



or the Klondike. "Ranger is also in West Texas," Mr. Jones said. "For that reason we are glad to hold this convention here. The stick-to-it-iveness of Ranger is remarkable. We are pleased with your progress because it means our progress. We therefore thank the people of Ranger for the liberal preparations they have made against our coming."

The Ranger quartette, consisting of Messames Wakefield, E. B. Reid and Messrs. H. H. Adams and J. E. Raborn, then, supplied an interspersion of music and receiving an encore, reappeared for another song. The audience was very much impressed with these singers. Manager Porter A. Whaley read telegrams from First Vice President J. A. Kamp and Congressman Fritz Lanham, each of whom sent congratulations and regretted that they could not be present during the convention. Mr. Kemp has been called to Austin on legislative matters, while Mr. Lanham is engaged in his work at Washington.

**President's Address.**  
Hon. H. P. Breckford delivered one of the most interesting annual addresses that have ever been heard at any commercial convention. He said that the term West Texas is "not well defined geographically, but it is well defined politically. The alignment on the map is being more defined yearly," he said. "West Texas is a man's country," said the president. "Texas is essentially a pioneer state. The citizens who made West Texas are peculiarly of the pioneer spirit. They pushed back the Indian. Their sons are here today gathering in this convention. There is no place here for weaklings."

"We have problems to solve. Men who have come here and had the courage to fight the unfriendly foes and climatic conditions have made West Texas the greatest region in America. Soils are better in other parts of the world and the rainfall here cannot always be depended upon. These are conditions that make agriculture, stock raising and mining difficult. Our prairies have been made to bring forth the greatest crops and cattle in the world. The West leads in grain. The sons of those pioneers began boring wells in the earth and have produced the greatest oil fields in the world. They did not drill to 800 feet but they went deeper, into and through the hard rock, and brought in the famous McClellan gusher at Ranger."

**Many Problems.**  
"We have, I have said, problems that are peculiar to our own territory not appreciated by other sections of the state and which they do not know how to solve. These are some of the sufficient reasons for the creation of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. It has been an organization loyal to this territory and this people. That's why it is a live organization, that's why it is the greatest in the state, and not only in the state but in the entire world."

"This remarkable success is due to the energy of Porter A. Whaley, your manager. Your executive officers, president and vice presidents have not been the cause of this great growth and success, but the modest man to my left." Here Mr. Breckford pointed to Mr. Whaley.

"In conclusion may I say while our territorial limits are illusive, we note there is a disposition to move the border back and now it has about got east of Dallas."

**What Not to Do.**  
What not to do, as well as what to do, is among the big problems which the organization has faced in its efforts for the West, the speaker pointed out. It is an organization different from any other. It was a ship sailing on an uncharted sea. Whaley was the pilot. Local complications arose and the organization was compelled by these exigencies to steer a path that was to the interest of all West Texas. No partisanship was shown. "It is now so big that it is difficult to tell what to do for one town. At times there are conflicts as to what to do for this town and for that. It has been the purpose when a question was in possible conflict to take no action unless the entire territory had been reconciled to it."

The legislative bureau at Austin has sided in local controversies. It is being for all West Texas and not any town. The West Texas A. & M. is one of the main things for the future. It is at present working day and night. The Plainview delegation, consisting of sixteen, which had arrived, marched about the hall loudly acclaiming the name of Plainview and if he knew they wanted the 1922 edition. Mr. Breckford, after the interruption, paid a tribute to the press of the state, which had been so zealous in the cause of espousing the organization and the entire West. He said that they had given publicity that could not have been purchased for hundreds of thousands of dollars. He told of the good feeling for the press boys, who he said were recently given a luncheon by the legislative bureau of the organization at Austin. He likewise had words of commendation for

the country press, which has been "so loyal and powerful in its efforts in our behalf."

**Abilene In.**  
The Abilene delegation of 200 with a 36-piece band was at the entrance of the Majestic theatre creating a din of music and voices. A member of the delegation with a large American flag walked near the rostrum and unfurled the flag, while the audience rose. Then the splendid band followed by the delegates marched through the aisles playing, winding up with "Dixie," while the entire audience went into ecstasies. A solo was then sung by J. A. Raborn.

C. S. Fowler, state highway commissioner, told of the important road work that was being done over the state and of the rapid consumption of the Bankhead highway through West Texas and, for that matter, through the United States. He said that he has spent nearly four years with the commission and that he appreciates most the great road work that has been carried through in West Texas. The road from Los Angeles to the Atlantic known as the Bankhead "is all but realized," he said. He told of road progress in other states and compared it with that in Texas. "Texas now leads all the states in the mileage of roads in construction," declared Mr. Fowler. "In the last nine months over 900 miles have been completed. In this state now there is more than 2,000 miles of road being built, more than in any other three states of the Union combined."

**Bankhead Highway.**  
"State Highway No. 1—Bankhead—from Texarkana to El Paso has been financed all the way except in three counties and those three counties have promised to meet their parts, so that in 90 days we are assured that this entire road will have been financed. Over \$25,000,000 is now being spent for good roads in this state and an additional appropriation of \$15,000,000 soon available."

At present there is a bill before the Texas legislature that is misunderstood. Fifty per cent of the auto tax collected goes to the county from which collected and the other 50 per cent to the highway commission. It is necessary that the highway commission get its part in order that we may get our allotment from the government. Our allotment will be brought up to \$24,000,000. Texas wants to match that offered by the government. There will be no way to get funds from the government if the tax is taken away from us. I ask the support of all in this audience to do their part that the state highway commission may continue to get its 50 per cent of the taxes collected and not the 15 per cent as the bill in the legislature seeks to give us. "If something is not done in this connection, in four years from today, Texas will have more miles of highway than any other state in the United States."

**Invited to Breckenridge.**  
R. B. Leach, secretary of the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce, extended an invitation for a trip to Breckenridge for the delegates who might wish to go there. The train will leave at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. Autos will meet delegates at the depot at Breckenridge and take them to the oil fields. The Chamber of Commerce there will provide a luncheon and the delegates will be delivered at the train for the return trip to Ranger for the big banquet by 7 p. m. J. E. Temple Peters, manager of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, made the following announcements:  
Group meetings during the afternoon. Traffic council under Ed P. Byars and W. H. Darwin will be held at 2 o'clock at the Hodges-Neal building. Live stock conference will be held at the same hour at the Lone Star theater. Secretaries and unit directors of the organization will meet in the second story of the Guaranty State bank.

Tonight the "city that is only 21 months old," said Mr. Peters, "wants all to visit the city. The Elks will hold an open house. The Shriner's will parade and entertain visiting nobles. The Moose will give a dance in honor of the delegates. At the Summer Garden jazz music will be dispensed. In the Majestic theatre there will be vaudeville. All delegates should be tagged and attend these functions, he said."

"The oil bands here have something on their sleeve," said Mr. Peters, "and they've got the goods, too." This brought forth a ripple of laughter and many were heard to say, "Good old Ranger," and "You tell 'em."

The ladies of the visiting delegation will be taken for a sightseeing trip around Ranger tomorrow morning and other entertainment will be provided for them. They should see the committee, in the Gholson hotel.

A trip will be arranged tomorrow for the visiting delegation to the oil fields about Ranger. There have been provided sufficient cars to take the entire delegation. Oil will go over the top in Ranger wells tomorrow. You will see it. There will be lots of gas. You don't have to go away from Ranger to see everything that can be seen in a first class oil field," said Mr. Peters.

Merton L. Harris delivered an address just before the noon hour on the West Texas A. & M. college. He told of the peculiar conditions which made necessary the establishment of another institution of this kind which would serve a large empire whose soil, people, climate and other things were essentially different from those of other portions of the state. He was frequently applauded. This is a subject which is of deep interest to the people of West Texas and particularly to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which has been working assiduously for its creation for more than two years.

**THEY'RE HERE**

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ing during the latter part of the night. However, this did not deter the city going on in its gaieties. The streets were alive with humanity and the brass bands and parades were staged as scheduled.

Ranger streets have been embellished for the occasion. From every business house hangs a flag of our country, of the state and of the "Hub of the Oil Fields." The locomotive which brought in a long line of sleepers filled with delegates from the south over the Hamon railroad was tastefully decorated with bunting this morning, making a very pretty sight. The sleepers of the Fort Worth and other contingents were parked in the Texas & Pacific and Hamon yards. The Fort Worth party, which came in over the Texas & Pacific in special Pullman cars, will return via the Hamon line, the sleepers being sent over to the Hamon line tomorrow.

**BOSTON, Feb. 7.**—The controversy over high heels versus low, of French heels and Cuban heels against the "sensible," may rage fiercely in Boston and New York, but in quiet studios Wellesley it has been definitely settled and the undergrads are ignoring the storm in the outer world.

And as might have been expected from Wellesley, the low heel has won the battle.

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WE EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATES

## COURTESY

A record of gallantry that has come down the years to live in history was the act of Sir Walter Raleigh in throwing his velvet coat in the path for Queen Elizabeth, that she might not be compelled to walk on a muddy spot.

Courtesy is doing that which nothing under the sun makes you do but human kindness. Courtesy is good will. Courtesy is a true exemplification of the Golden Rule.

—One of the ruling principles of Harman's Red Cross Drug Store is that courtesy shall be a part and parcel of a day's business. And yet courtesy is not subordinated to commercialism. We have tried to select men to be a part of our organization who have courtesy innately bred into their daily actions. Thus courtesy becomes a matter of course, and not a matter of rule.

or just a prospect, both receive the same degree of respect and homage to which we believe all people who come here are entitled.

—Such an institution as the people of West Texas have helped create in Harman's Red Cross Drug Store simply pledges us to do these things, and they are being done daily.

—The least that anyone can do at any time is to be courteous, but we have tried to make it one of the greatest things about our business, recognizing that what we are today, determines what we shall be tomorrow.

Ladies and Children Receive Special Attention

PRESCRIPTIONS

CIGARS—CANDY—DRINKS—TOILET SUNDRIES

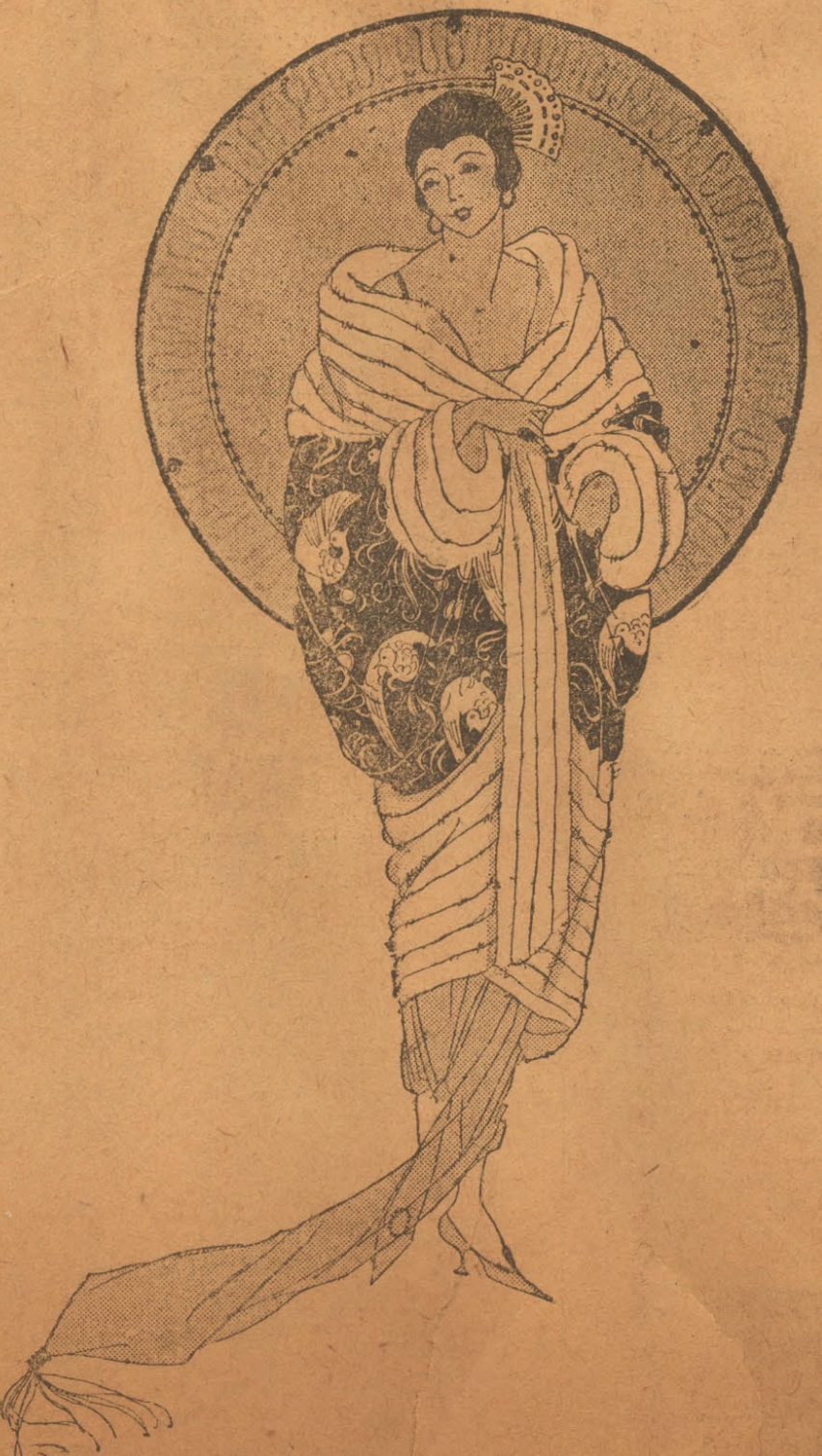
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So many cases of Rheumatism come from a tiny disease germ that infests the blood, that physicians are beginning to realize that this source of the disease is becoming quite prevalent. Of course a disease that has its source in the blood cannot be reached by local remedies applied to the surface. One remedy that has given splendid results in the treatment of Rheumatism is S.S.S., the fine old

blood remedy that has been sold by druggists for more than fifty years. S.S.S. acts by driving out of the blood the disease germ that causes Rheumatism, thus affording real relief. Begin taking S.S.S. today and if you will write a complete history of your case, our medical director will give you expert advice, without charge. Address Chief Medical Adviser, 151 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

WELCOME

## WEST TEXAS DELEGATES

—We cordially invite every one of you to make your headquarters at METCALF CAFE during your stay here. You will find our prices reasonable, service unequalled and the food the very best obtainable.

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# Sports...

## NITRO BOSS GOES ON JOB HERE TODAY

"Shed" Allen, 1921 Nitro leader, arrived from Fort Worth this afternoon to supervise the rebuilding of the ball park in Hodges Oak park and begin the work of building a ball team.

The stands and fence have been torn down at the old park and have been placed on the ground at the new location, and will be erected within a few days.

To help secure funds for this work, the ticket sale to the opening game in April will be pushed by the committee after the convention now in session is out of the way.

Mr. Allen said that he has much good material in sight with which to whip a winning team into shape, and if it lived up to his expectation, Ranger would be a contender for the West Texas pennant from the opening game to the close of the season.

The Nitro leader has several men in Fort Worth who have played semi-professional ball, who are all likely youngsters and a part of whom he is sure will find a berth in Ranger in the spring. They are all youngsters with hopes, he said. Which is interpreted to mean that if they are signed they will give the local club all they have in order to get up.

To boost such an ambition is the fact that a large per cent of the West Texas league of last year will be in bigger company during the coming season. While he did not say so, Mr. Allen is believed to stand ready to wield the trusty ax on any spring material who wants to collect a meal ticket and has no ambition.

## MANY COMING TO GUN CLUB TOURNAMENT

News of the Ranger Gun club's free-for-all tourney has spread all over the state, and a large number of out-of-town shooters are expected here tomorrow to compete for the more than \$500 in prizes now on exhibition at the Texas Drug Store No. 2, on Main street.

It is possible that a number of the contestants in the Sunray South handicap, held last week at Houston, will be on deck when shooting starts at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow. Entries must be made at the Davenport Hardware company by 10 o'clock.

A large crowd assembled yesterday at the club's grounds just south of town, out Rusk or Austin street. Interest was so pronounced that the club has already ordered a second trap and will extend its grounds and further improve the clubhouse. The club has about forty members now, although it has only been in existence but three weeks. Any persons interested are invited to turn in applications to Secretary Schwartz at the Popular store or to President A. Davenport. Women as well as men are eligible to membership.

Following are the scores made yesterday, in twenty-five shots each:

Davenport	25
Eaton	25
Price	24
Quisile	24
Via	24
Wetzel	22
Kimball	20
Hicks	20
H. Via	20
McMichael	19
Nylander	18
Shipley	18
Wallace	18
Cory	18
Kimbrough	18
Gwynne	18
Hall	17
Watts	17
Levellie	15

## PRINCESS TO MAKE HER FIRST APPEARANCE

By Associated Press  
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Princess Mary is expected to pay a short visit to Christiania early in the spring to stay with her aunt, the queen of Norway. This will be the first occasion on which the Princess has been seen at a continental court.

## LIBERTY THEATRE

TODAY  
BLANCHE SWEET  
—in—  
"THE DEADLIER SEX"  
—also—  
RUTH ROLAND  
—in—  
"HANDS UP"  
and Big "V" Comedy,  
"SHANKS AND CHIVALRY"

PROGRAM 10c  
CHANGED  
25c - DAILY

## PROGRAM

MAJESTIC—Five acts Loew vaudeville and picture, "When We Were Twenty-One," H. B. Warner featured.

LAMB—Bert Lytell in "The Mischling Lady," also comedy and Pathe News.

LIBERTY—Blanche Sweet in "The Deadlier Sex," also Ruth Roland in "Hands Up" and Big "V" comedy, "Shanks and Chivalry."

TEMPLE—Connie Talmadge in "In Search of a Sinner," also new Universal comedy and Selznick News.

MAJESTIC.  
Nat Goodwin's old success, "When We Were Twenty-One," offers splendid photoplay material and a perfect role for that actor of poise, polish and refinement, H. B. Warner. As produced by Jesse D. Hampton, directed by Henry King, and splendidly enacted by a cast including James Morrison, Christine Mayo and Claire Anderson, and presented at the Majestic theatre yesterday, it amused the audience in spots, thrilled them in others, gave them a warm glow of sentiment about the heart at other times, and entirely interested and pleased throughout.

Mr. Warner plays the role of Dick Carewe, whose ambition seems to be to see his ward, the "Imp," married to Phyllis. The girl, however, loves the guardian, but believes that she will be giving him the greatest happiness by marrying the ward.

The "Imp" falls for a siren who is after his money. When Dick fails to make the boy see the folly of a marriage to such a woman, he prepares to sacrifice himself to save the boy, but the "Imp" has already married her. The parting came the same day with the knowledge that the "Imp" was penniless. The "Imp" is left to reap his wild oats and Dick learns that Phyllis had loved him, not the "Imp," all the time.

Also there are five snappy vaudeville acts—full of ginger, snap and pep, with good-looking girls an' everything.

LAMB.  
In "The Mischling Lady," which comes as the feature attraction at the Lamb theatre, for a run of two days,

## Police Chief's Wife Nips Scheme of Auto Thieves

How automobiles are marked for theft and later stolen without fear of detection was probably exposed Saturday afternoon through the sharp observation of Mrs. Eugene Reynolds, wife of the assistant chief of police.

The method of procedure, according to the discovery is for a "spotter" to watch closely for cars to park. He makes certain that the driver goes away and probably will stay for some time. He then returns to the car and casually hangs a piece of white paper on the radiator cap. When this is done the spotter returns to watch the driver while his confederates come up and drives the machine away. According to Mrs. Reynolds, this procedure was followed Saturday afternoon. She was sitting in her car on Main street waiting for her husband, when a new Buick parked nearby. The driver went away and in a few minutes a piece of white paper was slipped over the cap of the radiator. Shortly afterwards two men appeared and one said to the other: "This is the car, all right."

"Well, let's go," his companion replied. The first speaker answered that they were being watched by that woman, meaning Mrs. Reynolds.

When her husband returned, Mrs. Reynolds told him of the occurrence and during the afternoon three cars were found marked in the same manner. Officers were placed on watch, but the notice discovery of the system was probably known, since none of the machines were molested.

Shell McDowell of the constable's office followed two men for the early part of the night, but he said that they discovered him and went to bed.

With this information the department believes that it has a lead that will break up to some extent the car thefts that are of almost nightly occurrence.

beginning today, local motion picture patrons will be treated to a screen version of the notable play by Charles Goddard and Paul Dickey, which enjoyed such a triumphant success on the New York stage.

Mors figur that they will see Bert Lytell, that versatile and gifted young actor who has won an undisputed niche in

which begins with the lady chained, and ends in a brilliant episode in which he wins against the claims of Helen's fiancé.

The story, with its quick tempo and its delicious sparkling humor, which critics say is conveyed on the screen far more effectively than it was on the footlights, is a Metro special production, directed by George Irving, under the personal supervision of Maxwell Karger. Lois Zellner adapted the play. Arthur Martinelli was the cameraman and Lester J. Vrnilyea designed the special art interiors.

Japanese women can tell their husband's address by the sound his clogs make on the sidewalk, for each piece of wood in the heel of his shoe has its peculiar timber and pitch.

# MAJESTIC THEATRE

TODAY AND TUESDAY

## 5 Big Acts 5

### Loew Vaudeville 5

This is indeed an exceedingly good bill—Come and enjoy yourself.

On Same Program  
**H. B. WARNER**  
—in—  
**"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE"**

—His sweetheart and guardian wait in vain, while the boy, burning the candle at both ends, flings his youth into the flame of folly and responds to the lure of an experienced woman.

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—That's what this is made of.

ALSO—NEW UNIVERSAL COMEDY AND SELZNICK NEWS



TODAY AND TUESDAY

## HE WAS A WOMAN HATER

Until He Met Helen Steele—

Then She Trifled With Him and He Got Rough—So Rough That She Married Him!!!

See Mr. BERT LYTELL in

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### The MISLEADING LADY

The Captivating Stage Success

By Charles Goddard and Paul Dickey

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Now and for the next three or four months, your dealer can supply you with the bigger, better Sealdsweet grapefruit that tune the meal and tone the system.

Tell your fruit man you want the large sizes of Sealdsweet grapefruit, because they are fully matured and juicier than smaller ones—he will furnish them if you insist.

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**GREETINGS.**  
 Today Ranger greets West Texas. No West Texas delegates, it would appear but West Texas itself, judging by the number of visitors who have become our guests.

That Ranger is glad to see these visitors goes without saying. The honor of entertaining the greatest convention known to the state and the Southwest a convention exceeding in numbers most of the national and international meetings is one in which no city can fail to rejoice. Ranger will enjoy the visit and hearty trusts its guests will enjoy both Ranger and each other.

This first, we believe, they will not fail to do. It is no common sight to see a city springing into being, full born. But that friends, is what you may see here. Admitting that you will see shacks, vacant lots, cheap construction in places, just remember that they are the survivors of the chrysalis stage.

Two years ago, the entire town would have presented that appearance. Up to the date of the fire in April, 1919, the F. & M. bank building and a few small bricks were the only substantial structures in the town. That fire, seeming a disaster, was the making of Ranger. It was the turning point. Shall we rebuild with shacks and reap the high but temporary prosperity of a boom town, or shall we build here a city, was the question. It was answered in brick and stone, at the cost of a year's income or much of the downtown property, will construction was under way. But today, block on block of modern buildings rear their heads on the ashes of yesterday. They are here to stay, to shelter the activities of mankind.

Fifteen months ago, Main street was a sea of mud. Nine months ago there were six blocks of paved street in Ranger. Today there are forty blocks. Two months ago, passengers on the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroads, wrestled with ankle-deep dust or mud still deeper on their way to the station. Now there is pavement all the way and sidewalk most of the way.

These things are but instances. We of Ranger think they represent great strides. We believe you will agree with us. To you who come from substantial towns of gradual growth, Ranger may appear haphazardly built. It is. But it still is building. Come again in two years, or five, and as great a change will be noted as is now observed by those who were here two years ago.

Anyway, we believe you will find the hearts of Ranger hospitable to the core. They're of West Texas and for West Texas.

The West Texas convention itself, regardless of its meeting place is a wonderful thing. While there is competition between cities therein, certainly, yet there is a wonderful field for co-operation between them. For whatever helps one town also helps its neighbor. This co-operation in its practical workings will be mostly in the hands of its business organizations, certainly. Nevertheless, the convention is vital in that it lays a framework of principles on which to work, and more vital still, it engenders a mutual understanding and friendship which promotes co-operation. It is all for people to meet and mingle together. Therein is born a community of interests whose momentum obstacles cannot stop.

Men of West Texas, Ranger is here to have you as its guests. May you visit here be both profitable and pleasant and may the hospitality you receive meet your every desire.

**THE AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.**  
 Urging that immediate action be taken in pending legislation to authorize the secretary of the treasury to make partial payments on the three hundred and forty million dollars due to the railroads from the government, John S. Drum, of San Francisco, president of the American Bankers' association, has presented a memorial to Congress, which he says points out the great injustice of the present situation and indicates how it reacts to the detriment of agriculture, commerce and trade.

Copies of the memorial have been forwarded to Chairman Eesh of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee, to Senator Cummins, chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee.

"The American Bankers' association," says the memorial, "urges upon you the immediate need of legislation that will authorize partial payments of amounts due to the carriers from the government under the guaranty provisions of the Transportation act of 1920 as those amounts are ascertained and certified from time to time by the Interstate Commerce commission. The economy policy of the American Bankers' association, of which Mr. Paul M. Warburg of New York is chairman, has investigated the situation thoroughly and adopted recently the following resolution:

"That it is the sense of this committee that legislation be urged which would make immediately available the funds which are held by the government or the railroads without the necessity of filing their complete claims.

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Then she wished that all the hot, tired folk in that narrow lane were looking forward as was she to a day when the snore of her fancy would not be idle in a city canyon, but restless and inviting on the lake shore, when she would find all that makes for holiday and rest, clean air and cool winds and a boat on the water. And she sped the swathed canoe on its way to make a summer holiday for some lucky youth or maid.

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As the dancer luxuriated in the steaming perfumed water one slender foot was gracefully extended over the marble side of the tub to be gently massaged by the deft attendant. Others stood about in a "watchful waiting" attitude carrying soft towels and silver robes ready for the lady's modestly arranged exit from her ablutions.

As the scene ended the Woman caught a long breath from the occupant of the seat directly back of her, quickly succeeded by a masculine voice. "Gee, Tom!" it said. "You gotta hand it to the movies for letting us roughnecks know how the other half takes its bath. Think of that dame. And you and I are in it if we get plain and unimpaired hot water at our boarding house when we take our Saturday night swim."

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**BANKS URGE PASSAGE OF R. R. PAYMENT LAW.**

Urging that immediate action be taken in pending legislation to authorize the secretary of the treasury to make partial payments on the three hundred and forty million dollars due to the railroads from the government, John S. Drum, of San Francisco, president of the American Bankers' association, has presented a memorial to Congress, which he says points out the great injustice of the present situation and indicates how it reacts to the detriment of agriculture, commerce and trade.

Copies of the memorial have been forwarded to Chairman Eesh of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee, to Senator Cummins, chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee.

"The American Bankers' association," says the memorial, "urges upon you the immediate need of legislation that will authorize partial payments of amounts due to the carriers from the government under the guaranty provisions of the Transportation act of 1920 as those amounts are ascertained and certified from time to time by the Interstate Commerce commission. The economy policy of the American Bankers' association, of which Mr. Paul M. Warburg of New York is chairman, has investigated the situation thoroughly and adopted recently the following resolution:

"That it is the sense of this committee that legislation be urged which would make immediately available the funds which are held by the government or the railroads without the necessity of filing their complete claims.

"Serious injury is being done to the entire banking situation in the United States and therefore to the entire economic structure of the country by reason of the decision of the controller of the treasury (which has been sustained by the Supreme court of the District of Columbia) that under the Transportation act, as at present constituted, the secretary of the treasury cannot make any payments to the carriers before their entire claims for compensation shall have been audited and certified to the secretary of the treasury by the Interstate Commerce commission.

"The refusal of the treasury department, based purely on a technical construction of the transportation act, to make partial payments as amounts due to the carriers are certified by the Interstate Commerce commission from time to time has rendered the railroads unable to meet their current obligations from their own funds. They have therefore been forced to borrow money from the banks to meet their obligations, or by foregoing payment to creditors have forced these creditors to borrow from the banks the money necessary to operate their own business. In either case banking credit in the United States is forced to bear, in addition to the extraordinary demands of business generally, a further burden of about three hundred and forty million dollars which, according to the secretary of the treasury, is the amount due to the railroads under the government guaranty.

"This great burden has put a further strain on banking credit already heavily taxed, and increases their difficulties in applying facilities urgently required by agriculture, commerce and trade. The purpose of Congress in enacting those provisions of the Transportation act which provide for compensation to the carriers for deficits incurred under federal control, was to render aid to the railroads so that in the interests of the people as a whole, during this period of adjustment, the carriers might as speedily as possible, make the additional betterments necessary to meet properly the requirements of the nation. That purpose is wholly nullified if the carriers are deprived of the use of the money due them until their entire claims have been audited and certified to the treasury department for payment.

"Legislation that would remedy this serious situation, by expressly declaring it to be the intent of Congress to permit partial payments to the carriers as the amounts due them are certified

## WELCOME WEST TEXAS DELEGATES

# A Pledge

We, the undersigned business and professional men of Ranger, having linked our fortunes with those of the city, do hereby pledge our loyal support to everything which is for its good, and, as far as possible, shall do everything in our power to advance its interests and development.

We shall frown upon and discourage all known evils, and in our daily contact with our fellow citizens we shall try to spread those doctrines which make for the betterment of a community, supporting the forces which are striving for the uplift and betterment of this community, and discouraging those which will tend to demoralize or corrupt it.

Shall we not through the days which are to come show our genuine appreciation for the benefits which we have derived by striving in every way to make Ranger a better place because we have been counted among its citizenship?

Our city is passing from a state of unsightliness in material aspect resultant from an unprecedented expansion. It is growing into a comely, permanent center of thriving business and beautiful homes. May we not, by our combined efforts, make to grow in proportion that intangible asset, no less real, of co-operation of men interested in city making, that feeling which some day will be known far beyond the immediate district that we serve as "The Spirit of Ranger."

To the Delegates who come to attend the meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, we extend a hearty greeting. For we realize that only through such combined efforts shall this section of our State come into its own. We endorse the West Texas Chamber of Commerce because of the good work it has done, and we wish for it a life of real achievement.

Sanitary Meat Market  
113 S. Marston St. Phone 289.  
U. S. L. Battery Service Co.  
Jones-Cox Hardware Co.  
People's Meat Market  
Norvill Hardware Co.  
Chef's Cafe

National Supply Co.  
Cawley Bros.  
Peters & Abraham  
124 S. Austin St.  
The Jamesons  
Singer Sewing Machine Co.  
110 N. Austin St. Phone 349.

City Fish Market  
Fresh Fish Daily. 311 Walnut St.  
Gwynne-Hall Co.  
837 Blackwell road.  
McElroy Plate Glass Co.  
Wm. N. McDonald  
Plumbing and Heating. Phone 344.  
203 N. Austin.

# ALL WEST TEXAS BENEFITED BY RANGER'S OIL

In the early days of the boom, towns just recuperating from the severe effects of a two years' drouth which had left hundreds of their houses vacant, sent "spies" into Ranger to get a new citizenship. Some of these emissaries were paid fabulous sums. They made their rendezvous at the leading hotel, "dusted" up against the oil operator and the driller and the laborer, distributed literature profusely illustrated and "highly perfumed" with information on the morals, schools and general goodness of the towns they represented.

Ranger had no kick coming, to use a street phrase. It was unable to accommodate one-half of the people who flocked to the Golden West in quest of the liquid that changes one's fortune overnight. It was then made up of "pasteboard" houses, leans-to, shacks and tents. Its streets were crammed and jammed with humanity. Its postoffice was unable to distribute the great bulk of mail. The postmaster's resignation was declined with "regrets." In order to house the great throngs it was necessary that these people go to other towns, maintaining there a residence with family, and themselves working at Ranger. At the time the boom at Ranger was as much a Godsend to the rest of West Texas as it was to Ranger itself. Ranger might have got along without the boom, but West Texas—no. It was essential that its many vacant houses be filled, that the streets again circulate with people and the banks replenish their dwindled deposits. One town in particular conveyed 80 well-to-do "residents" of Ranger to look over the prospective home-city. Many of them made purchases of property and moved their families there from the North and East. Mind you, during this time Ranger was not standing by letting all this population slip from its grasp. It, too, was filling up the hundreds of new residences that were being built on its many pretty hills, in the dells and vales of the Ranger country. But in doing so, it was not "hogfish," letting the other towns share in the "profits" of the oil fields.

**You're Welcome!**  
At least one West Texas city benefited almost as much from the effects of the discovery of oil as Ranger. It was Abilene. Abilene was one of the towns prepared to care for a large number of new citizens. It met them with outstretched arms and showed them comfortable bungalows. Many capitalists went to the Hub of Central West Texas and are today much more pleased there than they had ever been before in the North and East. The gentility and hospitality of West Texas folks in all the towns had their drawing power to make permanent residents of those attracted to the oil fields.

The people who came to the oil fields and made large gains were not niggardly in sharing with institutions of learning. West Texas colleges which had been suffering from a lack of finances found eager ears among the oil workers. More than \$500,000 went out of the pockets of these men for these institutions of

learning. Monuments to perpetuate the name of the donors and to cast permanent honor on Ranger and the oil fields are today to be found in many West Texas cities.

**Went Over the Top.**  
During the war Ranger did more than its share in helping to win the conflict. In the Liberty Loan drives, Y. M. C. A. campaigns, and other war work, it surpassed many of the staid towns. It always "went over the top" with a vim

and vitality that indicated it was made up of the sterner stuff. Even while the wages paid here were greatly in excess of those paid elsewhere, Ranger laborers and oil workers dropped their work and went to the munition plants, shipyards and navy and army and did their bit toward the isolation of the kaiser for life.

Unquestionably, Ranger was the most powerful force that worked in West Texas during the diversity of 1917 and 1918 and during the terrible war. It was the

salvation of other places.  
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."  
Ranger helped them all.

Ranger is the largest city in all West Texas. The spirit of its people made it so. It shall continue to be if its business men maintain their present attitude and duty.

**GYMNASIUM BALCONY FALLS; DOZEN INJURED**  
By International News Service  
DENVER, Feb. 7.—A balcony in the

North Denver High school gymnasium fell this afternoon during a high school basketball game. More than 100 spectators were plunged to the floor ten feet below and a dozen were injured.

# WRIGLEY'S

"After Every Meal"  
**Everywhere**

All over the world people use this goodly for its benefits, as well as its pleasure.

Keeps teeth clean, breath sweet, throat soothed.



Aids appetite and digestion.



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Sealed Tight — Kept Right

# Oilbelt Motor Company

...BIDS YOU...

# WELCOME

The history of Ranger is inseparately interwoven with the history of this organization, for from the earliest days, from the very beginning of the little city now known in the four corners of the globe, this institution has played an important part in the growth and development of this entire section.

To say that we are glad to welcome you these two days gives you only the part of the message we wish to convey to you. We are glad that this visit will enable you to see Ranger as she really is, to see the permanent and substantial growth which the city has made, to get some idea of the bright future which lies before us. And most of all we are glad of this opportunity you will have to really know the spirit of Ranger, that spirit which enabled the men of this community to raise a city from the mud in record time, and from a hopelessly small beginning, build a community of which they are proud in the short space of time of two years.

While you are here, feel free to make the Oilbelt Motor Company your headquarters and call upon us if we can help you in any way.

# OILBELT MOTOR CO. INC.

J. T. GULLAHORN, Mgr.

PHONE 232.

CORNER AUSTIN AND CHERRY STS.

## Welcome

## West Texas C. of C. Delegates

**WE ARE** glad to have you as our guests for these two days. We hope you will enjoy every minute of your brief stay here.

**WE KNOW** your visit here will be of mutual benefit to both Ranger and the city you represent. If in any way we can be of service to you while in our city we hope you will call on us.

# Adams & Echols

Two Doors North of Liberty Theatre  
WE DELIVER PHONE 166

# Clothes That Men Want At Prices It's A Pleasure To Pay

—That's Been Our Policy From  
the Start

**MEN'S** Furnishings aren't necessarily high priced. Not if you buy them at the Globe. We figured a long time ago that the only way we could get satisfaction out of business was to give satisfaction to our customers. That's why you find so many men in the oil fields coming to us for the clothes they wear. They know the clothes are right and the price is, too.

High prices have been forgotten entirely. Everything in stock is now back to pre-war prices, which means a reduction of one-half or more.

We have just received a big shipment of men's furnishings. Shoes, belts, shirts, spring neckwear included.

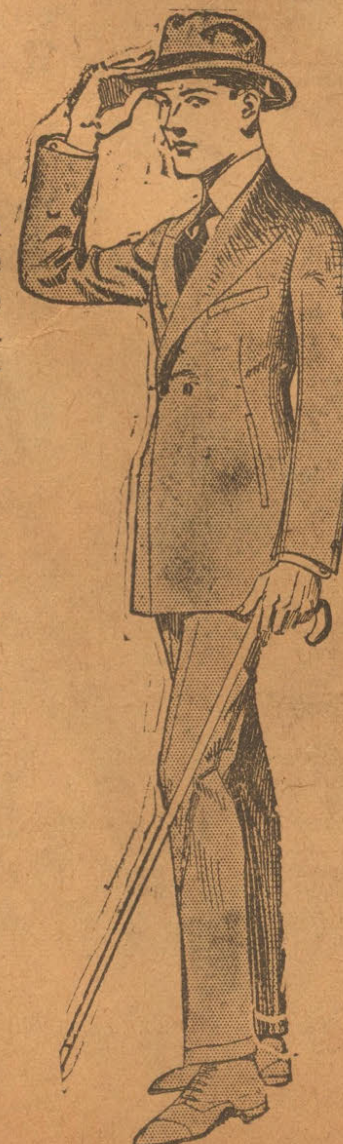
**Leather Handbags and Suit Cases  
Still on Sale, 50 Per Cent Discount**

# THE GLOBE

"Store For Men"

SAUL PERLSTEIN, Prop.

105 N. Austin st.



BY BILLY DE BECK

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES AND REGULATIONS in the Daily Times Ranger, Texas

Use These Papers to Cover the Oil Fields

THE FORT WORTH RECORD WICHITA FALLS RECORD-NEWS THE RANGER DAILY TIMES Combined Classified Rate

Consecutive insertions: Words, 1 Time, 4 Times, 7 Times

No advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. The above rates are for consecutive Daily and Sunday insertions without change of copy.

No advertisement accepted on a "fill forbidden" order; a specific number of insertions must be given.

Notice to discontinue advertisements must be given in writing, otherwise we are not responsible.

We reserve the right to place all classified advertisements under their proper classification and to reject unclear or objectionable copy.

1-LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Sireno horn on road between Eastland and Ranger. Liberal reward for return to Dick Rust at police station.

LOST-Between Ranger and Thurber one brown dress and two dogs' harness and basket. Finder please return to Times office and receive liberal reward.

LOST-One 3/4 casing tube and rim. Reward, Cassidy, at Mission garage.

LOST-Lavallee with three small diamonds. Reward. Return to Jessie Rayfield, Lukins' Cafe.

2-HELP WANTED-Male

HELP WANTED-Auto trimmer, one first class top and cushion man. Chance to go in partners if competent. Apply room 38, hotel De Groff, after 5 p. m.

3-HELP WANTED-Female

WANTED-Middle-aged white woman for housekeeping, family of three. Apply Mrs. Cain, Texas Drug Co., No. 1.

4-SITUATIONS WANTED

LADY stenographer, six years' experience, desires permanent position. Call Tel. 301.

6-BUSINESS CHANCES

GROCERY-Dandy little grocery, doing \$85 day cash business; living rooms in rear; address box 67.

FOR SALE-Garage, doing good business, 1307 Main St., Cisco, Texas; for further information write W. R. Smith, Box 431 Cisco, Texas.

7-SPECIAL NOTICES

CANCERS, tumors, sores, goitre, piles, fistula. Write for testimonials of cures Box 517, Dallas, Texas.

L. SEYBOLD-Cement Contractor, 712 S. Rusk st., P. O. Box 902; all work guaranteed.

MEN'S half shoes, \$1.50. Ladies, \$1.25. Rubber heels, 50c. Good leather used work guaranteed. 715 S. Rusk St.

WRINKLES and Freckles permanently removed, muscles tightened, giving youthful appearance to face. Patient can be seen by appointment. R. Alice Tracy representative Madam Mays, room 6, 319 Elm St. Hours 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p. m.

DRESSMAKING-silk shirts and sewing of all kinds done to order. Give me a trial; work guaranteed. Mrs. S. H. House, Woman's Exchange, Terrell Bldg.

PEARLESS CLEANERS AND DYERS All work guaranteed. Ladies work a specialty. We clean rugs. 315 Pine St.

RANGER AUTO PAINT SHOP First class automobile painting at Dallas prices; 427 Mesquite street.

8-ROOMS FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Nice large bedroom, close in; connecting bath, hot and cold water; garage, one or two gentlemen; 333 Hill ave.

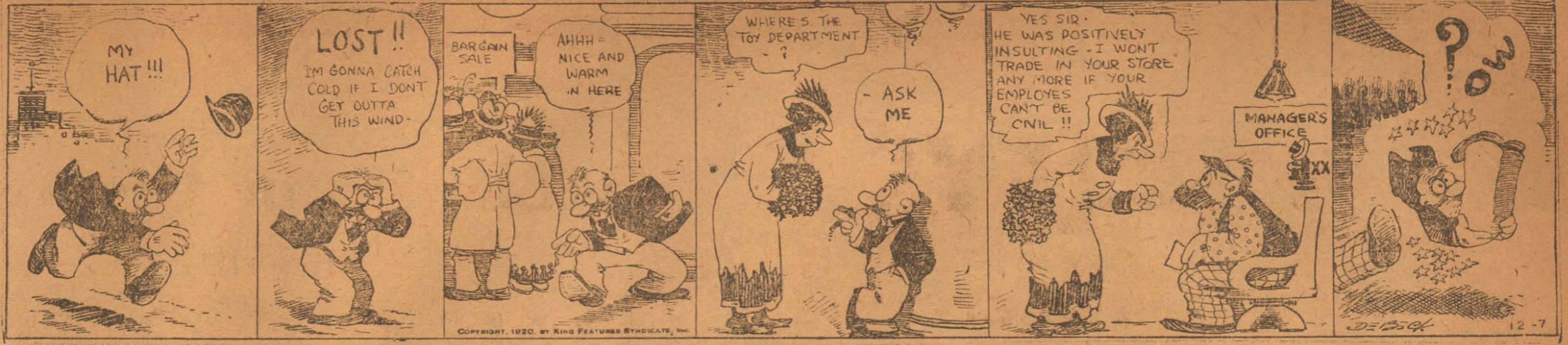
RANGER HOTEL has reopened under new management. All outside rooms clean, newly papered. Single rooms, \$1; two in room, \$1.50; by week, \$5 and \$7. Main and Marston.

OPERA HOTEL-Pine street; now open under new management. Nice clean rooms, \$3 a week for one, \$12 for two. Transient business solicited. Try Ollie's place for regular meals, just across the street.

PRIVATE FAMILY, wants roomers, \$3.50 per week; boarders \$9 per week; inquire at Estes Bros. store.

ROOMS-Nicely furnished, gentlemen preferred. Price \$4 and \$6 per week. 304 N. Oak St.

Barney Google



MAKES A BETTER ARGUMENT

"After being my fiancée for five years she breaks the engagement and sends back the ring."

8-ROOMS FOR RENT

NEW boarding house opened two doors west of the Ranger Times office. Good meals and good clean beds. \$16 per week.

9-HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Nice 8-room house, on pavement. A real home. See Oliver, at Guaranty Shoe Co., or 115 Hodges St.

FOR RENT-5-room house. Address Box 291 or apply 829 Blackwell road.

TWO-ROOM unfurnished house, close in, all conveniences. Apply to Mrs. Smith in rear of 315 N. Marston St.

FOR RENT-Two-room furnished house, close in, all conveniences. Apply 207 1/2 S. Austin St. after noon.

FOR RENT-Five-room house, close in, opposite city steam laundry. 318 Cypress street.

11-APARTMENTS

MARIAN APARTMENTS-Two-room apartments, water, light, gas, completely furnished; clean and new. 607 Main.

FOR RENT-Large three-room apartment, completely furnished. Apply Leighton Hotel, 207 S. Austin.

13-FOR SALE-Miscellaneous

NU-BONE CORSETIERE-Located at Marghelo Beauty Shop, will give fittings Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1 to 5. The corset that is made to order.

FOR SALE-Army tents, sizes 16x16, special for \$35, while they last. U. S. Army Supply Store, 315 Main St.

SAFE CABINET for sales large Globe-Wernicke steel cabinet. Stockman, Colie & Armstrong, 222 Marston bldg.

CABBAGE PLANTS-Early Jersey, Charlotte Wakefields, Flat Dutch, Successions. Prepaid mail: 500, \$1.50; 1,000, \$2.50; express collect, 1,000, \$2; 2,000 to 5,000 at \$1.75, 1,000; 10,000, \$15. Satisfaction or money back. Wanted, dealers everywhere. Coleman Plant Co., Tifton, Georgia.

HAVE some fancy Cartwright black land prairie hay, uniform bales tied with three wires. Can load one to five cars on short notice. L. R. Hays, Gainesville, Texas.

14-FOR SALE-Real Estate

MISSOURI-\$5 down \$5 monthly buys 40 acres truck and poultry land near town Southern Missouri. Price \$240. Send for bargain list. Box 103, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

FOR SALE-Two residence lots set with brown peach and pear trees in Highland Park; fine soil and near gas main. Price \$350 cash. Address Box 1113, Ranger.

15-HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Three-room house on Strawn road, also two-room house in rear on lot, fine shade tree, nice place for home; only \$1,100, terms if desired. See R. F. Reynolds, Strawn road.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-4-room house, furnished, or rent at \$35 per month, apply 420 Mesquite st.

FOR SALE-3-room house, gas in every room; good garage, fenced in back yard; water, \$300; 533 South Hodges st.

FOR SALE-Cash or terms, two well-built 2-room houses with lots, located near Hamon railroad; renting for \$15 per month each. Price \$800 each. E. R. Johns, Sinclair Camp.

16-AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE or exchange, got it on a debt and will sell at big bargain. Duplex truck with wench and trailer; terms, or will take part trade, Black Bros., Paramount hotel.

18-WANTED-Miscellaneous

FURNITURE bought, sold, exchanged. Have moved to 403 Main St. Barker's Furniture Store.

FURNITURE bought, sold and exchanged. 113 N. Rusk, Terrell Bldg.

LOCKSMITH-General repairing. 317 S. Marston St., in New York rooms. Phone 351.

FURNITURE bought and sold. J. M. Wilson, 114 N. Rusk st.

20-OIL, GAS AND MINERAL

WILL BUY developed and equipped producing properties; purchase price to be deducted from production; prefer properties in Ranger field. P. O. Box 1552, Ranger, Texas.

22-POULTRY AND PET STOCK

BABY CHICKS, EGGS-Purebred Leghorns, Rocks, Orpingtons, Wyandotters; best laying strains, postpaid. Movable price; satisfaction guaranteed. Poultry Farm, Columbia, Mo.

PIPE LINE FACILITIES MAKE RANGER LOGICAL CENTER FOR VAST OIL REFINING PROSPECTS

Two Plants in Operation, Another Completed, and Two Others Building Show That Big Companies Appreciate Possibilities.

Ranger is spending around \$1,000,000 for new refineries in addition to a brand new one just completed and two already in operation.

The Ranger Refining company operates two large refineries in this city. One is situated in the northeast part of the city and the other in the western part of town. They have capacities of 4,500 barrels daily.

The purpose of the plant is to save the evaporation waste in the pipe line between Ranger and South Texas refineries. The process used in the separation of the gasoline from the crude oil will probably be that of sedimentation.

The total capacity of the new plant has not yet been estimated due to the fact that engineers themselves do not know how productive of gasoline the oil is.

The new structure will be of brick, steel and wood and built for permanence. Already the foundation and some of the walls are in course of installation.

Ranger is the logical location for refineries is becoming more appreciated daily by the large companies and the independent refiners.

Construction will start shortly and completion will be about May 1. It will extract three-fourths of a gallon of gasoline per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

Gas for the plant will be taken from wells of the Moorman, Dorsey, Gholson, Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company and Prairie Gas company in the Ranger fields.

Work has already started on the 20,000 barrel daily capacity "topping" and "skimming" plant of the Tumble Oil & Refining company of the Sun company's Rusk spur track in West Ranger.

FOR SALE-3-room house, gas in every room; good garage, fenced in back yard; water, \$300; 533 South Hodges st.

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FAST BASEBALL LEAGUE AMONG WEST'S ASSETS

Ranger is a member of the West Texas Baseball league which was organized in the spring of 1920.

The Ranger team last year was under the management of Jim Cato Galloway, a veteran baseball player.

The institution of league baseball in West Texas has resulted in considerable talent being brought to the West.

At the present time there is considerable agitation in the Panhandle and on the Plains for the organization of a circuit which would embrace Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Clovis, Childress, Dalhart and other places.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Listed in alphabetical arrangement are herewith given the names of business firms and professions of Ranger. Consult this Directory for responsible and progressive citizenship.

Accountants: 417-419-421 Guaranty Bank Bldg. KARLE E. JONES & CO., Audits Conducted, Income Tax Reports

Doctors: DR. L. C. G. BUCHANAN, Exclusively Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

Hospitals: RANGER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Audrey Abbott, Supt. Open to all reputable physicians.

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# JUDGE WILLIAM H. M'GANNON AGAIN FACES MURDER CHARGE

### Third Effort to Determine Who Fired Shot Which Killed Harold C. Kagy in Cleveland Begins in Common Pleas Court in That City—Many Contradictions Shown in Two Trials Which Have Already Been Held.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 7.—A third effort to judicially determine who fired the shot which resulted in the death of Harold C. Kagy last May began in Common Pleas court here this morning when William H. McGannon, chief justice of the Cleveland Municipal court, appeared in court to answer to an indictment charging second degree murder.

McGannon was tried in December, the jury reporting a disagreement on December 31 after being deadlocked for more than forty-eight hours. Ten of the jurors voted for conviction and two for acquittal.

In November John W. Joyce, a former saloon keeper, was tried and acquitted on an indictment charging him with the murder.

The death of Kagy has attracted more attention than any crime of like character in the Middle West for years, owing to the prominence of one of the men charged with the crime.

At the two trials which have already been held the evidence presented has shown many contradictions.

The undisputed facts are that McGannon, Joyce and Kagy met at a cafe on Euclid avenue on the night of May 7 and that from there they drove downtown in Judge McGannon's car. At a downtown street corner the car stopped and a shot followed an altercation. All persons disappeared except the wounded man, who was taken to a hospital, where he died two weeks later.

Kagy said that Joyce shot him. His statement, made at the time and later just before his death, resulted in the arrest and indictment of Joyce. Judge McGannon appearing as a witness for the

prosecution at the Joyce trial.

Judge McGannon, however, has steadfastly maintained that he was not present when the shot was fired. He testified at his own and Joyce's trials that he left the "murder car" at the corner of East Main and Euclid and walked to the public square, where he took a street car to his home on upper Euclid avenue. Witnesses at his trial attempted to establish his alibi, two men testifying that they saw him on the car, while others, including the judge's brother and sister-in-law, said that they saw the judge on the way to the public square at a time prior to the firing of the fatal shot.

The principal testimony against the judge will again be furnished by Miss May B. Noely, a former friend of the jurist, but who now is his bitter enemy. Stories of the "woman scorned" have been current in this connection since she first appeared before the grand jury.

She is expected to again testify that she saw the judge fire the shot that killed Kagy, having trailed him on the night of the murder for purposes of her own, according to her former story.

McGannon is showing the strain of the charges made against him and the gossip that has been dragging the judicial eminence in the mire. For many years an honored and respected judge, who has decided the fate of many accused criminals, a former assistant county prosecutor, his present position is attracting wide attention.

Who killed Harold C. Kagy? Upon the answer to this question depends the freedom of a much-honored citizen and the spotlessness of the emine of a judge.

# EASTLAND COUNTY SIXTH IN INCREASE OF AUTOMOBILES

By Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 7.—Automobiles registered in Texas increased 96,883 in 1920 over the 1919 registration, according to a report just compiled by the state highway department. There were 427,893 registrations in 1920 as compared with 331,010 in the preceding year.

The report shows the registrations in the counties in Texas with the increase or decrease as the case may be. Decrease in registrations were shown in only ten counties while there are four counties in Texas that have had no automobiles registered in them during the past two years.

Dallas with 27,937, Harris with 23,242 and Bexar with 21,035 led the counties in the number of automobiles in 1920, the next highest being Wichita with 12,689.

The greatest increases in number of cars were shown in Dallas, 6,062; Harris, 5,050; Tarrant, 4,998; Bexar, 4,503; and Wichita, 4,348. Eastland county was next highest, its increase being 3,607.

The ten counties in which registrations decreased are Andrews, Arkansas, Borden, Burleson, Hopkins, Midland, Starr, Terry, Waller and Yoakum. No automobiles were registered in Cochran,

Crane, Hockley and Loving counties. Some of the greater increases in automobile registrations, which may be due to oil booms in a number of counties, include the following: Bell, El Paso, Galveston, Grayson, Jefferson, Jones, McLennan, Potter, Stephens, Taylor, Travis and Williamson.

## BAN BANDIT MOVIES.

Special Licensed Wire.

PORT WORTH, Feb. 7.—The ban is placed on all motion pictures depicting the work of bandits, train robbers and others that would tend to lower the morality of children and young people, by the terms of a contract entered into by the park board and a Fort Worth concern that will show free movies in four parks during the summer months.

## Restaurant Man Goes Crazy and Reduces Prices.

Know he is crazy, heard one of his competitors say so.

### CHEF'S CAFE

Has reduced prices on its menu 20 Per Cent.

No use this, now, when money is so hard to get, spending it all for cats. P. S.—We haven't reduced the quality of our food any.

## PAWNBROKER'S AUCTION SALE

TONIGHT AT 6:30 P. M.

—Will sell at Public Auction new and unredeemed Watches, Diamonds, Trunks, Suitcases, Etc.

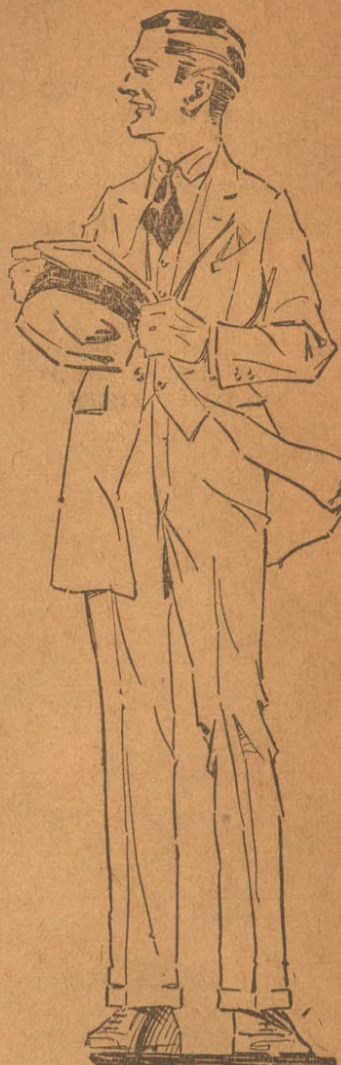
H. FAIR, Jeweler and Broker

105 S. Rusk St. Opposite Majestic Theater.

# Men's New Spring Suits

## Just Received

—A large assortment; selected patterns, over 100 Suits especially priced in 3 lots.



Lot No. 1— Values worth up to \$23.75 for \$50.00

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Lot No. 3— Values worth up to \$43.75 for \$100.00

# S. & H. Clothing Store

205 Main St.

AIRWAY FROM DAYTON, OHIO TO WASHINGTON PLANNED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Plans for a model airway from Dayton, Ohio, to Washington was announced today by the army air service. Towns along the route have been called upon to provide clear space for landing fields and the service expects to equip them with surplus materials and plot them on charts, although it had no funds to spend on the fields. Officials hope, however, to establish a pattern on which similar routes over the country can be established.

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Good old tobacco taste. Spicy aroma. Sparkle. Cool burning. That's what the 4-leaf blend means. With Burley heart-leaf used for rich "body"; Macedonian for spicy, aromatic smack; Golden Virginia leaf that almost tastes of sunshine; and good old Maryland for cool-burning.

Good? You bet it is.

# Crimped

Spurs are rolled and crimped by a patented machine. Because of this improved method, the cigarettes burn more evenly and longer.

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20 for 20¢

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To Our City

## West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

Visit Us at Our Store—The Largest Office Supply House Between Fort Worth and El Paso

As a booster of Ranger and West Texas, WE take this opportunity to tell you a few of the many advantages Ranger has to offer progressive business men. Ranger today, without a doubt, is the most prosperous in the Oil Field and one of the best cities in West Texas.

Ranger, a city of twenty thousand, offers you her backings in any business you might undertake for the betterment of the community. For factories Ranger offers an abundance of cheap fuel—good schools and churches that are unexcelled. Ranger is also building good roads to all parts of the Oil Field, which means a greater volume of business than we are at present enjoying.

We are doing our part in building Ranger, we opened an office supply store here that is not surpassed by any other in the country. We saw in advance what Ranger would be and our object was to give her the best and most complete office supply house. We have succeeded—and we are glad to say that the citizenship by its patronage, has shown its appreciation of a store such as OURS.

In the next week we will have in operation one of the most complete Commercial Printing Plants in the state of Texas.

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Mail Orders Shipped the Day We Receive Them.

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## RANGER TWO YEARS AGO---AND NOW

MAIN STREET LOOKING WEST TWO YEARS AGO

MAIN STREET LOOKING WEST TODAY

### RANGER JUMPS INTO CITY CLASS IN A FEW HOURS

Population Only 700 When Drills Pierce Earth and Find Oil.

### IT IS WELL GOVERNED

BY W. HAMILTON WRIGHT. When the drill pricked the reservoir of oil in Eastland county, Ranger was a hamlet of 700 inhabitants. It was a mayoralty and unpoliced community. From a station through which freights and "important" passengers "highballed," it became overnight the one black spot on the map of transportation lines that officials of the railroads were concerned most over. In an infinitely short time it jumped to 10,000 souls and at the last decennial census had reached more than 16,000.

The rapidly growing oil town was incorporated Dec. 7, 1918, when an election determined the matter. 3663 to S. Twelve days later M. H. Hagaman was elected mayor. The board of aldermen elected consisted of A. Davenport, E. N. Dorsey, M. R. Newnam and T. G. Deffebach. All these men with the exception of E. N. Dorsey, continue officially with the city. Previously to incorporation the city was policed by Rangers and the sheriff of Eastland county. Hygiene and sanitation were looked after by federal and state health bureaus at the expense of the Chamber of Commerce and public-spirited citizens.

### FLATFOOT STARR

The new municipal officers found upon induction into office that the city was without a cent of funds, without credit, without a supporting organization other than the Chamber of Commerce. This did not deter the undaunted officials. Frequent night sessions were held and matters of future city government discussed. A city charter was drafted and adopted by a vote of the people April 3, 1919, and filed at Austin. The first fiscal year of the incorporated city was begun as of Feb. 15, 1919, and the city immediately negotiated for a loan of \$60,000 underwritten by a group of enterprising and wealthy Rangers. Salaries were kept at the minimum and most rigid economy was practiced. A reasonable valuation was placed upon city property. It totaled more than \$18,000,000, with a bonding limit of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. With a tremendous task before the city in financing its officials, police, schools, fire department, paving and a hundred other things, a bond issue of \$750,000 was announced and carried. Of this amount, \$40,000 was set aside for the fire department, an extremely essential department in the early days of the incorporated city by reason of the numerous wooden structures being constructed and the great amount of inflammables in the city limits. This department comprehended two stations and equipment. Fifty thousands were set aside for a sewer system, \$350,000 for funding purposes, \$80,000 for a city hall and \$265,000 for paving. Of the bond issues, \$175,000 was spent for an up-to-date sewerage system.

### OFFICIAL FAMILY.

The official family now consists of Mayor M. H. Hagaman; George T. Hemmingson, city secretary; J. F. Dreinhof, tax collector; Henry Exall, Elrod Co., city engineer; L. J. Nachtrab, resident engineer; M. R. Newnam, T. G. Deffebach, A. Davenport, commissioners. The city is under the commission form of government with city manager in charge. M. H. Turner was the first city manager. Since his resignation there has been no successor to assume exclusively those duties, but Mayor Hagaman is performing them in addition to his regular duties as mayor. Chief of police is George T. Cooper, formerly of Fort Worth. This department consists of eleven officers, including two plainclothes men. The force during the boom days reached as high as twenty-three men. Charles L. Butcher is chief of the fire department, which is one of the most efficient to be found in the state.

### MUCH PAVING.

Since the city was incorporated has performed a number of things. More than thirty blocks have been paved with vitrified brick and

ty more are being completed as rapidly as material can be obtained. Paving was paid on the following named streets, with the number of blocks following: Main, six; Pine, five; Elm, two; Marston, two; Austin, five; Rusk, six and one-half; Commerce, six and one-half; Railroad avenue, five; Lamar, three; Hunt, two; Oak, two; Walnut, three. The paving program has entailed an expenditure of approximately \$675,000, the greatest sum spent by any city in the state in the same period of time. Paving will be continued without a let-up so long as citizens continue to ask for it. In a short time the city will begin construction of the city-county hospital at a cost of \$60,000, half of which will be borne by the municipality and the other half by the county. The sewer system municipally owned is one of the most complete in the state. Its early completion prevented an epidemic. Compulsory connection has resulted in practically every structure in the city being provided with this sanitary service.

The city secures its water supply from Lake Hagaman, situated northeast of the city. It contains around 500,000,000 gallons. The city plans in the near future to increase its water supply by impounding flood waters in a large reservoir near the city by means of a large dam. Ranger is the only city in the oil fields now with an ample water supply. The waterworks system extends to all parts of the city.

The Oil Belt Power company, which owns an immense electrical generating plant five miles from Ranger, furnishes lights and power for Ranger, Eastland, Breckenridge and scores of towns and cities in the oil belt. Its high lines are interconnected with the big power plants of Abilene, Sweetwater and other towns, giving the city a surplus of power. A uniform service for all Central West Texas towns.

The Sammie Gas corporation has natural gas lines running to all parts of the city to furnish fuel for factories and industries and for the heating of public buildings and residences.

### COUNTY ROADS.

Ranger will benefit by the county's recent \$4,500,000 bond issue for road building purposes, inasmuch as an agreement, entered into between the city commission and the county fathers, stipulates that the latter must pave several roads from the city corporation limits to within one-half mile of the Texas & Pacific passenger station. These county roads are the Stephens county road, which will enter Ranger by way of Austin street; the Eastland and Desdemona road, via South Rusk street, and Pleasant Grove road on West Main street.

During the last year industries and loyal citizens have contributed more than \$23,000 for the building of two culverts on North Commerce and Lamar streets. The Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, the discoverer of the great Ranger oil field, consistently supported and aided the commission in its solution of the horecan problem. When the main streets of Ranger were without bottoms this company without thought of expense helped hundreds of loads of gravel to help improve transport conditions. It championed the cause of the city at all times. The Chamber of Commerce likewise was an effective right arm in previous times.

The achievements of the city commission probably are without precedent in the history of modern man. When the load was heaviest and ignorant citizens were condemning the commission for the seeming slow progress it made in paving streets, lifting the town out of the mud, and preventing waves of crime, the body was doing its utmost. The critics had not taken into consideration that everything was working against the city's forward campaign. The government's restriction on purchase of materials, the railroad's ironclad embargo, the great wave of criminals and prostitutes flowing in, in overwhelming numbers, and a thousand and one other major hamperings—all these were not taken seriously into account. Now that in the course of less than two years the city has taken first rank among West Texas cities, the chronic grouch and early knocker ruses his ingratitude for the men who held fast to their job, not because of the emoluments that it offered, but because of their sense of duty. In time the history of Ranger's early struggles for mastery over wholesale municipal handicaps will be largely devoted to the devotion of those men who today continue to shape the destinies of the most modern and animated oil town in the United States.

Ranger has lodges of Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows, Moose, Woodmen, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and all trade union organizations.

### UVALDE PARADISE FOR BEE CULTURE

Approximately 3,000,000 Pounds Produced Yearly in Good Seasons.

W. HAMILTON WRIGHT, Record Staff Correspondent.

Uvalde is synonymous with honey. In fact, when the name is enunciated the mind conjures up visions of delectable nectar. E. R. Root, editor of "Gleanings in Bee Culture," and a noted bee authority, has styled Uvalde "The Bee Paradise of the World." W. O. Victor, local bee savant, concurs with Mr. Root, declaring that under favorable conditions it is not only a bee "paradise" but a bee "heaven."

The latter says with proper attention bees make almost unlimited quantities of honey annually, so that it is not a question of how fast the bees can gather honey, but a question of how fast the bee keeper can get it out. The honey flow season is long, the nectar abundant almost all year, and the climate peculiarly adapted to culture. The banner year for Uvalde county in this industry saw 3,000,000 pounds produced. The crop this year was 200,000 pounds. Some other figures furnished by Mr. Victor are: 36,000 pounds from 250 colonies; 35 colonies, spring count, increased to 135 colonies and 4,200 pounds of honey; one colony increased to four and 180 pounds; another colony increased to three and 157 pounds of honey; 100 colonies increased to an \$1,800 crop of honey. Mr. Victor says that occasionally the county fails to secure a profitable crop, but that these are rare. More frequently, apiarists realize as much as 100 to 200 per cent on their investment in a single season.

Though Uvalde county is favored in almost all ways for safe and profitable poultry raising, nothing serious in a commercial way has ever been attempted. W. C. Fisher, local chicken fancier, declares that in 1920 about 30,000 chickens, 50,000 turkeys and \$9,000 worth of eggs were shipped from here. All breeds of poultry except the heavily feathered variety thrive. Ducks and geese can also be successfully raised.

### GRAIN SECTION.

Uvalde county is a dependable oats and corn producing region. In 1920 the oats production was 800,000 bushels that was marketed at \$1 a bushel. The average yield was around 30 bushels to the acre. In some parts of the county Indian corn made from 24 to 45 bushels to the acre. Good feed crops were made this year. Cotton produced from one-fourth to one-half bale to the acre.

Irrigation, however, will be required to transform this country into a dependable agricultural section as some of our more centrally located counties. This is practicable here possibly to a greater and more economical extent than anywhere else in the state. It has been estimated that not less than 100,000 acres of extremely fertile and plains lands situated south of the mountainous country in the northern part of the county is adapted to irrigation from flowing and flood waters impounded in five streams with sources in the mountains at the head of the hills, where narrow but deep canyons may be dammed and filled for miles with storage water appropriate when needed.

### IRRIGATION SURVEYS.

Attempts have already been made to promote these irrigation dreams. Survey was made of the main Frio river valley for irrigation of 50,000 acres. It is now being promoted. Another survey has been completed of the Nueces river section, involving lands west and northwest of town. Other feasible prospects are a reservoir on Turkey creek in western Uvalde county contemplating 25,000 acres; the Frio river and the Nueces river project, pending, now being financed. These various projects comprehend utilization of power from the water for generation of electrical energy for surrounding towns and industries. It is believed that the revenue from this energy would in a short time reimburse all bond holders for capital invested and make possible almost negligible expense for operation of the super-irrigation scheme of Uvalde county. However, the development of power would have to come as a secondary consideration.

Ranger had less than 1,000 inhabitants in 1916.

Ranger has twenty-one barber shops with 107 chairs.



### RANGER CHURCHES SOUL OF THE CITY

Many Houses of Worship Mark Steady Spiritual Progress.

A city without churches is a city without a soul. A people without a God is a people without hope. Ranger has a soul; its people have hope. When Ranger hurried cityward to keep pace with its new citizens it did not forget to look after its spiritual needs. It realized that it needed to worship more than ever. Coincident with the erection of magnificent residences and stately business houses, there pivoted the skyline some of the best houses of worship to be found in West Texas. Not less than \$300,000 has been expended by the various denominations for buildings alone in the last three years. All of the denominations usually found in a large American city are established here with large memberships.

The little white wooden churches that had served well the needs of a pre-ol period soon were unable to accommodate even a small part of their members. Then it was that the big men of the churches thought out plans and plunked down their dollars for edifices which today vie with those in the largest cities of the state. The Methodists of Ranger erected a three-story brick building at the corner of Marston and Pine streets. The architecture is combination of Greek and modern periods. This structure cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. It contains besides auditorium, which ordinarily admits 450 worshippers but which can be extended to accommodate 1,000, thirty Sunday school rooms, nursery, recreation and missionary society rooms. Rev. L. A. Webb is pastor. This church has a large membership.

The Baptists have recently completed a structure of brick with deep basement, costing \$100,000, exclusive of fixtures, pews and the like. The seating capacity of the auditorium, when partitions are removed, is said to equal that of any other church west of Fort Worth. Besides the twenty-six Sunday school rooms, there are dressing and choir rooms. This church was built for service. In addition to the great work this church performs, it has been instrumental in establishing tabernacle branches in other parts of the city for the colored Baptists. Rev. W. H. Johnson is pastor. He went through the boom. The membership is among the largest in the city.

The Catholics were among the first to start construction of a cathedral. It is situated on the Blackwell road, east of the P. O. & G. company's offices. Organized in April, 1919, the church has grown to be probably the largest in the city, with an enrollment of more than 800. The cathedral cost in excess of \$40,000. It is of brick and so built that units may be lifted from time to time without detracting from the beauty of the main structure. Rev. B. A. Gherken is minister. The church also maintains a parochial school, with a large attendance. The church has been named St. Rita's. The Presbyterians also have a place of worship in the business section. The structure is at the corner of Walnut and Marston streets. The membership has been augmented largely in the last few months. Rev. Charles M. Collins, formerly pastor of the Denton, Texas, Presbyterian church, and later a volunteer worker with the overseas forces, is pastor. He is a tireless worker for the city's development. He is constantly work-

ing for the spiritual upbuilding of the city. A parsonage costing \$7,000 was purchased recently in the Burger addition.

The two branches of the Christian church have considerable memberships performing a most valuable spiritual work. The Church of Christ pastored by Rev. J. W. McKinney is located at the corner of Rusk and Missouri streets. The Christian church has as its minister Rev. Mr. Winsett, a very energetic worker. These two branches of the church have performed a great service for Christianity in Ranger during their tenures.

Episcopalians have not yet erected an edifice in the city, but they contemplate building in the near future. The membership is continually increasing. Services are held regularly in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, with Archdeacon Virden of Dallas officiating.

The Christian Scientists, likewise well represented in this city, hold regular services and provide free reading rooms and literature. Miss Irwin is reader.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, an interdenominational organization of Christians, established a small church in the eastern part of the city. It was founded by Rev. O. W. Edwards, with his wife, preached for several months daily on the streets and did considerable charity and missionary work throughout the city and at oil camps.

The Salvation Army holds services every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on the streets. It at present has no hall, but is arranging for one. Captain E. W. Hulin and his corps are directing the work. The work of the Salvation Army in Ranger during the height of the oil boom and since has been indeed creditable. Faith of Ranger in these workers was shown last year by donations of more than \$10,000, all of which will have been expended in Ranger before the year is ended.

The Jewish citizens of Ranger do not have occasional services. Their city is known as B'nai Israel, which H. Fair is president and A. Davis is secretary. This race, which is well represented among the workers, has always shouldered its part of the responsibilities of the city.

The East Side Baptist church is doing missionary work aside from the work of the main Baptist church. Its pastor is Rev. Mr. Drury. Other societies are represented, but the aforementioned denominations are the leading ones.

### WEST TEXAS FARMER HARVESTS COTTON CROP

The farmer of West Texas is giving the cotton speculator a run for his money. Cotton picking is in full blast in a large number of West Texas counties at the present, ranging from the Denton to the Permian handle. The weather has been most propitious for the gathering of the staple, although the high price of labor has militated against the expedition. Most of the work is now being done by the farmer with the assistance of his family during spare time.

Melody Floods Ship. NEW YORK.—Seven hundred cases of canaries were flooding the American liner Mongolia with melody when she arrived here from Hamburg. They will be shipped to dealers throughout the country.

Ranger has a first-class postoffice, employing thirty-five persons at a monthly cost of \$6,100. Total receipts for the fiscal year were \$1,140,764. Stamp sales totaled \$31,222.73. Nearly 67,000 money orders were issued.

Ranger has regular church services by Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Jewish, Christian, Salvation Army, Christian Alliance and Christian Science.

Ranger has seven moving picture shows and theaters.

**Ranger Gas Company, Inc.**

**GREETS YOU!**

**WELCOME!**

**West Texas Chamber of  
Commerce Delegates**

—We sincerely hope that your visit to Ranger will be both pleasant and profitable, and we hereby pledge ourselves to make it so.

—In Ranger homes, the most hospitable in the entire country, you will find very known convenience, and it has been our good fortune to have contributed one of the most important of these conveniences—GAS.

—THE CONVENTION WILL, FROM ALL REPORTS, OUTSHINE ANY PREVIOUS OCCASION—

—RANGER REALIZES THIS AND SO OFFERS YOU THE HAND OF WELCOME.

—COME AND ENJOY YOURSELF.

—We would be very happy to have any out-of-town visitors come in and see our offices while here—use our telephone or ask for any information.

**WE THANK YOU!**

**Ranger Gas Company, Inc.**

**RANGER, TEXAS**

**THE HUB OF THE OIL FIELDS**

# Welcome Delegates

We are glad to have you meet in our little city to discuss the things necessary for the advancement of West Texas. And we believe that out of these co-operative movements will come much good for this tremendous empire of ours, known as West Texas.

## Building West Texas Is Our Business

We are general contractors and are equipped to do any sort of construction work, including street and road building, a class of construction that our section needs the most. Modern equipment and methods enable us to do our work satisfactorily and quickly. To give you an idea of the tremendous scale on which we do business, we have only to tell you that for the month of December past our pay roll alone was \$107,000.00.

The purpose of this announcement is not so much to solicit work as it is to let you know that we are operating all throughout this section and will be glad to advise with you regarding either personal or municipal jobs which you have in contemplation.

We trust that you will enjoy your visit to Ranger, which we believe to be as good a town as there is in Texas, and we will be pleased to have you drop in and give us a chance to shake you by the hand while you are here.

## Fleming & Stitzer

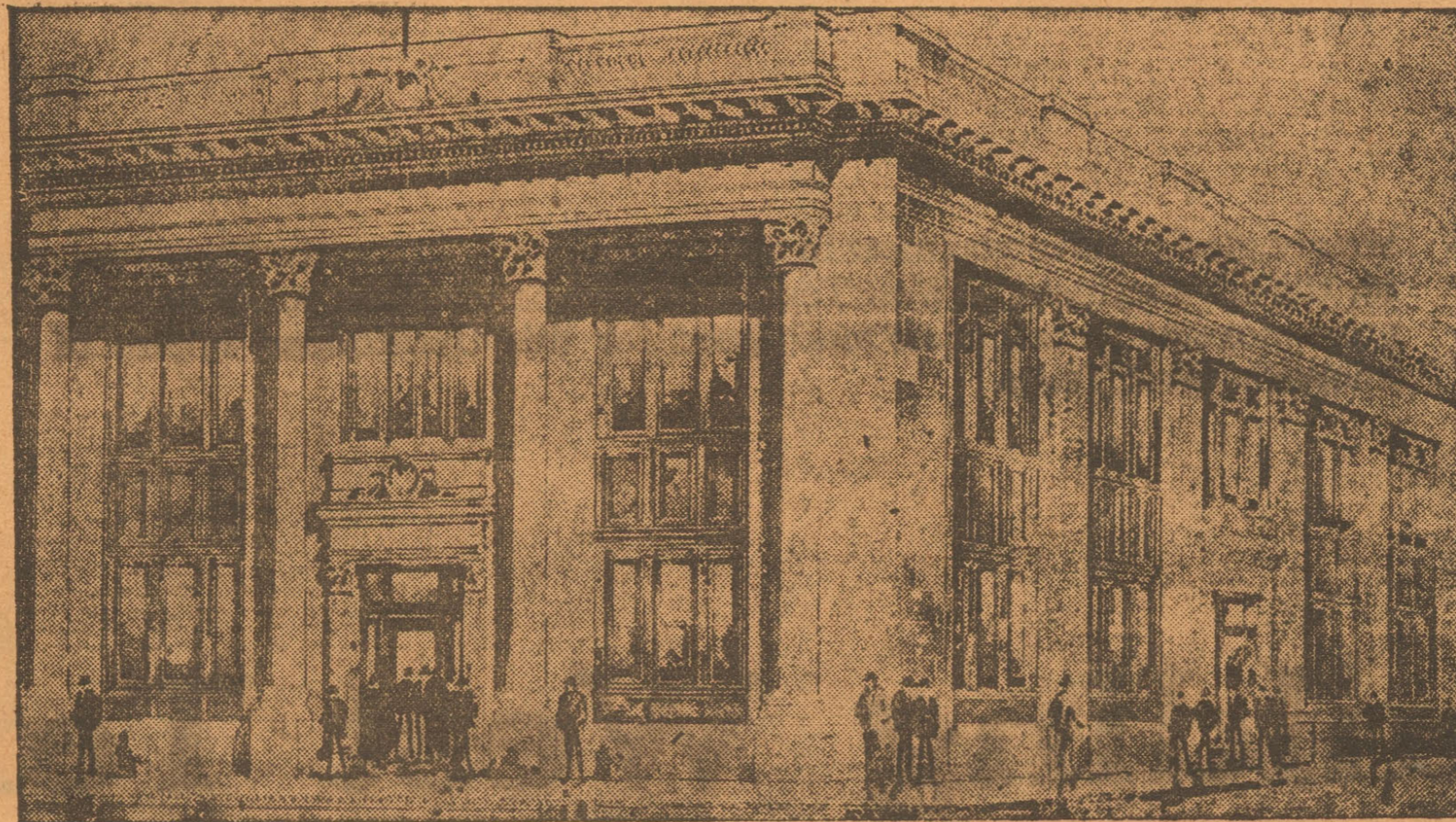
GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND ROAD BUILDERS

W. R. FLEMMING, General Manager

MAIN AND MARSTON

RANGER, TEXAS

# Greetings to the Live Wires of West Texas



AS AN INSTITUTION WHICH HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE UPBUILDING OF RANGER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, WE ARE GLAD TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR CITY.

—We believe in West Texas and her future, and we believe in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and its ability to bind the various townships of this tremendous area into a composite whole, which will present to the world a united front.

—May the ideals advanced at this convention look toward the betterment of the entire section, and may the principals and doctrines of the Chamber be accepted with a wholeheartedness which will insure the active support of the entire membership.

While you are in our city will you accord us the pleasure of serving you in any way possible? Drop in and give us the opportunity of making your acquaintance.

## First National Bank

Oldest Bank in Ranger

F. W. MELVIN, President

*C. B. HEDRICK, Active Vice President*

*J. F. DRIENHOFER, Vice President*

*THOS. G. DEFFEBACH, Vice President*

*T. E. PARKS, Active Vice President*

*REX OUTLAW, Cashier*

*OTIS B. CHAPOTON, Ass't. Cashier*

*T. J. HOLMSLEY, Ass't. Cashier*

## A Modern Drug Store of Dependable Service

Dependability Built Our Business  
Reliability Brought Us Customers

NEW FRESH DRUGS  
ALL MEDICINES  
GOOD CIGARS  
FRESH CANDIES

### VISIT OUR FOUNTAIN

After attending the convention you will feel the need of some refreshment or a good smoke. Come over and refresh yourself at our sanitary fountain.

OUR NEW STORE TO BE ONE OF MOST  
BEAUTIFUL IN SOUTHWEST  
Located in Hotel Gholson—Watch for Announcement

## Oil City Pharmacy

117 MAIN STREET

## Greetings---

### West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

VISIT

Ranger's Leading PAINT AND WALL  
PAPER STORE—Make our place your  
headquarters—the most complete line of  
Paints and Wall Paper in West Texas.

PAINTERS' SUPPLIES      ART GOODS

Mail Orders Promptly Shipped

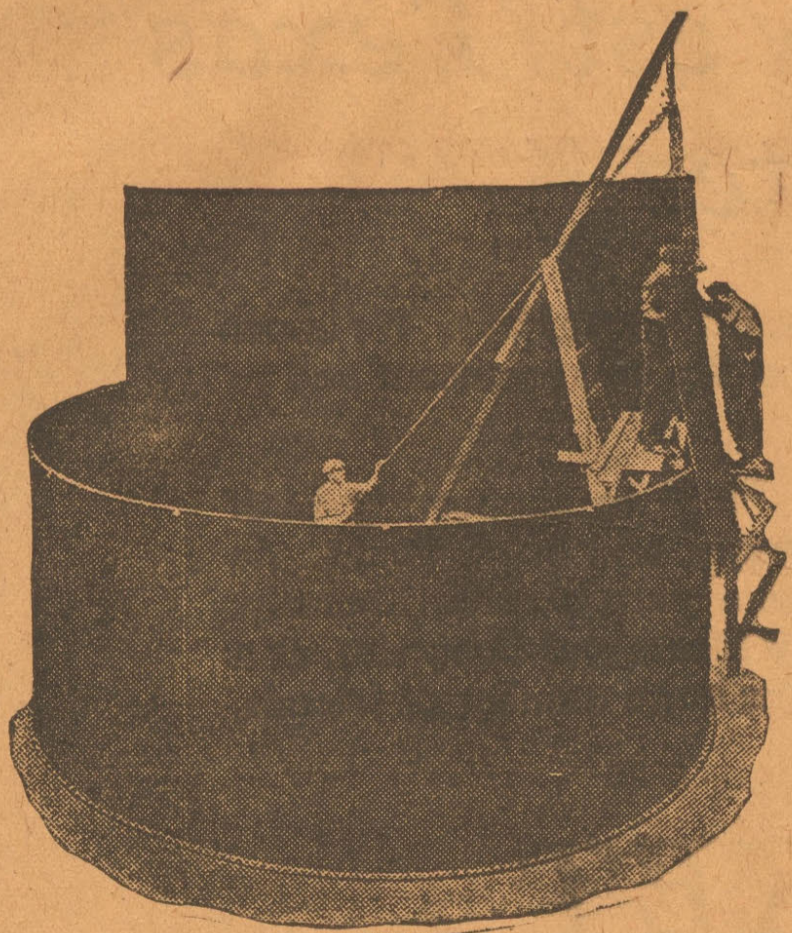
## J. H. Mead

PAINT AND WALL PAPER STORE

RANGER - - - - - TEXAS

## Oil Storage Tanks

And Refinery Equipment Fabricated and Erected



### Standard Tank & Steel Works

OFFICE AND WORKS—RANGER, TEXAS

Branches—Breckenridge, Caddo, Rising Star and Graham

Any Place - Anywhere - Any Time

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## The Times

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Newspapers demand quick service—that's why  
they call on us.

## Texas Art Studio

326 MAIN STREET

Souvenir  
Post Cards  
of Ranger

Extra Copies for Sale of  
the Views Presented  
to Delegates

Portraiture  
Commercial Work  
Oil Field Views

## The Six Leading Hotels of Ranger

THE GHOLSON HOTEL (To Be Open Soon 175 Rooms)	THE SOUTHLAND HOTEL (45 Rooms)
THE PARAMOUNT HOTEL (75 Rooms)	THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL (75 Rooms)
THE THEODORE HOTEL (60 Rooms)	THE BERNARDO HOTEL (50 Rooms)

WERE ALL COMPLETELY EQUIPPED BY

## Albert Peck & Company OF CHICAGO

COMPLETE OUTFITTERS OF HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CONFECTIONERIES, HOSPITALS, PUBLIC OR FRATERNAL HOMES, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, ETC.

We specialize in giving preferred service on Texas Hotel Propositions and our entire staff of Hotel Equipment Experts is at all times at the service of the Hotel Fraternity.

Mr. L. D. Canfield, Western Sales Manager, is here in connection with a number of new hotels now being or to be erected in the several new oil field locations in this vicinity and will be glad to confer with those who are now or will in the near future be in the market for Hotel Furnishings or equipment or any of the other lines in which we specialize.

WRITE, PHONE, WIRE OR COME AND SEE MR. CANFIELD.

HOTEL THEODORE

RANGER, TEXAS

## Greetings West Texas Delegates

ONE OF RANGER'S PIONEER STORES  
EXTENDS TO YOU A CORDIAL  
WELCOME

The Silk Art Shop was among the first stores in Ranger. In the old "boom days" our little shop on Pine and Austin was a popular place for Ranger women to buy their apparel. Today in our larger, expanded quarters in the Guaranty Bank Bldg. you will find the same thing holds true. Prices lower, selections more exclusive—that's the secret

Even in the "boom days" our prices were never excessive. We figure our profits on a low margin. Rather than carry big stocks over, we prefer to turn our goods fast, thus buying fresh stocks, and re-selling at low profit prices.



## Silk Art Shop

Ranger's Popular Store of Lower Prices"

Opposite Temple Theater.

Guaranty Bank Building



"IF IT'S ON THE MARKET YOU'LL FIND IT AT THE MODEL"



## Heartiest Welcome to West Texas C. of C. Delegates

RANGER is indeed glad to be host to the "livest wires in Texas" for these two days. We know your attendance at this convention will be of benefit to Ranger, the city you represent and to West Texas as a whole.

THE MODEL MARKET has at all times endeavored to do her "bit" in supporting both morally and financially any movement for the advancement of Ranger and West Texas. As Ranger merchants we have tried to keep faith with our customers who patronize us liberally. Our policy has always been to offer patrons only the best in Quality Meats and Groceries, at a fair, legitimate profit. That this policy is indorsed is shown by our large number of friends, who wouldn't think of buying elsewhere than the

## MODEL MARKET

Georgia Hotel Bldg.

1 1/2 Blocks South of Guaranty State Bank



"IF IT'S ON THE MARKET YOU'LL FIND IT AT THE MODEL"



# WELCOME DELEGATES

We Are Glad That You Are Here and We  
Want You To Know That

THIS HOUSE IS YOURS

During Your Stay in Our City

Let this hotel be your headquarters whether you stay with us  
or not. We want to add all we can to your comfort and pleasure.

## The Paramount Hotel

The Main Hotel on Main Street ————— Ranger, Texas

Welcome

Visitors,

Welcome

# TEXAS

## Bank & Trust Co.

"A Guaranty Fund Bank"

It Will Be a Genuine Pleasure To Serve You While  
You Are In Our City

# WELCOME!

## West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE WITH US

As one of West Texas' largest financial institutions, we take this opportunity to invite you to make our bank your headquarters during your visit here.

Delegates will find it convenient to transact business through this bank, and it will be our pleasure to be of every possible service to out-of-town visitors during their stay in the city.

We want you to meet our officers face to face. You'll find the friendliness of our officers to be genuine—our interest in your welfare sincere—our willingness and ability to promote your interests unlimited except by the dictates of sound judgment. You'll find this an organization of young men—with the young man's aggressiveness tempered by mature business experience.

# Farmers & Merchants State Bank

—OFFICERS—

*CULL C. MOORMAN, President*  
*JOHN M. GHOLSON, Vice President*  
*GEO. F. STURGIS, Vice President*  
*J. A. CHAFFE, Vice President*

—DIRECTORS—

*G. W. HUFFMAN, Assistant Cashier*  
*J. B. ETHERIDGE, Assistant Cashier*  
*M. H. HAGAMAN*  
*JOHN ELEY*  
*R. A. MADDING*



## THERE ARE HOMES IN RANGER

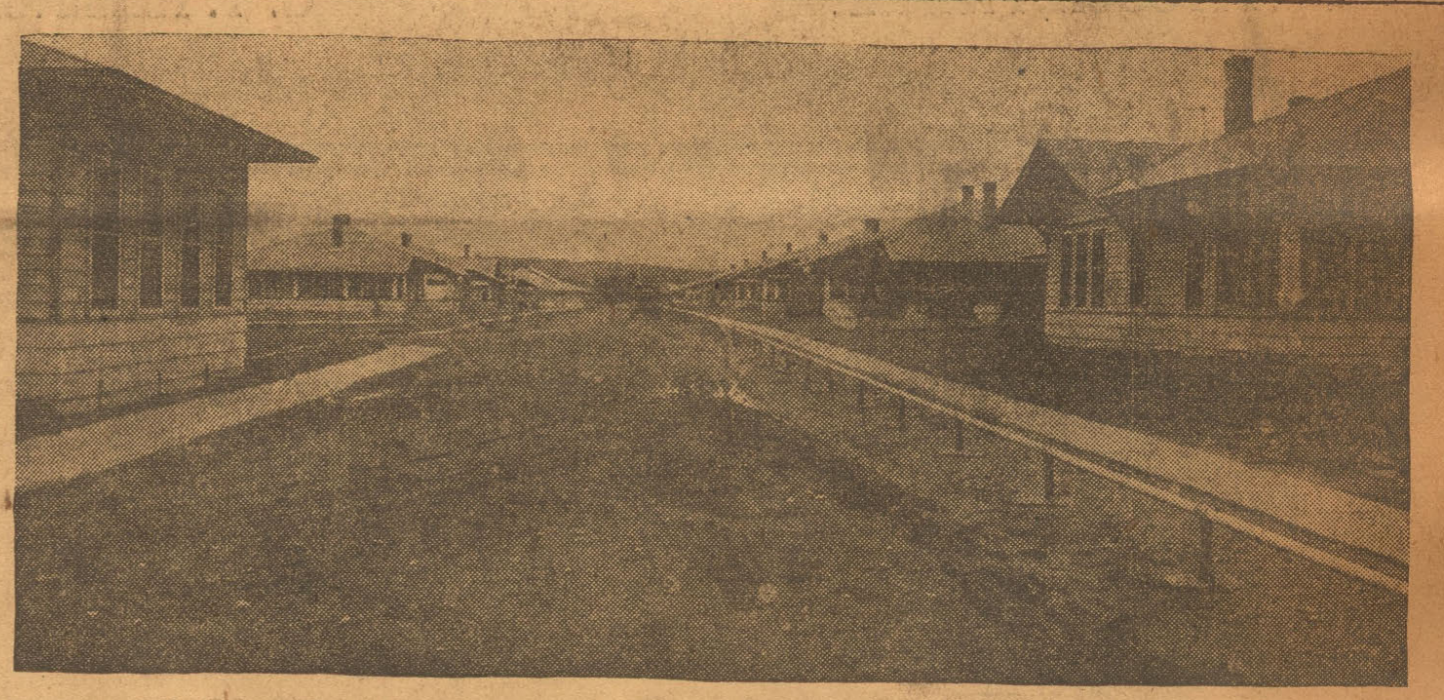
HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM



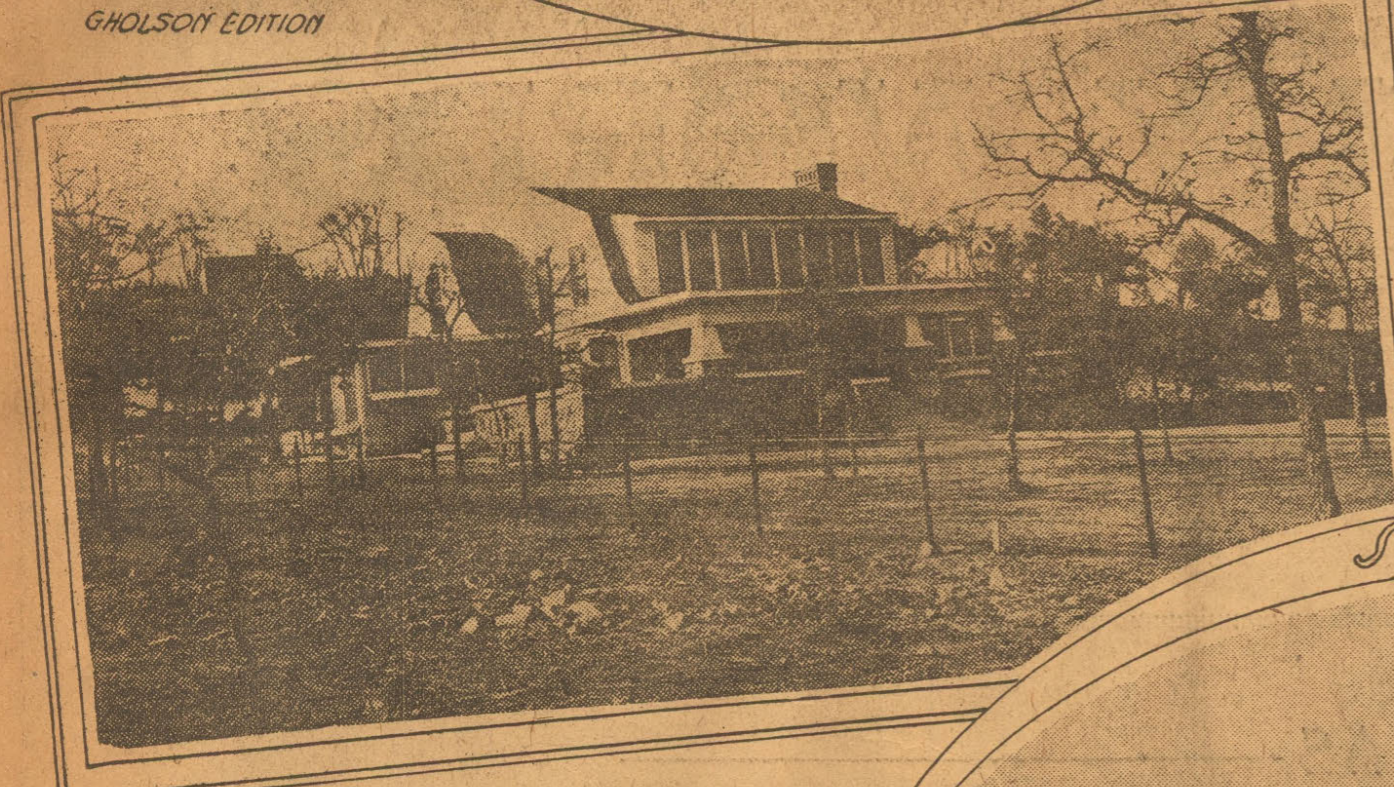
SOME HOMES IN HODGES OAK PARK



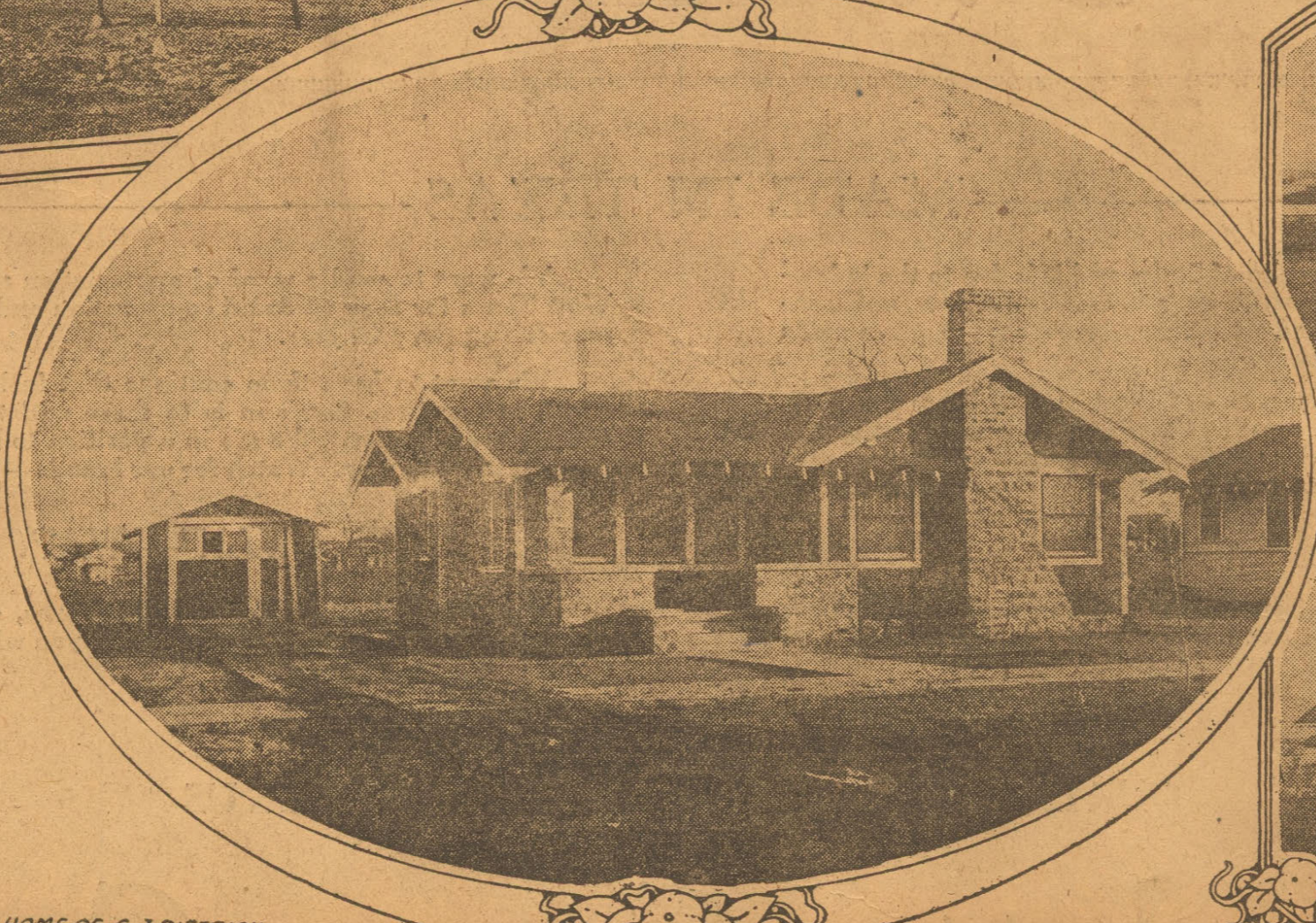
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GHOLSON EDITION



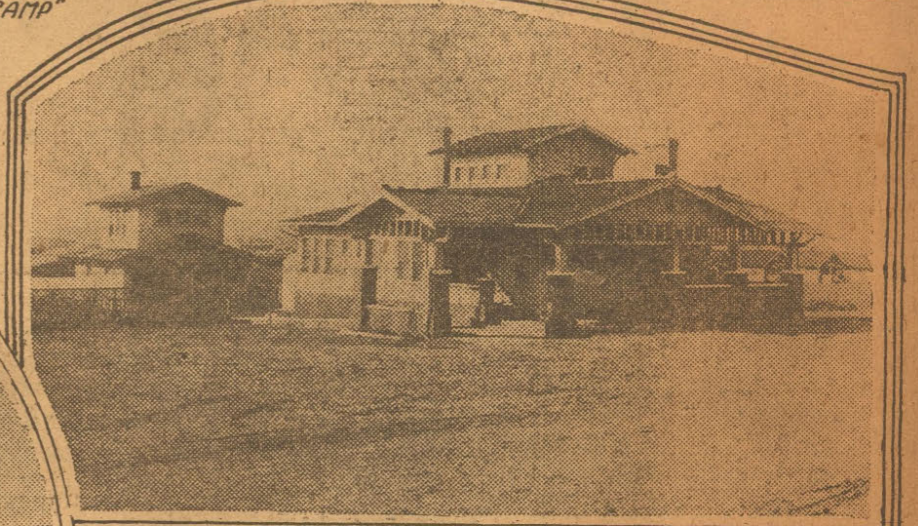
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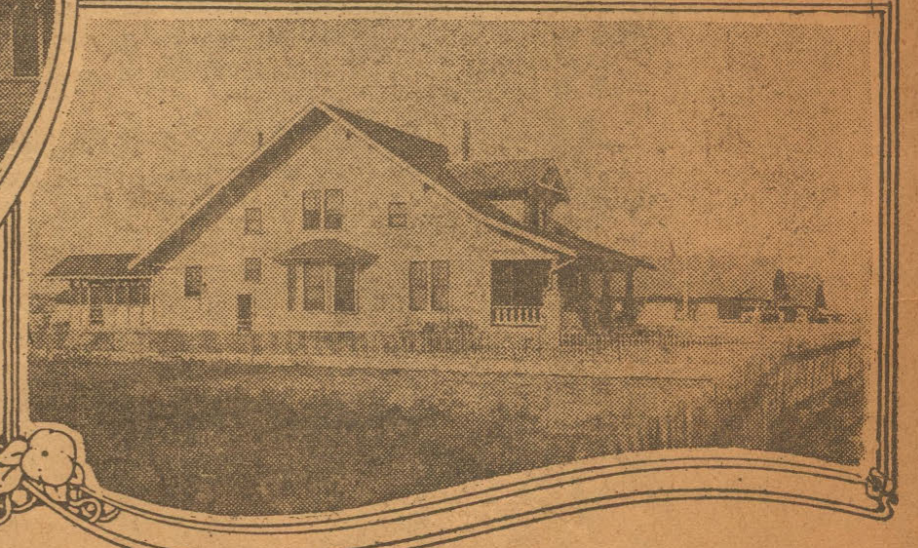
RESIDENCE OF R. M. DAVENPORT  
HIGHLAND PARK



HOME OF C. J. DIETRICH  
YOUNG ADDITION.



THE JOHN M. GHOLSON HOME - GHOLSON ADDITION



K. V. COOPERS RESIDENCE - COOPER ADDITION

Ranger, the "city of shacks," you have heard. Yes, there are shacks here. What soldier of fortune, intent on the quest of the bonanza, could be worried first and foremost about the house in which he lived? So, in the earlier days, when people were coming faster than lumber could be hauled and houses could be built, its denizens lived in tents, and then in shacks—it was a mark of worth that they were able to do so.

Now Ranger has settled, become permanent, and there is time to breathe. So Ranger is turning to homes. There are hundreds of real homes here now, scattered from the highlands on the west to the gentle eastward slopes, which so please the eye.

Bungalows are grouped in solid ranks here and there. Fine houses stand in groups, with spacious grounds about each. And many more will be built this spring.

These homes are not the only real ones in Ranger. They are but representatives—worthy representatives, it is true—of homes here now. And with their silent message they say:

- "We believe in Ranger."
- "We call it our home."
- "We will rear our children here."
- "We are the homemakers of Ranger."

Heartiest Welcome to West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

# Keeping Pace With Ranger!

Ranger's rapid growth has meant rapid growth for us. Starting in a small way, today we offer business houses and shippers of the oil fields one of the most efficient Transfer and Storage services to be found in this section. Ask any of our many customers.

"THE  
RED BALL  
LINE"

Every order received here is given immediate attention by men who have made it their business to give all customers satisfactory service. Best of all, our charges are no more than you have been in the habit of paying elsewhere for just ordinary work.

"THE  
RED BALL  
LINE"

WE STORE ANYTHING  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS A SPECIALTY

## Ranger Transfer & Storage Co.

INCORPORATED

Phone 117

Ranger, Texas

Railroad Avenue and Houston Street

G. C. PITCOCK, President

G. T. HEMINGSON, Vice President

J. A. PITCOCK, Secretary-Treasurer

## WEST TEXAS BUY-WORDS

# White Swan Brands Wapco

MADE IN TEXAS

Texas is the Empire of States and it is due to the indomitable spirit, inexhaustible energy, untiring efforts, unflinching determination and relentless perseverance that has made Texas what it is today.

This is particularly true of West Texas. From the emerald flats of the sea coast to the pine clad hills of the north; from the rich prairies of the Seine; from the black cactus-clad deserts of the Far West where the gushers of the oil fields, pouring out their riches, exceeding those of the Indies or the fabled Eldorado, the West Texan loves them all.

We realize the hardships and struggles that the citizens of West Texas have had during the past and it is our aim to assist them.

We want to send a word of appreciation and thanks to West Texas for their splendid co-operation and resourcefulness during the past year.

We want to have them continue that feeling of confidence in our firm. Our aim is to serve and to serve efficiently in every way. We are in a position to help you and to assist in every way. Watch for our brands—

"WHITE SWAN"—"WAPCO"

We have sixteen houses in West Texas, every one of which is at your service. Call on us and you will receive results.

OUR HOUSE IS YOUR HOUSE—COME AND SEE US

## Waples-Platter Grocer Company

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

# The Continental Supply Co.

## Oil and Gas Well Supplies

### BRANCHES IN TEXAS

- Amarillo
- Burkburnett
- Cisco
- Breckenridge
- Eastland
- Fort Worth
- Houston
- Humble
- Ranger
- Wichita Falls



The Continental Supply Company Store at  
Ranger, Texas

### BRANCHES IN OKLAHOMA

- Ardmore
- Bartlesville
- Bigheart
- Billings
- Blackwell
- Cushing
- Drumright
- Duncan
- Garber
- Healdton
- Morris
- Oklahoma City
- Okmulgee
- Quay
- Tulsa
- Walters
- Wann
- Wilson
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1912  
15 Branches  
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1916--29 Branches  
1917--30 Branches  
1918--32 Branches  
1919--47 Branches  
1920--53 Branches



## Continual Growth Is Proof of Continual Service

Branches at All Prominent Oil Country Points

DISTRICT OFFICES—FORT WORTH, TEXAS; HOUSTON, TEXAS; TULSA, OKLAHOMA

General Offices, S. Louis, Mo.

# VIEW OF THREE OF RANGER'S BANK BUILDINGS



## FARM REPOPULATION IN WEST TEXAS BEGINS; WILL BRING GREAT PROSPERITY

When one thinks of a farm in the country, it brings to mind a photographic thought of a house with pens and barns in the background, around which stand gentle-eyed horses and industrious hens scratching in hay-mows. One thinks of cows idling home as the shadows grow longer, stopping now and again to munch the wayside grass; and of fields check-boarded with crops of cotton and corn and patches of ripening oats, whispering tales to the winds that pass. This imagery comes to mind if one is farm born.

But in this part of Eastland and Stephens counties the picture cannot run true to form. It changes to run-down fences, and fields turned brown with wild and rank weeds.

In 1917 the peace and prosperity of

3,500 farms was turned into the rushing devastation of an oil boom. In 1920, from a total of 5,000 farms, the number in cultivation in this county had diminished to 1,500. In Stephens county, adjacent to Ranger, the totals are not available, but the number is great. The swiftness of the rush for oil would not and did not brook delay by the prosaic occupation of earning a living from the soil. Fences were torn away to give passage to hurrying teams and trucks. Farm houses were leased to drilling crews. The white-faced cattle that had browsed the shivery hills were sent to market. The hogs and the goats and the chickens were sent away. The devastation of peaceful farming and stock raising was complete. Even the

cotton gins went and have never been replaced.

Wealth untold had come to replace these things and no one cared. The occupation and livelihood of 25,000 people had been replaced by an agency that gave support to 60,000. The cotton yield that in 1918 had been 15,000 bales descended to less than 3,000 in 1919. No figures are available on the small grain, the chickens and eggs and other farm products but loss must

have been in proportion to the reduction of the cotton crop.

**Tide Turns Back.**

But destruction cannot go on forever. The tide has turned. Oil wells have settled to steady production. The hurry is over and to supply the needs of the wells and drilling operations, traffic can remain on the highways.

These things are being done, and like a country wrecked by storm its people are returning. If not the original farmers and stockmen, then others

newcomers have settled. This valley is said to be one of the richest farming sections in the state and before oil was found it was the home of hundreds of independent farmers and ranchers. Even in that section many farms are still lying idle, but with the assured success of those that have settled there this year it is believed that the coming year will see a tenant for every available farm.

Nor is it believed that this movement will retract from those who are now employed in oil. It is thought that every family placed on a farm is added population to the trade territory of Ranger. This one move will perhaps do more to increase the business and population of Ranger than any other factor within the next two years.

**Some Doubters.**

On occasion one meets those who say the land is not farming land and that the hills will not raise cattle. Such a one is not acquainted with its past possibilities or performances. At one time Eastland produced more cotton than any county in the state and was the shipping point for the greatest number of cattle that went to market from any town in Texas.

Only in recent years Ranger had two cotton gins that in season hummed their tune day and night.

But the boll weevil came and the crops turned to peanuts. Then the droughts came that left the entire western part of the state gasping for life. Then came the oil and citizens from every state in the union and the newspaper men and writers who sent out weird tales of a handful of gnarled and struggling men trying to wrest a pitiable competence from a stony soil. It made picturesque reading and was a wonderful contrast to the new made millionaires. But it left a wrong impression that has never been entirely overcome and only those who have lived here all their lives know what the soil will do.

The old settlers are spreading the gospel and it is believed that by next year through the settling up of the hills and the population of Eastland county will have grown to at least 75,000.

**War on Sea Lions.**

Montreal, Canada.—William M. Hunter has just received a bounty of \$1,000 for destroying 352 sea lions, the most formidable enemy of salmon, and exhibiting their scalps as proof.

# Welcome to Ranger

With three yards in West Texas, one at Fort Worth, one at Ranger and one at Frankell, our success is wrapped up with that of West Texas—and we welcome and endorse any movement which looks toward the advancement of this great section.

Yellow Pine Lumber, Rig Timbers, Sash, Doors, Lime, Shingles and Cement, Roofing Paper and Paint

# CHICKASAW LUMBER COMPANY

RANGER

FORT WORTH

FRANKELL

*The Boston Store*  
*A. Joseph*  
THE SHOPPING CENTER OF RANGER  
PHONE 50 RANGER, TEXAS.

# Ranger's Pioneer Department Store

## Greets You!

With a great faith in Ranger of the early days, and with a vision of what it would be eventually, we came among the pioneers and put in a store which would be a credit to a much larger city than we now have. The business was built and developed on faith in the future of this section of this great state.

To this who did not know the Ranger of early days the story of our development would seem as an idle tale filled with exaggeration. But those who did know the little cattle town called Ranger before the discovery of oil cannot but wonder at the tremendous progress made and the development apparent on every hand.

Through all of these changing conditions and the uncertainties which attended them, the Boston Store has stood forth as a second Rock of Gibraltar, which has from the very beginning been accorded the absolute confidence of the people. And it shall continue to be our policy never to violate this confidence which has been placed in us, but to deal with the people in a fair and open way.

We are glad to welcome you to our city. We hope that your stay will be pleasant and that from your united deliberations there will come forth much good for West Texas. We should be pleased to have each and every one of you visit our establishment while you are in our city, and see how well equipped we are to serve the people of this territory.

West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

# RANGER CAFE WELCOMES YOU

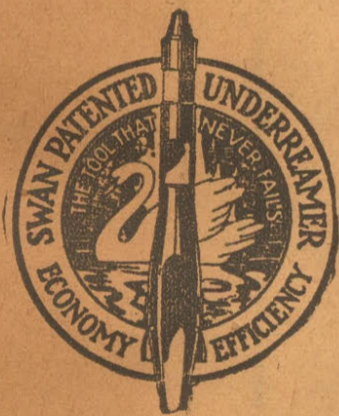
—and invites you while in Ranger to make your headquarters at our cafe—the home of pure food and excellent service. This will be a great event in the history of Ranger and we must say that we are glad to share the occasion.

We have assisted in Ranger's rapid growth from a little rusty and muddy village of a few hundred inhabitants to a city of twenty thousand. And to be frank, we, indeed, have considered it an honor to have participated in the great undertaking and our reward has been great.

The Ranger Cafe started out with a small place serving good food and giving real service; people would come and go and tell others who would likewise do the same until our business grew so rapidly that we had to enlarge to care for the large number of people who wanted the best. We have always adhered to the rule of giving the best for the least, and it has made our restaurant the largest and best place to dine.

WE THANK YOU  
**RANGER CAFE**

"THE FOREMOST RESTAURANT OF RANGER"



# WELCOME!

Ranger feels honored in entertaining you today and wishes for each of you both a profitable and pleasant trip. Drop in while you are in the city and give us an opportunity of making your acquaintance.

## Oil Well Drilling and Fishing Tools

ANY TOOL, ANY TIME, ANY PLACE

Let us show you our complete line while you are in the city. Bridgeport Tools have revolutionized the oil industry—saving oil operators millions of dollars.

COME IN AND SEE US

# Bridgeport Machine Company

Marietta, Ohio—Augusta, Kansas—El Dorado, Kansas—Tulsa, Oklahoma—Fort Worth, Texas—Florence, Kansas

RANGER, TEXAS



WE EXTEND TO

# The West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME

We are glad to have you with us for we consider this meeting one of the most important events in the history of Ranger up to the present time. We say this because it will give you, the leaders in thought and action throughout West Texas, an opportunity of really seeing our little city as it is, and judging for yourselves of its wonderful potential possibilities. This first-hand knowledge which you will get will entirely counteract the unfavorable criticism which has been spread broadcast concerning Ranger, and will prove to you that we have here a community in which the good is not wholly swallowed up by the bad, and that the folks who reside here are pretty much as you will find them the world over—just ordinary human beings with a fervid desire to build a city of which they can be proud.

We believe in Ranger and in her future. We believe in the men who have made this city possible. We believe in the institutions of our city with their opportunity of service. And lastly we believe absolutely in the "Spirit of Ranger" which alone could have builded from the mud a little city of such fair aspect.

We have had our part in the building and developing of this community. As the authorized dealers in Ford cars and Fordson Tractors, we have distributed worthy products which have done much to make life broader and more livable, and materially helped in the solution of the terrible problem of the oil fields.

While you are in our city we would be pleased to have you come and see our modern salesrooms and shop. We have what we believe to be a very neat little plant and we should be pleased to show you through.

Ford owners and others—we say others knowing they will eventually buy a Ford—make our plant your headquarters during the convention or any other time that you may visit the Hub of the Oil Fields—"Ranger."

Call, write, phone or wire for anything—your requisition will be filled promptly for cars or parts.

## Leveille-Maher Motor Company

AUTHORIZED FORD AND FORDSON DEALERS

MAIN AT HODGES

POSTOFFICE BOX NO. 4

PHONE 217



*We Carry the Largest  
Stock of Building  
Material in Ranger*

E. J. BARNES, President and Manager  
J. E. BARNES, Vice-President  
R. H. HABERLEIN, Secretary

—and now fo

☐ Back again on a solid foundation, Ranger is planning for a greater future.

☐ With time to reflect, the more conservative men of the city will move ahead with their operations to build a stable Ranger.

☐ The Ranger of a year ago

**E. J. BARNES**

Corner Cherry and Austin Streets



# For a Greater Ranger!

was a city of tents—the Ranger of today is a city of modern buildings—the Ranger of a year hence will be a unified metropolis, still working with the zeal of the early days, still growing and developing the wonderful resources of the community.

¶ The year just passed has

been a wonderful one. We believe we have contributed our share to the city's up-building.

¶ The year to come will be another wonderful one, and we will continue to contribute the best there is in us to the general welfare.

## LUMBER COMPANY

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# When Ranger Worked the Roads

Thursday, Jan. 27, was Good Roads day in Ranger.

That does not mean that it was a day in which one wore a white flower in his buttonhole, to signify that he gave altruistic approval to good roads. It does not mean there was a tag day or something of the kind in which one could gracefully hand over a dime or a quarant and call his duty to the community well done. It does not mean that there was an occasion on which the orators enthused the populace with word-pictures of glassy-smooth pikes to be obtained by wishing or other equally unsubstantial means, after which said populace went home to bed and forgot all about it.

### Meant Work.

No, Good Roads day in Ranger meant more than 2,000 men, strewn along some miles of ex-highway, toiling with sweaty faces and blistered hands, to open up an avenue of communication. It meant a town deserted, except for the prescriptionists at the drug stores, the telephone girls, the railroad employes, and such like agencies, whose duties call for constant service. The dry goods stores were closed, the grocery stores were closed, the barber shops were closed. Ranger on that Thursday out-Sundayed any "Blue Sunday" that could be imagined, all for the sake of the community welfare.

Rangerites that day — bankers, plumbers, carpenters, clerks, "cullud boys"—every trade and every profession in town, working side by side on the rock pile, drove trucks, and teams, welded sledge hammers; did all the work necessary to reconstruct three miles of worn out road into a passable highway. The value of that work is estimated by contractors as being nearly \$10,000.

### Then Money.

Good Roads day itself, however, was not the beginning and the end of Ranger's plans. Today Ranger is conducting an organized campaign for \$50,000 with which to repair and maintain the road to Cadizo, twenty miles north in Stephens county. More than half this sum has already been raised. Those who are expected to contribute the other half have not been approached. They have not been approached because this campaign is in the hands of business men, who are proceeding on businesslike principles.

The citizens of Ranger were divided into five classes, according to occupation. One group was the retail merchants. The finance committee, sitting as a "board of equalization," assessed each firm according to its volume of business and benefit to be derived. Their quota of \$15,000 was raised in two days, with refusals to participate being few and far between. The property owners, the supply and tool houses, the oil companies and the individual citizens, are being approached in the same manner. When the sum set has been reached, all money contributed will be taken out of escrow, where it now rests, and a construction committee will see to its handling.

Ranger does not take this amount of money and cast it into a common fund just for the fun of the thing. Far from it. Just as the campaign is businesslike so is the whole scheme founded on business principles.

To understand this fully one must review the conditions that now exist and those which preceded them.

### Just Dirt Road.

When oil was discovered, Ranger had roads; dirt roads, just like the rest of West Texas. A mad welter of traffic came with it. It cut these roads to pieces. Rain beyond all knowledge of man or records descended. The cutup highways became quagmires. Impassable chugholes born of the whirling wheels of laboring trucks made them impassable. It is even said that



some farmers made holes convenient to their doorsteps in order that they might be handy when desperate haulers of casing and tools needed a lift—at a price.

However, at that time no one gave the matter thought. It was every fellow for himself. People looked into the future and saw that some day there would be need for good highways. But there seemed plenty of time for that, and anyway, the country would attend to it, they said.

### Time Was Now.

Now, however, the time is come when good roads are vital to prosperity—and the country has NOT attended to it. At a meeting of the retail

merchants a member expressed himself upon the condition of the roads into Ranger. He denounced present conditions as destructive to trade, more especially as towns not so overburdened with traffic as Ranger, still had roads to competitive fields in good condition. Ranger investigated. It found the charges were true. It looked into the road programs of Eastland and Stephens counties and saw that relief from that source was still far away. It was clearly evident that if good roads were vital to Ranger, Ranger must build them for herself.

So that is what Ranger is doing today, giving the move its initial impulse with individual exertion and then giving it an irresistible movement by the pressure of dollars.

It is not the first time that Rangerites have joined hands in doing big things for the community. And in passing it might be interesting to note among other things that Ranger has given \$225,000 for a second railroad, built two churches at a cost exceeding \$250,000, made a Chamber of Commerce budget of \$55,000 yearly and voted almost unanimously for improvement bonds aggregating more than \$1,500,000.

These are just a few of the many instances on which Ranger prides itself. They will not be the last. For this, gentlemen, is Ranger!

## EASTLAND HAS BIG BUILDING PROGRAM

Visitor to City After an Absence Is Surprised at Enormous Growth.

EASTLAND, Feb. 7.—The city of Eastland has grown so rapidly and to such an enormous extent the last two years that one who was acquainted with the city a few years ago cannot help stopping and looking with amazement on its almost unbelievable public construction, beautiful homes, business buildings that loom up toward the skyscraper class and the many magnificent enterprises the city now boasts of.

One of the most important items in the list of requirements for building a permanent city is ample water supply. Eastland has that and more. When the present program is completed the city will have one of the most extensive and adequate water systems of any city of like size in the entire country and will have a water supply adequate for a city of 100,000 population. Three very large reservoir dams have been built during the last year: the Oil Cities dam, Lake Brelsford dam and the Lake Eastland dam, the latter covering several thousand acres of land. Besides the building of the dams, there has been spent on the water system within the last year considerable over \$200,000.

### BIG PAVING PROGRAM.

The paving program which is now being carried on calls for the expenditure of over \$800,000. Already the square has received its paving and Lamar and Seaman streets have been paved from Plummer to the Texas & Pacific depot. Paving at present has been put down on several blocks of West Main street. This street, as well as other important streets of the city, will be paved with brick through the business section and for several blocks past. The remainder of the streets will be macadamized and gravelled.

Eastland has spent on sewerage alone during the last year over \$300,000. This includes a complete system of storm sewers, two sanitary sewerage systems and two disposal plants. Every part of the city will be taken care of when the system is completed.

A recent visitor to the city, a man who has acquired considerable wealth in oil and has operated in all the principal oil towns of the country, stated unequivocally that Eastland is building in a way that spells permanency and a great city. This visitor mentioned that Eastland's new city hall, which has just been completed, is as fine a city hall as will be found in many cities of the South of 100,000 population. This municipal building is complete in every respect, providing for court room, auditorium of over 1,000 capacity, various offices and quarters for the fire department. Eastland has spent on the fire department over \$25,000 the last four

## GHOLSON HOTEL



This picture of the Convention headquarters was taken just before completion. It's brand new for you, gentlemen. To the right are the Guaranty Bank building and the McCleskey hotel.

months. The department is equipped with two big engines and other necessary equipment.

Besides the big building and construction that the city has done, many big business buildings have been erected, two of which are five stories high each and are occupied by the First State bank and the Security State Bank & Trust company. The Prairie Oil & Gas company has erected a very beautiful office on Seaman street, a handsome Masonic temple has just been completed and many other buildings have gone up, among which are new churches, school houses and two sanitariums.

The city has been laid out on a plan for a big city and every piece of work and improvement that is done conforms to that plan, guaranteeing uniformity and symmetry.

BROWNWOOD, Feb. 7.—A new, modern auditorium with a seating capacity of 2,500 is being built at Howard Payne college, which is located only two blocks from the business section. Howard Payne college this year has a student enrollment of 1,000. Daniel Baker, the Presbyterian college, located here, has an enrollment this year of 250, which will be increased probably several hundred by the opening of the fall term, when many new buildings will be available.

## BROWNWOOD CENTER OF THE PECAN BELT

BROWNWOOD, Feb. 7.—Brownwood is the headquarters of the Texas Pecan Growers' association. This organization was formed several months ago. The 1919 crop of this edible nut was the largest of record, netting the owners of groves many millions of dollars. Brownwood is located in one

of the best pecan belts in the state. Pecan bayou, which runs through this section, is fringed with pecan trees, which annually yield millions of pounds of the nuts. The association is promoting the pecan culture industry of West Texas and stimulating interest in the production of the paper shell varieties. The 1920 crop was small, due to peculiar weather conditions, but the production in 1921 is expected to be even larger than that in 1919, the record year.

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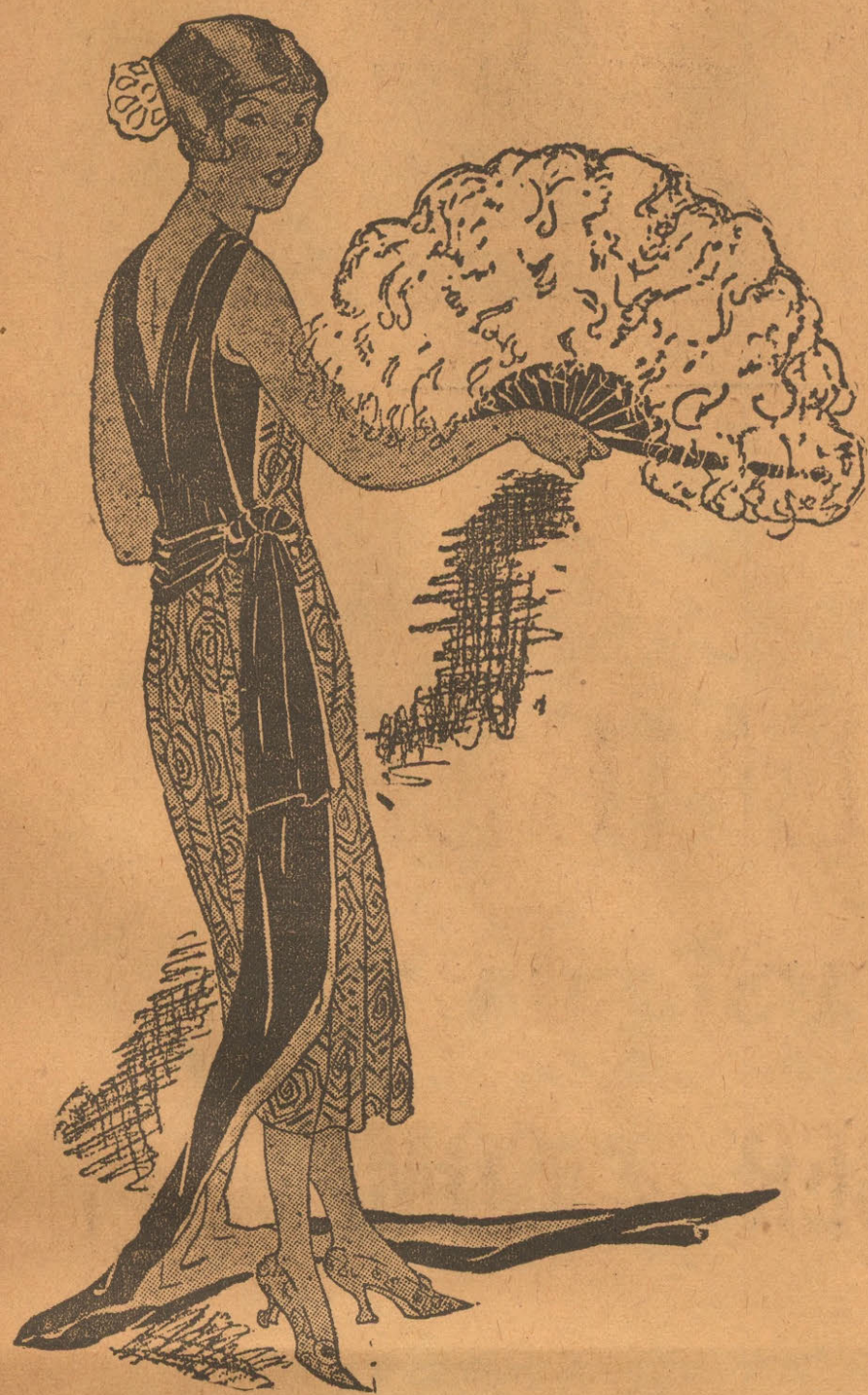
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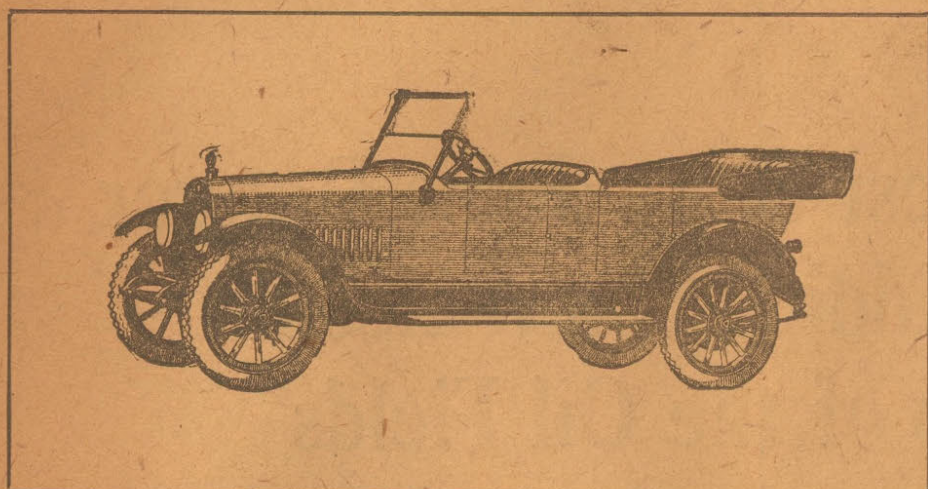
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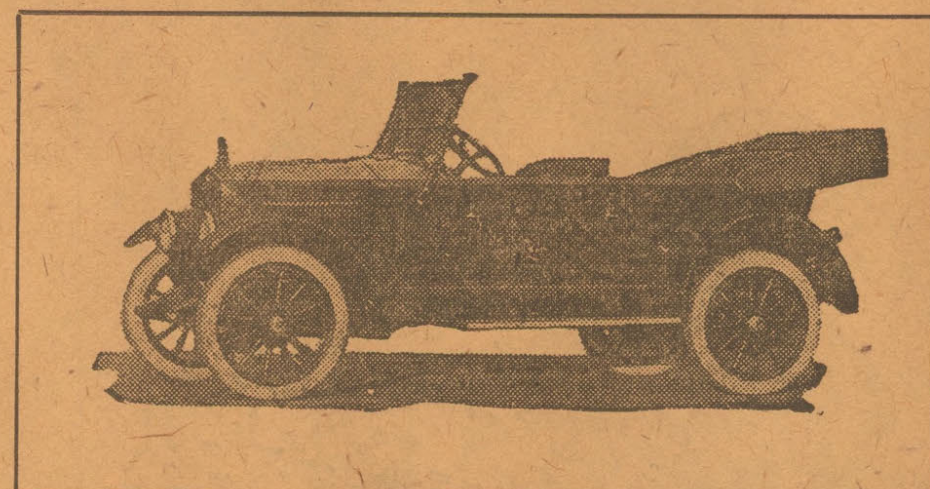
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## RANGER IS SITE FOR NEW RAILROAD SHOPS

Plans for Immediate Construction Have Just Been Announced.

Immediate construction of large shops and a roundhouse in Ranger has just been announced by General Manager J. H. Fraser of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad. The company has already started ballasting about forty miles of track between Dublin and Breckenridge and has ordered new motive power equipment to take care of the rapidly increasing business of the line, he said.

"The plans and specifications for the new shops have not yet been released," said Mr. Fraser, yesterday. "Immediately that these have been passed upon contract will be let for their erection. They will entail the expenditure of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and will employ a large number of men. The roundhouse which we propose to build will have at least five stalls, built so that they may be added to as conditions warrant.

**Big Engines Coming.**

"Our line is expecting in the next three weeks the arrival of three new large diesel locomotives which were ordered some time ago from the factory in Pennsylvania. These locomotives have ten drive wheels and an immense traction energy, pulling long trains of great tonnage. At the present time we are somewhat deficient on motive power, but have been able to relieve the severe congestion which characterized our larger yards, especially those at junction points. With this additional equipment we will be the best prepared line in this section to handle the immense tonnage which is now going to the Breckenridge, Ivan, South Bend, Jimkurn, Crystal Falls and Elliasville oil producing sections."

The company is now operating a large steam shovel and employing a great number of men at a gravel pit which was opened some time ago four miles south of Ranger. The material taken from this pit is said to be the best ballast to be found in the entire oil field. Mr. Fraser expressed his great gratitude for this wealth of ballasting material, which is relieving the bad places along his line. Three work trains are continually employed taking out and distributing it along the line between Dublin and Breckenridge. Extra gangs are distributing this under tracks. Between thirty and forty miles of track will be thoroughly leveled and ballasted by gangs, giving the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad probably the best line into the Stephens county oil fields. More than \$100,000 is now being expended on this improvement alone.

**Shipments Expedited.**

Speaking of the congestion of local yards that caused a considerable tie-up several weeks ago, Mr. Fraser said that the company has now cleared the situation here, at Dublin and elsewhere and that the movement of all carload freight was being expedited, some enviable records having been made recently on shipments from a distance. As an instance he pointed out that a carload of oats out of Kansas City for Frankel was only ten days on the road. Another car of oats from Omaha made the long trip in thirteen days. Both of these movements indicate good passage, the official said. This splendid service will be the rule rather than the exception

hereafter, Mr. Fraser explained, since the line had now reached the point in its career where it can more efficiently handle the large volume of traffic offered it.

This improvement in service is attributed to two principal facts. The company has extended its yardage facilities at the various stations. All sidings are "team" tracks, which signifies that cars spurred out on them may be unloaded quickly and easily into wagons driven up to them. Breckenridge, Mr. Fraser said, can now accommodate 500 cars in its yards and Ranger 250 cars. The track has been considerably improved with the settlement of roadbed due to the operation of heavy trains and with the repair and raising of low places in the track.

**Eight Passengers.**

Eight passenger trains are operated daily between Ranger and Breckenridge and four daily between Ranger and Dublin. Through passenger service is maintained between Port Worth and Breckenridge through Ranger, and it is heavily patronized.

Probably never in the history of railroading has a road attempted to build a new track such as that built into Breckenridge so soon after its completion. Hardly had the last spike been driven when a vestibuled train with standard sleeping cars was operated into Breckenridge from Ranger. The line was finished into Breckenridge from Ranger July 1 and by July 4 streams of people were riding the trains that the company had installed. The northern terminus of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad is at present Breckenridge, but the track is being extended ten miles north to Jimkurn, which will become the terminus. Jimkurn, named after Jim Kurn, president of the Frisco railroad, is in the heart of the latest big production. It is expected to become one of the leading towns of the oil belt.

The line is finished with the exception of about 2 1/2 miles and all the material is now on the ground for the completion with the exception of about 10,000 ties which have been purchased and are now on route and should be received at the scene of the construction during the present week," said Mr. Fraser. "We expect to have the line completed to its northern terminus about Feb. 15. A connection will later be made there with the Wichita Falls & Southern road which proposes to extend in the near future."

**Will Be Good Town.**

"Jimkurn is going to make a good town," said Mr. Fraser. "We have already sold a large number of lots there. While there is now only a few acres there, a large wholesale grocery house, hotel and several oil supply houses will soon be built. They are all waiting on the arrival of the railroad. The new town is situated just east of Crystal Falls, in the territory that is now being developed greatest and that has many large producing wells."

"Jimkurn will be the distributing point for the towns of Ivan, Crystal Falls, Elliasville and South Bend. We reached Jimkurn 90 per cent of the business that we are now carrying to Breckenridge will be carried through to the new town, where most of the new activity is going on."

Mark W. Tobin is head of the town-site department of the railroad. He is very enthusiastic about the new town. The demand for lots there is continually increasing due to the early advent of the railroad.

Mr. Fraser declares that his road prides itself on having the largest and best freight stations in the state. The one at Breckenridge, he said, is the largest in West Texas.

The company maintains a chain of eating houses known to the traveling public as the Hanon-Lloyd eating

houses. A fine branch was recently completed near the passenger station here, one is now building at Breckenridge and will be open about Feb. 7, and the third will be opened at Dublin in five or six weeks. These houses compare favorably with the best railroad eating houses to be found in the North and East.

The general offices of the road are situated in Ranger. A large building

has been erected just opposite the passenger station, well equipped and provided with all the latest facilities, files and other railroad paraphernalia. The general offices employ not less than fifty persons at the present time; the number will probably be increased in the next few months. The number of train crews, car repairers and others who are employed in Ranger bring the total to more than 150. The pay

roll of this line in Ranger runs around \$100,000 a month, not including the extra gangs now engaged in and out of Ranger.

Telephones are used in the dispatching of trains and general communication service with the towns along the more than sixty miles of road. Heavy copper circuits give the various offices an uninterrupted service. The company does not use the telegraph in its offices.

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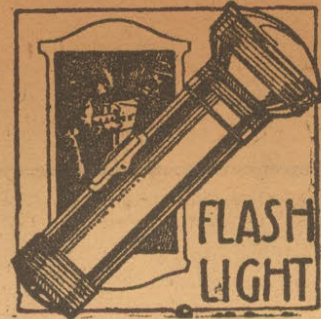
We are glad that you are here and we know that out of this get-together meeting much good will come to West Texas.

Plans and action are necessary to promote the interest of this great section. We wish you all success in your meeting.

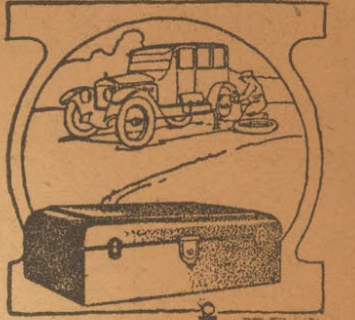
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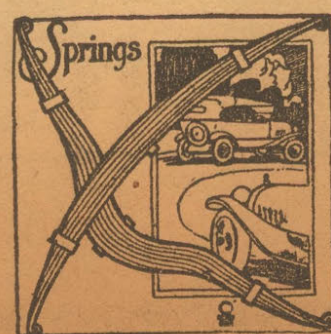
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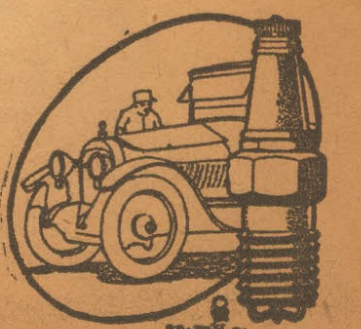
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Castellaw's want to be of service to you during your stay in Ranger and it isn't necessary for you to spend your money here in order to make yourself cordially welcome to use the store as your Ranger headquarters.

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**RANGER EXCELS IN ITS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**Citizens Cast Almost Unanimous Vote for Bonds to Construct Buildings.**

A multi-millionaire has said that if placed on a desert he could build a city, provided his companions were of the far-seeing kind and willing to hustle. It is thought that if the statement had ever been brought to test the first thing that his helpers would have done would have been to promulgate a perfect school system. Perhaps there would not have been any children in the desert, but since the object was to build a city the schools would have been erected to attract families who did have children. Being far-seeing men, the schools would not have been makeshift affairs to meet the present need, but would have been of the class to which a city would build.

Ranger has set about the business of making itself the metropolis of all western Texas. Far-seeing men are engaged in the task—men willing to sacrifice today that tomorrow may show some progress toward the ultimate aim. And being far-seeing, Ranger has, as fast as was humanly possible, promulgated a school system that will in a very short time reach a point as high in efficiency as any school system in this or any other state.

**SPLENDID BUILDINGS.**

Before another year is past its buildings alone will represent a cash outlay of more than one-half of a million dollars. Its equipment will perhaps total a cost of \$100,000 and will include nearly everything that is needed for an advanced education.

Even now three ward buildings, well furnished and constructed of brick and concrete, are in use. Each is built along the line laid down by the state for lighting and heating. They contain sanitary drinking fountains and sewerage facilities. In addition to class and study rooms, the three contain large auditoriums, suitable for almost any occasion, and now plans are afoot to beautify the campuses. These buildings are all in use, having been occupied since the holidays.

But the three only care for the wards. The high school is yet housed in the temporary quarters, but an issue of \$250,000 in bonds has been voted by the people to remedy this condition.

**VOTE ALMOST UNANIMOUS.**

In that vote was reflected, perhaps more than in any other way, the spirit of city building that Ranger possesses. Of a total of 316 votes cast, which was considered large for a school election, only eleven were against the issue, and it is firmly believed that at least half, or perhaps more, were mistaken in marking the ballot and were not intended to be dissenting.

When this building is completed the system will be somewhere near the ideal that has been set by those behind the school improvement, and that means the entire population of 20,000 people. It will contain all the higher grades and advanced laboratory equipment for chemistry and physics. It will have a course in normal training and domestic science, with the proper equipment to carry on the work. Boys will be taught the practical art of

joining and building and the girls will be taught to cook and sew. These things will be done under instructors known to be competent.

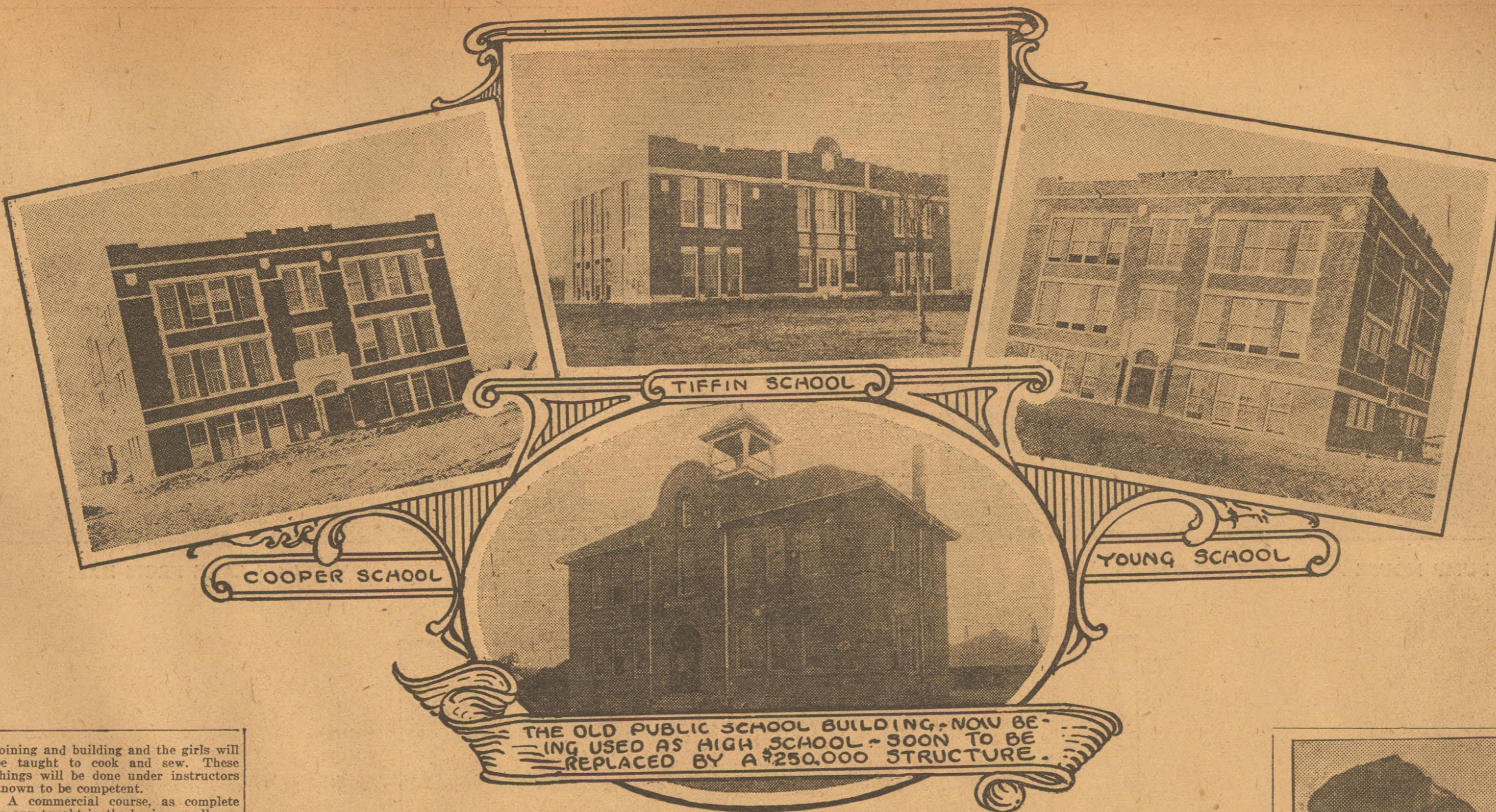
A commercial course, as complete as any taught in the business colleges, will be a part of the system; nor will it be incomplete. Students will learn, over a long period of time, all those things necessary for practical endeavor after they have graduated. This will include banking and the operation of all labor-saving machines.

**FIFTY TEACHERS.**

At this time the schools have fifty teachers, known to be competent. All are experts in their particular niches. With very few exceptions, they are all, both men and women, graduates of colleges, and in every case their experience has been varied. Ranger, perhaps, was fortunate in this respect. Being rich in taxable valuations, the school board can, and is, paying attractive salaries that attract competent instructors.

At the head of this array of teaching talent is O. E. McNew, for twenty years superintendent of the schools at Mineral Wells. During those years it is history in this part of the state that the Mineral Wells schools have grown and expanded until they stand high among the school system of

**Ranger School Buildings---New and Old**



Texas. Mr. McNew is putting the same thought into the Ranger schools that he did in that of that city. An ideal school system is coming to pass. The vision of the city builders is being realized, but behind it all has been work and worry and sweating of blood for money, and thus the bulk of this burden has been on the shoulders of the school board—men who have stood up to the "gaff," and in spite of the howlers, who said that the town was "ready to blow up," they have gone doggedly on, laying out their plans and seeing them fulfilled. Today their judgment stands justified.

That is the condition now, but it has not always been so. To get it to even this state of efficiency work has been done that has made history.

Ranger has a daily newspaper carrying Associated Press reports, International News Service and employing fifty persons.

**LUMBER BUSINESS REACHES \$7,000,000**

Housed in the lumber yards and sheds of the lumber companies of Ranger is approximately 11,000,000 board feet of lumber. Its value is placed at \$500,000. In addition to lumber, builders hardware, sundries, sash and doors, paints and other articles in the combined yards are valued at \$300,000. Buildings and improvements total about \$300,000. On this basis, which is computed from figures secured from the companies, the total value of the lumber industry is in excess of \$1,000,000. This vast wealth is combined in eleven yards that do business in this city.

From estimated figures that were based on the sales of one firm, Ranger lumber companies have in the past two years done a retail business of more

than \$7,000,000. This moreover, does not take into consideration the millions of dollars' worth of lumber shipped in and consumed by the larger oil companies. If these figures were available, the standing value of the lumber that has been consumed in the past two years would be staggering.

**ONE TINY YARD.**

This stupendous amount of capital in this one industry had its evolution from one tiny little lumber yard, the total value of which was less than \$10,000 three years ago. This yard which is one of the largest now, has stood in the same spot for thirty years. It is that of the Burton-Lingo company, who were here before the oil boom. Before this firm became possessed of the yard it was the Ranger Lumber company and was established when the Texas & Pacific laid its rails through what was then a wilderness.

Other lumber firms are E. J. Barnes

Lumber company, J. T. Berry & Clem Lumber company, W. R. Pickering Lumber company, Oil Field Lumber company, Buell Lumber company, Chickasaw Lumber company, Ferguson Lumber company, Producers Lumber company and E. N. Dorsey. E. J. Barnes is the pioneer lumberman of this section, having been connected with the old Ranger company before it passed into the hands of the Burton-Lingo company. At this time Mr. Barnes is also a director in the Lumbermen's Association of Texas.

Ranger has over 3,200 children in the scholastic age. It pays its teachers higher salaries than any other city in the state except one.

Ranger has a \$50,000 fireproof post-office, built by local business men, and rented to the government for \$1 a month.



The above likeness is that of President Sam D. Young of the Security State Bank & Trust company, Eastland, Texas. Young in both name and years, Mr. Young enjoys the distinction of being the youngest bank president in this state, and, most probably, in all the states of our Union. He is only 23 years of age.

**DEVELOPMENT OF WEST TEXAS URGED**

**This Territory Is Closely Connected With Fort Worth, Says Monnig.**

Speaking of the relationship of Fort Worth and West Texas, William Monnig Sr., head of a large dry goods concern, president of the Citizens' Hotel company which is constructing the Winfield hotel, and who occupies other odd jobs when not otherwise engaged, declared Wednesday that Fort Worth and West Texas were members of the same family.

"Fort Worth and West Texas go hand in hand," he said. "This point cannot be stressed too strenuously. The life of one depends upon the other. Development of resources in West Texas means the development and expansion of the industries here in Fort Worth. This city is the natural gateway for and to West Texas and no other city can take its place.

"Every business man who possibly can should attend the Ranger convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce next Monday and Tuesday. It is to his interest that the business man should attend and learn from first-hand information the value of the trade territory immediately to the west of us.

"No steps should be spared in uniting West Texas and this city more closely and it is up to the business men of Fort Worth to see that this is done. The people of that section of the state look to us for aid and protection and they should not be disappointed.

Construction of the proposed railroad from Graham to Perrin, in Palo Pinto county, which would make direct connections into Fort Worth from the oil fields and also in Wichita Falls without coming through this city was urged as essential to the development of the trade territory in West Texas, according to Mr. Monnig.

**MAKE CONNECTIONS.**

This railroad project if carried out would benefit Wichita Falls more than Fort Worth as it would make connections for the former city without the necessity of a passenger coming through this city as is now the case, Mr. Monnig said. However, the development of Wichita Falls means the development of Fort Worth, he continued, and everything possible should be done to convert this project into a reality.

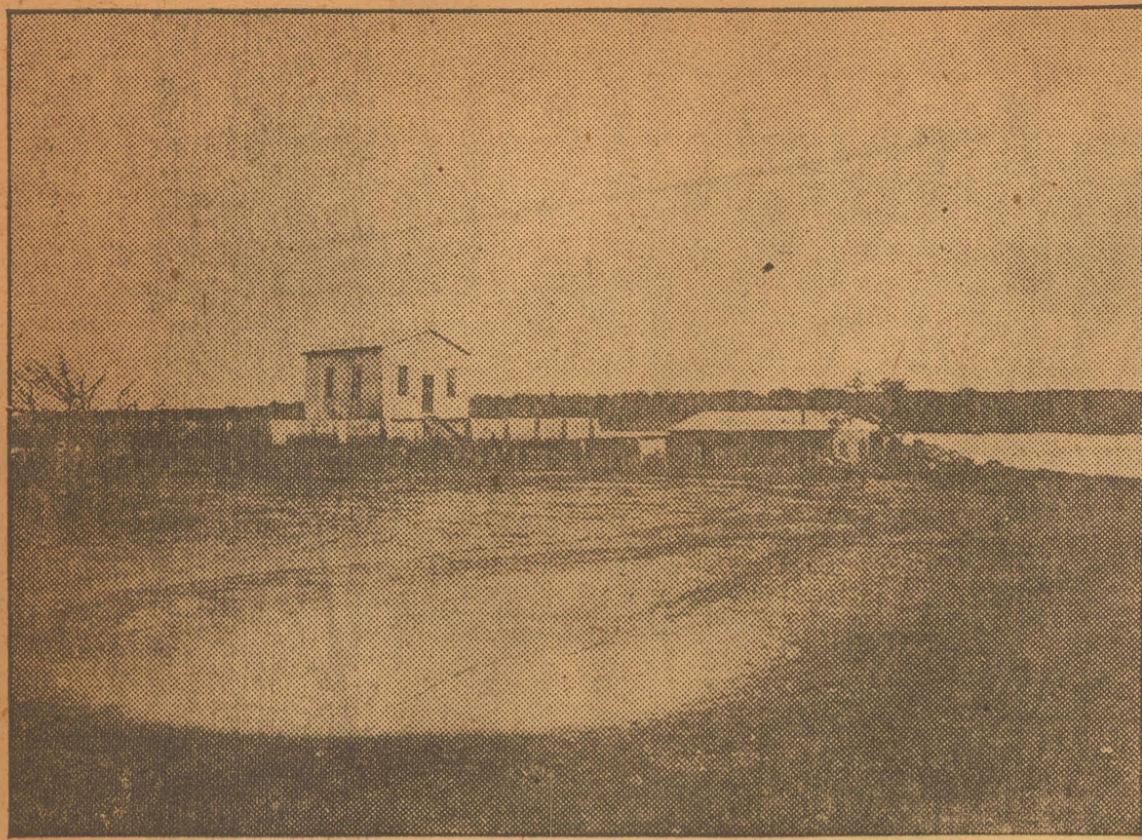
Oil men who have interests in the North and West Texas fields will make Fort Worth their headquarters with the completion of the Winfield hotel and the office buildings now under construction where they may obtain accommodations, Mr. Monnig said. These accommodations have been denied them in the past, but the future appears rosy.

"Yes, jobbing houses in Fort Worth would help strengthen the business ties that bind this city and West Texas," he answered in reply to direct question. "However, these jobbing concerns will have to be formed by local capital as very few foreign concerns would likely locate here at the present time.

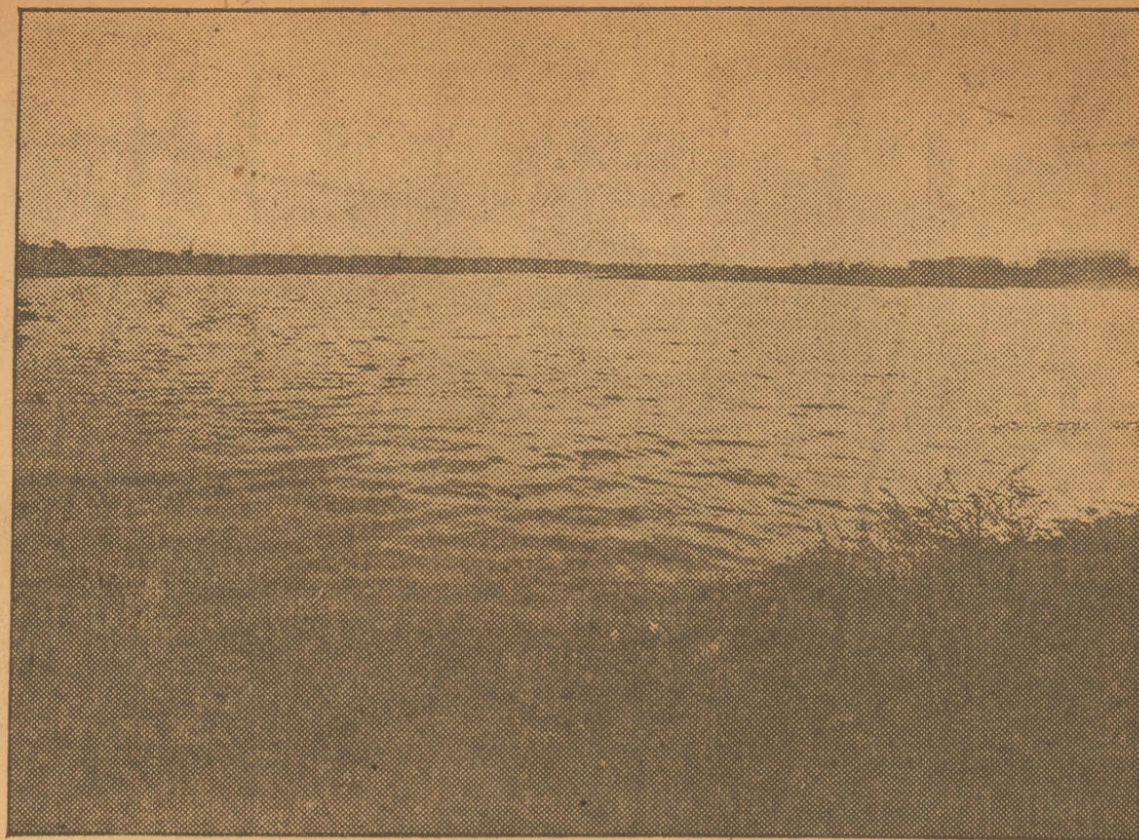
"If the people of the city would subscribe funds for the organization of a jobbing concern here like they did for the construction of the Winfield hotel, we would experience little difficulty in locating one of the largest jobbing houses in the country here," he added with a laugh.

**PARKERSBURG RIG & REEL CO.**

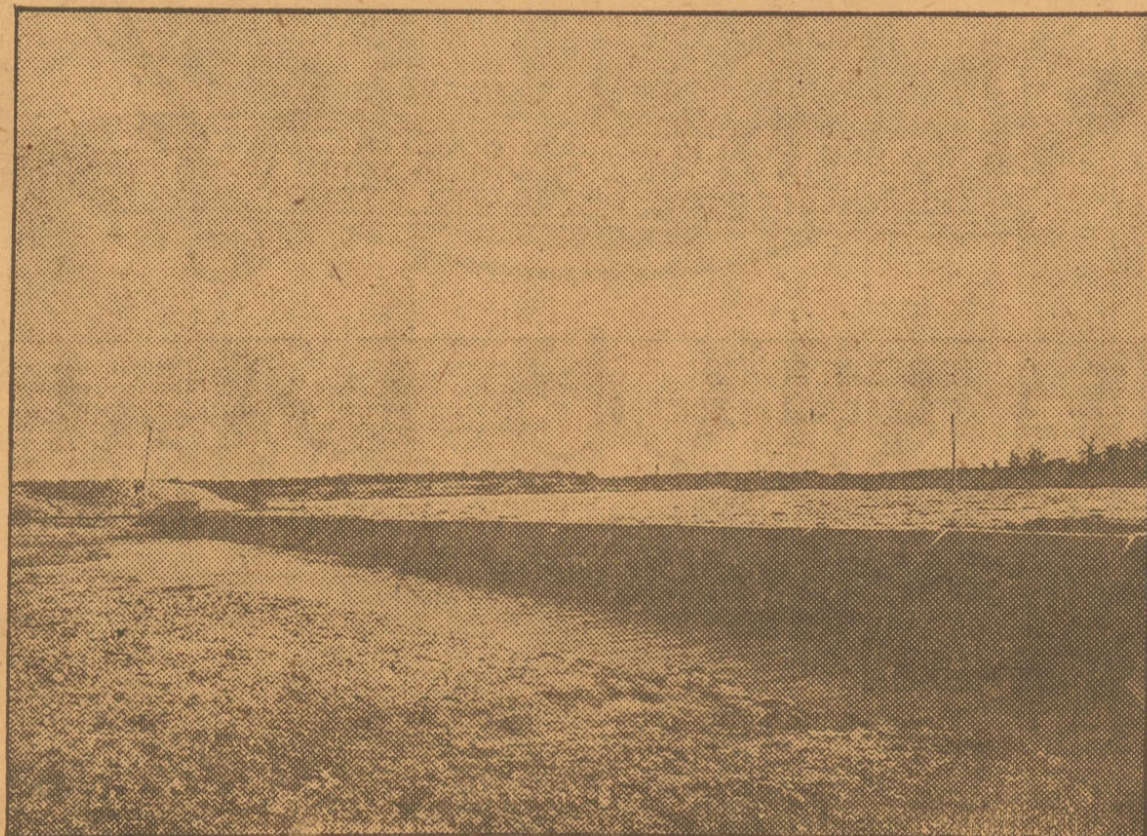
**QUALITY—SERVICE**



PUMP HOUSE AND SETTLING BASINS



VIEW OF LAKE FROM DAM



VIEW OF SPILLWAY

## Hagaman Lake One of Ranger's Greatest Assets

Ranger is fortunate in having located within two miles of the center of the city a lake which contains enough water to care for the city's needs for a period of two years, at the present rate of consumption.

### THE LAKE

The lake is an artificial body of water made by damming Palo Pinto creek. It covers an area of 125 acres. It is one and three-quarters miles long, with an average width of 300 yards, with a depth at the dam of 45 feet. A raise of three feet is contemplated, which will increase the capacity of the lake approximately 50%.

### THE PUMP-HOUSE AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM

The Pump-House is of fireproof construction with a pumping capacity of 1,000,000 gallons daily. The Installation is in duplicate units, which at all times insures a steady flow of water to the city. The Settling Basins, for clarifying the water, are of 1,000,000 gallons daily capacity. After the settling process is completed, the water is treated with liquid chlorine before being pumped to the city.

A Rapid Sand Filter of 1,250,000 gallons daily capacity is to be constructed in the near future, upon the completion of which Ranger will have the same system of water purification that is now enjoyed by Dallas, which is conceded to be one of the most efficient in the country.

### THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The company now has 15 miles of mains laid, which serve all business parts of the city and all residence sections. Fire plugs are well distributed and the city is amply protected from a fire standpoint. The pressure carried is as high as any city in the state. The standpipe, which acts as a pressure equalizer, contains several hours' supply, which insures the city in the case of a break in any of the lines feeding the city. A larger main to supply the city is under contemplation, which will be sufficient to supply a city very much larger than Ranger.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all visitors and members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to visit Hagaman Lake while in our city.

**RANGER WATERWORKS COMPANY**  
RANGER, TEXAS

# DAVENPORT HARDWARE CO.

## EXTENDS A MOST

# CORDIAL WELCOME

--TO--

# The West Texas Chamber *of* Commerce Delegates

We are glad to have you with us and we extend to every delegate a cordial invitation to visit "The Most Complete Hardware Store in West Texas."

When this business was founded it was with the determination on the part of the men responsible for its being to give to Ranger a hardware store of which they could be proud. This we have done, for we were never ready to write the word "finish" after our efforts. Since the day we opened our doors we have constantly striven to improve and this will be our policy as long as we are in business.

We keep on hand at all times a large supply of such articles as Nails, Bolts, Chains, Boomers, etc., in order that the local demand can be supplied locally.

In addition to oil field hardware we specialize in Builder's Hardware and Roofing. We are distributors for the famous Oak Leaf Roofing, made by the Enders Roofing Company of East St. Louis. Actual testing has proven that this is the best.

We are also distributors for the famous Garland Gas Stoves and Heaters. Garland Stoves always last longer and give better satisfaction.

We have just added a complete Sporting Goods Department which carries Spalding Baseball Goods, Guns, Fishing Outfits and Supplies, and in fact anything carried in the most complete sporting goods stores.

If your time will permit, we would appreciate a visit from each of you during your stay in Ranger.

# DAVENPORT HARDWARE CO.

AUSTIN AND CHERRY STREETS

John Eley, President.

A. Davenport, Vice President and General Manager.

Joe E. Rayborn, Treasurer.

T. B. Russell, Secretary.

# USE WEST TEXAS COAL

We are mining a very high grade coal suitable for both domestic and commercial purposes. This coal is favorably known wherever it has been used and we are in position to furnish you with the highest recommendations.

We can guarantee the filling of your order the same day it is received. No delays and a shorter haul to all West Texas points.

Prices gladly furnished on request

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## Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil Company

THURBER, TEXAS

# Build West Texas From West Texas Brick

You members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce are all vitally interested in the building of West Texas and the replacement of all temporary structures by permanent buildings of brick.

YOU CAN LOOK THE COUNTRY OVER AND YOU WILL FAIL TO FIND SUPERIOR

## Paving and Building Brick

THAN ARE MADE HERE IN THURBER

While in Ranger ask to be shown the Theodore Hotel, which was originally built for our general offices. This building is built entirely from West Texas brick made right here in Thurber. You will agree with us that no better building brick is needed than this.

Examine the paving which is now being done in Ranger. West Texas paving brick is being used exclusively. It also was made right here in Thurber. While we are building let us build for permanency with THURBER BRICK.

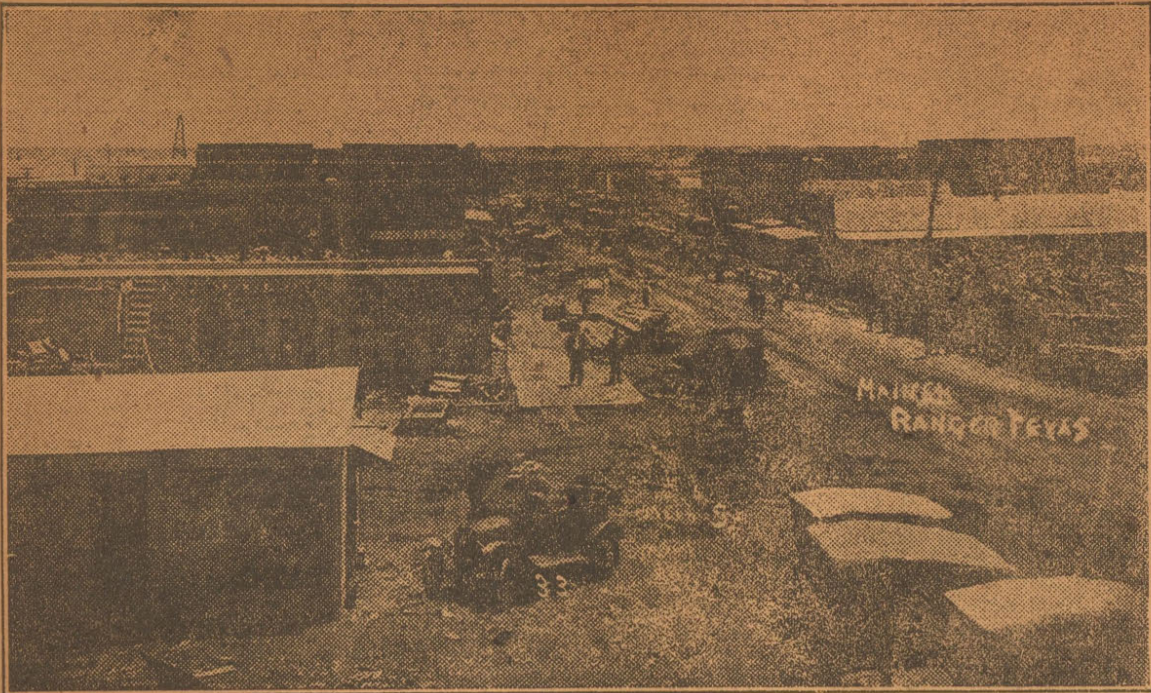
Estimates cheerfully furnished and prompt shipment guaranteed to all parts of West Texas.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO

# Thurber Brick Company

THURBER, TEXAS

WHEN RANGER STARTED TO BUILD



This picture was taken just after the big fire in April, 1919. On the spot from which it was taken now stands the three-story P. & Q. building. On the left hand side of the street now towers the Paramount hotel, the Hodges-Neal building and other structures. That pile of bricks on the right hand side represents the Gholson hotel and the six-story Guaranty bank building.

You Haven't Seen Ranger Till You've Seen The

**SUMMER GARDEN**

"A Refined Dance for Ladies and Gentlemen."

*"The Livest Spot in Ranger"*

**The Summer Garden**

*Dancing Tonight*

West Texas C. of C. Delegates are especially invited to attend this Dance. Fine Hardwood Maple Floors. Good order at all times.

Music By Best 5-Piece Orchestra in West Texas

Saxophone — Banjo — Piano — Trombone and Drums

**EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED**

No Extra Charge In Admission

**ALSO DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT**

See the

**Ranger Electric Co.**

for Your Electrical Requirements

322 WALNUT STREET

WE CARRY IN STOCK A FULL LINE OF

**Electrical Goods**

TABLE LAMPS, ELECTRIC HEATING APPLIANCES

Also we have equipped the following buildings in Ranger:

New Gholson Hotel	Catholic Church
Majestic Theater	Marston Building
Temple Theater	Ranger Steam Laundry
Travelers Hotel	Star Theater
Bernardo Hotel	Cole's Cafeteria
Theodore Hotel	Scott's Cafe
Baptist Church	Ranger Cafe
Methodist Church	And many others.

In addition we furnished the fixtures for the Guaranty State Bank Building.

**REMEMBER**—Private residences are our specialty even though we have equipped most of the large buildings in Ranger.

**IF YOU CONTEMPLATE BUILDING IT IS TO YOUR INTEREST TO CONSULT US**

# WELCOME TO RANGER

## And the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention

J. M. White & Co. will be "on the job" every minute of the day throughout the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention and want to shake the hand of every delegate and friend that sets foot inside the city limits. We want you to make our store your headquarters. We are proud of being one of the pioneer stores of Ranger, proud of the wonderful growth our store has known. If there is any little courtesy we can extend you, we want you to name it.

Outfitters to father, mother, and all the family.

Showing complete new stocks of Spring wearing apparel for men, women and children.

Big assortments of piece goods, staples and dry goods at lowest possible prices.

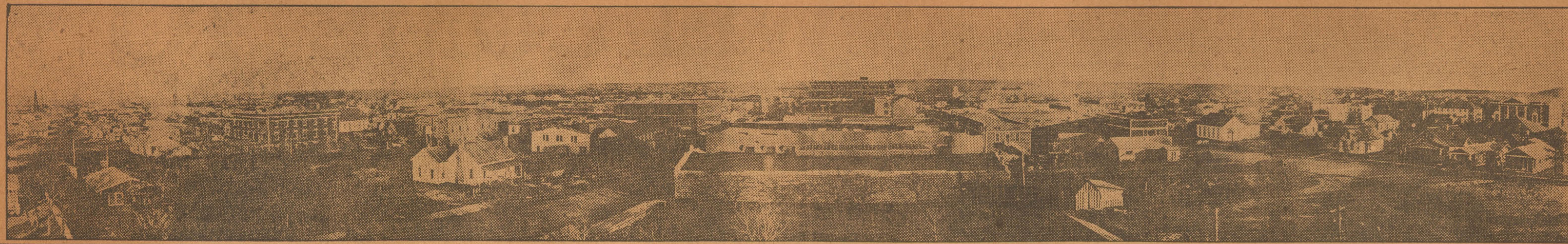
# We're Doing Our Part to Help Lower Clothing Costs for This Section

White's has always been acknowledged as the most economical store in this section to buy good merchandise. We are fortunate in having no rent to pay and because of this are enabled to give our customers prices that no establishment in the oil fields can compete with. When lower wholesale prices came this Fall, J. M. White & Co. were among the first to announce readjustments, and any deflations the present market may take in the months to come, you can depend upon it, they will be reflected in our own high grade stock.

*J. M. White & Co.*  
"The House of Real Values"

Two Stores—Ranger and Leeray  
313 MAIN STREET RANGER, TEXAS

## PANORAMIC VIEW OF RANGER



### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS DRIVING FORCE OF WHICH RANGER MERCHANTS AVAIL

The percentage growth of memberships of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce has not been a whit behind that of the great West Texas Chamber of Commerce whose great body we entertain today and tomorrow. Since Ranger organized for civic progress in August, 1915, with twenty-five charter members, the Chamber of Commerce has increased to over 2,250 members, or 900 per cent. The history of the Chamber of Commerce activity fails to record another instance of such a remarkable growth. The annual income from the membership over a period years is \$55,000, a figure that cannot be duplicated by another chamber in the country with an equal representation. The achievements of the organization have also been repeated without parallel.

The personnel of this great body is Major H. S. Cole, president; J. E. Temple Peters, manager; Ralph G. Stockman, vice president; C. C. Chenoweth, treasurer. The board of directors consists of E. J. Barnes, F. D. Bostaph, W. E. Burke, H. S. Cole, C. C. Chenoweth, A. Davenport, M. H. Hagaman, Dr. R. H. Hodges, R. D. Lincoln, Edward R. Maher, J. E. Milford, J. B. Owens, Dr. W. C. Palmer, E. B. Reid, M. H. Smith and Ralph G. Stockman.

**THE ORGANIZATION.**  
The McCleskey hotel was the scene of a small gathering of business men on an August night in 1915 to perfect a commercial organization which would seek to advertise Ranger, its oil, and to bring order out of chaos. In years to come the names of the founders will be inscribed in marble that will compose a Chamber of Commerce building. They were John Gholson, Mayor M. H. Hagaman, Howard Gholson, R. H. Patterson, E. L. Rust, Judge George L. Davenport, F. W. Melvin and J. F. Drienhofer.

M. A. Turner, formerly with the Young Men's Business League of Fort Worth, was selected for secretary, and served in that capacity until he was made city manager in April, 1919, when Ranger became an incorporated city with the commission form of government. He was succeeded by George T. Hemmingson, now city sec-

retary, who came to the position direct from the army. His tenure was characterized by phenomenal civic development. The big things of the ultra-boom days were accomplished while he directed the organization. He was succeeded by J. E. Temple Peters, well known in Eastland, Callahan and Taylor county as an educator and progressive citizen. Even before taking up his new duties he was a leading spirit in every development movement.

**NO PICNIC.**  
The ordinary secretary in the long established town or city has a picnic in comparison with what Ranger's early secretaries had to grapple with. Without sewer system, not many sidewalks and only a wild scramble for the coin of the realm, these intrepid leaders got the ears of the people long enough to evolve radical changes which brought the city out of the pig sty class and placed it among the foremost cities of the state. Sanitary conditions were brought about and impending epidemics of typhoid and other maladies averted. The city was policed by Texas Rangers, who kept crime to the minimum, and the city was given a breathing spell until its civic endeavors could catch up with the magic growth in construction and population.

In the fall of 1918 Ranger had already begun to inflate from the oil boom.

The railroads had not appreciated the fact except in so far as having the sidings crammed with cars en route to the wonder oil city, which had one sidetrack. The Chamber of Commerce succeeded in convincing the railroads that Ranger was to become more than a whistling post. The line then built yardage tracks of more than thirty miles.

The postal service was miserable. Long queues of new residents stood for hours waiting turns to get into the cramped postal quarters where an exceedingly limited clerk personnel worked day and night to distribute and hand out the voluminous first-class mail that arrived by truckloads. The Chamber of Commerce succeeded in time in getting larger quarters, more clerks, better distributing and

cancelling facilities, lock boxes and a carrier service for business and residential sections.  
During the early days of its activities the chamber co-operated with the railroads and the traveling public in supplying the needs of patrons, travelers and others. It supported every bond issue to take the city out of the mud, and relieve the distasteful and unsanitary conditions, and give it a clean appearance to the thousands who daily visited it.

Among the greater achievements of the association was the securing of the Hamon railroad to relieve the traffic congestion on the Texas & Pacific railroad, which maintained for months at a time a grievous embargo on needed freight. At times it was

impossible to ship household effects into the city without the written permit of the Chamber of Commerce. This was done only when the prospective resident could assure the chamber that he had secured a place to take his shipment when it arrived. The chamber also conducted a campaign of publicity by which it was sought to picture the true conditions obtaining in the oil fields and to encourage patrons of the railroad and the express company to remove shipments immediately upon arrival to relieve crammed and jammed freight station space.

**CENTER OF PROGRESS.**  
The story of Ranger is largely a story of the activities of the Chamber

of Commerce. It has been recounted in newspapers and magazines over the entire world, until it is not essential at this time to consume the time of the reader trying to refresh his mind. Everybody knows Ranger and what it went through during its trying days.

For the Ranger of today is a model city with brick paved streets, commodious and modern hotels, public utilities, natural gas, electric lights, fine schools, large mercantile establishments and all the conveniences of the larger cities of the Southwest. In the acquisition of all these the Chamber of Commerce has been the leader. From the task of overcoming early municipal drawbacks, the Chamber of Commerce has now turned to acquiring factories, industries, new people

and promoting residence erection, trade development and a line of civic endeavor similar to that performed in long established cities. With the settling down of the oil production to a steady flow the chamber has instituted a back-to-the-farm movement in Eastland county which has been prolific of pleasing results. With the advent of oil the farmer quit his plow, leased his land, became a millionaire and

lived in luxury. His lands that have lain idle for three years or more are now again to feel the touch of the plow for the increasing food production. Ranger is gaining a new trade from over all West Texas because its large stores carry full lines to select from. Wholesale groceries, foundries, machine shops and other large enterprises have been encouraged to come by this organization, until today Ran-

ger stands head above every other West Texas town. The merchants and others who compose this Chamber of Commerce believing in Ranger, are putting this belief into concrete form by liberal contributions for city development.

Wearing of the American flag by boxers appearing in bouts in Massachusetts is prohibited.

## Attention Gas Men

Field Meter and Domestic Meter Proving and Repairing

Open Flow Tests

Absorption Plant Installation

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Contractors

## West Texas Gas Engineering Co.

Office and Shop, 210 East Main, Ranger, Texas

## GREETINGS WEST TEXANS!

We welcome Ranger's visitors and extend to every one a cordial invitation to call at

## Strawbridge Electric Co.

"The Home of Quality Electrical Goods"

127 South Austin Street

Phone 272

# Welcome Ranger Visitors

We folks of Ranger are proud to have you with us for these two days and hope your visit will be enjoyable. We know your coming here will be of great benefit not only to Ranger, but to the city you represent. You can count on WEST TEXAS Electric Co. for any aid we can give at any time, for the advancement of Ranger and WEST TEXAS.

## West Texas Electric Co.

Everything Electrical

C. Q. ROGERS, Mgr.

326 PINE STREET

RANGER, TEXAS

# The Frost Motor Co. WELCOMES YOU

## West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

We take this opportunity to tell you of the many advantages Ranger has to offer for wideawake and progressive business men. Two years ago you would not have thought such an enterprising little city would be possible. But, it had the right kind of men behind it, that never gave up hope, and not a minute did they waste in improving it, and making it the Hub of the Oil Fields and the trade center of this section.

Ranger offers to you her backing in any business you might undertake, together with the buying power of the Oil Fields. Ranger has two good railroads that cover the richest parts of the country, offering you many advantages in this way. Ranger is building good roads in every direction through the Oil Fields, bringing in new business and stabilizing herself as a market center.

This, gentlemen, is the few of the many advantages Ranger has to offer.

## FROST MOTOR CO.

G M C TRUCKS

BUICK AUTOMOBILES

ACCESSORIES



## Your Banker and Your Jeweler

Can you for a moment imagine yourself doing business with a banker you could not trust? We don't imagine that any bank would long retain your account and patronage unless you had implicit faith in its honesty.

The same law should govern you in your selection of a jeweler. You must necessarily have confidence in the firm where you invest hundreds or maybe thousands of dollars. You must feel certain that your interest will be safe-guarded.

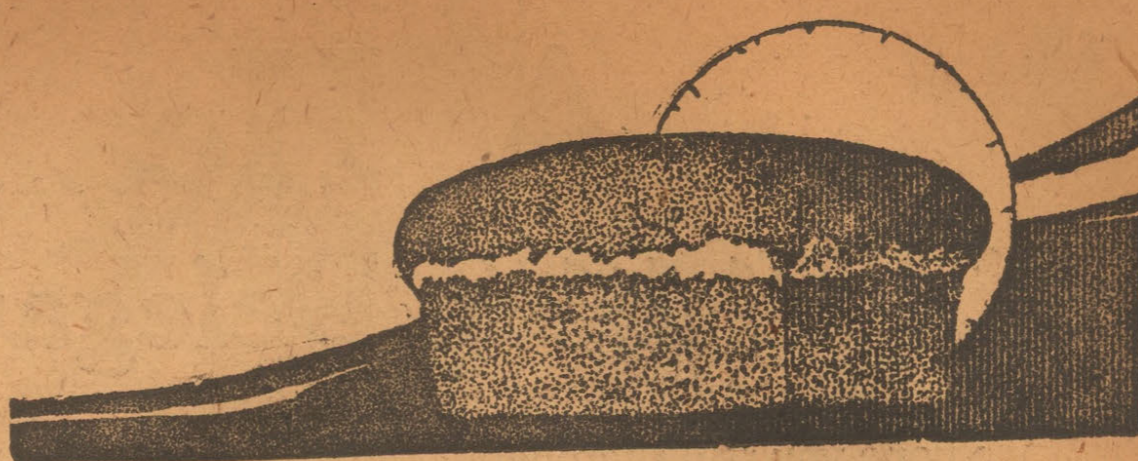
We believe that this firm is established on this basis of confidence in this community. We have taken care to so conduct this business that it would demand your confidence. We have never resorted to bizarre methods of doing business. A straight, legitimate business conducted on a fair percentage of profit.

We would like to add your name to our long list of pleased customers.

### W. E. DAVIS

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

104 South Rusk Street



### There's Health in Every Slice of Federal Bread

Here's why! The Federal bread making formula calls for the purest of ingredients—rich, creamy sweet milk, the finest yeast, Federal specially milled and laboratory-tested flour, combined with other ingredients of the very highest quality money can buy.

## Federal Bread

The marvelous Federal oven bakes the most uniform and all-over crispy loaf of appetizing, nourishing bread possible.

Do you realize that bread should represent at least half or more than half of the food which children eat?

Federal is a quality bread through and through! Come in today and try Federal Home-made Bread, Rolls and Pastry.

# FEDERAL SYSTEM OF BAKERIES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

CORNER PINE AND MARSTON STREETS

## Welcome Delegates

We don't know you all, but you are welcome—for we know the value of co-operative effort in advancing the interests of this great empire.

We believe in West Texas and in Ranger as the logical distributing point for this section of the state.

COME AND SEE US WHILE YOU ARE HERE

## Midway Garage *and* Machine Shop

Lamar and East Main, Between the Two Depots

RANGER, TEXAS

## The History of The Clem Lumber Company

Is closely linked with that of West Texas. We were quick to realize the tremendous possibilities of this territory and established yards in Ranger, Eastland, Olden and Moran in order to properly serve the people of this section.

We are tremendously interested in the substantial growth of West Texas and pledge our support toward any movement which looks toward its development.

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## The Clem Lumber Company

HOME OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS

# A Hearty Welcome To Visiting Delegates of West Texas C. of C.

We hope you will thoroughly enjoy your brief visit in Ranger. We citizens of Ranger deem it an honor to have you with us as our guests. Ranger merchants realize the value of your visit, and we know the city you represent and Ranger will both mutually benefit by your being here. We believe West Texas has a brilliant, prosperous future ahead, and want you to feel confident of the hearty co-operation of the Ranger Merchants in any plans you may devise for the advancement of West Texas.

## A Few Facts of Interest About Ranger and Its Fast Growing Retail Merchants' Association

Ranger's Retail Merchants' Association was organized May 24th, 1920, with a charter membership of 93 firms. Today 170 business houses, representing all lines of business, are members of the Association. Among lines included in the membership are: Automobiles and Accessories, Contractors and Building Supplies, Public Utilities, Ready-to-Wear, Department Stores, Millinery, Stationery and Office Supplies, Furniture, Hardware, Clothing, Shoes, Lumber, Groceries, Meat Markets, Machine Works, Printing, Hay, Grain, Cafes, Jewelers, Heaters, Laundries and Distilled Water Companies. Following are the members holding offices at present: Jelks F. Castellaw, president; J. W. Sanders, vice president; C. C. Chenoweth, treasurer; M. O. Burt, secretary.

### What Ranger's Retail Merchants' Association Offers Its Members:

Maintains rating books covering entire West Texas with correct ratings of all firms and individuals.

Has a collection department which puts forth every effort to collect all doubtful accounts and bad checks for members of the association. The work of this department has been of great value to members.

Offers a notary public service without charge to members. Sends out daily report to members of all mortgages, suits and bad checks. Since opening of local association the number of bad checks in Ranger has been reduced 50 per cent or more.

Local Association has membership in National Association of Retail Merchants, receiving benefits of all reports sent out through National Associations.

The secretary of local association is member of National Credit Men's Association, and through this affiliation is enabled to receive information desired by members from any part of the United States.



### What Ranger's Retail Merchants' Association Has Done for Ranger:

Handled two trade carnivals for merchants of Ranger, the first known as Ranger Trade Carnival, and the second as Ranger Holiday Trade Carnival, covering a period of fourteen weeks, and proving a great stimulant for the business houses of Ranger.

Spent \$25,000 advertising Ranger and its advantages as a trading point for this section.

Originated slogan, "Ranger, the Hub of the Oil Fields," and the emblem of same, which was carried in all advertising sent out by the association.

Members of association at meeting of January, 1921, voted unanimously to give 1 per cent of all sales for a certain period to the financing of the Good Roads Program laid out for Ranger. The finances of building the roads to be handled through local association.

Local association is now working on Home Loan Plans, to enable residents of Ranger to own their own homes, and pay for them on easy terms.

Association is doing everything possible to have rents reduced in Ranger, and has been successful to a great extent.

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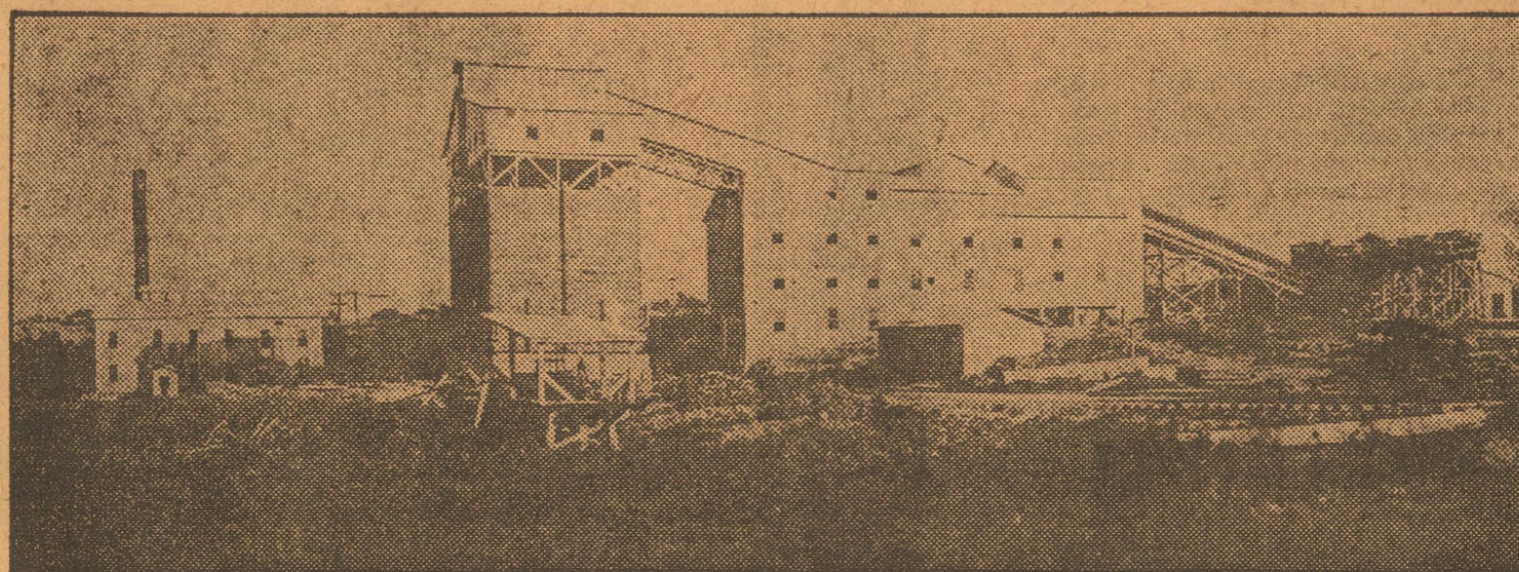
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**LIMESTONE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS  
DAILY CAPACITY 2,000 TONS**



A view of our 2,000-ton crushing plant, located on the main line of the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., 92.4 miles west of Fort Worth. Plant is thoroughly modern, electrically driven and fully equipped with the latest and best rock-crushing machinery obtainable. Visitors are always welcome.

**OUR CRUSHED LIMESTONE HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED BY THE LEADING  
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**T. E. P. CO. LIMESTONE  
IDEAL FOR  
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**T. E. P. CO. LIMESTONE SAND  
BEST FOR  
CONCRETE WORK**

Experiments made by engineers have proved that it makes a better concrete than the majority of river sands.

**Mr. Farmer—Your Soil  
Needs Our Limestone**

Send a box of your soil to Austin for analysis. You will find it needs limestone.  
We can supply you at a reasonable cost—any quantity—any time.

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## RANGER IS CENTER OIL WELL SUPPLIES

Despite the fact that the greatest oil gushers of today in West Texas are being brought in thirty miles north, Ranger is the hub of the Ranger oil fields and possesses the greatest number of oil well supply and tool houses. When the present Texas field was discovered, Ranger was the center. The McCleskey well was found in the heart of the present city of Ranger. The discovery made a sensation that surpassed anything of a similar kind in the history of the world. Thousands of persons came to the wonder city.

Capital was invested heavily. Since practically all the development for two years was around Ranger, the big oil well supply and tool house companies established their plants there, with the result that in a short time more than \$12,000,000 was invested. In a short time it became the recognized oil well supply and tool distributing point for the entire state and parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma. It has maintained that honor, although the greatest producing sections are now north from the city. Instead of retrenching and moving, these concerns are increasing the capacities of their plants and transacting a business which will equal that of any of the oil well supply centers of the country.

Two railroads reaching practically every oil field in the state cross at Ranger. The Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad to the south enters the famous Desdemona and Sipe Springs territory, and to the north cut a swath through the greatest oil producing territory in the north — Breckenridge, Cardo, Ellasville, Crystal Falls and Ivan. The Texas & Pacific on the east enters the oil fields of Tiffin, Strawn, Thurber and other points, while on the west it reaches the Eastland, Olden and Cisco fields. Most of the well-ratting in West Texas is situated adjacent to a railroad that runs to Ranger. The immense business which comes to the Ranger houses attests to the fact that the best service and quickest time may be gained by handling through the Ranger concerns. Great repair plants have sprung up at Ranger that can handle in the shortest time the most difficult welding and other jobs. If it were not for the Ranger houses repairs might have to be sent to the northern and eastern houses. The reliability and service these places have furnished have established a permanent business for them that is increasing as the oil field is extended.

These plants employ a large number of men and have immense pay rolls, which help Ranger to increase her growth and prowess as the leading town in the oil fields of the Southwest. Only the most skilled men are given work and the class of work they turn out counts largely in the oil well supply business of Ranger growing monthly. The most improved machinery, forges, modern plants and the like make for a permanent business that will continue to make Ranger the oil supply distributing center of the Southwest for all time, even after the present fields diminish to almost nothingness and other oil fields spring up in various parts of the Southwest. Even at the present time the Ranger houses are supplying tools and other accessories for the Tampico field. When an oil well

is being drilled anywhere in this great section of the country and something goes wrong with the tools and causes a repair job, the first idea that strikes the driller or operator is

to send the "job" to Ranger. This reputation built up by Ranger houses has guaranteed its retaining a business that will make it by far the leading distributing point.

Ranger has the largest ice plant in West Texas. Ranger has four modern two and three-story brick buildings.



*Say It with  
Flowers*

It seems as if women were made to love flowers. And particularly is this true on St. Valentine's day—the day of all days when flowers carry such sweet sentiments. This is the day when you touch a tender spot—a responsible chord in the heart of the woman you love by giving her flowers.

For St. Valentine's day we have many new, novel and exquisite effects in Flowers for vase or corsage. Or if you desire we shall make your order to your particular specifications. Come to this store and be prepared to enjoy a real treat in Flowers.

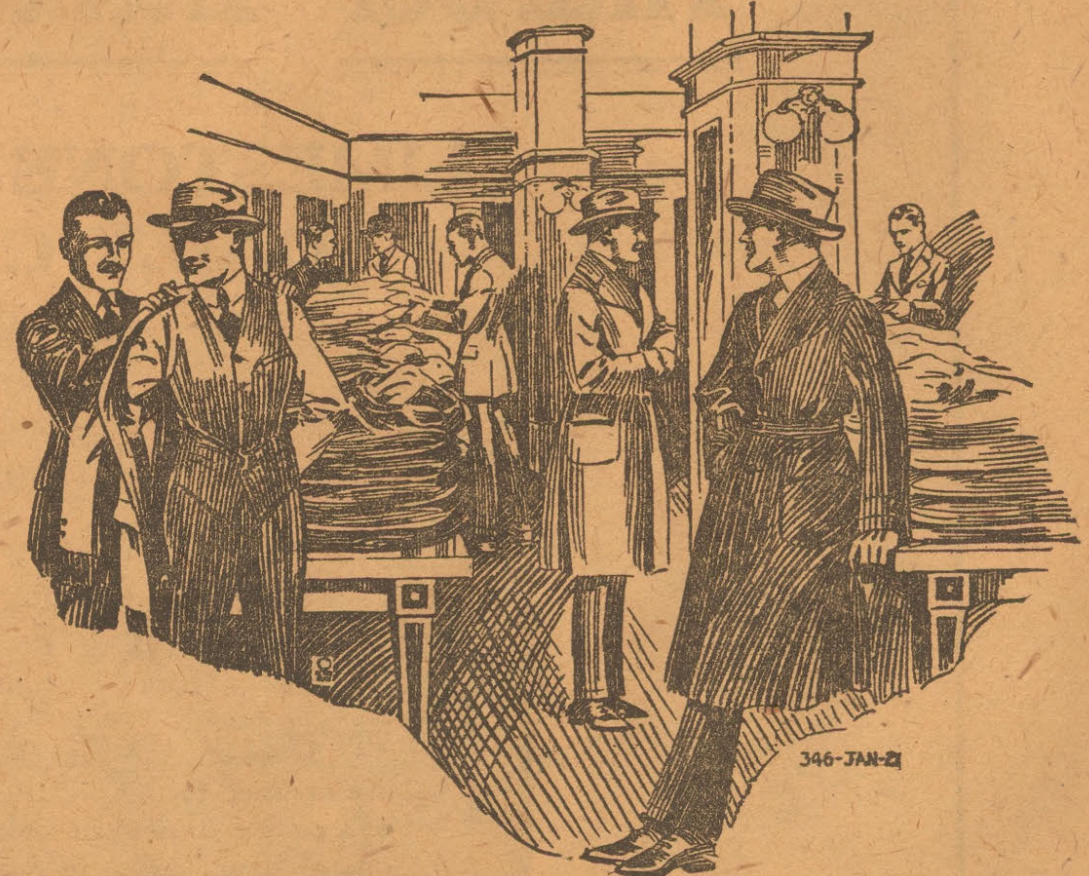
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### Majestic Flower Shop

MAJESTIC THEATER BLDG. SOUTH RUSK ST.

# Welcome, West Texas Delegates

## One of West Texas' Leading Clothes Shops Bids You Welcome



We're glad to have you with us if only for a while. Your selection of Ranger as a meeting place this year is an honor that Ranger greatly appreciates and we hope you will enjoy every minute of your brief stay here.

Reavis Clothing Co. ranks among the leading clothes shops in West Texas. For fixtures, complete stocks and high grade men's wear, we don't believe any city the size of Ranger can boast of any better.

However, Reavis Clothing Co. offers more than just fixtures and good merchandise. Ranger men find satisfaction in buying clothes from us because they know what they buy here is guaranteed to be worth every cent they pay for it, and the price is just as low as good quality and workmanship will permit.

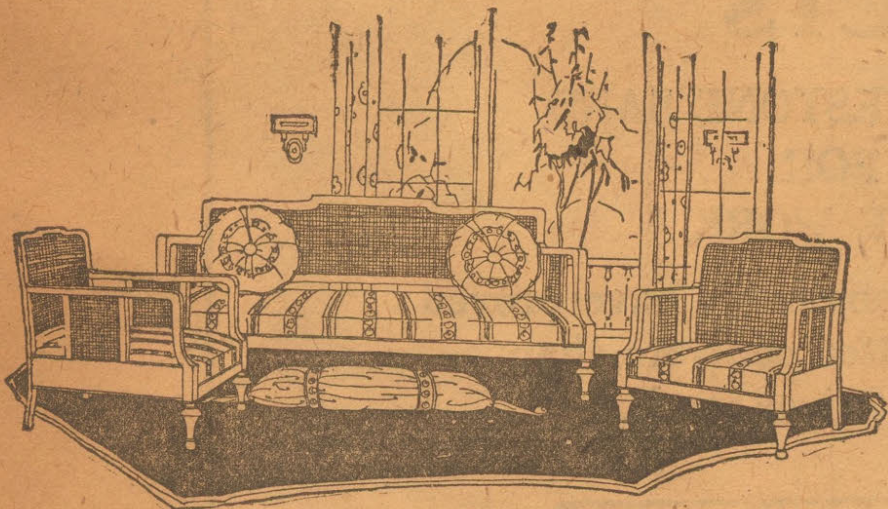
Any time they don't think so they know they can get their money back.

## Reavis Clothing Co.

"Home of Kuppenheimer Clothes in Ranger"

Reavis Building.

Corner Pine and Marston Streets



## Is Your House a Home?

Anybody can have a house, but it takes three things to make a home.

TASTEFUL FURNITURE  
ATTRACTIVE CARPETS  
HARMONIOUS ARRANGEMENT

WE CAN SAFELY PROMISE YOU ALL OF THESE

Visitors to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention are cordially invited to make our store their headquarters while in Ranger. We want you to like our city and we want you to remember us.

**E. B. REID FURNITURE COMPANY**

"Prices as Low as Three Years Ago"

117 N. MARSTON ST. RANGER, TEXAS

Visit Ranger's Wholesale  
**Plumbing Supply House**  
While Here

**"America First"**

Some one has said that a nation can be fairly judged by its plumbing. And we are inclined to think that this is as fair a way as any to measure the real advancement of a people. Forward-looking people will not long be satisfied with unsanitary methods of living. Health must be safe-guarded and cleanliness advanced.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" is an American expression. That's the way American folk feel about it. America leads the world in the art of sanitary plumbing. The rich of other countries are proud to boast of possessing plumbing equipment which will appear in the humble homes of America.

Believing in West Texas and the wonderful future which lies before her, and believing absolutely in Ranger as the proper distributing point of the oil fields, we have established here a Wholesale Plumbing Supply and Fixture House, large enough and complete enough to care for the surrounding territory.

It might prove interesting to you to drop in on us while you are in our city and see how well equipped we are to serve you and your neighbors in these lines. We do not sell any goods to the retail trade, but any selection of fixtures which you might make from our stock can be delivered to you through your plumber or contractor.

**You Will Find Here  
Complete Stocks of**

THOMAS MADDOCK & SONS CO.S  
"VITREOUS WARE."  
KOLLER COMPANY'S  
"ENAMEL WARE"

UNITED STATES MFG. CO.'S  
"ENAMEL WARE"  
BATH ROOM FIXTURES  
PLUMBING SUPPLIES

It will be a real pleasure to show you our lines of goods whether you intend buying or not. Give us the opportunity of meeting you while you are in the city.

There are few towns the size of Ranger which can boast of a Wholesale Plumbing Supply House. Many cities must look elsewhere to fill their wholesale wants in plumbing goods.

**Western Supply Company**  
WHOLESALE ONLY  
**RANGER, TEXAS**

WHITE TRUCKS OVERLAND CARS

# DUGGAN-BROWN OVERLAND CO.

Sold more WHITE TRUCKS than  
any dealer in the Southwest in  
1919 and 1920.

RANGER

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# Shoes— Hosiery

"Stetson's"  
"Thompson's"  
"Billiken's"  
"Walkovers"  
"Van Raalte"  
"Cadet" and  
"Cinderella"  
Hosiery

A modern, up-to-date City Store offers you the  
Best to Be Had at Moderate Prices at All Times  
—Never Undersold.

*The Guarantee*  
SHOE COMPANY

105 SOUTH MARSTON STREET  
BETWEEN MAIN AND PINE STREETS

"BUY YOUR SHOES IN A SHOE STORE"

## E. Buchwald's Music House

104 SOUTH RUSK ST.

Pianos  
Player Pianos  
Victrolas  
Victor Records



## RECEIPTS OF POST OFFICE SHOW GAIN

As an indication that Ranger is a growing city, the local postoffice shows a goodly gain in receipts in the last eight months, according to Postmaster J. F. Connell. This is remarkable in view of the fact that most of the offices over the country six months ago were showing heavier receipts than now during the depression. Mr. Connell attributes the increase to the fact that new people are coming to this city to make their home and that much business is now conducted through correspondence with new towns in the neighboring Breckenridge field.

The Ranger office is now averaging around \$200 a day stamp sales. A small revenue is derived from the renting of lock boxes.

"So far I can determine there has been no drop in the volume of incoming mail," said Mr. Connell. "The only difference that I can see between the business of today and that of a year or more ago is that we are now handling the mail expeditiously and having no congestions. We are giving the same good service here that is given by the larger cities of the country."

### \$8,000 PAY ROLL

The local postoffice employs thirty-five workers with a combined salary of \$8,000 per month. The force is distributed in office clerks, six city carriers and four rural carriers. Three star routes are also operated from the local office.

Several months ago the postoffice, which was domiciled in a building on Marston street, was moved to its present adequate location in the south part of the business section. Parton & McManus erected a building here 30x140 feet, the floor of which was given free to the government for a period of ten years. The structure when started called for three stories, but up to the present time only one story has been completed. This large space furnishes a convenient lobby for patrons and commodious quarters for clerks and distributing and dispatching departments. Arranged about the lobby are 1,400 lock boxes, all of which are rented. In fact, the demand for boxes is so great that additional ones will shortly be installed, according to Mr. Connell. There are sixteen street mail boxes from which drop letters are picked up several times daily.

More than \$16,000 worth of new lock boxes and fixtures are now en route to Ranger and will be installed as early as possible. They will displace the present combination lock boxes. The total number of lock boxes will be 1,800, or 400 more than at present. Several office desks, filing cabinets and improved fixtures are included in the consignment of new equipment.

All the four rural routes radiating from Ranger are now supplied with carriers in contrast with the condition which obtained in this office two years ago, when it was impossible to secure carriers due to the comparatively low pay. Three star routes from the city reach the small interior towns.

### PHENOMENAL GROWTH

From a small country postoffice to one of the largest in the state is the record of the Ranger station in the short period of several years. When oil was struck the postal force consisted of a postmaster. Thousands of people were attracted to the city and the office became insignificantly small. But for many months the mail postal conditions had to be endured, as no action could be secured from Washington. It was possible for a person but for many months the postal office for several months. The accumulation of newspapers and low class matter was so great that no attempt was made to distribute or deliver it. Insistent demands upon Washington failed to bring relief. Patrons took the situation philosophically, realizing that they must undergo great trials and tribulations.

To add to the whole was the fact that the government was engaged in a horrible war with Germany, during which the entire attention of the Washington authorities was directed to its winning. Constant petitions to the postmaster general brought only the statement that the situation would be investigated at the earliest possible moment.

In the spring of 1919 the postoffice was moved from its small quarters on Main street to a building erected specially for the purpose on Marston. Here much additional room was affected, but the lock box system and the number of clerks were still the same. At his own expense Postmaster Cooper employed extra clerks. The town was demanding carriers and better general delivery service, but could not obtain them. Lengthy lines of patrons stood waiting their turns at the windows, some for hours. The situation became so unbearable that the larger companies, the Chamber of Commerce, The Daily Times and other influential forces of the city made a combined appeal to the Washington authorities and enlisted the strong support of Congressman Thomas L. Blanton.

### CONGRESSMAN AIDS

During the summer Congressman Blanton wired The Times to the effect that he had secured additional clerks, better and more fixtures, additional lock boxes and authority for the employment of a number of street carriers. Since the wages paid the latter was no inducement for men to take up the work because of the greater wages paid in other lines, the salary offered by the government was supplemented by funds raised among the business interests. Soon the carrier system was invoked and immediately there was a vast relief in the postal conditions. In the cramped building where parcels post was brought by the truckloads it was soon found that larger quarters were necessary for the dispatch of business. The final analysis was that Parton & McManus agreed to construct a fire-proof building and devote its lower floor to the government for a period of ten years. The offer was accepted.

Today Ranger has one of the best and largest postoffice buildings to be found in West Texas. It has been thoroughly equipped with cancelling machines and fixtures; a number of new clerks and carriers added, and general contentment now reigns. Postmaster Connell declared that the Ranger office now will lack for neither help nor equipment to conduct efficiently all business.

### Tango Duel the Latest

LONDON, Eng.—A tango duel challenge is the latest sensation in the dancing world. W. F. Hurndill, teacher and organizer of public dances, questioned M. Fontana's exhibition. The latter challenged Hurndill to a tango duel. It was accepted.

An electric motor similar to those used with drills operates a new straight motion hand saw.

A substitute for jute has been found in the Russian kenaf plant, which grows prolifically.

# GHOLSON HOTEL WELCOMES

## The West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates Headquarters

We have done our best to have our hotel complete for the convention, or as near as possible. We have had men working on it both night and day. The part that we have finished will be open for the conveniences of the delegates.

The Gholson, which is now being completed, is the finest between Fort Worth and El Paso. We have left nothing undone in making this hotel one of the best in West Texas.

We have always believed in Ranger—we believe in Ranger now—and in her future which will develop into one of West Texas' largest cities.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME AT

# The Gholson Hotel

A FIREPROOF STRUCTURE

# GREETING TO RANGER'S VISITORS



"THE HOUSE OF SERVICE" Throws open its doors and offers courteous hospitality to all delegates of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention during your brief stay in Ranger.

RUSSELL & CO. are proud to be numbered among the pioneer business houses of Ranger. Since establishing our business here over three years ago, we have steadily progressed until now we are privileged to be numbered among the leading grocery firms of West Texas. While in Ranger we hope you will find time to drop in and see us, to use our telephones and to let us serve you in every way possible.

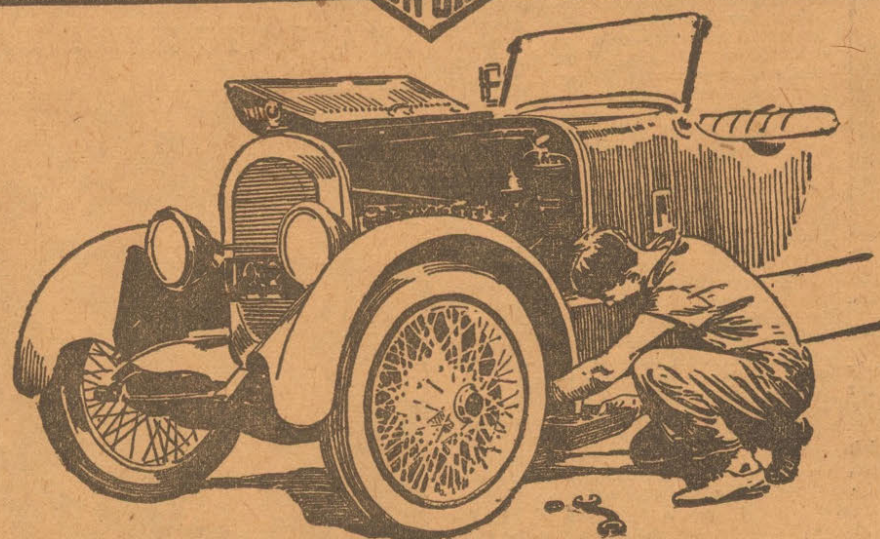
We are sure your visit here will be beneficial, not only to Ranger, but to the city you serve as well, and that the citizens of West Texas will profit by your being here.

*Russell and Co.*  
The House of Service.

CORNER WALNUT AND RUSK STS., RANGER, TEXAS

TELEPHONE NO. SEVEN

# To the Visitors and Delegates We Extend a Hearty Welcome



PREST-O-LITE  
SERVICE

HOOD AND BRUNSWICK  
TIRES AND TUBES

TEMME SPRINGS  
FOR  
TRUCKS AND CARS

HIGH GRADE GASOLINE  
AND  
MOTOR OILS

RIMS  
FOR  
ALL MAKES OF  
CARS AND PNEUMATIC TRUCKS

MOST COMPLETE LINE  
OF  
AUTO ACCESSORIES  
IN WEST TEXAS

## We will drain and clean your crankcase free

Motorists are beginning to realize the tremendous importance of replacing regularly the old contaminated oil in their crank-cases with fresh oil.

The maker of your own car warns you to do this every 500 to 800 miles. He knows the damage that oil—dirty and thinned-out by gasoline—will do your engine and the price you must pay in lost power and repairs.

Bring your car to us. We will drain and clean your crankcase free of charge and refill it with the type of SUNOCO Motor Oil scientifically adapted to your particular engine. Our only charge will be for the new oil.

SUNOCO—the oil of six distinct types—the highest quality motor lubricant made—is demonstrating daily to thousands of motorists the dollars-and-cents value of accurate and efficient engine lubrication.

Try Sunoco Motor Oil and you will be amazed at the renewed power and "pep" it puts into your engine. Use it *exclusively* and you will be protected against carbon, loss of power, excess friction and all troubles caused by faulty lubrication.

# SUNOCO

MOTOR OIL

# Ranger Gasoline Company

A. J. LAVERY, Manager

RANGER, TEXAS  
Corner Pine and Rusk  
"HERE FROM THE START"

GRAHAM, TEXAS  
Corner Sunshine and Pecos  
"JUST STARTING HERE"

### RANGER SETS A NEW PRECEDENT IN WEST

Oil Metropolis Prepared to Handle Big Convention Without Trouble.

BY W. HAMILTON WRIGHT.  
West Texas has never entertained large state bodies and conventions because of the limited hotel facilities which its towns and cities offered. Time was when towns of the West were ignored because they were thought to be too remote from the centers of population, but this sophistry has been exploded with the enlightening news that the center of Texas' population is now west of Waco, and annually following Horace Greeley's advice. With the exception of a few fraternal organizations and church association gatherings, West Texas towns have never catered to conventions.

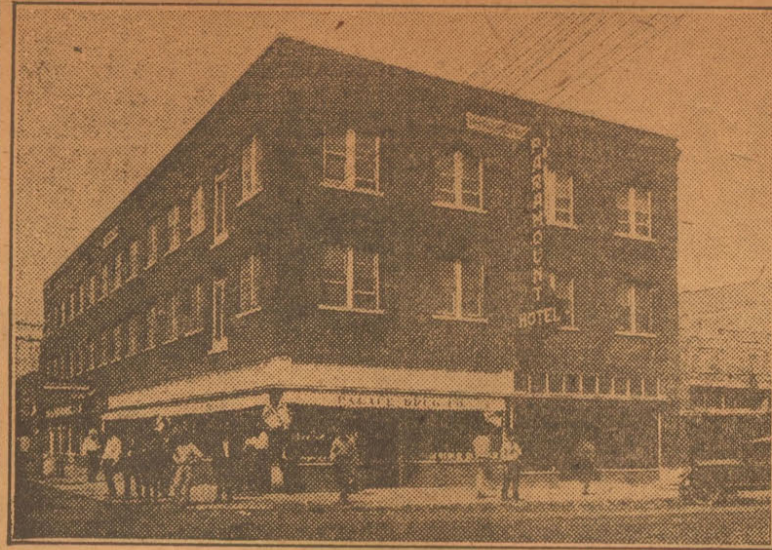
But all precedents are smashed by the newest of the new towns of the state. Ranger is furnishing entertainment, refreshments, hotel facilities and diversion for probably the largest body ever entertained west of Fort Worth. We refer to the present annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which has a clientele of over 6,000, according to figures furnished by the headquarters office at Stamford. The old excuse for passing up the invitation of West Texas towns hereafter will provoke a smile, for when Ranger has clearly demonstrated its ability to accommodate the West Texas Chamber of Commerce delegation, the smaller "try" conventions will be without pretext for going elsewhere all the time.

Sets Precedent.  
For three years Ranger's time has been occupied finding room for the thousands of visitors from the four corners of the earth who came to witness its great oil fields and see the unique sights that it presented unostentatiously. The hotel facilities of a year ago have been more than needed, and the capacity to furnish lodging fit for royalty has been expanded. Ranger was never able until now to bid the world come to the most picturesque and animated town on the map. The dexterity and ease with which it will have handled the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will encourage the Chamber of Commerce, the city commission and the citizens in general to bid for every legitimate body that seeks a place to meet.

It is true that the success of any large convention is largely based upon the selection of a good meeting place. Attendance must be considered first. If the selected place be one of those mediocre cities where progress stopped years ago, and where its citizens are selfish and out for the easy coin of the delegates, the best results will not be attained and the future stability of the represented association is weakened. On the other hand, if the town selected contains an animated citizenship seeking to provide comforts, ease and entertainment for its guests, and to entertain in a novel way such a city will always hold a warm spot in the hearts of visitors, the association represented will gain in attendance and confidence the following year, and continue to prosper.

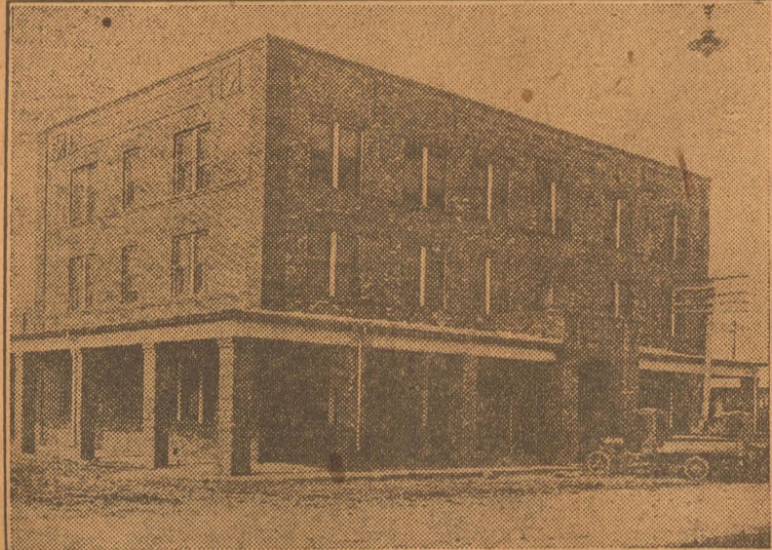
Scenery, Gentlemen.  
Ranger is in the latter category. It has never defaulted. It has never been derelict in duty to visitors. It is putting over a convention in Ran-

### PARAMOUNT HOTEL



This is another of the many substantial structures erected since the West Texas Chamber met in Abilene.

### THEODORE HOTEL



This building, erected by the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company as an office structure, is one on which Ranger prides itself.

ger today which is giving it a great name throughout the state and which is proving absurd the fallacious belief that West Texas towns, particularly Ranger, are unequal to the demands of convention bodies. Where other cities offer the tedious paved streets, large office buildings, country attractions, large industries and probably a banquet up in the sky, Ranger offers its convention guests a peep at great refineries, forests of oil derricks, wells in the making, views of a city that rose in a jiffy when wartime conditions imposed their restricting hands; natural scenery surpassing that of any of the towns in Central and southern Texas, and an entertaining citizenship which leaves nothing undone for the comfort of its guests.

The newspapers have too long contained this line in recording convention notes:

"Galveston was selected as the meeting place of the convention for next year."  
We're not picking on Galveston, but merely giving it as an example. Ranger has started herself. Hereafter the people of Texas may see another line in the newspapers reading like this—provided we begin to

improve our chances as a convention city:  
"Ranger was today unanimously chosen as the next meeting place for the convention."

Ranger has forty blocks of brick paving, laid on five-inch concrete base, and contract has been let for forty-two more.

Ranger has twenty-one exclusive dry goods stores with stocks ranging from \$25,000 to more than \$250,000.

The Hamon railroad is now spending \$150,000 ballasting its railway between Ranger and Breckenridge, making it the best railroad in this section.

It is estimated that there are 50,000 persons within five miles of Ranger and over 100,000 within thirty miles.

Ranger has a Chamber of Commerce with 2,250 members, paying annual dues of \$55,000.

Ranger has just completed three new church buildings, which cost over \$300,000.

### RANGER IS GROCERY DISTRIBUTING POINT

Jobbers Supply Surrounding Oil Camps; Carry Large Stocks.

With the completion of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad from Dublin to Breckenridge, the wholesale trade of Ranger has shown a remarkable increase, according to managers of local wholesale establishments. It is estimated that the several wholesale grocery houses of Ranger now have on hand stocks valued at approximately a million dollars. Two of the larger companies carry half of the total.

This is a remarkable growth in wholesale traffic over a period of two years, especially when it is to be noted that two years ago there was not a single exclusive wholesale grocery establishment in Ranger. Two of the largest companies in the state installed branches in 1919, one of which brought a stock of \$200,000 and another a stock of \$300,000. Smaller concerns embarked in the business with somewhat smaller stocks, but with splendid trade. While other enterprises slumped in business with the settling down of the oil field wholesale houses continued to increase their sales, today they are still making records. Where these houses had only Ranger to supply in the "good old days," they now have an immensely expanded trade territory accessible by direct rail connection.

**MEN MUST EAT.**  
In the hours following the discovery of oil thousands flocked to Ranger, building up lucrative business enterprises for hundreds. The grocery business is necessarily an essential one. Men must eat. With the thousands of new people living in Ranger and the myriad oil camps about it, small grocery establishments sprang up whose stocks must necessarily be replenished frequently. Due to the congested railway running into the city it was almost impossible to move less than carload shipments with dispatch. Wholesalers readily appreciated the situation and planned to establish branch houses here, but were themselves prevented from immediate entrance because of the lack of building material and labor. One large wholesaler succeeded in time in erecting a large wooden structure, almost in the heart of the business section and soon had a stock of not less than \$200,000 ready for distribution to the local and contiguous retail grocers. When brick could be brought in, another company, with a chain of more than fifteen branches in Texas and Oklahoma, erected a \$40,000 building in the business section and soon was engaging in the jobbing business. These two firms soon found active competition in smaller concerns.

Business then was about all the local houses could handle with their limited facilities and men, the embargo and switching service. But they continued to increase stocks and facilities in the hope that with the completion of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad northward and southward they would maintain their great volumes. As the days went by the field of drilling operations expanded magically until the Stephens county oil area became of national note. The Hamon railroad soon had its steel into the midst of the most intensely developed field where numerous small oil towns were springing up over night. These wholesalers sent out their salesmen,

### SOUTHLAND HOTEL



This is one of the modern buildings erected in the last twelve months. Adjoining it is the McCleskey hotel, Ranger's first large structure.

### MAJESTIC THEATER AND HOTEL



Here is where the convention sessions will be held. A well equipped theater, offering Pantages' and Loew's vaudeville, occupies the lower floor. Above is the Majestic hotel.

made friends and a clientele that has remained firmly with them. While competition has necessarily increased with the upbuilding of other towns and the great oil territory, the Ranger houses continue to get the bulk of business. They are running in high with a firm belief that the future holds even a greater trade than in the past. In addition to making Ranger a large distributing center these houses employ a large force permanently. Their pay rolls are large. On the road they send out many salesmen who keep up with the trade and gain new patrons as new towns and new business houses enter the oil field territory. They have played fair with the trade and gone out of their way to please. The result is that competi-

### It's "Boy Howdy" by Telephone to West Texas Towns and Cities

By train to Breckenridge it takes approximately nine hours.  
By aeroplane about an hour and a half.

By telephone—"Boy howdy."  
Close on the heels of the sudden and spectacular development of West Texas—as closely as the supply situation would permit the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph company, has kept pace with the demand for service. Many improvements and additions have been made in long-distance lines throughout this territory despite the severe handicap of securing material. Teams have sprung up over night where columns of the golden fluid gushed from the earth. Telephones were needed in these towns and needed badly.

Formerly the telephone company had only main lines running from Fort Worth west to Abilene and northwest to Wichita Falls and Amarillo. Now, there is a network of telephone lines that furnish all West Texas cities satisfactorily. Stamford is the center of radiating lines. Northwest connection is made to Spur, northeast to Wichita Falls. To the southeast lines connect Stamford and intermediate points to Cisco and to Ranger via Breckenridge. South lines run to Abilene and through Abilene to Bradshaw. Southwest, Stamford is connected to Rotan and Sweetwater.

Sweetwater has lines running to Amarillo, through Snyder, Lubbock, Plainview and all intermediate points. The central main line—from Fort Worth to Abilene, has been reconstructed by placing of new poles along the route. Additional circuits will be available as a result of this work, which will cost more than \$385,000.

Southwest from Fort Worth to Brownwood, the line is being improved and rebuilt. Some of the other principal new lines are Ranger-Gaddo, Ranger-Breckenridge, Ranger-Desdemona, DeLeon-Cross Plains and Cisco-Dublin.

To connect West Texas to Dallas, there is a long distance cable from Fort Worth to Dallas—a distance of more than thirty miles—the longest telephone cable in the Southwest. The company has also placed additional cross-arms along the Fort

tors find it hard sledding to go round them.

The trade territory of Ranger wholesale houses is roughly defined as extending from Weatherford on the east to Baird on the west along the line of the Texas & Pacific railroad. On the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad Ranger wholesalers engage as far south as Dublin and as far north as Graham, having a large business in Breckenridge, at present the scene of most of the latest oil development. However, great shipments of wares go from these houses even to a farther distance, but the territory mentioned is considered to be Ranger's, though competitors from without and within this scope of country are to be encountered therein.

The wholesale grocery business in Ranger has not been over played. Ranger still holds out great opportunities for new enterprises of this kind. The immense population of the oil territory of which Ranger is the unquestioned center will continue to demand wholesale products which can be most quickly and effectively distributed from here. The railroads have been able to extend their trackage facilities so that many cars of wholesale stuff may be loaded at once, eliminating haulage and delays.

Worth-Wichita Falls-Amarillo line and has strung additional circuits. This work involves the placing of several hundred miles of wire at the cost of \$150,000. This also provides better service to Oklahoma points.

### Ever Hear That Story About...

The young mother was bathing her baby when a neighbor's little girl came into the room carrying a doll, and stood watching the operation for some time. The doll was the worse for wear, being minus an arm and a leg. Finally she said to the mother of the baby:

"How long have you had your baby?"  
"Three months," said the proud mother.  
"The little girl glanced at her own battered infant. 'My, but you have kept it nice!' she said, with an envious sigh."

"I know that lady in the corner of the bus. I'll introduce you."  
"Nae so fast."  
"Why?"  
"Wait, mon, till she pays her fare."

One of the air mail pilots who fly between Chicago and Cleveland received an unexpected lesson in geography one day. He was flying westward when a storm came up. Fog enveloped him and he was driven by diverse air currents many miles out of his course. Then his engine went bad and he was forced to descend.  
He was not quite certain what state he was in. As he neared the ground, however, the skies grew lighter and he saw a crowd of villagers running toward him through a field.  
They surrounded him as he landed. "Where am I?" he asked.  
"You are in Jerry Hendrick's cow pasture," said one of them.

Nine of the leading oil operating companies of the world maintain permanent operating headquarters in Ranger. They are: Prairie Oil & Gas company, Sinclair Oil & Gas company, Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas company, Humble Oil & Refining company, Gulf Production company, the Texas company and the Ranger Oil & Refining company.

Ranger has thirty-five miles of light and power lines and thirty-two miles of sewer mains.

Ranger is 1,444 feet above sea level and has twenty-two inches of rainfall annually.

Ranger has an automatic chlorinating plant in connection with its water system.

Ranger has a paid fire department and fire fighting equipment costing \$30,353.

Ranger had a population of 16,205, according to government census figures in 1920.

# WELCOME WEST TEXAS CHAMBER of COMMERCE DELEGATES

## Make Scott's Cafe

Your Headquarters While in Our City

We take great pleasure in welcoming you delegates. We are glad that you choose Ranger for your meeting place, and we are going to do everything we can to make your visit a pleasant one.

We have left nothing undone in preparing food and arranging our place to give you the best food and service that can be had.

Scott's Cafe is noted for its delicious food and unexcelled service—"WE TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE TELL US."

Our menu prices have recently been reduced—that does not reduce the quality of our food or service.

Ladies and children receive special attention. It has always been our policy to make this the most enjoyable place to dine.

Come in, make yourself at home—music every evening.

TABLES RESERVED

# SCOTT'S CAFE

"THE MOST OF THE BEST FOR THE LEAST"

# GREETINGS FROM Ranger Steam Laundry

"One of Texas' Finest Laundries"

**BEST WORKMANSHIP—QUICKEST SERVICE—BEST EQUIPPED IN WEST TEXAS**

## An Unexcelled Service For Our Customers

This Laundry has kept pace with the growth of Ranger. Since the very beginning, when we first opened our doors, there has not been a single day when this organization has not been working and planning for a still further service for our customers. Thousands of dollars have gone into new modern machinery in order that our patrons might have the full benefit of all the latest improvements in the science of laundering.

Today this laundry stands as one of the most up-to-date and best equipped laundries in the state of Texas. Expert help alone is employed, which guarantees you the very best laundry work possible. We feature rush work. Our plant is capable of turning out work in a few hours' time, if need be. You can be assured of getting here anything in the way of service and satisfaction which you have ever gotten from any laundry.

### **SPECIAL MACHINERY FOR LAUNDERING SILK GOODS**

In order to give our customers the best which was to be had, we installed at a heavy expense the newest machinery for the proper laundering of Silk Goods. Extra care is taken with all delicate materials and they are returned to you in excellent condition. If you have had trouble in getting your silk garments laundered as you like them, send them here. We are pleasing thousands because of the pains we take.

### **OUR ROUGH-DRY DEPARTMENT WILL SAVE YOU TIME, MONEY AND TEMPER**

Our Rough-Dry Department is where the burdens of the housewife are laid aside. Letting us do your family wash will actually save you time, money and temper. Your clothes are thoroughly washed for 15 cents a pound and the flat work is ironed without extra charge. Let our drivers explain to you our plan and give it a trial. We know you will be satisfied.

# Ranger Steam Laundry

**CORNER AUSTIN AND CYPRESS STREETS.**

**PHONE 236—DRIVER WILL CALL**

# When a Store Grows



—As this store has grown, you know, without being told, that its *Service* is wholehearted and its dealings the kind that holds friends.

## Why Do Stores Grow?

—Advertising and low prices may give them an advantage for a while. But neither advertising nor low prices can hold customers long, unless backed by real Quality Merchandise and the confidence of patrons.

—E. H. & A. Davis strive at all times to render its patrons a service unique for Frankness and Courtesy. We take a genuine "partnership" interest in the welfare of our customers.

—When we opened business in Ranger, two years ago, our establishment meant little. But we grew from the start. We grew because every person in our organization put heart and soul into "SERVICE"—talked service little, but practiced it much.

## The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes

—Ranger men want clothes of style and quality, just as most men do everywhere. That's why we sell Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes. We know they will give utmost satisfaction for the money you spend. Back of the Manufacturer's guarantee of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes, stands our own personal guarantee. Any time you aren't satisfied come in and get your money back.

—Visitors to West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention are cordially invited to visit our store while in Ranger. You'll find a friendly welcome awaits you.

FOR SERVICE AND SATISFACTION

# E. H. & A. DAVIS

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes

CORNER RUSK AT PINE

RANGER, TEXAS



# Company With Courage Discovered Ranger Field

## T. P. COMPANY DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN GEOLOGISTS OPINED RANGER REGION WAS OILLESS

Their Tests Hit, So Today Eastland and Stephens Counties Form Greatest Proved High-Grade Field in World.

Back in the fall of 1919, Larry Smits, then city editor of the Times, delved back into the past and queried as to the why and how of oil coming to Ranger. The story he found and the way he tells it are so interesting that the Times reprints it for the edification of Ranger residents and the benefit of visitors to the convention.

BY LARRY SMITS.

Four years ago, or was it ten, a group of well-known geologists gave the Ranger district the once-over, the back-and-forth, and the north-and-south, or whatever the technical phrase that geologists use for their work-out in a given territory, and placed it in the W. P. O. N. class. That's another technical phrase meaning, "won't put out nothin'." They made the assertion, backed by years of successful geology, that the territory reached from Ranger would be non-productive, from the oil standpoint.

One company took exception to that judgment and that company's returns are shown by a glance at any up-to-date oil map of the Ranger field. Where most of the black dots show, meaning producing oil wells, you will find the notation, "T. P."

Drilling in territory south of Ranger, which since has proven to be within two miles of the southern edge of the fields, the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, then the Texas Pacific Coal company, brought in the original McCleskey well. Before news of the strike had gone far, the Texas Pacific had completed its work of leasing which had been going on for months. Territory in every direction was taken up, including most of the famous John York survey, in which are located the Norwood, the Butler, the Boyd, the E. Roper, the J. T. Roper and the Harrison leases.

**Better Than Fiction.**  
The tale of what these tracts have produced reads like a page torn from the especially private ledger of Standard Oil, but the credit for it goes to a company which is independent and which before the McCleskey strike, was not a large oil operator. The company has produced 6,500,000 barrels of oil.

Big independents, Standard Oil companies and little fellows followed the rush to Ranger. For a time the most desirable tracts were thought to be south of town, near the discovery well, and even townsite lots were in big demand. Several costly operations proved that the stretches to the east, to the south, in the town itself and immediately adjoining the town were not where the big reservoirs lay. Extension of the operations developed a pool, and many wells, which made the original 1,500-barrel strike fade into insignificance.

Action stepped to the west and there found the wonder pool of the world. Leases held by the T. P. were too numerous for that company to develop, though its activities have been greater than those of any of the companies to follow. But the land was in such demand that the company was able to command a fat price for leases on a joint operation basis. Valuing its holdings at \$8,000 an acre which was conservative for some, exaggerated for others, the Texas Pacific was able to sell half share holdings for \$4,000 an acre and reap the golden returns of oil without the expense of producing it.

**The Golden Block.**

John York survey, a block two miles square that stands out in the center of the maps of the Ranger district, seemed to bound the richest leases. It contains the Harrison tract, 136 acres developed by Ghobson, Mooman & Dorsey, for which, it was whispered last summer, an offer of \$7,000,000 was refused.

Texas Pacific's Norwood No. 1, the old reliable of the field, reputed to have been doing as high as 25,000 barrels, on the estimate of an old-time drilling superintendent, before it was under control, showed 11,000 on the gauge and held up to strong figures for months, its total production—hold tight, now—has been 1,250,000 barrels. Its October average was 2,100 barrels.

Another sort of action was shown on the J. E. Butler lease. The wells of that tract, which have been more productive from many wells than any other T. P. holdings, started out modestly, grew in size and then held to the figure they set for themselves.

In every direction from the rich strikes, hopeful wildcatters were operating.

**Lucky for Eli.**

Root, Hupp & Duff, who had gone far afield to the northwest, were credited with having more courage than common sense in their drilling on the Eli Perkins and the W. G. Poter farms. Eli was a sailor for the United States while the drill bit into his eighty-acre farm. Now, though he still is among the blue jackets and content to work out his "hitch" before coming ashore to figure out ways to spend his money, he is many times a millionaire.

For R. H. & D., known vulgarly to the sons of the field as "root, hog and die," brought in the famous Perkins No. 1 early in June, 1919. Being an extension to an already famous field, this well probably has been more photographed and written and exploited than any oil well which ever furnished good material for the ingenious writer of ad copy for hopeful companies operating within a few miles, or a few counties, of the real gusher.

Perkins No. 1 made \$9,000 barrels of oil in its first fourteen days. The well, with forty acres of the original farm was sold to the Porter Wertz syndicate of Cleveland for a million, with a royalty reservation.

J. J. Albers, head of the Albers Oil company, was another who was pool-pooled when he went into that same territory seven months ago. But he brought in the J. W. Turner No. 1, a well that made 300,000 barrels in four months.

The strikes made by Root, Hupp & Duff, and the Albers Oil company in Pleasant Grove, sent interest in that direction, with the result that today it is the most highly developed territory in the field. The northwest limits of production have not yet been found.

Root, Hupp & Duff made other strikes in that section and a host of small companies, holding five, eight and ten-acre blocks on the Brooks heirs, are operating on what looks to be the strongest tract in that country. It is a half mile north of the original Perkins.

**Probable Extensions.**  
That the field may go still further west is indicated by the Falcon Petroleum company's Hawk No. 1, with 2,000 barrels initial production, a mile and a half southwest of the Pleasant Grove territory.

These have been a few of the biggest

points in the golden trail. From two miles west of Ranger, to six miles north, eight miles northwest, eight miles southwest and two miles south, the field has had many wells of paying size.

There are places in the beautiful hills in the west central Ranger field where if one stops his car for a moment to recover from the abominable roads, he can look for miles to the north, toward the expanding Stephens county field, miles to the west and south, and see the sentinel derricks standing in symmetrical lines, to the point where they march over the dimming horizon—not treading on each other's toes, as in the smaller field, but generously spaced. It will be years before the "inside" territory of the Ranger field is drilled up.

A grizzled driller of the Ranger field, stilted by years of the game and unimpaired to its thrills, looked over this vista with an awe-inspired sigh.

"I was born in the shadow of a derrick—in Pennsylvania—and I've followed oil to all corners, to Kentucky, to Louisiana, to Ohio, to Mexico. But never before have I seen a sight like that."

It is all that the term implies—the "greatest oil field in the world."

## HOCKS BRIDAL RING FOR FUNDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Seventy cents stood in the way of Isidore Ozer's complete happiness yesterday. Isidore is a tailor and he was scheduled to marry Lena Brusensky at the marriage license bureau. Isidore is a quick worker and he wouldn't let 70 cents bother him.

He took the symbol of that happiness—a wedding ring—from his pocket and said:

"Wait a minute, sir, and Lena you wait, too. I'll be back in a minute."

Lena had confidence in her prospective husband. She knew he had \$1.30 and that he could easily get 70 cents more—the price of a marriage ceremony in the marriage bureau.

A few minutes passed, it seemed like hours to Lena, who waited before the altar watching Deputy City Clerk Michael J. Cruise perform a couple of marriages while Isidore was hunting for the money.

Suddenly the door swung open and in came Isidore, breathless and excited, with a face full of smiles and a brand new \$2 bill in his hand. "I hocked the wedding ring," explained Isidore to Theodore Waterman, who had refused to issue them a license on account of him not having \$2.

The story of how Isidore came to be without the necessary money was explained after he and Lena Brusensky had been united in marriage.

The tailor and his bride live at the same address, 148 Avenue C. They had arranged to get a license and be married at once. Dressing like most people do on such an occasion, Isidore in the excitement of thinking of Lena forgot to transfer his money to his new clothes.

## WILKES-BARRE FEARS RUIN BY MINE CAVES

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 7.—The mine cave menace, which has rocked and tumbled whole business blocks in Scranton, is threatening Wilkes-Barre.

The East End section of the city is alarmed. Residents have addressed a petition to the Delaware & Hudson Coal company requesting extra precautions to insure their properties against being swallowed by mine caves. Constant trembling of the earth, cracking of plaster and quivering of walls have been responsible for the general fear.

## RAILROADING AROUND RANGER WAS VENTURESOME OCCUPATION BACK IN DAYS OF FEVERED BOOM

Wrecks so frequent on the Texas & Pacific in the neighborhood of Ranger in 1918, 1919 and 1920, during the peak of the oil traffic, that the line maintained as "wicker" here constantly, "all fired up" and "rearing to go." At one time in 1919 not less than eight switch engines were shuttling in the yards. Tracks then were not ballasted with rock and gravel, as they are today; so that derailments were frequent and closing up of the "main" a difficult task.

A few days after the Ranger Daily Times made its initial appearance in 1919, the famous "Oil Field Special" eastbound, ran into a "cocked" switch in what has since become known as "Deadman's Hollow" and sidwiped a line of box cars, driving two of the coaches as cleanly as if the job had been done with a knife. The casualties were great—many injured, one or two dying later. In a smashed box car of lumber on an adjoining track the mutilated remains of a former passenger were found.

Not a great while later there was a repetition of the "Oil Field Special" wreck, except that there were no casualties. In this depression many minor freight and passenger accidents occurred, due, in many cases, to "cocked" switches purposely set by persons with fancied grievances against the road.

Where the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Ft. Worth railroad now crosses the Texas & Pacific, there once was a switch which led off to an industry. There is a "bump" between the present crossing and the passenger station. A throbbing "switcher" and drawn about forty heavily loaded cars to the top of this hill from the east and another "switcher" was just coming out of the industrial track onto the main line with a long line of empty cars, when the drawbar connecting the engine with the forty cars became detached. Without brakes to arrest their precipitate iron down the hill, the cars rushed forward with a constantly increasing momentum. The engineer and fireman of the "switcher" pulling onto the "main" from the industry track perceived the wild cars, leaped from their engine and took for the "tail pines." They were just in time to escape, for the forty cars struck the "switcher," gave it a couple of circus somersaults, and the whole shebang piled one car upon another, filling the entire right-of-way with casing, machinery, lumber, ties and whatnots.

The wrecker on this occasion had been steamed up and was soon on hand to do the lifting. The main line was obstructed for more than twenty-four hours, during which time the passenger traffic of the oil fields was detoured via Cisco and the M. K. & T. to Dublin, where it went over the tracks of the Ft. Worth & Rio Grande into Fort Worth. This was probably the most disastrous freight wreck that the Texas & Pacific has ever had in the local yards. Frequently daily derailments, minor wrecks and the like made it imperative that the wrecking crew re-

main here. Usually the sidetracks paralleling the mainline were crammed and jammed with box and flat cars loaded with lumber and casing. When one of them thumped off the track, spinned up the ties, and then lodged crosswise of the track, all traffic in the oil field necessarily was tied up until the "wrecker" could relieve the situation. Instances have been recorded where the "wrecker" was detailed to do a little cleanup work along the line probably fifteen or twenty miles away. The members of the "wrecking" crew invariably felt that the call to other scenes was a precursor of trouble at Ranger before they should return.

Much of the derailment, especially of passenger trains, in Ranger and the oil fields during the height of the "boom," was due to persons with malice against the railroad. They "cock" the switches at opportune moments and throw a whole train into the ditch. The practice became so frequent that officials of the company are said to have hired men to

watch the switches in the yard that let from the "main."

Those were the "good old days" of Ranger. Ranger very seldom has a derailment or wreck in its yards any more, not because the traffic is small, but because the company has thoroughly ballasted with crushed rock the main tracks and the wicker "train wreckers" have hied to other fields.

## BOXING BOUT FOR BRIDE RESULTS IN EVEN BREAK

By International News Service  
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Lots of amusement was the result at Hammersmith of a six-round contest in which John Shear and John Staples boxed for \$25 and a prospective wife.

Neither knew anything about the noble art, but merely wrestled, and at the end, when both were so tired they could hardly stand up, the referee declared the bout a draw amid another outburst of laughter. They divided the purse—but—who gets the bride?



**Welcome!**  
**Delegates**  
Meet Me At  
**The Fountain**  
CANDY—CIGARS—DRINKS  
Lamb Theater Building  
Ranger, Texas.

**WELCOME TO OUR CITY**

**WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**H. FAIR**  
Jeweler and Broker  
Diamonds, Watches and Leather Goods  
105 South Rusk Street  
Opposite Majestic Theatre

**We're Raising "Ell" With H. C. L.**



**The Old Boy Went Out on His Ear When the Army Store Moved to Ranger**

—Why fume and fret and kick about hard times, high prices n'everything else. Come to us, we'll show you how to make your dollars go just twice as far. Hundreds of men and women in the oil fields have found that the only satisfactory way to combat H. C. L. is through the Army Stores.

**Our Prices Defy All Competition**

Slickers, raincoats, rubber boots, mackinaws, overcoats, sweaters, shoes, hosiery, wool O. D. shirts and hundreds of other items are offered here at almost unbelievable low prices. We buy direct from the government at about one-half of what we would have to pay wholesalers or jobbers, consequently we are enabled to sell to you at prices no merchant anywhere can compete with.

If you live outside of Ranger, send for our Price List. All mail orders given prompt Attention

**ARMY SUPPLY STORE**  
"The Place Where You Save Money"  
315 Main St., Ranger, Texas.  
RANGER U. S. Army Supply Co. DESDEMONA  
BRECENRIDGE

## RANGER MUD WAS RANGER BOOST; BUT RUBBER BOOTS NOW PASSEE

Ranger folk when directing visitors over the city like to tell of the early days when the main street was a swamp in which, exaggerative relations say, a large number of automobiles sank out of sight never to reappear or be salvaged. While there have possibly been a few cars lost sight of from Main street, the street itself was not responsible for their disappearance. Its Main street, however, had no counterpart elsewhere on the continent as a quagmire. From the passenger station to Eastland Hill it was almost a "bottomless slough"—a modern day "slough of despond."

A record kept by a religious man shows that every Saturday during 1919 rain fell in quantities varying from one to six inches. During the other days of the week the precipitation was sometimes less and sometimes more. Now, as a matter of fact, the soil in the Ranger country is no more adhesive than anywhere else. In fact, it is said to have a "base" of sand, "oil sand," if you please. The street was mud because it couldn't be anything else. Imagine a jumble of trucks, heavily loaded, passing in a continuous double stream twenty-four hours out of each day over a street whose foundation was earth. Then you have a reason for the stickiness of the occasion. The continual traffic ate out deep ruts at intervals along the street so that when subsequent rains came, they filled to the surrounding surface. Uninitiated drivers of ponderous trucks dived into these holes pretty much as a mud turtle into a murky stream. Sometimes they came out triumphantly. Frequently they stuck. Then for several minutes or maybe an hour a whirling of the rear wheels threw out a half circle of water and mud. In those days every driver stuck in the mud had a perfect right, under the rules and regulations of the craft to utter as many wicked words as the occasion demanded, whether their ejection did or did not help in extricating the car.

### Shines Plum Ruined.

The sidewalk "lunger" had his lining, too. He usually made it home, but not until he waded knee deep in slush or missed a perfectly good fifteen-cent shine. Sometimes the Main "creek" was running such a torrent that ingenious sons from back along the Mississippi or Arkansas streams evolved a ferry system without consulting the railroad commission and went into business with an improvised ferryboat. Twenty-five cents guaranteed the pedestrian a trip across the street, though the ferry company refused to stand any loss accruing by reason of soiled shoes. In Ranger in those days the ferry was snatched by ambitious photographers and copies of those spectacles sent to the northern and eastern press to counteract the age-long impression that West Texas was a replica of the Sahara desert. It is also recorded that the ferryman became rich overnight, but con-

tinued to maintain service at intervals when Main street's high water would permit. Another device whereby pedestrians might negotiate the crossing was the laying of a string of heavy timbers from stone to stone. At either end of the improvised bridge stood the caretaker, who had suspended from his neck a immense valise into which he deposited every second a quarter from the long line of waiting pedestrians.

### Carloads of Rubber Boots.

The rubber boot industry of the country which had been enjoying a very active trade during the war was buoyed up when it found that its trade would not diminish. Special box car loads of them were rushed to Ranger. The most staple article hanging from the front of the small store or reposing in full sight in the larger business house was the ubiquitous rubber boot. Boots were no respecter of persons. Not only did the men and boys wear them, but all the girls—both pretty and ugly—"grandma" and sister. It was the most "bootsome" town in the United States. Parades played second fiddle to this necessity. Ranger during this period of its boom was a city of aquatic human beings.

In the summer of 1919, carloads of bricks began to filter in through the iron-clad embargo and to be laid on the Main street. By the end of the year this thoroughfare was for the most part made as good as any street in the country, although there were here and there at the intervals and the ends profane reminders of what the whole thing had previously been.

Today Main street, Ranger, is probably the busiest thoroughfare in the state, with no chugholes or impediments to traffic. The city itself has forgotten all about its former discrepancies with the paving of all the business and some of the residence streets.

### FATHER AND GRANDPARENTS ARE GIVEN HEAVY FINES

LOGAN, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Frances Keck, 6 years out, was kept locked in a small closet, fed crusts of bread and given only an old coat for bedding, according to testimony yesterday at the trial of her father, Charles Keck, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Keck, charged with cruelty.

One witness said the grandmother rarely permitted the child to go outdoors and then the child was tied to a post in the garden.

Juvenile Judge Stoughton sentenced the grandmother to pay a fine of \$700 and to serve one year in the workhouse; the father to a fine of \$200 and one year in the workhouse and the grandfather to a fine of \$100.

A woman member of the Kansas legislature has proposed a bill which will put a tax on old mails as well as back-

## T. & P. YARDS HERE LARGEST IN WEST TEXAS

Passenger Facilities Limited,  
but Depot Promised; Tracks  
Good as Best.

The Texas & Pacific Railroad company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the last two years relaying its tracks with heavy steel from Fort Worth through the oil fields. A number of new stations greet the absentee, some of them considerable towns. The road is now cutting ballast under its track from Eastland to Fort Worth. With the now improvement this stretch of railroad is today among the best in the state.

During the height of the oil boom Ranger gave into the coffers of this line in a single month more than \$800,000. While the advent of the Hamon railroad and the recession of the oil industry have militated against the mark raised, Ranger is yet the chief traffic town on this line, as figures will disclose.

### New Depot Planned.

Ranger has, however, yet to obtain a new passenger station. In 1919 plans were drafted for a depot which would cost \$175,000. Officials intimated that work would start in the immediate future. Up to this time no visible sign can be seen to indicate that construction will start soon. However, it is known that the purpose of the Texas & Pacific is to build a commodious structure here ultimately. Assurance from the higher officials is to that effect.

The station here has considerable warehouse for the storage of freight, but the passenger department is even smaller than that to be found in some of the towns of less than 1,500 inhabitants. How Ranger ever handled the large crowds out and in through this structure is yet a mystery that well informed traffic men are trying to solve. On the arrival of passenger trains streams of folks would alight and other throngs would enter the cars. The entire station platform of gravel was black with milling humanity peering up and down the track anxiously for an appearance of delayed trains.

The company employs a large number of employees here. The yards are the largest in West Texas. Switch engines are constantly assembling cars for outgoing freight trains to carry oil to refineries and storage elsewhere.

### WOULD HAVE ELECTORAL VOTES CERTIFIED BY MAIL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Abolition of the present system of certifying election returns was provided in a resolution introduced by Representative Summers, Texas.

Instead of a special messenger system, Mr. Summers' bill would have the returns forwarded by mail.

# Greetings From The Corner Drug Store

We are glad to join with the entire citizenship of Ranger in this public way in wishing you welcome. For we fully realize that if this great section of the country is to come into its own it will be by just such united effort on the part of its citizenship.

We have built a drug store here which we believe measures up to the highest standards of a modern drug store. We have always given the public the best we had in the way of service and attention. And our reward has been a constantly growing list of satisfied customers.

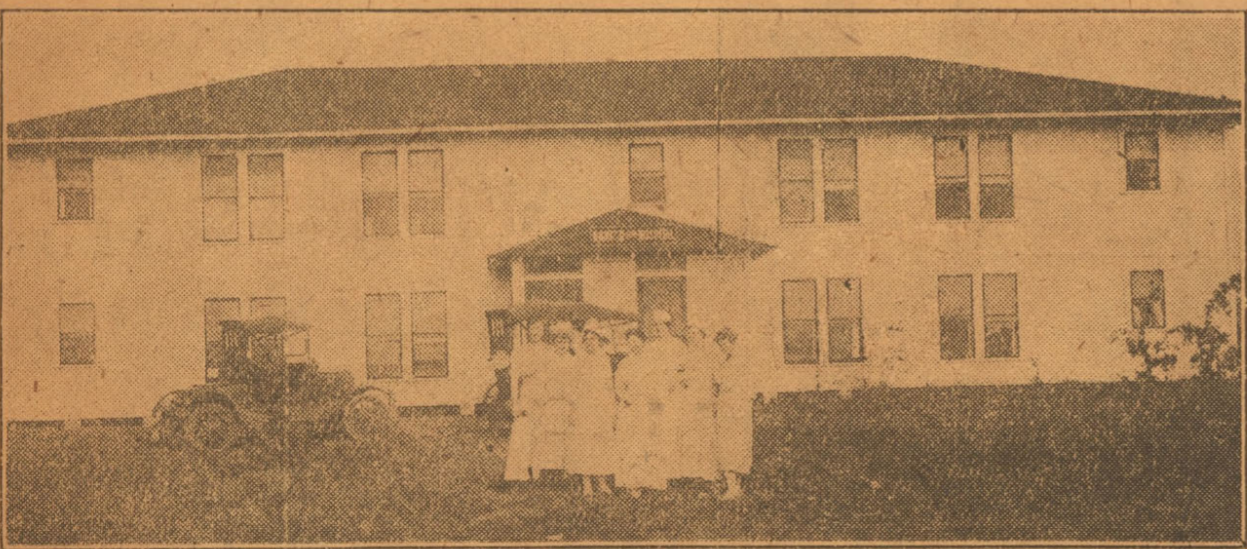
While you are in our city make yourself at home here and let us serve you in any possible way. We should be pleased if you will give us the opportunity of making your acquaintance.

WE ARE GLAD  
YOU ARE HERE

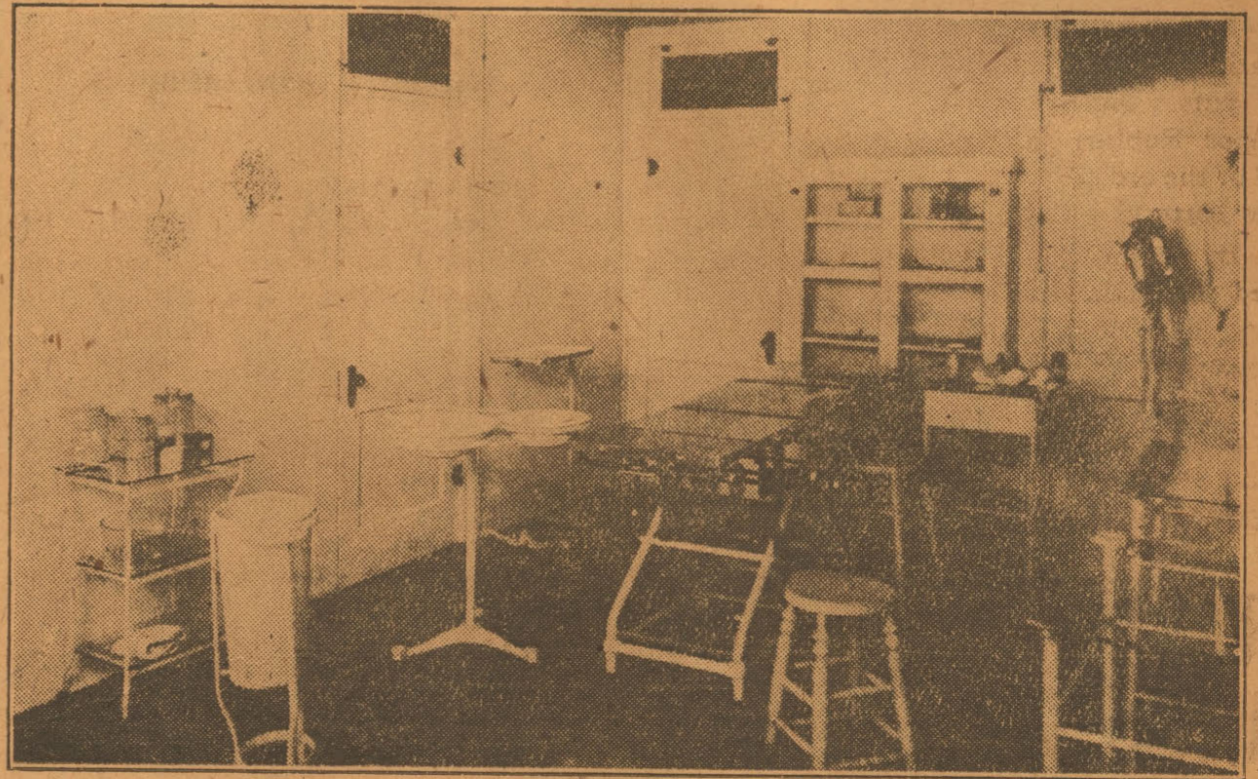
## The CORNER DRUG STORE

# RANGER GENERAL HOSPITAL to Be Completely Remodeled

Plans for Remodeling, Refurnishing and Redecorating will make this institution by far the most complete and efficient hospital in West Texas.



A view of the hospital showing its ideal location on high land above the city and the corps of competent nurses in charge.



A view of the thoroughly modern, well-equipped operating room, which is being used by the leading surgeons of this section.

—Away from the noise and dirt of the down town section of the city, perfect quiet is enjoyed by our patients. The hospital will remain under its present efficient management and the same satisfactory attention given patients, doctors and surgeons of this section of the state as has been given in the past.

Located on the Strawn Road.

Telephone 190

# STONE CRUSHER AT TIFFIN WILL SPREAD NAME OF RANGER WHEREVER BUILDERS WORK

By ERNEST W. SPARKS.  
The mention of the word gold conjures visions of its luring seductiveness that has driven men and women on and on seeking the rage and power that its possession brings. Around it is interwoven the romances and tragedies of a thousand years. Men have gone into the wild, wide places of the earth in quest of its glint. They have died fighting the thirst of the deserts and the cold of the northern regions. All this they have done in looking for the element the search of which is to be more selective than the hot breath of the vampire.

One can gaze at a cliff of stone and not a pulse is quickened. It is just a dead substance, nothing more. It has none of the potency of gold. No romance is there—the cliff of stone has stood there probably since time began. Yet such a cliff of rocks—just that and nothing more—backed by an everlasting ledge, is being daily turned into gold or its equivalent. The mint is the ponderous machinery of the Thurber Earthen Products company, located near Tiffin. Stone, the commonest of all substances, is poured into the giant jaws of five crushers and turned into a commodity that makes the ledge of rock a ledge of gold.

**Eats Away Cliffs.**  
Little by little a giant shovel, aided by steam drills and dynamite, is eating away the face of the cliffs that confines Palo Pinto creek to its course.

Crushers that have an insatiable maw, that takes a carload of stone at a gulp, grind the largest boulders into millions of pieces that vary from dust to the size of a small apple.

"Dinkey" engines that appear to be toys draw "dump" cars back and forth over the tracks that have been built.

Endless conveyors of rubber carry the millions of atoms to screens from whence they are allowed to drop into their proper bins. At the screens stand men who seem to know what they are about.

Alongside the bins is a loading track that has automatic loaders. Here cars are loaded with ton on ton of Ranger crushed stone and shipped to the marts of the world.

In time even as Bedford, Mass., and put for one shift is thirty-five carloads, over the world, "Ranger crushed stone" will be known where builders congregate. It is being utilized for a hundred uses. Everywhere, where concrete is used, crushed stone is its base. Railroads are ballasted with it, and it is the surface for miles and miles of good roads and will be used for that purpose for all the years that are to come.

Over the entire state there is not another such plant as that of the Thurber Earthen Products company. It is doubted

that if another plant in the United States can compare with it in size. Its output for one shift is thirty-five carloads. This could be doubled if necessary by adding a night gang. Two additional gangs of eight hours each could triple its output. At present about 50 men are employed. If the occasion demands it this number will be raised to 150.

**"It's Ranger Stone."**  
Every loaded car that is drawn on the main line of the Texas & Pacific tracks carries a message of Ranger to the world. Wherever great construction is going forward, of concrete and steel—there also will go the products of the Thurber company. Builders will jolly pick an atom from a car and say, "It is Ranger stone." Laborers will tell each other that it is "Ranger stone." Perhaps in time red placards will be posted on the side of the outgoing trains stating that it carries "Ranger crushed stone." Thus a rocky cliff—the commonest of all the natural resources—is being turned into the equivalent of gold, and over the country is carried the word that its home is in Ranger.

In the transformation of the cliff into the commodity that is sold, one sees the ruthless power of the machinery that has been installed by the company at a cost of \$500,000. The watcher becomes fascinated as the giant steam shovel or the Brown hoisting machine lifts stones that appear to weigh tons, and place them in the little dump cars. These stones and a myriad of smaller ones are torn from the face of the cliff by dynamite that has had a hole bored for it by steam drills. Into this mass of debris the shovel sends its teeth, lifting ton after ton until the cars are full.

**Toy Engines.**  
The train of cars are drawn to a high platform by one of the toy engines and they dump themselves into the maw of a giant crusher, that takes car after car at one bite, as it were. The crusher with grinding cogs that seem to take pleasure in their power crushes holders of hundreds of pounds in weight into a million smaller pieces.

These pieces are carried up by an endless conveyor until they reach a screen, circular in shape. The screen shakes out the smaller pieces and carries the larger ones to another crusher where they are again ground into yet smaller atoms. The process is followed again and again until the result is that in the loading bins

## FARRELL HALE AND HEARTY ON ARRIVAL AT MATTICE



Lieut. Stephen Farrell.

Tired, but strong in spirit, Lieutenant Stephen Farrell was the first of the three aviators to grant the request of the camera man to pose for his picture. A cigarette and a razor to shave off his several days' growth of beard were his wishes, which were readily granted. The above picture was taken upon the husky U. S. navy man's arrival at Mattice.

repose crushed stone in sizes from dust to fragments three inches square. Five different sizes are made. This will fill every need of the builder. The dust, which has an appearance like cement, is used to cover roads where crushed stone has been laid. It acts as a binder containing a large content of the properties of cement, it grows harder and harder as time passes.

At present the plant is averaging shipping about eight cars of its products each day. This small output is occasioned by inability to obtain cars regularly. At

times they cannot be secured. With the passing of this scarcity it is believed that the plant can run to its capacity.

E. A. Dakin has charge of operation. Under his direction the cliffs of stone return their equivalent of gold, and send its message to the world.

E. C. Britton of Thurber is manager of the company. From his office the sales end is also handled. M. H. Hagan is a large stockholder, and it is on his land that the supply of limestone is located. This ledge runs back three miles and is almost inexhaustible.

## KANSAS SENDS CORN TO STARVING CHINESE

TOPEKA, Feb. 7.—The story told in the brief cablegram received here by Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, editor of the Christian Herald, from Charles R. Crane, American ambassador in Peking, stating 10,000 people in Northern China are dying daily from famine, has lent impetus to the movement inaugurated in Kansas to contribute corn for these starving people.

"Twenty carloads of corn already have been contributed," said Dr. Sheldon, whose home is in Topeka. "We expect to send at least a hundred carloads of corn from Kansas. It will be shipped from Tacoma. I am advised by grain men that thoroughly dried corn can be shipped without danger of deterioration. We find that the appeal for corn meets with approval among farmers who are long on corn and possibly short on ready money just at this time."

The appeal for corn was sent out in co-operation with J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture. Dr. Sheldon is one of the American committee of 130 which has undertaken to raise \$8,000,000 for Chinese relief.

### Redeeming Trait.

"I know I'm old, but I'm crazy about you," stated Mr. Moneybags. "When I go I'll leave all my fortune to you if you'll have me."

"Have you any bad habits?" asked Miss Goldilocks, thoughtfully.

"Only that I walk in my sleep, if you could call that a bad habit."

"You dear old thing. Of course I'll marry you. And we'll have our honey-

## ZION CITY PLANS CONVERTING NEW YORK TO BLUE SUNDAYS, "THEN REST OF NATION WILL BE EASY"

ZION CITY, Ill., Feb. 7.—Four soldiers of the city of Zion have left here to force Sunday blue laws on the rest of the nation.

Helen Bulmann and Belle Schelhorn stole out, headed for New York city, where they will preach the gospel of Sunday gloom.

Voliva, overseer and owner of Zion and head of the Zion church started the first two missionaries off as follows:

"Tell the wicked people of New York it is far better to sit in church all Sunday than to sizzle in hell for eternity. Capture New York first, then the rest of the country will be easy."

Blue-bound law literature will be distributed in all offices by the militant two. They are under instructions to "sell" gloomy Sunday to the convivial metropolis.

Voliva, who said he "seldom leaves righteous Zion for the wicked outside world seething with sin," plans a trip to New York after the women put in a few good links for the cause.

"I'll show them that its more blessed to give up Sunday amusements than to receive everlasting punishment," he said. The czar of Zion is confident the blue Sunday campaign will be victorious.

"The same folks who used to laugh at Carrie Nation for wielding a hatchet for prohibition propaganda purposes are the ones who don't take me seriously," said Voliva. "But just watch; liquor is gone; Sunday merriment is going."

"Agitation for blue laws has started. In many legislatures and city councils strict Sunday laws are being introduced. Folks will soon see the handwriting on the statute books and submit."

Voliva said he and his missionaries will convince New Yorkers by means of literature and street corner meetings that they are headed for hell if they do not heed his warning.

"Once convinced," he said, "they will rise in their righteous wrath and demand that city ordinances of Zion be adopted and strictly enforced."

This is the kind of Sunday the law-giver of Zion would have the nation observe:

No amusements, nothing to be read other than the bible, no work other than cooking, street cars and autos to be used only to and from church, ten hours to be spent in church and jail for the offender.

### A Real Thrill.

The boys had gathered about the grocery stove and were talking over old times.

"Most excitement I ever had," declared ex-Private Bings, "was one warm spring evening. We were sitting in the mess hall and you wouldn't have thought there was a war within a hundred miles. Suddenly, CRASH!"

"The mess sergeant had thrown a cook through the window!"—American Legion Weekly.

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## IT'S A HEALTHY CLIMATE FOLKS! OTHERWISE, LACK OF SANITATION WOULD HAVE CAUSED EPIDEMIC

One of the first difficult problems Ranger was called upon to solve was proper sanitation. With the discovery of oil in 1917 Ranger was without water-works, paved streets, drainage or sewers. Thousands of persons drifting into the city on trains every day, together with the large crowds that came by automobiles and other vehicles, made a congested condition that boded ill from a sanitary standpoint. Tents and rude shacks quickly thrown together with ground toilets scattered promiscuously throughout the settlement, gave the visitors the shivers. The government and state authorities stepped into the breach and offered their suggestions for improvement of sanitary conditions. Despite these conditions Ranger at the time escaped any rigorous epidemic. Considerable sickness was reported from various camps, but this was normal rather than abnormal for Ranger at that time, unable to be comprehended from the angle of a town, contained thousands of workers.

The first step to combat the situation was the compulsory order requiring installation at every home and business house within the city limits of government-type toilets. All were provided with receptacles to contain refuse, so that water sources, wells, cisterns and the like were thereafter free from contamination from this source. The new system called for employment of a large number of scavengers at high prices. The new sanitary regulations were promulgated to be operative only during the interim between the former condition and the installation of a modern sewer system.

With the exception of a little trouble from a short-lived strike among the scavengers the improved toilet system operated fairly well. As rapidly as the situation could be surveyed and a sewer system proposed every effort of the city commission and the Chamber of Commerce was directed to that end.

### Big Sewer System.

Today Ranger has 35 miles of sewer system—the most in West Texas—that cost around \$220,000. A model disposal plant was built at a cost of \$50,000.

### Withstood Influenza.

Ranger went through the great influenza epidemic in much better shape than any of the other oil field towns. While considerable of the victims here succumbed to the disease, other towns lost proportionately. Most of the inhabitants of Ranger at the time of the epidemic were working in the oil fields. The mortality rate here during the nation-wide plague was lower than in many other cities of the country. Many had predicted that Ranger would be the chief victim.

During the jealousy of some town for

Ranger during the summer of 1919 prediction was also freely made that the city would undergo a typhoid epidemic. But the prediction did not prove true. State and government health officials who were here during that summer are authority for the statement that Ranger was for the time the healthiest city of the state. It was true when a case of typhoid developed, although a number of patients suffering from this malady were brought from other sections to local hospitals. At no time were the hospitals reporting a great number of cases. In fact, as compared with some other cities and towns in this section which had loudly boasted of superior health conditions in an endeavor to "grab" citizens, Ranger made a better health showing.

It is remarkable, however, how Ranger combatted a condition that has never before been solved in such a successful manner. The annuals of all rapidly building cities in this country do not contain such a wonderful lot of information on how to meet sanitary requirements. The government and the state are preserving the records of experiences here for future use when other towns build faster than modern sanitary conditions can keep pace.

## ALLIED MINISTERS IGNORE CONSTANTINE AT DIPLOAT'S BIER

ATHENS, Feb. 7.—Allied ministers in this city were placed in an awkward situation while attending the funeral of Jolkheer Stunder, Dutch minister to Greece last week, when they found themselves face to face with King Constantine.

The incident occurred during the church service, only the coffin separating the king and the ministers, who glanced furtively at one another. After the ceremony, the ministers made a palpable effort to avoid the king.

## FLOGGING IN PRISONS ENDS, SAYS MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

LANSING, MICH., Feb. 7.—Flogging and similar punishment will not be tolerated in Michigan's penal institutions, according to Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck. He recently held a conference with the board of the Jackson prison, where it is said, Warden Harry L. Harburt was personally applying the leather strap to convicts who had violated the rules.

According to Governor Groesbeck, the day of whipping prisoners is past and the leads of penal institutions have agreed to refrain in the future.

## 'NO CRIME WAVE IN CHICAGO; IT'S AN OCCUPATION'

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Confronted with the problem of dealing with crime as "an established business," as it is expressed by some of their number, Chicago business men, by giving their support to the Chicago Crime Commission, have helped to effect, it is claimed, a decrease in number of 51 per cent during 1920 over the city's record of 1919. Burglary and robbery for the same period decreased 10 and 6 per cent respectively, figures compiled by the commission show.

The first two years of the commission's existence has convinced citizens of other cities, officials of the organization declare, of its efficiency in aiding city law enforcement officers to minimize crime, and Kansas City, Cleveland and Indianapolis have taken steps toward the organization of similar commissions, while Buffalo is seriously considering the proposition.

"There is no crime wave in Chicago," is the declaration of Henry Barrett Chamberlin, operating director of the commission, who adds that crime here is a centralized, commercialized and organized business, "the plain choice of a majority of those who follow it as an occupation."

Recognizing this situation, the commission has endeavored to mold public sentiment in favor of growing efficiency of the police department. The commission proceeded on the theory that existing criminal laws would be effective if vigorously and impartially administered, and that existing officials generally were honest and in the main desirous of efficiently serving the public.

Edwin W. Sims, president, briefly summarizes the commission's accomplishments in his forthcoming annual report as follows:

"A 51 per cent reduction in the number of murders for the year 1920, as the result of the clearing of the murder docket by public spirited judges.

"The exposure of a ring of professional bondsmen, disclosing that many hundreds of criminals had escaped punishment on straw bail and that forfeited bonds in the sum of approximately \$5,000,000 were uncollected.

"Vigorous prosecution of robbery cases and sending of many men to prison under sentence of from ten years to life.

"Registration of public dissatisfaction concerning the inefficiency of the police, which resulted in the appointment of a new superintendent.

"Action to prevent a continuation of the pernicious system of admitting professional criminals to parole and probation.

"The adoption of a plan resulting in the assignment of seven additional judges to the criminal court, bringing the total to fifteen, for the purpose of clearing the criminal docket and keeping it clear."

## GOOD FISHIN' IN STREAMS OF WEST TEXAS

Clear Fork, Llano, San Saba, Concho and Colorado Furnish Fine Sport.

Many of the West Texas streams teem with fish that are easy to catch if you know how. Isaac Walton would have had no trouble returning home with his string every day. His luck would not have been the proverbial "Fisher's luck," whatever that might have been.

Among the streams which rank first in the state as fishing grounds are the Concho, the San Saba, the Clear Fork and the Llano. All these are situated in West Texas. In the neighborhood of Christoval, church denominations farspread with large throngs of delegates who take advantage of a little recreation in the form of angling. The Concho at that point ripples with fish that come up stream every spring to get the early worm and grasshopper. In the vicinity of San Angelo fishing parties, many severely line the banks during most of the summer months, switching out the "biguns" much as they do on the golf.

### Can't Fish 'Em Out.

The San Saba is famous as an angling stream. From the time that the first settler seized one night and "enclosed" a school of fish, to the modern-day disciple of the sport who sets out his trotline and runs the gamut of the dangle speckled beauties, San Saba conjures up the idea of fish. People in the vicinity of San Saba tell you that you "jest can't fish 'em out." As a sort of inducement to the embryo fisherman, it may be said that he won't have to pester with the slimy angleworm, but can find grasshoppers galore on the banks of the river awaiting execution.

The Clear Fork of the Brazos, which runs through the upper portion of the oil fields, is also a stream which has borne quite a reputation for its game fish. However, since the big oil wells came in along the small creeks that empty into it north of Breckenridge, most of the fishing has been done for tools rather than for fish. In the neighborhood of Ellinsville and Crystal Falls fish are as numerous as the sands by the seashore. During a freshet on this stream last spring the owner of a restaurant at Crystal Falls set a net across the stream and obtained enough fish to make every family in the settlement a present of a "bait." At that place a lake has now been created and boats are for hire. Under the umbrageous pines which fringe the still but deep waters, the boat with its fishers sits rockless and listless. The only noise is the occasional swish of the pole as the fish comes up to be inspected and landed. In the Fort Griffin country,

on the Clear Fork, fishing is said to be still better than at Crystal Falls.

### Retires to Fish.

And still farther upstream the Clear Fork has given evidence of its sincerity in furnishing fish. Mayor R. (Bob) L. Penick of Stamford, who after having founded Stamford, got rich from the hardware business and made the town a paragon of beauty, is settling down in his unique river home on the banks of the Clear Fork just two miles above the

point where Stamford is building its \$500,000 dam. While the mayor gives fish "fries" frequently during the spring and summer, he says that "they'll be biting better when the lake's finished." "Bob" likewise says that the man who uses a seine in coaxing the fishes to become his meat is not much of a fishing sport.

Where you can lie down on green grass under the trees with a basket full of lunch and several bottles—grape juice—and bring the fishes to the top—that is

the Llano. When minnows won't turn the trick on this stream, it's because there's no minnow. The Llano, is, all jokes aside, probably the most famous fishing stream in West Texas, and that's not saying anything disparaging about the Clear Fork, either.

Mary Garden, the new general director of the Chicago Opera association, was born in Scotland, but came to this country in 1883, when she was 6 years of age.

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# The Ranger Clinical Hospital Will Open Its Doors in Two Weeks

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that the doctors interested in the establishment of an up-to-date hospital in Ranger announce the perfecting of their plans in the opening of a modern, well-equipped, twenty-four-room hospital on the top floor of the Guaranty State Bank Building in about two weeks' time.

In addition to the rooms which will be given over to ordinary cases, there will be a special X-ray room, a children's ward, and a maternity room. These facilities assure the patrons the most efficient service possible.

Space in this hospital will be available to all reputable physicians and surgeons. A corps of well-trained nurses under a competent matron will be employed and it is the purpose of the management to conduct an accredited school of nursing in connection with the hospital.

The public can be assured that no expense will be spared in making this hospital an institution of which Ranger might well be proud.

## Ranger Clinical Hospital

To be located on top floor Guaranty State Bank Bldg.

### BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WILL BRING THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS TO WEST

In less than eighteen months the entire West Texas stretch of the famous Bankhead highway will have been completed. This great national road runs from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean through a variety of country. Among the interesting spots on the line is Ranger and the oil field.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the last few weeks has received a great number of inquiries about it. The wide-spread publicity the Bankhead highway has received has caused the diversion of a great stream of northern and eastern tourists, who prefer to travel the route through the warmer region. Logbooks and specific information on certain stretches are the burden of the requests. In many instances Ranger and the oil fields are mentioned, in much the following way—

#### How About Ranger?

"Do we go through Ranger on the Bankhead?"  
"What is the condition of the roads there?"

"We have heard that the roads are muddy most of the year."  
Divers questions are piled and answered.

Most of the permanent work on this highway has been done west of Ranger, according to information received here. El Paso is making a "skin-easy" pike, and the Monahan "sands"—infamous to all who traveled them two years ago—are not even seen en route. Thousands of yards of gravel have been taken out of the Hoban and Saragosa gravel pits and put along over the sand, giving the road quite a conspicuous appearance where sand sometimes becomes so flirtative with the west winds as to lug the telegraph poles around the crossarms.

In the Midland section improvement is being made which will complete the stretch there. In the Big Spring section one of the best sections of the road will be completed in the next few months. Howard county voted unanimously to make this pike through the county one never to be forgotten for negotiability.

#### Colorado Ted.

The despicablelatan "flats," always inquired about by the tourist and West Texans just before they attempt to go over them, is having the bumpety-bump taken out of them, so that they will vie with any length found on the highway. A short distance east thelatan "flats" lose themselves in one of the most perfectly ballasted and easily traveled roads to be found in the Southwest. In the precinct, of which Colorado City is the principal town, every road is a "cardinal" road with the best of gravel. Here one of the finest pieces of work was done at the minimum of cost. Seventy thousand dollars did them what twice the amount would not do now.

From the Colorado City gravel road to the macadamized Nolan county roads one can let his speedometer play any prank it wants to play. On through Sweetwater into Taylor county, where the best system of county roads in the West may be found, one journeys through Abilene and strikes the newly graveled roads of Callahan county, which are being rap-

idly completed through the pernicious Dolhan "flats" to the Eastland county line. Then connection will be made with the superb Eastland county road system, giving an auto an opportunity to spend its gasoline as fast as it wants to. Eastward from Ranger the roads are all being put in the best condition.

#### Best Transcontinental Route.

In two years the entire Bankhead highway from coast to coast will have been completed, making it probably the best transcontinental line in the United States.

When this has been accomplished one may look for the greatest tourist travel ever known through Ranger and West Texas. The great oil boom here and the great impression West Texas has made upon the entire country because of its wealth of agricultural production and growing cities—all these will prompt a traveling patronage that will build up hotels of modernity in every village and town.

All army conscientious objectors imprisoned in this country during the world war have now been released from custody of the federal government. They were thirty-three in number.

moon on the top floor of some tall hotel, won't we?"—American Legion Weekly.

### MAY BE FIRST MINISTER OF ULSTER UNDER HOME RULE PLAN



Sir James Craig

Sir James Craig, who, according to reports from London, will be asked to form the first Ulster ministry under the home rule law. With Sir Edward Carson out, it is regarded as a certainty in well-informed government circles, that Sir James Craig will be offered the Ulster premiership.

### WILL IRRIGATE IN CHIHUAHUA ON VAST SCALE

By Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—One of the first big problems the new government of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, will undertake to solve is that of irrigation, according to Benjamin R. Enriquez, brother of Ignacio Enriquez, the governor of the state, who has been visiting El Paso on business in connection with the task. He is chief engineer of irrigation for the state and explained a number of the projects which will help turn thousands of acres of arid land into farm country and which will greatly improve present agricultural areas.

"By means of a system of canals leading from Boquillas dam to the Conchos river throughout the country from Santa Rosalia to Chihuahua we can avail ourselves of 4,220,000 cubic metres of water a day," said the engineer. "The principal canal will be nearly 200 kilometers long and will necessitate digging many different passes and constructing several aqueducts."

"The dam at present is being used only for power purposes, but we can use the water after it passes through the turbines and not destroy its value as an energizer."

"We expect to build a dam across the San Pedro river at a cost of \$15,000,000 with a capacity of 1,000,000,000 cubic

meters which will convert a land that is now only 5 per cent suitable for cultivation into a region that will grow abundantly wheat, corn, sugar cane, cotton and rice."

The brother of the governor said that all Chihuahua seemed to have confidence in President Alvaro Obregon and that everybody, generally speaking, believed that a time of peace and progress was at hand.

Mining conditions in Chihuahua, he said, were bad, but they were not as bad as in the southern Mexican states. He said mine owners hoped for a rise in the price of metals which would cause mining to be profitably resumed on a larger scale.

### "AM TAKING A BATH," SHE CRIES TO GUARD LIQUOR

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"Don't come in here—I'm taking a bath!" shouted Mrs. Eva Fletcher through the closed door of her bathroom when revenue officers entered her home in search of contraband liquor.

"What shall it be men, duty or discretion?" asked Lieutenant W. E. Holmes.

"Duty," was the reply.

When the bath room door was burst open no "September Morn" was revealed, they say, but the bathtub still was half filled with "mountain dew."

### G. O. P. STRONG IN EL PASO.

By Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—This is one of the few cities, and El Paso county is one of the few counties, in the state, which have continued their Republican clubs and organizations after the elections of Nov. 2. The city election will be held in April. A mayor and four councilmen and other officers will be chosen.

Harding and the Republican candidate for governor received the majority of votes in El Paso in November, hence the full city ticket of the Republicans this year. One woman will be a candidate for councilman, it was announced.

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## MILLION-DOLLAR BUILDING PROGRAM FOR RANGER IN 1921

BY ERNEST W. SPARKS.

Faith is the thing that builds cities—faith that is supported by its citizens who have capital and are willing to invest it to attract more capital. In Ranger there are such men, and while the weak and trembling go about crying like a fish hawk peddling his wares, "The town is dead, the town is dead," those who have faith turn their eyes toward a magic city of glistening spires, sooty smokestacks and stately buildings that house a teeming multitude. They can see Ranger a city one, two, three or even five hundred thousand inhabitants. With their eye on the future and faith in their hearts the cries of the pessimist fall on deaf ears and they go on building, stone by stone.

So it is that 1921, the year that perhaps will make history because of its business depression, is reached. Those who have faith have planned and have under way a building program that during the year will be in excess of \$1,000,000 in large projects that are within the city.

On its outskirts are two other improvements, one planned and one under way, that will cost almost an equal amount.

These two are the Humble Oil & Refining company which is building a large "skimming plant" three miles south of the city and the Chestnut & Smith interests, which have plans drawn for the erection of one of the largest casing-head gasoline plants in this section of the state. This industry will be located near Ranger.

The large projects within the city itself are:

A high school and a ward school building to cost \$250,000.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone system's improvements, estimated at \$125,000.

The Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad shops, estimated to cost \$150,000.

A new Texas & Pacific passenger station, to be erected at a cost of \$150,000.

A city hall, bonds for which have been issued in the sum of \$85,000.

A county and city hospital, for which the city and county have jointly appropriated \$300,000.

A steel fabricating plant that will represent an outlay of \$100,000.

The Judd, Weir, Wright and Poppa-John buildings, now being erected at a combined cost of \$65,000.

The Lackland Brothers chicken ranch that is being erected at a cost of \$15,000.

Old-Timers Return.

Many others who became wealthy through oil and who went away are beginning to return and they will also erect handsome homes.

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The construction of the school buildings in the summer is assured. The bonds have been voted and at this time are on the eve of being presented to the attorney general for approval. Immediately afterwards they will be placed on sale. When the money is secured construction will begin. Or even if the need seems great enough those with faith will advance the cash for the necessary funds before the securities are sold. On one occasion they did this, and that time no bond issue existed, as it had been disapproved.

Modern Telephones.

The telephone company even now has its improvements under way. A ten-year lease has been secured on the entire upper building of a downtown building and the work of converting the entire floor into offices is going ahead. This work alone will cost \$3,000, but when it is finished Ranger will have a telephone office equal to any in the state. They will contain, among other things, a dining room, kitchen and rest room for employees.

Outside construction also is on the move. The city's 300 self-cranking telephones will give way to a cable system containing wires for a population of 40,000 people.

Depot Awaits Election.

That the Texas & Pacific will erect

its new station is beyond a doubt. The officials, ninety days ago, agreed to start construction at that time, but a flaw was found in the city charter which prevented the city from deeding it fifteen feet of Commerce street. At the April election this defect will be cured and it is believed that the company then will begin work. If it does not those who share faith will have a way of securing action.

Bonds for the new city hall have been voted for almost a year. They could have been sold before this time but the city commission felt that the need was not great enough to warrant selling them under the conditions that have prevailed in the bond markets.

This condition is now being overcome and one offer has been made that almost equals par. A little later it is believed their full value can be secured and at that time they will be sold and the building erected.

Hamon Road Shops.

Officials of the Hamon railroad have given assurance time and again that its shops would be built in Ranger. While there has been some doubters at this time a large coal chute is being built which is equipped with modern machinery, and in a short time it is said that work on the round house will be begun with the other portions of the program coming in their natural sequence.

The Judd, Weir, Wright and Poppa-John buildings are all now in the course of construction, as is the Lackland Brothers chicken farm.

Mrs. Minnie J. Grinstead, member of the Kansas legislature, believes that women should be employes of husbands and to back up her contention has introduced a bill which will make wives employes in their homes and permitted to recover damages for injuries received while performing household duties.

To settle the remainder of the war debt of the United States, it is estimated that under the present plan it will take about twenty-five years.

## SALVATION ARMY LASS VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK AMONG LEPERS



Seven years of service among the lepers of Java is the pledge of Captain Elizabeth Brooks, a pretty English girl of 20, who volunteered to continue the activities of a comrade who lost her life by contracting the dreaded disease while in the colony. It was at a meeting in Leicestershire, England, that Miss Brooks made the pledge, offering seven years term of service, and her life, if necessary, among the suffering lepers.

## ENGINEER 'MUSHES OUT' FROM NEW OIL REGION IN NORTHERN CANADA

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 7.—Winter trails 1,385 miles across the northern continental divide were followed recently by J. T. Burns, well known Alaska "musher" on a trip to Juneau from the new oil fields at Fort Norman, in the

great Mackenzie basin of northwestern Canada.

Burns, it is believed, is the first man to reach Alaska this winter from the snowbound oil country. Royal Canadian mounted police are holding back until spring scores of prospectors who would strike out over the snow for the fields.

In coming out from Norman, Burns fell over a cliff, he reported, when within several hundred miles of his destination. He broke a bone in his foot and injured his hip, he said. As he was alone,

he came on without assistance.

Burns, an Australian mining engineer, has been in the northland for years and claims he has covered around 20,000 miles "mushing" over trails. His dog Peary, which has accompanied him on many trips, came from Norman with him.

In going into Fort Norman last June, Burns followed a trail he recommends for all "mushers." He left Prince Rupert, on the British Columbia coast, crossed the mountains and struck the headwaters of the Laird river. He fol-

lowed the Laird until it met the Mackenzie which took him to Fort Norman. Coming out, he took an old Indian trail to Atlin, which is connected by rail with Skagway on tidewater.

While at Fort Norman, Burns staked oil ground and expects to return next summer to work his property. He said he found many good oil and gold prospects in the Mackenzie country and declared the country is so big it has hardly been touched. Oil and gas prospects show for 300 miles, he declared.

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- Three-story Fireproof Hotel, Gorman, cost \$100,000.
- Four-story Fireproof hotel, Weatherford, cost \$125,000.
- Three-story Fireproof Office Building for the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., Eastland, cost \$100,000.
- Five-story Bank and Office Building for the Cisco Banking Co., Cisco, cost \$125,000.
- Power Plant for American Public Service Corp., at Cisco, cost \$50,000.
- Science Building, Gymnasium Building, Girls' Dormitory for Simmons College, Abilene, \$200,000.
- Three Wholesale Grocery Warehouses for J. M. Radford Grocery Co., Abilene; Abilene, \$20,000; Stamford, \$40,000; Alpine, \$20,000.
- Snyder National Bank Building, Snyder.
- City National Bank Building, Colorado.
- High School Building, DeLeon.
- City Hall and Fire Station, Stamford.
- High School Building, Granbury.
- Citizens National Bank, Abilene, \$80,000

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## OLD FORTS BRING MEMORIES OF BOLD, BAD DAYS WHEN THE WEST WAS YOUNG AND EAGER

BY W. HAMILTON WRIGHT.  
Fort Phantom Hill! Fort Griffin! Fort Concho!

Those names bring the memories of old-timers back to the good old days when West Texas knew no cities, no oil fields, no sissy people. They hark back to the day when the red man made his frequent sorties from the coverts of the mountains and hills and hollows, killing men and women and abducting the pretty rosy-cheeked girls in the frontier towns. The names even give a faint sound of the rattle of buffalo hides and horns as they were once loaded for the overland journey to market.

Fort Griffin is today in the oil fields. It may become the next great gusher district. Who knows? For Griffin sits enthroned on the Clear Fork, a little black dot giving it the same prominence on the map of Texas as the great cities and towns. There isn't much to Fort Griffin. Just a wide place in the road. Pecans still fall from the forests on the river. The squirrel still gambols among the branches and sits upon his haunches nibbling and munching pecans as he did when the intrepid pioneers of West Texas "made" Fort Griffin by sunset.

**Conjuring Name.**  
And then its only a step down the way to Fort Phantom Hill. Phantom Hill is a name to conjure with. Situated about fifteen miles northeast of Abilene, it today presents itself as a cluster of solitary chimneys once the hearth of homes of soldiers and sturdy pioneers who were making possible a habitable place for us oil millionaires and hars. A masonry magazine for ammunition still stands, but it is acting as a modern-day receptacle for storage of maize and corn. A long stone building, still standing, is said to have once been the headquarters of General Robert E. Lee. It still has a well under it from which water is drunk now, as when he was domiciled there. Down the hill flows a small spring which slaked the thirst of many a beast from a hurried flight from the Comanches and other deprecatory tribes of Indians. Phantom Hill fort was set upon a hill that gave a view of all the surrounding country for many miles. Even now its name does not belie it, for occasionally mirages are seen. Hence the spooky name.

Another fort in the route was about twenty miles southwest of Abilene. History says nothing about it. It was probably the first one established in that great territory. Ruins are yet to be unearthed. It must have been a wild and desolate

camp. It probably was destroyed by marauding Indians and its occupants massacred or carried away to a horrible fate. Of recent days considerable excavation has been done here to bring out some facts.

**Not Nice Town.**  
It is possible that not many decades later a "step" on the route was established in the little valley which has since been named by the postmaster-general "Buffalo Gap." That it was a wicked town from the beginning goes without saying. Whether it exceeded Sodom and Gomorrah or Jona's Ninevah, records do not explain. But that it was not a fit place for a minister's son or a tenderfoot in quest of western adventure is certain.

This little village opened house with several rambunctious saloons, a brick factory and buffalo hide houses. The first intimation that it contained a fearless people was when a bunch of cowboys split some beans and blood with the Indians that sought to come out of their mountain fastness and measure steel with them. The nearest railroad in those days was Fort Worth. From it came all provisions, booze and firearms. Situated as it was in a break in the mountains through which the buffalo had to pass to get to the spring feeding grounds of the plains, Buffalo Gap soon became the "hemming up" point. Many a prairie schooner sailed out of this place for Kansas, Fort Worth and the north with hardy frontiersmen ready to have a good time when they reached town. The liquor that was sold there is said to have been 99 proof, another way of saying that it carried a "kick" but no back fire in the way of a headache. Shooting up the town was a frequent diversion of the cowboys who had been long out and had come to the "biggest" town in West Texas. Buffalo Gap was celebrated for years thereafter.

**Hot Blood Cools.**  
With the pre-institution of the Volstead act many years ago, the losing of the county-seat to Abilene, and a large number of the old-timers settling down to a life of contentment and farming, the little village almost passed out of life. It was, however, the seat of the largest Presbyterian college in West Texas. For a time this institution flourished as the young bay tree. But one night fate decreed that the brand should be applied. The dormitory went up in smoke. The large sandstone administration building was soon property of the county and used for a number of years for that purpose.

## BLIND FRESHMAN WINS ADMIRATION AT COLLEGE



Probably the most remarkable freshman student ever registered at an American university is Alfred Losinsky, 19, of Fordham university, New York. Blind since birth, Alfred is leading his classes. He entered public school where there were classes for blind pupils. Upon graduating he entered high school, where there were no special classes for the blind. It was a hard fight, but he was not discouraged. He graduated four years later. The photograph shows Losinsky, and his teacher, a Jesuit instructor at Fordham.

Later it was completely razed and the material in it used for the fabrication of a modern school building. After a tempestuous battle, with odds against it, Buffalo Gap rose from the smoke and fog with the advent of the Santa Fe railroad, and today is one of the most progressive small towns to be found in West Texas.

Fort Concho is also one of the pioneer places of interest which the visitor should see on his jaunts in the San Angelo country. There are many abandoned forts in West Texas which carry with them many stories and legends, but time and space do not permit telling in detail of them.

With the object of promoting closer friendly intercourse between British and American women, a women's committee of the English Speaking Union has been formed under the presidency of Viscountess Bryce, wife of the one-time ambassador to the United States.

## GIRL RIDES MILES WITH BROKEN LEG

VALENTINE, Neb., Feb. 7.—Maizie Canfield, 12-year-old daughter of a ranchman, was riding miles from the home ranch when her pony slipped and threw her, breaking her right leg. The girl was able to climb back into the saddle, but before doing so she piled a lot of snow on the animal. She rubbed her face with the snow at intervals to prevent her from fainting. She tumbled out of the saddle at the ranch house.

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6:10	11:55	7:00	9:40	Frankell	7:00	4:50	8:50	2:50
7:00	12:45	7:45	10:30	Ar. Ranger Lv.	6:15	4:00	8:00	2:00
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## DIRECT CONNECTION WITH MEXICO AT DEL RIO WOULD BENEFIT WEST

Another outlet to growing Mexico from West Texas is the wish of the jobbing cities of Fort Worth, Abilene, Ranger, Sweetwater, San Angelo and Brownwood. While no intimation has been received from officials of the Fort Worth & Rio Grande railroad (Frisco) that they contemplate extending the line from Menard to Del Rio, it is believed that conditions are shaping to that end.

The Mexican National railroad is now building a line of track from Allende, Mexico, to a point directly opposite the Rio Grande from Del Rio. An international railroad-bridge has been contracted for, so that an interchange of cars will be possible. The new Mexican line is built, it is said, in anticipation that one of the Texas roads running in that direction may be made to see the advisability of connecting up with it. This line runs through a section which admits of considerable irrigation from streams and lakes. Two or three colonies of Germans will be established along this line. To give zest to the upbuilding of new towns and as a further incentive to get the colonies founded early, the plant of one of the largest brewing companies in the Southwest, recently put hors du combat by the Volstead act, will be moved to one of the towns along the Allende-Del Rio railroad and the brewing of genuine old-time "lager" will be begun.

**Pledge Bonuses.**  
The people of Del Rio are particularly desirous that the Frisco railroad extend its line between Menard and the Rio Grande with a connection at Del Rio. At recent meetings of chambers of commerce and other town and country developing associations mention of bonuses to get a railroad connection was received with immediate response, many pledging thousands of dollars. Towns intermediate are known to be willing to shoulder their part of the necessary load in order to get a railroad.

The completion of the "gap" between Menard and Del Rio, a distance of not over 150 miles, would give Fort Worth a direct line to Mexico in which to build up a large jobbing trade in time. It would divert thousands of passengers who annually pass through San Antonio and other gateways. West Texas would be one of the chief beneficiaries of the new route.

**New Branch at Del Rio.**  
Del Rio is a city of about 11,000 inhabitants. The last decennial census return showed it to have more than 10,000. The city has a live chamber of commerce. Its strategic location on the border induced the West Texas Chamber of Commerce recently to designate it as the headquarters of one of its districts. John C. Wells, who carried West Texas exhibits through the North and East for the organization in 1920, and who was former secretary of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, is manager of the new branch.

"You may say that Del Rio and the Del Rio country is eager to get direct rail connection with Fort Worth and the oil field towns," said Mr. Wells, who is here to attend the third annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

A number of other Del Rio guests are in attendance today.

Royal titles no longer exist in Germany.

### BRITISH DIRIGIBLE WILL CARRY FIFTY PASSENGERS

LONDON, Feb. 7.—British aviation authorities have announced that the R-35, one of the four airships to be used for experiments in commercial work, will have a passenger saloon with a capacity for fifty persons. This will be the first British airship to be fully equipped for passenger service. The R-35 is now nearing completion at Glasgow.

Four airships will be used in the experiments. The others are the British R-37 and the German L-71 and L-64.

The first tests are expected to take place on the route to Egypt, Malta and back. If the experiments prove the practicability of using airships for the carriage of goods and passengers, the service may be started fairly early this year.

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# STRIDES MADE IN IRRIGATION BY WEST TEXAS

### Attract Capitalists of North and East to Future Farming Lands. SUCCESS IS ATTAINED

BY W. HAMILTON WRIGHT, Staff Correspondent.

Immense strides in irrigation development of West Texas has accompanied the labor of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce since its organization. The direct benefit derived from this organization in that line can not be estimated in dollars and cents. The aim has been not only to resurrect forgotten projects but to stimulate the building of new ones. It has consistently kept the irrigation feature before the eyes of its own constituents while at the same time it has attracted the attention of the capitalists of the North and East, so that at this hour prospects for a wholesale irrigation scheme in the West are most propitious.

The April number of "West Texas Today," the official medium of the organization, was dedicated to the review of irrigation projects, those already completed, those planned and those likely of construction, in the next twelvemonth. This magazine has been acclaimed the most exhaustive treatise on West Texas irrigation that has ever been prepared. Of the 5,000 copies of the issue it is noted that not less than 4,500 have been preserved in the libraries of the country for the wonderful detailed information in figures and prospects it contains.

West Texas undoubtedly is the most attractive field for irrigation to be found in the United States. It has great masses of agricultural land susceptible to irrigation which are now lying idle waiting the hour when the cooling draughts of water may be put upon them to bring them to the forefront as agricultural productive possibilities. Capitalists have been attracted, but due to the lack of a great amount of work in this connection they have for one reason or another yet failed to give the development to which its inherent possibilities entitle it.

Obstacles galore impede immediate consummation. In the first place West Texas is disadvantageously placed for the procurement of loans from the government for such worthy undertakings. In fact, all efforts to interest the government have gone awry. This is due to one principal deterrent—the government owns not a single foot of Texas lands. Therefore, the government is loath to spend large sums of money for irrigation where its own lands would not be benefited. This paramount objection has been given little serious consideration by those towns and communities of West Texas which are so eager to bring the government to their aid. It is essential that immense loans be negotiated from other sources.

Through the efforts of the West

Chamber of Commerce it now appears that the state of Texas will seek to remedy the defect in loans of the government by itself creating a large fund which may be appropriated for feasible projects for a period of years sufficient for the beneficiaries to return interest and the principal. Governor Neff has given the matter serious consideration and pledged to West Texas the support that it cannot obtain elsewhere. Of course there are technicalities and obstacles to be overcome, but it is believed that the first step has been taken whereby West Texas will shortly be permitted to go ahead with its irrigation program, transforming it into a kingdom of roses and agricultural potentialities which will not only build up an immense population and create a magnificent state wealth, but which will make all the state direct beneficiaries.

Some of the large projects contemplated in West Texas have been hanging fire for several years. The proposal to dam the San Saba near the city of the same name so as to have a water supply sufficient to irrigate 100,000 acres is now ready to be resuscitated. The impounding of flood and flow water in the Pecos north of the Texas & Pacific railroad would provide enough water to irrigate 200,000 acres. A national angle to this is that the proposed dam and lake would be situated in New Mexico on government land, though the major benefits that would accrue would come to Texas lands. It is believed that the government will here give some consideration to the claims of Texans.

The Colorado valley project—now the most lively agitated of them all—may be one of the first to benefit from a large appropriation from the state government. It is proposed to dam the Colorado river between Bronte and Colorado City to create a body of water that would supply irrigation for 100,000 acres of unusually fertile lands during the entire year. Several meetings of interested towns have been held recently at which action has been crystallized until this project seems assured with the ratification of the present financial stringency.

The Pecos river offers unusual opportunities to the irrigator. This stream enters Texas at the New Mexico border and flows through an arid section to the Rio Grande west of San Antonio. What a number of projects along this stream would mean to that country hampered by agricultural disappointments cannot be estimated. It is true that soil of semi-arid sections unused to washings from floodwaters and infrequent watered contains the greatest fertility and vitamins. A little water put upon this land would make its production a matter of the greatest possibilities. The Brazos river in the Plains section could be dammed at a number of places economically so that the land lying below it could almost all be given water when it needed it worst. In fact some of the greatest irrigational possibilities on the American continent are found numerously over this section. In the Panhandle itself is found the Palo Duro, styled by tourists as a miniature Grand Canyon, which aside from its scenery is the greatest gift of Providence to the American race. This stream flows 1,000 feet below the surface of the surrounding plains. It is from half to a mile wide. An expenditure of a few million dollars would provide an upstream of water that would irrigate hundreds of thousands of acres, bringing production uniformly in excess of anything known on an equal amount of land. The day will come when these "dreams" will come true. Then will the Panhandle

become known as the greatest agricultural section of the world.

Along the Clear Fork of the Brazos, through Central West Texas, are many strategic points at which dams can be built to impound irrigation waters. This section is very rich in soil and products. Its production could be increased a number of times. At present two projects are under construction—one at Stamford and the other at Abilene. It is believed that these projects will result in less than 60,000 acres being put under the ditch, building up Abilene and Stamford and making the fears of droughts forever thereafter slight.

Irrigation is already a success in the Pecos valley about Pecos, Toyah, Bartow and Balmorhea. From one spring and a large lake near Balmorhea more than 10,000 acres of alfalfa are watered annually. This valley is one of the most productive in America. Artesian water in this valley has also brought about small projects which are netting their owners immense dividends annually. In the shallow water belt of Plainview and Lubbock irrigation is being practiced to a large extent in the aggregate. Great fields of grain, cotton and wheat are the chief beneficiaries.

Among the more conspicuous projects now in course of consummation is that near Wichita Falls. By means of a dam the Wichita river is being penned up with sufficient water not only to guarantee the city against all possible water famines, but to make possible the irrigating of 200,000 acres of fertile valley lands. It is believed that this project once demonstrated will prove to be so great a land transformer that hundreds of other towns in the West will immediately follow the example.

It has been said by noted engineers that not less than three-fourths of West Texas is susceptible to irrigation in some form or another. In fact the topography of the country seems to have been providentially planned to bring water to the vision of what may be accomplished if he will but ply his hands and exert his brains. West Texas may superficially appear as a great rough country whose chief asset is scenery, but the true Westerner who knows the country and who has its future at heart clearly discerns wonderful possibilities for development which will make it the greatest empire in the whole world. Man's energy must be utilized to make the transformation, but it will be the best investment that man has ever made. The dividends that will come will be the greatest in the history of irrigational development.

Time and space are limited in treating such a great subject as it pertains to West Texas. The purpose of this article is to impress upon the reader that the new day is dawning for West Texas, when its great stretches of land now unfit for agriculture because of the lack of moisture, will be transformed by the cooling touch of the elixer of life and made to produce some twenty-fold and other a hundred fold.

**Cocktail Habit for Women.**  
LONDON, Eng.—Women have acquired the taste for cocktails. At luncheon or dinner in any restaurant that has an American bar women can be seen sipping the American drink. Most of them like sweet cocktails.

**To Keep Sugar Dear.**  
LONDON, Eng.—The sugar speculators intend to establish a "second hand" trust, with the object of keeping up the price of sugar in Batavia. The plan will only succeed if the speculators are able to take up the quantities of sugar they have bought.

# WHALEY URGES EACH MEMBER DO HIS PART

### West Texas Aims Set Higher, He Says, in Line With Progress. STRIVE FOR THE BEST

BY PORTER A. WHALEY, General Manager West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

In closing the second year of the labors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce we are only facing a more arduous year, when our efforts must be more pronounced and our aims set higher. Never in the history of commercial activities has there been a more concrete example of what co-operation of people will bring about.

In West Texas we have established a regional chamber of commerce whose work has been without parallel in the annals of commercial enterprises. It was accomplished because each member put his shoulder to the wheel of the vehicle of progress without overloading his fellow. It has been as if the leader had said, "Push, and the combined efforts of the membership had been put to the task."

**GREAT OPPORTUNITIES.**

We are facing another year which presents as many opportunities as the one which it follows. The efforts we are now making are worth while though they are much greater and require the expenditure of more funds and time from all our membership. If we meet them as we have met those of a year ago we shall accomplish our purpose in no small way. In opening the third annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce today we do so with courage to meet and grapple with the multifold problems that will arise from time to time. It is, therefore, with pleasure that I am asking the support of every member in every activity that we shall attempt during the ensuing year.

The organization now has grown into the largest of its kind in the world. We must continue to use its power for the consummation of the lofty purposes for which it was created.

**IDEALS ARE HIGH.**

Let me pause here long enough to advise you that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is not an association of men with sinister designs or who are steering the great ship of state for ulterior or selfish purposes. It is an organization whose every member is a component part with a voice as valuable and weighty as his fellow's. It is only by a concerted expression of our wishes at this convention that we can give expression to the constituents that we serve.

Let us as we enter another year pledge ourselves to the best that is within us for the advancement of West Texas and its resources. Let us remember that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is an organization not to further any individual, but to advance the interests of all the individuals who make up our great Western empire.

We ask for the liberal support of

# VAST BENEFITS FOR MAN LIVING IN LYNN COUNTY

### TAHOCA, Feb. 7.—Appreciation of the vast benefits which are in store for the man who makes his home in Lynn county is shown by the fact that during the last decade, from 1910 to 1920, the population growth of the county was more than 177 per cent, a growth which has no parallel among the counties of West Texas in the same period. The 1920 census gave 4,751, compared with 1,713 in 1910.

The two banks here at the last call had on deposit almost half a million dollars, or almost \$200 per capita. The total bank deposits for the county attain nearly \$600,000.

The \$30,000 high school building here is a temple of instruction whose crowded rooms have made necessary the expenditure of another \$30,000 in the last few months. These schools have more than 300 pupils. The increase in scholastic enumeration over that of 1919 has been more than 100 per cent. Eight regular and one music teacher are employed. The school has a nine-month term.

The Methodist church is building a \$50,000 brick edifice. Of this sum \$21,000 was raised by the members at one Sunday morning service. A large city auditorium, to cost \$30,000, is now in course of completion.

Lynn county has a most commodious and convenient courthouse that was erected at a cost of \$100,000. It has a jail on the third floor. The taxable valuation of the county is placed at \$4,000,000. There are more than 100,000 acres in cultivation, while 96 per cent of the entire county is susceptible to tillage, according to A. L. Lockwood, pioneer and prominent business man.

More than \$60,000 is being expended on a system of good roads. The roads are naturally good, but with their improvement for bad weather conditions Lynn county is taking a step forward along with her adjoining neighbors of the west.

In the neighborhood of Tahoka are a number of large lakes of alkali, from which potash may be procured. One of these lakes covers 640 acres.

**Beer Ration for Danes.**  
COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—The Danish government's currency value commission is said to be considering the strict importation of imports, especially wine, tobacco, motor cars, manufactured cottons and other goods, and the strict rationing of beer, butter, wheat, flour and sugar.

**To Burn Corn as Fuel.**  
LINCOLN, Neb.—Hundreds of farmers in northern Nebraska will use corn instead of coal as fuel this winter, they declare. New corn is worth \$15 a ton. The cheapest soft coal is \$15 per ton plus transportation charge. A ton of corn, it is said, will make a hotter fire and last longer than coal.

Ranger is situated between Eastland and Stephens county and will reach all parts over hard-surfaced highways now being built at a cost of \$3,000,000.

Ranger has completed a hotel of the first class, three school buildings, two churches, a store and office building in the last few months whose combined cost exceeds \$1,200,000.

# MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING RAPIDLY

### West Texas Chamber Commerce Almost Doubles Strength in Year.

When the last convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was held in Abilene in January, last year, it had 3,721 members distributed over 153 counties and towns. In each of the towns a unit director was selected who saw after the needs of the individual towns.

When the Ranger convention opens today the organization has approximately 6,000 members, distributed among 250 towns and cities of West Texas. The growth both in point of membership and in town representation is undoubtedly without parallel in the history of Chamber of Commerce work in the United States.

**MEMBER TOWNS.**

Towns which are now members of the organization are:

Abilene, Alford, Alpine, Abernathy, Anson, Aledo, Alamogordo, Albany, Amarillo, Archer City and Aspermont.

Baird, Booker, Blackwell, Bangs, Big Lake, Brownfield, Brazos, Barnhart, Bronte, Buffalo Gap, Ballinger, Balmorhea, Barstow, Benjamin, Big Spring, Bowie, Brady, Breckenridge, Bridgeport, Brownwood, Burkburnett and Byars.

Caddo, Copperas Cove, Clifton, Crystal Falls, Chalk, Coahoma, Chilton, Cisco, Clarendon, Channing, Claude, Cherokee, Childress, Chillicothe, Christoval, Clarendon, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado, Crosbyton, Cross Plains and Crowell.

Dalhart, De Leon, Decatur, Desdemona, Dublin and Dundee.

Eastland, Estelline, Eden, Electra, Ellisville, El Paso and Eagle Pass.

Flordia, Fort Davis, Fluvanna, Fort Worth and Fort Stockton.

Gainesville, Girard, Goree, Goodnight, Graford, Gatesville, Gordon, Gleet, Rose, Granbury, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Graham, Guthrie and Gustine.

Hamlet Center, Hamilton, Harrold, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hedley, Henrietta, Herford, Happy, Higgins, Hermleigh, Hico and Hondo.

Iowa Park, Idalou and Ireland.

Jacksboro, Johnson City, Jayton and Junction City.

Knox City, Knickerbocker, Kerrville and Kress.

Lampasas, Leary, Lamesa, Lueders, Lockney, Llano, Lometa, Lorenzo, Loring and Lubbock.

Marfa, McCaulley, Mason, Miles, Milesap, McLean, Morgargel, Mertzon, Mulshoe, Matador, Memphis, Menard, Mercedes, Meriel, Midland, Mineral Wells, Mingus, Moran and Munday.

Necessity, Newcastle and Necona.

Odessa, Olden, Oklaunion, Ovalo, Olney and Ozona.

Paducah, Peasecock, Petersburg, Putnam, Palo Pinto, Perryton, Pecos, Perla, Petrolia, Plainview and Post City.

Quannah.

Ranger, Rock Springs, Ralls, Ringgold, Rising Star, Richland Springs, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Robert Lee, Rotan, Rowena, Roaring Springs and Rule.

Sageron, Sabin, San Saba, San Angelo, Sanderson, Santa Anna, Saragosa, Sanderson, Seminole, Seymour, Seagraves, Shamrock, Sierra Blanca, Sipe Springs, Snyder, Slaton, Spearman, Sonora, Spur, Stamford, Stephenville, Stanton, Strawn, Sweetwater and Swenson.

Tahoka, Tascosa, Throckmorton, Texline, Truscott, Tulia, Trent, Tuscola and Toyah.

Valera, Vanhorn, Vega and Vernon.

Waco, Wayland, Weatherford, Wellington, Wichita Falls, Westbrook, Wildorado and Winters.

# WEST TEXANS WHO ARE REAL LEADERS

### Executive Staff, Officers and Committees of the Chamber Commerce.

The executive, staff, executive board and committees of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce consist of West Texans who have been foremost in the interests and development of the section served by the organization.

The executive staff consists of:

Porter A. Whaley, general manager, Ed P. Byars, traffic manager, W. H. Darwin, assistant traffic manager, William T. Wheeler, assistant general manager, H. M. Eaton, manager, Washington, D. C. office.

J. E. Farrow, field representative, B. F. Bennett, field representative, J. C. Wells, field representative, M. Rice, office secretary, Miss Scott, assistant office secretary.

**ORGANIZATION OFFICERS.**

Officers of the organization are Hon. H. P. Brelsford, Eastland, president, J. A. Kemp, first vice president, Wichita Falls; W. W. Tarnay, second vice president, El Paso; O. E. Harlan, Stamford, secretary treasurer.

The executive board consists of J. C. Wells, Big Spring; Clifford B. Jones, Spur; J. W. Cheney, Amarillo; Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth; Ove E. Overson, Ranger; Jack G. Love, Pecos; L. C. Gumm, Crosbyton; W. V. Crawford, Waco; R. M. Harkey, De Leon; Charles E. Schults, Llano; Milton McConnell, Graham; George Sheppard, Sweetwater.

**REGULAR COMMITTEES.**

Legislation—W. V. Crawford, Wharton; W. D. Berry, Vernon; Hubert M. Harrison, Wichita Falls; C. C. Gumm, Fort Worth; F. W. Greber, Brownwood.

Oil and Gas—W. E. Sutton, Eastland; Milton McConnell, Graham; J. F. Bostaph, Ranger; J. B. Collett, Fort Worth; B. Walker, Breckenridge.

Fairs—George W. Briggs, Lubbock; Eugene V. Sellers, Abilene; Curtis Keene, Lubbock; Frank E. Day, Eastland; R. M. Harkey, De Leon.

Publicity—Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth; Walter A. Downing, Cisco; C. E. Hill, Dalhart.

Immigration—A. B. Spencer, Crosbyton; William M. Woodall, Eastland; Charles Brewington, Stamford; Agriculture—Clifford B. Jones, Spur; J. W. Cheney, Amarillo; J. C. Wells, Big Spring.

Irrigation—J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls; J. A. Starley, Pecos; R. M. Roberts, El Paso.

Poultry and Dairying—S. S. Lued, Fort Worth; W. P. Hallmark, Dublin; C. W. Patton, Jacksboro.

# Our Customers Are Entitled To Know:

- There is an institution in Abilene that has \$2,075,000 invested in your city.
- This institution serves YOU twenty-four hours each day in the year. It is an institution which takes no holidays. The business, domestic and social interests of each person in Abilene are vitally affected by this institution's service.
- This institution furnishes you your gas, electricity, ice and water.
- This institution is rendering several public services—services to you, for which the only compensation are the rates you pay.
- But these services are made possible for you not because of the rate you pay, but because of the combined investments of thousands of individuals like you—the reader.
- Contrary to public opinion, the vast majority of these individuals are not capitalists. They are men and women of moderate means, whose savings are invested in the company.
- The company is glad to have you as a customer; the company will be glad to have you as a stockholder. Why not visit its office, and discuss the suggestion?

# ABILENE GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

# Let's Get Together, West Texas

—and

## WORK! WORK!! WORK!!!

FOR THE GOOD OF ALL WEST TEXAS

What a glorious opportunity rests in the palm of industrious, live-wire towns of West Texas today. Let us one and all strive for the commercial, agricultural and industrial supremacy which every section of Texas is after. Let's put West Texas at the top of the commercial and industrial ladder. Jealousy won't do it, but co-operation and hard work will.



## West Texas Needs An All West Texas Fair That Will Truly Represent All West Texas

*Abilene will hold such a Fair—a Fair that will be for all of West Texas. It will be your Fair, and every other West Texan's Fair.*

*It will display to advantage all the resources of West Texas. Agricultural, commercial, industrial, educational and other advan-*

*Texas. Let's work to that end! pressed on all visitors to the Fair. A real, big Fair will help every section of West Texas. Let's work to that end!*

PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL AND WORK FOR AN ALL WEST TEXAS FAIR  
**Let's Go! September 26th to October 2nd**

The Big All-West Texas Fair, which will be held in Abilene September 26th to October 2nd, will be by far the largest ever attempted in this part of Texas from every standpoint.

# A \$50,000 FAIR

OFFICIAL PREMIUM LIST AND PURSES ANNOUNCED AT AN EARLY DATE

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## ABILENE, TEXAS

A FAIR  
FOR ALL WEST TEXAS  
ABILENE

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,  
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Abilene's Favorite  
Shopping Place  
**Campbell's**  
QUALITY—VALUE—SERVICE

THE LEADING STORE  
THE LATEST STYLES

# ABILENE

## THE "FAIR" CITY OF WEST TEXAS

KEEPS ABREAST WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE VAST TERRITORY IT SERVES—PEOPLED BY A LIVE AND PROGRESSIVE CITIZENRY.

Abilene is the most important city in that vast area known as "Central West Texas," and is situated in the center of this area. Abilene's accessibility to all points of its contiguous territory, made possible by reason of its railroad facilities and its splendid system of macadam highways, makes this city the great market place of Central West Texas.

Its ideal location, its facilities for taking care of and entertaining large crowds, and the ease with which the city can be reached by rail or auto, all combine to make Abilene the logical place for locating the great West Texas Fair.

## Campbell's, 'Abilene's Favorite Shopping Place' The Leading Store

MERCHANDISE ONLY OF RECOGNIZED QUALITY, SOLD WITH A GUARANTEE OF PERFECT SATISFACTION WITH EVERY PURCHASE MADE—MINIMUM PRICES FOR QUALITY OFFERED—BEST OF STORE SERVICE

The above lines express, in a concise manner, the undeviating policy we have followed since the inception of this business more than a dozen years ago.

From a small beginning at that time the business has steadily grown, until today Campbell's is recognized as the leading store and largest distributors of dry goods, clothing, and shoes in Central West Texas.

Naturally, we feel a pardonable pride in the success of our efforts in serving so large a circle of satisfied customers in this city and the surrounding country.

We are meeting the changed conditions of the readjustment period with new low prices as the markets decline, offering all merchandise at replacement value, and even below. Ever planning to make this store of still greater usefulness to its loyal patrons.

### Advance Showing of New Spring Apparel for Women and Misses

So interesting are our early displays of newest fashions you'll thoroughly enjoy a visit to the store now, even though you may not intend shopping until later.

We are particularly enthusiastic about our new Ready-to-Wear apparel, and want you to be, too. Every garment shown is distinctive and designed to meet with instant approval.

The values, we believe, are way beyond your anticipation. It will be a pleasure for you to be able to buy some extra luxury with the money saved on every purchase. For you must know that the new spring suits, coats, dresses, blouses, etc., are very much lower in price than they have been for several years.

Our buyers have spent weeks in New York selecting the prettiest of the new things for spring. We want you to inspect these new fashions. You'll find some unusual surprises, irresistible attire—just what you've been wanting, at prices as attractive as the styles.

### Our Quick Mail Order Service

We have a thoroughly organized mail order department for handling out-of-town orders. This service is the same as that of the best department stores in the larger cities; though with much quicker returns than the more distant stores can give you.

Your orders to us are entrusted to trained shoppers who will select your goods from our big stock of quality merchandise. We guarantee entire satisfaction in filling your orders, knowing that it is imperative that we please you in order to secure your future patronage.

Your orders will be filled on the same day received and your goods go forward by Parcel Post or express on the first train out.

Send us your mail orders and see how well we can please you.

### Our Men's Shop a Distinctive Service for Men

Measured by its scope and distinction, our men's shop ranks, in a real sense, as a store of service to men. Here a man may be completely outfitted with everything a man wears, for business, for dress, for work or sports.

When a man buys his clothes in this store, there is evidence in his appearance that real character is built into the clothes. They have that mark of distinction that characterizes good taste. Yet their price-range is well within the reach of the man of small income—a price-range that makes this store a measure-standard for sound value in every article of apparel for men.

The standard of quality we maintain is based upon lines of national reputation in men's wear, such as Stein-Bloch and Kirschbaum clothes, Stetson, Knox and Mallory hats, Manhattan shirts, Regal and Stacy-Adams shoes, and other standard makes in all lines.

## **“ABILENE’S PROGRESSIVE STORE”**

The above slogan is known wherever Minter Dry Goods Co. is known— a slogan that we adopted many years ago as a fitting watchword for a store that was to serve a live, progressive people and a country that we believed would grow and develop as the years passed and as its great natural advantages and resources were better known.

This store reflects the growth of this section of the state, keeping step with the steady march of progress from year to year. We now offer the services of

### **A Thoroughly Equipped Department Store**

Carrying large and complete stocks of nationally known standard brands of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Shoes; Clothing and Furnishings for men and young men; Hats, Dress Goods, Silks, Dry Goods and Notions; in fact everything usually found in a well stocked Department Store.

### **Our Plans for the Good Year 1921**

are along progressive lines. You'll find here complete stocks of everything to wear, bought in the best markets—snappy new styles, best qualities and at prices that are as low as good merchandise can be sold for. Our store service will be kept up to a high standard of efficiency, insuring prompt, cautious, intelligent service when you are shopping in person. We also offer

### **The Service of a Prompt Mail Order Dept.**

Every possible effort is made to insure prompt and satisfactory service to our out-of-town patrons trading with us by mail. All orders are filled and sent promptly by pre-paid and insured parcels post and subject to return if not satisfactory. If you can not shop in person here, let us have your mail orders.

# **MINTER DRY GOODS CO.**

*“Abilene's Progressive Store”*

## ALL WEST TEXAS FAIR BIG EVENT

First Annual Exhibition Will Open at Abilene on September 26.

ABILENE, Feb. 7.—The All-West Texas Fair, which will hold its first annual exposition at Abilene during the week beginning Sept. 26, will parallel in attraction, interest and general attendance that of any other regional exposition of the Southwest, and in time will foster a strong competitor with the state fairs of the same section. The Central West Texas Fair association has decided to cut the moorings that have held it to a strictly district fair and make of it a general one for that great empire known as West Texas—the "best half of Texas."

The proposed fair will open in the buildings and grounds of the old Central West Texas Fair association in the southwestern part of Abilene. The capital stock will be increased the first year to between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and still greater from year to year. A large tract of land owned by the city and used exclusively for fair purposes already contains a number of exhibit halls, grandstand, large racetrack, paddocks, race barns, demonstration halls, poultry buildings and the like. The improvements on these grounds approximate \$30,000, but will be considerably augmented before the first All-West Texas Fair is held, according to stockholders.

**History of Fair.**  
The first fair to be held on the new grounds was the Central West Texas Fair. It was very successful and brought a profit which was used to improve the fair plant. This was in 1914. The fair has not been held since the war began, due to the conflict itself and to the fact that the street railway which connects the grounds and the city suspended operation. The latter is now being rehabilitated for operation in time for the 1921 exposition. Every cent that has been made by the association has been turned back into expanding the enterprise.

Realizing that West Texas is sufficiently great to support a fair of its own to exploit its resources, advantages and opportunities in a way to give it the greatest possible benefit, the stockholders of the Central West Texas Fair association recently decided to expand the fair's utility so as to include the entire West and make it the greatest exposition of its kind in Texas. It came as a result of a demand for an All-West Texas fair to which all counties, towns and citizens would contribute their moral and financial support and attendance. Since Abilene is centrally located, easily accessible from all parts of the region to be served, and had the physical plant already established, its fair association readily adapted itself to the incessant demand and now is stepping out this fall with the first exposition. The patronage given it will be the determining factor in its growth and expansion. The association which is promoting it, has no desire at least for the present, of getting gain from its operation, but has a desire to make it an institution which will give voice and expression by demonstration at a fair that will be characteristically West Texas in every respect. It is not selfish ends that the association

seeks, but the aggrandisement of the West. This fact is clearly demonstrated by the assertion that every dollar the association has made in the past has been appropriated to betterments of grounds, park, racetrack and buildings, giving a fair equipment that probably cannot be duplicated anywhere else in West Texas.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce through its duly authorized officials has advised the association that while it cannot by reason of its generality of service discriminate as among fairs of West Texas seeking to be designated officially as the fair for all West Texas, it does cast its support to the All-West Texas Fair in so far as that support does not militate against any other fair of similar proportions. This organization will everywhere over West Texas encourage sending exhibits of field, ranch, mine and earth, as well as attendance to the fair. It will foster home fair attendance and support.

**Plans for Year.**  
It is entirely too early in the year to forecast the program, but the association has given assurance that it will eclipse by far anything hitherto attempted, in so far as possible every county within the jurisdiction of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be encouraged to send exhibits and visitors during the week. The best racing cards will be obtained with the best known jockeys and horses on the turf. The implement, vehicle, windmill, automobile and other manufacturing concerns will bring exhibits for demonstration. Fine cattle and poultry will lead anything of their kind.

The stockholders are among the best known business men of the West. They are not only giving of their time to the upbuilding of their sections, but they are laying the predicate for a great annual exposition which will in time become the most important in the Southwest. Already they have begun an advertising and publicity campaign which is bringing wonderful results and fastening upon the minds of the people the fact that they can for the first time in their lives visit this fall a fair that is truly and wholly representative of all West Texas, where its people can show their products and wares without being discriminated against.

**A Prison De Luxe.**  
CHICAGO.—The most oddly constructed prison in the world is at Statesville. It is in the form of a cylinder, and a slight curve in the skylight giving every one of the 253 cells, which do not get sunlight direct, 90 minutes of sunlight on every bright day. It is a prison de luxe, for every cell has a wash bowl with hot and cold water.

**Protests Devil Curse.**  
NEW YORK.—A written curse, in which her husband consigned her to the devil, was submitted by Mrs. Anthony Giamo to the supreme court in asking counsel fees to prosecute her suit for separation. Her husband protested that the translation of the "curse" was incorrect. He was ordered to pay \$100 counsel fees.

**Canada's Housing Scheme.**  
MONTREAL, Can.—Over 1,000 new homes will be erected this season under the provincial housing scheme throughout Ontario, and no less than \$400,000 will be spent in this direction.

**Fire Near Mt. Vernon.**  
MT. VERNON, Jan. 27.—A fire which is thought to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the barn of Burns Bros., containing about 1,000 bushels of corn, about five miles west of town late last Monday night. There was no insurance carried.

## CONSERVATION OF RAIN NECESSARY

Panhandle Does Not Need Greater Rainfall, Wheat Farmer Declares.

VEGA, Feb. 7.—Dr. O. H. Lloyd, one of the best known wheat farmers of the Panhandle section, declares that West Texas does not require more rainfall in order to make crop production uniform, but proper conservation of that which falls.

"With the plowing up of sod land we need not expect more rain, as some pseudo-scientific men would have us believe," said Mr. Lloyd. "The fact of the matter is that a record for a series of ten years each will disclose that the rainfall for any given decade will not be in excess of any other ten-year period. The plowing up of lands does not bring more precipitation.

"But the cultivation of new lands reinforces the agricultural prospects of West Texas. When the lands are tilled the country loses its quality of throwing the heat of the sun back and causing hot, dry winds which denude the country of the moisture already in the ground. My theory, which is not a theory but a practice, is that when West Texas has been cultivated throughout and thoroughly we shall never again be pestered with the trite statement that West Texas is an arid country. The hot, dry winds are gradually subsiding as the agricultural lands are being plowed. In time the winds will be entirely removed. Then the moisture that falls in the shape of rain will remain in the earth to give sustenance to growing crops without the present recurring hot winds which during the space of a few days carry off the moisture in the shape of steam. And coincident with the removal of the hot winds, the country will not be subjected longer to extremely hot summer nights and unduly warm days. There will be a complete equalization."

**COST OF LIVING SOARS 450 PER CENT IN ITALY.**  
ROME, Italy.—A speedy return to wartime restrictions is foreshadowed in a declaration from the government food controller. Italy, he says, cannot afford the \$1,385,000,000 requisite for the purchase of foreign trade, at current exchange rates, hence the Italian people will have to put up with a worse quality of bread and do without cakes and sweets. Prices of the most primary necessities of life are soaring higher and higher, having reached an average of 450 per cent above the prewar level.

**Wheat Dealers Warned.**  
SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Premier Hughes of Australia, has announced that persons representing themselves as agents for a combine of Australian wheat growers are offering wheat to foreign markets at prices below those quoted by the Australian wheat board. He warns overseas buyers that persons have not got the wheat to sell.

**Galicia in Ruins.**  
LONDON, Eng.—Recent arrivals from Eastern Galicia state that the whole territory between the rivers San and Zbrucz, comprising 10,000 square miles, is rapidly approaching the verge of ruin. War has raged in the section for seven years. Thousands of women and children are seeking refuge in the forests.

## COAL RESOURCES OF TEXAS UNDEVELOPED

The coal resources of West Texas which have not yet been developed include large deposits to be found in the neighborhood of Jimkurn, which will be the northern terminus of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad; those north of Big Spring, near Crystal Falls, Elliasville, Ranger and Cisco.

In the Clear Fork valley in the territory served by Crystal Falls, Elliasville and Jimkurn the finding of large veins of splendid coal has been reported a number of times. For many years large quantities of coal were removed from the improvised mines here and used for fuel and other purposes at Breckenridge and even at points on the Texas & Pacific railroad. Due to their long distance from transportation facilities they have never been properly exploited, but in time it is believed that these mines will become the largest in West Texas. The quality of the coal is said to be far superior to anything previously discovered in West Texas.

**AVOCA, Feb. 7.**—For any five or ten year period the lands of this section will net the owners more revenue than any other farming section in the Southwest. Such was the statement of Thomas M. Caton, pioneer farmer. Mr. Caton before coming here many years ago engaged in agriculture in Tennessee, Arkansas, East Texas and eastern states. "The farmer in West Texas may lose one year, but the next year his crops will be so large as to overshadow any two years of drought," said Mr. Caton.

## ABILENE THE HOME OF NEW SANITARIUM

ABILENE, Feb. 7.—Alexander sanitarium with its new large two-story brick building situated in a four-acre tract of stately trees and greenward has become one of the leading sanitariums to be found in West Texas. Other buildings give sufficient space to care for all patients that may be brought. The quickness of location, the most skilled surgeons and physicians and carefully trained nurses—all these have made this institution noteworthy in West Texas as the proper place for the carrying of the sick and injured to insure best results. The sanitarium is lighted with electricity, provided with pure water and conducted in the most approved manner by the management who wish to give service and render comfort and bring cures to all who enter its portals.

## WOMEN HIRE HUSBANDS TO FLEE FROM RUSSIA.

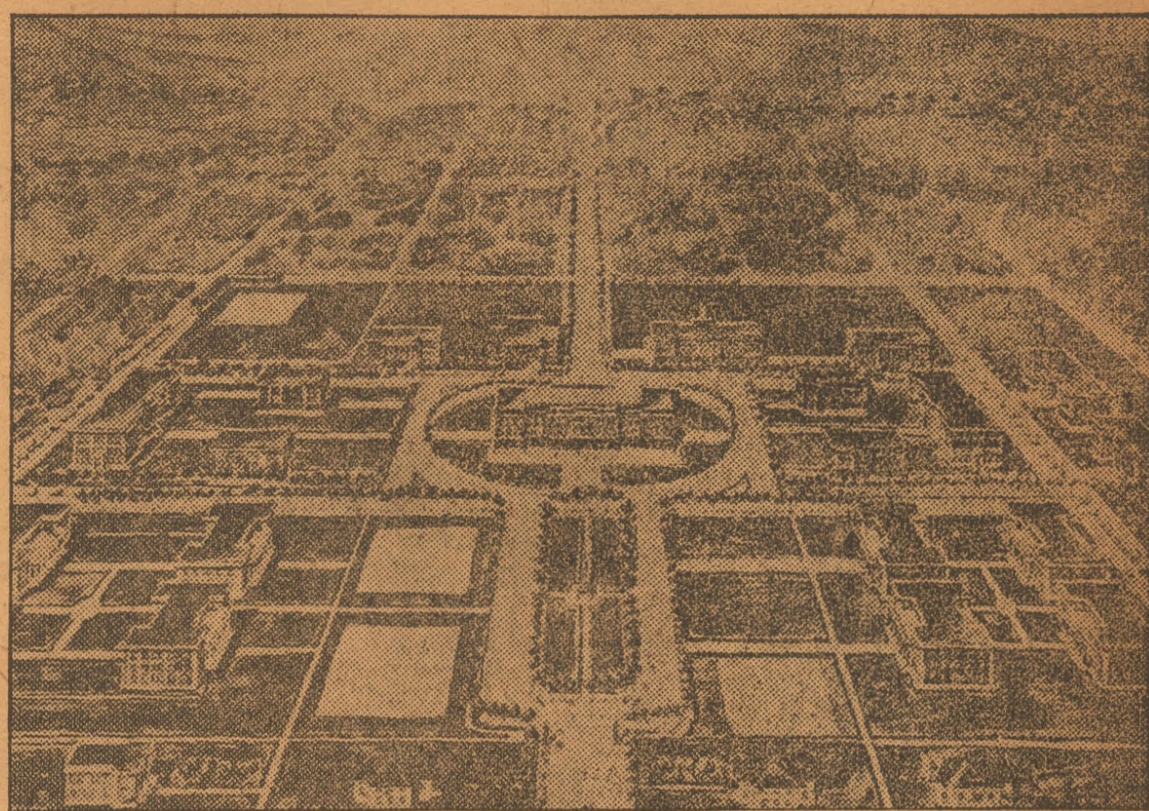
LONDON, England.—Hiring Finnish men to marry Russian women to enable the latter to get out of Russia has become a popular and lucrative business in the border towns south of Viborg. The Finns exact a high price, but the market is unflagging. It makes a Finnish subject of the woman, and it is recognized as lawful by the two countries.

**Blind Triangle.**  
ATLANTA, Ga.—The eternal triangle exists even for those who cannot see. Martin Strone, a blind man with a blind wife, was warned by a friend, so he said, that a rival, also blind, was courting his wife. He found the man in his home. A fight followed, with little injury to the participants.

# Simmons College

Abilene, Texas

JEFFERSON D. SANDEFER, LL. D., PRESIDENT



Plans for growth and development. Seven of the buildings shown above comprise the plant today. The eighth, a Fine Arts building, is under construction. The ninth, a cafeteria, will be ready for the 1921 opening.

Simmons College is a child of the West. She was born and reared in the atmosphere of the plains and her vision for service and usefulness is as far flung as the horizon that marks the limit of the plains. Her spirit is as democratic and charitable as the characteristic spirit of the plainsman who nurtured her in her infancy and who rejoices in her present usefulness. Her ideal is to train a generation of men and women who will mean to the world in service what the plainsman has meant to the West.

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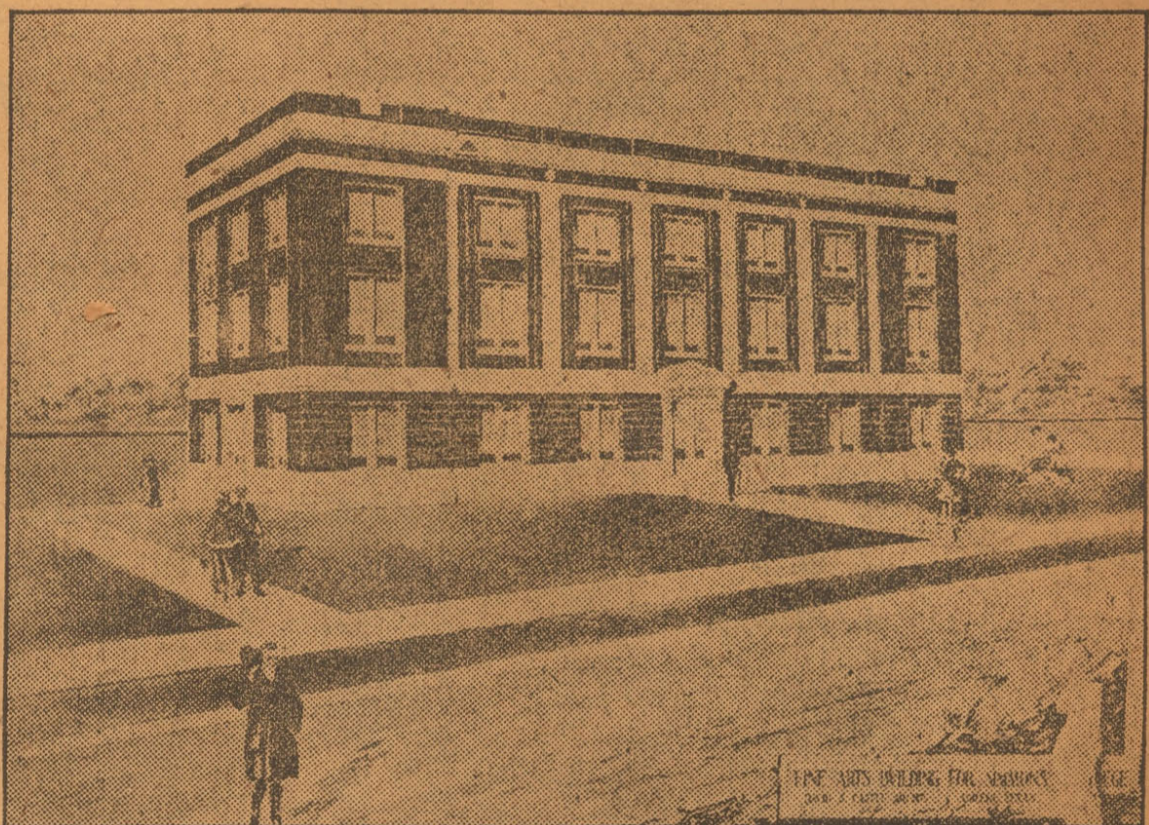
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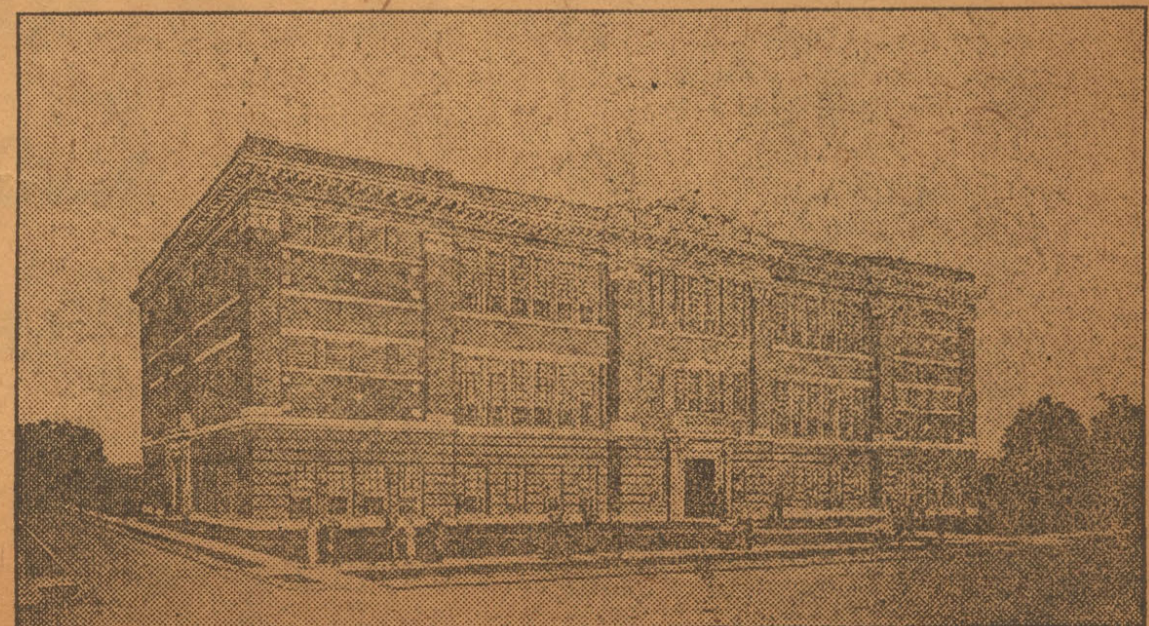
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Now under construction, costing, without equipment, \$100,000.00. Provided for teaching Piano, Singing, Oratory, Painting, Violin, etc.



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Built and equipped at a cost of \$150,000.00 Given over to the teaching of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Geology, Domestic Science and Domestic Art.

# Welcome

## West Texas Chamber of Commerce Members

# Hotel Grace

ABILENE, TEXAS

Strictly fireproof, the only steel and cement hotel in Texas West of Fort Worth.

Steam-heated and thoroughly modern in all respects.

Twenty-four-hour hot water and bell boy service.

Seventy-two rooms, well furnished and twenty-four with private bath. Conveniently located with excellent train service.

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# A New West Texas Institution Proposed

Western Texas has become a unit. Territorially an empire in extent and resources, it has become the home of thousands of the best people in the world—moral, intelligent, progressive, prosperous.

From these homes they have built and are building a generation of children and young people through the schools and churches, upon whom rests the future of this republic.

**CHARACTER DETERMINES LIFE. THE CHARACTER OF A PEOPLE DETERMINES THEIR HISTORY. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES ARE CHARACTER MAKERS.**

There is being built at Abilene, Texas, a college, founded and indorsed by West Texas Methodists.

**IT IS A WEST TEXAS INSTITUTION. IN, BY AND FOR WEST TEXAS.**

What body of youths deserves more than these fine young West Texans?

One thousand, five thousand, ten thousand dollars invested in the construction of this great school now will be the best money you ever spent.

As a West Texan, we appeal to you NOW!

This school will open its doors as soon as ready to from 500 to 1,000 young West Texans and give them a college education, equipping them for citizenship and leadership under the best influences.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce and all citizens, irrespective of creed, enthusiastically indorse us.

We stand for every good thing for our country. We stand against every evil thing.

Write today to J. W. Hunt, Commissioner Education, Abilene, Texas.

We refer you to W. J. Fulwiler of Fulwiler Motor Company, Chairman of Campaign Committee, or to S. M. Shelton, president Abilene Chamber of Commerce; Oscar Parker, Pres. First State Bank; W. E. Jones, Pres. Guarantee State Bank; Joe F. Garrison, Cashier Citizens' National Bank; Henry James, V. P. F. & M. National Bank, or to any other reputable business or professional man of Abilene.

Our objective is a One Million Dollar Institution, one-half of which is now provided for.

## Educational Campaign Committee

ABILENE, TEXAS



# THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

## OF ABILENE, TEXAS

### OFFERS TO ITS PATRONS

#### Facilities Established By Years of Experience and Continued Service

Charter No. 6476. Reserve District No. 11

Report of the Condition of the

### CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

At Abilene, in the State of Texas, at the close of Business on  
December 29, 1920.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts.....	\$1,385,004.94
U. S. Government securities owned.....	189,150.00
Stock, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock.....	2,975.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of sub- scription).....	9,000.00
Equity in Banking House.....	75,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	15,239.35
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	154,532.61
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than in- cluded in Items 11, 12 or 13).....	4,791.74
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,231,752.46</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	100,000.00
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	43,941.16
Interest and discount collected or credited in ad- vance of maturity and not earned—(approx- imate).....	9,862.61
Circulating notes outstanding.....	47,300.00
Net amounts due to national banks.....	5,534.01
Net amounts due to banks, bankers and trust compa- nies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in items 28 or 29).....	35,929.47
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.....	66,317.09
Individual deposits subject to check.....	1,334,633.12
Certificates of deposit (other than for money bor- rowed).....	9,683.82
Other time deposits.....	378,551.18
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,231,752.46</b>

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MABEL WOOD, Assistant Cashier

# The Guaranty State Bank

ABILENE, TEXAS

CAPITAL \$100,000.00

"WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME"

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RESOURCES  
TO CARE  
FOR ALL  
OF OUR  
CUSTOMERS

GOOD SERVICE  
COURTEOUS TREATMENT  
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ACCOUNTS  
of  
INDIVIDUALS  
and  
CORPORATIONS  
INVITED

Statement of Condition of the  
**GUARANTY STATE BANK**  
ABILENE, TEXAS

at the close of business December 29, 1920

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts .....	\$291,948.79
Overdrafts .....	2,332.03
Furniture and fixtures .....	14,824.60
Interest in guaranty fund .....	3,000.00
Other resources .....	14,415.69
Trade acceptances .....	3,286.18
CASH AND EXCHANGE .....	178,391.01

**TOTAL**.....\$508,198.30

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock .....	\$100,000.00
Undivided profits .....	158.89
DEPOSITS .....	408,039.41

**TOTAL**.....\$508,198.30

The above statement is correct.  
SAM SWANN, Cashier.

## IMPORTANT POINTS IN WEST TEXAS

### Birdseye View of What Helps to Make Each Great.

To describe all the towns in West Texas in minute detail would require a tome. In the towns have something different to give expression to, but the main ones in which the people are now interested are:

**Albany:** County seat of Howard county. It is rapidly becoming a noted oil town. It is the seat of a large orphan home.

**Amarillo:** Altitude 3,665 feet, with a population of over 16,000, is the distributing center for the Panhandle and Plains sections. It is growing rapidly.

**Ballinger:** In the heart of a great agricultural belt which in time will be guaranteed against droughts by irrigation. It is situated on the Abilene & Southern and Santa Fe railways.

**Big Spring:** County seat of Howard county, is the West Texas headquarters of the Texas & Pacific railroad, where large shops and roundhouses are maintained. Big Spring has 6,000 inhabitants, fine buildings and splendid schools.

**Breckenridge:** Seat of the principal oil activities of West Texas at present. It is probably the fastest growing city in Texas today. Numerous new gushers are being brought in weekly.

**Chillicothe:** Population 3,000, situated at the junction of the Orient and Denver railroads, it is a large distributing point. The lands about it are among the most fertile in the Southwest.

**Cisco:** Population 10,000, has three railroads: The Katy, the Texas & Pacific and the Cisco & Northwestern. It has had a wonderful growth recently. It has direct connection with the major oil fields of the state and has large business houses.

**Coleman:** Population 5,000, is situated in an oil producing territory, which is also rich in agriculture. It is a live town with a live people.

**Clarendon:** Seat of a large Methodist college and in the heart of some of the richest agricultural territory of the Panhandle and Plains, is destined to become an important city.

**Colorado:** Beautifully situated on the Colorado river, it has developed considerable oil. It is a busy town. Salt works here give employment in times to many persons. Colorado is noted for its beautiful homes and strong business enterprises.

**Dublin:** Junction of the Katy and Frisco railroads, is at the outer edge of the oil fields. It has splendid schools, modern business houses and all the city conveniences. It has a wonderfully fertile agricultural territory about it.

**Eastland:** Population 10,000, is known as one of the fastest growing towns in the state. More than \$7,000,000 was spent last year in improvements. It is in the Ranger oil field section.

**Fort Stockton:** The "big town on the Orient south of San Angelo," started the world recently by bringing in a miracle well that flowed several thousand barrels of oil in a short time. Fort Stockton is in the irrigated belt and has prospects of becoming the center of a great Tampico oil field in time.

**Gorman:** A distributing point for the oil fields, Gorman has made wonderful progress in the last year. It has many important business houses,

adequate schools, fine climate and splendid citizenship.

**Hamlin:** Situated in the heart of the cotton belt with three railroads—the Katy, Orient and Abilene & Southern—it has developed into quite a railroad town. Hamlin has good schools, paved streets and an inexhaustible water supply. It also has a large college and shops and roundhouse of the Orient system.

**Lubbock:** Lubbock is situated on the South Plains. It has a population of about 5,000, and is known as one of the most progressive cities of the West. It has splendid railroad facilities and is a coming jobbing center.

**Midland:** Midland is known for its beauty. It is a typical modern ranch town with all the conveniences of the larger cities. Annually thousands of head of livestock are shipped from here. Its schools, roads and people are leaders.

**Mineral Wells:** A progressive health and pleasure resort with wells that produce water that brings cures to all. The city has fine hotels, water supply, scenery and the like. Mineral Wells has splendid railroad facilities.

**Plainview:** Population 5,000. It is situated in the heart of the shallow water belt, where irrigation is transforming the plains into one of the finest agricultural belts of the state. Plainview has fine schools, residences and business houses.

**Ranger:** Population at last census nearly 17,000, was the fastest growing city in the state during the last decade. It has every modern convenience. More than sixty-eight blocks of street paving have been put down. Over \$7,000,000 were spent in improvements last year.

**Rotam:** An outpost town, it has a splendid business, fine schools, and progressive citizenship. It is the terminus of the Katy railroad in West Texas.

**San Angelo:** Population 11,000. San Angelo is the greatest wool and mohair exporting point in West Texas. It has paved streets, skyscraper buildings, excellent schools, big water supply and a climate that brings many visitors and tourists. It will become an excellent winter resort in time.

**San Saba:** San Saba is in the land of water. Though quite an old town, it has built consistently, until today it is a leader in that section. It has great irrigation projects under contemplation which will transform that section into a highly productive region.

**Stephenville:** With a population of 3,000, it is the county seat of Erath county. It is noted for its good schools, excellent water and progressive citizenship. It is on the Frisco lines.

**Vernon:** This is the latest sensation oil field town of the northern part of West Texas. Vernon banks show a most healthy condition. Much business is transacted there. Building has been lively there for months. It is one of the really live towns of West Texas.

**Waco:** This is one of the largest cities of the state. It has all the conveniences and businesses that will be found in a city of 50,000. Waco is on the eastern edge of West Texas, but it gains a great business from the section it serves.

**Wichita Falls:** This place jumped from 10,000 in 1910 to 40,000 by 1920. It is an oil field town which kept pace with development. It has splendid large buildings, paved streets, schools, factories, etc. The city will soon build an immense irrigation plant that will furnish water for 200,000 acres of agricultural lands.

**Fort Worth:** Fort Worth with its more than 125,000 inhabitants is the chief city of West Texas. West Texas looks to Fort Worth as England does to London. Fort Worth is the friend of West Texas. It is the most rapid

## CHILDRESS LEADS IN SWINE CULTURE

### In Season of 1920 Approximately 20,000 Bales Produced in County.

**CHILDRESS, Feb. 7.**—Situated as it is at the "gateway to the Panhandle," Childress and Childress county are demonstrating to the world the value of diversification. It is said that no county in the state has as many breeders of registered livestock, but the farmers do not confine themselves to livestock. Approximately 20,000 bales of cotton were produced in 1920, and in addition to this, fine crops of wheat, maize, alfalfa, corn, sorghum and vegetable products have been grown.

Probably the most noticeable feature of Childress is the swine industry. On Jan. 20, Claude E. Alexander held his Poland China sale and delivered about forty sows and gilts bred to his fine herd boar, Yankee Timm, for prices that mark a healthy condition in the swine industry. He has been said to have the best single herd of Poland China sows in the South.

**HIGH GRADE STOCK.** Lewis Bros. & Cunningham held their Poland China sale on Jan. 21, and their average of \$210 is said to be the highest of this winter's sales in the Southwest. They sold forty sows and gilts bred to their world renowned herd boar, The Ranger, who stands forty-five inches in height and measures eighty-six inches from his eyes to the root of his tail. M. J. George of Handley, Texas, was fortunate enough to buy their top sow, Orange May 2nd, for \$700. This sow was second prize at the National Swine show in 1919.

While the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention is in session at Ranger, Alexander Michie & Jones are holding their Duroc Jersey sale at their show barn on the outskirts of Childress, and will dispose of some forty gilts bred to Sensation's type, who won the junior champion prize at the State Fair of Texas last fall, when his temperature stood at 106 degrees, and when his owners were in constant fear for his recovery. This boar is the son of the 1919 grand champion of the world, Great Orion Sensation. Some of the gilts will be bred to the older herd boar of Alexander Michie & Jones, Great Sensation Orion, who is a full brother to the 1919 grand champion.

**RAILWAY PAY ROLL.** When the town of Childress is considered, it will not be out of place to quote many of the traveling men who declare that business is better than in the average Texas town at this time. This is largely on account of the generous pay roll of the Fort Worth & Denver shops that is expended in Childress. This amounts to approximately \$100,000 per month, and about 600 men are regularly employed there. In addition to this, there are many trainmen whose families live in Childress to take advantage of the fine schools and churches.

In addition to the pay roll of the shops, there is a large cotton compress in Childress that employs thirty men regularly and has a pay roll of about

growing city in the state. It is the wholesale, manufacturing and business center of West Texas.

\$3,500 per month. The Childress steam laundry, which is ably managed by A. G. Hartave and Ralph Lee, is one of the most modern in this section of the state, and also contributes largely to the pay roll that is expended in the city of Childress.

The population of the city is 5,003 and that of the county is 10,333, showing the inhabitants to be more than 50 per cent in the rural districts. With such a wealth of home trade, Childress business men would be prosperous even without their substantial trade territory from the surrounding towns and counties.

Childress banks, with a combined capital of \$175,000, had at the first of January combined deposits of about \$1,750,000.

Great building plans are being carried out in Childress, among which the improvements stand first. The yards will be built to a double capacity, a new turntable has already been installed to meet the demand of larger locomotives, and the entire machine shops, round houses, and boiler houses will be enlarged. The cost of these improvements will reach the half million mark. In addition to this, street paving is now under way and the business section will probably be completed by the last of spring.

**FOUR HIGHWAYS.** In highways few cities are so well traversed. There are four prominent national highways through the city of Childress, and these are constantly kept in good condition. The Bankhead, the Colorado-to-the-Gulf, the Dallas-Canadian-Denver and the Ozark trail meet and their tourists are well cared for by two of the best hotels in the Panhandle, the Rhea hotel and the Nave hotel.

There are three city schools in Childress and thirty-one public schools in the county. There are nine churches that lend a high spiritual influence to the town.

The Childress Chamber of Commerce, with J. C. Thomas as president, and T. Paul Barron as secretary, is one of the liveliest of its kind in West Texas. Practically every business man of the town belongs.

Another organization of unusual influence is the Childress County Registered Livestock association. Through this association, Childress county has been protected from the income of inferior grades and breeds of livestock that are a menace to some localities. The highest standards of breeding are fostered by the organization.

County Agent L. T. Hunter, who is also chairman of committees from the two above organizations, is active in diversification work, and is making a reputation in helping the farmers and in boys' club work.

**Balm for Anti-Smokers.** SHANGHAI, China.—The sight of millions of apparently good cigarettes being dealt with in the same manner as confiscated opium confirmed the long-held view of the average Chinese coolie that the majority of foreigners who come to Shanghai are insane. The explanation was that the cigarettes had become damp, and, being refused by the consignees, the company decided to destroy them. The coolies made a raid on them and secured thousands of the condemned cigarettes before the police arrived.

**Mental Gymnasts.** PRINCETON, N. J.—There is only one branch of athletics more popular among Princeton students than football. That is debating against Vassar college. When the young women invited a Princeton team to debate with them the issues of the political campaign, the rush of applicants even surpassed that which reported to Coach Roper's appeal for men.

# THE Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF ABILENE, TEXAS

## 162nd Official Statement REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE

As Made to the Comptroller at Close of Business December 29, 1920

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$1,422,868.60
Bank building and fixtures	13,059.30
Other real estate	3,609.56
United States bonds	209,933.52
War Savings Stamps	508.22
Other bonds	51,944.14
Federal Reserve Bank stock	7,500.00
Building fund	13,577.44
CASH:	
Due from United States treasurer	\$ 5,000.00
Due from banks and in vault	695,591.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,423,591.89</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus and profits	83,494.07
Circulation	94,900.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS:	
Individual	\$1,672,479.47
United States	20,400.00
Bank	301,471.46
Other deposits	50,846.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,423,591.89</b>

STATE OF TEXAS—COUNTY OF TAYLOR:

I, W. R. Keeble, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. R. KEEBLE, Cashier.

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# Grain and Field Seed

# FIRST STATE BANK

OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Capital Stock, \$100,000.00

"GUARANTY FUND BANK"  
OFFERING  
SECURITY FOR  
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**4%** Compounded  
Quarterly  
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We want your business on a basis of Service,  
Safety and Soundness

STATEMENT OF THE  
**FIRST STATE BANK**  
OF ABILENE

At the Close of Business December 29th, 1920.

RESOURCES

Loans .....	\$1,097,189.98
Furniture and Fixtures .....	15,767.60
Real Estate .....	NONE
Interest in Guaranty Fund .....	6,633.14
Stocks and U. S. Bonds .....	72,622.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE .....	288,111.47

\$1,480,324.19

LIABILITIES

Capital .....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits .....	48,604.55
Dividends Unpaid .....	70.00
Bills Payable .....	60,000.00
Other Liabilities .....	NONE
DEPOSITS .....	1,271,649.64

\$1,480,324.19

The above statement is correct.

W. H. FREE, Cashier.

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# STAMFORD HEART OF FERTILE FARMS

## R. L. Penick Is a Pioneer Banker and Business Man of the Town.

STAMFORD, Feb. 7.—Though probably the best known town in West Texas by reason of the great volumes of publicity sent to the press about it, Stamford was not built by publicity, but it arose as a city in the heart of the greatest agricultural center of Central West Texas because its citizenship was composed of the human material which builds against obstacles and overcomes triumphantly.

From the hour that the present mayor established the first bank in Stamford until this time, Stamford has been making civic progress. Mayor R. L. Penick opened the town's first business institution—a bank—in a building on wheels moved from Anson, the present county seat. Soon the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad extended to Stamford from Albany, followed soon thereafter by the advent of the Wichita Valley and the Stamford & Northwestern railroads. In 1900 Stamford was a blank place on a hill. Today it has a population of nearly 5,000.

**Story of Hardships.**  
This great development carries with it a long story of hardships, difficulties and vexing problems—a story that may be summed up by saying that the quality of citizenship was of such a sturdy and indomitable character that these handicaps were overcome without needless success. The greatest asset that Stamford has today is its unified populace—a populace that works co-operatively for civic development first and private advancement second. The business career of its people never become so pressing that they cannot be forgotten when Stamford's progress is at stake. Such spirits as Mayor "Bob" Penick, Charles Brewington, Homer D. Wade and R. V. Colbert leavened the whole. They were big men because they did big things.

The rise of Stamford from a wheelhouse bank to one of the most modern towns in West Texas has been told countless times until practically every person is acquainted with the gripping narrative. While the West was building Stamford was not looking from afar, but grasping everything promoting its welfare. It was the first city in West Texas to pave its business streets. It was the first city in West Texas to pave with brick. It secured the largest Carnegie library building in West Texas, costing \$55,000. It is the smallest city in Texas to have a \$55,000 federal building. It has the most commodious and convenient city hall and fire station in West Texas. The entire city has cement sidewalks. The business district has thirty-two blocks of vitrified brick paved streets and the residence district is paved with other material with more than thirty-two additional blocks now being paved. The business section for the most part faces from four sides the most attractive plaza in the state, well carpeted with grass and shrubbery and dotted with numerous shade trees, and crisscrossed with cement sidewalks.

**Proud of Schools.**  
Stamford prides herself on its forward move toward building the best schools in West Texas. Already three

splendid brick buildings are property of the district with more than a thousand scholars. The improved system calls for the expenditure of \$100,000 for a new high school and the acquisition of a 27-acre campus, a four-story brick dormitory and lesser buildings that formerly made up the Stamford college property. The new school system will have a valuation in excess of \$350,000. It is proposed to found a state junior college entitling graduates to enter the State university, and colleges in the senior year. In addition to this the new institution will teach agriculture on a limited scale, with courses in dairying, the higher arts, manual and domestic science.

The city owns two lakes, one for its present water supply and another for boating, fishing and bathing. It is called College lake, and is situated in the east part of the city. The Stamford Country club has adequate boating and bathing facilities here, while the municipality also maintains free boat and bath houses.

**Wholesale Houses.**  
There are twelve wholesale houses here. Among these are five wholesale groceries, one wholesale hardware and one large distributing house for a chain of groceries in West Texas. The city offers probably greater inducements from a jobbing standpoint than any other city in West Texas, since it has a virgin territory with no other competing jobbing point. Besides these industries the city has five gins, oil mills, cotton compress and oil mill, flour mill, waterworks and electric and ice plant, etc. The railroads have division points here, and many railroad men live here. Two railroads have shops and other terminal facilities here, employing a number of men. Stamford is also the headquarters of the great West Texas Chamber of Commerce. J. Willis Stovall is secretary of local organization.

The territory surrounding Stamford is classed agriculturally as the best in West Texas. In 1919 the cotton production in Jones county gave it second rank among the counties of the state. The production in 1920 greatly exceeded that in 1919, the banner year, although only about three-fifths of the crop was picked, due to the declining prices of the commodity. The banks of Stamford reflect a prosperity that is genuine and enduring. While the country is "slightly bent," due to the aftermath conditions of the great war, Stamford and Jones county are expected to bump along with all of them in 1921.

The town has taken a forward step in the acquisition of a daily newspaper. Wilson Kilgore of Columbus, N. M., issued the first edition of the new daily Jan. 24. One of the largest brick factories in the West has now been established here. In time it will manufacture not only the common face and rough brick, but also vitrified paving brick. The Wichita Valley and Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads are now expending several thousand dollars in the renovation and expansion of the union station. The city is paving many blocks and numerous new sidewalks are being put down. Stamford is unusually fortunate in being strategically located from the standpoint of jobbing and distributing. Its wholesale houses have increased their volume of business each succeeding year, keeping strictly in advance of the growth of the large virgin territory which they supply. The splendid railroad facilities, prompt freight movement and exclusiveness of territory have made Stamford probably the greatest wholesale center to be found in West Texas. The various wholesale grocers report increases in business amounting to from 30 to 35 percent over that of 1919, the acknowledged banner year of their history.

**City Manager.**  
The city has the city manager and commission form of government. The

interlocking system of municipality and Chamber of Commerce has extended the benefits of both mutually, so that great things are accomplished here with "full force." Homer D. Wade, city manager, is also president of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and works in conjunction with Secretary Stovall of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. Weekly a luncheon is held at which the current topics of civic enterprise are diluted and acted upon. Stamford has just completed one of the most comprehensive cleanup campaigns that have ever been staged in West Texas. During the height of the campaign not less than 500 persons were engaged burning weeds, assembling tin cans and litter. Stamford today is one of the most spotless towns to be found in the entire Southwest.

## North Conquered by Farm Exhibits

STAMFORD, Feb. 7.—The conquest of the North by means of agricultural exhibits gathered from every portion of West Texas and taken to the greatest state and interstate fairs of the North by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was the most complete triumph ever achieved by any commercial body, state or region in the South.

J. C. Wells, exhibit manager of the organization, with the assistance of B. M. Whitner of Haskell, made all these fairs with representative exhibits, including the sorghum grain. The West Texas exhibit attracted more attention and commendation than any of the others shown. Even the large fairs of the South were visited. Mr. Wells secured the entrance of more than a score of West Texas county exhibits at the Dallas State Fair, which won many prizes. A noteworthy recognition of West Texas was that at the Waco Cotton Palace last year. The various individual exhibits of West Texas at the Dallas Fair were culled for a representative exhibit to compete against those at fairs in the adjoining states. The West Texas exhibit in charge of Mr. Wells was replete with agricultural wealth of the West. It easily captured the prize of \$1,000 in gold offered by the palace management.

The plan of fair visiting for 1921 is now being worked out by Manager Porter A. Whaley. It will be more comprehensive than that of 1920, but more attention will be given to exhibits at fairs in the adjoining states from which it is believed the bulk of the immigration for West Texas will hereafter be secured.

**Coffin With a Window.**  
LONDON, England.—I direct that my body be placed in a lead covered shell, provided with a face window of plate glass, such shell being placed in a coffin of durable hard wood, and my body be kept for a week before the lid of the outer coffin is screwed down. This is the request for burial made in the will of Alexander Keller.

**Ex-Kaiser Kisses Bride.**  
Amsterdam, Holland.—Ameregon, where the ex-kaiser lived until he moved to Doorn, was the scene of the marriage of the former ruler's daughter, Major von Iseman, to Countess Elizabeth Bentinck. The ex-kaiser was in high spirits and kissed the bride. He presented her with an old Turkish rug.

# STAMFORD PREPARES AGAINST DROUGHTS

## New Lake Will Supply Two Other Towns; Becomes Resort.

Among the super water supplies which West Texas towns are now providing against possible droughts is that near Stamford which the municipality is building at a cost approximating \$500,000 and which will rank with any of those now under course of building or contemplated. Stamford normally is well supplied with water which it obtains from a large 300,000,000 gallon lake west of the city, but during the driest years this lake becomes depleted and Stamford is compelled to resort to tank cars to bring in its supply. At least that is what has happened on one or two occasions.

Stamford is a city which is determined to succeed. The citizens of Stamford, one of the best known business men of the West, conceived the idea of damming the Clear Fork of the Brazos river fifteen miles southeast of the city. His idea was eagerly seized by the citizens and bonds were voted two or three years ago for the building of the great water supply. This lake would have been completed in August of last year had not two unusually severe freshets wiped out the diversion walls on the north of the masonry structure. The pipe line connecting the lake with settling basin and the city proper has been laid several months and actual work is being done toward the completion of the main dam.

**Immense Watershed.**  
The lake will be fed by running water from a watershed of over 2,000 square miles—the largest watershed for any big water supply in West Texas. In addition to the perennial flow the lake will also catch flood waters when necessary. The power which will be generated at the dam will be sufficient to lift the water to the 40,000,000 gallon settling basin situated upon a hill about six miles distant, where it will be clarified. It will then flow by gravity to the city limits of Stamford, where a booster pump will put the water into the standpipes and into the mains. It is hoped that the project may be completed not later than July 1 this year. The capacity of the lake, which has been named Lake Penick, will be 3,500,000,000 gallons. During the severest drought in the history of West Texas the Clear Fork of the Brazos failed to flow only seventy-eight days out of the two years. Water will be backed up stream several miles, providing a most inviting place for picnicking, boating, bathing and fishing.

Mayor "Bob" Penick, who retires from business and the mayoralty during the spring, has constructed at considerable expense a most magnificent summer home on the northern banks of the lake about two miles above the dam. The structure is of native Lueders limestone, built on the colonial style. The grounds have a rustic touch, with stately pecans, walnuts and other trees. From his yard the mayor may toss his well baited hooks into the lake and bring out the choicest of fish with which the large lake will be stocked. The Stamford Country club will also have grounds on this lake. The city of Stamford is also considering the installation of a playground for its citizens and the people of surrounding country. Stamford is reached by a

splendid highway and a state highway passes near the lake.

The intermediate towns of Lueders and Avoca will be beneficiaries of Stamford's water supply. Lueders is near the lake and will have water connection. Avoca, eight miles south of Stamford, will also be provided from this mammoth reservoir. At intervals along the path of the pipe line laterals will be run to conduct water to the many truck farms expected to spring up.

Stamford itself is waiting patiently for the announcement that its water supply for all time has been secured. It will mean that the city will have the cheapest water in West Texas. It will stimulate the erection of manufacturing and the expansion of the railroad shops of the Wichita Valley, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Stamford & Northwestern, which have been waiting for a better supply of water before attempting to increase the size of their shops.

The only severe check that Stamford has ever received was due to the fact that its water supply failed at a moment when it was making its greatest expansion and had hopes of the greatest development. The citizens of this plucky city of less than 5,000 took an inventory and decided that its future growth was dependent solely upon abundance of water. The voting of bonds was practically unanimous.

## CHRISTOVAL KNOWN AS PLEASURE RESORT

CHRISTOVAL, Feb. 7.—With an elevation of over 2,000 feet, and surrounded by picturesque mountains and streams, Christoval is destined to become one of the most famous health and pleasure resorts of the Southwest in the next few years. The fact that Christoval at present is accessible only by automobile has been a deterrent to the consummation of this plan. The water is good for all sorts of skin diseases, for stomach and other ailments. Many remarkable cures have been reported. No attempt has been made up to this time to commercialize the health resort features of the place. The various church denominations, which discovered this rare retreat years ago annually hold large conventions lasting a week or longer here. While the patient or pleasure seeker is enjoying the balmy climate, he may do the Isaac Walton stunt to his heart's content. All persons who have ever been in West Texas have heard of the fishing sport to be found on the Concho river. This is a splendid opportunity here for the erection of large hotels catering to the big trade of patients seeking a place of rest and cure.

## BARSTON GRAPES PRIZE WINNERS

BARSTON, Feb. 7.—At the great 1904 world fair held at St. Louis grapes and peaches raised in the Barston irrigated district won first prizes over those from all other parts of the country. The peaches that went into the contest won easily over the New Jersey famous specimens. Barston is situated in the great irrigated belt of the Pecos river. From 12,000 to 15,000 tons of alfalfa are annually shipped from here.

Ranger started the "back to the farm" movement in a practical way that is now being copied by other sections of the state.

Ranger with its numerous hotels and attractions is the best convention city in West Texas.

## TERRITORY ALONG S. AND S. RAILROAD

Without exception the territory along the Stamford & Northwestern railroad is expected to become a leader. This railroad enters a territory that is just now beginning its greatest development. Towns along it are building rapidly and permanently are Sagerton, in the heart of a black land belt, Old Glory, on the Brazos; Aspermont, Swenson, Jayton and Spur, with intermediate points.

Aspermont is the county seat of Stonehall county. Considerable development is now being done there. The town has a progressive type of business men. The streets are attractive and the buildings modern. The school system is complete.

Spur, the terminus of this line, is a city in a class to itself. It has a modern hotel that has no peer in any town its size in the Southwest. Great ranches in this section have become nationally famous. The state conducts an experiment station here which has capable and ambitious heads. From it have gone out the results of feeding tests which have revolutionized the feed industry of the country.

The country along the Stamford & Northwestern has been little developed from an agricultural standpoint. The possibilities in that territory are unlimited. Almost all kinds of soil may be found, from the celebrated black land to the sandy. In some parts fine fruit and vegetables are raised. By the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars the majority of this great territory could be irrigated from the impounding of waters on the two large forks of the Brazos river.

The towns along the Wichita Valley railroad are among the most progressive to be found in West Texas. From Wichita Falls southward to Abilene West Texas' samples of the good things of life are revealed in no erring way. From the great artificial reservoir which the city of Wichita Falls is building to supply its domestic and factory needs and to irrigate 100,000 to 200,000 acres of fine agricultural lands, to Abilene, the towns which have sprung up are alive to their interests and are making a bid for the intelligent and loyal of the state. Seymour stands out conspicuously as a town with a goal. It has a live secretary, live merchants and a live people. Goree and Munday are towns which have shown rapid development in the last two years. New brick buildings for business enterprises are the rule rather than the exception in those places.

Haskell is a live city. It has one of the best schools in West Texas. Oil prospects about it are very rosy at the present time. The city is preparing to pave its courthouse square. Haskell is an old town, but it has built for the future.

Anson, county seat of Jones county, recognized as among the foremost agricultural counties of the state, is a little city of the aggressive type. It has splendid business houses and school edifices. It has a live set of business men who are seeking the incoming of new people and enterprisers. Hawley, though a small town, lies in a sandy belt which is remarkable for its truck and fruit products. In time Hawley and Anson are expected to become important fruit and truck centers of West Texas. The Wichita Valley railroad territory offers opportunities to all people who want to get in a cream territory where business men and farmers work together for the mutual good.

Ranger paid to the Texas & Pacific railroad from June 30, 1919, to June 30, 1920, the enormous sum of \$6,001,024.46 for freight and \$300,122.01 for passenger department.

## CENTRAL WEST TEXAS HAS BUFFALO HERD

Central West Texas has a herd of buffaloes which may become the nucleus from which some of the large ranges of the American continent may be restocked in time. R. V. Colbert, banker and capitalist of Stamford, imported the buffaloes from Fort Gardner, Colo., several years ago. In order to protect the young of the herd Mr. Colbert placed round the 12,000 acres which are their roaming grounds a wolf-proof wire fence set upon iron posts deeply embedded in concrete foundations. The buffalo preserve is situated twenty miles east of Stamford, in Shackelford county, on the "River Ranch," which has become internationally famous in the last few years because from it have gone some of the best breeding stock of the country.

The report of the rifle is never heard within that sacred area. Not even when Mr. Colbert himself is most ambitious to bring down a buffalo or buck deer does he venture to get within whistling distance of the fences that surround the preserve. It is only occasionally that he or his hired hands get a glimpse of these animals of early days. They are free to go browse, drink or do whatsoever they please as if they were tending the grassy plains of a country without inhabitants.

The only companions of the buffaloes are wild turkeys and deer. It is probably the only private game preserve in all West Texas. Mr. Colbert prides himself upon his more than upon his hundreds of head of cattle which have won prizes in many sections of the union. These buffaloes are very valuable. Sometimes one or two are sold at a fabulous price where the purchaser agrees not to kill it, but to use for restocking the country. Adjoining the buffalo preserve are several thousand acres which contain over 700 head of high class Hereford cattle.

Fairliss Fairfax, the grand champion female at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show in March last year was bred and raised by Mr. Colbert on this ranch. Some of the stock raised here cannot be purchased for less than \$10,000 a head and none of them sees the slaughtering pen of the packing plants, for they are developed especially for breeding purposes and to stock up high grade stock farms.

Seven head of show cattle sold from this ranch at Fort Worth in March last year to an Arkansas purchaser for \$21,000.

**Wig-Wag Wooing.**  
NEW YORK.—It took an interpreter to assist City Clerk Cruise in marrying Anita Sabalo, 28, of Italy, to William Gilben, 69, of Miles City, after the bride had arrived in this country on an Italian liner. The couple met in Milan four years ago and Gilben wooed her, but so far their conversation has been limited to the wig-wag system.

**Plague of Beggars.**  
Madrid, Spain.—Despite the large percentage of profits of gambling establishments in Madrid that is allocated to the relief of the needy the plague of mendicants in the city increases daily. Nightly the steps of public buildings are crowded uncomfortably with vagrants.

**Australia Adopts Town.**  
Paris, France.—Melbourne has "adopted" Villers-Bretonneux, the ruined town east of Amiens where in April, 1918, the Australians stopped the German drive which was to have cleft the British and French forces.

## TAXABLE VALUATION OF DAWSONLAND INCREASE

LAMESA, Feb. 7.—The taxable valuation of Dawson county lands during the last year increased \$200,000, or from \$3,400,000 to \$3,600,000. The tax rate is: County, 60 cents; state, 62 cents, and school, 50 cents.

The cotton production in 1919 was 20,000 bales. That in 1920 was considerably less, due to disastrous hailstorms in the spring and the depreciation in the price. As a watermelon country, Dawson county led the state in 1910 at the Dallas State Fair. Many ninety-pound specimens were shipped out. The yield in 1920 was even better than in 1919, but no attempt was made to compete at the Dallas Fair in the fall.

Lamesa, county seat, is a thriving town. The county at the last census report had 4,900 inhabitants. It is noteworthy that the scholastic enrollment in the county for 1920 was 1,400, an increase of 200 over the previous year. The new courthouse, a very attractive building, cost more than \$100,000. It is situated in the center of a square of business houses.

Dawson county is expected to be one of the most intensely agricultural sections of the state in a few years. It now has cheap lands that will soon rise rapidly in value with the incoming of new farmers. Raw lands sell for \$20 and improved as high as \$50 an acre.

Scuppernon grapes grow here in profusion. Fruit growing is gradually getting a hold. The land is sandy and well adapted to this branch of husbandry. The farmers are eschewing the lower grades of livestock. Recently more than 100 head of fine Poland-China hogs were brought in and distributed among the farmers.

One of the pleasing sights to be seen on rural roads of Dawson county during the summer are pyramids of watermelons, some very large and all luscious, put there for the perigrinating person to get as many as he chooses. The spirit of hospitality among these western people is still typical. Everybody that comes to the Lamesa section is given a glad hand. A little work and saving there will put any ambitious man on Easy street.

**No. 50-50 Wedding for Her.**  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Miss Esther Badger will not stand for a 50-50 marriage. She is an elderly spinster. She appeared before the city chamberlain for a marriage license with James O'Neil. The latter wanted her to pay half the fee. She balked and gave the bridegroom-to-be a lecture on his financial place. He took it meekly.

**Official New Tango.**  
LONDON, England.—Two hundred dancing teachers were shown a new tango which was given official approval. It is a simple "glidy" affair, being a combination of the slow walk, Argentine walk, promenade and quartet.

**Beer to Be Cheaper.**  
LONDON, England.—Without making any public announcement, Watney, Combe, Reid & Co., Ltd., who own 1,200 public houses in London, have reduced the price of bottled ale and stout 4 cents.

One of the larger oil companies here plan the erection of a \$500,000 oil refinery in Ranger during the spring months.

Ranger has four banks with combined capital of \$500,000 and deposits of \$7,199,813.



# Stamford Inn

A. C. COOPER, Proprietor.

Rates, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50  
Dining Room a la Carte

THIS artistically designed hotel structure of SIXTY ROOMS, with its hundreds of yards of shaded verandas, magnificent stretches of lawn and motor ways, croquet and tennis courts, and 30x80 swimming pool, enable the travelers to enjoy that "comfy existence" created only by environments.

MANY improvements have been made, others contemplated. New furnishings have been installed.

THE short orders and "specials" of the dining room, with excellent service, have made this up-to-date hostelry one of the most famous in West Texas.



# STAMFORD, TEXAS

# WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

STAMFORD HOUSE

# Penick-Hughes Company

(CAPITAL \$300,000)

# JOBBERS HARDWARE JOBBERS

AS THIS is a West Texas Chamber of Commerce issue, WE are strictly West Texas Hardware jobbers.

STAMFORD, TEXAS WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

# FROM A POPULATION OF ZERO IN 1900 TO 5,000 IN 1921

That's the Remarkable Record of Stamford—  
The Wholesale Center; the Railroad Center

THE FUTURE METROPOLIS OF WEST TEXAS

## Stamford Has—

Headquarters offices of West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Three railroads, with five lines radiating.

Twelve wholesale houses, flour mills, gins, cotton compress, oil mill, machine shops.

The best school system in West Texas with a proposed Junior College of two years' course, with property valued at over \$359,000. New \$100,000 high school will be built.

The largest Carnegie Library building in West Texas, with several thousand volumes, reading room and auditorium.

The largest water supply in West Texas being built on the Clear Fork at a cost of \$500,000, furnishing gravity flow from a three billion five hundred million gallon lake.

One of finest hotelries in the West; magnificent \$50,000 city hall, best in the West.

The largest scope of farming territory with the greatest cotton production in Central West Texas.

The most progressive Chamber of Commerce, with the interlocking city manager and Chamber of Commerce activities.

Municipal ownership of sewer system, waterworks.

Thirty-two blocks of vitrified brick paved streets and more than sixty blocks paved with other material.

Beautiful homes, wide streets, progressive citizenship, magnificent churches and perfect climate.

# STAMFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

J. WILLIS STOVALL, Manager

# WEST TEXANS WELCOME

The citizens of Ranger, through their Chamber of Commerce, extend a cordial greeting and want you to know that we fully appreciate the honor of having you meet in our city.

We like you—like the purpose of your coming—and want you to like us. We covet nothing but your good will.

Ranger is a new city and a new unit in this great West Texas organization. We want to become more closely allied with it; to assume more of its obligations; to work with hand and mind, wholeheartedly for the achievement of things worth while for West Texas.

There is a tremendous job ahead which calls for complete co-operation. Under the leadership of the splendid organization in Stamford we will move forward in making this the greatest year in West Texas history.

West Texans know that they are getting back to earth again. Timorous ones may peer doubtfully into the future, but we will take heart, not content ourselves to wait for better times, but will proceed to make them.

Ranger has had her splurge, her night out, and her boom day. This primrose period of recklessness when there was no organized guiding hand gave her an unsavory reputation. You have heard of it—and perhaps the extravagant side of it.

If your idea of the city—before seeing it and getting the facts—was based on these reports we want you to give us “the once over” while you are here.

A transformation from the “boom day” has taken place. The city has found herself. An organized, vigorous community spirit and civic pride has taken hold under intelligent leadership. A survey of our resources and opportunities has been visualized and has revealed to us wonderful possibilities.

We have a vision, a definite program of action and are working with boundless enthusiasm to make our vision real.

## RANGER HAS

Four oil refineries and a number of casinghead gas plants.

Has four modern two and three-story brick school buildings and \$250,000 High School provided for.

Has a paid fire department and fire fighting equipment costing \$39,385.00.

Has thirty-five miles of light and power lines and thirty-two miles of sewer mains.

Had approximately 6,000,000 barrels of crude oil in storage on Jan. 1, 1921.

Has thirteen oil field supply houses carrying stocks that reach a total of more than \$12,000,000.

Has 52 miles of gas mains and an unlimited supply of industrial gas at 17c per thousand cubic feet.

Has forty blocks of brick pavement and contract let for thirty-two more blocks.

Has twelve wholesale houses, five selling produce, five groceries and two tobacco.

Has twenty-six hotels, eleven of these brick structures with 744 guest rooms, 290 with baths.

Has 3,112 children of scholastic age. Pays its teachers higher salaries than any other city in Texas except one.

Has \$50,000.00 fire-proof postoffice built by local business men and rented to the government for \$1.00 a month.

Has seven tool shops, six oil field tank companies, three boiler works, five nitroglycerin companies, two fishing tool houses and the only plant in Texas manufacturing drilling jars.

On August 30, 1920, there had been 2,371 wells completed in the Ranger field. Of these, 1,722 have produced oil or gas in paying quantities and 515 have been abandoned as dry. On the same date there were 821 drilling wells in the field.

Ranger is the fourteenth city in Texas and Eastland county ranks as tenth.

Has just completed three new church buildings which cost over \$325,000.00.

Has eighteen exclusive dry goods stores with stocks ranging from \$25,000.00 to a quarter of a million.

Has a vaudeville house seating 1,250 people, built at a cost of \$125,000.00.

Has a daily newspaper carrying Associated Press reports, International News Service and employing fifty people.

Has a Western Union Telegraph Office employing thirty-five people and handling 1,200 messages daily.

Has a building program for 1921 that will exceed one million dollars.

### Population

16,205

### Taxable Valuation

\$12,997,722.20

### Building Permits

\$2,654,003.50

### Bank Deposits

\$5,396,522.52

### Express Receipts

\$190,000

### Freight Receipts

\$6,001,024.08

### Passenger Receipts

\$360,122.46

### Postoffice Receipts

\$1,140,754.37

# Chamber of Commerce

## Ranger, Texas



# A PLEDGE

INSURANCE is defined by Webster as a PLEDGE. A Pledge should carry with it a solemn obligation. In the case of an insurance policy a pledge not only to indemnify the assured, but the obligation, as well, to render real SERVICE to him. An insurance policy should therefore have the implied obligation of SERVICE read into it by the company issuing it, else the assured does not get full protection or full value for his money.

The "Western's" Policy of *Business* Insures *Service*  
 The "Western's" Policy of *Insurance* Assures *Protection*

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## Need of Insurance

### DO YOU KNOW

That Statistics show a Life *accidentally lost* in the United States every quarter of an hour, and that an *accidental injury* occurs every quarter of a minute; that the average worker loses one week and a half every year through *illness*.

Are you going to wait until misfortune overtakes *YOU*?

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HOME OFFICE BUILDING

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## Record of Growth

	Net Prems. Written.	Admitted Assets.
Dec. 31, 1913.....	56,681.23	664,117.00
Dec. 31, 1914.....	317,629.11	730,854.00
Dec. 31, 1915.....	405,313.98	1,128,944.00
Dec. 31, 1916.....	669,700.95	1,211,054.00
Dec. 31, 1917.....	1,007,966.58	1,417,874.00
Dec. 31, 1918.....	1,587,096.51	1,584,902.00
Dec. 31, 1919.....	1,434,379.24	1,756,759.00
Dec. 31, 1920.....	1,305,000.00	1,775,000.00

Assets, \$1,775,000.00

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# Western Indemnity Company

HOME OFFICE, SECOND-FLOOR WESTERN INDEMNITY BUILDING DALLAS, TEXAS

Stockman, Collie & Armstrong, General Agents

RANGER, TEXAS

TEXAS' LEADING CASUALTY COMPANY

WRITING ALL CASUALTY LINES

# DALLAS SALUTES YOU.

## Men of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce In Your Annual Convention

We wish for you that this may be the best, the biggest convention your splendid Chamber of Commerce has every held.

We send you an old-fashioned West Texas greeting, a "howdy" that comes from the heart.

We've watched your progress and we know a part of the magnificent work you are doing for the vast empire of Western Texas. We know you are just beginning—just getting into your stride.

**THE WEST**

Men look to the East for the dawning things,  
For the light of the rising sun;  
But they look to the West—the Crimson West—  
For the things that are done, are done.  
The eastward sun is a new-made hope,  
From the dark of the night distilled,  
The westward sun is a sunset sun—  
The sign of hope fulfilled.

So out of the East they have always come,  
The cradle that saw the birth,  
Of all the hard won hopes of men,  
Of all the hopes of earth;  
For out of the East, a Christ arose,  
And out of the East there gleamed,  
The dearest dream, and the clearest dream,  
That ever a prophet dreamed.

And into the waiting West they go,  
With the dream-child of the East,  
And find the hopes, the hope of old,  
A hundred fold increased,  
For there in the East we dream the dreams,  
Of the things we hope to do,  
But here in the West—the Crimson West—  
The dreams of the East come true.

We know your spirit—a spirit steel true today to the inheritance that is yours—a spirit that never has known and will never know defeat.

You've fought hard—you've won—we rejoice with you and offer you our hands in sincerest congratulations.

May your good work never cease; may each successive year see new problems met and solved. With "Old Rip" we join in the old-time toast—"May you all live long and prosper."

## THE DALLAS WHOLESALE MARKET

BELONGS TO ALL THE GREAT SOUTHWEST.

The merchants of West Texas have always been liberal in their co-operation in building the Dallas Market to its present proportions—SIX HUNDRED MILLIONS in sales during 1920—and this Market appreciates more deeply than can be said in words the loyalty, the confidence, the support of the business men of West Texas.

# "DALLAS KNOWS YOUR NEEDS"

—and Awaits the Pleasure of Rendering You an Interested, Personal Service

Every phase of today's merchandising situation demands that a merchant visit his nearest *Complete Market* and gather there the merchandise, the merchandising counsel and the co-operation afforded by the solid strength and understanding of that market.

Dallas—*your complete market*—offers every Southwestern Merchant a quick turnover, low freight and express rates, ample resources, opportunity of carrying minimum stocks and price protection. Let the Dallas market prove that it can render you the service you need.

## Use the Dallas Market Freely During 1921

Members of the Dallas Wholesale Merchants Association

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| <p><b>ADVERTISING SERVICE</b><br/>R. C. Dyer &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>AUTOMOBILES</b><br/>S. G. Davis Motor Car Co.—"Olds mobile."<br/>Franklin Motor Car Co.</p> <p><b>AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>AUTO TIRES &amp; TUBES, RACING &amp; HORSE SHOE</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.</p> <p><b>AUTO TOU MATERIAL ACCESSORIES</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.</p> <p><b>BAGGING AND TIES</b><br/>*Boren-Stewart Company.</p> <p><b>BANKS</b><br/>American Exchange National Bank.<br/>Central State Bank.<br/>City National Bank.<br/>Dallas National Bank.<br/>National Bank of Commerce.<br/>Security National Bank.<br/>Guaranty Bank &amp; Trust Co.</p> <p><b>BATHING CAPS</b><br/>United States Rubber Co., Dallas Branch, Clothing &amp; Footwear Div.</p> <p><b>BLACKSMITH SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.<br/>*Moroney Hardware Co.<br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>BICYCLES</b><br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.</p> <p><b>BOOTS AND SHOES</b><br/>*Graham-Brown Shoe Co.<br/>*J. W. Jenkins Shoe Co.</p> <p><b>CIGARS</b><br/>*Boren-Stewart Co.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Waples-Platter Grocer Co.</p> <p><b>CLOTHING</b><br/>*B. Brenner &amp; Son.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Rose Manufacturing Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>COFFEE ROASTERS</b><br/>*Boren-Stewart Co.<br/>*Waples-Platter Grocer Co.</p> | <p><b>COLLARS</b><br/>*Herman Neckwear Mfg. Co.<br/>*Geo. P. Ide &amp; Co. (Inc.).<br/>"Ide Shirts—Ide Collars."</p> <p><b>COLLARS AND SHIRTS</b><br/>*Geo. P. Ide &amp; Co. (Inc.).<br/>"Ide Shirts—Ide Collars."</p> <p><b>COMMERCIAL FURNITURE</b><br/>*Grand Rapids Show Case Co.</p> <p><b>CRACKER &amp; CANDY MFRS.</b><br/>*Brown Cracker &amp; Candy Co.</p> <p><b>DAIRY SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.<br/>*Moroney Hardware Co.</p> <p><b>DIAMONDS</b><br/>*Moore-DeGrazier Co.<br/>*C. L. Norsworthy Co. (Inc.).<br/>*Shuttles Bros. &amp; Lewis.<br/>*Otto Young &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>DRUGS AND SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> <p><b>DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS</b><br/>*B. Brenner &amp; Co.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>ELECTRICAL APPARATUS &amp; SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Sanger Bros.<br/>*C. L. Norsworthy Co. (Inc.).<br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.</p> <p><b>ENGRAVERS</b><br/>Zeese Engraving Co.</p> <p><b>FELT FOOTWEAR</b><br/>*Graham-Brown Shoe Co.<br/>*J. W. Jenkins Shoe Co.<br/>United States Rubber Co., Dallas Branch, Clothing &amp; Footwear Div.</p> <p><b>FLOOR COVERINGS</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Olive &amp; Myers Mfg. Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>FURNISHINGS GOODS AND NOTIONS</b><br/>*B. Brenner &amp; Son.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> | <p><b>FURNITURE &amp; MATTRESSES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Olive &amp; Myers Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>GLOVE MANUFACTURERS</b><br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.</p> <p><b>GLOVES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*S. G. Davis Hat Co.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*Kinsella Hat Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.<br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.</p> <p><b>GROCERS</b><br/>*Boren-Stewart Co.<br/>*Waples-Platter Grocer Co.</p> <p><b>HAIR GOODS</b><br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>HARDWARE &amp; IMPLEMENT SPECIALTIES</b><br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>HARDWARE &amp; QUEENSWARE</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.<br/>*Moroney Hardware Co.</p> <p><b>HATS &amp; CAPS</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*S. G. Davis Hat Co.<br/>*Kinsella Hat Co.<br/>*Tucker Hat &amp; Cap Co.</p> <p><b>HOLIDAYS GOODS</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Moore-DeGrazier Co.<br/>*C. L. Norsworthy Co.<br/>*Otto Young &amp; Co.<br/>*Shuttles Bros. &amp; Lewis.</p> <p><b>HOSIERY</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> | <p><b>HOTELS</b><br/>Adolphus Hotel St. George Hotel<br/>Campbell House Southland Hotel<br/>Jefferson Hotel Texan Hotel<br/>Oriental Hotel Waldorf Hotel</p> <p><b>IMPLEMENT REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES</b><br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>IMPLEMENT TRACTORS &amp; FARM MACHINERY</b><br/>Avery Co. of Texas.<br/>B. F. Avery &amp; Sons Plow Co.<br/>John Deere Plow Co.<br/>International Harvester Co. of America.<br/>The Southern Implement Supply Co.<br/>Southern Rock Island Plow Co.<br/>Southern Plow Co.</p> <p><b>JEWELERS</b><br/>*Moore-DeGrazier Co.<br/>*C. L. Norsworthy Co. (Inc.).<br/>*Shuttles Bros. &amp; Lewis.<br/>*Otto Young &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>JEWELRY NOVELTIES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Moore-DeGrazier Co.<br/>*C. L. Norsworthy Co. (Inc.).<br/>*Otto Young &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>JEWELERS &amp; WATCHMAKERS' SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Houghton-Reardon Co.</p> <p><b>KNIT GOODS</b><br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*S. G. Davis Hat Co.</p> | <p><b>LACE AND EMBROIDERIES</b><br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>LEATHER AND FINDINGS</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.<br/>*Potts-Knaur Leather Co.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.</p> <p><b>LEATHER GOODS, BAGS &amp; CASES</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.<br/>*Wilkins Trunk Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>LIGHTING FIXTURES.</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> <p><b>MERCHANDIZING COUNSEL</b><br/>R. C. Dyer &amp; Co.<br/>Johnston Ptg. &amp; Advertising Co.</p> <p><b>MILLINERY</b><br/>Baron Bros. Millinery Co.<br/>L. O. Daniel.<br/>Higginbotham Millinery Co.<br/>Milliners Supply Co.<br/>R. B. Smith Millinery Co.</p> <p><b>MANUFACTURING WHOLESALE CONFECTIONERS</b><br/>*Hughes Bros. Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>MERCANTILE AGENCIES</b><br/>R. G. Dun Co.</p> <p><b>NECKWEAR MANUFACTURERS</b><br/>*Herman Neckwear Mfg. Co.</p> | <p><b>NECKWEAR</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Herman Neckwear Mfg. Co.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.</p> <p><b>OFFICE FURNITURE</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Gregg-Simpson Co.</p> <p><b>OIL AND GASOLINE</b><br/>Magnolia Petroleum Co.<br/>Oriental Oil Co.</p> <p><b>OVERALL SHIRT AND PANTS MANUFACTURERS</b><br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co. (Paymaster Factory).<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Miller Mfg. Co.<br/>*Rose Mfg. Co.<br/>*Tel-Text Mfg. Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros. (Lone Star Factory).</p> <p><b>OVERALLS AND JUMPERS</b><br/>*Brenner &amp; Son.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Miller Mfg. Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Rose Mfg. Co.<br/>*Tel-Text Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES AND GLASS</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> <p><b>PAPER BAGS, BOXES AND WRAPPING PAPER.</b><br/>*Dallas Paper Co.<br/>*Southwestern Paper Co.<br/>*Texas Paper Co.</p> <p><b>PIPES AND SMOKERS' ARTICLES</b><br/>*Boren-Stewart Co.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Waples-Platter Grocer Co.</p> <p><b>PLAYGROUND GOODS, MFRS. OF</b><br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.</p> <p><b>PRINTERS</b><br/>R. C. Dyer &amp; Co.<br/>Dallas Press,<br/>Johnston Printing &amp; Adv. Co.</p> | <p><b>READY-TO-WEAR LADIES' MISSES', ETC.</b><br/>*Brenner &amp; Son.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Gotham Dress Co.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lorch Mfg. Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Koons-Freeman-Shayn Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.<br/>*Women's Garment Co.</p> <p><b>RUBBER FOOTWEAR</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Graham-Brown Shoe Co.<br/>United States Rubber Co., Dallas Branch, Clothing &amp; Footwear Div.</p> <p><b>SADDLERY, HARNESS &amp; SADDLERY SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.<br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.<br/>*Moroney Hardware Co.<br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>SHIRTS' MEN'S, MFRS. OF</b><br/>*Miller Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>SHIRTS AND COLLARS</b><br/>*Geo. P. Ide &amp; Co (Inc.).<br/>"Ide Shirts—Ide Collars."</p> <p><b>SPORTING GOODS</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.<br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.</p> <p><b>SHOE STORE AND SHOEMAKERS' SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.<br/>*Potts-Knaur Leather Co.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.</p> <p><b>SHOW CASE, FIXTURES AND SAFES</b><br/>*Grand Rapids Show Case Co.<br/>*Lyons-Parsons Co.</p> <p><b>STATIONERY &amp; SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Miller Mfg. Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.</p> <p><b>SODA FOUNTAINS</b><br/>*Lyons-Parsons Co.</p> <p><b>SODA FOUNTAIN SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> | <p><b>STORE FIXTURES</b><br/>*Grand Rapids Show Case Co.</p> <p><b>TALKING MACHINES</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Sanger Bros.<br/>*Texas Talking Machine Co.<br/>*Vita-Nola Distributing Co.</p> <p><b>TENTS AND OUTING GOODS, MFRS. OF</b><br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Cullum &amp; Boren Co.</p> <p><b>TRACTOR SUPPLIES</b><br/>*The Southern Implement Supply Co.</p> <p><b>TRADE JOURNAL</b><br/>The Merchant.</p> <p><b>TINNERS' SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Huey &amp; Philip Hardware Co.</p> <p><b>TRIMMED HATS</b><br/>Baron Bros. Millinery Co.<br/>L. O. Daniel.<br/>Higginbotham Millinery Co.<br/>Milliners Supply Co.<br/>R. B. Smith Millinery Co.</p> <p><b>TWINE AND CORDAGE</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> <p><b>TRUNKS, BAGS AND CASES</b><br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*Wilkins Trunk Mfg. Co.</p> <p><b>VEHICLES.</b><br/>*Padgett Bros. Co.</p> <p><b>WATCHMAKERS &amp; JEWELERS' SUPPLIES</b><br/>*Houghton-Reardon Co.</p> <p><b>WATERPROOF CLOTHING</b><br/>*B. Brenner &amp; Son.<br/>*Butler Brothers.<br/>*Higginbotham-Bailey-Logan Co.<br/>*L. H. Lewis Co.<br/>*Lone Star Mercantile Co.<br/>*Miller Mfg. Co.<br/>*Perkins Dry Goods Co.<br/>*Rose Mfg. Co.<br/>*Sanger Bros.<br/>*The Schoellkopf Co.<br/>*Tenison Bros. Saddlery Co.<br/>United States Rubber Co., Dallas Branch, Clothing &amp; Footwear Div.</p> <p><b>WOODEN AND WILLOW WARE</b><br/>*Butler Brothers.</p> |
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**Dallas Pays Your Fare**

TO ALL MERCHANTS residing within a radius of 200 miles of Dallas, whose purchases amount to \$1,000.00 or more, railroad fare both ways will be refunded.

Purchases of \$500.00, one-way fare paid.

To all merchants residing beyond a radius of 200 miles of Dallas, whose purchases amount to \$1,500.00 or more (excepting millinery goods, railroad fare both ways will be refunded.

Purchases of \$750.00, one-way fare paid.

Firms Designated by \* Share in Refunds.

# Dallas Wholesale Merchants' Association

(FORMERLY DALLAS TRADE LEAGUE)

302 NORTH TEXAS BUILDING, DALLAS

THE DALLAS MARKET GUARANTEES ITS PRICES AGAINST THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD

## CISCO BENEFITED BY OIL DISCOVERY

Near Enough to Fields to Be Reached by Auto Any Hour.

Though not strictly in the oil belt, Cisco has derived a wonderful benefit from being on the fringe of the oil pool that has in the last two years produced several new municipal satellites to West Texas. For instance, Cisco gained more than 308 per cent in population between 1910 and 1920, according to the official census returns. In 1910 Cisco had a population of 2,410 and in 1920 over 7,400. The increase since 1920 has kept turning. In 1910 Cisco had a population of less than 3,000 inhabitants. The growth has not been of the boom type, but a steady, consistent nature.

Of all the towns in or near the oil fields at their discovery Cisco was the only one which had the modern conveniences. It was a considerable town, with two railroads branching in four directions, giving direct connection with Fort Worth, Waco, Stamford, Abilene and El Paso. The town was supplied with several hotels, wholesale houses and facilities for living that the minor towns could not furnish. It was near enough to the wells that it could be reached at almost any hour of the day by automobile or railway. For that reason oil operators and oil field workers chose Cisco for their homes while engaged in the fields. Because of the ideal conditions which obtained during the early days the large companies established camps, built residences and otherwise invested heavily in Cisco until its growth was correspondingly large as those of the oil field towns themselves. Finally one of the large companies came to Cisco and established large headquarters. This was the Humble company, which has a colony near the city limits, known as Humbletown. Other large companies spent huge sums in the city. A refinery or two were attracted and built large plants, employing high-salaried employees. Wholesale houses already established increased largely their stocks and others came into the field. With the extension of the oil fields toward the north local citizens seized upon the idea of bringing the great trade of the new territory to Cisco. A railroad, which has since become known as the Cisco & Northwestern, was projected to Breckenridge, serving a wonderful territory and again upholding the business volume of Cisco. This railroad now is among the best in the west, having several trains daily to the great field around Breckenridge and others which operate through from Dallas to Breckenridge, bringing quite a transfer patronage through the city.

As a result of the new road and the oil fields, splendid new hotels have sprung up here. These hotels are modern throughout and recognized by the traveling fraternity as ideal places of stay for days. For that reason the week-end is a memorable one in Cisco, where the hotels are crowded.

Cisco has a very active Chamber of Commerce. It was thoroughly reorganized at the inception of the oil discovery, and has functioned effectively ever since. Through its activities the city has acquired a large number of new industries, which have brought additional people to the city and increased the pay roll of the inhabitants. The chamber is affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The offices of the association are located in the elegant city hall. The motto of the business men, who are members, is: "Nothing too good for Cisco."

Among the larger enterprises in store for Cisco is an immense lake, which will be probably the greatest municipal water supply in West Texas. It will impound between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 gallons. The lake will be formed in the hills to the north of the city and will have an elevation greater than the city's thereby making possible the distribution of water in the city mains and for fire protection by gravity flow. While the people are spending an enormous sum for this great project they are doing so with the knowledge that the money has been wisely spent. Cisco realized long ago that the greatest impediment to the growth of any city is the lack of water. For that reason it has taken time by the forelock.

Plans for the lake call for boating, fishing and bathing. A fine macadamized road encircling the great body of water will provide an auto highway for pleasure-seekers. The lake is only a short distance from the city. It is picturesquely situated, so that it will from its completion be one of the pleasure grounds of West Texas.

Among the forward steps the city has taken in the last two years is the paving of the main business streets with brick, the completion of many new brick buildings, including hotels, office buildings, residences and the like. Many of the steep hills in the main part of the city have been cut down, so that splendid streets now pass through the cuts. The churches have been eager to expand with the population, so that several denominations have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars on improvements and expansions. Among the instances of church betterment may be considered the Methodist church, which recently completed a structure that cost not less than \$100,000.

The various railroads which enter the union passenger station have done considerable improvement. The Texas & Pacific has extended its yardage, increased the size of the union station and added larger freight station and express offices. The Cisco & Northwestern has installed large yards and put on an entirely new passenger, freight and express service to the major producing oil fields, doing away with the necessity of hauling by wagon and truck thousands of oil rigs and derrick material, not to speak of the other great tonnage which must pass through this point to the Breckenridge fields.

Cisco has a live newspaper in the Daily News. Editor O'Flaherty is familiar with oil conditions and the needs of the people of that section. He is supplying the people with a splendid daily, which is receiving the support of all the people. The company also has a fine job printing department.

The schools of Cisco have been increased in size and in personnel until they surpass many schools in the larger cities. This was one of the drawing cards for new citizens. Cisco is also provided with the other conveniences which it takes to make an ideal city.

While, as mentioned, Cisco has never yet attained to an oil well which it could call its own exclusively, the people are sure that the town will come into possession of such a

## RAW RESOURCES IN COMMUNITY NEEDED

Abundant Fuel and Ample Rail Facilities Attract Industries.

EASTLAND, Feb. 7.—There are certain conditions that must be met by any city or community that wishes to induce outside industrial enterprises to locate within its limits. The most important of these conditions are abundant raw resources, abundant fuel at reasonable cost, ample transportation facilities and good living conditions for employees.

The city of Eastland meets these conditions in full measure, which is attested by the fact that already industrial enterprises have seen fit to spend millions of dollars in the immediate territory of the city, and other enterprises are making moves toward locating in this immediate territory in the near future.

One of the great sources of wealth that offers rich opportunity for development in the immediate territory of Eastland city is the abundant supply of texture clay, suitable for the manufacture of high-grade brick. With the presence here of an unlimited supply of gas suitable for use as fuel, brought about by the development of the oil industry, no doubt the near future will see brick manufacturing plants located in this immediate section with sufficient capacity to furnish brick not only for local needs, but for the entire state as well. Samples have been made of the clay and shale deposits near the city. These samples show that brick made from Eastland material are equal in every respect to the best brick used in Texas. Experts, who have examined the clay and shale of this field and have seen the sample bricks made, report that this material is suitable for brick of all kinds, tile and sewer pipe.

A supply of high-grade glass sand has been located within a very short distance from the city, and is now being investigated by a glass manufacturing concern with a view to building a plant here to make use of this resource.

Big producing gas wells almost surround the city and the gas is being offered to industrial concerns at a

price below that offered by any other gas producing section in the state. In the matter of transportation facilities, Eastland can boast of having made great strides. The Ringling, Eastland & Gulf railroad extends to Mangum on the south, where it connects with the M. K. & T., furnishing a very important connection with some of the biggest towns south of here. The road has already reached Wayland in Stephens county in its extension to the north and when it has extended through Stephens, Young, Archer and Wichita counties into the state of Oklahoma and made an important connection with one of the big lines in that state, no city in this section of Texas will be able to boast of as excellent transportation facilities as Eastland will have. An announcement will be made soon regarding the further extension of the Ringling road, which will mean a great deal to this section of the oil fields in the way of transportation. With the Texas & Pacific running east and west and the Ringling road connecting us with the north and south, Eastland affords ample transportation facilities and outlet to markets for industrial enterprises.

Here is found a city of fine homes and cottages, beautiful yards and lawns, miles of sidewalks and more being laid, many blocks of streets already under pavement and a contract calling for the paving of all the principal streets, abundant electric power, a sewerage system second to none in the South, and sufficient water supply for a city four times its size. The city is surrounded by rich farming, gardening and dairy territory, which furnishes garden and farm products, milk and fresh butter for the table. Two dairy farms are already in operation and others will engage in this industry as the population increases. The city boasts of as fine a school system as any city in West Texas. A big high school building and two new ward schools all furnished with the latest equipment and material for teaching all branches put Eastland in the highest ranks educationally. The high school has unconditional affiliation with the state university and other universities and colleges of the state.

The Alamo Refinery is in operation just east of the city, a very large casinghead gasoline plant, built by the Arkansas Natural Gas company is now complete and in operation and other important enterprises are looking to this city with a view to locating here this year, among which are a smelter plant and cement plant. These two propositions are being looked after by the Chamber of Commerce, who have assurance that something definite will result right away.

"Where's Scribner?"

"He went to the mountain districts to get some local color for his next novel."

"Did he find what he was looking for?"

"I should say so! He was mistaken for a federal enforcement officer and in forty-eight hours he absorbed enough local color to last him a lifetime."

"What are you cutting out of the paper?"

"About a man getting a divorce because his wife went through his pockets."

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Put it in my pocket."

"Where is your husband tonight, honey?"

"He said he had to sit up all night with Jack."

"Did he say Jack who?"

"No, dearie."

"Then it must have been Jack Pot."

# Greetings—

## West Texas Chamber of Commerce Delegates

You will of course visit the liveliest town in the oil section—EASTLAND—and

# Campbell & Fagg

EASTLAND'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

## Pioneer Bankers

Since 1890 our doors have been open to the public and we have contributed our portion to the growth and development of West Texas as a whole and Eastland County in particular.

We have increased our facilities as the occasions have demanded and now have one of the most modern banks, occupying one of the newest and most up-to-date banking buildings in West Texas.

Let Us Serve Your Banking Needs

## The Security State Bank and Trust Company

Eastland, Texas

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IN EASTLAND  
IT'S THE—

**STANLEY**  
"THE MAIN HOTEL IN THE  
MAIN TOWN OF EASTLAND COUNTY"

Hot and Cold Water  
Rooms With Bath  
Bell Boy Service

MRS. D. W. WITZER, Manager

Make "The Stanley" Your Headquarters  
While in Eastland

Rates Reasonable

AMERICAN PLAN

EXCELLENT SERVICE

**HOTEL WRIGHT**

H. N. COOK, Manager

**Sweetwater, Texas**

Rooms With Private Bath

BUS SERVICE TO AND FROM  
ALL TRAINS

HOT AND COLD WATER

FIREPROOF

# EASTLAND

Extends Hearty Congratulations to

# RANGER

And Cordial Greetings to Its Guests

IF YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT  
EQUAL TO YOUR HOSPITALITY,  
SEND THE OVERFLOW TO US;  
WE WILL GLADLY WEL-  
COME AND TAKE  
CARE OF  
THEM.

S.—We want the world to know that we have Natural Gas, Oil, an Abundance of Water and Every Facility for Manufacturing Purposes

# Where Highways and Railways Meet—

# SWEETWATER

THAT'S WHERE THE 1922 CONVENTION OF THE WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHOULD BE HELD

"OUR HAT'S IN THE RING!"

## SWEETWATER IS THE WEST TEXAS RAILWATER CENTER—

It has three trunk lines: Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, Texas & Pacific and Santa Fe lines. Direct railway lines to Fort Worth, Dallas, Ranger, Abilene, El Paso, New Orleans, Houston, Galveston, Amarillo, Kansas City, San Francisco, Mexico, San Angelo, Wichita and hundreds of other points.

## SWEETWATER IS THE FUTURE JOB- BING CENTER OF WEST TEXAS—

It has three wholesale groceries, wholesale lumber yards, windmill and implement distributing houses, large mail order house branches and numerous other concerns. Sweetwater is the logical location for all jobbing interests desiring close and economical touch with this great empire of West Texas.

## SWEETWATER IS THE FUTURE MANU- FACTURING CENTER OF WEST TEXAS

It has mammoth electric power station, with wires girding a great territory; the largest water supply at present in West Texas, with gravity flow from four billion gallon reservoir; large flour mills, oil refinery, cotton compress, oil mills and gins; broom factories, creameries, tractor and truck manufacturing plant; \$1,000,000 gypsum products plant soon to be erected; planing mills, windmill concerns, and scores of minor manufacturing plants.

## SWEETWATER IS A CHURCH AND SCHOOL TOWN PAR EXCELLENT—

It has a public school system far-famed, well patronized and properly financed. Its people are church attendants. Church edifices are modern and commodious.

## SWEETWATER CITIZENSHIP IS OF THE HIGHEST TYPE—

Its people are 100 per cent American, progressive, country and town loyal—just the sort you would want in your home town.

## SWEETWATER BIDS FOR NEW CITI- ZENS, NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND MANU- FACTORIES AND THE NEXT CONVENTION.

It offers the progressive American an ideal location for business enterprises and a good place to live. It wants the 1922 convention because it wants to show what opportunities are open for virile business men.

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## Sweetwater Board of City Development

GEORGE H. SHEPPARD, Secretary

## SWEETWATER NOW IS RAILROAD CENTER

United States Gypsum Co. to Establish Large Plant in That City.

Three trunk line railways make up the complement of transport facilities of Sweetwater, the recognized rail center of West Texas. The modern city cannot expect to expand and develop without transportation. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, the Texas & Pacific, and Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railways cross at Sweetwater, giving a location for manufacturing, industries, hotels, wholesale houses and the like that cannot be duplicated in any other new and growing country.

Sweetwater dates her activity from the time the three railroads reached there. First, the Texas & Pacific came with its pioneering hand, followed many years later by the Orient with northern terminus at Wichita, Kan., and southern terminus at Topolobampo, on the Mexican Pacific coast. In 1910 the great Santa Fe system built through the city with a transcontinental line welding together the great Gulf seaport of Galveston and the Pacific port of San Francisco. From an agricultural standpoint Sweetwater was surrounded by fairly good lands, but it was not here that strength for a growing city could be looked for. It was transportation facilities. Since these have been acquired Sweetwater has had a phenomenal growth, which is continuing more rapidly with each successive year. The recent heavy advances in freight rates throughout the nation signify that as a jobbing center Sweetwater will become even greater than at present. It is said at Sweetwater with a great deal of pride that there are few West Texas towns that cannot be reached direct from Sweetwater on a "one-line" haul, which means minimum freight rates.

**DISTRIBUTING CENTER.** This great advantage has brought Sweetwater three wholesale groceries, wholesale windmill distributing houses, implement concerns and the like. One of the largest mail order houses in the country has established a branch here for the distribution of its products. A large truck and tractor assembling plant has recently been installed. In a few months its output will be found throughout the state. Though 107 miles from the Ranger oil fields Sweetwater has one of the largest oil refineries to be found in West Texas, which distributes gasoline, kerosene and other refinery products throughout the state and even in the North. So great has the demands upon this plant become that it has become necessary to add another unit to the concern. The United States Gypsum company will start in the next few months on a \$1,000,000 gypsum products plant to fabricate wallboard, cement, plaster and kindred products. The company has already purchased a large acreage of gypsum, which is found here in inexhaustible quantities at a shallow depth. This company will also shortly begin the erection of a large paper mill and two or three other subsidiaries. The factory was attracted here by reason of the immense wealth of gypsum, the unusually favorable transportation facilities and the great amount of water necessary for such a plant here in abundance.

Sweetwater at present has the largest

est water supply of all West Texas towns. Sweetwater creek in the mountains southwest of the city was dammed a few years ago, impounding around 4,000,000 gallons. The stored water sits many hundreds of feet above the tallest building in the city, so that gravity flow water with a tremendous pressure is always available. This supply comes from flood waters supplemented by perennial springs. The water is of the best quality.

Sweetwater has paved streets, sewer system, waterworks, one of the largest electric and power plants to be found in the West, a superior system of public schools and a splendid agricultural territory surrounding it. The city has the commission form of government with the Chamber of Commerce as a department of the municipality, known as the board of city development. This department is supported by a portion of the taxes, so that every property owner is a contributor to the advancement of the city. George H. Sheppard holds the dual position of mayor and secretary of the board of city development. He is a man of action and few words. When he works for Sweetwater he does not make a big noise. He has a way of putting things over in a way that has made him recognized as chief among commercial secretaries of West Texas.

**NEW INDUSTRIES.** During the past year Sweetwater has made giant strides in the acquisition of new industries, including a large flouring mill, truck and tractor plant, oil refineries, gypsum plants, wholesale houses and the like. Likewise there has been an unprecedented residence growth indicative of the town as a favorable home city. Several large companies of the North are now contemplating establishing West Texas headquarters in Sweetwater.

Sweetwater has hopes of yet becoming the center of a large oil field. Many tests have been drilled, and most of them have developed both oil and gas, but not yet in commercial quantities. With the late depression there was suspension among some of the tests which have not yet been put down to a sufficient depth to determine whether or not the reports of the geologists who investigated this field are correct.

Sweetwater will be an active contestant for the 1922 convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. At a recent session of the board of directors, at which were also gathered a large number of business men and citizens, the town officially announced its purpose in that connection. Sweetwater is coming to Ranger strong for the occasion. It is one of the principal unit members of the organization. Because of its central location within the territorial jurisdiction of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, its magnificent system of railroads reaching practically every important county in that section, Sweetwater is expecting to receive the support of the majority of the towns which will vote on the question, according to Mayor George H. Sheppard.

Though the early part of 1921 in West Texas is not a startling one from the standpoint of new building construction Sweetwater is nevertheless "looking up" and sensing the future. A number of new residences and business houses are now being erected, all of a substantial character. One of the finest courthouses to be found in the West is located here. The Western Union Telegraph company recently designated the town as the relay point for all its transcontinental wires running along the Texas & Pacific railroad. The company employs here about thirty-five telegraphers, besides a large number of clerks and equipment men. The

## BROWNWOOD HOME TOWN OF THE WEST

Two of the Leading Colleges of State Situated in Thriving City.

Brownwood is truly a "home" town. Over 75 per cent of its people own their homes—a condition which makes for contentment, satisfaction and civic progress. The personnel of Brownwood during the halcyon days of the oil boom, also felt there, was unchanged. The new comers have remained and insuring the local spirit of home ownership have gladly acquired homes and thereby maintained the 75 per cent record. Brownwood's people believe in homes, schools and churches. Brownwood now has a population of over 13,000. Agriculture, railroads, colleges and genial climate and superb health conditions—these have brought Brownwood to the fore with promise to keep it a coming. To the north of the city oil in paying quantities has been discovered, making the outlook for great production roseate. To the southwest are gas wells to provide the city with fuel for domestic and industrial use. The capacity is around 60,000,000 feet a day and other wells will shortly be drilled. It is reported the gas rate is 50 cents a thousand feet. Before gas was used here a local industry spent \$3,600 per annum for fuel. Since it began the use of natural gas its fuel bill runs around \$2,200 a year, which not only effects quite a saving but eliminates dirt, grime, labor and other concomitants.

**Stimulate Building.** Realizing the need of more residences to care for the influx of new people a housing corporation with capitalization of \$100,000 will seek to stimulate building of wooden and brick bungalows. A superior brick is made here. The new Presbyterian church now being erected at a cost of \$100,000 is of Brownwood brick. It is one of the most elegant and attractive edifices in West Texas. At the present time more than a million dollars is being spent on new residences, factories and college plants.

The streets have been improved to an extent that gives it credit over most of the other cities of the state its size. The business streets are paved and many of the residence streets are hard surfaced. The spirit of civic at-

tractiveness has overruled the paper littered gutter and vacant lot, so that Brownwood now gives the appearance of an immaculate city, bidding and welcoming new residents. The tax rate is lower than in many other West Texas towns, although Brownwood has many outstanding bonds for which she has to show creditable streets, public buildings and utilities.

The city is served by four banks with resources of over six million dollars. It is also the headquarters of one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in Texas, having branch houses at Galveston and Ranger. This is also an immense pecan shipping point. Some of the trees in the city limits have produced as much as 2,000 pounds each. From one ranch alone in Brown county in 1919 over \$4,000 pounds were gathered. The industry is expected to become a highly important one. The value of poultry products in Brown county is estimated at about \$150,000, but should be \$5,000,000, as this is a favored poultry raising section.

**Livestock Market.** Since the war Brownwood has become the greatest horse and mule market west of Fort Worth. Blooded sires are maintained for the improvement of stock. During the war numerous buyers came to Brownwood to get mules for their governments' armies. The Holstein cow is rapidly building up the dairying industry. Established routes for creameries bring in great quantities of cream and butter fats weekly for the local creameries and for shipment to other towns. In the northern part of the county the soil is ideal for fruit growing, though there has been little done in that line up to this time. Brownwood can afford a market for all home grown fruit.

The city is the Athens of West Texas. It has two large denominational colleges, Daniel Baker, Presbyterian, is building a great plant. Howard Payne, with many buildings and new ones in course of erection, is about to become one of the largest of its kind in the state. The local public school is par excellence. A junior high school to cost \$100,000 will be built during the year. The high and ward school buildings are of brick and sufficiently large to care for the scholastic enrollment for some time. As a church town Brownwood ranks high. The edifices are mostly of stone or brick, commodious and with progressive pastors.

Brownwood is located on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, the Frisco and the Brownwood, North & South Texas lines. The Santa Fe, which maintains large shops, divisions and terminals here, reaches on the south direct Galveston and Houston on the west San Angelo and Brownwood, and on the north, Coleman, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Plainview, Amarillo, Kansas City and San Francisco. These lines make Brownwood an especially logical place for the installation of wholesale and jobbing houses.

The city has an altitude of 1,492 feet. It has city manager form of government. It is said that 97 per cent of the population is white. The town covers five square miles. Brownwood is the terminus of the Oil Belt highway and located on Highway No. 10; the Colorado to Florida highway and the Lone Star trail. It has a never failing supply of water averaging 99.6 per cent pure. The town also is the possessor of a well arranged Carnegie library. It has a motorized fire department, and owns a very commodious brick city hall.

**City's Assets.** The city owns a modern garbage incinerator. The value of the municipal property, including waterworks is \$627,000. Former Ranger Captain Monroe Fox is chief of police. He is one of the best known and most fearless peace officers in the state.

pay roll is large. The Santa Fe railroad has its division point here, as well as considerable shops and large roundhouse. The Texas & Pacific railroad at present is spending many thousands of dollars improving its yards and making preparations for the installation of a division point here, it has been intimated.

**ONE-LINE SHIPMENTS.** It has been said that wholesale and jobbing houses in Sweetwater can compete more successfully for the wholesale business of West Texas than any other city for the reason that the roads which radiate from it reach all of the more important points, eliminating the necessity for shipment over two or more lines and the "two-line" freight rates.

Sweetwater is a member of the West Texas Baseball league. The team this season will start out with a talented personnel. A new baseball diamond and park close in are soon to become a reality. The town contains more than its quota of fans.

# Daniel Baker College

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

**Standing.** Daniel Baker College is a "Standard" College with the rank of A plus in the Texas Association of Colleges. Member of the Association of American Colleges and the Presbyterian Educational Association. Member of the Texas Inter Collegiate Athletic Association. Member of the Texas Inter Collegiate Oratorical Association.

**Special Advantages.** Four terms: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. All of these are equal in length and value. The Departments of Music, Art, Oratory and Home Economics have at their heads men and women of unusual ability and training. Complete courses can be had in Piano, Voice, Violin, all Orchestral Instruments, Art, Oratory and Home Economics.

**Courses of Study.** Seven distinct groups of studies leading to A. B. degree are offered. All of these are Standard, Four Year, College Courses. Fifteen High School credits are required for entrance to the Freshman Class and twenty college credits are necessary for graduation.

**Expenses.** All College Expenses are as moderate as circumstances will permit. Extravagant habits are discouraged. Room Rent in the Dormitory \$20 per term. Board, \$70 per term. Tuition, \$30 per term. Many opportunities for self help.

**Ideals.** We make no apology for the fact that this is a Christian Institution, under the control of the Presbyterian Church. All students required to attend the Church and Sunday School of their denominational choice. The Bible is a required text book. The Christian Ideal of life is constantly kept before the student body. The training of young men and women to be full sized, Christian, men and women, is our greatest ambition.

**Small Classes.** Intimate and personal acquaintance of teacher and pupil is necessary for the best results in education. Small classes permit this acquaintance and special supervision. Twenty-five is the maximum class for recitation and fifteen for laboratory.

For further information as to course of study, entrance requirements, expenses, etc., address

F. W. THOMPSON, President

## Daniel Baker College

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

# WELCOME TO BROWNWOOD 1922

### MR. DELEGATE

The Brownwood Chamber of Commerce extends to you a very cordial invitation to visit our city at any and all times and take this opportunity to solicit your vote and support in helping name Brownwood the next meeting place of the convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. We know that if Brownwood is given this honor that the delegates who attend the convention will enjoy the reception that we will give them. We place before you a few facts about our city and wish to thank you in advance for your loyal support.

### LOCATION

Brownwood is located in the geographical center of Texas, 160 miles north of San Antonio, 150 miles south of Dallas, 123 miles southwest of Fort Worth, about 300 miles northwest of Galveston, about 400 miles east of El Paso.

### SOIL AND RAINFALL

Brown county has a great variety of rich soils, including rich sand, sandy loam, black or mesquite land, brown soil and an alluvial soil along the valleys. The rainfall in Brown county for the past twenty years has averaged 27½ inches annually. Last year, 1920, the rainfall was 39 inches. These rains are usually well distributed throughout the year.

### POPULATION

The population of Brownwood is slightly more than 11,000, 97 per cent white.

### HORSE AND MULE MARKET

Brownwood is the best horse and mule market in Texas southwest of Fort Worth. The Brownwood Horse & Mule company is an incorporated concern capitalized at \$10,000. They own and maintain large barns and elaborate equipment for housing and penning stock, and for the past two years have not missed a regular monthly sale, and frequently have held two sales a month.

Not less than 15,000 head of horses and mules have been sold on this market during the past two years.

### OIL AND REFINERIES

Brownwood is known throughout the country as a shallow oil field and is now on the verge of a real oil boom, as several deep tests are being made throughout the county. Several good showings have come in and oil operators from all over the state are turning their eyes on Brown county. There are three refineries located in Brownwood and plans are now being made for some constructive work on pipe lines to various oil points.

### PECANS

Brownwood has long held the honor of being the greatest pecan shipping point in the world. Stately pecan trees grace the valleys of the Brownwood country and a single tree often produces more than \$100 worth of pecans in a single year. Pecan river or bayou, upon whose banks Brownwood is located, derived its name from the great number of pecan trees which line its banks.

### WATER, ALTITUDE, HEALTH

Brownwood has an inexhaustible water supply furnished by a series of dams across the Pecan river. The chemical analysis of this water taken from the mains shows 99.9 pure. This is rendered possible by a modern filtering plant recently installed by the municipal government. Brownwood owns her waterworks system and has the lowest rate, with one exception, of any city in the state.

Brownwood's altitude is 1,492 feet above sea level. The air is pure and bracing and the location and altitude soften the extremes in temperatures.

Brownwood is an extremely healthy place and many persons from other sections find the climate here very beneficial to them.

### CLASS OF CITIZENSHIP

The citizenship of Brownwood and Brown County is above the average, due primarily to the influence of a splendid system of city public schools, an unequalled system of rural schools and to two Christian colleges located in Brownwood.

### SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND CHURCHES

Churches of every denomination have splendid buildings and active organizations in Brownwood. Howard Payne, the Baptist College, and Daniel Baker, the Presbyterian College, offer adequate facilities for higher literary training. The Brownwood public schools have a state-wide reputation for being modern, efficient and thorough. The rural schools of Brown county have taken the lead in matters of rural education and the Brown county system is being widely copied throughout the state.

### RAILROADS

Brownwood is at the intersection of two great trunk railroads, the Frisco and the Santa Fe systems. Another railroad, the Brownwood North and South, extending to May, twenty miles north, has its terminus in Brownwood. The Santa Fe line through Brownwood is the Great Trans-Continental System from San Francisco to Galveston.

# Brownwood Chamber of Commerce

ERNEST G. ALBRIGHT, Secretary

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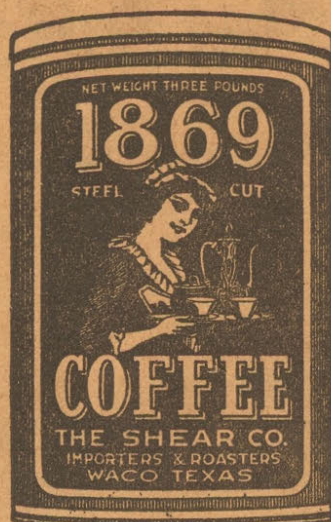
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## OIL BELT POWER PLANT GROWING

Investment at Close of This Year Will Be Near \$8,000,000.

When the Oil Belt Power company finishes its building program at the end of the present year it will have invested between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000, according to William G. Clegg, manager of the local branch of the company. More than a million dollars will be spent during the year for extension of the "highlines" in the Ranger and Stephens county oil fields, he said. An additional large sum will be invested in the extension of the power plant itself, situated nine miles southwest of the city.

The Oil Belt Power company now has lines radiating from its central power station on the Leon river to Ranger, Eastland, De Leon, Gorman and Breckenridge, with intermediate towns having connections. The company is also furnishing juice to the Texas Power company for such important points as Brownwood, Dublin, and Stephenville. High power lines are being installed at present for the Humble and Pierce oil companies in the neighborhood of Breckenridge for pumping purposes. More than 100 oil mills in the Ranger and Stephens county fields are now being pumped by means of "juice" furnished by this immense plant. An additional 100 wells will be pumped from power obtained from this concern, according to Mr. Clegg. More than 100 miles of highlines are utilized to convey electrical power from the plant. The line into Ranger and Eastland carries 12,000 volts, that into Breckenridge 60,000 volts and that into De Leon 24,000 volts.

### VAST PLANT.

The vast plant was put into operation during November, last year. A dam across the Leon river which cost \$500,000 impounds a body of water covering 500 acres with a mean depth of ten feet. During the height of construction of this plant not less than 500 men were employed. The normal force employed here is about twenty men. The capacity of the plant will be increased 300 per cent during the year, according to Mr. Clegg.

During its boom days, Ranger was furnished current from an 85 h. p. plant located in the south part of the business district. The lights were weak and the power was insufficient to take care of the growing demands. The latter plant was discontinued when the Oil Belt Power company began to furnish Ranger with juice.

The service rendered in Ranger today is the best in the West. While the system has not been completed, it has reached such a stage in its construction that it can take care of the needs of all oil field towns. The company maintains an office on Main street in Ranger. William G. Clegg is manager.

### LINK UP TIMES.

With the completion of the highline which is being built by the American Public Service corporation from its big \$1,000,000 power plant now being completed in Abilene, to Cisco, all the high power lines of this company, the Texas Power company and the Oil Belt Power company will be connected, furnishing a service co-extensive with the environs of Central West Texas. By means of this inter-

connection all towns served by these three companies will have an equalization of current at all hours of the day and night, with the three power plants generating the juice. The Texas Power company's central station at Sweetwater generates power for Sweetwater, Roscoe, Lorraine and Colorado. The American Public Service plant at Abilene furnishes electricity for the towns of Abilene, Merkel, Baird, Cisco, Clyde, Hawley, Anson, Hamlin and Stamford.

Aside from the great convenience of having electric lights and power in all the oil field towns, the great oil fields in their dwindling mood may be resuscitated so as to produce largely, bringing up production to something akin to the heavy flow of two or three years ago. The economy of electric power is being considered by all the oil companies with wells in the fields touched by the high lines and many new ones are going on the pump from week to week.

Mr. Clegg declared that his company was contemplating a large number of lateral lines from the "highlines" to reach these various wells in Stephens county field.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE.

The erection of central power stations in West Texas has brought about an economy to all the towns that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The time has come when the average small town is no longer able to maintain a community plant because of the high cost of material and labor. Even the larger towns of the state are now unable to maintain a plant without a loss. Most of the towns of West Texas which owned their own plants realized a deficit in plant operation during the last three or four years, according to officials of the American Public Service corporation. But by means of centralized plants which reach a large number of towns electricity can be produced economically and distributed throughout the country at the minimum of cost. The big saving which the American Public Service corporation is effecting in fuel alone by burning natural gas at its Abilene station—a thing true also of the Oil Belt Power company—is distributed in cheaper power to the many consumers which these companies are securing in Central West Texas. The centralization of electric plants means that the towns which grow to more than usual dimensions can operate electric street railways more economically than can be done where the street railway company itself attempts to generate power. Such has been the experience at Abilene. The street railway system which went defunct several years ago will soon be operated again from power from the big central plant. The street railway was recently taken over by the American Public Service corporation.

The erection of an immense electric plant in the Ranger section is one of the best indications that large capital is not only interested but has faith in Ranger.

### Law to Protect Cats.

CHICAGO.—"Spare the cats to kill the rats," is the slogan now in Maywood model village of Illinois, which has just suffered an invasion in hordes, following the burning of the community garbage dump. The first result of the campaign will be an anti-bootjack ordinance which will make it unlawful to throw bootjacks or other missiles at cats in the village limits.

### MANCHESTER, Eng.—A bullet,

a souvenir of Lens, had been extracted from behind the heart of a Manchester ex-soldier after four years. "He knew the operation was a very dangerous one," said the doctor, "but volunteered to do it, as he was liable to drop dead any time."

## COTTON PALACE IS WACO DRAWING CARD

W. V. Crawford and Assistants Give City Publicity All Over the Country.

Every wideawake citizen of Texas probable is more or less familiar with the phenomenal success attained last year by the director of the Waco Cotton Palace. Newspapers, not only in this state, but in practically every state in the union carried stories concerning the event. How was it done? This was the question lingering in the minds of the thoughtful, and much could be written on the "inside story," which would furnish the answer to this natural query.

Broadly, the answer was W. V. Crawford, president of the Texas Cotton Palace exposition, and his coterie of untiring workers. It was through their efforts that two of the largest press syndicates in the United States, namely, Underwood & Underwood and the Central Press association, sent to their patrons the pictures of the royal party of the queen's ball. These patrons included every paper of any importance in the union. The pictures were actually used in 375 daily papers, and on the front pages of 200 of them! This response was largely owing to the fact that fifteen states were represented by princesses and their daughters and duchesses and maids. Mr. Crawford stated that foreign countries would be represented next year, thus making the exposition an international event.

Altogether, 500,000 people attended the exposition, and of this number 65,000 witnessed the seven performances of the San Carlos Opera company. "Madam Butterfly" played to 11,300 patrons, a record grand opera audience in America.

Plans for making next year's exposition an even greater success are beginning to formulate in the minds of the active-brained citizenship.

### Daniel Baker Ranks Among Best Colleges

Among the colleges of West Texas of national prominence is Daniel Baker of Brownwood. French W. Thompson, its president, is very enthusiastic over the outlook for this institution. Daniel Baker college was founded in 1889 by Dr. B. T. McClelland of Ohio, and was named after Dr. Daniel Baker, pioneer Presbyterian minister of Ohio and Texas.

The physical plant consists of a dormitory, an administration building and a science hall. Plans have been accepted for additional structures to take care of the growing demand. New buildings in time for the fall term will include an additional dormitory for young men, a college auditorium and a home for the fine arts department. The dormitory will cost \$50,000, the auditorium \$75,000 and the fine arts building \$50,000.

The college campus contains eight acres and the athletic field is thoroughly equipped. The college occupies the highest point in Brownwood at an altitude of nearly 1500 feet.

STANDARD COLLEGE. Daniel Baker college is one of the standard colleges of the state. Like

## FREE PHILIPPINES BUT RETAIN NAVY BASE, HIS PLAN



Rep. Edward J. King.

Representative King of Illinois has introduced a bill providing for the freedom of the Philippines with the qualifications that the U. S. retain desired military and naval bases about the islands.

other institutions of its kind the student body comes principally from a territory within a radius of 150 miles of the college. The rating of the college is A-plus. The trustees have specialized on capable teachers, sacrificing everything else to that end. The college is a member of the Association of American Colleges.

A campaign just closed provides Daniel Baker college finances for betterments and improvements. It was the most successful ever held. Four other Presbyterian colleges benefit. S. R. Coggin recently bequeathed to the college over 7,000 acres of agricultural and oil lands lying fourteen miles southwest of Brownwood. This is valued at \$350,000. The institution is now enjoying interest on this property, but would not be loath to sell it for funds to develop the institution to meet the heavy demands made upon it. It has an endowment of \$250,000.

Wants Chummy Doctors. CHICAGO.—It is a mistake for physicians not to "talk shop" with their patients, according to Dr. Henry A. Christian of Cambridge, Mass., in an address here. He advised physicians to be more chummy with their patients and not so aloof.

Canadian Apple Crop. HALIFAX, N. S.—The agent general for Nova Scotia is advised that, although the apple crop for this season will not be so large as the record of last year, nearly 2,000,000 barrels, the yield will be heavy, while the fruit is reported to be exceptionally clean.

Work will start immediately on the erection of a \$200,000 machine shop for the Hamon railroad in Ranger.

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OUR COMMERCIAL COLD STORAGE FACILITIES are unexcelled in Texas. With a total capacity of 200,000 cubic feet, situated on the main line of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, we offer excellent service.

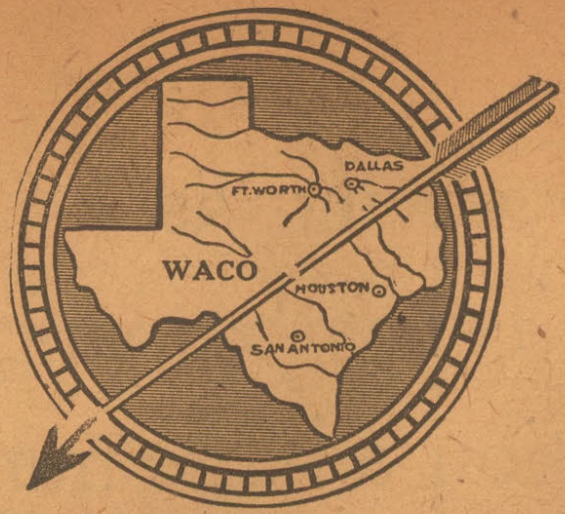
WE STORE ANY CLASS OF COMMODITY REQUIRING REFRIGERATION  
COMMUNICATE WITH US FOR RATES ON BOTH

Ice and Cold Storage

# Geyser Ice Company

J. ALBERT GREENE, Mgr.

WACO, TEXAS



The Trade Mark of  
Good Banking Service

## Central National Bank

WACO, TEXAS

We solicit the patronage of West Texas cities and when in Waco make our bank your headquarters. You will find efficient and complete service in every detail.

Our Capital and Surplus is.....\$600,000

**OFFICERS**

W. H. M'COLLOUGH, President  
ROBERT B. DUPREE, Active Vice President  
A. J. PETERSON, Cashier  
CHAS. F. EUBANK, Assistant Cashier  
J. T. WILLIS, Assistant Cashier

## Amicable Life Insurance Company

WACO, TEXAS

### ANNUAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1920

**ASSETS**

Mortgage Loans .....	\$1,130,485.79
Real Estate (Home office building) .....	934,619.05
Liberty Bonds (par value \$769,600.00) .....	720,366.54
Cash in Banks at interest .....	519,430.01
Policy Loans and Premium Notes within Reserve .....	493,139.91
Accrued Interest .....	62,948.13
Net Uncollected and Deferred Premiums Within Reserve .....	38,242.70
<b>Total Admitted Assets .....</b>	<b>\$3,899,232.13</b>

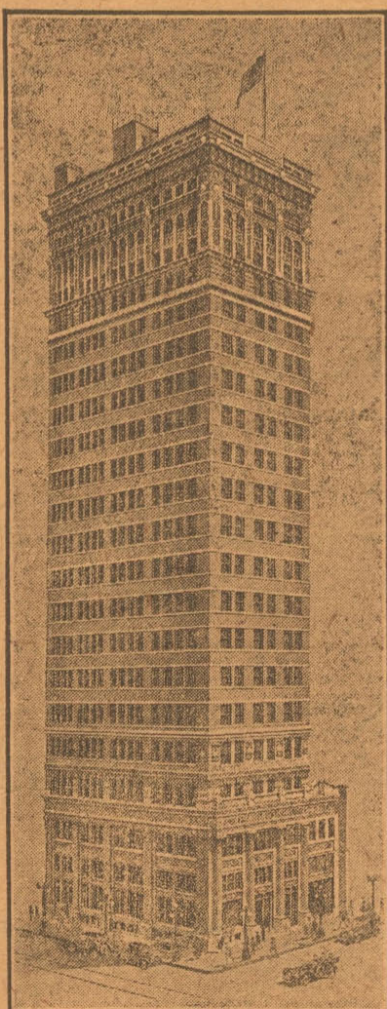
**LIABILITIES**

Policyholders Reserve .....	\$2,271,556.45
Unearned Interest and Rents Paid in Advance .....	30,816.19
Taxes .....	20,298.24
All Other Liabilities .....	4,411.24
Capital Stock .....	\$820,000.00
Surplus .....	752,150.01

Total Surplus for Protection Policyholders .....	1,572,150.01
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$3,899,232.13</b>

**EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT**

Insurance in Force .....	\$18,182,309.00
New Insurance Issued During 1920 .....	3,402,905.00
Gain in Insurance in Force .....	2,622,972.00
Gain over 1919 140.9%	
Gain 16.8%	
Total Admitted Assets .....	3,899,232.13
Gain 10.1%	
Total Premium Income .....	594,334.97
Gain over 1919 17.5%	
Total Income .....	860,768.90
Gain over 1919 17.5%	
Total Payment to Policyholders Since Organization .....	1,194,303.00
Surplus for Protection of Policyholders in Addition to Legal Reserve .....	1,572,150.00



One Million Dollars deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Texas for the protection of policyholders, which is the largest similar deposit ever made in Texas.

ATTRACTIVE AGENCY CONNECTIONS FOR THE RIGHT MEN

Address: Amicable Life Insurance Co., Waco, Tex.

# GREETINGS

## To Our West Texas Patrons

From

## The House in the Center of Texas

Every day we feel that we are drawing closer to you and we seek to continue the efficient and complete service that has been our aim from the start. We want you to know and feel that we are ready and in a position to serve you.

We know and appreciate the struggles and hardships that the citizens of West Texas have had in the past and we know the resourcefulness, patience and perseverance that has always characterized you.

It is, therefore, that we take this opportunity to extend to you our appreciation for the business you have given us in the past and when in Waco we want you to make our offices your headquarters.

Let us continue to be of service to you and know you better.

## Waco Drug Company

Importers and Wholesale Druggists

J. M. Peland, President

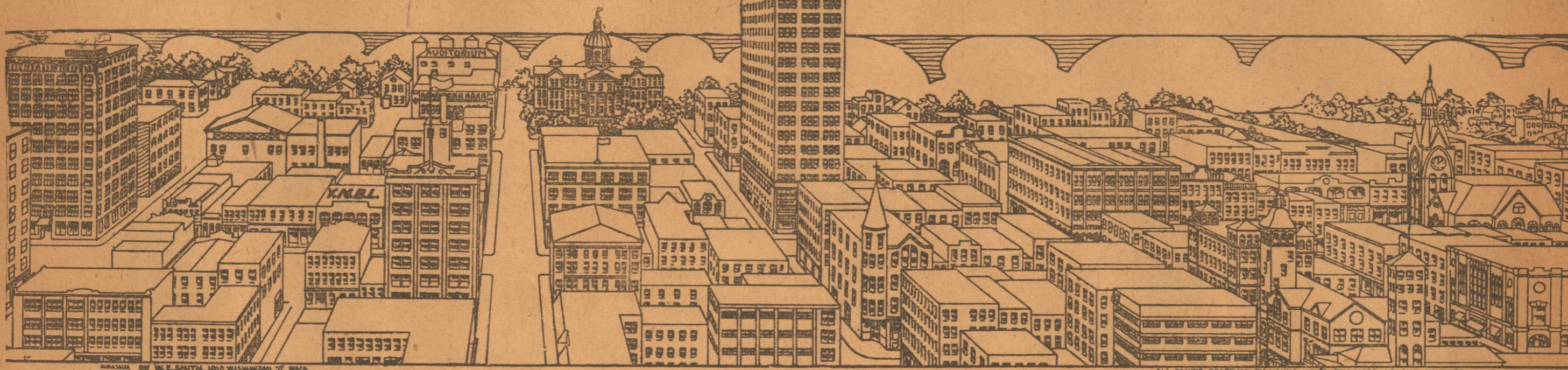
C. S. Appell, Vice President

M. A. Sullivan, Vice Pres.

R. McDaniel, Sec'y.-Treas.

# WACO

# GREETES WEST TEXAS



## SOME FACTS ABOUT WACO

### The City To Live In and the City To Make Money In

The history of Waco is, in many respects, not unlike that of West Texas. For many years it did not push forward and come into its own as its location and natural advantages entitled it to do. But, like West Texas, in recent years the city of Waco has been growing at a steady pace. The citizenship, imbued with the same spirit and confidence that has so long been manifest in those residing in the western part of the great State of Texas, has overcome all obstacles, and today Waco is growing as never before. Waco is in deed and in fact a city of homes, beautiful parks and driveways. Many of the new citizens locating in Waco in recent years have been attracted by the home-like surroundings, the unexcelled school system, as well as church environments.

Located in the heart of the agricultural district of the state, Waco is naturally supported, to a large extent, by the agricultural interests. By reason of its location in recent months many factories have been built in Waco, among them a cotton mill and a twine mill.

The importance of Waco's location can best be realized when it is remembered that 47 per cent of the total population of Texas

resides within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles. Also eleven trunk line railway outlets in every direction, an hourly interurban service to all North Texas points.

Waco has 139 miles of paved and graveled streets; a municipally owned and operated artesian water supply system, furnishing 3,500,000 gallons of water per day, maximum capacity 10,000,000 gallons every 24 hours; 20 miles of street electric railway 43 churches representing all denominations; 18 public school buildings; several private schools and colleges; the home of Baylor University.

A total of 240 miles of improved highways extend ten to twenty miles in each direction from Waco, with more than 100 steel and concrete bridges. McLennan county is noted for its many excellent highways, and efforts are now being made to improve and expand the good roads system.

Waco's citizenship is live and progressive. The Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business League, as well as every resident of the city, extend a cordial greeting to those seeking residence and business opportunity.

## Waco Is the Home of the Texas Cotton Palace

Which has become known far and wide as the "Most Unique Exposition in the South." Half million people are entertained annually at the Cotton Palace with the finest programs that money can buy, together with agricultural and livestock exhibits second to none. Six huge exhibit buildings and modern coliseum seating 10,500 people.

1921 EXPOSITION OCT. 22 TO NOV. 6

# Young Men's Business League Waco Chamber of Commerce

# Fort Worth's Proudest Boast

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## Her Kinship With West Texas

You will meet your own kind of people in Fort Worth—people who are bound to you by ties of blood and mutual interest.

Fort Worth manufacturers and retailers know that their interests are bound up with those of West Texas. They offer you superior merchandise, courteous treatment and friendly interest. An empire of 90,000,000 acres, comprising West Texas, looks to Fort Worth as its capital city. That capital is flourishing. Millions are being spent by the railroads and public service corporations to provide better facilities.

The co-operation between the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce is complete. These organizations are working together to promote

the interests of the most prosperous territory in the Southwest.

Towering skyscrapers, erected at a cost of millions, are rearing their proud heads in your capital city. The most magnificent hotel in the South or West will be ready to receive you in July.

The best schools and colleges in Texas, the finest churches, and Lake Worth, the South's greatest playground, are at your disposal and wait to welcome you.

The Southwestern Exposition and Live Stock Show, bigger and better than ever, awaits your visit in March. It is West Texas' own exposition and we hope that every West Texan will attend.

# Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

# Fort Worth

The Financial  
Gibraltar for

# West Texas

These Institutions Are at Your Service and Will Render Complete and Efficient Service

Farmers & Mechanics National Bank  
Fourth and Main Streets

Exchange State Bank  
Weatherford and Main Streets

National Bank of Commerce  
Eighth and Houston Streets

Stockyards National Bank  
119 East Exchange Ave.

Fort Worth State Bank  
1316 Main Street

Texas State Bank  
914 Houston Street

Continental Bank & Trust Company  
712-14 Houston Street

Fort Worth National Bank  
Fifth and Main Streets

First National Bank  
Seventh and Houston Streets

Guaranty State Bank  
814 Main Street

Security State Bank  
415 Main Street

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## Fort Worth Clearing House Association

George Colvin, President

William Massie, Secretary



# WELCOME!

## *Members West Texas Chamber of Commerce*

To each and every member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce we extend a cordial greeting, for we are truly glad to have you with us. We consider it an honor that Ranger was selected by your organization as a meeting place and we can assure you that this honor is fully appreciated by the citizenship of our city.

Although the public service companies operating in the oil fields have had to meet and overcome countless difficulties, and although our resourcefulness has at times been taxed to the limit, we have succeeded in building a system which would do credit to a much larger town than Ranger. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward eagerly to still further development.

### *Do Away With Drudgery Electrify Your Home*

Through our Sales Department the people of this territory are enabled to buy the most modern of labor-saving electrical devices, which do much to make the life of the oil fields more pleasant. By introducing these helps we know that we have done a real service to this section and removed, to a large extent, the drudgery of everyday life.

We wish to extend you a special invitation to come into our offices while you are in the city and let us serve you in any possible way. We are glad to have you with us—and we want you to know it.

***Oil Cities Electric Co.***  
RANGER, TEXAS

### *A Message to Oil Operators of Texas*

Electricity is the most economical power for Drilling and Pumping. Let a single switch take the place of your expensive power plants with their heavy overhead and operating expense.

The California fields, the most economically operated in the world, are run on Electric power. You could not get them to revert to the old steam-power basis.

By using Electricity you wipe out expense of Fuel Oil or Gas, the uncertainty and trouble of your water supply, and all the expense of your boiler up-keep and repairs.

Extensions are being made into all parts of the field. See us for comparative cost of the old method and the Electrical method. Estimates cheerfully furnished free.

***Oil Belt Power Co.***  
RANGER, TEXAS

# SPEED--

## AND THE LONG DISTANCE

# TELEPHONE

**E**VERY resident of West Texas knows the value of quick thinking and quick action in business matters, especially in this bustling section of the world.

Recognizing the need of an adequate system of communication between West Texas towns the Telephone Company has for the past two years made extensive improvements in long distance telephone facilities serving this territory. These betterments, added to the additional improvements now being made, will give this growing territory an entirely satisfactory long distance system.

The attention of telephone users is called to the advantages of long distance telephoning. The

rates are attractive, and the time saved fully justifies the expenditure.

If you call for a **CERTAIN TELEPHONE** instead of a **CERTAIN PERSON**, the service can be given at a lower rate and much more quickly, too. For instance, Mr. Jones of Fort Worth, in calling Mr. Brown of Abilene, may ask the operator to connect him to **MR. BROWN'S TELEPHONE**.

Then, if Mr. Brown is there, Mr. Jones will talk to him; otherwise, he will transact his business with any other member of the firm. If Mr. Brown is the only person capable of discussing the matter Mr. Jones can tell the operator that only Mr. Brown is wanted, and in that case the conversation will not begin until Mr. Brown is at the telephone.

- ABILENE DISTRICT**  
 C. L. Stewart, District Manager..... Abilene  
 J. L. Walker, Manager..... Anson  
 D. E. Daniel, Manager..... Big Spring  
 Pat H. Kelsey, Manager..... Colorado  
 William J. Stewart, Manager..... Hamlin  
 L. E. Stone, Manager..... Merkel  
 Leo Allbright, Manager..... Roby  
 R. B. Henson, Manager..... Roscoe  
 N. A. Lawdermill, Manager..... Rotan  
 R. S. Williams, Manager..... Snyder  
 J. C. Koen, Manager..... Spur  
 J. C. Pinson, Manager..... Stamford  
 A. D. Youngblood, Manager..... Stanton  
 J. B. Patterson, Manager..... Sweetwater
- AMARILLO DISTRICT**  
 George H. Hill, District Manager..... Amarillo  
 C. D. Long, Manager..... Floydada  
 Miss Rutha Lee Jordan, Manager..... Hale Center  
 E. Hooks, Manager..... Hereford  
 Mrs. Lennie Fay Payne, Manager..... Lockney  
 H. D. Phillips, Manager..... Lubbock  
 R. A. Lemond, Manager..... Plainview  
 T. H. Bea, Manager..... Shamrock  
 J. E. Davidson, Manager..... Slaton  
 D. L. Fogerson, Manager..... Tulia
- CITY OF FORT WORTH DISTRICT**  
 H. G. Brickhouse, District Manager, Fort Worth

### THE RATES

If Mr. Jones of Fort Worth telephones Mr. Brown of Abilene, the cost is one dollar and twenty-five cents for three minutes' conversation—and the Telephone Company will find Mr. Brown. (A slight charge is made if the called party cannot be found and no conversation is held.)

If Mr. Jones calls Mr. Brown's telephone and will talk to ANYBODY at that telephone—to Mr. Brown, if he is there; otherwise to somebody

else—the cost would be one dollar—20 per cent less than the "particular person" call.

If this call is made between 8:30 p. m. and midnight—and Mr. Jones would talk to ANYBODY at Mr. Brown's telephone—the cost would be cut to fifty cents.

Between midnight and 4 a. m. the cost to talk to ANYBODY at the called telephone would be twenty-five cents.

Rates between other points are proportionate.

- FORT WORTH SUBURBAN DISTRICT**  
 J. A. Williams, District Manager..... Fort Worth District  
 L. B. Croft, Manager..... Albany  
 R. J. Compton, Manager..... Breckenridge  
 Phillip Pettit, Manager..... Cisco  
 H. F. Boyd, Manager..... Decatur  
 A. M. Estes, Manager..... De Leon  
 R. B. Ferguson, Manager..... Desdemona  
 W. H. Bateman, Manager..... Dublin  
 D. F. Papot, Manager..... Eastland  
 E. N. Waldrep, Manager..... Gorman  
 J. H. Shelton, Manager..... Graham  
 O. Hooks, Manager..... Granbury  
 N. P. McKinney, Manager..... Jacksboro  
 N. H. Moore, Manager..... Mineral Wells  
 G. E. Harrison, Manager..... Ranger  
 W. H. Young, Manager..... Strawn  
 W. C. Fowler, Manager..... Weatherford
- WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT**  
 C. C. Kirby, District Manager..... Wichita Falls  
 J. A. Spears, Manager..... Bowie  
 Miss Ruth Saunders, Manager..... Burkburnett  
 W. M. Bagwell, Manager..... Childress  
 C. E. Gunnells, Manager..... Henrietta  
 F. S. Wallander, Manager..... Iowa Park  
 E. H. McClurkin, Manager..... Quanah  
 E. L. Childress, Manager..... Vernon



# Our Connection to West Texas



**Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company of Fort Worth**

**HARRY BRICKHOUSE, Fort Worth Manager**