pantries, cabinets, and closets have been built. Secondary doors installed, gas heat installed, entire basement ceiling overhead, refrigerator and gas range put in the kitchen. Kitchen painted.

Side walks have been laid to connect with new pavement, and trees have been set, and flower garden grown three years. Parsonage purchased March 1927 next to church for \$3,000, of this amount \$1200 has been paid. Scurry street has been paved in front of church property. Old barn torn away and present garage built.

Old fence torn away and present fence built. Roof patched, flat roof painted, screens put on all windows, duck put on back screen porch.

Sidewalks laid to connect with new pavement. Gas put into building hot water heater, linoleum put on front room floor, shades on all windows, carpet on north bed room floor, one door put in, one linen closet built in bath room, kitchen and north bed room repaired and decorated, bath room painted.

Many outside things has attention of the church. Boy Scout troop No. 2 organized, and some 75 or 80 boys given some attention. Lions club served each week in basement of church.

Directors of chamber of commerce meet twice each month in church at a luncheon. The airport had its inception in the study of FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Methodist conference was held 1927. Randolph college banquet for this district. Randolph college orchestra, Randolph college glee club, District convention of Christian Endeavor, District convention of Christian churches in District No. 2.

We have entertained Missionaries from: Africa, Dr. J. Dye, and Dr. Holder, Philippines, Miss Eberly; one lady from Africa, and Miss Lucile Reagan, Baptist from Africa.

Have given to Christian education, benevolence, church rescue and general missionary work. Name of church has been placed at head of advancing churches in giving for the last three years.

We have entertained many of our state workers, J. E. Holmes, M. A. Buhler, S. R. McClure, E. H. Hagenman, A. B. McReynolds, etc. Educational workers, Charles Ross, Ethel Johnson, Guy Curtis. Have conducted teacher training classes, held teachers institute, had two daily vacation bible schools.

Have published and distributed entire church roll in year book 1927 in financial report 1928 and at close of survey in 1929. Bible school has been departmentalized and fully graded, have at present a capable superintendent and assistants, and well qualified and well trained teachers in 19 districts.

Right To Fix Tuition Rate Accorded City

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 16 (AP)—Right of a city to fix its own tuition for non-resident high school students was upheld by the fifth court of civil appeals today in an opinion holding the state law could not restrict a high school district to a fee of \$7.50 per month for such students.

The opinion was in a suit styled Thomas B. Love as next friend for Neeta Camp, a minor, against the city of Dallas, in which Senator Love sought a test of the constitutionality of his bill fixing the rate at \$7.50 per month. Today's decision reversed a ruling by district court in which constitutionality of the Love bill was upheld.

The opinion said that since it cost the city of Dallas more than \$13 per month for each student, the fee set by the legislature could not be entirely justifiable, and that it is unconstitutional for one community to be forced to bear the educational expenses of another.

"We do not think," the court said, "that a district, in any event, could be compelled to furnish instructional service to non-resident students at less than actual cost, or in disregard of the adequacy of facilities to accommodate local students."

The court suggested that the objectionable part of the statute might be served from the rest of the educational law, so that the parts pertaining to classifying of schools and providing for education of students who cannot receive instruction in their home districts, might still stand.

Senator Love may ask for a rehearing, or resort to the supreme court.

No matter how the bird in hand is captured, he is still worth more than two in the bush, believe Deputy Sheriffs A. J. Merrick and D. D. Dunn, who joined the "non-capturer capture club" Monday morning.

As the two Howard county deputies talked over plans for the day's law enforcement work, a real appearing man entered the office and asked if there was an empty cell in the jail. At first officers thought they were being "taken for a ride," but when the visitor said he wanted to be locked up and that he was tired of evading justice, the deputies took more interest in the conversation.

The voluntary prisoner told officers that his name is Bab Hext and that he is wanted in Spur, Dickens county, for forgery. He said a message to J. L. Barber, Dickens county sheriff, would bring confirmation of his statements. Officers accommodated the self-appointed prisoner and then wired for instructions from Sheriff Barber.

Reply to the wire received early Monday afternoon brought the information that Hext was telling the truth and that he is wanted in Dickens county. Sheriff Barber was enroute to Big Spring to return the man when his message to hold the prisoner was received.

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Of the 322 names published in the year book 1927, 61 came into the church between March 1, 1927 and date of publishing in the fall. Of the present 300 names on the active church roll 140 have come into the church since March 1, 1927. Two hundred twenty three persons have come forward for membership to church since 3-1-27; 89 of these by confession and baptism.

Of this number we find: 20 letters have been granted. 61 have moved away without giving address or asking for letter. 2 have passed to their eternal reward. 140 persons are still on active roll and live in Big Spring.

Thus we have in a brief way summarized the work of the church since March 1, 1929. As pastor, I have enjoyed the work. It has at times been very discouraging. Many mistakes have been made I am sure. We are hoping that the mistakes made shall not hinder the work but that with renewed energy each and everyone shall put his shoulder to the wheel, and that even greater things may be accomplished for the Master.

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WTCC IS ON SOUND PLAN OF FINANCE

Report Made Saturday Shows Organization Making Strides

PORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 11. (AP)—The financial conditions of the West Texas chamber of commerce and installation of an efficient system of records of the administration of its funds were shown in the report of C. E. Coombes of Stamford, treasurer of the organization, to the executive committee of the board of directors here Saturday.

The report, covering the period from November 9, 1929, to January 1, 1930, showed that funds on hand and amounts subscribed more than offset the deficit carried over from the preceding administration, leaving a cash balance in the deficit and operating funds of nearly \$4,500.

Collections for the deficit fund during the period covered by the report amounted to \$17,522, which added to the balance to bring the total cash receipts for that fund to \$19,142. This sum, added to \$5,835 received or carried over in the operating fund, swelled the total receipts of the organization to \$24,977.

Nearly On Level
Expenditure of \$16,563 from the deficit fund for payment of old accounts was listed, and total cash disbursements for operating purposes was shown to be \$4,076. With a cash balance left in the treasury, there remain only items aggregating about \$900 that must be paid to put the administration financially in the clear at the start of the present year.

The report, the first complete statement of financial condition ever made available to members of the organization, indicated adoption of a pay-as-you-go basis for future operation. A new accounting system has been installed by the manager, D. A. Bandeen, who said monthly financial reports are to be issued and published.

Funds Needed
Over-subscription of the deficit fund, according to C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, who with Coombes was named on a committee at the West Texas chamber of commerce convention at El Paso to take steps to eliminate the deficit that existed, may release some funds for transfer to the operating expenses of the organization. Although the fund to take care of the deficit was thought to be over-subscribed at the close of the convention, a check of accounts showed that outstanding accounts would make the raising of additional funds necessary, he said.

Since the convention closed, Caldwell and Coombes have been engaged in that work. A part of the results of their efforts were incorporated in the treasurer's report, and this statement was supplemented by a report of the committee field with the executive committee. The supplementary statement showed that the \$2,500 now on deposit in the deficit fund would be augmented by subscriptions of about \$4,500 yet to be collected. The total will be sufficient to remove the deficit and leave \$2,300 to be devoted to other uses. It is planned to return 18 individual subscriptions of \$100 each, according to promises at the time the contributions were received, unless the subscribers indicate that they wish the money to remain in the organization.

Lamesa Poultry Short Course Plans Being Completed

LAMESA, Jan. 10.—Program for the poultry short course to be held here during the week of January 20-24 was announced today by the program committee of the poultry club here. The first day will be taken up with discussion of the poultry industry as a whole. The second day will be featured by moving pictures and lectures on judging, mating and breeds of poultry. Breeding, feeding and housing will be taken up on the third day, followed by a poultry play at night. Incubation, brooding and eggs will be subjects discussed on the fourth day. A banquet for 200 guests of the short course has been arranged for the night of the fourth day, while control of diseases, insects and sanitation will conclude the course on the fifth day.

Considerable interest has been aroused locally over the course and it is expected to be of benefit to poultry raisers in Dawson county. This is the first short course to be held in this county and is being sponsored by farm men and women interested in poultry.

GOODYEAR BLIMP IS DESTROYED IN CRASH

AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 13 (AP)—A two-year-old blimp, Puritan, was almost completely wrecked today when it ran into a mountain ten miles east of Campion, Ky. Officials announced neither V. L. Smith, pilot, nor A. O. O'Neil, navigator, were injured.

HOWARD COUNTY OFFICERS DISCUSS FEE BILL

Agree That Fee System Is Perhaps Not Perfect, But Doubt Wisdom Of Attempted Betterment By Parrish Bill

By STANLEY NORMAN

While most county officers of West Texas are devoting their time and attention to pre-election announcements and preparing for the political campaign to come, those of Howard county are showing more concern over the Pink L. Parrish fee bill to be introduced at the special session of legislature than to reelection or retirement plans.

A newspaper man's time is not his own if he steps into the Howard county courthouse. He is stopped in virtually every office to express his personal, private and editorial views of the Parrish fee bill for Grady Kinsolving, publisher of the Corpus Christi Times and Caller, recently campaigned in West Texas.

All In Dark

The Howard county officers are just like the anxious citizens, they do not know all the provisions included in the much discussed Parrish fee bill. However, it is rather generally understood that the proposed legislation will eliminate the practice of commissioning special tax assessors, who deal largely with utility concerns and oil interests, both producing and royalty. Furthermore, it is believed here and rather generally believed throughout the state, according to news stories, that the salaries of county attorneys will be limited to \$12,500 in counties of 25,000 population or more which is to be collected by the fee system and for counties under 25,000 population the annual salary is not to exceed \$2,500, collected by the same method. In addition, the bill to be introduced by Senator Parrish will eliminate parts of the delinquent tax collection business from the county attorney's office.

In the legislature committee probe conducted last year, some county attorneys were accused of making exorbitant annual salaries largely through the delinquent tax collections they were able to make. In a county the size of Howard there is very little to be gained from delinquent tax collections as the annual revenue of the county attorney's office does not permit employment of deputies through which other counties accused in the investigation were able to carry out the detailed work.

Unanimous View

Howard county officials are unanimous in their opinion that the fee system is perhaps not the best method of paying county officers, but they are equally convinced that the Parrish fee bill, if it is understood correctly, is not a remedy to the situation. Howard county officers say cut out the fee system entirely, but provisions of the Parrish bill will not remove the general criticism of county officers. One Howard county officer argued against the Parrish bill on grounds that it is grossly unfair to smaller counties of Texas, and that the salary limitations were to be based entirely on population with no reference to work accomplished. "Supposing," he said, "Borden county should experience an oil boom between this year and the next census. Suppose the population should increase by leaps and bounds until there were possibly 30,000 or 40,000 people residing within its boundaries. Under the Parrish fee bill, if I understand it correctly, the county attorney would not be permitted to retain more than \$2,500 annually from his fees, no matter if the criminal work of his office equalled that of Taylor county where the attorney would be permitted to retain \$12,500 because of larger census population and not because he is more efficient or does a larger volume of work."

Judge Office O.K.

Even the most bitter opponent of the fee system can not find much to criticize in the county judge's office or fees. He is paid entirely on the number of cases he tries and not on the number of convictions made. It is simply a trial fee. Of course he has other duties for which fees are collectible, but they have no bearing upon criminal work. On the other hand, Texas county attorneys collect \$5 for each conviction in justice court and \$10 for each conviction in county court. In counties of less than 25,000 population, under the existing fee provisions, county attorneys are not required to maintain a record of their earnings. In counties of more than 25,000 population the county attorney is required to maintain a complete record for inspection on demand.

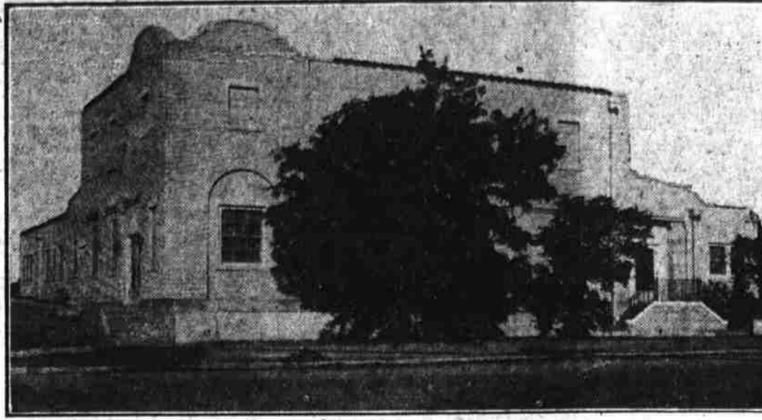
The following is a summary of maximum fees county officers are permitted to retain, according to Texas statutes.

Maximum fees for county judges in counties of less than 25,000 inhabitants is \$2,250 annually. In counties of more than 25,000 and less than 37,500 inhabitants, judges are limited to \$2,500 and in counties of more than 37,500 population or in which is located a city of 25,000 population, the maximum fees per year is \$3,500.

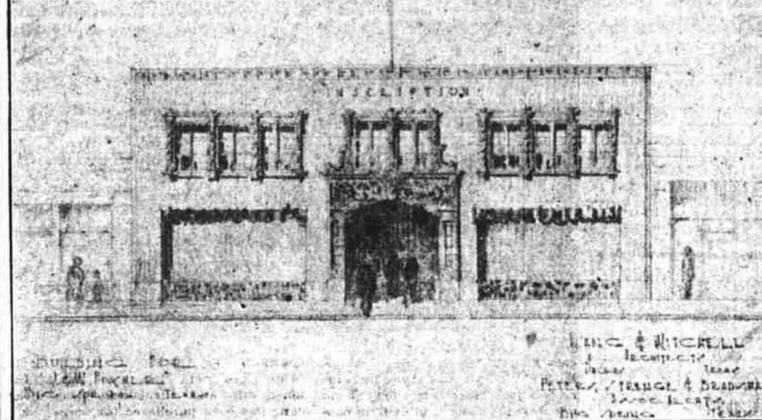
Clerks Limited

County clerks are limited to \$2,250 in fees per year in all counties of less than 25,000 inhabitants. In counties of more than 25,000 and less than 37,500 inhabitants the limit is \$2,400 and in counties of more than 37,500 population or containing a city of 25,000 inhabitants the maximum is \$2,750. The same figures including

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22,750 annually. The same limitations according to population are placed on district clerks. In Howard county the county clerk and district clerk offices are combined, but from the total maximum fees, all assistants and office help must be employed.

The sheriff in counties of 25,000 inhabitants or less is limited to maximum fees of \$2,750; in counties of more than 25,000 and less than 37,500 the maximum is \$3,000 and in all counties of more than 37,500 inhabitants or containing a city of 25,000 population, the fees are limited to \$3,500.

There are no limitations set on justice of peace or constable fees. In densely populated there are numerous justice precincts which reduce the maximum earning capacity to a point where they are not out of reason, it is understood.

Commissioners' Pay
Howard county commissioners are permitted a maximum salary of \$1,800 because the taxable value is between the figures of \$12,500,000 and \$20,750,000. There have been four recent articles passed in fixing commissioner salaries and the authority at hand makes this notation: "There are four articles of the statutes fixing compensation of county commissioners, each conflicting with the others. All are new laws, passed by the last (39th) legislature and it will take a dozen Smith county lawyers and ten years of litigation to determine which, if either, is the law."

The tax collector, an office combined with the sheriff's office in Howard county, is permitted to retain \$2,250 in fees from counties containing less than 25,000 inhabitants. In counties of more than 25,000 and less than 37,500 inhabitants, the maximum is \$2,400 and in counties of more than 37,500 population or containing a city of 25,000 inhabitants the maximum is \$2,750. The same figures including

population and the amount of fees retainable under the law hold true in the tax assessor's office.

The county treasurer's salary is fixed by the commissioner's court based upon a percentage of the money handled, but in no case exceeding those of counties having more than \$100,000,000 valuation, shall the annual salary exceed \$2,000.

Shorthand reporters in judicial districts receive a stipulated salary of \$2,100 annually.

50 ATTEND SATURDAY FUNCTION

Prof. Kannenburg Presides; Miss Barnes Speaker

Approximately 50 members and visitors of the newly organized Howard County Teachers' association braved the unpleasant weather Saturday afternoon to attend the association banquet held in the dining rooms of the Methodist church. This was the first such event to be engaged in by the association and comments heard following the banquet were highly favorable and indicative of a successful evening of fun.

Miss Barnes Speaks

Miss Verbena Barnes substituted for W. T. Strange, principal speaker, when Mr. Strange was unable to fill the speaking engagement. Miss Barnes kept her hearers attentive with a cleverly worded imaginary journey through all wonderful lands of the universe. After taking the banqueters onto her magic carpet she sped with them through the interesting points in the state, to colorful regions of the West, to England the land of Chaucer, Scotland where the bards found inspiration, to Ireland's green pastures, across the waters to Denmark, recalling the beautiful hearty lands of the Vikings, Norway and its midnight sun, Switzerland, the playground of Europe, Italy with its eternal city and its many centuries of history, France with its sun and merriment, India with its sacred cows, and Palestine, Bethlehem and Jerusalem with their religious history.

Miss Barnes also told humorous incidents of her years in the schoolroom, thus claiming a kinship with the members of the association.

With J. H. Kannenburg, superintendent of the Coahoma schools, as toastmaster, the program moved along smoothly, the occasion being marked by program numbers of purely entertainment nature. Music was given by Walter Deats Jr., on the saxophone, accompanied at the piano by his mother, Mrs. Walter Deats Sr., a reading by Miss Bama Hale of Coahoma; banjo and popular songs by Jack Fernald.

Kannenburg Heard

Mr. Kannenburg supplemented his talks with informal "community gossip" in which members of the association and visitors found themselves involved. Short talks were given by W. C. Blankenship, superintendent of the city schools, C. T. Watson, secretary of the local chamber of commerce and Miss Pauline Cantrell, superintendent of the county schools. Rev. W. G. Bailey gave the invocation.

Success of the banquet are chiefly due to the efforts of Miss Cantrell who personally supervised the planning of the menu and other arrangements. She was assisted by Mrs. M. R. Showalter, Mrs. Loucile B. Allgood and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson. Misses Claudine Miller and Stewart also assisted in serving guests.

Those who registered were: H. T. Hale of Coahoma; Charlie Ward of Bischo; Mrs. H. T. Hale of Coahoma; Miss Bama Hale of Coahoma; Miss Fannie Stephens of Big Spring; Miss Lizzie Hamilton of Richland; Mrs. Walter Deats Sr., Walter Deats Jr., of Big Spring; C. T. Watson of Big Spring; Jack Fernald, Frank Williams, M. R. Showalter of Rowlett, New Mexico; Edward H. Reed of Big Spring; J. H. Kannenburg of Coahoma; Miss Cantrell, Mrs. Allgood, Mrs. Showalter of Big Spring; Mrs. Kannenburg, Mrs. J. R. Hale of Elbow; Miss Esther Sisk of Center Point; Miss Louise Kirkland of Center Point; Mrs. L. R. Compton; Miss Elsie Loggans of Morris; Miss John Whitaker of Hiway; Miss Helen Hayden of Big Spring; W. C. Blankenship, Mrs. J. L. Webb, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Della K. Agnell, George Gentry, Mrs. George Gentry, all of Big Spring; Ben A. Camalander and Mrs. Camalander of Coahoma; J. B. Bolin of Foran; J. R. Hale of Elbow; Mrs. W. R. Yates of Fairview; Mrs. Winnie Faye Gressett of Fairview; Mrs. Helen Creath of Chalk; Miss Mary Goodwin of Center Point; Mrs. Sallie Brooks of Center Point; Miss Myrtle Whiteside of Coahom; Mrs. G. T. Hatton of Coahoma and Mrs. P. E. Martin.

Ollie Webb To Speak At Special Services

A special invitation has been issued railroad men of Big Spring to attend the special laymen services in the First Baptist Church Sunday, Feb. 2, at which Ollie E. Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas and Pacific railroad, will occupy the pulpit.

The Rev. Dow H. Heard, pastor of the First Baptist Church announced the special laymen service will probably be made an annual feature. He added that all citizens of Big Spring are invited to special services Feb. 2, but that special invitations are extended to railroad men and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. James Little announce the arrival of a son born Sunday morning in a local hospital.

History Of Protestant Mexican Church Located Here Chronicle Of Mrs. Morrison's Sacrifices

By CURT BISHOP

On Montezuma street, just north of the Gregg street viaduct, and only five or six blocks from the business district, stands a Mexican church notably not only because of the protestant beliefs of its members but for the unique history behind its foundation that marks it as one of the romantic buildings in Big Spring. For the chronicle of its erection is the story of the lifelong devotion of a slight, dainty lady to an almost hopeless cause, and the results as attained stand as a monument to her efforts.

In 1905 Mrs. B. Reagan and Mrs. S. H. Morrison of the Baptist church surveyed the religious and educational condition of the Mexican colony across the tracks from their own homes. At once they saw the necessity of stamping out the evil of ignorance. A Mexican was interested in the enterprise and agreed to loan them his hut. The two ladies gathered school books, blackboard, sewing implements, and song books, and taught the Mexican children to read and write in English, to sew, to cook in a sanitary fashion, and to sing the psalms that reflect the Christian religion.

In 1907 the first pastor was brought to Big Spring, a man who had had similar experience among the Mexicans in Baird. He found a few protestants among the Spanish who were interested in the formation of such a church. A Mexican girl taught an English school. Once a week Mrs. Morrison brought a Bible lesson to the school children. Visiting pastors were asked to preach to the Mexican congregation. Sunday school was held regularly.

Then in 1910 Mrs. Morrison suffered a breakdown. She had given all of her time for five years to the work that had resulted in formation of the church. There was no road across the tracks, only a cattle trail. She walked the mile or so every day in whatever weather the season might bring—rain, snows or blizzard.

There was no church building, they met in the homes of Mexicans. The bed would be cleared away and benches brought. Their first regular meeting house was a one-room shack with no windows. Small wonder then that after five years Mrs. Morrison broke down. No one seemed able to carry on the work as she had done, and the cause was almost forgotten.

In 1925 Rev. D. Ruiz of San Angelo, a Mexican pastor, reorganized the church with the help of Mrs. Morrison. The American people of Big Spring assisted him by locating and employing a pastor. The church grew until there were too many to meet longer in the one room shack of the Mexicans. In 1927 a regular pastor was secured, for the church was now strong enough to rank as a self-supporting religious body, and with the help of Protestant churches of Big Spring one has been constantly in service ever since.

More than a hundred members have been taken in since its organization. Sunday School is conducted weekly. A movement has been started to have the more educated Mexican citizens, instruct them in the customs of the American people. Indeed, Mrs. Morrison conducted a real estate office for the sole purpose of enabling the backward people in whom she was so interested to own their own lots and beautify their homes. She points with a trace of pride to the work she accomplished along this line.

"It is not yet a beautiful city by any means," she admits, "but much progress has been made in beautifying the town. Once where there were gulleys today stand neat frame buildings. The Mexican town of tomorrow will be almost as attractive as the side belonging to the Americans."

In the summer of 1929 a Vacation Bible school was conducted by Miss Adele Lane, one of the public school teachers who volunteered to give her services for four months. Several young women of Big Spring, together with Rev. S. B. Hughes, active pastor of the East Fourth Street Baptist church, assisted Miss Lane in the work. Numerous Big Spring women, among them, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Humble, Mrs. Hull, and Misses Helen and Evelyn Creath taught in the school.

The present pastor is Rev. Scott Cotton, who has spent all of his life among the Spanish people as a missionary. He is a graduate of Baylor University, having been at that institution at the same time Rev. D. H. Heard of the First Baptist Church here, with whom he is connected in his work of bringing the protestant belief to the Spanish people. Mr. Cotton spent five years in Cuba as a missionary, at last being forced to leave because of a deficit in the Home Board that supports foreign missions, and later being connected with the Mexican Protestant churches at Marfa, Alpine, Toyah, Pecos, Odessa and Dallas. Mr. Cotton who is assisted in his work by his wife, a missionary graduate, plans to open branches of the Big Spring church in Stanton and Midland. Mrs. Cotton at present is an instructor in the Mexican school at Stanton.

Though the story of Mrs. Morrison's devotion is like a fairy tale the most interesting part of the history concerning the erection of the church is in the building itself. Big Spring is the only city in Texas where there is maintained a church without assistance from the Home Board or some other organization.

The building cost \$2000. That sum was raised mainly by dollar contributions from all over the South, the largest individual gift being \$100. More than a thousand people aided in the cause, among the notable people and firms contributing were the Literary Digest, with its headquarters in New York, the company that publishes numerous Bibles, and the Big Spring Herald. Indeed it was only through the support of the Herald that such a widely-known campaign was possible, for the building of the church received comment from almost every newspaper in the United States.

The major part of the building was done by volunteer members of the Big-Spring labor associations. Only the finished touches, that required skilled workmanship, were erected by paid labor.

At present the church contains a hundred members with seating accommodations for perhaps fifty more. There is no distinct religious sect, though the Baptist lead in its maintenance. Every protestant meets and works with the members of other denominations.

The church is the work of Big Spring, for the dollar contributions received during the building represented the only outside help Big Spring has ever received. Thousands of Mexican Protestant Churches have been established all over the United States, but none are the products of volunteers from their own city. The movement itself was launched and regulated by Mrs. Morrison. The Baptist church claims, or can claim, the distinction of being its guardian, but almost every church in Big Spring contributes to its upkeep. The labor was done almost entirely by volunteers; in summer volunteers carry on the program of bringing American education to the Spanish people condemned to live in a strange country—whose people use an unknown tongue.

Mrs. Morrison, when asked what was the real name of the church, answered that it was an organization of Big Spring. But remembering the story of the slender lady who braved the weather of a Texas season to tramp across the rough cow trails, to continue her work despite the hostile front presented from some persons and despite a collapse in health that almost sent her to the grave, the woman who alone is responsible for that rush of contributions from all over the United States that made possible the building, the writer would suggest that it be termed, "Mrs. Morrison's church."

Work that requires 12 hours by car can be accomplished in 35 minutes by air. This feat was achieved by members of the Texas Electric Service Company when patrolling high lines during the recent snow and sleet siege.

Local Man Rides Range For Power Co. Via Airplane

R. E. Blount of this city riding in a Ford tri-motored airplane patrolled the company's high lines for a break and located it almost simultaneously with a force running the lines by car after 12 hours of effort. E. P. Keck, superintendent of the power department, and Hockaday of Dallas were in the city Wednesday to oversee the repair of a break in the 132,000 volt line.

Special permission for driving the plane for patrolling lines of the power company was gained by the pilot of the S. A. F. E. Way Lines from Tulsa, Okla.

During the last few days the heavy snow and sleet on wires of the electric company, has made danger of short circuits a constant menace with the company taking every effort to prevent the heavily laden wires from coming into contact with each other.

Woman Arrested On Ft. Worth Charge

Winnie Mae Weems, 20, was arrested Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff A. J. Merrick and D. D. Dunn on information from the Tarrant county sheriff's department of Fort Worth.

The young woman prisoner is facing a felony warrant in Fort Worth charging theft of clothing valued at more than \$50. When arrested the woman, who only recently came to Big Spring, was found in possession of two dresses, a hat, pajamas and a hat box, said to have been taken from a Fort Worth store. Officers of Fort Worth were expected in Big Spring late Friday to return the woman.

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COUNTY AGENT DETAILS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

PROJECTS IN HOWARD ARE PROSPEROUS

Taking into consideration all details of the work of 1929 in which he has interested himself as county farm demonstration agent, J. V. Bush, serving Howard county, has just completed the narrative report of his office for 1929. That report, which will be on file in the office, second floor of the county courthouse, is open for public inspection. It will also be sent to the extension service headquarters of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station.

Those cooperating The Chamber of Commerce, a council of eight farmers, the commissioners court and newspapers, three bankers have formed the council advisory and cooperating agencies for furthering extension work in Howard county. From the standpoint of cooperation the two newspapers, the Big Spring Daily Herald and the Big Spring Weekly News have measured up 100 per cent. These organizations have been counseled with, on all phases of extension work and they have given full support to the work from every standpoint.

The bigger problems of the community and the county as a whole have been sought out with the aid of leading farmers and other cooperating agencies. Attention secured and interest aroused through the local newspapers, bulletins, public meetings and by individual contact and a desire created to do something about them. Local community leaders have taken the lead in all undertakings affecting extension work. They have conducted demonstrations and aided materially in getting better methods and practices adopted by other farmers for the county. Practically no individual services have been given individual farmers for the sole profit of the individual exclusive of others.

Cotton Acreage Is 125,000 For Year

Howard county is situated on the edge of the southwest plains or foot hills of Texas. The county is 30 miles square, constituting 900 square miles, or 576,000 acres of 80 per cent tillable land which is very fertile and productive normal years. A total 166,000 acres of land is in cultivation, 125,000 of which is cultivated to cotton and 41,000 to grain sorghums and other crops, leaving 150,000 acres of good tillable land not in cultivation.

Big Spring is the county seat of Howard county and is situated in the center of the county and is the only town of any size in the county. Big Spring has a population of 12,332 people, 97 per cent of which are white and the entire county has a population of around 20,000. There are around 1000 farmers, sheep and cattle ranchmen in the county. The county generally is sparsely settled.

The county has two high schools, one located at Big Spring, the other at Coahoma. 22 grade schools located in various parts of the county. In some cases there are two small schools located close together and these school communities are consolidated for extension work and are termed one community, thus only 15 communities in the county as far as extension work is concerned.

The major and lateral roads over the entire county are good. The topography of the land is level to gentle rolling with rugged rocky and steeper slopes. The major portion of the soil is of the amarillo to sandy loam type, ranging from eight to twelve inches deep with eighteen to twenty four inches of chocolate-red subsoil, becoming gradually heavier with depth. Below that subsoil is a crumbly red sandy clay. A number of small draws carry off the excess surface water, though most of the rainfall is readily absorbed by surface soil and held by the sub-soil and crops thrive here on a surprisingly small amount of rainfall. The raw lands of the county are covered with scattered growth of small mesquite and car-leaved shrubbery, and a heavy growth of good grasses, which include needle grass, grama grass, and buffalo grass. A section of good grass land in Howard county will grow from 60 to

70 head of cattle, rougher parts adaptable to the production of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats and poultry. Howard county has an altitude of 2450 feet, and the average rainfall is 18.60 inches, 70 per cent of which falls from April 1st to Sept. 30. Her average growing season is 215 days with an average of 43 degrees. Some sections of the county is underlaid with a sheet of seemingly inexhaustible water whereas other sections are void of water suitable for domestic purposes.

The soils of Howard county are especially adaptable to the production of cotton, the grain sorghums, sudan, the vine crops and garden vegetables. Farms in Howard county range in size from 100 to 640 acres and ranches range from 10 to ten sections. The current value of land ranges from \$35 to \$65 for improved to around \$15 per acre for virgin land. The history of the county for the past 30 years shows the county to have a severe drought one year out of every ten to twelve.

Terracing One Of Main Projects

Eight hundred acres of land terraced and contoured and planted to cotton in an increased production of 50 bales of cotton this year resulted in a saving to the seven farmers who participated in the demonstrations of \$6,490 gross, after deducting the cost of labor at \$1.25 per hundred for harvesting the extra 50 bales and allowing \$5 a bale for marketing they realized a net saving over non terraced land of \$6,227.50.

The growing season this season was one of light precipitation, in fact only five inches of rain fell during the entire growing season, and only twice did enough rainfall to run off the non terraced fields. An interesting feature of these demonstrations was the fact that the increased production of the terraced land over the non terraced land was even greater where the rainfall was heaviest, thus giving conclusive evidence that terraced land in Howard county during years of heaviest rainfall will beat non terraced land considerable.

Outstanding among the demonstrators is Earl Phillips, who planted 50 acres of cotton on terraced and contoured land and outstripped his neighbors almost two to one, producing twelve bales of cotton on fifty acres as compared with seven on the best fields of his neighbors on the same amount and type of land similar cultural treatment. The slope on Mr. Phillips place was steeper than most of his neighbors. The Fairview Community in which Mr. Phillips resides received six inches of rainfall during the growing season. Phillips retained his moisture and was paid \$550.00 net profit for conserving his moisture.

Definite steps have been taken by Howard county farmers toward a more orderly system of marketing cotton. The Cooperative Gin Company with a representative membership of 200 farmers have banded themselves together and are restricting themselves to the growing of only one variety of cotton, that of Mebane.

Carload Of Certified Seed Received

A carload of 20,000 pounds of certified seed has been ordered, in addition to seed ordered individually, and each farmer will plant at least ten acres of the good seed during the next cropping season. The farmers' entire supply of planting seed for the 1931 crop will be saved from the improved seed planted in 1930 and kept pure by proper methods at the gins. The gins at this time will cease to gin all except the one variety. Other gin companies have pledged their support to the move to standardize cotton in Howard county and are planning to follow the plan as outlined above by the Cooperative Gin and Supply Company. Cooperative buying of the car of improved seed resulted in a saving of \$278 to the farmers of the organization. The cotton so ginned will be pooled and sold exclusive of other varieties. The seven farmers who carried on cotton demonstrations who conducted seven demonstrations with

milo on terraced land, 400 acres were involved in the completed demonstrations with an increase of 200,000 pounds or 100 tons, an average of 500 pounds per acre over non terraced land. Figured on a basis of present price of milo this would mean a saving of \$3,000 gross after deducting the extra cost of harvesting and marketing. The increase on 400 acres on terraced land netted \$1,500, an average of \$4.50 per acre over land not terraced.

Outstanding among these is Earl Phillips, who produced a ton of milo to the acre or 20 tons on 20 acres under terraced as compared with 1200 pounds per acre, 12 tons on 20 acres of land not terraced for his neighbors. Phillips outstripped his neighbors on land of identical soil and type, almost two to one for terracing and holding three fairly heavy rainfalls during the planting and growing season. The fast rains ran off his neighbors' non terraced fields. Two rains fell during the planting season and by holding moisture on his land by having his field terraced and contoured from the first rainfall Mr. Phillips was able to plant and to get crops up and growing when the second rain came whereas his neighbors who did not terrace was forced to wait for the second rain to get enough moisture in the soil on which to plant. Howard county farmers who saw these seven demonstrations are convinced that terracing in Howard county for moisture will increase crop production here more than any one thing that they can do.

38,000 Acres Planted To Grain Sorghums

Of the 168,000 acres of land in cultivation 38,000 acres was seeded to grain sorghums this year. Moisture conditions throughout the growing season was not favorable for heavy yields of grain sorghums and the average per acre yield for the county was small.

Eight pounds of pure milo seed from the U. S. Experiment farm at Big Spring was distributed to each of 16 4-H boys in various parts of the county, who planted five acres on the two row and skip one plan with the third and skipper row planted and cultivated to stock peas. These demonstrations plots were planted in nearly all the soil types of the cultivated land of the county at different periods of the planting season, with varied moisture conditions and cultural practices. Nine of the 16 boys kept complete and accurate records of their demonstrations. They produced an average of 1,490 pounds of milo per acre as compared with 955 for their neighbors in which the demonstrations were conducted, a majority of which was planted every row and received identical cultural treatment. Seventy-five per cent of the increase or 3,600 pounds per acre of the increase or 3,600 pounds per acre was attributed to the pure and better seed and the two row and skip one plan was given credit for 20 per cent of the total gain or 1,203 pounds. This gives the 9 boys at the present price of milo \$75 for planting pure milo on 45 acres and for using the two-row and skip one plan of cultivation. Seven other boys who did not keep accurate records of their work were estimated to produce an average of 1,200 pounds of milo per acre or 8,400 pounds on the entire 35 acres, an increase of 251 pounds per acre over ordinary seed planted every row.

The entire club membership of 16 boys completing their work produced 109,964 pounds on 80 acres whereas their neighbors and gads produced 76,400 pounds, thus giving the boys a total increase of 32,564 or 16 tons and figured on basis of the present price of milo \$480 for planting 80 acres, five acres each to pure milo on the two row and skip one plan. In addition to the increase in milo twelve of the boys got their peas to come up in spite of droughty weather at the time of planting and produced an average of one ton of pea hay to each five acre demonstration. Some of the boys produced practically no peas at all whereas several produced as much as three tons on their five acre demonstration. Outstanding among the boys and pea demonstration was Orlis Bailey, 11 year old lad of the Highway community, who produced 2,552 pounds of weighed milo per acre of 14.90 on his five acre demonstration and a half ton of pea hay. Milton Kiddwell of the Elbow community produced 13,000 pounds or an average of 2,600 pounds of milo to the acre and three tons of pea hay on the five acres. He beat his neighbors by 1,100 pounds per acre and in addition produced three tons of peas which was harvested live.

Ten boys who conducted nine demonstrations have done field selection of seed for planting purposes next year. The foregoing fourteen crop demonstrations in cotton and milo by as many farmers on terraced land outstripped neighbors from one-third to half has absolutely sold terracing to Howard county farmers, as is evidenced by the fact that thirteen farmers in the county have terraced 1,770 acres of land this fall and 45 farmers have applications on file in the agent's office for terracing 8,230 acres of land before the next cropping season. Two terracing schools were held in as many communities in the county with the result that 47 farmers and young men were trained in handicraft of the farm levels and in the fundamentals of terracing land for soil and moisture conservation. These men have purchased levels and taken the lead in a county wide terracing campaign with only a terracing demonstration from the county agent to give them a start, the agent checking each field before the terraces are built.

Farm Levels Bought For Agent's Use

The Chamber of Commerce purchased eight farm levels to lend the farmers through the county agent. The commissioners court purchased two Corisiana graders which they are lending to the farmers of the county to aid in the terracing program. One farmer has purchased a Corisiana terracing machine and eight others have built ordinary V-shaped ditches. Since Howard county's poultry industry as a whole is anything but pleasing and the local demand for poultry and poultry products have not as yet been supplied. Poultry development flock improvement was accepted as one of the major projects in the yearly plan of work. The first Annual Howard County Poultry Show and school was held at Big Spring, January 29 and 30 for the purpose of stimulating more interest, the show was considered a success, with 63 pens of chickens and 10 pens of turkeys shown. Two days of poultry school was conducted with E. N. Holmgren, extension poultry specialist, from the A&M College in charge of the school. Fifty farmers and farm women attended, and took part in discussing problems of farm poultry keeping throughout the two days duration of the show and school and the aim of the meeting was realized.

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The Chamber of Commerce assumed full responsibility financially for the show and school. Twenty-five of the fifty farmers present at the school went home and cleaned their poultry flocks of insects and disease, cleaned out poultry quarters and started feeding a more nearly balanced ration with good results but no yearly and complete records were kept. Only four men gave complete results a few scattered months out of the year. Yearly records, however are now being kept by a number of farmers. Eighty-one flocks of poultry was culled during the year demonstrating the proper methods of culling for egg production. Twenty-one flocks were culled as result of these demonstrations ridding the 21 flocks of 695 non-layers or boarders, resulting in a saving to the 21 flocks \$520 for feed, better results obtained from good ones by giving more housing space. Six poultry houses were constructed according to information furnished by the extension service. The run down condition and inadequate space for poultry in the average poultry house in Howard county has been causing the farmers disease and insects more than any one thing in farm poultry keeping, along with mongrel chickens in which one takes no pride. A return in one month, September of thirty cents per hen from fifty white leghorn hens fed a modified ration of Big Five was accomplished by Earl Phillips, central Howard county farmer. Ground milo was substituted for grounds oats as follows: 200 ground milo, 100 wheat bran, 100 wheat shorts, 70 meat scraps, 50 k. s. meal, 2 1-2 salt. Green feed was before the hens at all times, outside of being fed properly the flock had no special care.

A net profit of \$51.75 from 148 hens and 34 cents per hen for the month of October is the record of T. E. Satterwhite of the Center Point community in Howard county. His flock consumed 735 pounds of feed costing him \$18.75, \$10.50 for 35 hours of labor at 30 cents per hour, making a total of \$29.25 for feed and labor. His hens produced 130 dozens of eggs for which he received an average price of 45 cents per dozen or \$59 for the month. After deducting \$29.25, the cost of feed and labor, from the gross income of \$59, Mr. Satterwhite got \$31.75 in his pocket. Mr. Satterwhite has one of the best bred white leghorn flocks in the country which is well known

Boy Clears \$50 Off Flock, 6 Months

Keeping on the job, adopting the right managerial practices and finding markets is responsible for \$50.95 profit from 100 high bred baby chicks in six months for Joe Harlow, 4-H club boy of the Moore community, in Howard county. His father gave him 100 English white leghorn day old chicks in April and by date has fed them 965 pounds of mash and grain costing him \$21.40 and his labor at ten cents per fryer came to \$12.50. He sold 39 as fryers on the common market for \$18.90. Twelve cockerles were considered good for breeders and sold for \$12. He has 45 pullets on hand worth \$72, making a gross income of \$104.90. After deducting \$53.95, the cost of feed and labor, from the gross income Joe realized a net profit of \$50.95.

One pullet hatched herself in a wire attached to the 1000 poles thus preventing the boy from raising 100 per cent brood. Fourteen high bred registered Jersey heifer calves have been distributed to fourteen 4-H club boys of Howard county as foundation stock for better dairy cattle on the farms of the county. Various reasons were advanced by the boys for paying from \$95 to \$120 apiece for these high bred calves. Some said they hoped that by the time they have finished high school and are ready for college their bulls and dairy products from their registry herd would finance them for

Little's Flock, Well Fed, Brings Profit

Records of feeding and receipts from sales during November by P. E. Little of the Blaco community in Howard county cleared \$74.70 net profit on 175 white leghorn pullets an average of 42 cents per pullet were hatched in April and were never mixed with his old flock of birds in the old poultry house. They were fed the Big Five mixture which has been giving good results in all parts of Texas, substituting yellow corn meal for the ground milo, 100 pounds yellow corn meal, 100 pounds wheat shorts, 100 pounds wheat bran, 100 pounds meat scrap and 2 1-2 pounds salt. The pullets have also had access to green feed. The 175 pullets produced 2,421 eggs during the month averaging 13 eggs per pullet and were sold for 50 and 55 cents per dozen. Mr. Little spent one hour per day in the care of his flock which was housed in a No. 1 poultry house located on new ground which was free from insects and disease. Thirty flocks have been ridged external and internal parasites of poultry with no records of results except estimates of the farmers concerned. Flocks given the nicotine sulphate treatment for interlaminar parasites increasing one-third egg production in less than sixty days. Because of the number of mixed or mongrel and run down flocks of poultry in the county it was decided that most of the poultry work done with boys and girls would be with standard bred baby chicks. The aim being to standardize poultry as a beginning in poultry work in the county. Ten boys lined up with the poultry club to raise from 40 to 100 high bred baby chicks, only one member raising less than 40 with the result that 261 or 81 per cent of the chicks hatched and bought were raised to maturity by club members. Three hundred nine chicks were bought from leading breeders of Texas or eggs secured that were hatched at home. Six of the members of the poultry club had accurate and unquestionable records of the twelve demonstrations, the six completing their work with records behind them started in March and April with 309 chicks and 137 were sold as fryers or as breeders for \$88.75 leaving 120 females on hand worth \$167 and 4 males worth \$4.60 or a gross income of \$264. Chicks bought and hatched \$42.10. The chicks were fed 924 pounds of mash and 2,056 pounds of grain worth \$56.75 and labor at ten cents per hour came to \$32.41. After deducting the cost of chicks bought, the feed and labor \$131.28 from the gross income \$264 the six club members realized a net profit of \$132.74. These poultry demonstrations paid the boys 32 cents per hour for their labor and 42 cents per chick bought and matched. This seems to be rather high income per hour labor and per chick purchased and hatched but this is due to high per cent of raise, selling high per cent of cockerles as breeders at a high price and at a young age and a goodly number sold for high price as fryers and the value given to pullets on hand as layers.

As a result of this work six flocks formerly mongrel will have been standardized next fall.

4-H Boys Booth Fair Show Feature

In order to show the result of 4-H club work and in order to stimulate the work among boys of the county who might be club members in the future, the Howard county 4-H club boys had a separate booth and exhibit at the county fair, held in September. They competed against each other and against the entire fair. Club boys' flock first, second and fourth in young pen chickens. She first ten heads of milo exhibited by Jim Grant in the local fair won second place in the state club boys division of the fair at Dallas. Expenses for four club boys doing outstanding club work for the year was defrayed to the Dallas fair by O. B. Webb of the T&P Railroad company.

The two-day county fair held in October was considered a success from the standpoint of extension work, with four rural community booths and 4-H booths, one for the boys and the biggest display of individual products were entered in a fair in Howard county. All of the community and most of the individual entries came from communities where organized extension work was carried on this year. The best birds of milo was exhibited by Earl Phillips from one of two terraced farms in the Fairview community, second and third places in the milo division went to Jim Grant and Henry King in named order. Each club boys. These exhibits served to stimulate club work and also served as an eye-opener to some of the older folks in the county who did not know what this club work was all about.

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AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 16 (AP)—Texas cotton farmers must organize themselves into a central agency before they can share in the relief offered by congress through the federal farm board. This was the message brought by Alexander Legge, chairman, and Carl Williams, cotton member, of the board, in conference with Governor Dan Moody, heads of certain Texas colleges and representatives of farmers' and bankers' associations.

Organization Possible It would be possible for the farm board to furnish speakers and educational matters, and possibly lend money, toward a campaign to organize the farmers of Texas by districts, Williams said, replying to a question from C. S. E. Holland of Houston, representing the Texas Bankers' Association, who expressed belief that the only way to get relief would be to undertake the task of educating the farmers to the real meaning of the farm board act. He said he believed this would require several years. "It is absolutely necessary that the farmers group themselves into a thorough organization if anything is done," Williams said. The federal farm board was created by congress to aid the farmers in helping themselves.

Plan Is Necessary He declared there must be a centralized agency to "absolutely control the flow of the product to the markets of the world." He said one Texas cooperative organization had been able to handle only three or four per cent of the cotton after nine years work. "We cannot reach the other 96 per cent individually, since the board must deal solely with cooperative organizations, and we can not afford to distribute relief in the way of advances on cotton to only three or four per cent of the exclusion of the other 96 per cent," he said.

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FRIDAY IS WORST DAY OF SEASON

18 Degrees At Two o'Clock; Whole State Colder

Old Man Winter, who has developed into some scrapper within the past week, went into another round of his current bout Thursday night and administering his favorite blows, punched the thermometer further toward the zero mark throughout the Big Spring country.

Coming after more than three days of sub-freezing weather, the season's coldest day, Friday, coupled with shortage of fuel gas throughout the city resulted in much inconvenience and in some cases real suffering.

Offices were closed, industrial plants were seriously hampered and the entire population huddled about in which flames were all too small.

TWO FIRE ALARMS

A gasoline stove explosion at White House Grocery No. 2, located at Camp Coleman, and smoke from a fire that had probably become partially choked during the summer and winter months, caused two runs by the Big Spring fire department Friday morning.

Damages in both instances were slight, firemen reported. The explosion which caused the first alarm was reported at 7:30 Friday morning while the second alarm from Gooch's Grocery Store was received at 10:15 o'clock Friday morning.

A fire alarm turned in Wednesday evening reporting a fire at Tamsitt and McGinnis' tin shop proved to be false. The person reporting a fire passed the establishment after closing hours and noticed what appeared to be a flame, but investigation revealed the reflection from a gas stove caused the hallucination.

Temperature, according to the high school science department's thermometer located on the south side of the building, was 15 degrees at 2:10 p. m.

This was lower than the reading at any time during the daylight hours of Thursday and led to prediction the thermometer would drop further late Friday and during the night than at any time since the cold wave set in.

Temperature at high school at 9 a. m. was 14 degrees and at noon the reading was 17 degrees. Prof. Frank Boyle reported. The reading at 8:30 a. m. on thermometers downtown and on the north side of the building was nine degrees.

Lacking an accurate method of checking temperatures during the night observers Friday were of the opinion the thermometers must have dipped to five degrees or below between midnight and 8 a. m. Friday.

The telephone company reported little trouble within the city. Lines were down, however, between Big Spring and Abilene.

Bus and train schedules had been delayed only slightly by the weather.

Zero temperatures in the Panhandle and freezing or near freezing weather over the entire state were reported.

The present cold wave's death toll was brought to at least three today with the death of a three-year-old boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hale of Winters, in an automobile accident attributed to slippery roads. The deaths of a negro baby whose clothing was ignited by a gas fire turned too high to combat the bitter cold in Dallas and of a fireman for the Santa Fe whose skull was fractured when he slipped and fell from his icy cab at Coleman, also were reported.

Coast cities reported temperatures slightly above freezing with the mercury falling. San Antonio experienced freezing weather expected to continue into the Rio Grande Valley with possible injury to the truck gardening area to night or Saturday.

While North Texas was promised some relief from intense cold, the official forecast of unsettled weather coupled with threatening skies, led some Panhandle cities to fear another layer of snow for the tenth fall already on the ground there.

Clarendon was unofficially the coldest city in Texas today with street thermometers reading 11 below zero. Lubbock held the official record with 10 below, the coldest weather in that South Plains city since January, 1918. At Borger, the mercury stood at 8 below while Amarillo, Plainview, and Shamrock reported two or three degrees under the zero mark.

Other cities reporting the coldest weather of the season included Wichita Falls, where the reading of 6 above was the lowest since December 1924; Dallas, with 14.3 above for a new winter mark;

Gainesville with a new low of 11.4 above. Port Arthur, Corpus Christi and Galveston all reported temperatures of 26 today, the fall being 36 for Port Arthur, which yesterday enjoyed the balmy day of the winter as the mercury stood at 72. Two steamers in the gulf off Port Aransas near Corpus Christi, came into port because of the heavy fog and north wind was blowing at overhanging the waters. A Mod-Galveston.

Shamrock reported low hanging clouds with every indication of snow.

Telegraph and telephone repair crews were working all over the state to restore service broken down by ice-laden wires. Telephone lines between Dallas and Temple, Lampasas and Waco, were out today and no wires were available to re-route calls.

Bus traffic was resumed in many sections where it was stopped yesterday, but all lines were still running behind schedule.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 10 (AP)

With four deaths attributed to its reign, old man winter continued to hold forth in Oklahoma today.

Arrival of sub-zero weather last night retarded efforts of the state to dig out from under its worst blizzard in many years. All forms of transportation were affected, and many highways were made impassable by snow drifts.

Three of the dead were victims of coasting accidents. Mildred Thomas, 13, and Claud Russell, Jr., 16, were killed last night at Ada, when their sled, hooked to an automobile, skidded into the path of a car. Benjamin Russell, 12, was injured seriously in the same accident. James Akridge, 10, met his death in a similar accident at Elk City Wednesday night. Earl C. Hitt, 20, Healdton druggist, was killed when his automobile went over an embankment near Comanche.

Thermometer readings of nine below zero were reported this morning at Cherokee, Ponca City and other Northwestern Oklahoma points. Mangum, in southwestern Oklahoma, had a temperature of seven below.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)

Falling temperatures today heralded a return of wintry weather to the east after several days of a record-breaking warm wave.

In New York temperature, after reaching 65 degrees and breaking all high records for Jan. 9, began a steady drop.

The decline was general. In Maine a light rain that froze as it fell later turned to sleet and then to snow as the temperature fell to 25 degrees.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (AP)

Again Middle America finds herself robed in the ermine of winter snows.

A blizzard today had choked highways, snapped communication lines and impeded commerce.

Two men were dead in Chicago, one walking with head bowed against the gale into the path of a train, the other, shovelling snow, being struck down by a blizzard-blinded motorist.

The prediction was that it might be a 36-hour snowstorm, at least in the Chicago territory where traffic already was going forward with difficulty. Seven thousand men in Chicago found it a sliver snowfall, giving them work with shovels. One thousand men were turned into the soap alone, and the roar of great trucks, carrying away the snow was added to the daily din of the district.

Temperatures generally throughout the Middle West have been moderate, but starting last night there was a slight downward movement. Temperatures in Chicago ranged around 15 above zero early today. The Dakotas and Minnesota, however, had sub-zero readings, though none approaching the severe cold of the December wave.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 10 (AP)

Having endured three days of snow rain and sleet in one of the most widespread blizzards ever to strike the west, the Rocky Mountain and southwestern states today faced a siege of cold which spread like a blanket over a region thousands of miles square.

Thermometers which since Monday have been dropping steadily still were going down this morning. Serious losses of livestock were reported even in the southern states and Texas orthologists reported the phenomenon of birds moving south from haunts which normally are their comfortable winter homes.

The death of a negro girl in Dallas, whose clothing became ignited as she huddled over a small stove for warmth, was charged to the mounting death toll of the storm. Six fatalities have been reported.

Much Snow

With fifteen inches of snow and sleet on the ground here, the fall ceased yesterday morning, but the mercury dropped to zero this morning. Oklahoma City, Ponca City, Enid and other Oklahoma points reported zero readings. A foot of snow blocked highways and streets of communities unequipped to meet such an emergency.

Even farther south, in normally sunny regions of Texas, the wintry blasts moved toward the Rio Grande Valley and the gulf coast. Fort Arthur, after a temperature of 72 degrees yesterday, faced freezing weather today.

Stockmen of the south and central ranges feared extensive loss as range cattle wandered over ice coated wastes and the cold added its toll.

A 60-hour, 6-inch rain at Texas-arkana made roads impassable. All the trees of one Dallas park were covered yesterday by robins flying south, pecking futilely at ice-covered hackberries.

Bus and train schedules through this southwestern region were disrupted. Only one plane arrived in Kansas City today, and none departed. Kansas points were affected by the same conditions.

States of the Eastern Rocky Mountain slope, as far south as New Mexico, fought against sub-zero temperatures which have come to be regarded as almost normal. Wyoming was in the grip of an intense, clear cold; the mercury still dropped in Montana with sub-zero readings already the rule, and Idaho and Colorado lay under the same Arctic blanket.

At least one it was 25 below, at Helena, 13. at Havre, 16, at Denver below zero at midnight.

Communication lines resumed schedules in that region as the snow gave way to steely blue skies.

Weather bureaus forecast a continuation of the cold over the week-end with a possible resumption of snow flurries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 (AP)

Clear, extremely cold weather, accompanied by heavy frosts in California, found the Pacific Coast still shivering in sub-normal temperatures today.

Except in mountainous regions and in Southern California, the prevalent cold wave was expected to continue without snow or rain for the next 24 hours. Zero and sub-freezing temperatures were predicted by the weather bureau for the northwest states and some parts of California, where yesterday rain turned to snow and disrupted highway and railroad travel.

While frost danger to Southern California citrus districts was averted by rain, the elements caused temporary discomfort elsewhere in that region. On the ridge route to Los Angeles, fifty motorists were released by snow plows after being marooned near Sandberg.

John N. Nightingale, his wife and 7-year-old son Stanley, who had been marooned in their mountain cabin in the high Sierra 45 miles east of Sonora, Calif., since last Saturday, were found safe in their shack by two woodsmen.

WINGO TO FLOYDADA Change Ends Two and One-Half Years With First Christians

Rev. Claude Wingo, retiring pastor of the local First Christian church has accepted the pastorate of the First Christian church at Floydada, according to an announcement made Sunday.

Reverend Wingo's services with the local church came to an end December 29 of last year, after two and one half years of service. The congregation of the Christian church as well as civic and fraternal organizations here will miss the pastor's earnest efforts for advancement.

Rev. Wingo with his family will leave for his duties in Floydada either Tuesday or Wednesday. His services with the new pastorate begin Wednesday, January 15.

Ellis To Begin Distribution Here Of Cities Service Line

Sale of Cities Service gasoline and oils in all cities between Colorado on the east and Pecos on the west will be inaugurated next Monday morning, according to an announcement from Jack Ellis of Big Spring who recently consummated a deal for the agency in the territory named.

Distribution to Coahoma, Colorado and Stanton will be handled from a Big Spring warehouse. Midland Cities Service sales will be accommodated from a warehouse at Odessa and a third warehouse will be established at Pecos, according to Mr. Ellis' announcement Friday.

Basement of the Crawford Hotel's new annex has been leased to Mr. Ellis who will use the space when it becomes available for storage purposes in connection with his new agency.

New pumps handling City Service gasoline and oil are being installed at the All-Weather Tire Company station between Scurry and Gregg on Third street and another retail distributing service station is now under construction on the corner of Fifth and Scurry streets.

Business of the new agency extending from Colorado to Pecos will probably be handled from Big Spring headquarters where Mr. Ellis is making his home and where he has extensive residential and business property holdings. Mr. Ellis is also owner of the All-Weather Tire Company.

NEW YORK

The Society of Friends (Quakers) has voted disapproval of a proposal that a room be set aside at Swarthmore College, Quaker supported, for girls to smoke.

BOOHER—Cottage camp ready for business.

Foundation and Development Of Big Spring Interwoven With Springs Which Flowed Near Site

By CURT BISHOP

Two miles to the south of Big Spring lies the bed of a once huge spring, famed as the scene of Indian battles, and endeared to historians because of its unique legends.

The first white man to discover it, according to an ancient journal, was Captain R. B. Marcey, of the United States Army, and probably one of the outstanding pathfinders of his period. According to a journal he kept while blazing a wagon trail eastward from El Paso in 1849 his band of men was told by an Indian guide that a wonderful spring lay underneath the bluffs only a day's march from the Laguna, or Salt Lake, that was probably one of the salt ponds between Stanton and Midland. Twenty-two and one half miles of marching over a beautiful road brought them to the spring, which they found flowing from a deep chasm in the limestone rocks into an immense reservoir of some fifty feet in depth.

According to the diary of Captain Marcey it appeared to have been a favorite place or resort of the Comanches, as remains of logs were seen in every direction, and their Comanche guide told him there had been a severe battle fought there years before between the Pawnees and Comanches, in which the latter triumphed.

Big Spring, as Captain Marcey termed the place in his journal, became an oasis in what then was a desert. The nearness to another spring in a timbered valley, some twelve and one-half miles away, which we know of today as Moss Springs, made it a favorite stopping ground for the pioneers on their way westward.

Within two years after Captain Marcey's expedition the original predecessor of the Texas and Pacific Railway was chartered by the Legislature of Texas to build a railroad from the northeast corner of Texas along the route followed by Marcey, bringing the first railway to span Texas only three miles south of the waterhole known as "Big Spring."

But even before the advent of the original Texas and Pacific Railway into the plains the place was a stopping point for commercial travelers. The famed "Pony Express" paused long enough to change horses and refresh themselves at the mammoth spring. It is supposed that the notorious "Buffalo Bill" handled the riding for this division, for it is known that he rode from Abilene westward and this is the only place between the two cities that is recognized as a station of the "Pony Express."

In 1882, thirty-three years after Marcey had blazed the trail for other white men, the first commissioners met and Howard county was organized. Up to that time it had been attached to Mitchell county, but the coming of the Texas and Pacific Railway and the gradual tend of civilization to settle around the mammoth water hole made a new unit necessary. The city of Big Spring was founded in 1883, composed of forty blocks. The first newspaper was the "Pantograph" published in 1884. The first three stores were established by Joe Fisher, Breasie Brothers, and Hines & Seay.

For years the city was dependent upon the great spring for its water, even as the Indians for centuries had been. In the beginning of the twentieth century the municipal interest tapped the veins of the great waterhole by boring wells all around its source. Immediately afterward the Texas and Pacific Railway made Big Spring its division center, and made arrangements for a constant flow of water by digging near the big spring. In the course of a few years it ceased to flow. The wells surrounded it, cutting off its water supply. The lake owned by the railway drew from its underground channels. But it was not until 1919 that this mammoth waterhole became one dry chasm in the limestone rocks, and its immense reservoir became covered with buffalo grass and hardened into dry clay.

The story of Big Spring as a city is linked closely to the tale of the mammoth spring some two miles south of the main section of town. Its discovery first brought the attention of the pioneers to the fertility of the soil in what is now Howard county; its hugeness brought the division center of the railroad to the city named for it, and to that division Big Spring owes her establishment. The well discovered by Marcey and identified by his Comanche guide as the scene of many a battle will flow no more. Where once the waters seeped through the limestone rocks and finally emerged into the reservoir, they now come to the surface due to the pressure of the pumps municipal interests have placed in the low plateau around the spring. But a great monument has been erected to its memory, for the city of Big Spring bears the name of the mammoth water hole, a remembrance that will undoubtedly be as perpetual as it is colossal.

BOOHER—Cottage camp ready for business.

Fewer Business Failures Occur During November

DALLAS, Jan. 10. (INS)—There were fewer business failures during November, 1929; volume of buying was greater, especially in the larger centers; thirteen per cent less debts on individual accounts than the previous month; farming operations were retarded as a result of unfavorable weather conditions; and weather conditions were generally unfavorable to livestock as rains lowered the temperatures causing the cattle to lose flesh.

Briefly, this analyzes the monthly report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in its review of business, agricultural, livestock and industrial conditions of the Eleventh district, which comprises all Texas. The bank review is quoted in part.

"A slight slowing down in business and industry during November was reflected in reports from correspondents in the Eleventh federal district. Offsetting to some extent the decreased activity in other fields was the heavy buying at department stores in larger centers in preparation for the Christmas holidays. The November sales showed a gain of one per cent over both the previous month and the corresponding month last year.

Building Permits Decline

"Distribution of merchandise at wholesale reflected a substantial decline from the previous month of the fall season, and was considerably less than in November, 1928. The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities reflected a substantial decline, being 37 per cent less than in the previous month and 39 per cent below that of a year ago.

"The business mortality rate in this district reflected an improvement during November even though the trend of failures is usually upward at this season. Both the number of insolventcies and the aggregate indebtedness were smaller than in the previous month and the indebtedness of defaulting firms was less than in the same month last year.

Bank Deposits Smaller

"Debits to individual accounts at year, posting of title appearance for per cent less than the record volume in October, but exceeded those in the corresponding month last year by 5 per cent. The daily average of combined net demand and time deposits of member banks in the Eleventh district, after showing a seasonal increase in September and October, reflected a slight decline in November. The total of these deposits for the month was \$391,591,000 as compared to \$300,250,000 in October.

Farming Retarded

"Agricultural operations during the month were retarded as a result of unfavorable weather conditions. Nevertheless, farmers are proceeding as rapidly as possible with the harvesting of remaining crops and the preparation of the soil for next year's crops. The rains have left a good subsoil season in the ground and have been beneficial to small grains. These crops are now mostly up to a good stand and making rapid growth.

Slight Change

"The Department of Agriculture in its December 1 estimate of cotton production made only slight changes in the states attached to the Eleventh District. The estimate for Texas remained the same, and that for other states was slightly lower so that the estimate for the Eleventh District on December 1 was 4,878,000 bales as compared to 4,899,000 bales a month earlier. The department estimated that acreage abandonment in Texas since July 1 was 5.5 per cent, which was the largest for any year since 1925.

"Weather conditions the past month were unfavorable to livestock in some parts of the Eleventh District as the rains and low temperatures caused livestock to lose flesh. Nevertheless, the Department of Agriculture reports that cattle are going into the winter in fair to good shape.

"While the rains were very beneficial to wheat and oats, which are providing excellent grazing in many portions of the district, there was too much in some portions of New Mexico to permit range grass to mature properly. Range feed is reported to be short in some parts of the district, but is generally sufficient in all sections except in portions of Texas and a few localities in New Mexico."

Mother Of Local Woman Succumbs In Belgian Home

The mother of Mrs. F. L. Van Open of Big Spring, Mrs. Delphina DeCook, died in her native land, Belgium. The Herald was advised Tuesday morning.

Misunderstanding in a telephone conversation led to the statement in Monday's Herald that Mrs. DeCook died in Belton, Texas.

TWO CLUES TRACED IN DEATH CASE

Barstow Sheriff Asks Information On Boy Found Near Tracks

The unclaimed mangled body of 18-year-old boy, found beside the Texas and Pacific railway tracks east of Barstow in Ward county more than two weeks ago, will be held two or three days longer until every effort to identify the human carcass has been exhausted, announced Sheriff F. I. Dyer of Ward county, who is conducting the search for relatives or friends.

Two persons, reading accounts of finding the body in The Herald, have inspected the body held at Barstow's funeral home, but still there is no indication that the boy had parents or relatives in Texas.

Local Clue

Mrs. O. T. Arnold of Big Spring, informed The Daily Herald that she had a cousin about 17 or 18 years of age, who started to "beat" his way from this city to visit his mother, Mrs. Jeff Young of Las Cruces, N. M., and that she had not heard of his arriving at his destination. Description of clothing worn by the lad Mrs. Arnold mentioned, checks closely with that worn by the dead boy when he was found along the railroad tracks with his head and one leg severed.

Owen Walker, who lives 14 miles north of Big Spring reported he was expecting George P. Walker of Globe, Ariz., to arrive here several days ago, but that he has not put in an appearance. Mr. Walker said his relative of Arizona is about 20 years old and that he picked a steel guitar. The fact that in clothing of the boy were found three guitar picks and a Hawaiian steel, is probably the most tangible information Barstow officers have heard. However, Mr. Walker said the man he is expecting from Arizona had a scar on the left instep caused by a rifle wound years ago. An inspection of the body held in Barstow reveals only one scar, that being on the middle finger of the left hand, according to Sheriff Dyer's report of the tragedy.

Asks Assistance

While Sheriff Dyer and local people are attempting to secure more information on the arrival or departure of their relatives, Ward county officials requested that a complete description of the body found be broadcast.

The following description has been released by Sheriff Dyer: "The body held in a Barstow undertaking establishment is that of a boy probably 18 to 20 years old. He was about 5 feet 8 inches high, weighs about 140 or 150 pounds and has light brown hair which has been well combed and was worn extremely long. Eyes are light brown or blue set in a rather broad dark complexioned face. There is a scar on the first joint of the left middle finger and an exceptionally large vaccination scar is on the left arm.

"When found the body was clothed in a white shirt, size 14 1/2; blue bow tie; brown vest; brown coat w/ water; brown jersey gloves; heavy work shoes with rubber heels and a size 6 7-8 cap of reddish brown color was found near.

"Three guitar picks and a Hawaiian steel were the only significant articles found in the clothing. There was no money or papers by which identity can be established.

Rumors Of Oil Merger Grow

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—Reports current for some time that the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. would absorb the Rio Grande Oil Company of Texas and California, and gas company, received added interest today when it was learned that Harry F. Sinclair and other officials of the Sinclair company had left for a trip through the west to inspect properties of the Rio Grande Oil Company.

ROSE CAPITAL

CHICAGO, Jan. 14 (AP)—Chicago is becoming the rose capital of the world, its chamber of commerce claims. More varieties of the flower have been developed in the city's 15 million square feet of greenhouse space than in any other flower center in the world, according to the chamber.

GOT START IN 1753

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Supervision of the American schools, which finally resulted in the present day superintendent, began in 1753 with the New England school committee, says a report of the research division of the National Education Association.

L. A. OF M. NEW YEAR'S BALLS OF 20 YEARS AGO DREW CROWDS

BY CAROLYN EARLY

Twenty years ago Jan. 1 the L. A. of M. Hall in Big Spring was the scene of a gala affair, the order's sixth annual New Year's ball.

The International Association of Machinists are said to have had the enviable reputation of making its affairs the kind of social success that every hostess longs for. On this particular occasion it was the duty of J. O. Tamsitt, H. R. Hayden and S. P. Dalley to see that the old hall was decked in holiday attire in keeping with the Yuletide season. The hall was canopied with bands of red and green and the walls were draped with deep fringes of the same color.

Spruce, holly and mistletoe had their place in the decorative scheme also. Nor did the committee forget to hang a piece of mistletoe from each light and doorway. The great central chandeliers were massed and looped with green and red streamers which rustled and fluttered from the window current. The deluge of brightness from the big lights sparkled on the waxed and polished floor trailing off in little silver paths into the further corners.

Big Spring social affairs in those days, it is declared, were usually informal. Every one was welcome, everyone was invited and everyone came. Hence the invitation committee, F. G. Church, George Tamsitt and C. W. McPherson saw to it that not even the least in the city was omitted, or overlooked, for the mothers were also asked to come and bring their children, which they did, parking their spacious reed perambulators along the wall of the hall where the ball took place.

This ball, honoring the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, is said to have been a grand occasion, long planned for and looked forward to by many. Even the weather cooperated, for this New Year's night twenty years ago was much like the present one, no biting winds nor numbing cold but a night balmy and moist with a gentle south breeze.

At sundown the guests began to arrive, at seven the hall was fairly swarming with happy, expectant people, and at eight the house was filled to capacity. An orchestra at a small town affair was an unheard of thing in those days, so the musicians used string instruments and a piano. Promptly at 8 o'clock the musicians stepped forward taking their places on the platform, the floor manager called the house to order, the grand march was struck up and the dance began. Like the guests at Fezziwig's Christmas ball, these dancers, "were people, who would dance and had no notion of walking," it is said.

Floor managers were constantly here and there looking after the welfare and happiness of their guests, seeing that none were embarrassed or neglected.

But according to reports, their duties were light as mirth and merriment ran high as those present seemed bent on having a good time. The crowd seemed possessed of the same mood which prompted Milton's invitation to the Muse when he wrote: "Haute thee Nymph, and bring with thee, Jest, and youthful jollity, Quips and Cranks, and wanton Wiles, Nods and Becks and wretched Smiles, Such as hang on Hebe's cheek, And love to live in dimple seek; Sports that wrinkled Care derides, And laughter holding both his sides, Come and trip it as you go On the light fantastic toe."

On the little program before the writer, decorated with colors and emblems of the order is found a long list of dances, twenty-four in all, including waltzes, two-steps, quadrilles, Eye-For-Eye, English and Danish Schottisches, Newport, waltz quadrilles, a Virginia Reel and Home Sweet Home. The grand march was led by George Tamsitt, now of Dallas and Mrs. Herb Urech, now of El Paso.

There was no designated refreshment hour but everyone as early as or as often as his appetite or fancy so inclined him found his way to the punch bowl where there was an abundance of punch and ale with pretty girls in puffed sleeves and overskirts serving.

L. E. Johnson Taken To Wichita Falls

L. E. Johnson arrested in Big Spring by members of the Howard county sheriff's department, was returned to Wichita Falls Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff Jim Morris.

Johnson is under a grand jury indictment in Wichita county charged with swindling by bogus check for more than \$50. The man formerly drove a taxi cab in this city.

Ginner Thanks Local Fireman For Aid

Andy Brown, ginner of Ackerly and Knott, in town Friday, asked that the Big Spring fire department, especially Fire Chief Harry Lees and O. D. Cordill, as well as residents of the Ackerly community, be thanked for their assistance in combating a recent fire at his Ackerly gin, in which 100 bales of un-insured cotton were destroyed.

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MAN'S BODY SEVERED ON STEEL RAIL

Oren Pynes Victim Of Accident Near Wicket Station

Another fatal accident was charged to ice, snow and freezing temperatures Sunday morning when Oren Pynes, 25, Texas & Pacific Railroad Company brakeman, was killed near the Wicket station yard in Winkler county.

Details of the accident and how it happened had not been completely collected at the railroad company's division headquarters in Big Spring, but it is understood Mr. Pynes slipped on snow and ice and fell beneath the death-dealing steel wheels. The man's body was severed, it was reported.

Mr. Pynes had been in the employment of the Texas & Pacific line for two years, starting his service when coming to Big Spring two years ago. His home is in Leesville, La., where the body was sent for burial Sunday evening. Mr. Pynes roomed at 701 Nolan street while a resident of this city.

E. L. Pynes, a cousin of the accident victim and a brakeman on the T. & P. line and P. S. Sutton, another brakeman, accompanied the body to the Louisiana home. It is understood that Pynes' father, Hamp Pynes, is living in Leesville, La., but that his mother is dead. No information concerning other surviving relatives was available in Big Spring Monday morning.

The body was prepared for burial at Pecos and sent from that station to Leesville, La., where funeral services are to be held Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

MARRIAGES DECREASE

Effect Of New Law In County Shown By 1929 Records

Marriage licenses issued the last six and one-half months of 1929 decreased more than 100 over the number granted in the first five and one-half months of the past year, indicating that the new marriage law requiring three day notice of intention to marry which became effective June 15, is retarding the work of Dan Cupid in Howard county.

During the first five and one-half months of 1929 during which time licenses could be obtained upon application without the additional expense of undergoing a physical examination, there were 236 licenses issued. In the five and one-half months from June 15 to Jan. 1, 1930, there were only 133 licenses officially issued.

James I. Prichard, county clerk, expressed the opinion that the new marriage law only is curbing hasty marriage between drunken couples. The county clerk said he is beginning to believe that people unwilling to wait the required three days for a marriage license and to undergo a physical examination can leave practically any Texas city and be in a bordering state where restrictions are not so severe before night of the same day.

Four of the marriage licenses issued during the first five and one-half months of 1929, before the new matrimonial law became effective, were returned to the Howard county clerk unused.

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