

**SENTENCE SERMON.**  
Friendship often ends in love;  
but love, in friendship—never.  
Colton.

**THE WEATHER**  
West Texas, tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy, probably thundershowers in Panhandle.

## OIL DRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO RANGER

### RANGER, METROPOLIS OF THE WEST TEXAS OIL FIELD, ONCE AN INDIAN CAMP, THE N CENTER OF RANCHING INTERESTS, LATER HEADQUARTERS FOR TEXAS RANGERS AND BIG TRADING CENTER, GROWING TO GREATER PROSPERITY AND INFLUENCE

Established on Firm Foundation With Discovery of Oil, Which Brought Money Here For Investment In Return for Petroleum, Ranger Has Had Ups and Downs, But Is Now Over the Hill and Pushing Rapidly Forward With Trade, Agriculture and Industry as the Force Which Is Giving It Headway.

Ranger is just the circumference of the world from itself in one direction and an equal distance in the other, and if you go either way in search of a better place you are certain to keep on going until you reach Ranger again, for your quest will be vain.

Once upon a time Ranger was the home of Indian tribes, but that was long ago. The Indians always made their camps where good water could be obtained, not that they cared to use it any more than necessary, but some use of it could not be avoided, and then, too, their horses craved water. So the numerous springs in the vicinity of Ranger attracted the Indians. Presumably they killed many buffalo, too, in and about Ranger, and it is probable that at one time buffalo skins might have been bought in Ranger in large numbers in exchange for a few colored beads.

Then came the Texas ranchmen and coveted the springs and, because they could get a deal of gift-land and thus prove that the Indians were merely trespassers, they obtained possession and the Indians moved away. For a while, however, they did not go far, and hovered about the homes of the white men in rather too fatal manner, so it was necessary for the Texas ranchers to come here and butress the ranchmen in their occupancy of the land. They found the springs convenient for a camping place and established a kind of section headquarters, which in time came to be known as the ranger camp, and later, when the railroad was built through West Texas, a village was established which took the name of Ranger.

Popular Trading Place.  
So much for the prehistoric days of Ranger. Coming nearer to the present, Ranger became the best trading village in this part of West Texas. Cattle raisers brought their cows here to be shipped to market and found this a convenient place to buy their supplies. Later farmers and fruit growers found the land fertile and a farming settlement grew up which brought more trade to the town and more people came to make their homes in the village. Schools and churches were established and Ranger gradually became a place of importance, not only to its happy residents but to the state of Texas.

This, if in a somewhat hurried at least in a comprehensive sketch, the history of Ranger is brought down to the period when oil was first discovered in the McCleskey well, between two and three miles southwest of Ranger. That was a discovery that meant much, not only to Ranger, but to all West Texas, for it brought a horde of oil seekers here, who, unable, all of them, to obtain footing in the immediate Ranger territory in the way of leases, put down their wildcat wells at remote places and developed large numbers of oil pools, from which millions of barrels of oil have been taken, and also brought in hundreds of gas wells, which are serving today a hundred Texas cities with gas for lighting, fuel and power, and from which gasoline has been extracted, hundreds of thousands of trainloads of gasoline, which is today furnishing the motive power for several million automobiles in all parts of the country.

People Flock to Ranger.  
The McCleskey well was the first of hundreds of producing oil wells drilled in and about Ranger. It attracted people to Ranger until more than 30,000 of them were living in tents and shacks and coming into Ranger for their supplies and turning loose quantities of cash in Ranger. It was a day of millionaires made over night; of fast although not riotous living; of climbing values in Ranger and throughout Eastland county, which led to the construction of miles of brick-paved streets in Ranger and a 20-mile brick highway through Eastland county which is the pride of the state today; to the building of two-story and three-story brick structures in Ranger to house the numerous business houses locating in the city for schools and churches and to furnish office space to hundreds of professional men of one kind and another; to the building of Ranger's water works and sewer system; to the laying of miles and miles of gas mains; the building of electric power plants; the development of great business houses in Ranger, both wholesale and retail; the establishment of new banks; the dream of a city that should become the empire city of all West Texas.

The dream was dissipated because of the one-track exuberance of many of the prospectors, because of the over-development along one line of industry. Man could not live and grow on one industry alone, and while the oil did not disappear, nor the gas cease to flow, the wildcat prospectors who had money to spend,

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### POULTRY RANCH BEING STARTED ALMOST DAILY

Bankhead Poultry Producers Asso. Membership Increasing; Products in Demand

The Bankhead Poultry Producers association is having a steady increase in the demand for its chickens and eggs and steadily gaining new members, thereby increasing its output, so that it is probable the business will be doubled before the end of this year, according to A. S. Jarrett, manager of the company.

It was expected when the association began collecting eggs from its members that it would be necessary to put many in cold storage to await better prices, but the graded and guaranteed non-fertile eggs found an immediate market at good prices with the result that the organization has almost paid its expenses since the start. It is believed now to be on a substantial footing.

Mr. Jarrett covers all Eastland county in his rounds, visiting every part at least twice a week. He said the association is handling about 100 cases of eggs each week and all the way from 1,200 to 2,000 fryers. A fee of 4 per cent is charged for marketing, but the better price obtained through the association gives the chicken raisers much better returns than they would receive otherwise.

On his rounds Mr. Jarrett finds almost daily a new chicken farm being opened and he signs many of them for membership in the association. He said that any chicken raiser wishing to join and unable to see him could obtain a contract at his nearest chamber of commerce.

### Negro Convicts Get Pardons as Gift for Emancipation Day

AUSTIN, June 17.—Thirteen friendless negro convicts were granted pardons today by Governor Ferguson. Seventeen others are expected to receive pardons tomorrow, in line with the recommendations of former Governor James E. Ferguson. All pardons will become effective on Emancipation day.

Seven of those pardoned were serving sentences for murder.

### Powers Warn China To Cope Immediately With Bad Situation

PEKIN, June 17.—China was today warned in a note of the diplomatic corps that she must realize the gravity of the existing situation and further must realize that it is imperatively necessary to cope with it. The note declared the diplomatic corps was informed that anti-foreign spirit and subversive propaganda were growing, causing gravest apprehension.

### DOROTHY PERKINS' ATTORNEY DENIES SHE FIRED SHOT

NEW YORK, June 17.—Maintaining that no evidence had been produced that Dorothy Perkins fired the shot that killed her soldier sweetheart, Sydney R. Lash, defense attorney today made a final effort to break down the state's case against the 17-year-old girl.

The attorney revealed the fact that he was once a buddy of Thomas Templeton, victim of the shooting, and told the jury that he was not fighting the case for fame or money, "but merely to keep the name of the old regiment clean."

### SAVED BY COMPANION FROM DEATH BY BURNING

SAN ANTONIO, June 17.—Enveloped in flames from an oxy-acetylene torch when the tubing burst, L. Stainle was saved from death by a companion at Station hospital, Fort Sam Houston, today. He was welding steam pipes when the accident occurred. The companion rolled him on the floor and extinguished the flames.

### FIVE OF THE THIRTEEN CHINESE DEMANDS ACCEPTED

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Five of the 13 Chinese demands have been accepted by a committee from the foreign settlements in Shanghai, the Chinese World told the United Press it had learned today.

### BANKHEAD ROAD MUST HAVE ITS PROPER PLACE

Delegates From Communities Along Southern or Main Route Decide on Action

Representatives of various cities and towns along the main line of the Bankhead highway in Palo Pinto, Eastland and Callahan counties were guests of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce at Lake Cisco Tuesday evening and discussed plans to advertise the Bankhead highway throughout the nation and especially to advise travelers that the main line of the highway follows the southern route through these three counties and includes the 20-mile stretch of brick highway that is unexcelled anywhere in Texas and probably without any superior anywhere in the United States.

### Committees Named

The meeting resulted in the selection of an executive committee, consisting of A. D. Anderson of Cisco, W. W. Housewright of Ranger, and M. McCullough of Eastland, and the further designation of this committee and another, consisting of M. H. Perkins of Clyde, L. E. Powell of Baird and F. L. Phillips of Strawn, to ascertain the cost of appropriate literature, the cost of which is to be shared proportionately by the interested communities, and arrange for its publication and proper distribution so as to get it into the hands of tourists and provide them with correct information.

The guests of Cisco were first taken for a boat ride on Lake Cisco, giving them a view of the lake for more than a mile above the dam, and were entertained at a chicken dinner such as is making Lake Cisco famous as a place of entertainment.

Frank Harrell of Cisco called the meeting to order and asked Douglas Smythe of Strawn to preside. Brief talks were made by Mayor Williamson of Cisco, Burnett of Clyde, Powell of Baird, M. McCullough of Eastland, W. W. Housewright of Ranger, L. E. Shaw of Strawn, D. E. Jones of Rising Star, W. Homer Shanks of Clyde, R. B. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Clyde, St. John and Richardson of Cisco, C. C. Patterson of Ranger and L. L. Blackburn of Baird.

### Advise Highway

The purpose of these talks was that the southern route or main line of the Bankhead highway should be properly advertised so that the northern route should be shown as merely an alternate route; that a map or a folder should be issued which should contain a map of the road from Washington to Los Angeles, with special detail given to that portion extending through Texas and more especial detail to the portion between Dallas and Abilene; that this information should embrace a brief sketch of the several cities and towns along the main route of the highway, the garages, banks and tourist camps and the accommodation, provided by each, with some data about the whole section, and that these maps or folders should be placed with automobile clubs and garages and care be taken to have them get into the hands of the interested tourists.

It was pointed out that auxiliary roads, by advertising, were diverting from the main line of the Bankhead highway considerable of the travel that really wished to use the main highway. A decided unanimity of opinion was shown by all the speakers.

### Delegates at Meeting

The result of the talks was the appointment of a committee consisting of M. H. Perkins of Clyde, L. E. Powell of Baird, Frank Harrell of Cisco, M. McCullough of Eastland, W. W. Housewright of Ranger, and F. L. Phillips of Strawn, which agreed on the personnel of an executive committee and the other committee to work with it in the preparation of maps and folders and the distribution of them. It was agreed this committee would get to work this week and, if possible, that the desired literature should be ready for distribution within this month.

At the meeting were: W. H. Perkins, W. Homer Shanks, M. Y. Anderson, R. B. Smith, Charles C. Peck and R. C. Ledbetter of Clyde; L. E. Powell, L. L. Blackburn, Victor B. Gilbert and Will D. Brogstein of Baird; W. W. Housewright, W. C. Hickey, C. C. Patterson and C. G. (Continued on Page 2)

### BOOSTING FOR RANGER

In giving to its readers today this special "Booster Edition," the Ranger Times believes it has fulfilled a duty to the community and takes pride in the manner it has been enabled to perform this duty.

The Ranger Times has had the hearty co-operation of the people of Ranger and of the business interests, and virtually all of the latter are represented. The Times wishes to express its thanks for this co-operation, without which it would have been very difficult to do Ranger justice. The Times believes this is the most all-embracing special edition it has ever issued and that it will bear favorable comparison with any issued this year anywhere in the state of Texas.

Most of the biographies appearing in this special "Booster Edition" were written by Miss Marie Barnett, a biographer who has the ability to get the facts from those whose life history she would sketch and then write it in a manner that is both concise and pleasing. If one set out to write a Who's Who in Ranger, the biographies in this "Booster Edition" could well be incorporated in it.

Why call this the "Booster Edition" of the Ranger Daily Times? Because it is devoted largely to presenting to the peo-

ple those citizens of Ranger who are most active in boosting for the city. Boosting means loyalty as well as praise, and those citizens whose biographies appear today in the Ranger Times are citizens whose loyalty to Ranger has been proved time and again and whose interest in the city of Ranger is not bounded by what they may be able to get out of it.

Every city needs loyal boosters, Ranger as much as any, and it is a pleasure to give emphasis to what many of Ranger's citizens are doing for their city. There are some, of course, good, loyal boosters for Ranger, whose biographies have not been written. This is not from intent to slight any, but there is a limit to the time in which a special edition must be issued and the time has come for this "Booster Edition" to go to press.

The Times believes this special edition will please its readers. It should be given wide circulation. A large number of copies have been printed for the benefit of those wishing to obtain copies to mail to friends outside the city. Copies will be sent to many of the newspapers in Texas and to every chamber of commerce in the state and as widespread publicity for the city of Ranger as it may be possible to obtain will be had.

### EVANGELISTS AT BAPTIST CHURCH DRAWING PEOPLE

Rev. Gordon Barrett and the Jackson Brothers Conducting Inspiring Services.

Large audiences are being attracted to the First Baptist church of Ranger to hear the Rev. Gordon Barrett, evangelist, who is conducting a two-week meeting, assisted by the Jackson brothers, singing evangelists. New song books have been received and the services are enjoyable and highly spiritual. A large number of fans keep the air in the church cool.

Mr. Barrett's theme Tuesday night was "There Is No Difference." He declared there is no difference in sin and there is no difference in salvation, but that men and women are saved or lost as they are willing to accept or refuse to accept their savior.

Services are held daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. The morning service appears to be growing in popularity, for the attendance is increasing steadily. The singing, which one person declared to be "wonderful" is a very enjoyable part of the program at each service, while the sermons give the inspiration to better living and promise of everlasting life.

### President Calls Stronger in Mexico Today Than Ever

MEXICO CITY, June 17.—President Calles of Mexico stands today more firmly entrenched than ever following American Secretary of State Kellogg's warning, according to prevailing views here. Experts declare that warning has brought about such a solidification of his position that any possible movement towards a revolution now would be doomed to failure. Men hitherto lukewarm to Calles are now rallying to his banner.

### RUSSIAN SOVIET ORGAN FIGURES ON PROBLEM

MOSCOW, June 17.—The government organ, Izvestia, charged today that "American imperialism" is preparing for an attack on Mexico. This, the paper suggested, was behind Secretary Kellogg's Mexican warning, adding:

"American imperialism wants to justify in advance a possible attack on Mexico and to explain the readiness of the American government to support a counter-revolutionary movement, which doubtless will be organized in Mexico aided by American money."

### U. S. KEEPS SECRET ITS CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The United States will not make public any list of claims over which there is any disagreement with Mexico, because they feel such a course might prejudice any settlement. Diplomatic quarters feel that to make public any such list will interfere with making any changes in the claims in order to reach an agreement.

By keeping the claims shrouded in secrecy there is always the possibility of securing modification of the claims.

### GOOD PRODUCER NEAR BRAD, PALO PINTO COUNTY

Rasmussen Well Brought in for 250 Barrels in Wildcat Territory Arouses Interest.

Special Correspondence.

STRAWN, June 17.—Pender Bros. "Rasmussen" well, about 13 miles north of Strawn, in Palo Pinto county, was brought in Monday for production of about 250 barrels of high grade oil daily and seven million cubic feet of gas. The swab is yet in the hole and it is possible the well will prove a real gusher when it is removed and the drill pushed a little further into the pay sand. The depth of the well is about 3,600 feet. This well is in a territory of wildcat territory, is sharply northeast of Sand City, the location of the Carter-Barkley pool which recently has aroused so much renewed interest in the Ranger field, and slightly northeast of the Caddo field, one of the rich reserves discovered during the first oil boom. It is slightly south of the Brad community. The discovery has intensified interest in leases in the western part of Palo Pinto county and it is expected an intensive drilling program will start at once. Already timber has been placed on the ground for an offset to the Rasmussen well. The drill passed through a shallow sand giving small production, but was pushed deeper in quest of the bigger pay.

The Lightfoot well being drilled on the Allen lease, about 13 miles south of Strawn, on the eastern edge of Eastland county and western edge of Erath county, also looks favorable for a good producing well.

### Texas University Oil Revenue About One Million a Year

AUSTIN, June 17.—At the present rate of production, it is figured that the University's royalty would amount to one million dollars annually. At the last meeting of the regents it was estimated that the oil taken from university lands was valued at the way from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Another effect of the agitation over the validity question was small amount of money bid for oil and gas leases under the new law requiring competitive bidding. Land Commissioner Robison said. The total bid was less than \$100 per section, the total number of university acres offered being 950,000. Most of the land bid for is in Hudspeth county. The highest price was \$786 for one section in Pecos county.

### WRESTLER'S SIGHT FAILS SO MATCH CALLED OFF

EL PASO, June 17.—Temporarily blinded as a result of eye inflammation, Hack Reynolds, well known wrestler, was forced to withdraw from a match with Matty Matsuda here last night after he had thrown Matsuda for the first fall with a headlock. Glaring lights blinded Reynolds who broke his way through to the corner.

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PAY EXPENSES OF CAMPS

AUSTIN, June 17.—Formal requisition on the federal government for \$469,075 to defray the expenses of the several Texas national guard camps this summer was signed today by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson and Adj. Gen. Mark McGee.

### OIL RESERVES ABOUT RANGER ONLY SAMPLED

Discovery of New Large Pool Starts Prospects Again on Extensive Scale.

Though still in its infancy, Ranger's latest oil boom, resulting from the exploitation of the recently discovered Carter-Barkley pool, is awakening the outside world to the fact that the oil reserves in the Ranger territory have only been scratched and big companies and independent operators are hastening to renew many leases that lapsed when the boom days of 1918 were past.

The new pool is not spectacular, but the attention of the outside world was instantly focused on Ranger again as four and five thousand-barrel oil wells were being brought in. In the short time of 60 days, four producing wells are in the pool with 29 rigs or drilling wells spotting the surrounding territory, extending in a southwesterly direction. One undetermined hole only has been drilled in so far. This duster, according to oil men, is entirely off the structure and means that the pay formation is running south in a westerly direction. This duster may yet be drilled deeper.

### Drilling Over Large Area

Area of the new pool is still guess-work and will remain so until the various wells now drilling are brought in for either producers or dry holes. The present territory is being drilled in ranges from a half mile to a mile in width and about two miles in length. In the event the furthest well of the group now drilling is brought in for a producer, drilling activities will then extend on across into Eastland county. The new pool at the present time lies entirely in Stephens county, although only seven miles northwest of Ranger by road and about four and one-half in a straight line.

Several of the big companies operating in Ranger territory have produced leases in the territory about three miles south of the present pool and are getting oil from a shallow sand at a depth of about 2,100 feet. The same depth of shallow sand was encountered in the McLester-Carter-Pritchard No. 1 and the Barkley et al. Pritchard No. 2. The average depth of the pay sand now being sought by the operators is found between 3,540 feet and 3,670 feet. The Carter Langford No. 1 was the first drilled in at 3,576 feet over a year ago for an estimated 350 barrels production, which is maintaining at the present time. The Barkley et al. Pritchard No. 1, about a mile south of the Langford No. 1, was drilled about 60 days ago for a flush production of 3,600 barrels. Since that time the production has been somewhat lower, due to the other wells drawing from the same sand, offsetting it, and the Pritchard No. 1 is now making about 1,000 barrels daily.

The Langford No. 2 of Carter and Thomason was the third well to be brought in. Drilling in at a depth of 3,548 the well held its flush production of 4,500 barrels for about a week, then dropped to 4,000 and thence to 3,000. The well is today making about 2,500 barrels.

Carter-Thomason's Langford No. 3 was drilled in about three weeks ago at a depth of 3,541 feet for a flush production of 4,500 barrels. Since that time it has dropped to about 1,500 barrels. The well is offsetting the Barkley Pritchard No. 1 on the north.

Offsetting the Pritchard No. 1 of G. C. Barkley et al. on the east, Jerome McLester-Barney Carter's Pritchard No. 1 was drilled in for a flush production of 3,000 barrels and is now making about 1,500 barrels daily. The well was drilled in at a depth of 3,548 feet. The sixth well of the new pool, that of Corzelli brothers and States Oil corporation et al. Spicer No. 1, located east of the present producing wells about three-quarters of a mile has not struck a good showing, according to reports. The well was being drilled at the farthest eastern location and the direction of the pool appears to extend in a southwesterly direction with the width of the structure still undetermined. This well may yet be made a deep test.

### New Wells Expected

Several more wells are expected in some time this week. McLester-Carter's Pritchard No. 2, offsetting the G. C. Barkley et al. Pritchard No. 2 on the east, and about 600 feet due south of the McLester-Carter Pritchard No. 1, is due to drill in today or tomorrow. Carter-Thomason's Langford No. 4 is due to drill in some time the latter part of the week. Abilene-Cisco Oil corporation and Barney Carter's Pritchard No. 3, due to be drilled in around the end of next week, according to reports. Much activity is going on the apparently placid surface of business life of Ranger. Operators who are now drilling in the pool are all Ranger men, with one exception, and materials being purchased in Ranger. (Continued on page three.)

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**BIBLE THOUGHT.**  
 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.—Matthew 12:30.

**COMMUNITY POWER.**  
 Its the water over the wheel that makes power—in the community as well as the mill.

If only for selfish reasons you should spend your money in your home town. The dollar you spend away is a dollar gone.

Self-interest will show you why you receive most of your home dollars.  
 First—In increase in property values. This not only applies to city real estate but to farming lands in this vicinity. As a town grows and develops farm property increases even in greater values. The history of every town in the nation proves that suburban property and town property increase in proportionate values and their interests are equal.

Second—In direct benefits—better schools, churches and public institutions.

Third—In supporting the community that supports you. You can't "have your cake and eat it too" is a true saying. Every man should patronize the institution in which he is financially interested.

There are practical as well as loyal reasons why you should spend your money in your home town. The prosperity of industries, merchants, banks and professional men means your prosperity.

**PATRIOTISM.**  
 What is patriotism?  
 At bottom, patriotism is love of country. Its basis lies in the defense of the family and what is necessary for its welfare. This love of home has expanded through the centuries to cover first a cave or tent, then a village, then a city or state where great businesses are transacted, and finally a country inhabited by millions of people, with their institutions, traditions and ideals.

Why should it stop with a country? Surely it should not, but should embrace all mankind in all parts of the world. Christianity teaches the brotherhood of man. As a man loves his own country, he will understand and respect the love other men have for their countries.

"Today's sage of patriotism is almost invariably yesterday's tale of sedition."

On the day of her execution as a spy, Edith Cavell said, "This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity; I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness toward any one."

Patriotism is love of country. Expressing itself in loyalty to the ideals for which the country stands. If these ideas are not worthy then patriotism has always demanded revolution as the right of the people.

While defending a man accused of violating the eighteenth amendment, State Senator Salus, of Philadelphia, asserted that the present laws on the subject are "very bad laws." The court compelled him to apologize or go to jail for contempt. He apologized. This illustrates one reason why law is not respected to any great extent by people whom it is designed to control.

Authorities on the subject assert that today at least 2,000,000 children are repeating to the school throughout the United States, the work of a previous grade. They are "hold-overs" or "left-backs," who have failed to accomplish the standards set by the curriculum.

Proposed star mail extend between this place and

# Society

## AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

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**TONIGHT.**  
 Elks' dance at the clubrooms.

**THURSDAY.**  
 Thursday Bridge club meets with Mrs. John Thurman, at 1:30 p. m.

**TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB.**  
 One of the most distinctive affairs of the week was the bridge party given by Mrs. C. N. Ochtree, Tuesday afternoon at the Gholson hotel, when she entertained members of the Tuesday Bridge club, a number of friends from Cross Plains, and several Ranger guests who are not members of the club. Six tables were attractively arranged on the vine-covered veranda of the hotel, which was beautifully decorated with wild flowers brought from the nearby prairies by the hostess and her guest, Miss Hazelle Dorr. It might be said that the color scheme of the party took its keynote from some of these flowers, which were those lovely flowers of deep purple that some call "field lilies" and others "blue bells," and which are rarely found. Regal Texas plumes with their scarlet heads vied in beauty with these royal colored flowers, and vari-colored phlox. Covers for the tables, score pads, tally cards, and all appointments, were most attractive, showing a minuteness of detail typical of the hostess. Interest in the game ran high and after six games were waged and the scores added up, the prizes were awarded to the successful players, who were Mrs. A. G. Jury, who was given a set of hammered German silver salt and pepper shakers, this being the high club prize. Miss Hazelle Dorr of Cross Plains was given the high guest prize, an exact duplicate of the high club prize. Mrs. Robert Coyle was awarded the second club prize, a dwarf sized set of hammered German silver salt and pepper shakers. Mrs. H. B. Baker of Cross Plains obtained the second high score guest prize, a duplicate of the club high second prize. Mrs. Bailey Scott won the low score prize, a lovely box of talcum, with puff. Tiny baskets of purple and white filled with toasted almonds announced the coming of the luncheon, which was prepared and served by the hotel's caterer. It was a two-course luncheon consisting of chicken a la king, served in patty shells, celery, potato chips, olives, iced tea, pineapple-nut sherbet, and lady fingers.

Club members, and Eastland, Cisco and Ranger guests present were: Mmes. C. M. Edwards, Robert J. Bates of Eastland, Walter Cash, John Shannon Jr., Paul Lacy, Royal C.

Styles of Waco, John Moyer of Cisco, Charles Underwood, Arthur G. Jury, B. A. Tunnell, T. B. Scott, Charles Overley of Eastland, C. B. Schram, R. B. Campbell, Robert Coyle, Misses Dora Watson and Opal Foute. Cross Plains guests were: Mmes. H. B. Baker, T. B. Romine, M. N. Harvey, B. J. Garner, R. F. Townsend, George M. Wilson, Miss Hazelle Dorr. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. A. Martin.

**PERSONALS.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Crosbie and daughter, Elaine, are motoring through to Canada, and will visit the great lakes.

Miss Gwendolyn Bohning, daughter of Mrs. George Bohning, who is a student at Smith college, Northampton, Mass., is spending the vacation with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mooney left today for New York, where they were called on account of the death of Mrs. Mooney's mother, which occurred yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. Martin and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myers are on a fishing and hunting trip in the Alpine country.

Mrs. S. E. Powers, formerly of Desdemona, but now living in Loreno, Texas, together with her son, Otho, and her daughter, Pearl, now Mrs. Duncan, and the latter's baby son, Jim, and two grandsons, Oran and Norris Anderson, were guests Tuesday and today of Mrs. Power's sister, Mrs. J. D. Ashcraft, of Young street.

Miss Hortense Ross spent last week-end at home. She is a piano student of Charles W. Froh, of Tarleton college, who is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music of Indiana, also of Bush conservatory of Chicago.

**MARTIN-BREWSTER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED**

Miss Sunshine Brewster, a sister of Richard Brewster of the Lone Star Gas company, Ranger, was married at Oak Cliff Methodist church, to Monte Martin, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be in Ranger today and spend several days with Mrs. Hansford, before continuing their wedding trip to El Paso.

**AN AL FRESCO PARTY**

Mr. and Mrs. John Gholson honored a few friends and relatives last night with a "play" party on their spacious lawn, which is perhaps the largest lawn in Ranger, and is a host within itself, offering the most unobstructed view of the heavens, and of Ranger, and comforting all with the breezes that play hide and seek in its vastness. It's a wonderful place to get cool and since a majority of the guests were friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gholson, who make their home at the Gholson, it had a special lure. Under the trees was spread a bountiful repast, consisting of all the good things that go with fried chicken and home-made ice cream. Plates were filled and passed to the guests, seated around on the grass and in chairs, and each one ate and ate and ate, for it's a very jaded appetite that does not respond to the appeal of an outdoor meal. After the appetites were fully satisfied there were some foot races between the leans and fats, and other outdoor games, such as drop the hand-

kerchief. Chairs were arranged in a circle and there followed an hour of story telling, and there were some mighty yarns spun. Inside the house a Victrola furnished music for those who cared to dance. At a late hour the guests departed.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan, Early Northrup, A. G. Jury, Fred Drienhofer, W. R. Bowden, Judge and Mrs. Davenport of Eastland, Mmes. Albert Riddle, R. B. Campbell, Martha Rawls, Misses Veni Cassey, Gwendolyn Bohning, Helen Gholson, Mary Jane Drienhofer, Dorothy Koheidit of Denison, Messrs. A. W. Taber, James MacLaughlin Howard and John D. Gholson.

**CHILD WELFARE MEETING**

The Child Welfare club held its regular once a month luncheon and business meeting Tuesday, at 1:30 o'clock, at the Gholson hotel. After partaking of a beautifully appointed three-course luncheon, the members adjourned to the mezzanine floor for a business session. Miss Connally, a graduate of John Sealy hospital of Galveston, was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Faye Nixon, the present health nurse. The club hopes to have Miss Connally with them at their next meeting.

Miss Faye Nixon, the retiring health nurse, gave a very interesting report on her Red Cross nursing classes that she is now conducting three times a week for both women and high school girls. At the next meeting Miss Nixon will tender a full report of her work in Ranger, which promises to be most interesting.

The members of the club decided to give their support to the Fourth of July program by having a float in the parade.

Mrs. Marvin Echols of Nacogdoches was the club guest.

**MERRIMAN P. T. A.**

In spite of the warm weather the members of the Merriman Parent-Teachers' association are active and announce that they will give an ice-cream social Friday night at the Merriman school. There will be ice cream galore, and home made cakes, and outdoor games for amusement. Everybody is cordially invited to be present to help a good cause and incidentally spend a pleasant and delightful cool evening.

**SLUMBER PARTY**

Sometimes one wonders if a slumber party is not a misnomer, for usually they are quite the reverse, and while this one might have really been a slumber party, its evident that not much time was devoted to slumber, as the hostess admits that they danced until late, and were up at 4:30 and on their way to the country club, where they prepared breakfast and ate it just as the sun rose. This delightful party was given in honor of Miss Thelma Jamison, the guest of Mrs. Walter Cash, by Miss Pauline Lowe, at her parent's home on Foch street. Those who slumbered or the reverse, were Misses Florence Alice Palmer, Ida May Lonsdale, Catherine DeBeauford, Norma May Jones, Thelma Jamison and the hostess.

Knut Hamsun, Nobel prize winner, drove street cars in Chicago.

## BANKHEAD ROAD MUST HAVE ITS PROPER PLACE

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Norton of Ranger; W. L. Stephen, L. E. Shaw, Douglas Smythe, George H. Hammock and F. L. Phillips of Strawn; M. B. Sellers, C. A. Bowman and D. E. Jones of Rising Star; M. McCullough of Eastland; Mayor Williamson, Frank Harrell, R. W. Kennon, Mr. St. John and Mr. Richardson of Cisco.

**T. & P. Highway.**  
 One notable feature of the meeting was the desire shown by all delegates for the permanent improvement of the highway extending along the line of Texas & Pacific railway between Strawn and Millsap, which it was said would shorten the distance between the two places by about 12 miles.

Nearly the whole line is in Palo Pinto county and Strawn delegates suggested that the highway commission should be asked to designate it as a state highway, following which the district probably would vote road bonds and, with state and federal aid that could be had, the road could be built and be shown on the folder, although not as the main line of the Bankhead highway.

It was stated that the people along the line of the proposed T. & P. highway were very desirous of having the road built and would vote the necessary bonds.

## EASTLAND LIONS PLANNING MANY NEW PROJECTS

Committees Named in Anticipation of Active Year; New Members Elected.

Committees to work out plans for a number of new projects for the year were appointed by J. Floyd Owens, president of the Eastland Lions' club, at the regular meeting of that organization Tuesday at noon. A number of standing committees were also announced by President Owen.

Among the guests present at Tuesday's meeting were, Rev. W. Y. Pond, of Hillsboro, who is in the city conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church; Rev. W. J. Nelson, pastor of the Eastland Baptist church; Prof. Bob Gray, recently returned from Columbia university and B. Neimer of Roscoe. Five new members were elected to membership at the meeting.

Food imports of France are now greater than before the war.

## Scallops Make This Dress



THREE large tucks, finished with scalloping, make an attractive hemline for this girlish frock of green pussy willow. Scallops also adorn the collar and the very short sleeves. The front is belted, but the back is held in place by three rows of shirring.

## CISCO BOY TO SERVE IN LIBRARY AT UNIVERSITY

Special Correspondence.  
 AUSTIN, June 17.—Quizmasters and assistant librarians for the law school of the University of Texas have just been appointed for the 1925-26 session. The quizmasters will be the following: James Floyd, Fort Worth; Fred Porter, Terrell; Daniel Schlinger, Houston; Miss Lourine Brougher, Austin; Will Morris, San Antonio, and Maurice Check, Dallas. Three quizmasters were appointed for the present summer session, including Glenn Lewis Quitague; M. R. Hall, Austin, and Vernon Elliott, San Antonio.

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# A. J. RATLIFF DEVELOPS FINE FEED BUSINESS

Begins With Grocery and Adds Line Appealing Especially To Poultry Raisers.

In December, 1918, just as Ranger was incorporated, A. J. Ratliff, grain dealer on Eastland Hill, came here to make his home, thereby being one of the old-timers of the city developed by the boom. Being a business man, rather than an oil operator, Mr. Ratliff opened a little grocery store right in the heart of the oil field, where he filled much needed place in the community, for food-stuffs are of first necessities in every place where humanity abides.

Mr. Ratliff later went into the feed business, which he has operated with much success, serving a wide farm trade throughout the oil field territory. He is also interested in the Ratliff & Campbell grocery store adjoining the feed store, which is one of the most prosperous groceries in the city.

Mr. Ratliff lived in San Angelo before coming to Ranger, but when the big boom with its golden opportunities came into this locality, he took up his permanent residence here, and he has enjoyed a steady success. He belongs to the Methodist church and Masonic lodge, and his family consists of a wife and son.

Specializes in Feed. One of the most successful lines carried by the Ratliff feed store is the Superior Stock and Poultry Feed. In speaking of this product representative of the company said: "The formulas that go to make up the complete line of Superior Poultry feeds are the results of a series of experiments conducted over a long period of time and are absolutely proved to be in keeping with our trade-name—Superior. To maintain the high standard of quality we use great care in selecting the very best ingredients that can be obtained even though they cost more. For example we can buy meat meal at several dollars a ton less than the clean, odorless meat scraps and the scraps that go into our Superior Egg Mash, but we have proven these cheaper ingredients do not pay."

"The same applies to the dried buttermilk which has a very wide range in quality and price. We use the vacuum process made powder which insures a uniform product that contains the minimum amount of lactic acid.

Other ingredients are selected and tested with the same care. Our plant at Fort Worth is one of the best equipped in Texas and all grain is cleaned good enough for human consumption and mixed by the very latest improved machinery. We maintain at all times the uniform standard which is meeting with such satisfactory approval throughout Texas.

Feeding Very Important. "Good egg production and profitable returns from laying hens are largely the result of properly balanced feeds composed of high grade ingredients. The egg is made up of lime, protein, carbohydrates, fat and water, and unless these elements are supplied in the proper proportion the hen cannot manufacture a large number of eggs. Lactic acid and vitamins are essential for a healthy flock and it is therefore important to supply these elements in the feed to insure healthy, vigorous hens that will produce strong healthy chicks.

"Superior Egg Mash, together with Superior Hen Scratch, and some form of lime, either oyster shell or limestone grit, and plenty of pure water furnish all the elements that go to make up the egg and will keep your hens in a healthy condition at all times."

In speaking of the increased poultry activities around Eastland county he continued: "The farmer is realizing more and more the importance of keeping chickens for egg production. The coming generation is going to face the problem of enough to eat. The man or woman in the food producing business is going to be in a profitable business. Our population is increasing rapidly. This increased population must eat. New York City alone consumed more than two hundred million dozen (2,400,000,000) eggs last year, and more than 154,000,000 pounds of dressed poultry. Seven million eggs and 500,000 pounds of dressed poultry are daily sent an order. This is only one city in the United States. As our cities increase in size our farming area must necessarily increase in size. The man with a few acres of land, and a member of the army of food producers will be considered a good citizen."

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## 'Grudge' Fight In Dallas Results In Death of One Man

DALLAS, June 17.—Raymond Burton, 22, was shot today in connection with the fatal shooting of Farrell Bickers in a "grudge" fight here during the night. Bickers was shot after the two men had fought earlier in the evening.

Accompanied by three companions the boys went to the outskirts of the town near midnight to have it out, officers were told.

DALLAS, June 17.—Grand jury investigation of the killing of Farrell Bickers was started here today with the surrender of Raymond Burton. A charge of murder was filed against Burton who fatally shot Bickers, following a hand to hand fray in the outskirts of the city.

Bickers and had been having trouble for more than a year. I shot low in order to frighten Bickers," Burton told officers.

The size trout attain depends on the kind of water they inhabit. A new stadium recently built in Chicago seats 100,000 persons.

# Fire Chief Murphy, Able In Office and Valuable Citizen



Photo by Klaber. G. A. MURPHY.

Ranger has been fortunate in having efficient fire chiefs and the present chief, George A. Murphy, ranks with the best. Yet while he knows he is a good fire fighter—and no one lacking confidence in himself was ever known to succeed in his undertakings—he yet studies continually to learn more about his work, for it is his ambition to be the best among all fire chiefs rather than one of several occupying the foremost place.

Attention to detail is almost a hobby with fire chief Murphy. That is one reason for his success. Step into the fire house any day and see how clean and orderly everything is kept. The trucks show the attention given them, those in service many years being polished so as almost to hide the signs of wear, and those in service for only a year or so looking like new. At any moment an alarm may be sounded and when it comes the engines and trucks are ready.

Fire Chief Murphy was born in Muscatine, Iowa, on the banks of the Mississippi river, and there he attended school and reached young manhood. His first job while he was yet in school was with the Hershey Lumber Company of Muscatine, the money he earned helping him to continue his education.

When he came of age he went to Wichita, Kansas where he worked for the United Sash & Door Company. There he also resumed a new responsibility, for he married Miss Avis Dadsman, a popular young society girl of that city, and they have proved admirably mated. They have one son Rupert, now a young man who recently started up on his own account and is working in Ranger.

The fame of Ranger reached Mr. and Mrs. Murphy in their Kansas home and, with their son, they came to Ranger when it was little more than a tented city, with unpaved streets and an adventurous population. For a time he was connected with the Texas Drug Store in the capacity of cashier and then he entered the police department, being appointed assistant chief when Lon Davenport was fire and police commissioner. When a change of administration came he entered the employ of the Hagaman Company, selling oil and gasoline, and when C. O. Terrell became fire and police commissioner he was appointed fire chief. As a volunteer fireman he had already obtained considerable experience and he has added much technical knowledge to this by study and observation.

Since Mr. Murphy became fire chief he has shown the city commission where improvements in the service were necessary. A new and larger combination hose and motor fire engine has been purchased, together with a larger supply of hose. A siren has been placed on the fire hall to sound the fire alarm. He has improved the volunteer auxiliary to the department, and with the aid of the Ranger Lions and other citizens, has bought a life net, and in many ways has bettered the service.

Mr. Murphy has a delightful personality which makes friends and in every movement for the advancement of the city he will be found working in the front rank. He is both an able fire fighter and a good citizen.

## OIL RESERVES ABOUT RANGER ONLY SAMPLED

(Continued from page one) ly all of the pipe that is being trucked to the new pool comes from Ranger men, who are buying it from any source available. People who were residents of Ranger during the early boom days are dropping into town daily and show much amazement when they see the big town skyline of the business district, the paved streets and many modern city conveniences that did not exist in those days when Ranger was merely a boom day town of shacks and tents.

## Lackawanna Railway Wreck Continues to Claim Toll of Life

HACKETTSTOWN, N. J., June 17.—The German excursion wreck of the Lackawanna railroad near here, today had claimed a toll that marks it as one of the worst railway disasters in years.

A reck at the hospitals early today placed the dead at 42, with many more suffering terrible burns from which they may die.

## CHINESE IN SHANGHAI ATTACK BRITISH OFFICER

SHANGHAI, June 17.—Armed with hatchets, a Chinese mob tonight assaulted and perhaps fatally wounded a British policeman.

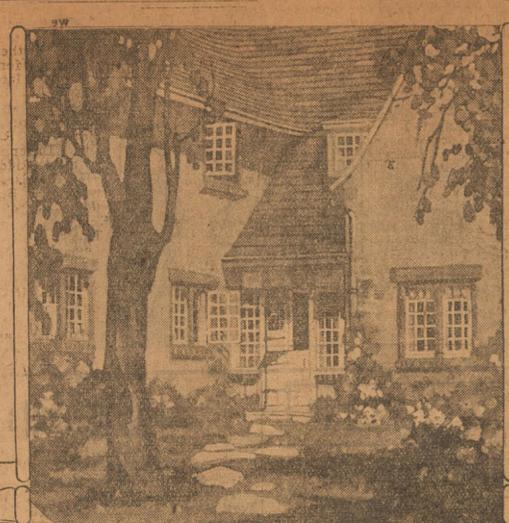
# Timely Hints for the Home Buyer

## Hardware and Lighting Fixtures Must Be Rust Proof

REPAIRS are the bugbear of the house owner. Whatever other mistakes he may make, either in decorating or furnishing his home, there is one that he must not make. That is to put his hopes on a building that will prove a constant drain on his pocketbook owing to the necessity for replacements. I.e. should, for instance, see that his stair-cases are well built and conveniently placed. A beautiful stair way may be quite simple and unpretentious if it is well designed and well built. Floors of almost any sort of wood are attractive if well seasoned and well laid, and the wall colors should be chosen so as to be soft and agreeable to the eye and yet not of high color nor of tints that make lighting difficult.

Then care should be given to the hardware around the house, such as the hinges, door fittings, outside metal fixtures of all kinds, to see that it is rust proof. There are few doorways more beautiful than those of white and the same color is attractive for window casings but a little rust will very quickly ruin the finish. Practically all architects advise brass or bronze for all hardware so that it may last as long as the house and never stain nor tarnish.

What is true of hardware is also true of lighting fixtures. Blotched and spotted fixtures mar the appearance of any room. And this chance of unattractiveness can be eliminated by using non-rusting metals, such as copper, brass or bronze. Rust proof fixtures in stamped or spun shapes and are practicable in even the most modest homes. Their use assures



long-lasting decorative value as well as lighting service. Copper is a favorite metal for exterior fixtures such as porch lanterns, entrance lights, and exterior garage lights because of its ability to successfully withstand the destructive action of snow, sleet and rain, and because, when exposed to the elements, it takes on a protective green coating which is an added charm.

More and more householders are realizing that the quality and design of fixtures, their proper placement throughout the home, the choice of lamp shade colors and the blending of these colors with the finish of a room are all vital factors in creating a "homey" atmosphere.

## OIL BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO RANGER

(Continued from page one) some of their own and some borrowed, moved on to new fields that had not been preempted, and Ranger had no other resource to which to turn. Some of the business houses followed the departing prospectors, all of the banks closed their doors because they could not find the money they had loaned out, and the trade of the remaining merchants was curtailed because there were fewer people left in the city to spend money and less money to spend. But the permanent improvements remained and provided a foundation for the real Ranger of the future, a solid foundation on which to build for permanence and real progress.

New Spirit In Ranger. Ranger was left with a heavy debt to pay, a debt incurred for the brick paving and other improvements; for the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railroad, which had been brought here with its headquarters and shops; for the new school buildings and churches that had been built. But what city that refused to go into debt ever prospered? Ranger's debt proved just an incentive to renewed struggle by those who had faith faith in the city and remained to prove their faith, many of them former millionaires who had seen their millions take wings and fly away. They knew that Ranger was merely suffering a temporary eclipse and would again come into the light of day. And so it proved.

A new era dawns in Ranger. A new bank is opened and then another. Casinghead gasoline manufacturing plants employing hundreds of workmen begin operating; farmers return to their lands and crop production begins again; new industries are located in Ranger; mercantile houses again do a thriving business; the search for new oil wells goes on quietly and the pipe lines continue to buy and carry out oil in large amounts; the city's debt is refunded so that the burden is distributed in part for the next generation to care for; the lust for millions partially subsides and the people, returning to sanity, seek only for a reasonable competence and find it; the city prospers.

Citizens Rank High. Ranger profited by the oil boom not only in the matter of good streets, good schoolhouses and churches, a good sewer system, a good water works system, electric lighting and power and gas supply, a new railroad and other material advantages, but Ranger profited also by obtaining the most desirable of substantial citizens who are found in any city in the world. Men came here from all parts of the country, men of large understanding, of comprehensive views, possessing energy, determination, confident in themselves and ability to grow. While there are a few "old families" in Ranger, the city is dominated by none of them or no two or three of them, as is the case with so many small cities and towns. There is a feeling of universal brotherhood in the city, such as is found in very few small places, that promises well for the future of Ranger.

Coming down to the present time, a new oil pool has been developed recently near Ranger which has stirred prospectors to new endeavors in the Ranger territory. Shallow fields that formerly were passed by as unworthy of notice are now being developed with substantial profit to those interested, and further than that, a new spirit has been born that seems likely to lead to new deep-test drilling in the expectation that new and more productive oil sands than have ever yet been found in the Ranger field may be located and developed to the extent that Ranger shall become a producing oil center compared with which the past was as a half-penny is to a great big silver dollar. In fact, it is understood that deep-test drilling already has been

## Ranger's Tax Values.

Ranger today has real estate with a taxable value of \$3,023,536 and personal property taxed at \$1,626,219, a total of \$4,649,755. The tax rate is \$2 and the total amount of taxes \$92,997.10. In addition there is a school tax of \$1. If all tax payers were prompt in their payments, the city would have no financial embarrassment whatever, but as a matter of fact the tax payers are owing the city today between \$40,000 and \$50,000, a little less than one-half of the amount due from last year.

And because they have been slow to pay, it has found it difficult to keep on a cash basis at all times. Measures are now under way, however, by which it is hoped to collect in full back taxes within the next few weeks, and Ranger will be able, as in the past, to meet all her obligations promptly as they mature. Refunding a portion of the bonded indebtedness has given the city material aid in meeting its obligations.

Chicken Industry. Among the new industries contributing to the upbuilding of Ranger is the chicken industry which, beginning here several years ago in a small way, has spread all over Eastland county and has led to the organization of the Bankhead Poultry Producers association, a co-operative organization of chicken raisers to supply the market with the best eggs and chickens to be produced, to obtain in return the best prices the market affords, and to encourage the production of chickens and eggs in constantly increasing value until Eastland county can really claim to be, as today it assumes to be, the "Egg Basket of Texas."

In and about Ranger are to be found chicken ranches having from a few hundred chickens to between 3,000 and 5,000 laying hens. The Driskill Leghorn Farm, now about two years old, has for its motto: "One Million Hens in 25 Years," and O. S. Driskill, its owner, declares that it is not only possible, but that he is building each year in the exact proportion of his original figures. M. H. Hagaman, Ranger's representative in the Texas legislature, and his son, Leslie, have a large and steadily growing leghorn chicken farm; so have the Dudley Bros., R. J. Taylor, Preston, Meeks, Bryant, Brady, and Radley, and at least a dozen others. Most of them have a preference for leghorn chickens, said by many to be the best egg producers, but a few are raising other strains.

C. E. Slack, located about two miles from Ranger on the Bankhead highway between Ranger and Strawn, is raising pigeons for the market on a scale that promises to make it one of the most profitable bird industries in or near Ranger. Mrs. R. J. Taylor has recently gone into the pigeon raising business, being attracted by the success of Mr. Slack.

Conditions about Ranger appear so well adapted to the raising of chickens and the production of eggs and chickens for market that it looks as if the industry might grow to great proportions. The climate is exceptionally fine, neither too hot or too cold; there is an absence of chicken vermin, comparatively little labor being necessary to keep the chickens free from all lice; there are good roads along which the ranches may be located; water is abundant, so is sand and gravel; there is an abundance of shade without too much. The markets are especially easy to access and all conditions point to this location as one of the best in the United States for chicken raising. The number of persons engaging in the industry has more than doubled with the last year and it is expected that at least three times as many as now will be raising chickens in the Ranger territory before this year has ended. Land can be purchased at reasonable figures.

Industries Are Coming. Other industries are coming to Ranger. The milling plant of K. C. Jones has been such a pronounced success that manufacturers in other

## lines have had their attention turned towards Ranger.

There is a tract of glass sand adjacent to the city, a tract several hundred acres in extent, where the sand is said to be only a fraction of one per cent less valuable for the finest glass than is to be found in one spot in Pennsylvania, where the finest glass sand in the world is found.

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce is now in correspondence with a number of glass manufacturers and it is confidently expected that a large glass factory will be located here within a few months.

The cotton gin established in Ranger two years ago had to increase its capacity last season and will have to increase it again in preparation for the cotton crop this year. It is said the increasing cotton crop may

require a second cotton gin by next year. Splendid winter wheat is grown in the Ranger territory. Oats and other grains, including corn, flourish. Fruits of all kinds do well, especially peaches, plums, pears and apricots, and certain apple trees also flourish in and about Ranger. With in a few years the fruit of Ranger will be shipped to all parts of the state and even outside.

Churches and Schools. Churches and schools of Ranger rank with the best. All the leading denominations are represented among the churches. Two Baptist churches, the Methodist church, and the Catholic church, are brick structures, commodious and attractive.

The Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows, the Pythians and other fraternal organizations have large memberships in Ranger. The Carl Barnes post of the American Legion is one of the largest in West Texas.

Those seeking pleasure can find it in and about Ranger. Roads leading in and out the city are the best to be found anywhere for automobile drives. Within short distances of the city are numerous small lakes which offer attractions for fishing and swimming parties. The Ranger Country club has a golf course that is one of the best in West Texas. The Ranger gun club has a weekly shoot, which attracts large numbers of marksmen.

The Ranger Elks have one of the finest clubrooms to be found in any West Texas city. The membership of the club increased largely during the last year, due in part to the acquisition of the new and delightful clubhouse.

More Homes Needed. There is much in Ranger to bring permanent residents. Business conditions, churches, schools and pleasures are very attractive. But a noticeable lack is the scarcity of desirable dwelling houses. Too few are owned by the permanent residents of Ranger, who started in rented houses and have been living in rented houses ever since. The several oil company camps about Ranger have at times rented houses to persons not connected with the camp and this has kept many persons from building their own homes. But the time is here when more houses will have to be built. Rents will go too high if dwelling houses become much scarcer, and then the people will begin building. There are many attractive building lots to be had at very moderate figures and those wishing to build brick houses will be able to obtain from Thurber the finest brick made in Texas.

Take it all in all, Ranger is sitting solidly on a firm foundation. The uneasiness that followed the breaking of the oil boom several years ago has about passed away; there is a hopeful feeling attending the renewal of oil activity with the discovery of the Carter-Barkley pool near Ranger, but it is not of the boom variety and the growth that will come to Ranger because of it will be permanent rather than temporary. Already some former residents of Ranger are coming back to the city with the announced determination to stay here permanently.

Bank Deposits Increase. The Ranger State Bank, which showed deposits of less than a half million dollars about a year ago, had within about \$10,000 of one million dollars deposits a few days ago, and by the end of this week is very likely to have above that figure and begun reaching out for two million deposits. The splendid success attained by this bank within the last year is indicative of the steady improvement of conditions in and about Ranger, where business appears to continue active all the year and city becomes more active with the Christmas holiday trade season arrives.

With a population of a few more than 10,000 persons to start from, Ranger is destined to gain more and more each year until within the next five years it will have reached the assured position of the metropolis of the oil belt of West Texas.

# A. H. Williams Is Genial Proprietor Of the Fixit Shop



A. H. WILLIAMS

A. H. Williams, proprietor of the Bicycle and Fixit Shop, Rusk street, Ranger, has been attention to business, perseverance and industry, combined with a natural aptitude for mechanics, built up a good business that gets patronage not only from the people of Ranger, but from many persons outside.

The Fixit is almost a curiosity shop in its varied assortment of tools and odds and ends of springs, bolts, nuts and other evidences of a mechanic's shop. And Mr. Williams is always there ready to do the fixing or to answer calls to the homes to put in order locks or hinges or other things that have refused to work.

A ship's carpenter is called "Chips." Eugene Field had eight children.

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# There are pleasures in operating a store

Lots of troubles, too, just as in any other method of making a living, but if the pleasures didn't outweigh the troubles we'd get out and do something else.

It's a pleasure to be of service to our friends and neighbors; to feel that we are exercising good taste and good judgment in buying for you; that we are giving good values when we sell.

But the greatest pleasure of all, it seems to us, is to see a well dressed man on the street, and say to ourselves: "There goes one of our suits." That's a pleasure we have enjoyed for the past six years several times every day.

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## E. H. & A. DAVIS

"The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes"

Ranger, Texas

### Hicks Rubber Co. Of Waco to Open Branch In Eastland

The Hicks Rubber company of Waco, one of the largest wholesale and retail distributors of automobile tires in the south, has signed a two-year lease for a building in Eastland and will establish a wholesale and retail business here within a short time. They will carry a \$25,000 stock of goods, handling ten different brands of tires, and will have at least two resident managers in Eastland and possibly three salesmen working out of Eastland. The building they will occupy is on the east side of the square. It is to be remodelled and ready for occupancy not later than July 10, it is stated.

The Eastland house will be in charge of J. T. Curry of Waco and B. Bryant of Kösse, according to Fred Hicks of Austin, general manager of the concern, who was in Eastland Tuesday making arrangements to open the company's house here.

The Hicks Rubber company has 27 stores, the Eastland store to make 28, including wholesale houses at Waco, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Abilene. The Eastland store will be in the class with the other wholesale houses and be prepared to serve a large trade territory. Mr. Hicks said:

**LODGES.**  
Carl Barnes Post, No. 68, American Legion, will meet Wednesday at 8 o'clock in DeGroot hotel building.  
J. R. TOLLAND, Post Adjutant.

**MASONIC NOTICE.**  
Eastland Lodge No. 467, A. F. & A. M., will be called to order on Thursday night, June 18, 1925, at 8:30 to the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. All members should be present and attend to this very important matter.  
T. H. LANDON, Master.  
U. HAMPTON, Sec.

**LOST AND FOUND.**  
LOST—One large plain envelope with return of W. S. Michael, county auditor, containing two checks; Victory Service station, and John S. Burke; lost between Ranger and Pleasant Grove. Reward, V. V. Cooper, 1201 Desdemona blvd., Ranger.

**FEMALE HELP.**  
WANTED—for general housework girl or woman; 1009 Young street; phone 532, Ranger.  
WANTED AT ONCE—An experienced waitress. Apply Southland hotel, Ranger.

**SPECIAL NOTICES.**  
BICYCLE AND FIXIT SHOP—Key-fitted and duplicated; talking machines and typewriters repaired. 204 S. Rusk st., phone 592, Ranger. City Electric Co., Eastland.

**ROOMS FOR RENT.**  
FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms 452 Pine st., Ranger.  
**HOUSES FOR RENT.**  
FOR RENT—Three-room furnished house. Inquire Bordeaux Bros., 428 So. Rusk st., Ranger.  
FOR RENT—Good house; six rooms and bath; modern conveniences; desirable location. Phone 458 or see Mrs. O. C. Funderburk, 501 Pershing st., Eastland.

**APARTMENTS FOR RENT.**  
THREE-ROOM furnished apartment for rent, with all conveniences. 423 Pine st., Ranger. Phone 105.  
FOR RENT—Furnished apartment and room. Langston apartments, 413 1/2 Main St., phone 419, Ranger.  
APARTMENTS for rent. Carter Apartments, 325 Elm st., Ranger.

**WANTED TO BUY.**  
WANTED—Second-hand furniture. New & Second-Hand Store, 121 No. Austin st., phone 276, Ranger.  
WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Wright Furniture Co., 218 Main st. Phone 154, Ranger.

**SECOND-HAND FURNITURE** bought and sold at the right prices. Main street Second-Hand Store, 630 Main street, Ranger, Phone 95.

**HOUSES FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—At a bargain, good seven room house and four acres of ground located in Gorman, Texas. Building material in house would salvage for \$2,000. In order to get this property off of our investment books at its original cost valuation, we will sell for many times less than actual cost to us. Interested parties see Mr. T. R. Lott or A. J. Nicholson, First floor Prairie building, Eastland, Texas.

**FOR SALE—Well located house,** five rooms, two porches, large lot; in one block of high school. Price \$750.00. C. L. Williams, of Ranger Shoe Co.

**AUTOMOBILES.**  
FOR SALE—Star sedan will take Ford roadster as part pay. 222 Austin st., Ranger.  
FOR SALE—Star sedan, in first-class condition; new paint job. Madocks & Son, Ranger.

**WHY BUY new parts on old cars.** "We tear 'em in and sell the pieces." Ranger Auto Wrecking Co. 422-24 N. Rusk st., Ranger, phone 84.

**WANTED TO RENT—Four-room modern furnished house.** B. D. Hood, 232 Phone, Ranger.  
WANT TO RENT—A modern five-room cottage; prefer close in. Must be nice. Best references given. Call 43, Ranger.

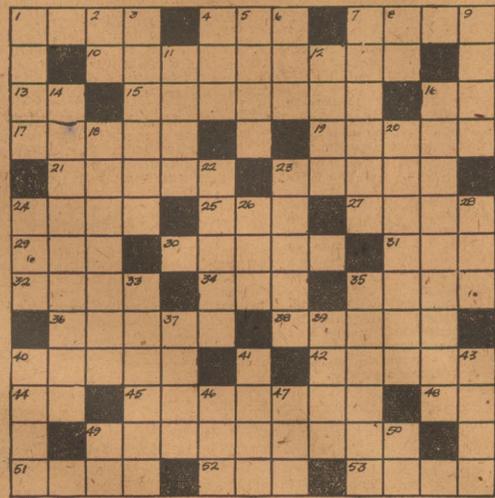
**FOR SALE OR TRADE.**  
FOR SALE OR TRADE—Garage building and equipment, located at Elida, New Mexico. Good terms. Would take Ford car in trade. Price \$1500. Address W. H. Walker, Box 1143, Ranger.

**POULTRY AND PET STOCK.**  
EGG MASH SPECIAL—For a short time only we will sell H. J. B. egg mash at \$3.35 per 100 lbs. K. G. Jones Milling Co., phone 300, Ranger.  
SCOTCH COLLEY pups, 5 weeks old, for sale. Phone 105, 423 Pine street, Ranger.

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



There's not a word in this puzzle that should stump you. If you do happen to be stopped, turn to the crosswords, and the troublesome word will be revealed to you.

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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                                  | <b>VERTICAL</b>                             |
| 1. Shoe  | 1. To push.                                 |
| 4. To perform                                      | 2. Either's wife.                           |
| 7. Vessel for flowers                              | 3. Sore                                     |
| 10. Receded  | 4. Part of verb "to be."                    |
| 13. Bone   | 5. To yield                                 |
| 15. More indigent                                  | 6. Chief Chinese linguist stock.            |
| 16. Second note in scale                           | 7. Single metrical line (pl.)               |
| 17. Obeys  | 8. Paid publicity                           |
| 19. Quaking  | 9. Paradise                                 |
| 21. Red vegetables                                 | 11. Examination                             |
| 23. Wedge shaped piece of wood acting as a support | 12. Wild duck                               |
| 24. Breakwater                                     | 14. Pronounced with a hissing sound         |
| 25. Sick   | 16. Baffle plate to check gases in a boiler |
| 27. Men's party                                    | 18. Punctured with pointed instrument       |
| 29. Aged   | 20. Fancy cross                             |
| 30. Animal fat                                     | 22. Vats for stowing green fodder           |
| 31. English money                                  | 23. Steep slope                             |
| 32. Story  | 24. Cooking utensil                         |
| 34. Idiot  | 26. Field                                   |
| 35. Finishes                                       | 28. Combustible fluid used for heating      |
| 36. Portable houses                                | 33. To empower                              |
| 38. Ridiculous show                                | 35. Eaten away                              |
| 40. Tree   | 37. Largest plant                           |
| 42. Runners  | 39. Apparatus for aging material with steam |
| 44. Alleged hypnotic force                         | 40. State of profound insensibility         |
| 46. Befell   | 41. Sage                                    |
| 48. Therefore                                      | 43. Spirit                                  |
| 49. Joys   | 46. To rap lightly                          |
| 51. Plant used for making bitter drug              | 47. To make repeated demands                |
| 52. Writing instrument                             | 49. Italian river                           |
| 53. Child's toy                                    | 50. For that reason                         |

### Baseball Results

**TEXAS LEAGUE.**  
Standing of the Teams.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Fort Worth	44	15	.746
Houston	38	23	.623
San Antonio	35	23	.603
Wichita Falls	30	28	.517
Waco	26	33	.441
Dallas	25	34	.424
Shreveport	23	36	.390
Beaumont	17	46	.270

**Yesterday's Results.**  
Fort Worth 6, Houston 3.  
Waco at Shreveport, wet grounds.  
Wichita Falls 12, Beaumont 5.  
San Antonio 4, Dallas 2.

**Today's Schedule.**  
Houston at Fort Worth.  
San Antonio at Dallas.  
Waco at Shreveport.  
Beaumont at Wichita Falls.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
Standing of the Teams.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	36	18	.667
Washington	35	19	.648
Chicago	27	26	.509
Cleveland	25	28	.473
St. Louis	23	31	.429
New York	23	31	.429
Detroit	24	33	.421
Boston	21	34	.382

**Yesterday's Results.**  
Boston 2, Chicago 1.  
Philadelphia 12, Cleveland 7.  
Detroit 5, New York 3.  
Washington 3, St. Louis 0.

**Today's Schedule.**  
St. Louis at New York.  
Cleveland at Philadelphia.  
Chicago at Boston, two games.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
Standing of the Teams.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	33	20	.623
Pittsburgh	29	21	.580
Cincinnati	29	25	.537
Cincinnati	29	24	.547
St. Louis	26	29	.473
Chicago	25	31	.446
Philadelphia	21	31	.404
Boston	21	32	.396

**Yesterday's Results.**  
Cincinnati 6, Brooklyn 5.  
Pittsburgh 13, New York 11 (10 innings).  
Boston 7, Chicago 4 (13 innings).  
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 4.

**Today's Schedule.**  
Philadelphia at Chicago.  
New York at Cincinnati.  
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.  
Only games scheduled.

**KU KLUX KLAN PLANS BIG WASHINGTON PARADE**  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—The ku klux klan today took out a permit to hold a parade of 150,000 klansmen on Aug. 8 in connection with a national konvokation of the order.

### San Antonio Woman Beaten, Robbed and Thrown Into Street

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, June 17.—Believed to be dying at a hospital, Mrs. Amelia McGee will be operated on today to correct a four-inch fracture of the skull, received, it is thought, when she was dragged into an automobile, beaten and robbed of \$1,000 in diamonds. Her body is a mass of bruises.

The woman, of middle age, was left at the hospital by a Mexican who said she had been hurt when struck by an automobile. He said he found her lying in the street unconscious. Examination disclosed that her clothing had been torn off and later replaced. Mrs. McGee's brother said she carried with her a small cloth bag containing diamonds worth \$1,000, which is missing.

### Two Alleged Members Of Bandit Gang Are Seized In Oklahoma

By United Press.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., June 17.—Following a chase of nearly a week, two men said to be the remaining members of the gang that held up and robbed the Sulphur Spring bank, shooting the president, Lew Stout, and causing his death, were returned to jail at Bentonville Tuesday afternoon. They were captured near Patoosa, Okla., where they are said to have lived.

### HEARING ON COMMON POINT FREIGHT RATE HEARING ON

WASHINGTON, June 17.—U. S. Pawkett, special traffic representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the common point freight rate hearing, opening in Washington June 15, advises that the interstate commerce commission extended the time for argument of this case from three to six days.

This rate is perhaps the most important case in the history of Texas, involving as it does the entire freight rate structure of the state. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is contending for the present freight rate status.

### CLYDE WOMAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

#### Lillie Belle Hirt Gets Two-Year Sentence for Killing Aunt Who Abused Her.

Special Correspondent.

BAIRD, Texas, June 17.—The jury in the case of Lillie Belle Hirt, charged by indictment with murder in connection with the slaying at Clyde last March of her aunt, Miss Salome Hirt, returned a verdict of manslaughter and sentenced her to serve two years in the penitentiary. The verdict was returned Tuesday afternoon, after the jury had been out two and one-half hours, the jury having received the case at 11:30 a. m.

The state was represented by District Attorney Milburn S. Long and County Attorney Ben S. Russell. The defense was represented by W. J. Cunningham of Abilene and J. Rupert Jackson of Baird.

Motion for a new trial will be filed, it is understood.

BAIRD, Texas, June 17.—Lillie Belle Hirt of Clyde last night told in district court her side of the killing of her aunt, Miss Salome Hirt, which took place at Clyde last March 26. Lillie Belle Hirt went to trial here Monday, charged with the crime.

The shooting of her aunt followed years of abuse and taunts, the young woman declared.

The young woman's story of the killing was first given to the jury in the form of statements she is alleged to have made following the killing. In this statement she described the cruelties to which she had been subjected, and told of the shooting.

Witnesses who preceded Lillie Belle on the stand told of threats the aunt had made against her. One witness, W. M. Reidy, business agent for Salome Hirt, testified that five

### EFFORT IS MADE TO ASSASSINATE STATE ATTORNEY

Unidentified Italian Fires at Double of Robert E. Crowe, Prosecutor in Chicago.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, June 17.—A weird man hunt was on today in the catacombs of the "loop" for a bushy-haired, squat Italian, who last evening invaded the combination city hall and county building in what was believed an attempt to assassinate State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe.

The man fired a shot at Detective Elbridge Curran, who was on guard in Crowe's office.

Curran resembles Crowe and police believe the Italian planned to kill the state's attorney in revenge for the drive now on against the underworld gunman and the Genna gang. Curran fired one shot at his assailant, who fled into a tunnel and was soon lost in the maze of underground tunnels that lead to the underworld. Scores of policemen, armed with flashlights and guns, searched all night.

### STOLEN VIEW OF MOVIE PICTURES COMES HIGH

AUSTIN, June 17.—A person who beats his way into a motion picture theatre violates the law on the subject of trespass, Judge Harris Bell, of the Austin corporation court held in assessing a fine of \$25 and costs against two youths who had slipped into an Austin film show without buying tickets of admission. The court's bill against each of the lads was \$34.50.

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**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of the Times Publishing Company will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, 1925, at 4 p. m., in the office of Ranger Daily Times, at Ranger, Texas.  
C. G. NORTON, Sec'y.

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### K. C. JONES MILLING COMPANY IS LOCAL INDUSTRY OF WHICH PEOPLE OF RANGER ARE PROUD

K. C. Jones Establishes Mill and Elevator Which Grinds Choicest Wheat and Other Grains and Turns Out Best Quality of Flour and Poultry, Dairy and Stock Feed; Provides Market for Farm Products and Feeds People and Creature Life.

The K. C. Jones Milling Company, has been successfully operating in Ranger for the last two years under the management of Mr. Jones, one of the city's leading business men. He was born in Stephenville in 1886, and received his education in the old



—Photo by Kinberg  
K. C. JONES

Stephenville college, now called the John Tarleton college and the McMillan academy.

His early business connections were with lumber companies, but 9 years ago he entered the milling business, when he erected a flour mill at Strawn. After successfully operating this mill for seven years he decided to remove to a larger location, so two years ago he bought the old McFarland grain elevator in Ranger, which had not been operating for several years, and added the mill, to which he brought his machinery from the plant in Strawn.

#### "Home Town" Products.

Mr. Jones has made the mill a real "Hometown" concern. His flour is made from the choicest wheat, which affords the farmers of this territory a ready and profitable wheat market. The grain is ground at a local mill, and sold at home to home people—in fact, the Jones mill is a great source of gratification to Ranger folks who are interested in local industries.

Mr. Jones is now planning to install additional machinery in the mill, preparatory to an expansion in his business, and will make in the near future a complete line of poultry, dairy and stock feeds. This will further afford a market in the vicinity, for large amounts of maize and kafir, which are raised in abundance in the county, will be used for the products of the mill. In fact, all the grain raisers of this section can find an outlet for their crops at the K. C. Jones mill.

This addition to the K. C. Jones Mill will be quite a benefit to this section on the county for several reasons. As has been pointed out, it will afford a market for the grain raisers in the community. But further than that it will be a big factor in the encouragement of poultry raising in this section.

#### Interests Poultry Raisers

Eastland county is already forging forward in the poultry business. Some of the chicken farms are large, prosperous and famous, shipping both eggs and poultry in large quantities to the Eastern markets. But in recent years the amateur poultry raiser is coming to the front and obtaining considerable success. Many a young business man stays at his office all day, but by getting up an hour or so earlier in the morning, he succeeds in carrying on a successful incubation project, and by careful feeding for rapid development, he has "springers" ready for the market in a few weeks time. Others, by feeding for egg production, are enabled to ship eggs in large quantities to the market.

It will therefore be of considerable service to those poultry men, whether they operate on a large or small scale, to have here at home a mill devoted to the purpose of manufacturing just the kind of chicken feed that will be the most value to local needs. The dairy and stock feed will also

be a benefit to the farmer in this territory, and the citizens of Ranger are justly proud of the enterprising mill which is keeping pace with the pace and progress of this section in such a manner. Mr. Jones, who already ranks among the leading business men of the city, gives promise of enjoying even more success in the future.

### Ranger Boy Scouts Have Organization Which Is Growing

The Boy Scouts of Ranger have an organization which has enlisted the interest and energy of several score of the boys belonging to leading families in the city. Under the efficient leadership of Scoutmasters W. P. F. Bailey and H. P. Peacock, the former connected with the Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil Company and the latter city engineer of Ranger, several patrols have been organized.

The boys hold weekly meetings in the basement of the Methodist church where they are instructed in the lore of woodcraft, learn manly rules on conduct, play games, sing and have a good time. Upon numerous occasions they are enlisted to assist in parades barbecues and other entertainments for the city. They have recently purchased boy scout uniforms, paying for them, for the most part, with their own earnings.

The Ranger Boy Scouts are sponsored by the Ranger Rotary club, which has designated a local council for control and supervision. During the last six months the scouts have made wonderful progress. Today there are thirty-two boys with complete uniforms and equipment and sufficient troop equipment to enable progress in training.

The local council includes: John W. Thurman, president; Dr. C. O. Terrell, vice president; J. A. Pitcock, treasurer; Walter J. F. Bailey, secretary.

#### Troop committees, registered by the national council headquarters:

No. 1 Troop—W. Gifford Clegg, Dr. A. N. Harkrider, W. B. Palmer.

No. 2 Troop—Rev. W. H. Johnson, J. T. Gullahorn, and W. N. McDonald.

Scoutmasters: No. 1 Troop, W. R. Pettit, with W. J. F. Bailey, officiating; No. 2 Troop, B. H. Peacock.

Senior patrol leader, first class scout, Jack Sanderford; scribe, first class scout, Norman Wagner.

#### Troop No. 1

Antelope patrol, Carl Pratt, second class, leader; R. L. Mouring, Francis Plumley, J. R. Roberts, R. Valliant, R. Mitchell, T. L. Melton.

Beaver patrol, Richard Alworth, second class, leader; Norman Wagner, Egles Burns, Denzil Kelly, D. M. Case and Earla Jackson.

Panther patrol, Truman Bohannon, second class, leader; Rex Alworth, Edgar Barker, Autry Harkrider, Nick Crawford, Jack Galloway, A. W. Bishop, S. C. Nolley.

#### Troop No. 2

Fox patrol, Billy Terrell, second class, leader; Ted Waggoner, Lewis Gregg, D. Champion, Sidney Long, Fred Grant, G. Power.

Wolf patrol, Vincent Bennett, second class, leader; Allan Baker, W. H. Purser, Tom Ziegler, Polk Robinson, Leon Burns.

Tiger patrol, Etes Horton, tenderfoot, leader; R. Hinton, Roy Jones, E. Hinton and Wilber Jones.

### J. A. SHAW GOES FROM THE LOWER ROUND TO TOP

Under His Capable Management, Oil Well Supply Co. Does Splendid Business.

J. A. Shaw, manager of the Oil Well Supply company, has built up to his present position of responsibility from a job of laborer. And anyone who knows "Abe" will understand why such an advance, in a comparatively short space of time, was possible. For he is earnest and sincere, possesses good judgment,

### SPEED'S BAKERY HOLDS PLACE AT TOP IN RANGER

Roy Speed Turns Out Bread, Cake and Pies of Unquestioned Excellence.

It has long been the height of every woman's ambition to do baking "like mother used to make," but in



—Photo by Kinberg  
ROY SPEED

this city of card parties and clubs, short hair and politics, both mothers and grandmothers are rivaling the young folks in the matter of being "flappers," and baking has almost become a lost art. For that reason it is a blessing to any community to have a bakery which puts mother clear in the background, when it comes to turning out toothsome cakes and pies and bread.

Such a bakery is Ranger's owned and managed by Roy Speed, under the name of Speed's Bakery, and the excellence of his products, as well as efficiency of his management, has made this shop one of the most popular in the oil field section. The company's delivery trucks cover a wide territory extending out from Ranger.

The bakery enjoys a good retail as well as wholesale trade, and it also supplies the local cafes and restaurants with each other for popularity at breakfast, while the delicious bread and dinner rolls form the "staff of life" at the other meals. The cakes are delicious and the pies and pastries are crisp of crust and delightfully filled with fruits, raisins and mince meat, and the various custard fillings.

The bakery is modern, and spotlessly clean, a feature of interest to the patrons. It is in every way the nicest and most wholly satisfactory bakery in all West Texas. The products of the shop are superior to most big city bakeries, and it is a wise housewife who insists on having Speed's bread from her grocery, knowing that her family will thereby be well nourished.

Mr. Speed is a native Texan who has had more than 20 years experience in the bakery business, even though he is still a young man. He got his start as a helper in a bakery when just a child doing odd jobs on Saturday and during vacation time. He followed the trade until 1917, when he enlisted in his country's service, just a month after the war began. He served until 1919, and after receiving his discharge he went to San Antonio where he worked in a bakery until 1920 when he came to Ranger, buying the bakery which he has since managed so successfully.

He is one of Ranger's most desirable citizens.

#### and is a hard and steady worker.

Like most of the other young men of the city Mr. Shaw did his stuff for Uncle Sam during the world war, and after completing his service and receiving his honorable discharge, he struck out for the oil fields, determined to establish himself in the business world. The Oil Well Supply company, which had been established here in 1918, was in need of men, and Mr. Shaw took a job, studied the business, and was rapidly advanced to the position of manager, which he has since maintained in an efficient manner.

This company is one of the foremost business concerns of its kind in the oil field section, and is one of the few business concerns with out-of-town headquarters and interests, which takes an active part in local civic affairs. Although the company's home office is in Pittsburgh,

### STAFFORD DRUG STORE ONE OF MOST POPULAR PLACES FOUND WITHIN THE CITY OF RANGER

R. R. Stafford, Owner of Business, Has Charm of Old-Fashioned Southern Courtesy, Which Attracts and Holds Customers, Besides Which He Handles Highest Grade Goods.

There is one good reason, among many others, why the Stafford Drug Store is one of the most popular business concerns in town, and that reason is R. R. Stafford. He possesses a charm of personality and a chivalry that is reminiscent of the old south—of which he is a product—and because it has long been the custom to endow such a distinguished gentleman with some kind of title, such as "Colonel," for instance, Mr. Stafford has come to be known as "Dr." among his close friends, probably because he is so closely identified with the medical profession.

He is a native of Florida, but came to Texas in his early youth to join relatives who had come here to make their home. He located in Columbus, Colorado county in 1880, and for several years attended school while living with his uncle. After completing his education he took a position as bookkeeper and assistant cashier in his uncle's bank.

#### Has Adventurous Spirit.

When the big oil boom struck Beaumont in 1901, inspired by a spirit of adventure, Mr. Stafford went to that city and entered in the real estate and insurance business, remaining for nearly 20 years. But although he enjoyed exceptional success, he couldn't resist coming to Ranger when oil was discovered, bringing with him the experience of the former boom career.

His brother had preceded him here,

establishing two drug stores, one of which Mr. Stafford became manager, and later owner. Although he had never previously had any drug experience, he had engaged in so many business enterprises he was well equipped to handle a drug store, applying the same general business principles that he had used in banking and insurance and real estate.

His methods have been successful, and his store popular. He commands respect, and an unflinching courtesy that wins admiration. And in appearance there isn't a more attractive man in town than Dr. Stafford.

#### Keeps Store Attractive.

He has a well-located and well-appointed drug store, with artistically decorated windows, show cases and counters. The stock is always fresh and ample, and especial care is taken with all prescription work. The marble soda fountain, where refreshing drinks are dispensed, is one of the most popular places in town, and the standard line of cosmetics is especially attractive to the ladies.

Always a good neighbor for Ranger, Dr. Stafford is even more convinced, since the recent oil activities, that his judgment was sound in believing in the future welfare of the city.

"When the depression came there were thousands of people who moved away, but we who showed faith have profited by remaining," he said. "By us all working together for the best interests of our town, we are due to see a revival of business soon which, although not as fringed as the boom, will be much more substantial. It is the good, steady development of the town that we are striving for now, and I believe we can look forward to a prosperous Ranger from now on, with an almost unlimited future."

Pa., there is no enterprise started in the interests of Ranger in which Mr. Shaw does not heartily co-operate. This attitude toward the city and its interests is noted and appreciated by Ranger people.

The Oil Well Supply company has a large and well stocked store on Rusk street, a warehouse, pipe yards, and one of the largest shops in the oil field, where oil field equipment is manufactured, repair work is efficiently done, and fishing tools rented. The shop employs a large number of skilled workmen which adds considerably to the city's income on payrolls.

### Senator LaFollette Is Seriously Ill

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Senator LaFollette's condition has taken a turn for the worse, his doctors announced today. They said, however, he was holding his own and they had ultimate hope of his recovery.

The United States has more than 15,000 motion picture theatres.

### WAGNER & SON, AGENTS MAKING RAPID HEADWAY

Establish Insurance and Savings Agency in Ranger With Marked Success.

One of Ranger's newest business firms is that of Wagner & Son, agents, located at 105 South Rusk street, Ranger. Wagner & Son, agents, symbolizes the successful efforts of both father and son in the past few years to build up their business to where it would justify the opening of an office in Ranger. They handle life, and accident and health insurance for several companies and are also agents for a reliable building and loan association of Dallas. Pacific Mutual insurance company of Los Angeles, one of the oldest and biggest companies in the United States is the chief line of insurance the firm handles, but it has several others, among them the Great Northern Life Insurance company.

Special WAGNER AND SON 24 pany of Chicago. Then, too, they are resident agents for the Commonwealth Building & Loan association of Dallas, handling savings accounts for this county.

Wallace Wagner, senior member of the firm, came to Ranger about two years ago and entered into the life insurance business. He has devoted the last 15 years of his life to selling life insurance and located in Ranger, believing the town would soon eclipse its neighbors. He established the nucleus of the business that later enabled him to open an office in Ranger. He was joined in the enterprise by his son, Gene, who today is taking an active and energetic part in building up the firm's business.

In addition to selling life insurance, together with accident and health, the firm has lately accepted the agency for the building and loan association. They are handling nothing but savings accounts, at the present time, which with its compounded interest makes an attractive proposition for the little man wishing to lay aside a small amount each month. The association is backed by a group of influential Dallas citizens, recognized throughout Texas as being reliable and honest men.

"At the present time," said Gene Wagner, "we are having good business and are now only soliciting accounts for monthly savings, instead of lump sums."

### Family Reunion Held In Wright Home at Union

More than 50 relatives, including their five living children and their families, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wright of the Union community, southeast of Eastland, last night to honor Mr. Wright's seventieth birthday. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and those present had a general good time as it was the first time in a number of years that they were all together.

Mr. Wright and his wife are pioneer settlers in Eastland county, having settled on the place where they now live and where they have made their home since coming to the county, more than 40 years ago. Of their five living children, two boys and three girls, all are married except one son.

Among those present at the birthplace celebration were: Carl Wright, a son who makes his home with his parents; Mrs. Jim Woods, a daughter, and family, of near Union; Mrs. Jess Armstrong, a daughter, and family, of Olden; Mrs. Polly Fox, a daughter, and family, of the Union community; John B. Wright, a son, and family, of Olden; Mrs. E. H. Dick, a daughter, and husband, of Eastland; Mrs. Charlie McFadden, a sister, and family, of Union; Bill, Nathan and Munson McFadden, nephews, and their families, of the Union community; Green Wright, a brother, and family, of Union; and a cousin and aunt from Tennessee.

None of Washington's soldiers was lost in crossing the Delaware.

### DR. W. C. PALMER WINS SUCCESS WITH HONORS

As Physician and Surgeon, as Soldier and as Good Citizen He Ranks at Top.

Dr. W. C. Palmer, one of the leading physicians of the oil field sec-



—Photo by Kinberg  
DR. W. C. PALMER

tion, was born 46 years ago, in Streeter, Ill., a little town of 3,500 population, near Chicago.

He was the son of Dr. P. C. Palmer, an eminent physician of Kansas City, who died in 1915. Thus brought up in a medical environment it was natural that the son would follow in the father's career, so after graduating from high school he entered the Kansas City Medical college, from which he was graduated in 1900, forming a partnership with the elder Dr. Palmer.

In 1916 he served in the French army as physician and surgeon, for the sake of the wide experience this work would give him. At the time America had entered the war, however, he had enough of service in his professional capacity, so he joined the ranks of Uncle Sam as a fighting man. He entered the officers' training camp at Camp Funston, Kas., received the commission of major, and became the commander of a battalion in the 89th division.

#### On Fighting Front.

In May, 1918, he went across, and after a month's training in France he went, with his men, into the trenches for two weeks action in the St. Mihiel section, and then went to the Meuse-Argonne. After the armistice was signed he was transferred to the headquarters of the first corps in France.

After it was "over over there," Dr. Palmer, rich in experience and broad in judgment, with a new confidence and poise, returned to his native land, seeing connections that would start his career anew. He stopped off in Tulsa to visit a friend who told him about Ranger, saying it would make a "second Tulsa." Dr. Palmer decided to be here at the making.

With his fifteen years experience in Kansas City and his army work abroad, added to his natural ability, Dr. Palmer's success in Ranger was immediate and permanent. With his keen eye and steady hand and unerring judgment in things surgical he has the phenomenal record of only two deaths out of a possible 500 operations, during the six years he has practiced here, and those two were each from a bursted appendix which the knife reached too late.

So far has Dr. Palmer's fame spread, he has surgical cases here from Abilene, Corpus Christi and other points in Texas and not infrequently he is called in consultation in Fort Worth and Dallas.

#### Suggests Hospital.

Dr. Palmer was one of the moving factors in the establishment of the City-County Hospital in Ranger. In fact, the plan originated in his office several years ago, when the possibility of such an institution was discussed by Judge L. H. Flewelling, Dr. Palmer, and a reporter of the Times.

After considering the feasibility of a first class hospital, they took the matter up with the Chamber of Commerce, and they pushed the matter through to a splendid conclusion, and made Dr. Palmer secretary of the board.

Dr. Palmer and Dr. Jackson are directly responsible for the introduction and development of the technique of the colonic anesthesia in Ranger, thereby attracting the attention of the medical profession of the south to this city, which, though small, is one of the leaders in this particular line.

Since locating here six years ago, Dr. Palmer with his keen eye, and

skilled steady hand, has brought relief to suffering humanity, and blessings upon his head from the countless patients whom he has treated.

#### Public Spirited Citizen.

So much for W. C. Palmer, M. D., and now we come to Dr. Palmer, the citizen, the man. He is one of the most public spirited men in the community, and owns one of the most beautiful homes in town. Every evening he can be seen on his lawn, sprinkling the grass and weeding the flowers, doing his part toward beautifying a city that is sorely in need of an awakening along the lines of the desirability and lovely homes and surroundings. If all of Ranger would follow Dr. Palmer's splendid example in improving the residence section, this would be the prettiest, as well as the best town in the oil field section.

Another characteristic of the physician which commends itself to those of esthetic tastes is his love for music.

Dr. Palmer belongs to the Masons and the Shrine, the Country Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, and the Carl Barnes Post American Legion, of which he is a past commander. He is the level-headed sort of a man who would make a success at anything he attempted, in business just as he has in his profession, and as he did as a major in the army. Kind, calm, poised, intelligent, there is none better to be found than W. C. Palmer, the doctor, the citizen and the man.

### SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE WELL EQUIPPED

Ranger Plant Most Modern In West Texas With Good Long Distance Service

The Southwestern Bell Telephone company occupies in Ranger the most modern and best equipped plant to be found in West Texas, and is in position to take care of all the increase in business as it develops in or about Ranger.

When the oil boom came to Ranger in 1918 and 1919, there was a rush for the long-distance phone. The immediate demand for local phones was not so great at that time and special attention was given to long distance service with the result that Ranger is provided with such a far-reaching service as would be a credit to a city several times as large. Then came the demand for an adequate local service and it was built up to meet all requirements.

Philip Pettit is the district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, making his headquarters in Cisco. The local service is under the immediate supervision of A. M. Worley, wire chief. The traffic department is under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Worley and the commercial department in charge of Miss Jennie Noble.

Ranger is provided with six long-distance telephones at the station and connection may be had from the local exchange has 28 toll lines here with any part of the country, and there are five local positions on the board. Service is maintained both night and day, a total of 22 operators being employed.

Business at the Ranger telephone exchange has been holding up steadily and recently increasing. It is stated, and the service is so good that seldom is any complaint heard.

### PEOPLE WHO WERE ONCE GOOD LOOKING

A heartrending and yet interesting thing happened in a downtown store when a middle-aged lady got into a loud argument with a clerk. "I know what I want," she kept saying. "I have tried all those other things, but I know from what I saw it do for some friends of mine that it is Black and White Ointment which gets rid of these pimples and blotches. I was just as pretty as any girl when I was young, but I got careless and now I am in the fix you see."

So many people are now insisting on Black and White Ointment, and Black and White Soap, to get rid of pimples, blotches, eczema, rash, tetting, ringworm, "breaking out," etc., because they see and hear of the thousands of others who now know they can depend upon it. And they are more economical, too. The 50c size Ointment contains three times as much as the liberal 25c size. All dealers have both the Ointment and Soap.

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### OLDEN

OLDEN, June 17.—Mrs. Petteyman and little daughter have returned home from Kansas, where they have been visiting her sister.

Mrs. R. C. Carpenter and little son left Monday for Tulsa, Okla., to be at the bedside of her grandmother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roope and little son, Gole, left Saturday for Augusta, Kan., to spend their vacation with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ray and children and Mrs. W. M. Ray and children have gone to Duncan, Okla., to visit relatives.

The carpenters are nearing completion of the Methodist church.

The Baptist revival in progress by the pastor, L. U. Comalander, came to a close Sunday. Quite a number were added to the church.

Walter Sprawel of Corsicana spent

the week-end here in the home of his half brother, R. E. Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Presley have moved to Olden from Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sellers and baby son visited rMs. Sellers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and family, near Freedom.

Rev. Mr. Leake and family of Ranger visited at the Olden Baptist church Saturday night. The preaching service were turned over to Rev. Mr. Leake, while Mrs. Leake and little daughter presented some special music.

Mrs. Lester Brown of Desdemona was a guest at the home of her parents; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howell & family here Sunday.

E. Allen is preparing to move his family here from Carbon. Mr. Allen has a filling station here.

### THREE LITTLE CHILDREN DROWN IN OKLAHOMA

By United Press.

NORMAN, Okla., June 17.—Seeking relief from the intense heat yesterday, which pushed the thermometer to 93, three children were drowned and the mother of two almost lost her life in an attempt to save them. Louise, 8, and Opal, 11, children of Mrs. Tarbet, were drowned near here. Carl Johnson, 8, went down in the Cowskin river near Tonkawa.

### OUT OUR WAY



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### Boy Scouts Carry Casket of Little Friend to Grave

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Plumley and family were at the Ranger Methodist church in large numbers Tuesday afternoon to attend funeral services for their little son, Paul, five-year-old boy who met death Sunday in a lake near the city. The Rev. A. W. Hall, pastor of the church, conducted the services and spoke words of comfort for the bereaved family, drawing hope and inspiration from the Bible. A neighbor of the family, Mrs. Chapler, told briefly of the loss of little Paul to the neighborhood where he lived and where his happy smile and cheerful voice made him a welcome guest wherever he went. The choir of the church sang, "Rest in Jesus."

Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, where the little mound was heaped high with flowers, tributes of sympathy for the family from their many friends. Boy Scouts of Ranger to which Francis, an older brother, belongs, were pallbearers of the little casket.

FORT WORTH, June 17.—Land and scouting offices of the Phillips Petroleum company of Texas will be opened in the W. T. Wagoner building, June 18, according to an announcement made public yesterday. The offices were formerly in Dallas and, it is said, were moved to Fort Worth because to the facility with which every oil field in Texas could be reached from there.

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**OIL CITY PHARMACY**

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### CISCO NEWS

CISCO, June 17.—Rev. C. R. Goodman, 74, father of Mrs. Francis Williams and Mrs. Bell Stamps of this city, died at the Stamps home here Tuesday morning, having been brought from his home at Marble Falls, Texas. The body was taken to Abilene, where the funeral and burial will take place today. Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. B. Pearce, Olney, Texas; E. B. Goodman, Abilene; Mrs. F. L. Bush, Texarkana; Mrs. E. J. Wilson, Fort Worth; and Mrs. Stamps and Mrs. Williams of Cisco.

A number of prominent citizens of the state have accepted invitation to be present at the dedication service of the Cisco dam on July 4, among them being Hon. M. H. Hagaman of Ranger, Senator Jesse R. Smith of Breckenridge, and Judge B. L. Russell of Baird.

Joe Bernard, the heavy-hitting lightweight who will meet Dick Bowers of Breckenridge here Thursday, has decided to make Cisco his headquarters.

The Texas company has announced from Cisco headquarters the purchase of the Diller oil properties, 8 miles southwest of Moran and in the shallow oil field of that section. The consideration is given as \$250,000.

Miss Anna Blanton of Washington, sister of Congressman Thos. L. Blanton and former state superintendent of education of Texas, was

### TOM SIMS SAYS

Mercury's year is 88 days long.

Teakwood used for Chinese furniture is from Burmah and Siam.

There will be gold at the end of the rainbow if you save it while on your way there.

All work and no pay makes jack a scarce article.

There are those who work because they are too lazy to loaf.

The hand that rocks the steering wheel is the hand that ruins the world.

California reports the lemon crop will be a peach.

The quickest way to get a boy to take a bath is by asking him to water the lawn.

A girl friend tells us she refused a man's heart because his face went with it.

Saw an auto so old it must be nearly paid for.

Children and flappers are better seen than heard.

Only nice thing about a big city is you never meet anyone you know.

A pair of dreamy eyes can put a man to sleep.

A thing of beauty wants ice cream sodas forever.

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### Boils!

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DON'T CLOSE your eyes to the warning which Nature gives when angry, painful boils appear on your neck, face or other parts of your body. Boils, pimples and so-called skin disorders are the result of an impoverished condition of the blood and are not to be trifled with.

It is nothing more than folly to expect to get absolute relief from the use of local treatments, such as ointments, salves, etc. Such remedies may afford temporary relief but you want more than relief, you want a remedy which will rid you forever of the torturing disorder. And the one remedy which has no equal is S.S.S.

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For Ladies and Gentlemen.

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newcomb here Monday. She was enroute to Washington.

Miss Ruth Hague of Eastland is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Patterson.

Mrs. Guy Ward and children of Warren, Arizona, who are spending the summer here with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ward, visited Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davenport, in Eastland Monday.

### DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES LEAD TO HOME TRAGEDY

By United Press.

DALLAS, June 17.—Mrs. Rosalee Carn, 34, shot herself to death at her home today as an outgrowth of domestic difficulties, according to police report. Her husband and children were in another part of the house at the time of the shooting.

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# RANGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE MARKED ADVANCE IN LAST FEW YEARS, NOW RANKING HIGH

## Splendid High School and Four Large Brick Grade Schools in Ranger Independent School District; High Qualifications of Teachers and Affiliation With All Institutions of Higher Learning in State.

The Ranger public schools, climbing out of the small village class when the discovery of oil brought prosperity and people to Ranger, yet even now just in the beginning of their growth, take rank with the best in Texas. It is only a few years since all the school children in Ranger went to school at one central point, the old school house being located where the present high school now stands, but in those few years—less than a half dozen, much has been accomplished. Graduates of the Ranger high school, now affiliated with all the higher institutions of learning in the state, may now attend any of the colleges or universities and gain admission to the freshman classes by presentation of their credits from the Ranger school. In the qualifications of its teachers, its school houses and equipment, its class activities, and its athletics, the Ranger schools now rank well to the fore among all the schools in Texas.

**School Makes Progress**  
It is a far jump from the little brick school house, two-story although it was, to the quintet of splendid buildings that now mark the Ranger high school, the grade schools in the city in Young and Cooper additions, the grade school in the Tiffin suburb and the grade school at Merriman, about three miles southwest of Ranger, but included in the Ranger independent school district. A look at the financial statement shows how the Ranger schools are supported.

Taxes collected in 1921 amounted to \$61,857.61; in 1922 to \$90,126.15; in 1923 to \$95,904.91; in 1924 to \$70,614.47 to date. For the latter year a large amount is yet to be collected.

Depreciation of values in the last two years has caused the loss of some taxes, the depreciation amounting to about \$1,500,000 with the breaking of the oil boom and the necessity of getting back on a sound foundation. It was necessary for Ranger to return to a sound economic and financial basis following the hectic days of the boom.

Teachers in the Ranger schools were paid \$60,706.09 in 1923 and about the same amount in 1924. Incidental expenses, including bond interest, consumed the remainder of the funds.

State aid for the schools was obtained in 1921 to the amount of \$34,000, in 1922 to the amount of \$37,000, in 1923 to the amount of \$24,000, in 1924 to the amount of \$26,714.

Several hundred thousand dollars were required to build the several school buildings in the Ranger independent school district and \$425,000 of the original bond issue of \$450,000 are still outstanding.

The Ranger high school building, a three-story structure, cost \$145,065.90. The Young school and real estate cost \$75,875, the Cooper school and real estate cost \$75,875, the Central ward real estate and buildings cost \$80,000, the Tiffin school and real estate cost \$27,000, the Merriman school cost \$24,171.33, the Merriman teacherage \$2,000 and equipment \$3,546. The real estate upon which the high school stands and equipment for the school cost \$30,000.

The work of building the several ward schools was started in 1921 and the high school, began in 1923, was completed in 1924. The Central ward grounds adjoin those of the high school and its buildings are small frame structures, some of the Central ward pupils having their classrooms in the high school building. A building for the Central ward grade pupils will be the next serious undertaking for Ranger.

Due to the large transient population in Ranger during the oil boom there were many more pupils in the school in the year 1921-22, the total enrollment being 2,300. In 1923 the total enrollment was 1,907 and in 1924 it was 1,800, gaining slightly towards the close of the school year. The trustees of the Ranger independent school district are:

M. H. Hagaman, president of the board; Ike Erwin, secretary; Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, F. E. Langston, John M. Gholson, L. L. Neal, and J. T. Killingsworth.

J. M. Dodson is tax collector and assessor for the schools.

R. F. Holloway is superintendent of the schools and the following teachers have been elected, although some of them, it is said, may resign before the schools are reopened next fall:

High School—Lyman E. Forrest, principal; F. C. Lewis, O. G. Lanier, Charles D. White, J. Pickett, Blair Cherry, W. E. Davis, Miss Billie Jean Mangum, Miss Williamson, Miss Ina Joy Nowlin, Miss Gladys Pinson, Miss Helen Stafford and Miss Ruby Knolle.

Central School—F. C. Lewis, principal; Mrs. Mae Healer, Miss Sydney Branch, Miss Helen Howdeshell, Miss Martha Johnson, Miss Katherine Long, Miss Hortense Ross, Mrs. F. C. Lewis, Miss Christine Schmuck, Mrs. Daphne Casey, Mrs. A. W. Hall, Miss Lucille Davenport, Mrs. William Jones.

Young School—W. R. Pettitt, principal; Mrs. Rex C. Outlaw, Mrs. Jimmie Wagner, Miss Maud Latham, Miss Beatrice Messick, Miss Mittie Pettitt, Miss Mae Vestal, Miss Lula May, Miss Virginia Brooks. Cooper School—H. L. Baskin,

principal; Mrs. Alexander Neill, Miss Marian Hunt, Miss Murkle Mills, Miss Dora Baskin, Miss Myrtle McQuerry.  
Tiffin School—A. E. Pettitt, principal; Miss Fletcher.  
Merriman School—Mrs. J. N. Poe, principal; J. N. Poe.  
Colored School—Mrs. M. C. Watkins.

## Frank A. Brown, Wins Place As City Builder

Frank A. Brown, finance commissioner of the city of Ranger, is an engineer by profession, but since coming to Ranger during the early days of the oil boom he has engaged largely in prospecting for and the production of oil as an independent operator.

Born in Parker, Kan., in November, 1872, he was reared there and at Coffeyville, near by, to young manhood, and then, moving to Arkansas, he attended and graduated from the University of Arkansas. Afterwards he followed his profession in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and was 10 years in the bonding business in Texarkana, until coming to Ranger, when for several years he was

engaged in the oil well supply business, at the same time boring for oil and finding it.

Mr. Brown owns large oil leases in the Ranger field and in other sections of West Texas, some of which he is now engaged in developing and in which his training as an engineer stands him in good stead.

Being a good citizen, Mr. Brown consented two years ago, after some urging, to become a candidate for the office of finance commissioner of Ranger, and was elected by a handsome majority. Although that office pays almost no salary, he has given it the most careful attention and it is largely because of his ability that the credit of the city of Ranger is today rated high, notwithstanding the slump in property values that attended the depression of several years ago. He was recently re-elected to the office by a greater majority than he obtained the first time.

During his first term as a city commissioner, Mr. Brown engineered the purchase of the Ranger Water Works from private ownership, obtaining for the city a better price than was first made after a careful survey by an expert to determine the value of the property. He engineered the betterment of the plant, which includes a new half-million gallon standpipe, a water purifying system, extension of mains to get new water consumers, the elimination of dead ends, additional fire plugs, the purchase of additional pumping facilities and other improvements which has reduced the city's insurance key rate. For a number of months, following this purchase by the city, Mr. Brown acted as superintendent of the water works until the necessity of giving more attention to his own affairs compelled him to give up the active management of that department of the city.

Mr. Brown is the exalted ruler of the Ranger lodge of Elks. He is a member of the Ranger Lions club and of the Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the First Baptist church of Ranger and treasurer of the church. He is a teacher in the Sunday school of that church and has the largest class of boys around 12 years of age to be found in Ranger. In every project for the advancement of Ranger he is to be found working in the front rank, figuratively, with his "coat off" and determined to "go over."

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Brown take an active part in the social activities of Ranger, being popular in social circles. They have one daughter, Mrs. Helen Trieves, a popular Ranger belle, who was married a few months ago.

DALLAS.—New home of Southwestern Life Insurance company to cost \$500,000.

PORT ARTHUR.—Million and half feet lumber shipped recently to South American ports.

SHAMROCK.—One thousand-barrel refinery under construction at Lela, 12 miles from here.

# CREST STORE IN RANGER DOING FINE BUSINESS

T. E. Henshaw, Manager of Chain, Has His Headquarters in Ranger.

While chain stores are operating all over the United States, ranging from Woolworth, one of the oldest and most successful, to "Sole Owner," the newest, which has prospects of



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T. E. HANSRAW

being also successful. It is interesting to know that through the oil field section there is a small chain of stores which had its origin, and now has its headquarters in Ranger. The Crest Stores, as the chain is known, are located in Abilene, Brackenridge, Cisco and Olney, besides the large and prosperous store in Ranger.

The first store was opened in 1922, on South Rusk street, in a little building 30 by 50 feet, which burned down in 1923, to be opened later in the present site on Main street.

The stores are managed by T. E. Henshaw, who is one of the outstanding business figures of the city. He was born in Temple, Texas, but as a child accompanied his father to Clinton, Oklahoma, where the son was reared and educated. He took a business college course and got his first position with the S. H. Kress & Co., doing general store work and acquiring a knowledge of the business which enabled him soon to become assistant manager of the company's store in Oklahoma City. From there he went to Bartlesville as manager of the company's store, leaving there to establish the S. & H. Clothing store in Ranger, of which Mr. S. D. Simpson of Clinton was a silent partner.

While managing the S. & H. Store Mr. Henshaw established the Crest Store with Mr. Simpson as his partner, met with such a success he closed out the other business and has since been devoting his sole attention to the chain of stores.

The Crest stores carry a complete line of everything to be found in an up-to-date 5, 10 and 25c store.

By buying in large volumes direct from the manufacturer, a chain store is enabled to give better values for less money, and the quick turnover justifies smaller profits. The company sometimes gets as high as a carload lot of dishes at one shipment, and during the holidays gets three carloads of toys at a time. The stock includes notions, toys, glass, granite, and aluminum ware, candy and toilet goods, stamped goods, lace, ribbon, millinery, hosiery, hardware, and many special items in high grade dry goods and millinery.

The employees of the company number 33, but during the holidays the local store alone employs 45 or more girls. A feature of the business is the daily change of window decorations.

Miss Henshaw was married in 1922 to Miss Ola Smith, a former school teacher of Ranger, daughter of G. C. Smith of Gorman, who is an old settler of that town. Among the lodge and club affiliations of Mr. Henshaw are the Knights Templar, Shrine, Linos, Country Club and civic organizations.

## Rose Girl



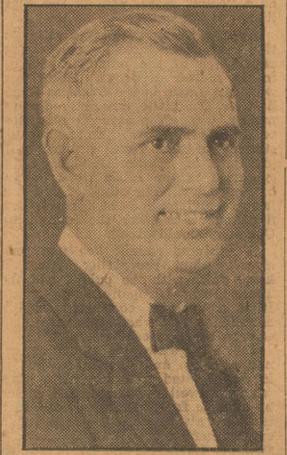
Sue Starkey is the "Rose Queen" of her home town, Tulsa, Okla., and will preside over a rose carnival that will be held shortly. Since she's an expert swimmer, the bathing suit is entirely appropriate.

# STAFF OF RANGER DAILY TIMES WHO GET OUT THE NEWSPAPER

Just a word or two about the staff of the Ranger Daily Times that has been working hard for the last month in the preparation of this special "Booster Edition." They have put their best efforts into it and feel they have been justified by the results obtained.

Walter Murray, president of the Times Publishing company, and business and advertising manager, came to the Times in 1921, the year of the depression in Ranger, as its vice president and advertising manager. He succeeded to the presidency of the company in the early part of 1923. Previous to coming to Ranger he was for several years advertising manager of the Fort Worth Record and before that a number of years was in the advertising department of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He believes in Ranger and has given his best efforts in every way for the advancement of the city.

Charles G. Norton, editor of the Times, came to Ranger in February, 1923, having previously been managing editor of the Fort Worth Record for several years and before that holding editorial positions at various times on the Dallas News, the Galveston News, the Austin Statesman, the Austin American, the San Antonio Express, and the San Antonio Light. He, too, has become a loyal booster for Ranger. Mrs. Norton, who came to the Times also from the Fort Worth Record to write social



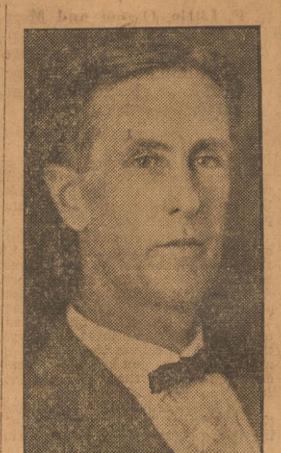
—Photo by Kinberg  
WALTER MURRAY

news of the city and who wrote the review of social and women's clubs in Ranger appearing in this special edition, has recently retired from newspaper work, and Mrs. R. B. Campbell, a well known and popular writer in Ranger, is now editing the social column.

O. S. Driskill, cashier of the Times, came to Ranger from Dallas early in 1923, and in addition to his work for the newspaper has established the Driskill Leghorn farm in Ranger with a slogan, "One million hens in 25 years," so it is certain he has become both a booster and a worker for Ranger.

Charles F. Underwood, circulation manager, came to the Times during the early years of the oil boom and considers himself a pioneer of Ranger. He is who sees the papers are delivered properly and are mailed to readers living outside the city. He, too, was with the Fort Worth Record before coming to Ranger, and previously was connected with the circulation department of the Nashville Tennessean and Birmingham Age-Herald.

Leonard L. Hudson, advertising solicitor, has been connected with the Times for several years, coming to Ranger from Nashville, Tenn., where he was employed on the Nashville Banner and Nashville Tennessean. He has a wide acquaintance in Ranger and throughout Eastland county



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C. G. NORTON

and is popular with all who know him.

C. L. Bristow, assistant in the advertising and circulation department and collector, has been in and about Ranger since the oil boom days, and has a host of friends, for to know him is to like him. He claims St. Louis as his home, but has traveled extensively and is at home anywhere.

Earl Brewer, reporter for the Times for more than a year, came from Fort Worth, where for a number of years he was connected with the Star-Telegram.

F. D. Hicks, foreman of the composing room, has been connected with the Ranger Daily Times since it was established and its foreman more than five years. As a printer he has few equals and no superior and he knows how to give the paper a good, dressy appearance and get it out on time. He is the dean of the Times staff.

Ernest M. Glazner, expert linotype operator, has been with the Times more than four years. Previously his home was in Weatherford. In operating the keyboard of the linotype he excels and as an all-around printer he has few superiors.

P. M. Padon, also an expert linotype operator, came to the Times more than two years ago, previously having published newspapers of his own in Oklahoma and in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where his father, a veteran newspaper man of Texas, long published a newspaper.

Fresto P. Jones, of the composing room staff, came to the Times from Eastland, his home for a long time. Previously to becoming a printer he drilled oil wells. He is a world war veteran and was an expert marksman, and also served in the secret service.

W. C. Smith, who looks after the job department, works and sometimes assists in getting out the newspaper, is an expert printer of long experience. He has been connected with the Times about a year, coming here from Oklahoma.

Farror Griffin, pressman, is an Eastland man, who came to the Times about six months ago and has proved his ability in managing the press, which sometimes has moods and requires expert handling.

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Rufus Wright, T. B. Tharpe and Sam L. Tharpe, heretofore doing business under the firm name and style of Wright Furniture company has been this day dissolved; all debts due by said firm are assumed by the new firm of Tharpe Furniture company, composed of T. B. Tharpe, Sam L. Tharpe and W. H. Martin. All debts due to the Wright Furniture company will be paid to and received by the Tharpe Furniture company, at 218 Main street, Ranger, Texas.

Dated at Ranger, Texas, June 16, 1925.  
WRIGHT FURNITURE CO.,  
RUFUS WRIGHT,  
T. B. THARPE,  
SAM L. THARPE.  
(Advertisement)

# DR. C. O. TERRELL IS NATIVE SON OF RANGER TOWN

Has Wide Repute as Physician and Surgeon; Dips Slightly Into Politics.

Dr. C. O. Terrell, now serving his second term as Ranger's police and fire commissioner, was born and reared in Ranger, being a son of the late Dr. Charles E. Terrell, who long

conducted the first drug store in Ranger, and a grandson of "Uncle" Od Riddle, who was one of the real pioneer citizens of Eastland county. He attended school in Ranger and later entered the University of Texas and graduated from the medical school. He has also taken several post-graduate courses in colleges at the north. During the world war he was stationed at Kelly field, San Antonio, with the aviation corps.

Dr. Terrell has established a wide reputation as a surgeon and a physician. He is at the head of the Clinical hospital in Ranger and patients come to him from a long distance. Recently he has been specializing to some extent in children's diseases.

Dr. Terrell married Miss Nona Garner of Cisco and they have three fine sons. They have a delightful home in Ranger, where they entertain a great deal, having a large circle of friends.

Dr. Terrell has a charming personality, always a fine asset for a physician; apparently untiring energy, and finds a welcome wherever he goes. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, a member of the Ranger Rotary club, an Elk and a member of various other organizations.

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DR. C. O. TERRELL

and is popular with all who know him.

## STATION-TO-STATION CALLS COST LESS

When you ask Long Distance to get a certain telephone number in a distant city and, when connected, you speak to any one at that number, you have made what is described as a Station-to-Station call. That is, on a Station-to-Station call do not specify a particular person to be reached, but give only the number of the telephone or the name or address under which that telephone is listed. A Station-to-Station call costs less than does a call for a particular person because less operating labor and less circuit time are required than if a particular person has to be located and brought to the telephone.

Charges can not be reversed on Station-to-Station calls.

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

# BOURDEAU BROS. PLANING MILL, CONTRACTORS

C. I. Bourdeau and W. N. Bourdeau Build Up Extensive Business by Good Work

C. I. and W. N. Bourdeau are partners in the planing mill and general contracting company which operates under the name of Bourdeau Bros. The firm is located at 429 S. Rusk street, and is one of the best equipped plants in this part of the state.

The brothers were born in Vermont, but later located in California where they conducted a business in a little oil town of that state, but when the big oil boom came in Ranger prospects looked so much better, they decided to locate with their families here.

In 1919 they opened their mill and enjoyed a prosperous business from the first. Although they did only mill work in the beginning, their business grew to the point where they began outside contracting and have since erected many beautiful homes in the city. They also built the city filtration plant last year, and have put in some of the handsomest store fronts in the city, including the Globe, E. H. & A. Davis, W. E. Davis and the Julianna Shop.

Bourdeau Bros. do an extensive line of cabinet work, install stove fixtures, and in other ways serve the business interests of the city in a most satisfactory way. The machinery of the plant, which is large and modern in every way, is humming from morning to night, attesting the success of the firm.

Although their business interests keep them occupied for long hours, the brothers are never too busy to take an active interest in civic affairs, and they are among the city's most loyal and consistent boosters. They are both married, and each has a daughter and two sons. They can easily be rated as two of the city's most substantial and outstanding men.

# M. H. HAGAMAN FIRST MAYOR OF CITY OF RANGER

Teacher, Merchant, Ranchman, Banker and Lawmaker, He Has Proved Efficient

M. H. Hagaman, a citizen of Ranger since 1887, was the first mayor of Ranger, elected in 1919 when the city was incorporated and serving for two years, when conditions were chaotic, in a most efficient manner.

Mr. Hagaman is a native of East Tennessee. When he first came to Ranger he taught schools both in Ranger and in Eastland, but after four years of teaching he engaged in the mercantile business, which held his attention for 10 years, when, having acquired large land holdings to the east of Ranger he embarked in the livestock and land business. He was so engaged when oil was discovered in and near Ranger and some of his holdings were developed as valuable oil properties.

Mr. Hagaman built the Ranger water works system and supplied the city of Ranger with water until he sold the plant to the city a little more than one year ago. Lake Hagaman, which he owns and from which Ranger gets its water, was named for him. He has a delightful home very near his shores.

Mr. Hagaman was elected a member of the Texas legislature in 1924 and served with credit in the session that recently closed. A few months since he was elected president of the Ranger State bank. He is also interested with his son, Leslie, in a chicken ranch, which has a promising future.

Mrs. Hagaman, like her husband, has been a leader in Ranger for many years. She has taken much interest in women's clubwork and is a recognized leader in the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. Hagaman is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Methodist church, a Rotarian and interested in civic work of all kinds. He has served a number of times on the Ranger school board and is a school trustee at this time and president of the board.

DALLAS.—Plans submitted for new \$1,500,000 cotton exchange building.

HOUSTON.—Gulf Production company's No. 1 Deussen, flowing 1,200 barrels daily.

# DR. CARL WILSON PROVES YOUNG MAN MAY WIN

Native Texan; Graduate Leading Colleges; Attracted to Ranger and Succeeds.

Dr. Carl Wilson, a prominent and successful young physician and surgeon of Ranger, was born in Corsicana on Dec. 12, 1892. After gradu-



—Photo by Kinberg  
DR. CARL WILSON

ating from the Corsicana high school he entered Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., where he took his pre-medical work before entering the Tulane University college of medicine at New Orleans. From there he went to Baylor in Dallas where he completed his course, and then went to the St. Louis University for post-graduate work.

During the war Dr. Wilson entered the medical enlisted reserve corps in 1917, and in that capacity he served as house physician and surgeon at St. Paul's sanitarium in Dallas.

Under ordinary circumstances an institution like St. Paul's would have a house physician and surgeon and several interns, but due to the shortage of medical men during the war, when the services of doctors were so badly needed overseas, Dr. Wilson found himself the only physician located at the hospital for a period of six months, during which time there was an epidemic of the flu. And also during this period patients from Camp Dick were treated at the hospital.

For that reason Dr. Wilson was given the benefit of a wide experience which many young physicians do not have the opportunity of getting, and developed early a sense of responsibility which was to prove a valuable asset in his later career, for through necessity, the experience of years was crowded into that brief period. Being naturally of a receptive mind, Dr. Wilson made the most of this golden opportunity which comes to so few young men, and when he later came to Ranger he brought with him an ability usually found only in much older men.

From his earliest childhood Dr. Wilson wanted to be a physician. This ambition, he says, is the first thing he can remember. Just what gave him the idea he does not know, but between his grammar and high school years he had a severe case of typhoid fever with a subsequent loss of health which necessitated his family moving to a ranch on the Neceus river, 80 miles below San Antonio, where he spent two years. During this period of convalescence his desire to be a doctor for the benefit of suffering humanity crystallized, and now that time on he laid his plans for his future work.

Throughout his medical education and post-graduate work, Dr. Wilson paid especial attention to skin and genito-urinary work and is now considered an authority along this line. On leaving the hospital work in Dallas, Dr. Wilson came to Ranger in December, 1918, just at the beginning of the boom, considering it a town of present opportunity and future prospects. During those days of congestion, bad housing and poor living conditions, there was much sickness and the young physician found a good field for his work, and built up a practice immediately. This practice later grew to the point where he was justified in practically discharging residence calls, except in special cases, and since 1921 he has confined his work almost entirely to office practice. His hospital cases are treated at the City-County hospital.

Dr. Wilson has had several invitations to form lucrative associations with doctors and clinics in larger cities, but he has remained in Ranger because he believes in the future of the town, and already he is having this belief rewarded.

Dr. Wilson occupies two floors of the Bobo building. On the second floor he has his suite of offices consisting of a reception room, private office, examination and treatment rooms, and laboratory. His living quarters, shared with his mother, are on the third floor. Dr. Wilson is unmarried, and his father, H. B. Wilson, has extensive business and property holdings throughout the state, which keep him away a great deal of the time, during which time his mother takes charge of his home.

Dr. Wilson belongs to the Ranger Masonic lodge No. 738, Dallas Consistory, 32nd degree Masons, Mosiah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the board of directors and chairman of the entertainment committee of the Country club. He belongs to the Eastland County Medical society, and Texas State Medical association; is a fellow of the American Medical association, and member of the Pi Mu International Medical fraternity, Vanderbilt chapter. He is a member of the Methodist church and Chamber of Commerce, and has been appointed the designated physician in Ranger for the United States employes compensation commission.

# TEXAS DRUG COMPANY OCCUPIES PLACE CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE OF RANGER

A. F. Little, Owner and Manager, Experienced and Capable, Builds Business Into First Rank Position; Has Fine War Record Behind Attractive Personality.

"We have a standing promise to make no charges to a customer if we forget to say thanks," A. F. Little, manager of the Texas Drug Company, said in a recent interview.

But there is not much chance of any one ever getting to collect on that promise, for no one ever forgets to thank the customer at this store. A small thing, perhaps, but oh, what a gratifying one. Little courtesies are so often forgotten, and patronage so seldom appreciated nowadays, there is a real satisfaction in trading at a store where you know your presence and your purchase will be gratefully received.

And there are other things about the store that is somewhat flattering to the customer. A belief in the excellence of the patron's taste, for instance, in such matters as perfumes and cosmetics. No other drug store in this section carries such exquisite and expensive perfumes as the French imported Gueidy perfume, which has a fragrance so sweet it suggests refinement and culture on the part of the user, an odor so delicate as to be almost imperceptible, and yet so distinct as to characterize the wearer with its own daintiness. A perfume in little vial, surmounted by a tiny crystal angel, challenging the epicure and fulfilling the need of a costly and yet appropriate gift for an esteemed friend.

Another feature of the ample stocks that appeal to the feminine customer is the complete line of Elizabeth Arden cosmetics, recognized as the highest attainment in the requisites for beauty culture. Only the leading store in every city, usually an exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear store like the Neiman-Marcus company in Dallas, has the distinction of carrying this line, and it is indeed a tribute to the Texas Drug Company's prestige in the oil field section, that it is privileged to carry the Elizabeth Arden products.

But, in addition to these few exclusive lines for discriminating customers, the store also carries complete stock of all standard cosmetics, satisfactory in quality and reasonable in price, to meet the most general demands. The place is known as a "Nyal" store, and all the Nyal lines are carried.

Another thing that is essential to this kind of business is to have the confidence of the public, especially in the matter of drugs. Associated with Mr. Little in the business is his brother, Dee Little, a registered pharmacist, who gives especial attention to prescription work. He is a former student of the Texas University, a graduate of Wesley College and a graduate of the Little Rock School of Pharmacy. The stock of drugs is large, complete, and fresh, and in this line alone, if no other, the Texas Drug Company would excel.

A business cannot keep on progressing and prospering unless it keeps faith with the public, and the Texas Drug Company keeps faith. It is a business conducted with a conscience, and where there is a conscience there is confidence. It is a large store on a popular corner, at Main and Austin streets. It is well lighted with big plate glass windows, well ventilated, and cooled by electric fans. It is provided with the most attractive of show and wall cases where the splendid stocks are fittingly displayed, and the long marble counter, where refreshing drinks are served in polished glasses, is one of the most popular spots in town. Ice cream and drinks are also served at the numerous small tables to the rear of the store, cozily arranged for small parties of friends. The superior fountain service of this store is well known to Ranger people.

The cordial spirit of hospitality and friendliness prevailing here has inspired the public to make the store its meeting place; ladies coming down town for lunch or to take in a show, or young folks gathering for a motor or swimming party, find it convenient and pleasant to make the Texas Drug Company their headquarters.

The moving spirit behind this successful business is A. F. Little, a quiet man with frank, steady eyes, and a sincerity of manner that has helped to bring the store its prestige. He is a native of the state, born at Waco, in Grayson county, and educated in the grade and high schools, and Wesley College in Greenville, where he took a special course in literature. He started his business career in the advertising department of a Greenville newspaper, and was later salesman for the American Tobacco company in Oklahoma.

At the beginning of the war he enlisted in the artillery, and saw 13 months service abroad, but the "13" did not prove an unlucky number in his case, for he escaped without a scratch. He was with the army of occupation for six months in Germany, and of the most trying experiences of his military service was a three weeks' march into Germany from France.

Mr. Little got back to the United States in July, 1919, just as the oil boom reached its height. He came to Ranger and worked in the oil field, building tanks, and within a month, he who had gone through a war without a wound had the misfortune to fall from a steel oil tank, receiving injuries which put him in a hospital for 90 days.

Upon recovering, he bought a half interest in the Commercial Drug Store, which he later sold, and went to work for the Texas Drug Company, remaining for two years before buying it the first of this year.



—Photo by Kinberg  
A. F. LITTLE

Mr. Little belongs to the Lion club, and is captain of their baseball team, having the position of catcher. He belongs to the Methodist church, Elks club and American Legion. His wife was formerly Miss Reba Allworth of Ranger, and they have one son, who already gives promise of developing into as fine a specimen of manhood as his dad.

Mrs. Nova Little, widow of Dr. W. H. Little of Mt. Pleasant, is living in Ranger with her sons. She is a splendid, dignified, Christian woman, to whom goes much of the credit for the rearing of her two fine boys.

Mr. Dreinhofer then became active vice president of the First National bank of Ranger, his acquaintance with the people in this section fitting him admirably for the place. He assumed that office March 15, 1918, and held it until Dec. 15 of the same year, when the stock of the bank was sold to other interests and he retired. He was city tax assessor and collector from Dec. 15, 1919, to May 10, 1921, at which time a republican administration had come into power, and he became postmaster.

He received his permanent commission Aug. 17, 1921, and has held that office ever since.

Mr. Dreinhofer is one of the city's progressive citizens. For nearly 30 years he has been boosting and working for the advancement of Ranger. He has a delightful home on Eastland hill, where he and his charming wife dispense charming hospitality.

He married Miss Grace Parsons, a member of one of Eastland county's leading families, the Conner family, and at one time a teacher in the Ranger school, and they have several interesting children. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and a member of various civic organizations.

The Ranger Retail Merchants' association was organized in May, 1920, the first president being J. P. Castellaw and M. O. Burt the first secretary.

Since that time the association has gone steadily forward, "mid sunshine and showers," survived several obstacles such as bank failures, etc., until at the present time, we have

one of the most efficient and wide-awake associations in Ranger of any town in the state.

The object of this association is to furnish protection to the retail merchants and business men of the city and to promote co-operation for the purpose of creating a business-like and fair system of trade and for the handling of credits and the elimination of existing trade evils which are detrimental not only to the merchants but to the honest customer as well.

To unite and assist local associations throughout the state whose object is the betterment of the retail business and the promotion of a better understanding between the merchant and the customer.

To maintain credit reporting bureaus for the benefit of its members and to establish a system of credit reporting exchange between cities and towns.

# JNO. M. GHOLSON IS OUTSTANDING MAN IN RANGER

One-Time Mayor, President Chamber of Commerce, Successful Oil Operator.

Although still under 50 years old, John M. Gholson, oil operator, president of the chamber of commerce and second mayor of Ranger, is considered one of the city's ablest business men. It is said of Mr. Gholson that he is the one man in the county whose opinion and judgment every man, woman and child respects. One of his friends said of him recently:

"Mr. Gholson is a big, broad minded man, a good citizen from the standpoint of loyalty to his town and his friends, every move he makes is in the interest of the city."

Born in Kentucky, Mr. Gholson located in Texas when his family moved here 45 years ago, and 35 years ago he came to Ranger, a little town which he was destined to help to its future development and prosperity.

While still a young man he formed a partnership with the late C. E. Terrell, and established the Terrell & Gholson General Mercantile Co., which at the time of the boom was one of the oldest stores in this part of the country. It was located at the corner now occupied by the Boston Store. The business continued until 1918 when it was sold out at the time Mr. Gholson entered the oil business, which he has since followed.

Indeed, the very development of Ranger as an oil town was in a measure due to Mr. Gholson, for he was one of five men who helped induce the T. & P. Coal and Oil Co., to drill the McCleskey well which opened up the great oil field and resultant boom of Ranger, and laid the foundation for the city's development to its present stage of importance as one of the leading centers in all West Texas.

Mr. Gholson was also one of the 10 men who secured the Wichita Falls Ranger & Fort Worth Railroad, popularly known as the "Ranger road."

In appearance he is slender-built, and much younger looking than his 49 years. He has no gray hair, and is often taken for a brother of his adult sons. His family consists of a wife and four children, a daughter, just returned from Columbia University at New York City, Howard, an automobile dealer, John D., manager of his father's interests, and Charles, a high school student.

Mr. Gholson is a member of the Masonic lodge and Shrine, Rotary Club, Country Club and civic organizations.

It has been frequently said that any person in Ranger who survived the boom has proved himself to be a

substantial business man. This is especially true of E. E. Crawford, owner and proprietor of the Oil City pharmacy, for he has long ranked among the important business circles of the city.

Mr. Crawford was born in Limestone county and educated in the

public schools. He later took a course in pharmacy at Baylor university, from which he was graduated.

Preceding the boom in Ranger, Mr. Crawford worked for the Renfro Drug company in Fort Worth, getting a wide experience in this line of business and in June, 1918, he located in Ranger, buying the May Drug company, which was owned by C. E. May.

This business was so prosperous and profitable, Mr. Crawford began a program of expansion, his second store being located in the Stewart addition, where it flourished as a neighborhood drug store. This was in the latter part of 1919.

Mr. Crawford continued to operate these stores until 1921 when he acquired his third store in the Gholson hotel, one of the most attractive and desirable locations in the city.

The latter two stores were sold, however, and Mr. Crawford has since devoted himself to the Oil City pharmacy at 117 Main street. This store is one of the most famous survivals of the boom, located in the heart of the business district, and popular both with the young and the old, the newcomers and the folks who have lived here since the time of the boom.

Carries Splendid Stock.

The store is large and well stocked with a complete line of drugs, sundries and cosmetics. The fountain is presided over by an expert soda dispenser, and is especially popular during the sultry summer days, when a refreshing drink proves cooling and delightful.

Mr. Crawford is a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Elks, Rotary, and Country clubs, and all civic organizations. His family consists of a wife and son. He is an enthusiastic booster for Ranger and takes an active part in everything attempted in the interests of his city. It is the achievement and co-operation of men like E. E. Crawford which helps to develop a little community into a progressive and worth while city.

# RANGER CAFE, SURVIVOR OF OIL BOOM DAYS, CONTINUES TO HOLD ITS WELL-EARNED POPULARITY

Under Efficient Management of B. C. Hancock, It Caters to Discriminating Public in Manner That Pleases and Attracts Patrons With Unfailing Regularity.

A history of Ranger is never complete without a story of the Ranger cafe, a landmark of the community, the oldest business in the city open

touch of green. Red, ripe tomatoes in cracked ice. Breast of chicken or sliced cold meats with salad and "Bud"—what better for these sultry days? Iced tea with a dash of lemon—luscious watermelon—toothsome pastries—cake that melts in the mouth.

No matter how fatigued the body and fagged the spirit, no matter how indifferent the appetite, there is always something tempting at the Ranger cafe.

Or again, for the strong, hard-working man, in from a day in the field, there is the strength-giving roast and good, strong, freshly-made coffee, the "ham and," French fried, doughnuts, and every make of pie.

Whether for the leisurely guest in the main dining room, or the hurried luncher at the counter, the service at the Ranger cafe is beyond reproach. The waiters are courteous and painstaking, the orders are filled with promptness and efficiency, and no matter what the circumstances, the guests who eat at the Ranger cafe always leave satisfied in stomach and in mind, and tell their friends what a good meal they just had.

Such is the result of fame and fair dealing, of service and courtesy, of good meals and personal attention to one's wants and needs.

The cafe is now owned and managed by B. C. Hancock, who like the restaurant, dates in Ranger from the boom. He came in from Abilene soon after the discovery well blew in, and has since been furnishing the people of this section with good things to eat. He has had 15 years or more of experience as a chef in some of the leading restaurants in the country, and has had varied connections since locating here six years ago. Last year he owned the Hancock cafe which he sold out before taking over the Ranger cafe which he has been successfully managing ever since. He is an expert in all lines of cooking and pastry work, and is responsible for the superior quality of food which the cafe now serves, outclassing even its former reputation for excellence.

Back in the days of the celebrated boom, just as it is today, the Ranger cafe was one of the most popular places in town. Waiting lines stood for long periods of time trying to get a seat, or even to get inside where they might have the opportunity to eat while standing. Food was the thing, and although the cafe has had many different managements since it opened for business, it has always maintained the high standard of its food.

In appearance it is attractive and appetizing, and a keen appetite is a thing we must have, according to our dietitians. For the sake of nourishment, of good digestion, the appetite must be awakened. Good meals three times a day, well cooked and beautifully served, for the business man hurrying to his work, or tired at the end of the day, or with just a few minutes for a "bite" at noon, meals that please and nourish, these are the meals you find at the Ranger cafe. Not only well prepared but temptingly served.

The tables, which are placed far enough apart to insure privacy, are covered with spotless white, and agleam with polished crystal and silver. Little table lights add to the attractiveness of the meal, while electric fans add to the comfort of the guests. The menu features all the reasonable products of fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and fowl. A thick, juicy steak, with mushrooms and causers, and garnished with a

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Mr. Crawford continued to operate these stores until 1921 when he acquired his third store in the Gholson hotel, one of the most attractive and desirable locations in the city.

The latter two stores were sold, however, and Mr. Crawford has since devoted himself to the Oil City pharmacy at 117 Main street. This store is one of the most famous survivals of the boom, located in the heart of the business district, and popular both with the young and the old, the newcomers and the folks who have lived here since the time of the boom.

Carries Splendid Stock.

The store is large and well stocked with a complete line of drugs, sundries and cosmetics. The fountain is presided over by an expert soda dispenser, and is especially popular during the sultry summer days, when a refreshing drink proves cooling and delightful.

Mr. Crawford is a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Elks, Rotary, and Country clubs, and all civic organizations. His family consists of a wife and son. He is an enthusiastic booster for Ranger and takes an active part in everything attempted in the interests of his city. It is the achievement and co-operation of men like E. E. Crawford which helps to develop a little community into a progressive and worth while city.

# JNO. M. GHOLSON IS OUTSTANDING MAN IN RANGER

One-Time Mayor, President Chamber of Commerce, Successful Oil Operator.

Although still under 50 years old, John M. Gholson, oil operator, president of the chamber of commerce and second mayor of Ranger, is considered one of the city's ablest business men. It is said of Mr. Gholson that he is the one man in the county whose opinion and judgment every man, woman and child respects. One of his friends said of him recently:

"Mr. Gholson is a big, broad minded man, a good citizen from the standpoint of loyalty to his town and his friends, every move he makes is in the interest of the city."

Born in Kentucky, Mr. Gholson located in Texas when his family moved here 45 years ago, and 35 years ago he came to Ranger, a little town which he was destined to help to its future development and prosperity.

While still a young man he formed a partnership with the late C. E. Terrell, and established the Terrell & Gholson General Mercantile Co., which at the time of the boom was one of the oldest stores in this part of the country. It was located at the corner now occupied by the Boston Store. The business continued until 1918 when it was sold out at the time Mr. Gholson entered the oil business, which he has since followed.

Indeed, the very development of Ranger as an oil town was in a measure due to Mr. Gholson, for he was one of five men who helped induce the T. & P. Coal and Oil Co., to drill the McCleskey well which opened up the great oil field and resultant boom of Ranger, and laid the foundation for the city's development to its present stage of importance as one of the leading centers in all West Texas.

Mr. Gholson was also one of the 10 men who secured the Wichita Falls Ranger & Fort Worth Railroad, popularly known as the "Ranger road."

In appearance he is slender-built, and much younger looking than his 49 years. He has no gray hair, and is often taken for a brother of his adult sons. His family consists of a wife and four children, a daughter, just returned from Columbia University at New York City, Howard, an automobile dealer, John D., manager of his father's interests, and Charles, a high school student.

Mr. Gholson is a member of the Masonic lodge and Shrine, Rotary Club, Country Club and civic organizations.

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## MAN V CHURCHES IN RANGER FOR WORSHIPPERS

Religious Life of City Indicative  
Of Splendid Character of  
The Citizens.

Next to the home, the church should be closest to the heart of every good citizen. It is the hub of every community, the homes providing the spokes of the wheel and the rim and tire being represented by the business interests and the schools. With such a wheel in good working order any community will have an adequate vehicle on which it may keep moving forward and keep pace with the progress of the world.

Ranger is splendidly supplied with churches of every denomination, each church having loyal members who give it their whole-hearted support. The people of Ranger have long recognized the importance of good churches and many of them have worked hard to bring them up to their ideals. The result is that many handsome and commodious houses of worship have been built and pastors of ability as teachers and leaders have been brought to and maintained in Ranger.

### Presbyterian.

The First Presbyterian church of Ranger has a large and growing membership which is ministered to by the Rev. G. D. Robison, who came to the church from Tennessee a little more than a year ago.

Elders of the church are: L. J. McMillen, F. L. Carroll, John R. Morrison, E. D. Finney, W. R. Jackson and S. B. Baker, the latter being clerk of the session. The deacons are: G. P. McCobb, G. R. Getts and John W. Thurman.

Mrs. C. E. Slack is president and Miss Annie Hogan is secretary of the women's auxiliary; Mrs. J. J. Kelly is president and Mrs. Catherine Potts is secretary of the Westminster guild.

### First Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. H. Johnson is pastor of this church, coming to Ranger in 1917 and building a strong church with an earnest congregation. The church building on Walnut street is one of the finest houses of worship in Ranger. Frank A. Brown is chairman of the board of deacons and chairman of the board of trustee. The board of deacons includes C. H. Dunlap, Addie Williams and J. A. Pitcock and others. Walter Murray is superintendent of the Sunday school. Frank A. Brown, Colonel Brashers and J. A. Pitcock are on the board of trustees.

**First Methodist Church.**  
This church has one of the largest memberships in the city. The house of worship, built during the oil boom days, is a handsome brick structure and is located on Elm street, on the southwest side of the high school. The Rev. A. W. Hall is now serving his second year as pastor and under his leadership the church has made progress.

**Catholic Church.**  
St. Rita's Catholic church, established here about five years ago, has a handsome brick house of worship in the Cooper addition, with a comfortable priests' house adjoining. The Very Rev. R. A. Gerken, recently made a dean and the youngest dean in the diocese, is pastor of the church, in addition to which he has charge of the missions at Eastland, Cisco and Breckenridge. He usually has the assistance of one priest and sometimes two to carry on the work. St. Rita's parochial school, under direction of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, was established soon after the church was built and has commodious quarters just adjoining. The school has grown rapidly since it was opened and now has a large number of pupils, both day students and boarders.

**Central Baptist Church.**  
The Central Baptist church occupies a large brick building at Pine and Railroad streets, opposite the Texas & Pacific railroad station, and has a large and growing membership. The Rev. A. L. Leake is pastor, Dr. A. K. Wier is chairman of the board of deacons, and other officers are: Gene Wagner, clerk and superintendent of the intermediate department; B. D. Clarke, assistant clerk, and secretary of the Sunday school; O. S. Driskill, treasurer; A. E. Echols, financial secretary; N. O. White, superintendent Sunday school; William Cross, assistant superintendent Sunday school; B. V. Bollinger, superintendent of the adult department; R. C. Stidham, superintendent junior department.

**Episcopal.**  
The Rev. Frank H. Stedham is rector of this church, which is located in the Young addition. The membership, while small, is earnest, and the church is making steady headway.

**Christian.**  
The Christian church of Ranger occupies its own house of worship on Main street and has services each Sunday and at the mid-week notwithstanding that it has had no pastor for the last few months. The members are loyal to it and the church is making headway.

**Christian Science.**  
The Christian Science congregation in Ranger is not so large as in some of the other churches, but the members have interest in their work and are constantly getting additions. The church building is on Pine street, near Marston, where services are held each Sunday and each Wednesday night.

**Church of Christ.**  
This church, at Rusk and Mesquite streets, has a loyal and devoted membership. Although at present without a pastor, the members hold regular services and are constant in attendance.

**LAREDO.**—Contract let for eleven miles of highway construction between this place and Miranda City.

A clear moon indicates frost.

## W. E. DAVIS, LEADING JEWELER AND MUSIC DEALER IN THE OIL FIELD SECTION OF WEST TEXAS

Comes to Ranger During Early Days of Boom and Makes Suddenly-Rich Families Happy; Proves Himself Capable Business Man and Enterprising Citizen.

W. E. Davis, who is one of the leading jewelers of the oil field section, and the only music dealer in Ranger, has been engaged in business here since April, 1918.

It has long been a well known fact that nothing flourishes during good



—Photo by Kinberg  
W. E. DAVIS

times as much as a jewelry store, and nothing suffers during a depression as much as a merchant who deals in expensive luxuries. But Mr. Davis, who enjoyed prosperity during the boom, did not abandon Ranger when the hard times came, but instead, he remained to become one of the big factors in the rebuilding of the town, and to help bring about the revival of prosperity which is here today, a tribute to the substantial survivors of Ranger's fluctuating fortunes.

**Makes Families Happy.**  
No one in the city is as able to relate the story of Ranger's early prosperity as Mr. Davis, for he came more closely in contact with the folks enriched by the first oil discovery than any one else in town. Even before the formerly impoverished farmers had time to buy an auto, they rushed in to buy some family jewels.

Great fortunes were expended on diamonds in those early hectic days. Men who a few short weeks before had hardly sufficient funds to sustain their families, were made suddenly rich. How rich they didn't know, couldn't comprehend. A few dollars in the wallet, after a hard dry season on the farm they could understand. But a fortune in the bank, left them a little bewildered, except for the knowledge they could, if they chose, buy luxuries for "mama and the girls." And what is so luxurious as jewels?

That is why the W. E. Davis Jewelry Store prospered with the boom. Farmers would come in for the purchase of large, blazing gems—diamonds worth many thousand dollars. Rings for all the women folks, a tie pin or stud for the boys. And watches for everybody. Then there must be a handsome comb for mother's fading hair, and a bracelet or earrings for daughter. There was a regular orgy of jewel buying at the beginning of the boom.

"Many a time I have loaded a farmer out at 3 a. m. in the morning," Mr. Davis says. "After he had provided the family with jewels, he'd finish up with a phonograph and a bunch of lively records. Or maybe the records would be old-fashioned songs or hymns. Or again, the purchase would be a piano, with a request to send somebody out to show it."

But after the day of flush production was over, when banks and business began to fail, the real business judgment of Mr. Davis was put to a test, and it was not found wanting. For he has ever remained one of the city's most substantial business men.

The business is located in a beautiful store in the Shelton Hotel building, with large plate glass windows opening to the front and on the hotel lobby. There can be found a wide selection of the finest diamonds and other jewels, watches, silver and cut glass. Selections are large and prices as reasonable as could be found in any jewelry store in the state.

In the music line Mr. Davis carries Baldwin pianos, Victor, Edison and Brunswick phonographs, in all sizes and styles. There is also a complete stock of records. The store is the largest and finest of the kind in Eastland county.

Mr. Davis belongs to the Shrine, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association. And takes part in all civic enterprises.

Twenty-five per cent of industries reporting to National Manufacturers' association have already made plans to increase number of employes this summer, and only 12 per cent are anticipating any decrease in their present number.

**CISCO.**—Local firm awarded contract for building roads in Bosque, Somervill and Coryell counties.

**RUSK.**—Tentative plans under way for opening of wholesale grocery house here.

**GRAND PRAIRIE.**—Modern Methodist church building nearing completion.

## DR. H. A. LOGSDON HAS WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

As Physician, Surgeon, Organizer and Civic Worker He Is Known As a Leader.

Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, a native Texan, and for six years a resident of



—Photo by Kinberg  
DR. H. A. LOGSDON

Ranger, is one of the city's outstanding men, in professional, civic, and philanthropic ways.

There has never been any move for the betterment of Ranger, from the days of the memorable boom, through the depression, and up to the present revival of prosperity, that Dr. Logsdon has not heartily cooperated with, and in most cases taking the leading part.

For instance, he was chairman of the local red cross during the drive of 1923, chairman of the advisory board, of the Salvation Army drive last year, and because of his constant and earnest activities in behalf of the local high school, the members of last year's graduating class dedicated their annual to him, a signal honor indeed, and one rarely given to anyone outside the faculty.

Dr. Logsdon was also a factor in securing for Ranger the location of the City-County hospital, and helped to develop the technique of the colonic anesthesia which is attracting so much attention around this part of the country.

For two years Dr. Logsdon was Exalted Ruler of the Elks, during which time they acquired their beautiful new home, and during 1923 and 1924 he was president of the Lions Club. At this time he is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the Country Club, and commander of the Earl Barnes Post No. 68, American Legion.

**Ability as Organizer.**  
His ability as an organizer and leader found expression, however, long before he located in Ranger. In 1917 he helped organize the Ambulance Company No. 40, of the Red Cross of Fort Worth, and his ability is further demonstrated by the fact that he went over seas as a lieutenant, and returned as a captain, commanding his company.

Dr. Logsdon was born in Sherman in 1884, and educated in the public schools of Gainsville. Early in life he developed a desire to become a doctor, and spent much of his time around the offices of physicians whom he knew, gathering whatever knowledge he could about the subject he intended to make his life's work.

In 1910 he was graduated from the medical department of the Fort Worth University, and served a year's internship in St. Joseph's infirmary. He also did special work in the big clinics of the East, both in medicine and in surgery, and began his practice in Fort Worth in 1911, continuing it until he entered the service in 1917. He enlisted in the medical department U. S. A. and with his company was assigned to the 90th division at San Antonio, where he was trained at camp Travis.

**Spends Year Abroad.**  
Dr. Logsdon spent a year abroad, where he was in action at St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne, and all other service of the 90th division overseas, during which time he was gassed. He had charge of the front line evacuation of the wounded, and from December 1918 to May 1919, he was with the army of occupation, in Germany, wintering at a little hunting resort of the Kaiser's known as "Mandersheim." This was about 60 miles from Coblenz.

On July 10, 1919, Dr. Logsdon was discharged from service, and on Aug. 1, he came from Fort Worth to Ranger.

"I looked around and watched the people milling around in the mud, with 10-team trucks handling boilers and other oil field equipment, and it looked so natural—I was used to seeing the big guns handled by teams, trucks and trailers in France—that I decided to stay here," Dr. Logsdon said.

He began practicing immediately upon locating here, and has been enjoying an ever increasing success in his work ever since.

**Unceasing Work.**  
"It is my judgment that the success of a doctor depends entirely on the individual care of every case," he said, "because the object of our work is service, pure and simple. The only way a doctor can succeed is by close application to his chosen work; and by keeping step with the progress made in his profession. A doctor's success is also due to his preparation, his education, and to a great extent to his ability to properly apply the methods taught him."

That is why Dr. Logsdon makes frequent trips to the clinics of other cities and keeps in touch with all the very latest methods both in the practice of medicine and in surgery. The great number, and different types of injuries that came under his attention during the war developed his efficiency as a surgeon to a great extent.

## PHILLIPS DRUG COMPANY HAS DIGNITY OF AGE TO GO WITH ITS WELL-EARNED POPULARITY

O. L. Phillips, Member of Leading Eastland County Family, Buys Oldest Pharmacy in Ranger From Terrell Family and Maintains It as Leading Pharmacy in the Oil Field.

The Phillips Drug Store, owned and operated by O. L. Phillips, is the oldest and largest pharmacy in Ranger. It dates back to the days before the



—Photo by Kinberg  
O. L. PHILLIPS

time when Ranger was a big trading center for the surrounding territory. In March, 1918, Mr. Phillips located in Ranger, at which time he purchased the store from Dr. Terrell.

Mr. Phillips, who is a native of Eastland county, comes from an old and distinguished family whose history has been closely identified with the development of this section. It is said that his family was the third to locate in the county, thereby becoming one of the pioneers. For many years they lived in the vicinity of Ranger, a prominent, substantial, God-fearing people, taking an active part in the affairs of the community, and by their sturdy efforts helped to uphold the section.

**Follows Family Trend.**  
Mr. Phillips also comes from a line of medicine men. Nearly all of his family were doctors or pharmacists. So that he naturally fell into the drug line, and in becoming a registered druggist himself, he carried out the family tradition. He has had many years of experience in this business, and is recognized as one of the leaders in his line in the whole oil field section.

The drug store is large and attractive, with a popular fountain where special care is given to the preparation of soft drinks for the refreshment of the public during the heated season.

The drug stocks are large and always fresh, and especial care is given to prescription work. A full line of cosmetics, fresh, fine chocolates and candy, all kinds of tobacco goods, papers, magazines, and all things to be found in a first class drug store are on sale at the Phillips company. It is not only the largest and oldest, but one of the most popular stores of the section.

**Active in Civic Work.**  
Mr. Phillips belongs to the Methodist church, the Shrine, Lions, Country Club, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants association. He owns a beautiful home in the Gholson addition, and his main diversion is golf. In personality Mr. Phillips is quiet and likable, the substantial type that makes many enduring friendships and attracts loyal and permanent customers.

Mr. Phillips family consists of a wife and two sons. Mrs. Phillips is a charming and popular woman, active in social, club and church work, and one of the leaders of the community in all things pertaining to the interests of womanhood.

Gradually there is spreading throughout the country an appreciation of the need for automatic sprinkler protection in schoolhouses, and it is no surprise to learn that the great southwest is not waiting for the east to take the initiative in thus safeguarding the lives of the rising generation.

# Cool as a Cucumber

ARE THESE

# Summer Suits



Lorraine Seersuckers, Fine Linens, Splendid Mohairs, Genuine Palm Beaches, Tropicals and Gaberdines

Eagle Brand Shirts, Bostonian Shoes, Bathing Suits, Straw Hats, and Panama Hats

# THE GLOBE

"CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN"

Ranger, Texas

—Photo by Kinberg  
WM. N. McDONALD

Like many of the other soldier boys, Mr. McDonald heard of the big Ranger boom which offered opportunity for any hustling and capable young man, so he located here, taking a job with the R. D. Lincoln Plumbing company. After six months he established a shop of his own on Pine street and was burned out in the second Ranger fire, taking a total loss without a dollar of insurance.

**Rises Above Disaster.**  
We have said, however, that Bill is Irish, and he proved to be as good a fighter in a business way as he was in the service of his country. So all undaunted he opened a new shop in the DeGroof building, and was so successful he was enabled to buy the Lincoln Plumbing shop within a few months' time. He later removed to 115 North Austin street, where he has remained ever since.

The shop carries a full line of high class and reasonably priced plumbing and heating goods, and nothing but skilled labor is employed. Through good service and fair treatment Mr. McDonald has succeeded in building up a splendid business which has shown steady growth, and today ranks among the foremost plumbing and heating companies in West Texas. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association.

Mr. McDonald is assisted in his office by Mrs. McDonald, a former Waco girl, who is one of the most capable young business women in the city. She was also in government service during the entire period of the war, serving as trained nurse and X-ray technician. After the war she became associated with Drs. Shackelford and May in Ranger, where she was located at the time of her marriage.

**MEXIA.**—Good progress is being made on new home of "Mexia Daily News."

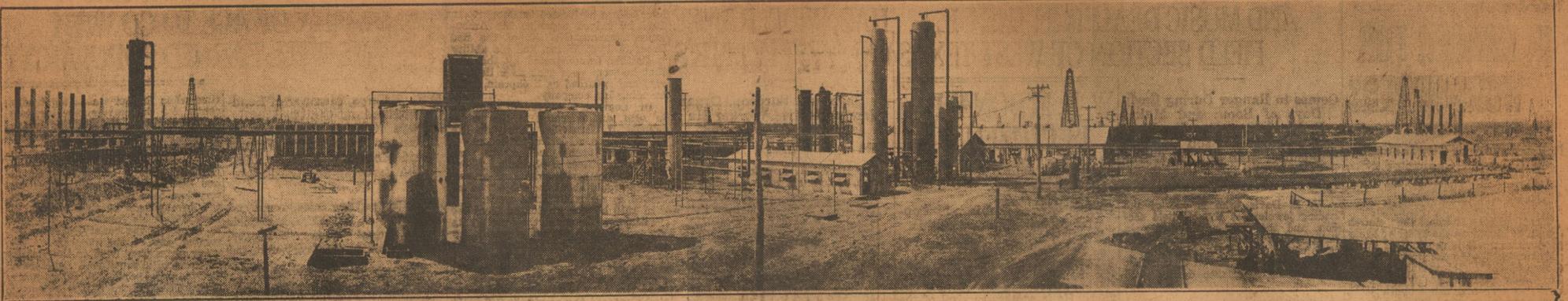
**DALLAS.**—Building activities this year represent expenditure of \$14,000,000.

**PLAINVIEW.**—Cotton oil mill under construction at cost of \$165,000.

**DALLAS.**—Work to begin on \$1,000,000 eight-story apartment hotel.

**LITTLEFIELD.**—Bonds have been voted for \$100,000 primary school building.

**HASKELL.**—Building construction active.



RANGER PLANT NO. 108

—Photo by Kinberg

# CHESTNUT & SMITH CORPORATION

(and Its Associated Interests)

Manufacturers of

## Natural Gasoline

**GENERAL OFFICES:**

**Chestnut & Smith Corporation Bldg.  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

# TEXAS-PACIFIC COAL AND OIL COMPANY IN THURBER

## TEN MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION BRINGS IN FIRST OIL WELL WHICH LEADS TO DEVELOPMENT OF VAST PETROLEUM RESERVES OF WEST TEXAS

### Changes Ranger Almost Over Night From Village Into City; Establishes General Field Camp and Seven Smaller Field Camps; Is Directly and Indirectly Responsible for Production of Millions of Barrels of Oil in Ranger Territory and West Texas.

The T.-P. Coal and Oil company is one of the biggest, if not THE biggest individual project in the oil field section of Texas. With a capital of \$10,000,000, extensive oil and property holdings, and a whole city of several thousand population as the "home office," the company and its allied interests almost stagger the imagination in its scope.

The company started in a comparatively small way some 35 years ago, when the discovery and subsequent development of the only known bituminous coal vein in Texas was made. It was known as the Texas-Pacific Coal company, under which name it operated until the discovery of oil.

During 1916 and 1917, at a time when all eminent geologists condemned the Eastland county oil fields, the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company laid plans for a wildcat well, and began drilling on the McCleskey location, southwest of Ranger, without attracting any special attention. They quietly continued their test until the memorable day when the great McCleskey gusher blew in, bringing to this section of the country one of the wildest booms the world has ever known. Wilder than the gold rush of '49 to California, or the Oklahoma land rush, or the great Klondike boom of a generation ago.

### Ranger Becomes Mecca.

This oil field discovery came at a time when there was much surplus money in the United States, and when many returned soldiers were seeking their fortunes, trying to make up for the loss of two business years.

Ranger became the Mecca for the world. And the boom was even more pronounced because of the comparatively easy accessibility. Instead of a covered wagon trail across a trackless continent, and the long, hard, rigorous winters of Alaska, although unprepared for the thousands who rushed in, at least had the advantage of being in a warm country, within a few miles of all the necessities of life, and a train service that brought in investor and prospector, millionaire and pauper.

In the wake of the McCleskey discovery, and the following development of the Texas Pacific company, there was a period of quick fortunes and flush production, enriching the farmer who owned the land, the salesman who handled the leases and royalties, the Texas Pacific company itself, and Ranger, the town.

Before the boom Ranger was a little country trading post, prosperous it is true, because of its wide trade territory, but nevertheless a little cross-roads village, unimportant except to the merchants and business men who profited by its few stores.

### Prosperity Arrives.

In the first flush of sudden prosperity there arose a tent city, with a few hastily constructed stores in the business district—"shacks" they were called, and justly so. Then came the rains and the mud, the feuds and murders, the saloons, and the gambling hall. Ranger was a boom town.

But out of chaos came development. Ranger became an incorporated town, with a mayor and a marshal, the one to look after the material improvement of the city, the other to regulate the moral life. Out of the mud arose paved streets and handsome buildings, while law and order prevailed. And through the years of prosperity and adversity, there has developed slowly, but substantially, one of the best towns in Eastland county and in all West Texas.

Therefore, the Ranger of today with its churches and schools, its handsome hotels and business houses, its good, steady, and ever increasing business, looks with thanks and appreciation to the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, for its very existence.

It was after the discovery of the Eastland county field that the Texas Pacific Coal company was capitalized for \$10,000,000 and renamed the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company.

### Big Drilling Program.

The company is at this time drilling in all the mid-continent fields, and has eight wells drilling in the Ranger field. The extensive program now being carried on by this, the largest individual producing company in the field, is another indication of the infinite benefit which the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company is to Ranger.

The general field camp is located just outside of the city, and is said to be one of the most modern and best equipped camps in the whole territory. This camp is a regular little city in itself, with modern homes, all of which have recently received coats of paint, in the fresh, clean colors of gray and white, which adds considerably to the attractiveness of the little community. The lawns are well kept, and the whole camp is prosperous and contented looking. Located here are the business headquarters of the camp in a big office building which is cool and spacious, comfortable and convenient. The main warehouse is also located here, supplying all the field warehouses with drilling and production supplies. And then there is a large mechanical force for repairing the companies' automobiles and

trucks in the garages at the camp.

The Texas Pacific camp is in charge of Mr. G. B. Watson, the general superintendent, who has been connected with the company since 1920, coming from the Mid-West Refining company of Casper, Wyo.

### Seven Camps In Field.

The company has a total of seven camps in the field, operating under the local camp, in charge of Mr. Watson, and there are 300 or more men employed in and around the producing department, making an immense payroll to swell the city's general income.

The Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, through actual development of oil itself, and through opening up the Ranger field, has been responsible both directly and indirectly for millions upon millions of barrels of oil to be produced in this territory in the last seven or eight years. The company has its own pipe line system, refineries, and casinghead gasoline plants, a complete unit in itself for the production, manufacture, distribution, and marketing of oil.

The company's executive offices are in Fort Worth, occupying the whole seventeenth floor of the F. & M. bank building, and the offices are J. B. Penn, president; Edgar J. Marston, vice president and treasurer; Herman W. Knox, secretary, and R. S. King, vice president, manager in charge of operations at Thurber, the company's production headquarters.

In his school days George Washington was always umpire in disputes.

## T. P. Mercantile & Manufacturing Company at Thurber Combines Stores Handling Every Kind of Commodity

One of the most complete department stores in all West Texas is that of the Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing company at Thurber. In fact, it is doubtful if a more complete department store, carrying a greater variety, is to be found anywhere.

At one time there were 22 departments connected with the business, including a livery stable, cotton gin, dairy farm and probably a stage line or two, but consolidation, the magic word in "big business" today, has merged many of these departments and the passing of time, bringing modern improvements, has taken others, so there are fewer departments now, although the same extensive business is done now as formerly.

At the head of the establishment is Arch Lida, whose official title is general store keeper. He has capable assistants, including: J. E. Latimer, market manager; G. E. Taylor, hardware and garage, the latter having taken the place of the livery stable; W. I. Pratt, manager of the dry goods department, which includes clothing and many other things, and as nice a stock of furniture as one would wish to find anywhere; John P. Farr, manager of the grocery department; Robert Fletcher, manager of the filling station; T. P. Nee, manager of the drug store, the completeness of which cannot be excelled even in the large cities of the state; H. M. Brown, manager of the printing office, and Roy Miller, manager of the opera house and motion picture theatre.

It would hardly be thought that a general store in a town three miles from a passenger station, although big freight cars often find their way into its yards, would carry such large and complete stocks in all lines. A visit to the store will dispel any doubt.

The store is doing a large business, selling not only to employees of the company, for whose benefit it was originally opened, but also selling to many people living outside Thurber, who drive long ways to trade there.

It is a delightful store to wander through. In dresses, one finds the latest styles in soft drapes any kind desired are served, whether it be the old-fashioned kind or the most modern called for; and so it is in every department. At the theatre the latest pictures are shown.

Housed in commodious brick buildings, the large stocks are most attractive. Courteous staffs are



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R. S. KING

R. S. King, vice president of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, and manager of the company's extensive and varied interests at Thurber, is one of the most favorably known men, as well as biggest executive, in the oil field section. In charge of the company's operations, he is responsible for business considerations involving millions of dollars, and by years of success he has demonstrated his ability. He must of necessity be sound in his judgment and efficient in his work, while stored away in his mind are the many details, the tremendous requirements of the business he represents.

Really big men are always easily approachable. The king of England graciously shakes hands with an enthusiastic American tourist. The president of the United States obligingly poses with visitors to Washington, that they might send the snapshots to the folks back home. And so is the really big man in the business world accessible to those who seek him for valid reasons.

Mr. King is a big man. He is gracious and kindly, liberal of purse and mind, a loyal citizen and trustworthy friend. In his leisure hours you can find him mingling with his associates on the golf course, and in the grandstand he is the loudest rooter for the Thurber team.

## Secretary Ranger Retail Merchants Asso. Is Efficient

found in every department and virtually every wish that a customer may express can be satisfied. The people of Thurber are very proud of the Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing company and they have a right to be for it is something to be proud of.

All during this process the material is kept moving by machinery, so there is no lost time. After the bricks are cut they are loaded by hand from the offbearing table into cars, or electric transfers, and conveyed into the waste heat dry kilns where they are prepared for burning.

So efficient is this plant, its machinery and its employees, it only requires 10 minutes from the time the shale is removed from the distant mountain, until it reaches the kiln. Ten minutes in which to convey the huge boulders for a distance of a mile and a half, reduce them to dust, screen the dust, mold and shape the bricks, and get them to the kiln. An achievement that is almost unbelievable.

Before firing the bricks weigh 10 pounds each, and when completed for the market they weigh nine pounds.

For the first 36 hours the bricks are dried under a heat of 350 degrees, then they are placed in the burning kilns where they are held for 10 days, at a heat ranging from 350 to 2,300 degrees. The doors of the kiln are sealed up before the firing is begun. The down draft method is used for firing, and the fuel used is gas produced by the company. It takes several days to get the heat up to the required 2,300 degrees, after which the bricks are so hot they are almost transparent and are a light orange in color, as seen through the little peep holes in the sealed doors.

The company has its own machine shop and generates its electricity in a power plant. As a whole the company is one of the largest and most important of all the Texas Pacific industries.

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Mrs. True is one of the most prominent business women in Ranger and much of the success of the Retail Merchants' association, and the splendid work it is accomplishing, is due to her ability and efforts.

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MRS. ALICE TRUE

## Bricks From Thurber In Constant Demand

### Largés Brick Making Plant in South, Its Product of Unexcelled Value.

The Thurber Brick company, of which the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company is the parent concern, has a plant valuation of more than a half million dollars, and is the largest brick manufacturing plant in the south. It was organized 27 years ago by R. D. Hunter, who was at that time president of the Texas Pacific Coal company, and Jim Green, then president of the LeClerc Fire Brick company of St. Louis. Mr. Green was the first president of the company.

The management of this big Thurber concern is in charge of William J. Ochiltree, who is assistant treasurer and director of the company, and is also assistant treasurer and general sales manager of the coal company and treasurer and director of the Earthen Products company.

The company has a capacity of 2,000,000 bricks a month, and is kept busy filling orders from all over the state. The brick is used for the construction of streets, roads and sewers, business houses and homes, and the company has recently started the manufacture of a new face brick which is meeting with much popularity.

One of the best known examples of the efficiency of the Thurber brick is the famous highway between Ranger and Cisco. This is part of the Bankhead highway and is an example of all a road should be. It is the first of its kind in the south, and is constructed of Thurber brick, of which 7,000,000 were used. The brick is covered with an asphalt surface, sufficient to fill in the crevices, which gives the road a smoothness and solidity nowhere excelled, and is inviting to the tourists through this part of the country.

The road was constructed at a cost of \$40,738 a mile, and is said to be the only kind of road that will outlive the bonds that pay for it. Brick making is an ancient process, known many years before Christ, but there is a wide difference between the humble methods of the early days when the bricks were fired with burning straw or dried in the sun, and the perfected process of today. A brief history of the brick of today, from the time it leaves the mountain of shale until it reaches the market, is interesting to the uninitiated reader.

### Making of Brick.

About a mile and a half from Thurber is the mountain where shale is blasted into large blocks and loaded with steam shovels on flat cars from where it is dumped into large crushers and reduced to dust.

This dust is sifted through screens with an eight inch mesh, and then conveyed to the pug mill where it is mixed with water to the consistency of mud. The mud is put under heavy pressure and solidified, carried into auger machines and made into a column, the column being cut into the shape of bricks by fire cutters.

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## CITY OF THURBER, UNIQUE AND CHARMING, OWNED, BUILT AND MANAGED BY TEXAS-PACIFIC COAL AND OIL COMPANY, CENTER OF ITS INDUSTRY

### Auto Wrecking Co. Of Ranger Owned By G. E. Robinson

The Ranger Auto Wrecking company is owned by G. E. Robinson, "O. S. A. W. I. R.," according to his business cards. Now the "alphabet" which follows his name does not represent a series of college degrees, nor yet some military distinction. We have Mr. Robinson's word for it that the initials stand for a distinguishing feature of his business connection in Ranger, and he



Photo by Kinberg  
G. E. ROBINSON

agrees to solve the mystery for any one who calls him up about it.

Mr. Robinson hails from a climate much colder than the one he adopted. He was born in Montana where it gets 40 below in winter time, which is probably the reason why he has spent his recent years in Texas and California.

He has quite an interesting military career, having served with Pershing on the border and later being one of the first Americans to see service in France where he received serious injuries and was in an army hospital for many months.

Five years ago he came to Ranger from California and opened an auto wrecking business which has been very successful. During the last year his business has grown to the point justifying quite an expansion. He has enlarged his building and added a concrete floor, and carries a large line of parts including springs for all kinds of cars, fan belts, ignition parts, and so forth. He is also distributor for R. I. V. ball bearings.

Although he carries this large and complete line of parts for the accommodation of his customers, his slogan has long been "why put new parts in old cars." And the reason he has so successfully built up has been based on placing good used parts in cars that have seen considerable service.

Mr. Robinson is a loyal, public-spirited citizen, with many friends attracted by his optimistic personality.

## Ballew Grocery & Market Has Record Of Fine Business

The Ballew Grocery & Market is owned and operated by J. S. Ballew, who has been connected with business interests in Ranger for the last six years. Mr. Ballew was born in Louisiana in 1890, but during the first year of his life his family moved to Texas where he was reared on a farm in Collin county, attending the rural schools.

Mr. Ballew has been in business for the last 20 years, his first venture being in the cold drink and confectionery business at Hugo, Okla. Upon coming to Ranger during the boom he established a little racket store which later burned out. He then opened a grocery store in a little building just a few doors below his present location. Here he met with such success, although it was his first experience in the grocery business, he was soon compelled to enlarge his quarters, so he rented the spacious and splendid store where he now conducts his business at 111 North Austin street.

The Ballew store carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and a wide selection of smoked and fresh meats. Three men are employed in the business, including the driver for the auto delivery truck.

Mr. Ballew is one of the most progressive men in town, and his business has been sufficiently successful to enable him to own a fine two-story brick business and apartment house, and recently he purchased a new Hudson speedster. He is a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows, Chamber of Commerce and Methodist church.

### Busy Community, Where Its Workers Are All Employed In Various Activities of Giant Organization, Where Dwelling Houses Have the Home Atmosphere and Delightful Social Life Makes for Contentment and Happiness of All Living There.

The little city of Thurber, Texas, ranks as one of the most interesting communities in the state, or in the nation, for that matter. Remote, unique, and picturesque, it is sufficient unto itself, a complete community, operating as a perfect unit, engaging in its own trade and commerce, developing its own resources, finding its own amusements, and yet without mayor or police force, city hall or jail, politics or prejudice, crime or graft, or the other things that constitute the average city.

For Thurber is a town owned and managed by one big company, which, with its allied interests, forms one of the biggest individual industries in Texas.

Thirty-five years ago Thurber was founded by the Texas Pacific Coal company, now the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, and is populated by employees of the company. The town is nestled in a peaceful, picturesque valley, surrounded by wooded hills. Little parks, here and there, and well kept lawns, gay with flowers and shrubs, and numerous shade trees that abound throughout the city, make cool and restful and inviting. The homes are well and beautifully constructed, and the residents indulge in friendly competition in keeping their places attractive.

### Brick Business Houses.

The town is the home of the Thurber Brick company, as well as the Texas Pacific company, and for that reason the business district is substantially constructed of brick. The stores are managed by the Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing company, and includes all the various business concerns to be found in an up-to-date city. A hardware store, well equipped and with a wide selection of stocks. A general merchandise store with large and well arranged windows and cases and counters and shelves, showing the very latest of styles at the most reasonable prices. A drug store carrying a complete line of drugs and sundries, cosmetics and perfumes, candies and tobacco, and with a fountain constructed of the choicest output of brick from the big Thurber brick plant, over which the most refreshing and appetizing drinks are sold. Indeed, in none of the largest cities of Texas can there be found a more beautiful or complete drug store than the one at Thurber.

All of the handsome buildings give the town an imposing look suggesting a large and prosperous population, and removing from it the "Main street" appearance so often found in small communities throughout the state. The streets and walks are also constructed of the famous Thurber brick, and the whole atmosphere of the town is one of dependability.

The company's local offices, under the management of R. S. King, are equipped with the handsomest of light oak office furniture, with humming typewriters and busy adding machines, safes and filing cabinets, and all the requirements of an office where business details aggregating millions of dollars must daily take place. The spacious main office is surrounded on three sides by windows for the comfort and convenience of the large and efficient office force. Other smaller offices are used by officials and managers of the company and various departments.

### Social Life In Thurber.

The social life of Thurber has been especially developed, and is as exclusive as in any large city, with an annual ball, which is excelled by nothing less than a governor's inauguration festivities. These balls are attended by prominent social leaders from all over the state. And the wives and families of the company's officers and managers and leading employes take an active part in the social life of Ranger, Eastland, Stephenville and other more distant points throughout the state. The city has its golf course and tennis court, and the best baseball diamond in the state, while the ball team is said to be the best amateur organization in Texas.

Two lakes, one for swimming and bathing, and the other for fishing, form another feature of the town's diversions. While the town's show and occasional informal dances complete the amusement program. Churches of all denominations, and schools which are fully affiliated and prepare the graduates for entrance into colleges and preparatory schools, are maintained by Texas Pacific company, so that the spiritual as well as educational needs of the employes and their families are looked after.

The town has its own water and sewage systems, electric lights and power, and ice and refrigerating plants. All the comforts, the convenience, the diversions, the culture, and association that goes with a large and prosperous city, are part of the equipment of Thurber, Texas, home of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company, which has in addition to the town, vast holdings surrounding it which approximate some 70,000 acres.

## Thurber Earthen Products Company Valuable Property, Its Rock In Demand Converts Supposedly Waste Land Into

The Thurber Earthen Products company, commonly known as the "rock crusher," is engaged in the business of making and selling crushed limestone for the construction of roads, street paving, buildings, and concrete construction work. The sales and general office is at the F. & M. National bank in Fort Worth, and the crusher is on the Tiffin road, near Ranger.

Although not owned by the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company the interests are the same, and the officers of the company are identical with the Thurber Brick company.

The plant is located two miles northwest of Ranger, and is equipped with machinery of the most efficient and modern sort, the physical valuation being \$650,000. The site is on the Hagaman property, which was hitherto a practically worthless tract, non-productive and impossible of cultivation. But on this property there is a great ledge of limestone rock, 22 feet high and covering about 200 acres.

The plant is engaged in quarrying this rock, crushing and marketing it, thus converting an unprofitable piece of land into a highly valuable and remunerative property. All the machinery at the plant, representing an immense investment, is operated by electricity generated from the company's power plant, which has a 500-horsepower turbine and two 250-horsepower water tube boilers.

### Crusher Breaks Rock.

These cars are dumped into the largest of the crushers, a powerful machine which clamps its gigantic steel jaws onto the huge boulders and within two minutes the seven or more tons are reduced to pieces three or four inches in size.

Continuing their journey to other machines, the small rocks are again crushed to smaller pieces, until finally screened, the rock ranges in 18 sizes from the finest of powder to pieces two or three inches in size. The speed with which this work is done is almost unbelievable. The finest screened powder, loaded on cars ready for shipping, was only 10 minutes before, immense boulders on a distant mountain.

The larger rocks are used for road building, the finer for paving and all concrete work. When ready for the market it is carried to the main line railroads and shipped through Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas.

The Earthen Products company is efficiently managed by Mr. Joe Watson, who is also connected with the brick company. A large number of people are employed by the company, the big payroll being a considerable asset to the business life of Ranger.

ROPEVILLE.—This little city of but a few months has received an offer from the West Texas Utilities company to extend their high-tension line here. The business men will meet their requirements and soon have electric lights.

GRAHAM.—The local chamber of commerce is in the midst of a big membership drive to increase the annual budget. Many new members are expected to enlist and help put over a larger and greater year's work.

# JOSEPH DRY GOODS COMPANY WINS DESERVED RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE FINEST TO BE FOUND IN ANY PART OF WEST TEXAS

Established By D. Joseph and A. Williams In Early Days of Big Oil Boom, Business Has Grown Steadily and Is Now On Solid Foundation; Store One of the Most Attractive In the Oil Belt.

The Joseph Dry Goods Co., is owned by D. Joseph and A. Williams, two prominent business men of Ranger, who operate a popular and successful store which has the reputation of being one of the prettiest between Fort Worth and El Paso, both from the interior and exterior. The show windows are large and spacious, made of solid plate glass, and the displays are always of the highest type. From the inside can be seen well-arranged shelves and counters and showcases where almost anything in the line of wearing apparel for men, women or children can be found.

The building is 46 feet wide by 135 feet deep, and has a 50-foot



Photo by Kinberg  
D. JOSEPH

balcony, which has recently been converted into a popular beauty parlor.

"When we first came here we put in a stock in keeping with the demands of that time," Mr. Joseph said. "And we have since then worked hard to increase our business and continue to meet the needs of the people. We have stayed in Ranger through all the hard times because we had faith in the future of the town. We believe Ranger is the best town of its size in the state of Texas. We are here to please the public and will leave nothing undone to accomplish this purpose."

**Native of Syria.**  
Mr. Joseph was born at Mt. Lebanon, in Syria, on May 18, 1886. He came to America in 1904 and started in business at Walnut Ridge, Ark. During the big oil boom in Healdton, Okla., in 1918, he formed a partnership with Mr. Williams. The following year they moved to Ranger, and bought the stock of a small store, 18 by 50 feet, in back of the Ranger State bank, where they remained until Dec. 11, 1920, when they moved to their present location, which traveling men say is indeed a credit to Ranger and the whole community.

Mr. Joseph is a pleasant and likeable man with a big smile that lights his whole face and radiates through his personality and establishes him firmly in his friendships. His policy of fairness and honesty and square dealing has been a big factor in bringing his store to its merited success. He is married and has a baby daughter. Mr. Joseph is a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

**Handsome Bachelor.**  
Mr. Williams is unmarried and is said to be the handsomest and most prosperous young bachelor in the city. He is quiet and reserved in manner, but has the necessary qualities to make ready and substantial friends. He has solid business judgment and far-seeing ideals, and is easily one of the most responsible business men in town. He was born in Syria, and has just returned from a visit to his na-

five land. In 1904 he located in America and started business in Piedmont, Mo., but kept gradually advancing toward the south until he finally became permanently located in Texas. And he declares himself as hoping that Ranger will be his home from now on. He is a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, and both he and Mr. Joseph are members of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants association.

The store features ready-to-wear, millinery and baby department, together with Co-Ed dresses, Red Bird hats, Jackman furs, and a complete line of piece goods, including nationally advertised silks and woolsens. The hosiery department has the best known brands of ladies stockings.

In the men and boys' department are Kirshbaum suits, Elder shirts, Mallory and Stetson hats, Sonny Boy suits and Tom Sawyer blouses. The spacious shoe department shows a wide range of novelty shoes besides all the staples for men, women and children. Among the well-known brands are found Stacy Adams Red Cross and Red Goose shoes.

The modern Marinello beauty parlor is under the supervision of a Marinello graduate.

**Personnel of Staff.**  
The personnel of the sales department includes: Miss S. Key, buyer and manager of the silk department, who has been three years with the



Photo by Kinberg  
A. WILLIAMS

Joseph Dry Goods Company, and has had 15 years experience in the dry goods business, having formerly been connected with Higgenbotham at Dublin; Miss Iva Mae Hannah, buyer and manager of the hosiery, toilet goods and notions, who has been with Joseph's for a year, and formerly was with a big merchandise store in Houston; W. P. Bryant, two years with Joseph's in the men's furnishing and clothing department and with more than 20 years of retail experience; John R. Hancock, buyer and manager of the shoe department, with a record of 20 years in this work and former connections in Ranger which have made him widely and favorably known; Mrs. J. E. Adkins, who has had several years experience

and has been with Joseph's for more than a year; and is familiar with all departments; Mrs. Charles Littlejohn, who has been with the store for two years in the art goods and trimmings; Mrs. A. Davenport, buyer for the ready-to-wear department, three years with Joseph's, and formerly with the T. P. Mercantile company of Thurber; Miss Edna Barber, head saleslady in the millinery and ready-to-wear, three years in her present position, and formerly with the Seagle Dry Goods Co., of Breckenridge; Mrs. C. M. Fouts, ready-to-wear and alterations, with the firm for more than a year; G. W. Manning, five years with Joseph's as advertising manager and salesman, formerly with the Nathan Dry Goods Co., of Beaumont; Miss Bernice Laudig, chashier and bookkeeper, three years in her present position and formerly with the T. & P. Coal and Oil company.

## W. G. CLEGG BIG FACTOR IN RANGER GROWTH

Organizes Light & Power Company Which First Gives City Light and Power

W. G. CLEGG, manager of the Oil Cities Electric company and Oil



Photo by Kinberg  
W. G. CLEGG

Belt Power company, was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1894, and received his education at the University of Missouri and University of Wisconsin. He specialized in electrical engineering and is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, completed his course in 1917. His first business connection was with the Southwestern Bell Telephone system at St. Louis, and from there he went to the Westinghouse Lamp company, and was later transferred to their Texas branch as manager for the state, with headquarters in Dallas. Later Mr. Clegg came to Ranger as one of the organizers who put in the Ranger Light & Power company, and when the company sold out to the Oil Cities Electric company, he was retained as manager.

He is one of the leading citizens of Ranger, public spirited and efficient in business. His wife was formerly Miss Jean Brigham of Cleveland, and they have two children. He belongs to the Episcopal church, Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association.

**SLATON.**—The Santa Fe railroad company has just approved plans for a \$50,000 hot water washing plant and will soon complete their \$45,000 water system. When completed this will be one of the best water systems the Santa Fe has in the state.

## DR. A. K. WIER RECOGNIZED AS REAL PIONEER

Earns Education and Experience and Becomes Veteran in Profession While Young

Most of the folks who claim to be "old timers" in Ranger, date their residence back some six or seven years, and those who came in before the memorable boom are considered pioneers indeed. But in Ranger there is a man who has been serving this territory for the last quarter of a century—a man still young in years but a veteran in the medical profession. That man is Dr. A. K. Wier. The life story of Dr. Wier reads like a chapter from another genera-



Photo by Kinberg  
DR. A. K. WIER

tion, for the "great open spaces" of this West Texas country was frontier land when he located here.

He was born in Llano, Texas, and brought up on a farm where he could round up cattle, brand a calf or break a broncho as well as any movie hero's "double."

At the age of 16 he struck out in the world to make his fortune, with courage in his heart and \$1.20 in his pocket. During his youth he formed an admiration for a physician, Dr. A. K. Wier, now of Little River, Bell county, Texas, who was his ideal and inspiration. And because of the influence of this friendship he decided to study medicine.

In those days it was the custom for medical students to study six months a year, and work with some established physician, known as a "preceptor," for the other six months. Dr. Wier's preceptor was a venerable physician of this section, Dr. S. E. Snodgrass of Desdemona, who practiced medicine in the county for 35 years and died within the last year.

Thus, by working with Dr. Snodgrass, the youthful Dr. Wier was enabled to receive the very best of practical training and experience, and at the same time succeeded in paying his expenses through college, so that, from the time he was 16, he made his own way in the world.

Dr. Wier graduated from the medical department of the Fort Worth University and has since taken work on numerous occasions in Chicago and at Mayo's and other places. But perhaps most of his success can be traced to the exacting demands on his time and ability when he first started practicing medicine in 1905, at Staff, Texas, nine miles south of Ranger. Dr. Wier had formerly lived in Staff, and upon graduating he was invited by the people of his hometown to locate there. As an inducement they built him an office and supplied it with all the equipment necessary for his work, and further aided him in building and stocking a little drug store. They also helped him to procure a home and transportation.

Although a period of twenty years has passed since Dr. Wier arrived penniless, in Staff—years in which he has accumulated much of the world's goods—one of the warmest and tenderest memories of his heart is the welcome and the start in life which the people of Staff gave him in 1905.

For ten years Dr. Wier, practiced medicine "on horseback," and it would sometimes take 20 hours to make a trip that today could be made in 20 minutes. But that was before the time of automobiles and good roads, and the physicians of that period often times had to literally blaze a trail to some suffering patient.

"I have often been water-bound for three days at a time, within six miles of home," Dr. Wier says. "There were no bridges, no roads, no means whatever of getting through. We had to ford streams and make our way as we could."

At that time there were only six or seven doctors in the county, and it was necessary for each of them to traverse a great section of territory on horseback and in buggies. They would leave home on Monday morning, and sometimes be many days making the circuit, seeing sick folks for miles around.

Horses would wear out on these trips, so five or six horses had to be kept ready all the time, working in relays. But never, during these trials, was a doctor supposed to tire.

There are scores of boys and young men in this part of the country named for Dr. Wier. At first it was his custom to send his namesakes a present on their birthdays every year but the number finally grew so great that the practice had to be abandoned.

Dr. Wier has always been something of a business man, as well as professional man. He early began to make investments in farm and ranch lands, and at one time he owned a half interest in the biggest store in Staff. He still owns much land and is an extensive holder of property in Ranger, especially in the business district. He also has some oil acreage under lease but as yet undeveloped.

In the spring of 1906 Dr. Wier married Miss Ellen White of Staff, whose father practically built the town. They have two children, a son aged 18, who graduated this year

# RANGER GAS COMPANY DOES BIG PART IN BUILDING CITY AND CONTRIBUTING TO ITS COMFORT

A. P. Barrett, President Southwestern Gas, Light & Power Company, and W. L. Barrett, Local Manager, Are Developing Industry Which Has Glowing Future.

In Ranger there is a man who has literally applied the Biblical admonition to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." A man who is in his business life the manager of the Ranger Gas company, and in his religious life a minister of the Primitive Baptist church. Mr. W. L. Barrett is one of the most widely known men in the oil field section, admired for his righteousness and integrity and the mild and pleasing personality that makes him beloved, both as a preacher and a man.

He was born in western Tennessee, and moved to Texas in 1891 where he attended the East Texas Normal college. For 12 years he was a teacher in the Texas public schools, his last school being in Putnam, from where he came to Ranger four years ago. He also was employed for five years as bookkeeper in the general land office and comptroller's office of Austin from 1913 to 1918.

During the time he has lived in Ranger as manager of the Ranger Gas company, he has conducted services in the Primitive Baptist churches of DeLeon, Tuscola and Anson, visiting each place once a month.

Mr. Barrett is a brother of Senator A. P. Barrett of Fort Worth, president of the Southern Gas, Light & Power company.

**Boon to Ranger.**  
The Ranger Gas company, which originally was owned and operated by the Sammies Oil corporation, filled one of the first needs of Ranger when it became an oil town several years ago. At this time there were no paved streets here, no lightning system, no sewerage and no fuel. Several utilities arose to meet these needs, among the most important of which was the gas company, created to furnish fuel for the rapidly growing town. As the citizens who lived in Ranger of the early boom well remember, there was much rain and cold to contend with, and the hastily constructed shacks, for the housing of the thousands who came rushing in, were wholly inadequate for protection against the elements. So when the franchise for the gas com-

pany was granted in 1918, and the system completed in 1919, it proved one of the biggest boons to the town. Twenty miles of main lines, three to six inches in size, were laid into every section of the city, and the constant improvement and expansion of the company has since kept pace with the development of the city. Many weak spots in the system had to be remedied at first, for heavy gas pressure at the wells often caused many blowouts, and the low places water collected in the line, absorbed the gas, and flowed into the houses where it ran "liquid fire" over the floors, and the heavy paraffin content in some places clogged the house systems which during the first winter left many homes without heat.

But the company which owned the system at that time kept steadily at their improvements, until it was in good condition at the time Senator Barrett purchased it in 1920, and named it the Ranger Gas company. Ranger has had a splendid gas supply since then, free from the low pressure and bad breaks during cold weather such as many larger cities in Texas have.

The company has since expanded its business far beyond Ranger, and has 200 or more miles of line distributing gas to oil field towns in Stephens and Young counties, and to the wells being drilled in oil fields throughout this section. Because of the company's increased activities in its territory the head offices have been located in Fort Worth, while the local management is left with Mr. Barrett.

**WICHITA FALLS.**—The executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting here with President R. Q. Lee presiding, June 11. There were more than 30 of the directors present. On Friday, June 12, the local chamber of commerce entertained the visitors with a trip of inspection to Lake Kemp and the irrigation project.

# ADAMS & CO. MAINTAIN REAL QUALITY STORE

H. G. Adams and T. O. Bray Partners in Business Which Gets the Trade.

Adams & Co., the leading grocery store in Ranger, was opened here in 1920 by H. G. Adams and J. S. Echols, and for two years was known as Adams & Echols. In 1923 T. O. Bray bought out Mr. Echols' interest and the firm has been known since then under its present name of Adams & Co.

The store was started in a little "hole in the wall," some 15 feet wide, but from the beginning it was destined for leadership in its particular field, and the management gradually acquired additional space every time there was an opportunity until now the store is the largest grocery in the whole oil field section with a 75-foot frontage, and two whole floors in use. The upstairs is used for a warehouse and storage for the immense stocks which the company has to carry to accommodate the needs of its many customers.

In appearance the store is one of tempting beauty. The freshest and finest of the season's fruits and vegetables are on display, and from the shelves can be seen the highest class of canned goods. To the rear is a spacious and well-equipped butcher shop where only the best of fresh and smoked meats are sold. And through the center of the building are tiers of fancy fruits and jellies, where peach preserves and apricot jam vie with the orange marmalade and damson plums for popularity. Pickles and olives, grape juice and tidbits to tempt the jaded appetite, wholesome and nourishing food for the worker and delicacies for the invalid or convalescent, can all be found in this well-kept and well-stocked store.

Such a store as Adams & Co. is popular with both men and women. For the men are hurried shoppers, and they can see before their eyes just the things they want to buy, without bothering to consult the list they brought from home in the morning. And from the viewpoint of the woman, it isn't hard to plan the next meal when she stops at Adams & Co., for she can find so many suggestions she knows just what to get.

Several exclusive lines are carried by this store, including Tea Garden jellies and preserves, Chase & Sanborn tea and coffee, Golden State butter, and Wallace reducing bread.

Mr. Adams, who manages the store, is a native of the old South. He was born in Rome, Ga., and educated there. During the war he spent 14 months in the 122nd training battalion, and after his discharge he came direct to Ranger where he entered the grocery business. He has had a lifetime of experience in this work, for his father, Joseph M. Adams, has for many years been a prominent grocer of Georgia.

In addition to being a good business man, Mr. Adams is also very pleasing in personality, a quality which has made him many friends and customers. He is a member of the Baptist church and American Legion, and is a director in the Retail Merchants' association. His wife formerly was Miss Irene Vaughan of Ranger, and they own their own home here.

Mr. Bray, who is the silent partner of the firm, is a contractor for the Prairie Oil & Gas company, and is also widely known throughout the country.

**STAMFORD.**—Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, recently attended the state secretaries' meeting at Marlin, Texas.

## CONGRATULATIONS

And best wishes to The Ranger Times on its Progress Edition.

To the citizens of Ranger also in their possession of this progressive newspaper.

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Wholesalers of Natural Gas  
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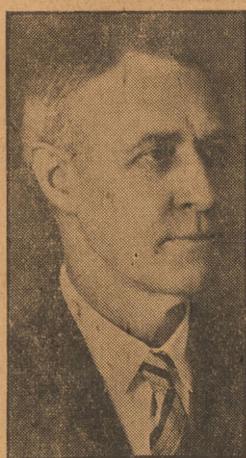
# The Business That Friendship and Quality Merchandise Built

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The human element enters into the successful operation of every business enterprise.

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RANGER, TEXAS

# J. L. THOMPSON SHOWS FAITH IN FUTURE RANGER

### Experienced Oil Man. He Continues Operations in This Field and Succeeds

Few men in Ranger are more closely identified with the development of the city and the famous oil field of this section than John L. Thompson, prominent oil man and one of the directors of the Ranger Daily Times.

Mr. Thompson was born in Pennsylvania, the pioneer oil center of America, and brought up in an en-



—Photo by Kinberg  
J. L. THOMPSON

vironment that was destined to develop his future career. After graduating from West Sundry academy, he went to West Virginia where a new oil field was opening up, and remained there for nine years. He was just 21 years old when he started, and was the youngest operator in the district. He contracted for well drilling and ran 11 strings of tools at one time. Adding up the footage of the various wells he drilled for one company in one summer, the total amounted to 20 miles, a phenomenal record.

From this field he went to Coney, Kan., another oil town, where he did contracting for the Prairie Oil & Gas company, and from there to Cleveland, O., in 1904, where he drilled several wells for the Prairie, and at

# Gus Coleman's Orchestra Which Furnishes Most of the Music for Ranger Dancers



Here, ladies and gentlemen, you are looking at the snappiest, jazziest, "musical-est" orchestra in the whole oil field section. If you don't believe it ask anybody in Ranger. They all know this good looking bunch of melody-makers and take pride in the boys who have brought so much fame to their hometown. All the dancers in this part of the country have had their feet inspired on numerous occasions by the lively fox-trots which these instrument manipulators turn out.

To your left you will see none other than Gus Coleman, the business manager, director and bandleader. Gus can also wield a wickered fiddle bow, toot a flute and do miracles with the drum and traps.

In the meantime he successfully manages the biggest ice plant in all West Texas.

Next to Mr. Coleman, reading from left to right, are: Rupert Murphy, son of Fire Chief Murphy, a student and drummer; Wills Cox, high school student and saxophonist; Ray Judia, a chemist at Chestnut & Smith's and a wizard at the piano; Harry Schaefer, an out-door advertising man, violinist and trumpeter; Paul Lacy, claim agent of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad, and trombone player.

This bit of information is for the newcomers only, for all the Ranger people know Gus Coleman's orchestra and the talented players.

this time succeeded in getting hold of some production of his own, which he afterwards sold and went to New Mexico.

For eight years he lived in Mexico City and operated in the Tampico field until 1913, when the revolution became so serious he filed a nice sized fortune with the American consul and returned to the United States. In the same year he went to Ardmore, Okla., where he was in the fuel oil department of the Santa Fe railroad for a year, and in 1914 he became interested with the Gates Oil company, at Healdton, Okla. He also became interested in the Extension Oil & Gas company, and B. A. Simpson & Co., and in 1918 was attracted to the Texas field and moved to Ranger.

After drilling two wells in Texas, the Gates Oil company was sold out to the Guggenheimer interests, and the Extension and Simpson companies were both sold after drilling one well each. Since that time Mr.

Thompson has been an independent operator.

Since 1921 Mr. Thompson has been engaged in the producing end of the oil business in the Ranger field, retaining his belief in this section against all discouragements. While the big companies, as well as the independents, were getting out of this territory and going to more promising fields, Mr. Thompson joined the ranks of the optimistic few, and continued his operations in the field which has since proven his faith justified. He has always cooperated with all things for the benefit of his adopted town, contributing to all charities, and taking part in all civic enterprises.

Mr. Thompson is a life member of the Elks, belongs to the Presbyterian church, and is connected with all civic organizations. He was married in 1917, and he and Mrs. Thompson own their home in Ranger.

# RANGER COUNTRY CLUB AFFORDS SCOPE FOR GOLF PLAYERS AND MANY SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

## Nine-Hole Golf Course One of Best in West Texas; Clubhouse That Will Be Enduring Monument; Its Membership Culled From First Families of Ranger.

The Ranger Country Club, organized during the early years of the first oil activity in Ranger, has primarily interested itself in the game of golf. It has acquired by lease from M. H. Hagaman a tract of several hundred acres on the banks of Lake Hagaman, about three miles northeast of Ranger, where it has constructed one of the best nine-hole golf links in West Texas, a golf course that has the advantage of being wooded in part, provided with a number of natural hazards and without sufficiently level for all purposes. This golf course, now several years in the making, is being improved steadily, bit by bit, and while it is susceptible yet to further improvement, it shows a marked advance over the first year when the golfers made the best of what they had and got a lot of amusement and healthful exercise out of it.

The activities of the Ranger Country Club have, during the last year, been devoted largely to golf, but it is adding social features since the building of its club house, which was accomplished in 1924. The club is associated with the Oilbelt Golf Association, now in its second year, and while most of the members have played golf only a short time and have not been able to make the showing they would like against the veteran players in some of the other clubs, they have done exceedingly well for new players and are gradually acquiring poise and skill. The social activities of the club during the last year have included several exclusive membership drives and several dances when the privileges of the club were thrown open to the guests of the members. Open house receptions on Sunday afternoons were held during the early fall, but were discontinued during the winter. These are to be resumed soon, it is stated. Stag smokers were given during the last winter for members only and private

parties given by members of the club are held frequently.

### Building Club House.

The need of a club house was felt so acutely by the club, after several meetings to discuss ways and means, the members formed a working organization, hauled rock, collected timber and then raised a fund which enabled them to construct a building that is calculated to last for several centuries and is one of the most attractive country club houses that could be devised. Its walls are nearly two-feet thick, its pillars and doors massive, its whole design suggestive of strength and endurance. It is not yet completed. Dining rooms, kitchen and lockers are yet to be added. Adequate facilities for both men and women participating in the various sports will be provided, including numerous lavatories, showers and rest rooms. The general architectural design of the club house will be incorporated in the additions.

Fairways and greens on the golf course have recently been put in first class condition, comparing favorably with those of any club in the state. The club membership is limited to one hundred. The initiation fee is \$100 and the annual club dues \$25.

Officers of the club are: F. G. Yonker, president; Saunders Gregg, Vice President; R. M. Ralston, secretary; J. L. Thomson, H. R. Gholson, R. M. Coyle, Dr. A. N. Harkrider, Ed H. Maher and Dr. H. A. Logsdon, directors.

Committees are as follows: Green committee, R. M. Coyle, Chairman, C. E. Terrell, Dr. C. C. Craig.

House committee, Dr. A. N. Harkrider, chairman W. W. Housewright and A. G. Jary.

Sports committee, Dr. H. A. Logsdon, chairman Gifford Clegg and J. M. Ralston.

Entertainment committee, Dr. Carl Wilson, chairman, A. B. Cameron, Mrs. E. E. Crawford, Mrs. C. C. Craig and W. G. Clegg.

Members of the club are: W. S. Adamson, Robert J. Bates, T. L. Bray, W. H. Burden, R. M. Coyle, Barney Carter, Dr. C. C. Craig, J. M. Clegg, Jask Clements, E. K. Crosby, O. H. Pennington, R. Calvert, O. D. Dillingham.

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# GUS C. COLEMAN HAS FACULTY OF FITTING PLACE

### Manager of Southern Ice & Utilities Co. Has Varied Useful Accomplishments

boom days, Gus Coleman has proved



—Photo by Kinberg  
GUS C. COLEMAN

Whether it be selling ice, presiding at a rhapsody or a meeting of the Rotary club or working in some other way for the advancement of Ranger, Gus C. Coleman, manager of the Southern Ice & Utilities company in Ranger is always the same, always has the smile of comradeship, the merry jest and the human understanding that makes him welcome wherever he goes.

Gus Coleman's chief interest, first and last, is to advance the sale of ice and the interests of the company of which he has been the local manager since company to Ranger and which has developed under his efficient direction, yet he found time to serve for a year as president of the Ranger Rotary club, has been working in the ranks for every project for the betterment of Ranger or the Ranger territory, and has for several years directed an orchestra which has afforded more pleasure to the people of Ranger and visitors in the city than any other single pleasure provider. In all of these he has had the loyal assistance of his wife, who has proved a splendid helpmate. Coming to Ranger during the oil

his confidence in Ranger and its permanence as the metropolis of the West Texas oil belt as he continues to make improvements at the ice plant which will be needed to provide for the wants of the rapidly increasing population.

The tallest American lighthouse is the 193-foot tower at Cape Hatteras, N. C.

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### Largest in West Texas

Ranger Eastland Breckenridge Graham

# O. D. DILLINGHAM IS SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF WHAT A MAN MAY ACCOMPLISH IF HE IS ACTIVE, ENERGETIC AND ABLE TO USE REASONING POWER

One of Ranger's Foremost Business Men, Interested in Numerous Enterprises Here and in Other Cities, Successful in Varied Undertakings, Stands High in Estimation of His Fellow Citizens.

O. D. Dillingham, one of the Ranger's foremost business men, has probably more numerous interests than any other man in the city. He is an officer, director, or stockholder in so many enterprises, it is almost like reading a directory of business concerns to enumerate his various connections.

The thing which the Ranger Daily Times takes the most pride in, however, is the fact that he is vice president of the Times Publishing company, and his splendid business judgment has from time to time been a valuable asset to the publication.

The business in which Mr. Dillingham is most actively engaged in is the Banner Ice Cream company, one of Ranger's leading manufacturing concerns. This company is a successor to the Hub Ice Cream & Storage company, which Mr. Dillingham bought in 1922, installing new equipment and enlarging the plant to meet the needs of a prosperous and growing city like Ranger. The plant has a capacity of 1,000 gallons a day, and is one of the most modern in the country. It is the largest ice cream plant west of Fort Worth, and the products of the plant are shipped through a territory extending east to Mingus, west to Winters and Big Spring, south to DeLeon, and north to Stamford.

The company's Breckenridge plant takes care of the trade of Stephens county and to the north. Modern machinery for the manufacture of butter was installed last year, so that the Banner butter affords a market for the dairymen in the whole territory to dispose of their cream.

The Dillingham & Alexander company at Breckenridge has recently been incorporated with a capital of \$250,000, and engages in the manufacture of ice as well as ice cream.

Last year Mr. Dillingham built one of the most modern ice plants in Texas at Winters, and he has recently purchased property in Sweetwater where he expects to erect a cold storage plant this year.

Sketch of Career. Mr. Dillingham was born in Kentucky about 39 years ago, moving with his parents to Texas at the age of 14. They located at first in Hill county where he attended the rural schools and helped his father on the farm. He completed his education with a two-year course at a private school in Hillsboro.

The family later moved to Winters, Texas, where Mr. Dillingham married a Ballinger girl in 1908. During the first year of his marriage he claimed \$600 on a West Texas farm, and this small capital was the basis of his future fortune.

Winters had a little boom at the time the railroad was built into the town, and to O. D. Dillingham, the country boy, the little village looked like a city of opportunity. So he decided to abandon his plow and cast his lot with the "big town" folks.

With his \$600 capital he started in the ice and fuel business—a business which he still owns and profitably operates today. At this early period of life he developed the tendency to have "many irons in the fire," so he branched out into other businesses, buying a half interest in a grain business, which he sold later at a nice profit, and making real estate investments which were to bring him a substantial fortune in later years. Some of this land was bought for as little as \$20 an acre, and sold for double and triple that amount after improvements were made. And at the same time he bought and sold this land he also accumulated large holdings which he still has today, valued at many thousands of dollars.

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"My confidence in the business men of Ranger, who stayed through the trying times following the boom," he said, "makes me believe that Ranger will be built into a great city, with such men back of it. We have a high altitude and good climate which makes a healthful place to live, good schools and churches of all denominations, cheap fuel to attract the manufacturer, and all the other requirements of a city destined to supremacy."

## RANGER BATTERY AND TIRE CO. IS GIVING SERVICE

J. L. Chance Conducting Fine And Increasing Business.

The Ranger Battery & Tire company is owned by a capable and ambitious young man who is an "old timer" in Ranger so far as the average resident of the city reckons time. For the folks who came here early in the boom are really the city's pioneers.

J. L. Chance is the owner who cast his lot with the new oil town before the streets were laid, and has stayed with it through prosperity and depression alike. And now, after several years of fluctuating fortune, he is seeing the town of his adoption returning to its former prosperity.

The company started operating in a little space about 15 feet wide, from which it removed to larger quarters, measuring 50 by 150 feet, and, because of their increased business, they finally located in their present site, which is one of the most popular locations and best quarters for a business of its kind in the city.

The building now occupied is 90 by 150 feet and is adequately equipped to meet the needs of the motorist in the matter of gas and oil, tires and tubes, batteries and accessories, all kinds of electrical work and storage.

The garage will accommodate 50 or more cars, and the filling station, where Texaco products are sold, is large and convenient.

Mr. Chance is experienced in the battery business. After his discharge from the army, he came to Ranger and worked for the Phillips Petroleum company and the Prairie Oil &

Gas company, before going in the battery business.

Mr. Chance is a good mechanic and able to give service on all makes of cars. He does all kinds of battery and electrical work, and has an eight-hour service on recharging batteries. The batteries sold are the Willard and the tires are the ever-popular Goodyear.

The good service to be found at the Ranger Battery & Tire company, especially in the filling station, is one of the reasons for the firm's



Photo by Kinberg  
J. L. CHANCE

success. It's funny how folks are in the matter of oil and gas and air. They will wait patiently, or, if not patiently, at least indefinitely, for a telephone call. They will stand in line for their turn at the ticket window of a picture show. They'll sit around for hours in a doctor's or lawyer's office, and not complain over delays in restaurants or in dry goods stores. But at a service station—well, they demand all that the name implies. "Service" is the thing they want, and it must be immediate and efficient and polite.

And that's what they get at the Ranger Battery & Tire company. Service that's prompt and willing and appreciation for patronage, is what makes the place so popular and successful.

### INSTRUMENTS RECORDED

Release vendor's lien, C. A. Wilkerson o. E. P. Henderson, SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of section 68, block 4, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey.

Labor lien, C. L. Horn vs. W. F. Daugherty et al., E 1-2 of NW 1-4, of section 25, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey.

Warranty deed, C. B. Daniels to J. A. Nelson, see vol. 95, page 53, deed records, \$500. Lands sold to George W. Dawson, Eastland county.

Release mineral lien, Joe Gbler et al. to T. S. Williamson et al., lot 29, block 2, McLennan county school lands.

Release oil and gas lease, Empire & Fuel Oil company to M. L. Woods et ux., 160 acres out of SW corner of Bradley 925-A survey; see vol. 84, page 16, deed records, Eastland county.

Release, Gulf Production Co., to G. T. Johnson et al., see lease 118, page 303-5, deed records, Eastland county.

Release, Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., to G. T. Johnson et al., 283 1/2 acres out of Z. C. Collier survey, 160 A out of Frank Lemley survey No. 83 1/2, an original grantee J. M. Griffin, and 449 acres out of Andrew Bradley survey.

Warranty deed, E. C. Woodward to G. A. Davison, north 168 feet of block G-1, city of Eastland.

Warranty deed, E. Roper et ux., to S. A. Earnest, lots 15, 17, and 19, block 14, Daugherty addition to Eastland.

# LEVEILLE-MAHER MOTOR COMPANY OF RANGER. BUILDS UP LARGEST FORD AGENCY BUSINESS IN WEST TEXAS WITH LARGEST PLANT IN STATE

Handles Ford and Lincoln Cars and Fordsons, Has Complete Service and Carry All Accessories. Business Established and Developed By Morris Leveille and Ed R. Maher With Capable Staff of Assistants.

From a little sheet iron building, 35 feet wide, with a "stock" of three cars, to one of the largest, finest and most successful automobile business concerns in the state of Texas, is, in brief, the history of the Leveille-Maher Motor company, authorized Ford, Fordson and Lincoln dealers, who have made their phenomenal success here during the last six years.

This company, which is helping Mr. Ford live up to his newest advertising slogan of "7,000 cars since yesterday," is planning extensive improvements which are now under way. The building will be remodeled and enlarged, and a handsome show room with plate glass windows and concrete floor will be a decided addition to the already spacious "home" for the Ford and Lincoln cars of the Ranger territory. A new parts department will also be built,

during the last year. The business included the sale of 816 new Ford cars, 722 used cars, three Lincolns and six tractors, the total of which, if expressed in terms of dollars, would be astounding.

The partners in the business, Morris Leveille and Ed R. Maher, are prominent in local business circles, and are both examples of self-made men, working their way up the ladder of success from the bottom rung. Fifteen years ago Mr. Maher was working in the parts department of a Ford motor company, and Mr. Leveille started as a mechanic in the Ford factory in Detroit.

The acquaintance between the two men started prior to the Ranger boom, when they were employed at the Ford assembling plant in Dallas, Mr. Leveille as superintendent of the company, and Mr. Maher as manager of the service department. They were seeking a territory for an agency, and when the oil field opened up in Ranger, with its subsequent prosperity, they secured a contract and started with three cars in the old Ranger Garage No. 2 at Rusk and Pine streets.

Ford Boom in Ranger. "We came to Ranger, not because of the oil boom, but the Ford boom," Mr. Maher said.

Their business has been constantly and substantially increasing ever since.

Mr. Leveille was born in Canada 42 years ago. His wide experience with the Ford Motor company has prepared him in an especial manner for the responsibility of his present business, and in addition to being widely known in business circles, he has an attractiveness of personality which has made him many staunch friends and loyal acquaintances. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elks, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, and Retail Merchants' association.

Mr. Maher, who was born and reared in Chicago, is also widely known and identified with the same organizations which his partner belongs to. Both men are active in civic affairs and are upbuilding factors in the community.

A large and responsible sales force assists in boosting the company's business, under the direction of John E. Demmer, sales manager. Mr. Demmer brings to the business the enthusiasm of youth and the poised judgment of wide experience. He was born in Waco where he went to the public schools and a business college. His first employment was as a cash boy for a large dry goods firm, from where he went to Sanger Bros., of Waco, as a cashier. After that he worked with his father in the grain business for two years, and then as bookkeeper for a big wholesale grocery company. Later he went to Wichita Falls where he became secretary to the manager of a big oil company, and then with this substantial business experience in

back of him, he went in the grain business for himself in Waco. After closing out this business he came to Ranger in 1924 as sales manager for Leveille and Maher.

Prize Winning Salesman. Another high-powered salesman for the company is T. J. Anderson, who has enjoyed a big success ever since being employed by the company. In 1924 he won the first prize for this zone in a sales campaign conducted by the Ford Motor company in Detroit, and as a result of his salesmanship ability was given a trip to the factories in Detroit, with all expenses paid, as a guest of the Ford company.

Other salesmen of proven ability employed by the company are W. J. McFarland, J. H. Kramer, E. L. Moore, Dee Sanders and P. B. Colburn.

The office and bookkeeping department is in charge of C. A. Smith who has been with the firm for several years. Mr. Smith comes from Healdton, Okla., where he was employed by the Ford company of that city. He was born in Kansas, but lived in Oklahoma for most of his life. During the war he served in the trench mortar battery of the Thirty-sixth division, and was overseas for seven months.

The parts department is in charge of H. L. Post, and N. Pirkle is foreman of the shops, with 16 expert mechanics under him. The service and filling station is in charge of Roy Hise.

The company has a fully equipped shop and parts department, with thousands of dollars worth of stock and with the necessary machinery for reboring and for complete Ford service. Mr. Pirkle is one of the best mechanics in West Texas with 20 years' experience. He has been sent several times by the company to the Ford factory for a special course in service for Ford and Lincoln cars.

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# C. E. MADDOCKS AND SON KNOW MORE ABOUT REAL ESTATE IN RANGER TERRITORY THAN OTHERS

They Had Faith In Ranger When Coming Here In 1919 to Do a Land and Insurance Business and They Are Now Looking Forward to Yet Greater Future.

Prominent in the insurance and real estate world of Ranger is C. E. Maddocks, who, with his son, owns and operates a business known as Maddocks & Son, with offices on Main street.

Ever since it was located here, the business has been substantial and prosperous, but since the recent oil discoveries in the Ranger field has caused all kinds of local activities to show a decided improvement, Mr. Maddocks has enjoyed an exceptional good business.

There are few people in Ranger who have more personal friends than Mr. Maddocks. He is of a frank and



Photo by Kinberg  
C. E. MADDOCKS

genial personality that attracts the stranger upon first acquaintance,

while his many wholesome and substantial characteristics often cause the most casual meetings to develop into permanent friendships. He is never too busy for a friendly smile and pleasant greeting, and many a business call into the various offices of the city turns into a friendly visit and chat about current events, thus alleviating the burdens of a busy day.

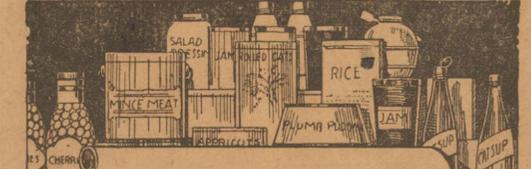
Comes on Motor Tour. It was in June of 1919 that Mr. Maddocks first came to Ranger, at a time when he was making a motor tour with a party of friends. When they arrived in Fort Worth they heard about the famous oil fields of Texas, which was attracting the attention of newspapers, magazines, investors and speculators from all over the country—in fact, from all over the world—so they decided to pitch their tents here for a little visit of investigation.

It was at the time of mud and pushers, quick fortunes and deadly feuds. A period of romance, destined to go down in the history of booms as parallel with the '49 of California, and the later gold rush to Alaska, the land boom of Oklahoma, or that earlier oil boom of Tampico, Mexico. A time to stir the pulse of red-blooded men who dare to face hardship for adventure, to stake a chance against the odds of fortune. That "something" about Ranger which always grips a stranger, got its immediate hold upon the interests of C. E. Maddocks, and he has since remained, a loyal, substantial citizen, through prosperity and adversity, and back to prosperity again, the poorer at times in funds, perhaps, but the richer in experience, and the more devoted to the town of his adoption.

Among the few business men, out of the 50,000 of the boom, who remained when the panic came, Mr. Maddocks has lived to see his hopes in the revival of Ranger realized. And of the few business firms which survived the hectic period from 1913 to 1920, Maddocks & Son have become among the most representative concerns of the present day.

Declaring that he liked the town, the climate and the people, Mr. Maddocks moved here with his family and has since remained, a big factor in the development of his community.

Mrs. Maddocks, long active in church and school work and a great force in the development of Mothers' clubs, is now serving her first term as state president of the Texas Congress of Mothers.



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# CARL BARNES POST OF AMERICAN LEGION BECOMES REAL WORKING FORCE IN RANGER COMMUNITY

### Named for First Ranger War; Reorganized After Period of Activity, Post Takes Real Civic Endeavor membering Its Obligation to the Legion.

### Boy Killed in World After Period of Activity, Post Takes Foremost Part In In Addition to Re-gation to the Legion.

The Carl Barnes post of the American Legion, first organized several years ago, did not acquire very definite headway until 1924, when the post was reorganized with Dr. W. C. Palmer as post commander and entered on a period of real activity that has made it one of the most potent agencies in Ranger for civic work. The post does not exist merely to sponsor weekly reunions of its members, discuss the war in which they were once engaged and pile up a fund from dues to be used later for their own entertainment, but it has undertaken to do things and these are a few things it has accomplished:

**Record of Service.**  
Sponsored and assisted in putting over the Salvation Army annual home service drive for funds for charity purposes for 1925.

Assisted ex-service men of the community in handling their claims for back pay, compensation, and bonus applications. In past year have assisted more than 20 ex-service men who were in need.

Sponsored and for many months carried the entire burden of financing the Texas Ranger Texas band.

Arranged for proper observance of all national and patriotic holidays, particularly Memorial day.

Sponsored proposition of uniform flag decoration for city of Ranger. Have arranged with city for alteration of upper floor of city hall for use for American Legion quarters and for assembly hall for mass meetings.

Sponsored and inaugurated movement whereby Fourth of July celebration became a community affair.

Members of the Carl Barnes post are now raising among themselves and their friends a fund with which to remodel and furnish the quarters on the second floor of the city hall building they are soon to occupy. They are doing this by issuing bonds

in small amounts, to be redeemed later by the post. Many of the bonds already have been taken and paid for and the members soon will be at work getting their new quarters in shape for occupancy.

**Post Bears Honored Name.**  
Carl Barnes, after whom the post was named, was the first Ranger soldier to be killed in the world war. He was a member of one of the oldest families in Ranger, a young man of marked merit and many friends and a real soldier. When the post was first organized the oil field was filled with ex-service men, but because their work kept them away from the city much of the time it was not possible for many of them to join. While a large number of these men have moved to other fields there are, it is estimated, between 200 and 300 former soldiers in and about Ranger who are eligible to membership in the post and a drive was conducted recently to get them enrolled. The drive was successful in bringing the membership to more than 100.

The preamble to the constitution of the American Legion, also adopted by the Carl Barnes post, follows:

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to console, create and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

#### Officers and Members.

Officers and members of the Carl Barnes post are:

Dr. H. A. Logsdon, post commander.

A. N. Larson, vice post commander.

J. R. Tolland, adjutant.

W. W. Housewright, finance officer.

W. K. Campbell, sergeant-at-arms.

B. H. Peacock, chaplain.

C. C. Patterson, service officer.

J. A. Boze, historian.

The members:

H. G. Adams

J. B. Amey

E. R. Anderson

S. P. Boon

Leo Bow

O. R. Brady

L. C. G. Buchanan

S. P. Burks

A. A. Burton

J. L. Chance

B. D. Clark

C. C. Craig

B. L. Crawford

H. D. Crawford

Guy L. Cummings

E. V. Daffern

B. F. Davenport

Vernon Deffebach

B. L. DeMoss

A. A. Diehl

W. L. Dockery

J. F. Donley

Solie Dunevant

M. M. Dutton

Egan

Roy T. Earnest

J. J. Howard

W. L. Jackson

Roy A. Jameson

Rosney Jones

J. S. King

A. L. Lindsey

A. F. Little

T. J. McClelland

G. P. McCobb

T. G. McCorkle

W. N. McDonald

A. D. McPatter

E. E. McLaurin

Alvan Miller

Alexander Neill

Ben T. Neilson

O. M. Padgett

W. C. Palmer

L. R. Pearson

T. L. Peters

N. Pirkle

R. F. Polk

H. O. Pope

H. L. Post

John Remonte

R. C. Reynolds

Claude M. Risher

R. H. Roberts

E. F. Rust

Happy Schertz

J. A. Shackelford

John Shannon

J. A. Shaw

R. L. Shaw

Lloyd Sheppard

C. A. Smith

S. S. Smith

# CENTRAL SERVICE STATION IN RANGER, NOW LEASED AND OPERATED BY W. V. LOVE, WITH REMARKABLE SUCCESS



W. V. Love, proprietor of the Central Service station, has lived in Ranger since 1917, with the exception of the time he was in the army, where he put in 15 months in the motor transport service.

Mr. Love formerly was employed by the F. & M. State bank, and prior to that was in the district clerk's office in Eastland at the time Senator Joe Burket was district clerk there. He also was connected with the City National bank of Eastland for some time, and at the close of the war was with the Pierce-Arrow company at Dallas for a year.

His birthplace being in Milam county, Texas, Mr. Love is a native of the Lone Star state, and since 1900 he has lived in Eastland county. He is 31 years old and is one of the city's most pleasing personalities and delightful business men. His quiet, unassuming ways have made him many staunch friends.

## DR. C. C. CRAIG CLIMBS TO TOP IN PROFESSION

### In College, In Athletics, In War and In Civic Life He Wins Honors.



Dr. Clyde C. Craig is one of the youngest, as well as most prominent, members of the professional life of the city, a dentist of rare ability and wide experience. He was born April 11, 1891, in Spadra, Ark., but became Texan in 1898 when his family moved to Corpus Christi where he was reared and received his earliest education.

Photo by Kinberg DR. CLYDE C. CRAIG

Later he went to the Bunker Hill Military Academy, in Illinois, where he paid his way by his athletic ability. He was full back on the foot-

ball team, in field on baseball team, and in track work he specialized in weights, running broad jumps, and short dashes. Before the conclusion of his work at the academy he became captain of the football team.

In 1912 he married a Bunker Hill girl and temporarily gave up his school work, and joined his father in the contracting business in the Rio Grande Valley. But after a year he decided to fulfill his former ambition of becoming a dentist, so he entered the dental department of the University of St. Louis, and paid his way through the course by doing various jobs at odd times.

**Conducts Clinics.**  
After his first year he was appointed assistant demonstrator in the dental laboratory of the freshmen, and one afternoon each week he conducted a clinic at the reformatory school of St. Louis, employed by the city.



Photo by Kinberg JOE DENNIS

Thus, by his outside work, he was enabled to pay all expenses through his college career, and the same time kept up with his class work and received many signal honors from time to time. For instance, during his first year, out of a class of 110, he had the distinction of having every piece of mechanical work which he did, placed in the college museum, as the best work in his class. And by conducting the clinics in the various institutions of the city he acquired an experience that would take many years of private practice to achieve.

In the first part of his senior year he had charge of the clinic at the city jail, and in the last half of his senior year he was appointed instructor of his own class in the college clinic. He was elected secretary and treasurer of the graduating class, and was Worthy Master in the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity.

**Teaches in College.**  
In June 1916, he was elected a member of the faculty of his college, and had the chair of crown and bridge work for two years. During this time he was for one year on the visiting staff for the insane asylum, with 2,400 patients, where he would be called to upon to extract as high as 75 teeth in an afternoon. It was here that Dr. Craig developed a technique in extractions that has brought him wide spread fame in this particular field.

In addition to teaching at the University, and caring for the asylum patients, Dr. Craig opened an office in St. Louis, and built up a private practice during the hours of early morning, and late afternoon.

In 1917 he enlisted in the officers Reserve Corps and was called to service in May 1918. He reported at Camp Forest, Georgia, and embarked for overseas at New York on July the fourth.

He was dental surgeon for the fifty-second infantry of the 6th division, and in April, 1919, was promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain.

**Locates in Ranger.**  
Upon returning to America in June of the same year he went to Corpus Christi for a brief visit with his family, and in August came to Ranger, where he had heard a big oil boom was on, with the promise of bright future. He has been here ever since, and has built up a wonderful practice based on ability, and the gentleness

of his work. In addition to his dental work, he has been successful in the oil business. He has a wife and two children, and belongs to the Central Baptist Church, Elks and Masonic lodges, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association.

# MARVIN COLLIE KEEPING RANGER WELL INSURED

Established Agency Here in 1918 and It Is Now Largest in West Texas

Marvin K. Collie, one of the leading insurance agents of Eastland county, was born at Cisco, 35 years ago, and has been in the insurance business for the last 29 years.

Mr. Collie, when a lad of 15, started with his brother, W. M. Collie, now a contractor of Dallas, in the newspaper and insurance business at Gorman, remaining until 1912, when Mr. Collie went to Dallas to work for an insurance rate office, going a short time afterwards to Austin, where he was with the state fire insurance commission. He remained with them until January, 1916, when he started traveling for an insurance company, and for two years filled the capacity of special agent and adjuster.

In the latter part of 1918 Mr. Collie came to Ranger from San Antonio, remaining here ever since. His is the only insurance company which survived the boom, and in the last seven years he has paid three-quarters of a million dollars in losses.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the life insurance bought in Ranger is bought from out-of-town solicitors, largely from the fact that the average person doesn't stop to think that local insurance men handle life insurance," Mr. Collie said. "A man who wouldn't dream of going out of town for his automobile, or groceries or clothing, will without a thought go to an outside company for his insurance. The people of Ranger should realize they can get life insurance from old line companies, the same as other kinds of insurance, right here in their home town, and should purchase this item with the same buy-it-in-Ranger spirit that prompts their purchases in other things."

Mr. Collie has perhaps the largest insurance agency between Fort Worth and El Paso. One of his accounts is from one of the largest oil companies operating in the Ranger field, whose business was previously carried by New York brokers, and during the past two and a half years he has saved that company \$20,000 in premiums, due to their switch of business to his company.

Because of his years of connection with the state rating boards, Mr. Collie has been able to secure many corrections in the insurance rates of local properties, and he has a letter on file showing where he secured a refund of \$1,000 overcharge on a policy written by another concern on a local building.

Mr. Collie is prominent in the business life of the city, is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges and Methodist church, and was formerly president of the Rotary club. His family consists of a wife, formerly Miss Gladys Stanley of Amarillo, and two children, a son and daughter.

DECATUR.—The daily shipment of milk from here continues to increase with more than \$5,000 receipts from weekly sales.



Photo by Kinberg M. K. COLLIE

**BIG LAKE.**—Tesoro Oil Co. contracts to deliver to Humble Co. 2,737,500 barrels oil, worth \$5,500,000, May 15, 1925, to May 15, 1926.

**BROWNSVILLE.**—Naval radio station costing \$175,000 to be built at Fort Brown.

**AMARILLO.**—Western Packing Co. to make \$60,000 improvements at local plant.

**LOCKHART.**—Oil fields in this locality producing 10,000 barrels daily.

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B. C. HANCOCK, Prop.  
212 Main St. Ranger, Texas

# JOE DENNIS AUTO WORKS, WITH HIMSELF OWNER AND OPERATOR, STANDS AT TOP IN THIS LINE

### He Quits Drug Business to Drive Stage Coach When Ranger Country Was Booming, Then Engages in Business With Most Gratifying Success.

Joe Dennis, owner of the auto works which bears his name, is one of the young and successful business men of the city, dating his residence here from the days of the boom. He was born in San Saba, Texas, in 1892, and was reared on a farm, later going to Brownwood to attend the Howard Payne college.

At the close of his schooling Mr. Dennis joined his father, who owned a drug store in Lampasas, and became associated in the business for two or three years.

Coming to Ranger six years ago, when the boom was at its height, Mr. Dennis operated a stage line to Brownwood and Desdemona, when the mud was deep and the roads were bad. He charged \$15 a passenger,

and carried as many as 11 people at one load. But at that time it took as much as a half day to get to Breckenridge—if you got there at all. It sometimes took as many as three teams to pull a stalled car out of a mudhole, and on one occasion Mr. Dennis was the only driver, out of a possible 200, who made the trip to Breckenridge and back.

"I carried 11 passengers, a trunk, and 13 suitcases, piled clear to the top of the Cadillac," Mr. Dennis says. I got stuck in a mudhole and hired a team for \$5 to pull me out. But the horses couldn't budge the car. I then hired a second team, without success, and it finally took the third team to get me out. So you see, by the time we paid for the horses, and toll through some fellows' confound, our trips weren't all profit."

After the first frenzy of the oil field had passed and business settled down to a staple basis, Mr. Dennis went to painting automobiles, buying out an auto painting company that had been operating here. It was a

# THE GLOBE, INC., HAS POLICY OF FAIR AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT TO EVERY CUSTOMER OF STORE

Established By Saule Perlstein, Who Has Now Associated With Him Julius B. Krause and Morris Bendix, It Is Doing a Large and Successful Business.

The Globe, Inc., a store that features "correct styles for men," was established in 1919, at the very height of the Ranger boom. The business was started in a little store, with a limited stock, on Austin street, but as the town grew, so did the store continue to grow, until it is today one of the largest and finest men's furnishing stores in all West Texas.

The company is owned by Saule Perlstein, Julius B. Krause and Morris Bendix.

Mr. Perlstein is president of the company, and one of the most prominent and well-known business men in



—Photo by Kinberg SAULE PERLSTEIN

town. He was born in Germany, coming to America in 1902, at which time he located at Tucuman, New Mexico, where he entered the clothing business. Before coming here he was department manager for a big store in El Paso, but considered Ranger one of the best locations in Texas at the time the big field opened up, and he has been one of the town's foremost citizens ever since



—Photo by Kinberg JULIUS B. KRAUSE

locating here. He is a Mason, a member of the Shrine, the Lions and Elks, as well as all civic organizations.

Mr. Krause, the vice president of the company, was born in Halle, Saxony, Germany, and in 1903 he chose America for his home, locating with relatives in Las Vegas, New Mexico. He was then 13 years old and went to school, at the same time assisting his uncle in his store. He later became manager of the store until he



—Photo by Kinberg MORRIS BENDIX

entered his adopted country's service during the war. It was at the close of the war that he came to Ranger and joined Mr. Perlstein in the clothing business. He belongs to the Elks and American Legion.

The business continued to increase so rapidly the company decided to take in a third partner, and in 1922 Mr. Bendix became the secretary and treasurer of the company, which was

at that time incorporated. Mr. Bendix was born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to America in 1902, locating in Las Vegas, where he entered the general merchandise business. It was after he discontinued his interest with that concern and joined the Globe that it was considered advisable to expand the firm. Mr. Bendix is a Mason, a Shriner and an Elk.

Although the store started in a small way, it has enjoyed good success from the beginning, and has always carried a stock that has met the demands of the most exacting trade. The stock has been constantly enlarged and improved. The building occupied is considered one of the finest for a men's clothing store in Ranger. With a front, recently installed at a cost of \$2,000, equalling any store between Fort Worth and El Paso, the exterior of the store represents the progressive spirit of Ranger merchants. The interior of the store will soon be graced with new wall and show cases, to be installed by fall and, with the new equipment, the Globe will rival any big town store for appearances. The store carries only standard merchandise, in demand by the public as the latest vogue appears, which is sold at the lowest possible prices, and the motto of the company is "Fair and courteous treatment to everybody."

The success of the company has been based on the policy of giving personal service, good merchandise and one price to all. The three owners of the company are prominent and popular men and rank foremost among the leading business interests of the city, taking personal interest in all civic matters and contributing to their utmost in the development and improvement of Ranger, which they believe is the best town in the southwest. As long as the Globe remains in Ranger there will be a place where the well-dressed man can find all of his requirements.

## Ratliff & Campbell Have Fine Grocery Store In Suburbs

The Ratliff & Campbell Grocery store on Eastland hill, which recently passed its second birthday, is making rapid strides toward success, and according to the management has



—Photo by Kinberg A. J. RATLIFF

doubled its former business within the last four months. Many transient customers have become permanent and the rural deliveries of the store have proved a great convenience to the suburban population. The store's motor delivery wagon goes out to distant points through the country, delivering groceries that have been ordered, and at the same time taking orders for the following day.

The store is owned by A. J. Ratliff and R. Campbell, and is situated adjoining Mr. Ratliff's feed store, where it is conveniently located for the accommodation of the farm trade.

The grocery is small but exceedingly attractive, with fresh, clean stocks arranged invitingly and temptingly on the shelves and through the store. A first class meat market is conducted in connection with the store, and if the business that has already been built up on good values and fair treatment continues at its present strides, the Ratliff & Campbell store will soon be rated as one of the largest, as well as the most attractive, in the country.

**DOUD.**—The laying of steel on the Santa Fe railroad from here to the New Mexico line was begun recently. The daily trains soon will be crossing one of the most fertile as well as level and tillable sections of the South Plains.

## DR. W. L. JACKSON WINS HIGH RANK IN PROFESSION

By Education, Training and Experience He Is Splendidly Equipped.

Prominently identified with the medical profession of Ranger is Dr.



—Photo by Kinberg DR. W. L. JACKSON

Walter L. Jackson, a clear-eyed, straightforward young man, accurate in judgment, quick in decision, and firm in his ideas and opinions; a man whose ability has established him in the confidence of the people and whose achievements in his chosen profession has justified this confidence.

Dr. Jackson was born in Healdton Okla., in 1839, many years before it became a famous oil town. It was then a little settlement in the Indian Territory, with only one store. Eight years later the family moved to Texas and settled on a farm and ranch in Cooke county, where young Walter attended the rural schools and helped with the work like all the other boys did. He could use the lariat rope and round up cattle, and make himself useful in many ways of service, but during the age when most boys are wanting to "grow up" as police officers or firemen, Walter Jackson had aspirations of some day being a doctor. He does not know just when, or why, this ambition came, but all through his early years the potential physician and surgeon kept his mind on his ideal with the determination of some day realizing the great hope.

**Graduates From Baylor.** After finishing his grade and high school work he entered the Decatur Baptist college from which he was graduated in 1913, and immediately afterward he entered the Baylor medical college at Dallas, graduating in 1917.

The young doctor then served as interne in Baylor hospital until he went into service, Jan. 3, 1918. He spent three or four months at the medical officers training camp at Ft. Riley, Kans., receiving the commission of first lieutenant.

About this time a special representative of the government was sent by the surgeon general's office in

Washington to select men from the training camp for a special course in New York. Among the young medical officers were exceedingly anxious to take this work, and Lieut. Jackson, being naturally ambitious, was of course also anxious for the distinction of being chosen. But even more than gratifying his personal ambitions, however, was his desire to serve his country in whatever capacity might prove most valuable. So instead of recommending himself and applying for the privilege of this special training, he quietly let circumstances take their course.

**Gets Special Training.** Now, as any former soldier will tell you, it was most unusual for an army man to let things go as they were. It has long been considered a soldier's prerogative to complain, no matter what happens, so perhaps it was the very silence that Dr. Jackson maintained which attracted the attention of the government representative. At any rate he sent for the young officer and asked him what his experience had been. To which Dr. Jackson replied: "Well, Sir, I have been an interne at Baylor, you know about what an interne has to do."

There followed a few more questions, none of them technical but rather of a personal nature, but the answers, free from any bragging or effort to secure the coveted appointment, seemed to be satisfactory, with the result that Lieut. Jackson was sent for the special course in Bellevue and St. Vincent's hospitals in New York.

The course lasted six weeks, after which he was sent to the base hospital at Camp Lee, in Virginia, and assigned to surgical service, where he remained until he sailed overseas with base hospital 136.

**Gets War Experience.** Dr. Jackson remained across for eight months doing surgical work in the hospitals which sometimes had in excess of 1,500 disabled soldiers in them at one time. This experience helped him to develop his own initiative and rely on his own resources in his judgment and arrive at decisions promptly and definitely. It also gave him the added advantage of work under one of the finest commanding officers in the army, well educated and well trained, whose influence was to be widely reflected in Dr. Jackson's future work.

Fortified with his wonderful experiences, with all his native talents and ability developed to the highest point, Dr. Jackson, after his discharge, came to Ranger, to take his place in the city's future welfare. He located here on Dec. 7, 1919.

Dr. Jackson is a member of the Ranger Medical and Surgical Clinic and engages in a general practice, with a special attention to children's diseases to the infirmities of ages. He is one of the city's most brilliant and able young men, and was complimented recently by being invited to Fort Worth to read a paper before eminent physicians of that city on the subject of colonic anesthesia, which has recently been introduced in his practice. This very efficient method of administering anesthetics is not used anywhere outside of New York, except in Ranger.

Although the population of Ranger conspicuously decreased after the first days of the boom, Dr. Jackson has nevertheless enjoyed an ever increasing practice, especially during the last year. This is in the center of convincing evidence of his success and tribute to his ability.

Dr. Jackson has a wife and one child, and belongs to the First Baptist church, the Masonic and Elks lodges, Lions club, country club and Chamber of Commerce.

## RANGER ROTARY CLUB, COMPOSED OF FOREMOST BUSINESS MEN, IS EXPONENT OF SERVICE

Inaugurates and Carries Out Progressive Movements, Takes Leading Part In Civic Movement That is Accomplishing Great Work and Exists to "Carry On."

The Ranger Rotary club was organized in the year 1921, when James H. Allison of Wichita Falls, then of Fort Worth, a former Rotarian district governor in Tennessee, came to Ranger and gave the club its obligation. Always composed of leading business men in the city, aiming high in civic endeavors, its progress year by year has been marked. It has inaugurated progressive movements has hewn the way to carrying out programs for improvements and reforms and in every endeavor for civic advancement has thrown the weight of its influence and the energy and determination of its members to bring about successful accomplishments.

To point out just what the Ranger Rotarians have accomplished would be to name every movement in Ranger that has resulted in betterments for the city. Under the administration of E. O. McNew, its president in 1922, of Gus Coleman in 1923, of Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan in 1924, measures were undertaken and carried out that brought marked developments. Its purpose is service to the community, loyalty to all members and the betterment of mankind. In its boys work alone it has accomplished far more than its most sanguine ever expected. The Rotarian Big Brother movement has proved one of the finest things ever inaugurated in this country.

The Rotary club is now one of the greatest in the world, for it has chapters throughout the United States and Canada and in many of the leading countries of Europe. So while the membership of the Ranger Rotary club may not be so large as some others, it has anyhow the merit of class and the knowledge that it be-

longs to a big brotherhood. Officers and members of the Ranger Rotary club are:

**Officers**  
R. M. Coyle, president; S. P. Boon, vice president; J. A. Pitcock, secretary.

**Members**  
Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, W. G. Clegg, M. K. Collic, E. E. Crawford, E. Davis, J. M. Gholson, M. E. Haggaman, W. W. Housh, A. G. Jury, C. E. May, M. N. Newham, B. H. Peacock, Raymond Teal, J. W. Thurman, S. P. Boon, Gus Coleman, R. M. Coyle, Abe Davis, O. D. Dillingham, J. T. Gullahorn, Dr. A. N. Harkrider, Rev. W. H. Johnson, Ed. R. Maher, Wm. N. McDonald, W. B. Palmer, J. A. Pitcock, Dr. C. O. Terrell, F. G. Yonker.

### SEDIMENT IN RADIATOR CAUSES MOTOR TROUBLE

One of the most insidious causes of automobile motor overheating is that brought about by the accumulation of sediment in the small tubes of the radiator. Lime and sulphate of iron, generally present in water, are often deposited in the tubes due to chemical reaction that takes place within the radiator.

The use of some anti-freezing compounds often presents the same problem through the deposit of an incrustation in the tubes. This action gradually chokes up the water passages and greatly retards water circulation, thereby cutting down the cooling efficiency of the system, and resulting in an overheated engine.

When incrustation begins to clog up the water passage, it is of course, impossible for one to see it taking place inside the radiator tubes. The heat indicator on the radiator cap will tell that something is wrong. It will signal its message because, in the sluggish circulation, the water heats up quickly and that heat is instantly shown by the rise of the red fluid in the instrument, giving ample warning to stop and investigate.

**ARTESIA, N. M.**—At a late meeting of the chamber of commerce officials, Dr. C. Russell was elected president for the ensuing year and Dr. J. J. Clark was re-elected secretary.

## CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL LOCATED IN CITY OF RANGER



Located near the top of a hill overlooking the city of Ranger, the City-County hospital occupies one of the most attractive sites. The hill behind it cuts off much of the north wind in the winter time and its southern and eastern exposure gives it the advantages of the prevailing cool breezes in the summer time. It is fire-proof throughout and was built and is being maintained jointly by the city of Ranger and the county of Eastland. If one must be ill, there is no more delightful place in which to be cared for and to recuperate than the City-County hospital in Ranger.

## RANGER SHOE COMPANY, OWNED AND MANAGED BY A PIONEER CITIZEN OF EASTLAND COUNTY

C. L. Williams Builds Up Business In Ranger That Is Credit to City.

The Ranger Shoe company is owned and managed by C. L. Williams, who has lived in Stephens and Eastland counties for 39 years. He was here when there weren't many wire fences and cattle roamed the range. His childhood was spent on a farm, and his first business venture was in the horse and mule business, extending over a period of eight years. Later he was in the mercantile business in this part of the country for 11 or 12 years.

"In those days," he said, "we had lots of hard work, but we got through about as well as we do now. We had a trade territory extending for miles and miles and, and we knew everybody who came into the store. Our customers were our friends and a man's word was as good as his bond. Such a thing as a bad credit risk was unknown."

"Some folks have gotten the impression that Ranger was a little village before the boom, with no business to speak of at all. But although the population was small, Ranger has always been a good business town, for it is in the center of a large trade territory and has been the base of supply for many people long years before the discovery of oil."

"The present outlook of Ranger, in my opinion, is better than it has ever been," Mr. Williams continued. "I was in the mercantile business at Lubbock two years ago, sold out and

went to Abilene, and then came back here, for I found from experience that this is the best business town in West Texas."

With his various and successful business connections, Mr. Williams is in a position to give to Ranger the benefit of his wide experience, and is able to efficiently manage the Ranger Shoe company, which carries one of the best exclusive stocks of shoes west of Fort Worth. The store is attractively arranged, and the large windows are artistically decorated. Here the old-timers and new-comers are welcomed alike, and accorded the same courteous and fair treatment.

Mr. Williams has a wife and three daughters. Miss Iva Williams, who is home from C. I. A. for the vacation, is employed in her father's store as saleslady. Another employee of the company is Lloyd J. Clegg, a popular young man whose family has lived here for many years. His wife formerly was Miss Lydia Belle Horn, who was born at Olden and reared in Eastland county.

The Ranger Shoe company was established about three years ago in Ranger, and 18 months ago Mr. Williams bought an interest in it. Within the last two months he bought out the last partner, and is now the sole owner. The store is enjoying splendid business and is ever increasing in popularity with the folks of Ranger and surrounding territory.

**SLATON.**—The business men here met recently and organized a Retail Merchants' association. J. H. Brewster was elected secretary of the new organization.

## Paramount Barber Shop In Conducted By John F. Smith

The Paramount Barber shop is owned by John F. Smith who has lived in Ranger for the last six years, coming from San Antonio. He is a native Texan, born in Greenville and educated in the public schools of Texas.

In 1917 he located in San Antonio where he had a regimental barber shop at Camp Travis. Here the young officers and soldier boys came for their shaves and shines and hair cuts and Mr. Smith soon became so successful he opened a second shop near Fort Sam Houston where he rendered similar services to the boys of that camp.

At the close of the war we came to Ranger and bought a barber shop on Main street in 1919. He ran it for a year and then removed to the McCleskey hotel in 1920. Business was flourishing in Ranger then and the shop prospered and continued to be one of the foremost barber shops in the city until last July when it was burned out in the McCleskey fire.

During the last year Mr. Smith has been looking after other business interests but the call of his old



—Photo by Kinberg JOHN F. SMITH

trade became too insistent, and on May 21 he opened a modern, three-chair barber shop to the rear of the Texas Drug company, on Austin street.

Because of his long-standing success here the new shop has become immediately popular, many old friends and customers coming in for the services which Mr. Smith has so successfully rendered during the last six years.

Mr. Smith has a wife and one daughter, Miss Oreta Smith, who is a student at C. I. A. He is a member of the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is quiet and mild-mannered and kindly of disposition, the sort of person who makes and holds both friends and customers. And the atmosphere of the shop is most attractive to ladies and children who come for the attractive bobs which Mr. Smith specializes in.

Historians generally agree that about 700 redcoats marched at Lexington.

## Cosmetics

With the sun beating its fiercest and the temperature in the nineties milady will need the proper cosmetics to ward off the heat. And here they are in a generous selection, with prices reasonably low.

A Cooling Fountain  
High-class Prescription Work  
a Specialty

### Stafford Drug Co.

R. R. STAFFORD, Prop.  
Phone 415 212 Main St.

# CHESTNUT AND SMITH CORPORATION, GREATEST AMONG WORLD'S CASINGHEAD GASOLINE MAKERS, DOES IMMENSE BUSINESS IN THE RANGER FIELD

**With Five Plants In Territory and Most Modern Machinery, It Extracts Daily 110,000 Gallons of Gasoline From 40,000,000 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas and Ships Out Products Each Week By Trainload.**

The Chestnut & Smith corporation, one of the world's greatest manufacturers of gasoline, was the pioneer of this industry in the Ranger field, just as it was at an earlier date in the Oklahoma field. The company located here in 1918, and out of many plants which opened up during the days of flush production, this was the only concern which didn't get scared out during the depression, but remained, with tremendous investment and enormous payroll, as one of the bulwarks of Ranger's business life.

The corporation has five plants in this field, four near Ranger and one near Eastland, and two electric booster stations, where the gas is pumped. These plants take all the gas available in this field, and after extracting the gasoline, return the dry or residue gas to the fields for lease operation. Approximately 40,000,000 feet of gas is used daily in the five plants, making an output of 110,000 gallons of gasoline daily.

The gasoline is shipped in 30-car trainloads at a time to the gulf coast, to Chicago, and to eastern points. One of the most interesting sights in the oil field section is the solid train of tank cars leaving over the local tracks, with "The Chestnut & Smith Corporation" in big black letters across the cars.

### Has Many Tank Cars.

The corporation operates a fleet of 1,200 of these tank cars, and it is estimated that in 1924 the cars traveled a total of more than 12,000,000 miles, or equivalent to 480 times around the world. During the last two years they have added a complete tank car repair shop to take care of the fleet of cars, as well as doing some outside work for other tank car owners. This is one of the most modern shops in this part of the country.

The general offices of the company are in the Chestnut & Smith building, Tulsa. In speaking of the great industry, a recent issue of the Oil and Gas Journal said:

"Of the several hundred companies making natural gasoline, probably the largest is the Chestnut & Smith corporation. The 14 plants of this corporation, and its closely associated interests, are today making in the neighborhood of 240,000 gallons of raw natural gasoline a day. In 1919 their 20 plants made 60,000 gallons a day. During August, 1924, they shipped 8,250,000 gallons of raw natural gasoline. Included in this were 20 solid trainloads, without doubt the largest trainload movement by any single company in the history of the industry. Their plans called for the shipment of 75,000,000 gallons during 1924. At this rate this one corporation is producing more natural gasoline than the entire United States produced in 1915."

Natural gasoline is made from casinghead gas by a series of operations based on temperature, pressure and the absorbing power of mineral seal oil for gasoline in its vapor state. Beginning with the rich gas as it leaves the oil well, it goes through various operations until as sparkling gasoline, it goes to the storage tank, ready for shipment.

When new wells are drilled, a testing apparatus is used to determine whether the casinghead gas contains enough gasoline to justify building a plant. They are also used to make regular tests, usually every three months, of the gasoline content of wells or groups of wells as the basis of payment for the casinghead gas. These test cars today cost about \$5,000, but the first testing outfit was built by Mr. T. K. Smith, president of the Chestnut & Smith corporation, in 1908 out of a beer pump, and cost about \$25. It was carried on his back from well to well, in making tests. The next year he mounted an outfit, costing about \$300, on the back of a car, and from these humble beginnings the present type car has been developed. The company buys billions of cubic feet of gas a year on the results of tests made with these cars.

The Smith oil and gas separator was invented and perfected by Mr. Smith and first used in the Ranger field. This separator removes all of the oil from the gas, delivering the oil to vapor-tight tanks in which its original gravity is maintained. The separator also removes all of the gas from the oil, delivering the gas to the pipe lines, and is capable of handling 5,000 barrels of oil and 10,000,000 feet of gas in 24 hours.

The first plants built by the company here all had compression pipes, but as manufacturing methods changed these plants were changed into absorption plants. They operate the year around, and are doing a steady, substantial business.

There are several hundred employees on the payroll, which amounts to \$30,000 or \$40,000 a month.

**General Superintendent.**  
F. G. Yonker is general superintendent of the corporation. He was born in Geneva, Switzerland, coming to America with his parents as a child. He was reared in Pennsylvania, attending the public schools there, where he took up mechanical engineering, getting both technical and practical experience. For 15 years he was in the plumbing and heating contracting business, and since 1915 he has been in the gasoline business.

Mr. Yonker was associated with Mr. Smith in the east, before the latter became associated with Mr. Chestnut. At the time when the company pioneered the casinghead



—Photo by Kinberg  
F. G. YONKER

gasoline business in the southwest, Mr. Yonker joined them in Oklahoma and superintended the establishment of three plants in Kansas. He also helped build several plants in Oklahoma before coming here.

During his management here the production of the company has developed from 10,000 to 110,000 gallons a day, the plants have been modernized and the capacity increased. Mr. Yonker has a wife and seven children. One of his daughters works in the office of the local plant. He is a member of the Elks and Rotary club, president of the Country club and a director of the Chamber of Commerce. He is distinguished in appearance and pleasing in personality, and of a business ability attested by his position of responsibility. He is one of the foremost



—Photo by Kinberg  
R. M. COYLE

citizens of the oil field section, and Ranger very properly looks upon him with pride as the embodiment of all that a good citizen ought to be.

**Popular Official.**  
Another prominent member of the organization is R. M. Coyle, assistant superintendent. He was connected for many years with the Solvey Process company, a big chemical corporation, before he became interested in the gasoline business. He served with the Tidal Oil company of Tulsa before joining the Chestnut & Smith corporation two years ago. He has been in Ranger ever since, during which time he has built up a big following of personal friends and business acquaintances. He is a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Country club and president of the Rotary club.

The officers and members of the Chestnut & Smith corporation are: Thomas Chestnut, chairman of the board; T. K. Smith, president; D. E. Buchanan and E. P. Harlow, vice presidents; J. H. Boyle, secretary; F. G. Yonker, general superintendent; R. M. Coyle, assistant general superintendent; Harry Quinlan, purchasing agent; A. F. Wood, sales manager; F. E. Burke, traffic manager.

# VICTORY SERVICE STATION, INC., OPERATED ON HONORABLE AND INDUSTRIOUS METHODS SUCCEEDS

**W. W. Edrington and His Two Sons, W. W. Edrington Jr. and J. L. Edrington, Have Four Retail Stations and Wholesale, Supply House, All Doing Good Business.**

The Victory Service Stations, Inc. are owned and operated by W. W. Edrington and his two sons, W. W. Edrington Jr., and J. L. Edrington. Mr. Edrington was formerly a California man, coming from San Francisco and Oakland to Ranger at



—Photo by Kinberg  
W. W. EDRINGTON  
Vice President Victory Service Stations, Inc.

the beginning of the boom, when he entered the oil business and met with much success. At the time of the depression, however, he suffered reverses, just as every other business man in town did, but casting his lot with the optimistic citizens who believe the city would eventually develop into a prosperous community,



—Photo by Kinberg  
W. W. EDRINGTON  
President Victory Service Stations, Inc.

he has since realized his beliefs and has become one of the most substantial and successful business men in the oil field section.

After he decided to sell oil and gas, instead of producing it, Mr. Edrington bought the Hunt Street Filling station, which he renamed the Victory, and a victory it subsequently became for its owner. By applying honorable and industrious methods, Mr. Edrington met with such success he was soon enabled to begin an expansion which has since developed into four prosperous service stations, scattered about town at convenient points for his customers.

In addition to the four retail stations, Mr. Edrington has also started a wholesale company known as the Diamond B Oil company, with a warehouse on Blackwell road, and a territory extending all over Eastland county. This branch of the business is managed by J. L. Edrington.

Mr. Edrington has had more than 10 years' experience in the tire business, and his other business enterprises have combined to make him one of the foremost citizens of Ranger. There is a kindness and quiet gentleness in his manner which en-

dears him to his friends, and a loyalty and fairness toward his customers which has proven to be a big business asset. He is always among



—Photo by Kinberg  
C. C. PATTERSON  
Secretary-Treasurer Victory Service Stations, Inc.

Those who co-operate in the interests of Ranger and the upbuilding of the city.

The company was recently incorporated with Mr. Edrington as president, W. W. Jr. as vice president, and J. L. as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Edrington is also interested in the business.

## C. C. PATTERSON IDENTIFIED WITH TEXAS

Clifton C. Patterson was born in Providence, R. I., and obtained his education there and in Boston and New York city. Coming to Texas in 1906, he went to work for the Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil company at Thurbur, and continued in the employ of this company until 1917, with the exception of one year, the year 1907, when he went to Nevada during the gold mining activity in that state.

In May, 1917, Mr. Patterson attended the first officers training camp at Leon Springs, obtaining a commission and was assigned to headquarters 40th division. After serving with the 40th and 8th divisions, he was made chief disbursing officer, A. E. F. Siberia, where he continued until he left the service in May, 1919, to return to the employ of the Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil company.

Resigning from the Texas-Pacific

Coal & Oil company in 1923, Mr. Patterson entered commercial organization work in Strawn, being made secretary of the Strawn Chamber of Commerce, which office he held until June, 1924, when he was elected secretary-manager of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce. In that office he has done notable work for the advancement of Ranger and within one year has made a record as a chamber of commerce secretary that would be hard to equal.

Mr. Patterson takes the position that as chamber of commerce secretary he should be active in every interest that affects the city. In school activities and in athletics he is a steady and consistent promoter; as a member and officer of the Carl Barnes post of the American Legion and as a member of the Ranger Lions he is an intensive worker for civic progress. He is a mem-



—Photo by Kinberg  
C. C. PATTERSON

ber of the Episcopal church and an active worker in its Sunday school. Mr. Patterson married Miss Lida Latimer and they have one child, a beautiful little girl they have named Elizabeth.

**ABILENE.**—A \$25,000 new exhibit building will be ready for the county and individual agricultural exhibitors this year when the West Texas Fair opens Sept. 21 to 26.

The yolks of Egyptian eggs are larger in proportion than those of eggs produced in America.

Captains of the old East India company's traders shared heavily in voyage profits.

Put your heart into your work and you will put money into the bank.

# PICKERING LUMBER COMPANY OPERATES IN RANGER ONE OF ITS SUCCESSFUL LUMBER YARDS

**A. E. Echols, Manager of Local Business, Knows Lumber From the Bottom Up and Proves Ability By His Successful Operations.**

The Pickering Lumber Company of Ranger is one of a chain of 50 yards operating in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, with the home office in Kansas City. The local yard was opened in 1919 at the height of the boom when the company derived a big revenue selling lumber for derricks and the oil camps. The company built their headquarters on Hunt street at first, but last year they bought out the Clem company on Railroad ave.



—Photo by Kinberg  
A. E. ECHOLS

which is the present site. They have 400 feet of shed space, sheltering a capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber.

A. E. Echols, the manager, was born in Delta county, Texas, in 1889, and reared on a farm until he was 18. He received his education in the high school at Enlow, and the East Texas Normal at Commerce. At 18 he was teaching school, and at 22 he became bookkeeper for the Cooper Cotton Oil Co., with which he remained for six years.

In 1919 he started in the lumber business as bookkeeper for the Clem company, and later had charge of their rig yard. After 15 months with them he went with the Barnes Lum-

ber company for six months, and five years ago joined the Pickering company as manager.

When Mr. Echols first took charge of the Pickering Lumber company he ran it all by himself, but under his management the sales have increased ten times their former volume.

Mr. Echols has a wife and four children, and belongs to the Masons, Lions, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association. He is also a deacon in the Central Baptist church.

Warren Dinwiddie is bookkeeper, and assistant manager for the company, and Walter Pace is yard manager.

### INSTRUMENTS RECORDED.

Sheriff's deed, R. E. Sikes et al., to G. G. Hazel, lots 14, 15, and 16, in block A-3, city of Eastland.

Quit claim deed, Mrs. Mattie Parvix et al., to Mamie Parvin Hill, 69 feet by 200 feet off the north end of block E-2, Thornton Thatcher survey.

Trustees deed, J. G. Bishop to Union Central Life Insurance company, SE-1-4 of section 28, block 2, E. T. Ry. Co. survey, lands in Eastland county.

Appointment of trustee, Union Central Life to J. G. Bishop, see vol. 23, page 258, deed of trust records.

Gas contract, Gallagher et al., to Phillips Petroleum company, 44 acres out of Theresa Tyler survey.

Order adj., J. H. Sessions, bankrupt, No. 1064, lots No. 4 and 5, subdivision 2, block F, original town of Cisco.

Gas contract, Walter O. Kimmel to Phillips Petroleum Co., a number of tracts located in block 2, E. T. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Warranty deed, Atlantic Oil Pro. Co., to M. F. Allen et al., lot 5, subdivision A, block 23, town of Gorman, also W-2 of lot 3, block 111.

Transfer vendor's lien and deed of trust, American Oil Co. to Walter Ray, 65 feet off the S end of lots 4 and 5, subdivision; 65 feet off S end of lots 4 and 5, city of Cisco.

**CROWELL.**—This city will enter the contest at Pecos, June 18, for the next West Texas Chamber of Commerce district convention.

**SNYDER.**—The Stranahan, Harp & Otis, Inc., of Toledo, Ohio, have opened offices here and will be on the ground to purchase West Texas bonds.

**BIG LAKE.**—The county seat of Reagan county will be moved here according to a recent election held in this county.

On his first New Year's day in the white house Thomas Jefferson received a 1,600-pound cheese.

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"Ranger's Foremost Department Store"

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Just the right kind of store where people like to trade because they find nationally advertised merchandise here and in the latest styles. Styles that are always in vogue, if not in advance. And in no case is quality left out in order to secure style. Dependable merchandise is sold and every article is fully guaranteed by our liberal policy of satisfaction or your money back.

Our Ready-to-Wear Department is the finest in this section. A complete stock on hand at all times to care for your needs and to give you just the kind of merchandise you want. You will find Dresses here for every occasion. A spacious shopping place with courteous salesladies to serve you. A complete line of Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Corsets, and a complete Baby Department combined in one large department.

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Pleased customers are the best recommendation we have to offer you for a share of your business. We will try just as hard to please you, for we realize that our business is founded on SERVICE. We are not contented when we say we have pleased many, for they have been our friends and customers these many years, and continue to come back. We want to add you to the already large list.

Here to serve you in the future as in the past, and in many ways more than we have been able to in the past. We are proud of Ranger and want Ranger to be proud of us. We are trying hard to build an institution that will be an asset to Eastland county, and Ranger in particular. Let's all pull together to make Ranger a greater and better town, commercially and socially.

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"Ranger's Foremost Department Store"

# Man of Faith and Work Starts Ranger's New Prosperity Tour

**Barney Carter Comes to Seek Fortune, Has Rises and Falls, But Sticks to His Purpose and Develops Oil Field That Brings Him Wealth and Lifts Ranger Out of the Doldrums on Inactivity.**

By MARIE BARNETT

Barney Carter has long been one of the best liked men in Ranger. Today he is one of the most important. For it was he who brought in the new oil field near Ranger and the subsequent prosperity to the city, proving that an oil town can "come back."

And he it said for Barney Carter that he is one of the biggest men in town, in spite of his youth—he is only 32—and his frank, boyish smile which makes him look even younger. Big, because he had the courage, the fortitude, the determination to stick to a field which the foremost oil companies had abandoned; to stick in spite of delays and discouragements. But bigger still because he can stand success.

Many there are who can survive hardships and privation, even despair. But the man who can stand prosperity is the one who is close to greatness.

The morning when the first Carter gusher came in, several weeks ago, we at the office of the Ranger Times were grouped about discussing the report and wondering if it were true. While awaiting confirmation of the good news one of the force came in and said he guessed it wasn't true, for he had "just came by Barney's house and he was out in the yard pulling weeds out of the flower beds."

**Unspoiled by Wealth**  
And of course, a man who had become a millionaire at 2 o'clock in the morning, could hardly be expected to be found weeding his garden at 8. But Barney Carter is just that kind of man. As we have said, he can stand success. Nor has the sincere congratulation of friends and the adulation of acquaintances in the least bit turned his head. The only difference you can notice in the Barney Carter of today is a little weariness about the corners of the eyes, brought on by the rush of business pressure, subsequent to the bringing in of the pool, and the constant handshaking that warms the heart but fatigues the body.

Folks just like to gather around Mr. Carter and tell him how glad they are, because as several business men here in town have said to me in the last few weeks, they would "rather see Barney Carter make a success than any other man in Ranger, for he has sure stuck by the town."

Mr. Carter's name in full is Hansford Barnwell Carter Jr., an ideal name for a wealthy oil man. But he will never use it. Fort as he was growing up, in order to keep his name separated from his father's, he began to call himself by a diminutive of his middle name, and "Barney" he has remained ever since. And probably will always remain, for the name just sort of suits him, and one who knows him realizes that no matter how many dollars his oil wells pile up in the bank, his checks and his contracts and his business deals will always be signed with "Barney Carter" on the dotted line.

**Is Native Texan**  
Mr. Carter was born in Mills county, near Center City, and brought up on a farm, where he chopped cotton like other country boys, and received his early education in the rural schools. Later he went to the Howard Payne college at Brownwood, where he took business administration, then to Simmons College in Abilene for three years.

In 1916 Mr. Carter married his childhood sweetheart, and he and his wife taught school together for two pleasant years in the little community of Moody, Texas. Their combined salaries were about \$150 a month, at that time a munificent income for two young folks just getting their start in life.

During the summer months between terms, when there was no school to teach, but expenses went on the same, Mr. Carter made the living by working on the gasoline plants being constructed in Oklahoma.

"I didn't work in an engineering capacity, but at the low-down work of ditching the dirt and helping to build the plants, hard labor, I'll tell you," Mr. Carter said.

**Comes to Ranger**  
"In the summer of 1918," he continued, "I started up to Oklahoma as usual. We had our tickets bought as far as Fort Worth, and our baggage checked through. I had been watching this field, so when the train pulled into Ranger I decided to get off here and take the next train out. Mrs. Carter went on through, and I waited for the Sunshine. It was just a question of decision—whether to stay here or go on to Oklahoma. But the decision was made before the next train came. And that decision was to take my chances on Ranger."

Which was, indeed, a fortunate decision, both for Mr. Carter and for Ranger, for in staying he laid the foundation for his future success, and for the present oil activities which have made Ranger one of the best business cities in the state today.

Mr. Carter made money in Ranger, and also lost. Lost "more than I ever hope to make," he says. And then he adds:

"And if you want to know why I stayed here, it was to pay my debts. You may say for me that this is the finest town in the world for a debtor to live in, for he always has an alibi."

**Establishes Dairy**  
His first business venture, upon locating in the booming oil town seven years ago, was to start a dairy for he felt that was a great need here, and therefore a dairy would be a good investment. He bought a carload of cattle on credit and rented a pasture to put them in. Now, you remember that Mr. Carter had come from a cotton country, and not from a cattle country, so it happened that he had never milked a cow. The question was what to do with his dairy after he had purchased it. He was lucky enough, however, to find a milkman building tanks for a local tank company, so he hired him for the job of manager at the dairy. The milk was all sold to one man, Pat Scott, who was running the Ranger Cafe, and the price was \$1.00 a gallon.

After this enterprise was successfully operating Mr. Carter began turning his attention to the oil business. He traded in leases and royalties, and in a short time he found a piece of royalty he liked, and traded an equity in a piece of land he



BARNEY CARTER

owned for a one-fourth royalty on the T. E. Beck farm. After four weeks he sold half of this for a nice profit, and this gave him his real start. In some of the leases he acquired he made arrangements whereby he was carried for an interest in the wells that were drilled, and his success became assured from this time on.

It was after he began taking more serious chances, about the time the depression came on, that he began to lose. But as he says, "we always take chances in the oil game."

**Better Than Ranching**  
And those chances he points out, are nothing like as great as the cattle man takes, or as heart breaking.

"It is true, I've had lots of discouragements, and have brought in some dry holes," he said. "But even though we drill a duster we still have the land left, and later on we may strike the pool and our fortune is made. But think of the cattleman who has spent his life acquiring a herd, only to see his cows die off for lack of food and water. When these cows die there is nothing that can replace the loss; no new location to drill, no derrick and string of tools to push over to a more likely spot. We of the oil game do not know what discouragement means, like the man in the cattle business does, and when we get broke, we are never so completely, so irreparably broke as the man on the ranch."

When asked what gave him his confidence in the field now known as the famous Carter pool, Mr. Carter said:

"I had access to all information of the United States government geologist on that area, and of Mr. Thompson of the T. & P. Coal and Oil company's geological department, who is considered the very best."

"The whole project was begun at the suggestion of a representative of the T. & P. Coal and Oil company, Mr. Bates Cox of Thurber."

**Oil Continues Coming**  
At the time the information for this article was acquired, Mr. Carter was half owner in two producing wells, the total production being 4,400 barrels a day. One of these wells has been producing for more than a year, and is making now more than it did when it came in. Since then, however, two new wells have come in, and others are due soon, probably before we go to press. The property will be developed as conservatively as it can to get the production, Mr. Carter said.

Mr. Carter is slender in build, earnest and direct of manner, energetic and clear-brained, cultured and educated. He is friendly, kindly and

generous. But high spirited, withal, ready to fight for a principal if necessary. He has a straightforward eye and the most irresistible smile—there is something about that smile I don't know what. But it "gets" you, somehow.

He has proved himself to be a good business man, but better than this he is a good husband and father, devoted to the little wife who helped him teach school and shared his days of early struggles with the same equanimity that she shares his present prosperity; and to their two joyfully little daughters. It is characteristic of Barney Carter that his wife should drive a Lincoln, while he drives a Ford—just as it's characteristic of him to go by the name of "Barney," and weed his garden when his first big well comes in.

## W. L. KEITH NOW OWNS BUSINESS ONCE MANAGED

Ranger Gasoline Company, Founded on Sound Principles, Meets With Success.

Y. L. Keith, manager of the Ranger Gasoline company, was in Kansas when this article was written, so the reporter had to interview a couple of the employees to get the necessary data. The first question, just as a sort of starter, was:

"What kind of a man is Mr. Keith?"

To which one of the employees answered:

"He's the best boss I ever worked for."

And the other one added: "He's a gentleman and a scholar."

Now a reporter might write a book, or a whole library of books, about a man, and would never be



W. L. KEITH

# THARPE FURNITURE COMPANY IS PIONEER BUSINESS HOUSE IN RANGER WITH NEW NAME

**T. B. Tharpe, His Son, Sam L. Tharpe, and Will H. Martin Take Over Wright Furniture Company, Established Here By the Former Just Ahead of Big Oil Boom.**

The Tharpe Furniture company is a new name for one of the oldest business concerns in Ranger, known up until the last few days as the Wright Furniture company, a concern which has been here since the beginning of the boom. But although it has a new name, new stocks, and new location, the management remains unchanged. Indeed, so far as the public is concerned the store really belonged to Mr. Tharpe long before he bought out his partner's interest, for during the entire time of its existence here, it has been managed by one of Ranger's most distinguished business men, Mr. T. B. Tharpe.

There is perhaps no prettier store or better location in Ranger than the Tharpe Furniture company was recently successful in getting, right in the heart of Main street. The building is large and light, with big windows through which the most attractive furniture displays can be seen, while the store itself becomes a splendid show room.

able to give as good a description of him as those two brief tributes were. When a man is a good boss and a gentleman to the boys who work for him, he's the sort of man that most anybody could feel safe in trusting.

And that is just the way that Mr. Keith impresses a stranger immediately upon acquaintance. You know at once, almost instinctively, that here is a person with a big heart and splendid intellect. Formerly a school teacher, he is a man of mental attainments, and he has been broadened by varied business experiences and responsibility.

Like the person in the song, he was "bred in old Kentucky," but he lived for many years in Kansas and Oklahoma, and also engaged in the mercantile and oil business. And he has the reputation of making a success of whatever he attempts.

For three years Mr. Keith was connected with the Hagaman Gasoline company as superintendent of the retail department which operated stations at Ranger, Eastland, Cisco and Graham. He bought the Ranger business last November and has been operating it ever since under the name of Ranger Gasoline company.

In addition to the service station, an accessory shop is maintained and a full line of Firestone and Hood tires is carried.

Mr. Keith is the man who got "Motorpower" treated gas for Eastland county, having bought the county rights to it. The company has found it very successful in giving the motoring public more mileage and more power without adding extra cost to the consumer.

The Ranger Gasoline company has three employees who are courteous, capable and loyal. They are Doyle Barton, an Eastland county product, and Robert Slaughter, also of Eastland. R. O. Warren is a native of Alabama, but says he has "lived in Texas nearly all his life."

**Stock Is Complete.**  
The store has for its slogan, "We



T. B. THARPE

furnish from the parlor to the kitchen," and in the stocks can be found furniture to suit all tastes and pocketbooks. There are high-class, high-priced articles to fill the most exacting demands over-stuffed living room suits in mulberry and gray velour, mahogany bedroom outfits, and walnut for the dining room; handsome Wilton rugs; pure white kitchen outfits.

And then there are the more reasonable and substantial things for folks who have not struck oil. Davenport sets in oak and leather that can convert the parlor into a bedroom for an extra guest; sturdy fumed oak for the dining room, and serviceable Brussels.

"We have the biggest stock of rugs in this part of the country," Mr. Tharpe says. "We had a customer recently who wanted two matched Wiltons for adjoining rooms. He had been told he couldn't be suited this side of Fort Worth. But when he came into our store he found just what he wanted and it didn't take us long to make the sale."

The store also carries a full line of congolesum, Guernsey and Gibson refrigerators, Sellers kitchen cabinets, and Queen Bee and Radiant Home stoves.

Mr. Tharpe claims to have the oldest business house in Ranger under one continued management.

"We came here in 1918, as soon as oil was discovered, some time before the boom," he said. "We realize there was wonderful opportunity here and we came before the rush. But by the middle of November the wells then drilling began to come in two or three a day and Ranger went wild. The population increased during the next two years to 50,000 people."

The store, during that period, was

kept open from 7 a. m. till midnight, seven days a week, for boom towns know no Sabbath. The big sales of that time were to the oil companies, supplying furniture for the offices that were scattered over town, in hotel lobbies and rooms, and at the plants, and also furnishing the quickly constructed homes and "bunk houses" in the fields. These houses had from 25 to 50 beds. And then, too, there were many rooming houses springing up all over town demanding equipment. The sales of the firm at this time ran from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a day.

In order to accommodate the demands the company maintained three store rooms, and a large warehouse at one time, and had standing orders for furniture at houses in Dallas, Fort Smith, St. Louis, and Kansas City, asking for all the furniture they could send. Some companies, knowing the pressing demand, would send carload lots of staff without an order, and lots of it was unloaded and delivered direct, without even going through the company's warehouse.

When the store first located here it was owned by the Wright Furniture company of Sweetwater, and Mr. Tharpe was manager. He later became a partner, and finally acquired full ownership. He has, however, taken two partners, his son, Sam L. Tharpe, and Will H. Martin.

**Sketches of Owners.**

Mr. Tharpe was born in Paris, Tenn., and educated in Bethel college at McKenzie, Tenn. His first business experience was in the drug business at McKenzie, then he farmed, and later ran a general merchandise business for several years.

In 1901 he moved to Sweetwater where he engaged in the ranching business and also in the furniture and hardware business, remaining until Oct. 1, 1918, when he located in Ranger ahead of the boom. His store has prospered, even through the depression, and was one of the few surviving businesses of that distressing period following the boom. The survival was in a big measure due to the wide experience and executive ability of the manager.

Both in a personal, as well as business way, Mr. Tharpe ranks prominently among the city's leading men. He is a real Southern gentleman of the old school, a type that is as delightful as it is rare in this day and age. His characteristics embody a kindness of spirit and uprightness of dealing that make him admired by all of Ranger.

Mr. Tharpe's son and partner, Sam L. Tharpe, is 23 years old, and like his father, was born in Tennessee. He was brought up and educated in Sweetwater, and was associated with his father in business there before coming to Ranger where he has since been a great adjunct to the company.

The third partner, Mr. Martin, is a newcomer to the firm, having recently bought a third interest. He was born in Ruston, La., and educated in the public schools there. His first and only business experience was as traveling representative of a wholesale grocery company of Okmulgee, Okla., a position which he held until forming a partnership with Mr. Tharpe. He is an ex-service man and is a brother of F. A. Martin of Pikes Furniture company in Fort Worth, who is widely known in Ranger. He is an excellent salesman and splendid man, and will be a pleasant addition both to the Tharpe Furniture company and the citizenship of Ranger.

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# We are In Ranger To Stay---

And we make it possible for the people of Ranger to buy thousands of articles at prices far below what they would pay only in a store of this kind.

WHEN YOU BUY OF US YOU NOT ONLY SAVE MONEY, BUT YOU HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE A REAL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY.

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## Willard Batteries

# PERHAPS

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Taking out floor-boards to get at the battery is a mussy job at best.

Why not let us do it for you? We test the battery and clean and grease the terminals at the same time.

Corroded terminals mean less starting power.

"I once knew a man who let the hydrometer slip and he had to buy a new pair of pants. Let us do it and save your clothes," says Little Ampere.

**Willard** STORAGE BATTERIES

## Goodyear Tires

**DO TIRES COST TOO MUCH?**

If yours have been costing you too much it will pay you to come in and see us.

If you want absolute assurance of satisfaction before you buy—if you want fair, square, courteous treatment—if you want the finest tires built (Goodyears) at a range of prices to suit any pocketbook—we can give you all this.

Ask anyone who ever bought a tire or anything else here what they think of our merchandise, our prices and our service.

**GOOD YEAR Service Station**

Pine and Rusk Sts. **RANGER BATTERY & TIRE CO.** Ranger, Texas

# BILL'S DRY CLEANING PLANT, GIVING ALWAYS BEST SERVICE, ATTAINS UNUSUAL POPULARITY

W. R. Clardy and Mrs. Clardy Build Up A Business Which Has Won Favor By Reason of Thorough and Satisfactory Work.

Bill's Dry Cleaning Plant, Tiffin Highway, is owned and operated by W. R. Clardy, assisted by his charming and capable wife who gives the beneficial "woman's touch" to the business which is, indeed, peculiarly adapted to feminine abilities. Mrs. Clardy personally supervises the work done on all women's apparel and checks up on every garment be-



Photo by Kinberg  
W. R. CLARDY

fore it goes out of the plant, which explains in a large measure why Bill's Dry Cleaning Plant is so popular with the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Clardy came to Ranger with the boom, and started in a little novelty business. Because the business district was congested at that time it was often necessary for two or three firms to double up in one building, and the story is told that many men conducted their business on a window sill.

At any rate, for economy in space, the building which Mr. and Mrs. Clardy occupied was shared in the rear by a cleaning plant, and in order to oblige their fellow tenant the managers of the novelty store accepted garments to be cleaned and turned them over to the cleaner.

This was the time of much rain in Ranger, and the mud and dirt which all the boom-time settlers remember so vividly, made good business for the little cleaning plant, and Mr. Clardy became so interested in its possibilities he bought it out.

Now there is something very dignified and distinguished about the name of W. R. Clardy. And Mr. Clardy just isn't that kind of person at all. His most pronounced qualities are a quick and ready friendliness, an earnestness and sincerity of manner, a frankness that inspires business confidence, and a big-hearted smile that would awake a response on the face of the most hardened grouch. In fact, he is just the sort of person you'd want to call "Bill," whether his name was William or not.

And so, quite appropriately, the little cleaning establishment which he bought and operated, became known as Bill's Dry Cleaning plant, and that name has stuck to it to this day, officially registered as such in the city directory and telephone book.

Bill was born and reared in Uppshur county, where his wife was also a native. He operated a restaurant there before coming to Ranger to cast his lot with the boom. He owns several pieces of property, including his home and the plant, and is at this time engaged in an enlargement and expansion of his business. At a cost of \$1,000 he has improved the building itself, and he has installed \$3,500 worth of new machinery, the best that can be obtained for a modern cleaning plant. The Scherer continuous flow clarifying system is what makes the work at the plant so satisfactory.

On account of being located outside the business district, the overhead expense of operating the plant is so much less it enables the firm to give low prices for the same high quality of work, for which reason the public has found it very satisfactory to deal with the plant.

"We strive to please," Mr. Clardy said. "We have a plant equipped to give as good service as any plant in West Texas. There may be some larger, but there is none better. If any process superior to the one we use should be discovered, we would at once adopt it. We give special care to every garment. If a garment can be successfully cleaned we can do it, but there are some stains and spots that will not come out without injury to the material, and in such a case we tell our patron, instead of trying experiments that might ruin the goods. By this policy of frankness we have gained the confidence of our customers, and they also know that if anything happens to their property while in our possession, even though not our fault, we will make it good."

**INSTRUMENTS RECORDED.**  
Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease—H. H. Adams et al. to Henry Riley, south 80 acres out of R. F. Weddington tract of land in survey 464, S. P. Ry. lands; \$1.

# C. D. HARTNETT CO. BUILDS UP LARGE TRADE

Business Established in Weatherford 30 Years Ago, Now Has Branch Houses in Ranger and Jacksboro; One of the Enterprising Wholesale Grocery Houses of This Territory.

Which is the greatest of the elemental passions—love, hate, hunger or fear—has long been a muted question. Those there are who hold for love, saying it lasts for life and even beyond the grave, the foremost inspiration and motive power of the human heart, while others believe that stronger than love is hatred, a passion which is handed down sometimes from generation to generation. Then again there are those who believe that fear is the greatest of all emotions.

However that may be, the young of the race cries for food before it has learned either to love or know its parents or any other creature, and many a one whose heart for life remains untouched, has a stomach that demands its three square meals a day.

Hate? In times of earthquakes or floods or disasters at sea, when food supplies run low, crusts are rationed and enemy eats with enemy, share and share alike.

Is it fear then? The convicted criminal walking stoically to his death is fortified by the last bounteous meal which the law provides, giving him whatever his appetite calls for. An army man will tell you that the soldier who goes unflinchingly over the top and into the thick of battle, has only one chronic question which he asks when not in action. That question is—"when do we eat?"

So whether greater or not, surely the most general of the elementals is hunger.

**Foodstuffs Headquarters.**  
Which brings us up to the subject of this article, a business concern whose duty it is to satisfy the hunger of hundreds, and thousands, in this oil field section; a firm that brings from every quarter of the earth the food that goes on your dinner table; the flour from which you bread is made, the shortening in which you fry your meats, the canned goods from the north and the east and the middle west, waiting only the quick flame to convert it into a palatable dish for your next meal.

That firm is the C. D. Hartnett company, wholesale grocers.

This company was established 30 years ago in Weatherford, by the late and esteemed C. D. Hartnett,



Photo by Kinberg  
C. D. HARTNETT

whose family, coming from Ireland before the advance of civilization had built wonderful cities in the state, became among the sturdy pioneers of this section of the country.

The Hartnett family arrived in ox carts, many years before the railroads, and little dreaming that the young son, C. D., who was then scarcely 12 years old, was destined to help build the first railroad in Texas.

Nor did they realize the many other activities in which their son would some day engage, among them being the banking business. For several years he was president of the First National bank at Weatherford.

But perhaps the most enduring of all of C. D. Hartnett's activities is the wholesale grocery company which bears his name, which he established in a very small way in Weatherford in 1895. Before his death he had the gratification of seeing the little store he started develop into one of the leading jobbing houses in the state.

Widely known, highly respected and esteemed, full of years and an example of the highest type of manhood, Mr. Hartnett died two years ago and his business passed to the ownership of his four sons, Leo, Jeff, Dan, and C. D., Jr., his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Milliken, and E. H. Martin.

The company has three stores, one at Weatherford, which is the home office, one at Jacksboro.

**Business in Ranger.**  
The local business is in charge of C. D. Hartnett Jr., who recently took up his residence in Ranger and has taken his place prominently in the business activities of the city. He was graduated from the public schools of Dallas, and when ready to start his business career he began with a job in the trucking and shipping department of his father's business, and by actual experience and merit he built up to the position he now occupies as manager of the local houses. He is a clean-cut, straight-forward, and poised young man of 31, highly capable and very likable. He spent two years in service during the war, as army field clerk at general headquarters in France.

Mrs. Hartnett, who is quite an addition to the social life of Ranger, was formerly Miss Zulette Butler of Weatherford.

The C. D. Hartnett company of Ranger serves a territory covering

# BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY COMING TO RANGER BEFORE OIL BOOM, HAS MADE STEADY HEADWAY

Under Capable Management of R. S. Balch, This Company Has Had Big Part In Building Ranger Homes and Business Houses.

Ranger was a good town in the eyes of the Burton-Lingo company long before the McCleskey well was drilled and the big boom was on. For it was three years before Ranger became an oil center that the company bought out a local lumber yard and began operating here. The local company is one of 32 yards operating throughout the southwest with the home office in Fort Worth.

Because Ranger was a good distributing center the local yards prospered from the beginning, but under the impetus of the boom it became one of the biggest lumber yards in the oil field section. It had the advantage of being the first, and for some time the only lumber yard in Ranger.

**Open Day and Night.**  
When the population of Ranger began to increase by the thousand,



Photo by Kinberg  
R. S. BALCH

from 1918 to 1920, the demand for housing facilities kept the Burton-Lingo company busy day and night supplying the building materials. And another big demand of that time was lumber for the derricks and oil field "bank houses," which were hastily constructed places for the drillers and workers to live at the camps.

A radius of 75 miles which keeps four salesmen busy. The large and ample stocks are delivered both by train and truck.

Among the featured lines sold by the company is the Wamba and Sunset coffee, Sears-Nichols line of canned vegetables, Edwards Co. preserves, jellies, peanut butter and mayonnaise, and Van Camp's pork and beans.

Because of the large organization of the Burton-Lingo company, all these demands were met, and the local company, in the meantime, became one of the firmly established business concerns of the city.

The Ranger house is managed by R. S. Balch who has been here since 1918, and with the Burton-Lingo company since 1909. He was born in Alabama in 1882, but came to Texas with his family at the age of 13, living first in McLennan county, and later in Taylor county. He was brought up on a farm where the rising hour was 5:30 a. m., and the duties of the long hot summer days was chopping and picking cotton.

Mr. Balch later took up carpenter work and in this way became connected with the Burton-Lingo company which he has remained with ever since.

**Business Shows Gain.**  
"We are having a marked increase in business right now—practically double what it was last year," Mr. Balch said recently. "Ranger is in better condition than it has been for several years."

"In the past we have built many homes and business houses in our

prosperous little city, and it seems from present indications that we will be called upon to build many more in the near future to accommodate the many new comers, attracted by the opportunities which the new oil discovery offers."

Mr. Balch is one of Ranger's most popular and prominent, as well as successful men. He has a wife and two children, and is a member of the Methodist church, Elks lodge, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association.

W. F. Murray is yard man for the company. He is a native Texan and has been here about two years. He also belongs to the Methodist church and has a wife and two children.

One of the newcomers of the firm is P. J. Reynolds, a very attractive young bachelor who came from Fort Worth the middle of May to take charge of the bookkeeping department. He was born in Hunt county and educated in Fort Worth, finishing high school at the age of 16. He started with the Burton-Lingo people nine years ago, leaving them only long enough to serve his country in the air service during the war. He is 25 years old and will doubtless prove popular with the young people of Ranger in a very short time.

A 132,000-volt transmission line has been built between the two giant mouth-of-the-gate electric generating stations of the companies which electrically serve the western Pennsylvania district and portions of West Virginia and Maryland at a cost of \$500,000. This line, together with six other existing high tension lines already connecting the generating equipment of the two companies, makes it possible to interchange in case of emergency approximately 85,000 horsepower of electrical energy.

Rel. Chas O. Austin to J. L. Whisenant, lot 9, block 3, E. L. Wood subdivision of block H-2, Eastland.

# C. H. Dunlap, Jeweler Builds Successful Business In Ranger

C. H. Dunlap, who operates a Main street jewelry store, has had more boom town experience, perhaps, than any other man in Ranger. His experiences extend over a period of 20 years, beginning with the gold booms of Nevada, in the early part of the twentieth century, extending through the Alaskan boom of 1914, when the first railroad went through to the coal fields of Alaska, and finally ending with the oil boom of Ranger several years ago.

"I heard about the opportunities here through a friend," he said, "so I closed out my business interests in Northern California, and joined the fortune hunters here. I worked at first for the Halton Jewelry company, which was here then, and for W. E. Davis, but four years ago I went in business for myself."

Mr. Dunlap is an optometrist, and in his jewelry stock he carries a general line of jewelry, watches and diamonds. He belongs to the First Methodist church, and has a wife and four children. He says he has had enough of boom towns, and expects to make his future home in Ranger.

**Oil and Gas Lease**—H. S. Stubblefield et al. to Frank W. Reeves, north 100 acres of northwest 1/4 of section 102, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county; \$1.

**Oil and Gas Lease**—Ideal Royalty company to Frank W. Reeves, undivided 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of section 102, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, lands in Eastland county; \$1.



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# RANGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION LOOKING AHEAD AND BUILDING FOR CITY OF FIRST RANK IN WEST TEXAS

### Having Able Officers and Directors and Working Committees of Enterprising Business Men, It Is Developing Natural Resources of Community and Territory, Bringing In New Industries and Leading In City Building.

By C. C. PATTERSON

Secretary-Manager Ranger Chamber of Commerce

In every live, wide-awake community there is always one organization that should have the entire support of the progressive citizens, interested in the prosperity and growth of the city. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization representing all lines of business and professional institutions and individuals, devoting their energy, money and time to the up-building and growth of the community, receiving no compensation except that which comes to the community as a whole.

Such a organization is the Ranger Chamber of Commerce. Composed of the greater majority of business firms and individuals of this city, it is striving to build up the general prosperity of Ranger in every way, because the prosperity of the individual is the prosperity of the whole community.

**Officers and Committees**  
The officers and directors of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce are as follows:  
J. M. Gholson, president.  
Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, first vice president.  
M. H. Hagaman, second vice president.  
C. E. May, treasurer.

E. H. Mills, F. G. Yonker, T. O. Bray, Dr. H. A. Logsdon, John M. Thurman, John Hassen, J. M. White, W. E. Davis, Edwin R. Maher, W. W. Housewright, directors.

The staff is composed of C. C. Patterson, secretary-manager, and Miss Mabel Knight, office secretary.

The committee work is carried on through the following committees:

**Industries, M. H. Hagaman, chairman;** M. R. Newnam, O. D. Dillingham, E. R. Maher, L. K. Pearson.  
**Conventions and entertainments:** B. A. Tunnell, chairman; E. E. Crawford, W. C. Hickey, Dr. C. C. Craig, J. B. Ames.

**Trade extension and tours:** Ed Maher, chairman; Abe Davis, Saule Perlstein, W. W. Housewright, D. Joseph.

**Publicity:** Walter Murray, chairman; W. B. Palmer, C. C. Caylor, C. G. Norton, E. Brewer.

**Agriculture and poultry:** Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, chairman; E. H. Mills, B. S. Dudley, T. O. Bray, and A. F. Martman.

that Ranger has a very good future as an industrial center.

To promote the return of poultry and agriculture to this section. In the past Eastland county has been quite an agricultural center, and at present Honey Ball melons and water-melons are being grown and quite a bit of cotton. We should try to encourage agriculture as much as possible. Support and encourage the Bankhead Poultry Producers' association.

To encourage the present great oil and gas industries, and, if necessary, to aid them in any fight against unjust legislation that may arise.

To work towards having the roads in the Ranger trade territory put in the best possible shape, and maintained that way.

**Street lights:** Promote a system of white way lights throughout the main business district, and work for a more general improvement and extension of street lighting service.

**Buying at home:** Aid in awakening a more lively public sentiment in favor of buying at home, and the patronage of Ranger products, because every dollar that is spent at home, and helps work for the welfare of the community, and encourage those who are capable of growth and expansion as the result of increased patronage.

**Sanitation and a clean city:** Inaugurate a general city clean-up movement to stimulate individual care of homes, back yards, business properties and sidewalks and to reduce fire risks.

**Recreation:** Make arrangements to have the parks and playgrounds taken care of, and take steps towards having a bathing beach near Ranger next season, and to encourage and take steps to handle public recreation.

**Trade tours:** Take steps to send out trade boosters to nearby towns to advertise Ranger as a trade center.

**More homes for Ranger:** Promote the spirit of homebuilding and home-owning, because a community made up of home-owners is always a prosperous community.

**Landing fields:** Take steps to secure a landing field for airplanes so that Ranger can be designated as an airport on the map of the "landing facilities and proposed airways system of the United States."

**To advertise Ranger:** To convey to the outside by way of every legitimate means favorable knowledge and information of the city's growth, its resources, and its social and industrial opportunities. And to place special publicity on the logical ad-

vantages this city offers as the great trade and commercial center of West Texas.

Securing rural phone system to Ranger from trade territory. Of course in addition to the above, in the natural course of events there will be other and unforeseen projects that will from time to time arise, for consideration and action by this organization.

**Action Demanded Now.**  
Now as never before is the need of concerted action necessary. The very fact that the above named business men are giving their time to the different committee assignments, as well as contributing, together with many other business firms and individuals not on committee assignments, should convince the most skeptical of the high aims and aspirations of this organization.

All of our neighboring cities maintain live commercial organizations, and, without an exception, have larger budgets for Chamber of Commerce work than Ranger. In the great majority of cases nearby cities of our own population or very near the same, have three to four times as much yearly revenue. It is a certainty within the next few years one of the cities in this section will be the outstanding community. Should this be Ranger, every industry, business firm and individual will be benefited accordingly.

"A man's worth to the world or to his community is measured in the amount of good he does. It is a valuable asset, to be able to live in a thriving community. A lively city insure a good living to any legitimate business firm or professional man.

**Cooperation Needed.**  
But a community will remain live only as long as the business and professional men remain live. Every person who lives in a city and makes a living there has a liability as well as the assets mentioned. He is liable for the success of the city. Failing to meet the liabilities means failure of the city. Failure of the city in turn means failure of the business in the city."

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce is an active organization, working for the public good. The work of the organization is limited only by the financial and personal support of the members. The Chamber of Commerce takes strength with the addition of members just as a river takes on power with the addition of water. One drop of water is powerless, enough drops of water make a mighty force.

A city does not stand still. It goes either forward or backward. By concentrated action Ranger will go forward, through lack of same or an apathetic attitude Ranger will go backward, and be outstripped by her sister cities. We must not be blind to the fact that the success of each business enterprise in Ranger is made possible by the prosperity of all.

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce welcomes any suggestion, and invites the hearty support and co-operation of every business firm and individual in Ranger to the end that our community will be the leading city in this section and that we will have a bigger, better Ranger.

# ALBERT JOSEPH COMES TO RANGER DURING EARLY OIL BOOM DAYS AND ESTABLISHES THE BOSTON STORE, WHICH HAS HAD PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

### John Hansen of Sulphur, Oklahoma Becomes Associated With Him and Business Prospers Under Joint Ownership Aided by Capable Sales Force.

In the early days of 1919 a heavily loaded train pulled into the new oil town of Ranger, Texas, bringing a young man who was destined to play an important role in the development of the busy little city; a young man with a future, and with many ideas stored away in his head, and a few dollars in his pocket.

As he looked out for the first time upon what is now the city of Ranger, he beheld quite a different

ing in a very modest way in the center of the hustling town's greatest activity. It wasn't long until the urgent crowds swarmed in and around the store and it was only a question of buying goods fast enough and getting them delivered from the railroad.

All during these strenuous times, however, Mr. Joseph never lost sight of his vision. He was a practical man, and he knew the Ranger of that time was due for many changes. That he built for the future as well as for the present has been proven since time has brought so many changes in the business life of Ranger, for although planted in the mud and "shifting sand," the Boston Store of 1925 rests on as secure a foundation, financially and in every other way, as any house in Texas.

Many are the amusing tales told and retold about things which happened in the memorable store, and if the outside world could take a look over the field and records of daily sales it would be an interesting surprise. There was a time when the sales force numbered 57, and even with this army of helpers it was impossible to supply all the needs of the eager crowds.

It soon became apparent to Mr. Joseph that sooner or later he would need some one to help carry the great load and responsibility, so in 1920 Mr. John Hassen, a successful merchant of Sulphur, Okla., and close friend of Mr. Joseph, entered into partnership and from that time until now the firm has remained Joseph and Hassen.

**Good Buying Facilities.**  
Under the new arrangements the buyers and heads of the various departments began to specialize and eliminate all weak, undesirable lines and replace them with nationally known brands, and also open up better buying facilities with New York

and to expand by opening branch stores, one of which was the Mexia Dry Goods Co., which enjoyed a fine business in the Mexia oil field.

Then came the crash after the war and after the prosperity that had gripped the country, a period when, added to the hard fuels and bank failures, but the firm of Joseph and Hassen never gave up. It might be said in passing that Mr. Joseph's bank reverses alone, in Ranger, would build and equip a good size store, and yet, he stayed by his guns and fought for the town where he had cast his lot.



—Photo by Kinberg  
JOHN HASSEN

Bringing this sketch to the present time, the Boston Store is continually on the upgrade and improving all along, expanding and establishing new stores in various places. Both the firm, and Mr. Hassen personally, own a number of stores in different sections of Texas and Oklahoma, and it is notable that every branch is a success, wherever located.

The Ranger store has within the last year been very much improved and many changes have been made in the general arrangements, and more are under contemplation.

**Management and Staff**

Mr. Joseph is abroad at this time, and while away Mr. F. N. Hassen, a nephew of Mr. John Hassen, is manager. The members of the salesforce are as follows: Piece goods, silks and staples, Misses Morris and Daventport; hosiery, notions and toilet goods, Misses Fay Pierce and Edna Brasher; men's furnishings and shoes, Jake Johnson and E. S. Baker; ready-to-wear, Mrs. Maxey Riddell, Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Oliver; ladies' shoes, W. O. Brown; advertising and display manager, E. S. Baker. The bookkeeper is H. O. Pope and Miss Brazier is the stenographer.

Oil and Gas Lease—L. E. Clark et al. to Frank W. Reeves, south 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 84, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county; \$1.

## C. C. Advertising Company, Under the Able Management of C. Caylor, Serves Ranger and Neighboring Territory

The C. C. Advertising Company, managed by C. Caylor, has been operating for several years throughout the oil field section in the Ranger territory, bringing to the public in eight nearby cities, the message of many national advertisers.

This company affords an inexpensive medium for moving merchandise from the shelves, and forms a means

The towns served by the company, with Ranger as headquarters, are: Strawn, Gordon, Mingo, Santo, Mill-sap, Palo Pinto and Caddo. The company also maintains a commercial sign business in these towns for the accommodation of the local business men.

Mr. Caylor is prominently connected with the business life of the city, coming here soon after completing his military service in the world war. He is a member of the Lions club, American Legion, and Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the most active men in the city along civic lines.

### KINBERG STUDIO POPULAR WITH RANGER FOLKS

John Kinberg in Short Time Builds Up Fine Business In Ranger.

The folks who look through this edition of The Ranger Times, and see the splendid likeness of the familiar faces of their friends, will be interested to know that the photographs of the edition were made by the Kinberg Studio and represent the artistic skill of Mr. John Kinberg, one of the foremost photographers of West Texas. These pictures were made by Mr. Kinberg through special arrangements with The Times, and he has further arranged to finish photos from the negatives at special rates for the benefit of the Ranger citizens who are represented in the edition.

Mr. Kinberg took a special course in photography in the state of Washington, and has had many years experience and much success in his chosen field, and is therefore qualified to handle the highest class of photography. He has also made quite a success of commercial photography, and has made attractive and interesting pictures of some of Ranger's handsomest buildings and the surrounding oil fields. He also specializes in copying valuable old photographs, and carries a complete line of kodaks and supplies, and does kodak finishing.

#### INSTRUMENTS RECORDED.

Oil and Gas Lease—William Reagan et ux. to Frank W. Reeves, northeast 1/4 of section 90 and northwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 90, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, containing 200 acres more or less; \$1,500.

Waranty deed, John M. Gholson to H. H. Adams, lots 5 and 6 in block 10, Young addition to town of Ranger.



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Interior View of the Ranger Shoe Store.

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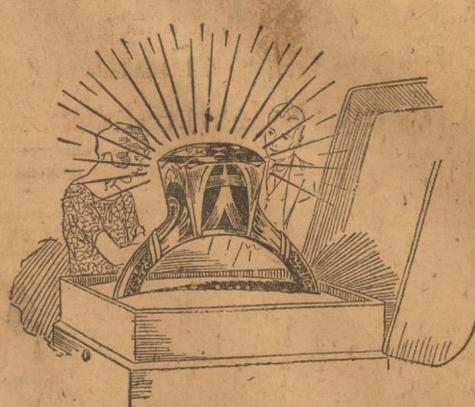
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## SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

In appreciation of the power for good---the tremendous help in building a finer city---which the Ranger Times has exerted faithfully during its years of existence, I want to extend my heartiest felicitations--- for we all know that a city's prosperity and progress is reflected through its newspaper.

*This Page Contributed In The Interests Of Ranger By Barney Carter*

# GHOLSON HOTEL, BUILT BY THE RANGER PEOPLE, LEADING HOSTELRY IN WEST TEXAS, ABLY DIRECTED BY A. G. JURY, EXPERT HOTEL MAN

Entertains Strangers In Ranger In Gratifying Manner and Is Also Recognized as a Social Center of the City, Whose People Point to It With Pride.

The leading hotel of a community is the place where one is most likely, first of all, to notice a revival in business conditions, especially in an oil town. For it is to the leading hotel that the prospector, the investor, the news gatherers of the big city dailies, the traveling men anxious to beat their competitors to the renewed business activities, all congregate at the first sign of prosperity. Even the ubiquitous floater with get-rich-quick ambitions, or the fellow looking for a job will spend his last \$2 for a room without a bath, in order to put on a "front" for the sake of this name on the leading hotel registry, and better business connection.

For that reason you can walk through the lobby of the Gholson hotel and conclude that Ranger is having quite a flurry right now. Men are congregating in greater numbers than they have for several years. To accommodate the strangers and



—Photo by Kinberg  
A. G. JURY

homefolks alike, the Gholson has erected in its lobby a bulletin board where all the latest news on local oil development is posted. This board, with its valuable information, is about the most popular spot in Ranger today.

As in the days of several years ago, many big oil deals are being consummated in the lobby of the Gholson. Heads of companies and corporations worth many millions talk over propositions of such proportions it would stagger ordinary individuals. But then, oil deals are made only on the biggest scale.

The Gholson is strictly a hometown concern, built and started by local people. It was planned and built at the height of the boom, when money was plentiful and ideas magnificent. For that reason the building is one of the handsomest in town, with a spacious entrance flanked by

attractive shops, and a big, attractive lobby, made comfortable by numerous leather-covered chairs. There is always a smiling clerk on duty at the desk, and the whole atmosphere of the place is signally satisfying. The large, airy rooms, most of them with private or connecting bath, and all of them with hot and cold running water, were furnished from the viewpoint of both beauty and comfort, so that many local people have become permanent residents of the Gholson and look upon it as their home.

Be it said for the Gholson, and to its everlasting credit, that it survived the worst depression that an oil town ever knew. As has been stated, it was planned and built at the time of easy money when things were done on an elaborate scale, but while other business houses were failing, by the score, the Gholson, with its big investment and tremendous overhead, managed somehow to carry on, and nothing could be said more to its credit than that it kept its doors open during those distressing days of panic, and preserved for Ranger the reputation of having the best hotel between Fort Worth and El Paso. Indeed, there is probably no city the size of Ranger in the whole United States with a hotel having the beauty and the accommodations of the Gholson.

During the last year the Gholson's most marked improvement was the establishment of a dining room. Here the millionaire will find a meal to suit his most exacting demands, and at prices which the traveling man's house will O. K. without a criticism. The same standard of high class service that has ever distinguished the Gholson as a hotel, is carried out in the dining room where every effort is made to please the guest.

The mazzanine of the Gholson is popular with the feminine population of the city, both as a meeting place after lunch or before a show, and as a place for social gatherings, such as bridge parties, club meetings and similar affairs.

Behind the policy and the success of the Gholson is a man who is respected, admired, and liked by all the men of Ranger, A. G. Jury, whose hotel experience and knowledge of the wants of hotel patrons is built on his management of hotels in Seattle, Little Rock, Denver, Winnipeg, and other cities. Many of the guests at the Gholson hotel have the privilege and pleasure of knowing Mr. Jury personally, but even the transient who never sees his kindly, smiling face, can somehow feel the personality that radiates throughout the whole institution, from the man who shapes its destiny. Mr. Jury has, during the last few years, worn an anxious look on more than one occasion, but the pucker in the brow is somewhat smoothing out here lately, for business is good in Ranger and many new folks are coming in. From present indications the policy of the Gholson in "carrying on" has been justified, and the local population may well feel grateful that there is one in their midst with the ability and tenacity to bring to a success the finest and most famous hotel in all West Texas.

## COMPANY MEETS DRINKING NEEDS OF RANGER CITY

The Ranger Distilled Water company and the Keen Bottling company, are combined to meet the drinking needs of Ranger. They are both really one concern, owned and managed by J. C. Pierson. The former provides the distilled and electrified drinking water of Ranger and the latter furnishes the city's most popular soft drink.

The Ranger Distilled Water company is one of the landmarks of the town, dating from the early boom days six or seven years ago. It was



—Photo by Kinberg  
J. C. PIERSON

started to meet the drastic needs existing at that time for water that was safe to drink. And it still prospers because of the high standard of purity it has maintained during the period of its existence. The public is ever seeking, for the preservation of health, a water that is free from bacteria and mineral substances. Such water is furnished by the Ranger Water company in their bottles of "Electrozone" and "Purity." This water is brought from the Winsett Springs, several miles out of town, and is said to be the only spring water in use in the city.

The Keen Bottling company was organized a year ago for the manufacture of the famous "Keen" drinks which can be obtained in all the standard flavors, furnishing a healthful and delicious hot weather drink. The Keen products are proving very popular in Ranger.

The plant is modern and well equipped with all the latest types of machinery. Of especial interest is the washing machine which cleanses and sterilizes the bottles under high pressure steam.

Although well known, the "Keen" is a comparatively new line of drinks, distinguished from other beverages by its pure fruit flavors.

Mr. Pierson is sole owner and manager of both businesses, having bought out the interest of his partner, H. U. Pond, last fall, at which time Mr. Pond went to Fort Worth to establish a similar business there.

Mr. Pierson has brought to the business the freshness and ability of youth, and the background of a splendid education. After completing his course in the grade and high schools he took a special course in agriculture at A. & M. After graduating he engaged in the farm and ranch business for eight years, applying the methods of the "scientific farmer."

He came to Ranger a year ago to form a partnership with Mr. Pond and established the Keen Bottling company and met with such success he bought the business, as well as the parent company, the Ranger Distilled Water company.

The location of Mr. Pierson in Ranger was indeed an addition to the business life of the city, for he combines the qualities of ability and ambition, integrity and sincerity, the very fundamentals of a successful career. He is a member of the Central Baptist church, the Odd Fellows and Chamber of Commerce, and his family consists of a wife and two children.

The company has recently engaged the services of C. V. Wheeler as plant manager. Mr. Wheeler has lived in Ranger for several years, employed at the Chastnut and Smith plant, and is quite well known in the city. His wide business experience especially qualifies him for the position.

business interests of the city.

Another important part of the Killingsworth-Cox business is the undertaking and funeral department which is in charge of K. C. Edmonds. Mr. Edmonds is an embalmer with many years experience. He came to Ranger from Eastland about a year ago. A chapel is maintained in connection with the business, and the company also purchased recently a handsome limousine ambulance.

The first electric street railway to run successfully in the United States began operations in Richmond, Va., in 1888. That is only 37 years ago, but today there are in the country a total of 45,000 miles of track of electric street railways, and last year the 900 companies which form the street railway system of the nation carried a total of 16,000,000 passengers, or nearly 160 times the population of the country.

## Killingsworth & Cox Have Hardware and House Furnishings Stock as Complete As May Be Found In Large City Stores

In Ranger there is one store where you can find almost anything you want, with the exception of food and clothes; and that store is Killingsworth & Cox. It is interesting to walk through their large and handsome place of business and view the many things they have for sale to beautify a home, lighten labor, and delight the heart of woman.

For instance, there is a large selection of furniture to convert a house into a home. Livingroom suites of mahogany, bedroom furniture in walnut or oak, and pieces for the dining-room that are substantial as well as pretty. Hoosier kitchen cabinets, Acorn ranges, Herrick and White Frost refrigerators, Sealey mattresses and DeLuxe springs, Wilton carpets and Congoleum rugs—everything to make the home a place of comfort and contentment and a thing of beauty.

Then in the smaller things one will find percolators and cut glass, a high class line of dishes, floor lamps, beautifully framed pictures, bird cages, electric fans, curling irons, light globes, aluminum and kitchen novelties.

There is also a nice line of porch furniture and swings, yard benches, lawn mowers and hose, washing machines and farm equipment.

"We have a general and complete line of hardware that is not found in very many places," said J. T. Killingsworth. "We try to meet the needs of the people in this part of the country, all the way from silverware to farm machinery and the needs of the oil fields."

Killingsworth-Cox and Company is owned by Mr. Killingsworth, who is the local manager, and Burwell Cox and T. J. Arbuckle of Haskell, who manage the company's business in that city. Mr. Killingsworth has been connected with the firm for twenty years, and during his residence in Ranger has built up a big following of personal friends and many good, substantial customers. He is one of the outstanding business men of the city and a consistent Ranger booster.

"I feel that business will be better from now on," he said. "Ranger will not have another boom like the

one are used to oil now, but it will have a steady growth and business will be conducted on a stable basis. We believe in Ranger as much, if not



—Photo by Kinberg  
J. T. KILLINGSWORTH

more, today than we did the day we opened our doors here."

The hardware department of the store is in charge of O. F. Foreman, a loyal and valued employee, who has been with the firm since it was organized in 1918, the firm name at that time being Jones-Cox & Co. Mr. Foreman is a native Texan and came to Ranger from Bowie.

The bookkeeping and business interests of the firm is looked after by W. H. Harwell, who formerly was in the grocery business here, and is said to know more people in this part of the country than any other one person does. He is a big asset to the

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Feeling that the responsibility of a store enjoying the prestige of Adams' is more than for just fair sales—more than bringing to Ranger the most modern example of grocery quality—more than a rigid policy of adhering to reasonable price—the Adams' organization has ever been prominent in any movement tended to advance the progress of Ranger.

So—Adams' has come to be looked upon as an institution of Ranger, definitely tied with its happy past—and assuredly a factor in its prosperous future.

The Adams Grocery company pledges that in years to come it will extend to the people of Ranger the same measure of good service, fair dealing and honest effort to give of the best, as has characterized the service of this store in the past.

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- 4 Continuous cooperation—personal interest. Service after sales.

## WICHITA FALLS, RANGER AND FORT WORTH RAILROAD WEATHERS OIL FIELD ADVERSITY, BECOMING IMPORTANT LINE IN WEST TEXAS

One of the earliest prides of Ranger, when it emerged from a little country flag station to a prosperous oil town at the height of its boom, was the establishment of the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth railroad, which is familiarly known as the Ranger Road.

This road was started in April, 1920, and was built by the late Jake Hamon. It served the city and surrounding territory during the big boom days with adequate freight and passenger service, and continued to prosper until the depression which later came on, affecting the whole oil field section.

During this period, when banks and business houses were going on the rocks at an alarming rate of speed, the panic also struck the railroad and caused it to suffer along with various other newly created enterprises.

Unable to meet its obligation, the road was thrown into receivership in the latter part of December, 1921, and J. W. Mitchell of Fort Worth was appointed receiver by the federal court to take charge of the property.

Since this time, due to the executive railroad ability of Mr. Mitchell, the road has been brought from an extremely chaotic condition to one of substantial prosperity and for the first time in many years showing a dividend.

Just as an example of the improvement, at the time of the receivership the tracks were in very poor condition, and the mechanical power was also in poor condition. But the property has been rehabilitated to the extent that practically the entire line has been renewed in such matters as laying new ties and building new bridges. And six new locomotives have been purchased, all of which are in service, replacing the old worn-out locomotives that were with the property at the time Mr. Mitchell took over the receivership.

The service on this road is now excelled by none, due to the close schedules at junction points and the operation of daily scheduled merchandise package cars from Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, etc.

It is no unusual sight to see 30 or more cars of gasoline in one train moving out of Ranger on this road, while other trains coming in bring automobiles, oil well supplies, and merchandise of different kinds.

The financial condition of the road is now as solid as any enterprise in the entire territory, according to officials of the company.

Heading the traffic department is B. C. Morgan, general freight and passenger agent, who came here in 1921 as freight agent, during which time the business of the road materially increased, and in July, 1924, he was placed in charge of the traf-



—Photo by Kinberg  
B. C. MORGAN

fic department as general freight and passenger agent.

Mr. Morgan was born in Atlanta, Ga., and started his railroad career at the age of 18, working first as telegraph operator for the Santa Fe. He was then promoted to train dispatcher, and later was for some time associated with the Frisco and Kansas City Southern as general agent, train dispatcher, and chief train dispatcher. He was born in Oklahoma in 1921 when he was employed to fill the Ranger position, where he has since remained, being constantly promoted until reaching his present place of responsibility.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the Lions in Ranger, the Shrine in Fort Worth, and the Traffic Clubs of Fort Worth, Tulsa, and St. Louis. He belongs to the Methodist church, and has a wife and 6-year-old son.

## E. C. Shipp Proves Ability and Square Dealings Succeed

E. C. Shipp, one of the most prominent and successful grocers in Ranger, was born in Georgia 58 years ago. At the age of four he located with his family near Knox City, Texas, where he was brought up on his father's farm.

Upon arriving at the age of 21, Mr. Shipp went to Dallas, where he worked in the stock yards there until he saved enough money to open a little butcher shop for himself near the State Fair grounds at Dallas.

Six years later he sold his shop and went to Gilmer, where he entered the same business, remaining for nine years, before returning to his former home, Knox City, where he operated a market for 15 years.

A big drought hit West Texas about the time the boom started in Ranger. So Mr. Shipp closed out his store in Knox City and removed to Ranger, where he opened a store on Pine street in 1918. During the same year he removed his store to its present location, which was then part of a pasture. He built his store and home, and has enjoyed prosperity ever since. You'd think every day was Saturday if you could see the crowds going in and out the store all the time.

Mr. Shipp specializes in high class meats, and carries a big stock of staple and fancy groceries, which, together with the courtesy and service the customers receive, is one of the reasons why the clerks in the store keep so busy.

Mr. Shipp has a wife and seven children. Of the five sons, three help him in the store, one works in a grocery and market at Wichita Falls, and one owns a drug store at Lindero, Texas. One of his daughters is married and lives in El Dorado, and the other daughter is a school girl. Mr. Shipp belongs to the Christian church, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association.

Warranty Deed—J. F. Bunn et ux. to E. Clotcher, lot 24 in block 24, Lackland addition to Ranger; \$500.

of the east 60, deeded to H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Rio Bravo and Associated Oil company, containing 120 acres in all, section 103, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey; Eastland county; \$700.

## E. H. & A. DAVIS ESTABLISH BUSINESS IN RANGER WHICH BECOMES LEADER IN ITS LINE

They Handle High Grade Merchandise At Fair Prices and Has Built Up Far - Reaching Trade. Occupy One of the Most Attractive Locations in the City.

In 1919, when the boom was at its height, E. H. and A. Davis, two brothers of St. Joseph, Mo., opened a little store on Main street in a veritable hole-in-the-wall building, 11 feet wide by 90 feet long, and began serving the rapidly increasing population of Ranger. Their stocks included a complete line of men's clothing, and during the first six weeks their sales grew from \$65, on the opening day, to nearly \$1,000 a day.

Then Ranger had its first fire. It wiped out two whole blocks, and among the stores to go was the E. H. & A. Davis store. The insurance was around \$1,500, while the stock was worth \$4,500.

But, like most of the other sufferers from the disaster, the store was soon operating again in a building at the corner of Rusk and Pine. This time the building was 20 feet wide, which gave a better frontage, but as it was only 50 feet deep the floor space was about the same.

On Solid Foundation. Here the firm enjoyed a nice business and prospered during the boom, only to suffer later with the depression which was forcing out one business after another. But this store was so firmly founded it survived the panic, and by 1922 it had advanced to the point where it could seek a new location, removing to the present site at 219 Main.

The building here has a handsome and modern front and the large stocks include Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing, Knox, Dobbs and Stetson hats and caps, Manhattan shirts and underwear, Vassar underwear, Haran & Son and Florshheim shoes, and numerous other good lines of furnishing, as well as standard makes of work clothes.

The Ranger store is managed by A. Davis, while E. H. Davis is manager of the firm's business in Corsi-



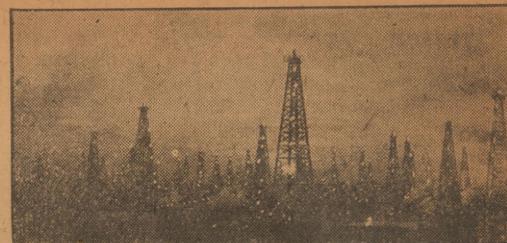
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ABE DAVIS

cana, which is one of the finest in the southwest. The brothers also have a store at Wortham which is managed by Nate Davis.

Live Up to M... "Our motto has always been 'Quality Merchandise,' and our policy has always been fair treatment," A. Davis said recently. "By handling our goods at a fair, legitimate margin of profit we are able to enjoy a nice business."

Mr. Davis is 35 years old, extremely attractive in appearance and personality, and a member of the

## Scene At Night At Place From Which the Flowing Gold Gushes



Masonic and Elks lodges, Rotary and Country clubs, Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' association. He has a wife and three children.

With 17 years of experience in the clothing business, Mr. Davis is able to give to the people of Ranger the very highest class of service, and he pays especial attention to the fitting of garments. He knows the merchandise business thoroughly and is experienced in buying, as well as selling. His ability is one of the reasons for his company's remarkable success. He makes it a point to satisfy his customers, and if they have any occasion for dissatisfaction he adjusts their grievances in any way they might wish. He would rather make a customer than a sale and for that reason leaves nothing undone in his efforts to please.

Efficient Store Staff.

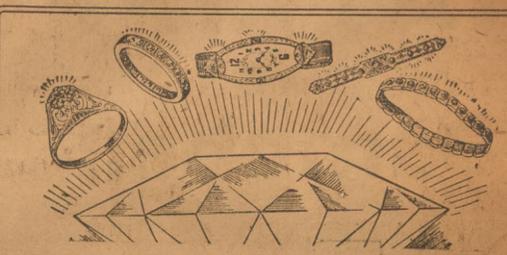
Assisting Mr. Davis are two efficient employees, Hal H. Kimberlin and W. S. Eason. Mr. Kimberlin has been with the company for nearly 4 years and has proved to be very conscientious in his dealings with the public, as well as an interest in his firm. Mr. Eason worked with the firm several years ago and later went to California where he traveled with the National Shirt Company.

Upon returning to Ranger he renewed his connections with the store and has proven very efficient in serving the public.

Nearly a dozen of the big cities of the United States are openly committed to vast street lighting improvement projects, involving millions of dollars. This is the result of years of crusading for scientific and architecturally pleasing electric street lighting on the part of illuminating engineers.

Frozen beef is now being electrically defrosted in Australia. Electricity is passed through the frozen carcass and in a few minutes it raises the temperature of the meat from the standard of 5 degrees Fahrenheit to 40 degrees, which is eight degrees above the freezing point of water and quite a little more above that of meat.

Chicagoans are evidently a "moving" people. The company that supplies Chicago with electric service finds for the first four months of this year that 100,088 of its customers, or one customer out of every eight, has asked that a "final" reading of their electric meter be made preparatory to changing their place of abode.



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306 Main Street

Ranger, Texas

## EXIDE BATTERY COMPANY, UNDER CAPABLE MANAGEMENT, BUILDS UP LARGE, DIVERSIFIED BUSINESS

The Exide Battery Co., which is located opposite the T. & P. depot, on Commerce street, was opened a year and a half ago by J. S. Reynolds and C. L. Childs, who have built the business up into one of the representative concerns of the city.

Mr. Childs came to Ranger during the boom days of 1919, and worked for several years with the various garages in the city. He came from Deming, N. M., where he was engaged in the same business, and during the war was employed by the government in the contracting department, and later by the United States public health service. He was

service. For recharging batteries they have an eight-hour recharging machine with a capacity of 20 batteries a day. They also carry a complete line of Exide batteries and a good supply of rental, or service batteries. All repair work is done by experienced men, capable of turning out first-class work.



—Photo by Kinberg  
J. S. REYNOLDS

born in Iowa and located in this part of the country in 1908. His family consists of a wife and three children.

"I started in the garage business when I had a fleet of service cars and felt the necessity of learning how to repair them," Mr. Childs said. "It was therefore necessary for me to learn every branch of the work."

Specialized Work. Because of his many years of experience, Mr. Childs is equipped to give the very best of service to his business, and he is now specializing on battery, tire and electrical work.

Mr. Reynolds was born and reared in Weatherford, and worked for several years as battery and electrical man in the garages of that city. In 1920 he located in Ranger, working with a local battery company. He has a wife and two fine sons.

It was while working in shops next door to each other that Mr. Childs and Mr. Reynolds formed the partnership which later developed into a partnership. They opened their business in the early part of 1924, and it is recognized as one of the largest exclusive battery and electric shops in the county.

The building occupies a space 50 by 120 feet, and is fully and modernly equipped to give first class



—Photo by Kinberg  
C. L. CHILDS

Modern Equipment. The starter and generator repair department consists of the most modern equipment, among these being the Service Products company's test bench, where short circuits, and a starter can be tested for the amount of current it takes from the battery and the power it develops. Distributor units and magnetos can also be tested. Other equipment in that department consists of precision lathes for turning shafts and fixtures. Various and sundry meters which are very sensitive are used to test minute flows of current.

The equipment that is used in the shop is according to factory standards and specifications.

The firm repairs Moon and Pyle National oil field generators and is fully equipped to overhaul this machinery.

A vulcanizing plant is being installed by the Exide Battery Co., and the company is also handling Goodrich tires.

Another feature of the business is the fact that a stock of radios is carried, and all kinds of radio repair work can be done. Vacuum cleaners, sewing machine motors, magnetos, oscillators, and all electrical devices from the household and the oil field can have first class repair work done at this shop.

"Our policy is to give satisfaction, and all work is guaranteed," Mr. Reynolds said. And it is this policy that has built up the concern to its present place of importance in the business world of Ranger.

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# GULLAHORN MOTOR COMPANY, ORGANIZED ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO, PUTS HUDSON AND ESSEX AUTOMOBILES ON EASTLAND COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Associated With J. T. Gullahorn is H. R. Gholson and, Aided by Three High-Powered Salesmen, E. M. Agrelius, M. H. Wright and R. L. Hodges, They Are Making the Business a Great Success.

J. T. Gullahorn, of the Gullahorn Motor Company, was born in Southeast Texas in 1885, which, as a little simple mathematics will show, makes him 40 years old at this time. And it might be said in passing that there are few men in Ranger, or in the oil field section, with a better record of achievement than Mr. Gullahorn.

When it comes to salesmanship, this big, jovial, and efficient dealer in Hudson and Essex cars can outsell the proverbial salesman reputed to dispose of electric fans at the North Pole and fur coats in Hades, or any of the other classical illustrations that you care to choose. And in addition to being a good ven-



—Photo by Kinberg  
J. T. GULLAHORN

dor of merchandise he is gifted with a rare business ability, with a discernment and judgment and integrity that have all combined to make the Gullahorn Motor Company, in the brief space of a year and a half one of the most substantial business concerns of the county. And which also explains, incidentally, why you see so many Hudson and Essex cars rolling swiftly and smoothly over the streets of Ranger and the good roads that radiate in all directions from the town.

### Is Native Texan.

Mr. Gullahorn was born, as we have said, in Southeast Texas, and raised on a farm, where he picked cotton at 40 cents a hundred.

"And I never could pick over 50 pounds a day," he said, "so I decided I'd never make a success as a farmer. I therefore entered the automobile business with M. R. Newnham in Beaumont, Texas, some eight or nine years ago, as assistant manager of the Beaumont Ford company.

"Immediately after the war I went back to Beaumont, and worked for the Beaumont Motor company as manager, handling Cadillac and Marmon cars. Leaving there I came to Ranger with Mr. Newnham and organized the Oilbelt Motor company."

Mr. Gullahorn stayed with this company until January 17, 1924, when he took over the Hudson and Essex line personally, and up to the middle of May, this year, had sold 143 new cars and 201 used cars. Which record is somewhat in keep-

ing with the aforementioned ability in salesmanship.

### Plans New Garage.

"We have practically completed arrangements to erect a one-story fire proof garage, 100 by 140 feet, as our permanent home," Mr. Gullahorn continued. "Our present plans call for two small store rooms, in addition to our display rooms, and the stores have already been spoken for. Our location will be the site of the old Ranger Garage, which burned down a year ago, right across the street from where we are now. We bought this property recently."

Mr. Gullahorn has a wife and three sons, and is a member of the Masons and Elks lodges, Rotary club, and Methodist church.

### Gholson Enters Business.

Associated with Mr. Gullahorn in the business is H. R. Gholson, who within the last week or so became a partner in the business and will give up his oil activities in order to devote his business ability, pleasing personality, ready smile to the automobile business.

Mr. Gholson comes from one of the oldest and most prominent families of Eastland county, folks who have made history in this part of the country. He was born and reared in Ranger, and remembers the town when it had a population of just a few hundred souls.

He was educated in the local schools and in the Tennessee Military Institute. Equipped with his military training he entered the officers training camp at Leon Springs early in the war, and was commissioned first lieutenant.

After serving his country and receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Gholson returned to the town of his birth and found it developed from a little village into a flourishing oil town. His father, Mr. John Gholson, had in the meantime entered into the oil business, in which the son became immediately associated. The family was also interested in the erection of the Gholson hotel, one of the famous hostels in Texas.

Preceding his entrance in the oil business Mr. Gholson was connected with his father in the Terrell & Gholson Mercantile company, which was one of the old and established business houses of Ranger before the boom. He began as an employee in the firm, later becoming a partner.

Mr. Gholson's family consists of a wife, who was formerly Miss Christine Christenson of Osage City, Kan., and a daughter, Martha Marie. He belongs to the Shrine, Elks, Country club, and Methodist church.

Three other factors enter into the popularity and success of the Gullahorn Motor company, those factors being three loyal and efficient salesmen who cast their lot with the new firm when its future was problematical, and who through their ability have helped to bring it to its present success. Those salesmen are, E. M. Agrelius, M. H. Wright and R. L. Hodges.

### E. M. Agrelius

Mr. Agrelius was born in Salina, Kans., in 1892, and stayed there until 1910, receiving his education in the public schools and in the state agriculture college at Manhattan, Kans., where he took a course in mechanical engineering.

When he came to Texas he worked for his father, A. E. Agrelius, a retired banker of Kansas, who bought



—Photo by Kinberg  
HOWARD GHOLSON

a vice plantation in South Texas. The son was manager of all the machinery on this plantation.

On April 7, 1917, just three days after registration and long before the first call, Mr. Agrelius enlisted in the army, starting in the second division of infantry. He was trained at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio and in August, 1917, went across.

He spent five months in England, and then went to France, where he got into action at Chateau-Thierry. This was before the allies had learned how to protect their boys against poison gas, and because of wearing an inadequate English mask which leaked, the young soldier was gassed and ordered back to the base hospital.

Upon leaving the hospital he was transferred to the aviation department and got his training on the front as flying sergeant. The armistice was signed just two weeks before he would have received his commission in the 185th Aerial Squadron in the American army.

Discharged on July 4, 1919, at Camp Travis, Mr. Agrelius followed the elad of so many of the service men, and came to the new oil town of Ranger, where he worked for the Vulcan Oil company, starting as assistant to the production superintendent, and finishing as assistant to the manager. When the company sold out he took a brief vacation and went to work for Mr. Gullahorn.

This was his first experience in the automobile business, but during the last year he has had a very marked success.

Mr. Agrelius was married a few weeks ago to Miss Geneva Lobough of Eastland. He is a member of the Methodist church.

### M. H. Wright.

Mr. Wright was born in Henderson, Texas, in 1898, and educated in the public schools of that city. He got into the automobile business back in 1915, working a salesman for a motor company in Henderson.

In 1920 Mr. Wright came to Ranger to visit his brother, Gus Wright, who has since moved to Oklahoma, but he liked the oil field country enough to remain. For several years he was manager of the Oilbelt Motor company in Breckenridge, and because of having this previous business connection with Mr. Gullahorn, he entered his organization when the Hudson and Essex agency opened here early in 1924.

"Ranger has always been a good town, even in its days of depression," he said. "It had to be good to survive. But I feel it will be getting constantly better from now on."

Mr. Wright was also in service during the war, enlisting in 1918 and spending nine months in France. He has a wife and one son.

### R. L. Hodges

Mr. Hodges was born in Illinois and reared in Nebraska, where he attended the public schools and got his first business experience in a general merchandise store, which he owned and operated in Atlanta, Neb. He continued in this business for 18 years before selling out and coming to Texas in 1919.

"I was just hunting a new location on dlanded in Texas, stopping first at Dallas," he said. "Like most everybody else, I was attracted by the oil boom and came to Ranger where I have remained ever since. I bought the Willard Battery station, which I ran for four years, prospering as everyone else in town was prospering, and after selling it out I returned to my former home where I stayed for three months. But there is something about Ranger which just sort of gets a grip on a person, so I had to come back. You see, during my residence here, I had become attached to Texas."

"Upon returning I took a position with Mr. Gullahorn when he opened his Hudson agency, and the fact that I'm still with him attests my satisfaction.

"There are only two members in our family—my wife and I—and we own our own home on Young street, which shows intent to stay," Mr. Hodges concluded.

Mr. Galloway makes Great Success of Prompt Printery

The Prompt Printery, which is managed by R. V. Galloway, is located in a large and well equipped shop at 119 North Rusk street.

Mr. Galloway was born in Iredell, Texas, and "raised all over the state," according to his own statement. He has been in the printing business for more than 20 years, and having got his straining before the day of linotype and printing schools, he started in as a "printer's devil," which is the well known name for an assistant in a print shop.

Upon first locating in Ranger, seven years ago, just at the start of the boom, he dealt in leases and royalties, from which he derived a nice revenue. He then worked for the Ranger Times for two years, operating a linotype machine. Three years ago he started a print shop in the McCleskey hotel, which was burned down in the disastrous fire of last July, after which he equipped his present shop which has an automatically fed press, all the newest printing type, and modern machinery throughout. The shop specializes in the prompt printing, from which it derives its name.

Oil and gas lease, O. F. Sutton et ux to Frank Kirk, 181 acres of land in Eastland county, \$752.

# RANGER FURNITURE EXCHANGE BUILDS UP BUSINESS WHICH PLEASES PEOPLE OF RANGER

Col. Brashier and His Son, Felton B. Brashier, are Partners in The Business Which Has Had A Wonderful Success.



—Photo by Kinberg  
COL. BRASHIER

The Ranger Furniture exchange was established in a little 2x4—or to be accurate, 20 x 40-foot building on North Rusk street in 1920 by Col. Brashier and his son, with a capital of \$300 cash, and an unlimited amount of courage.

The original stock consisted of as much second-hand furniture as \$300 would buy, after rent and incidentals were paid, and from that unimpressive beginning, one of Ranger's leading business houses has evolved.

From time to time Mr. Brashier has increased his floor space until he has 6,250 square feet, with two complete store buildings at 121-23 North Rusk street, accommodating his large stocks. The front footage is 60 feet, and the all-glass front affords beautiful display windows.

In the stocks can be found some lovely things in mahogany and plush



—Photo by Kinberg  
F. B. BRASHIER

for the living room, inlaid walnut for the bedroom, and a variety of handsome selections for the dining room. Complete kitchen furniture, Wilton and Brussels rugs, linoleum, and all household necessities are found in the ample stocks.

"We carry everything in the furniture line that is high class and reasonably priced," Mr. Brashier said. "In the last three months we have seen our business double what it was a year ago."

Mr. Brashier was born in Mississippi on Nov. 13, 1872, which makes him 53 years old. But you'd never think it to look at him, for he hasn't a gray hair and there are very few lines in his face. In fact, you'd readily think he was a brother of his young son and partner.

He came to Ranger in 1908 and entered the general mercantile business. Many years later when the boom was on, he entered the real estate business and met with much success. But, as he says, "I made some money out of that and lost it like all the rest." He knew, however, from his former experience, that Ranger was a good town before the boom, and he figured it would be afterward. So he stayed with it, like the captain of a ship, and found that his hopes in his adopted city were realized.

Mr. Brashier has a wife, three sons and two daughters. He is a member of the First Baptist church and belongs to the Lions, Woodmen and Chamber of Commerce.

One of the sons, Felton B. Brashier, is his partner. He is 29 years old, and during the war was in the marine corps. After his discharge he returned to Ranger and went into the oil field, dressing-tools and drilling.

In January of this year he bought out the interest of his brother, W. E. Brashier, who is now in the furniture business in Sherman.

Mr. Brashier was married five years ago to Miss Tressie Percival of Bronte, Texas. They have a little son 3 years old.

Like his father, Mr. Brashier has a very pleasing personality and good business perception, the two of them forming a splendid combination. He is a member of the First Baptist church, American Legion and Chamber of Commerce.

With their good location and beautiful building, large and attractive stocks, natural business instincts and fairness of dealing, together with the recent revival in activities of all kinds in Ranger, there is every reason to believe that the Brashiers, father and son, will continue to prosper and long remain among the prominent business men of the city, and that the Ranger Furniture exchange will enjoy ever increasing prosperity.

Warranty Deed—Southwest Mtg. & Investment company to Gus Neilson, tract of land in Eastland county, beginning at point 75 feet west from southeast corner of lot 1, block 2, Daugherty addition to Eastland; \$1,010.

Assignment oil and gas lease from Henry Riley to H. H. Adams, W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of section 466 S. P. Ry. Co. survey, containing 80 acres.

Assignment oil and gas lease from Henry Riley to H. H. Adams, N 1-2 of E 1-2 of NW 1-4 of section 466, S. P. Ry. Co. survey, containing 40 acres.

Oil and gas lease from L. A. Oglet et ux to Frank Kirk, part of section 8, D. & D. Asylum lands, Eastland county, containing 112.7 acres.

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Quit claim deed, Mrs. F. W. Allen to H. H. Adams, lots 5 and 6 of block 10, Young addition to Ranger.

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He taught school and music during his early years here, and when oil was discovered he entered the drilling business, later selling out. In 1921 he went in the variety business

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Ranger, Texas

### MRS. S. COHN PROVES ABILITY AS A MERCHANT

She Has Also Reared Six Children, Giving Each A College Education.

Among the business interests of Ranger there are many men who have attained a marked degree of prominence, but there are also several women of the city who have taken their place in the business world with considerable success.

Foremost among these women can be rated Mrs. S. Cohn, who conducts a millinery store and ladies' ready-to-wear in an attractive little building on Main street, where her customers have learned from experience to expect the greatest of values for the least money.

Mrs. Cohn has been in business for the last fifteen years, and during that period she has reared and educated six children. All of them have had college courses and are a tribute to their mother's splendid efforts.

Mrs. Cohn was born in Indianapolis and grew up to be a very capable milliner. At the time of the big boom in Ranger she was in business at Bridgeport, Ill., but feeling that opportunity was good in the new oil field, she located here six years ago. She has been so successful and likes the city so well she has made it her permanent home.

The stocks carried by Mrs. Cohn are all high class and up-to-date, and at prices which make them very attractive to the feminine population of the city. Among the lines shown are ladies' ready-to-wear, blouses, novelties, Dove silk underwear, and silk hose. Mrs. Cohn says her business this year is double what it was last year and she has a large outside patronage from the rural districts and surrounding towns.



Rum war wages in the land of the ree and home of the crave.

Rice growers are looking forward to the crop of June weddings.

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Tell the wife you were where you were not so she will think you were not where you were.

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Burglars who got some jewels in Tarrytown, N. Y., didn't tarry.

San Francisco hotel burned at night. But it's usually warm enough there to flee scantily clad.

A man who made \$50,000,000 in New York gets his exercise running up columns of figures.

The open season for flies is with us again.

They arrested a famous swindler in Chicago, but he hasn't sold the judge any oil stock yet.

Every new janitor finds places the old one missed and misses places the old one found.

A man will go a long ways to save his face. A woman will go a long ways to powder her nose.

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### "FLAPPERS ARE CAUSE OF MOTOR HEATING

While the average newspaper reader, in looking over his favorite paper, reads almost daily of the escapades and exploits of the "flapper," he would deem it a far-fetched theory to connect that particular word with motor overheating. Yet there is a decided danger to the uninitiated motorist in the term "flapper" as proven below.

After a certain period of time, the rubber hose connections of the water system in the automobile engine are prone to warp, rot and curl. This causes the formation of what is known as the "flapper" valve. This valve retards the water circulation, with the result that it shortly reaches the boiling point, passing off into steam through the overflow pipe in the radiator underneath the car, and can seldom be detected when driving. This particular cause of an overheated engine is a most perplexing one to the average car owner. The radiator may be full of water, the pump in first-class shape, oil working properly, but still the engine is overheating. When the red fluid in the radiator cap heat indicator registers above the danger line and everything else seems to be in good shape, then look for the "flapper" valve.

### KNITTING AMUSES THE CONVALESCENT CHILD

No period is more trying than that of convalescence, especially if the patient is a child. Mother and nurse are hard put to it to find ways and means of diverting and amusing the sufferer and anything that will engage her attention even for a short time is welcomed. Many women have found that knitting or crocheting is the solution of the problem for tiny girls are natural mimics that mother is at work upon a slip-on or a scarf for herself is enough to make the little daughter want to imitate her.

Children as a rule learn knitting quickly and are soon able to master the simplest stitches. One of the easiest articles for a child to make is an afghan or blanket composed of squares of different colored yarns. Each square is made separately and is anywhere from four to seven inches in size. The squares are afterwards put together. The edges of the robe are bound with ribbon making a blanket that is not only light in weight and very warm.

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# CONNELL'S VARIETY STORE

Main Street

Ranger, Texas

## J. M. WHITE & CO. ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH "SHOW THE NEW THINGS FIRST," IS FOUNDED ON PROBITY AND HONORABLE DEALINGS THAT HAVE BROUGHT IT GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

**Something of the Head of Business and His Staff of Assistants; He Comes to Ranger in Its Beginning As an Oil Center and Has Prospered; Has Judgment and Foresight.**

J. M. White & Co., is a successor to one of the oldest stores in Ranger and in Eastland county, a store known at the time it was purchased by Mr. White as the Ranger Mercantile Company, which had been operating here for 42 years. With the prestige of its long service the store was popular alike with the folks who lived here and the country trade for miles around, but when the early days of the boom arrived the business was sold, as were many of the other old concerns that had flourished when Ranger was a flag-station.

The Ranger Mercantile Company was located on the corner of Main and Rusk streets at the time the stock and fixtures were purchased by J. M. White in the middle of December, 1918. At that time the First National Bank of Ranger occupied a little building a few doors further down the street. By swapping locations with the bank Mr. White put over his first local deal, involving a nice profit.

**Shows Good Judgment**  
His clear, far-seeing judgment and keen business instinct brought him continued success, and enabled him to purchase for the consideration of \$100,000, the bankrupt stock of a store across the street, to which he moved in 1921. This is the location which he occupies today, and which has grown to be recognized as

one of the foremost stores in the whole oil field section.

In the meantime Mr. White established a store in Eastland, which was later moved to Colorado City, Texas. And he also became associated with the Bohning Motor company, a Ford agency in Eastland, in January, 1923. His partners in this business are G. W. Bohning, the manager, and W. T. Garrett. Mr. White is vice president of the company.

In addition to these, and several other business connections, he is also something of a financier, being a director in the Ranger State Bank.

**White Is Athlete.**  
Mr. White was born in Bosque county, in 1882, and was brought up on a farm until he was 19 years old, learning his "three R's", in the rural schools. Early in life he developed athletic tendencies, and while still a youngster he had several state championships. One of these was the state record in the running broad jump, a distance of 23 feet and 8 inches.

"But that was easy for me," he says, "for you see I had been used to running after cattle and jumping crooks."

He also held the state record in the running high jump, and attract-

ed considerable attention as a wrestler. With a little practice he became a skilled performer on the trapeze, and developed much ability as an acrobat so that his parents were kept in dread every time a circus came in town, for fear he'd run off with the big top. Furthermore, he was a good horseback rider and cow puncher and could put on a rodeo all his own with a bronco and a steer.

But the thing in which he excelled the most was baseball. He developed his trusty pitching arm by aiming a ball at a little square board erected on his farm, and whenever he missed the mark it meant a good, long run after the receding sphere. To save himself this unwanted exercise he learned to aim with much precision.

At 16 he was earning money as a pitcher, and at 19 he was a professional ball player, owning and managing his own team for five years in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Because of his remarkable athletic attainments he was offered complete courses in two well-known colleges.

**Acquires Business Knowledge**  
Between baseball seasons Mr. White worked in dry goods stores and acquired a knowledge of the business which was later to become his life's work. When he returned to Texas, at the age of 24, he became manager for a store in Morgan, Texas, a position he held for three years.

At the age of 28, Mr. White married and located in Haskell, where he took up the oil business, handling leases and royalties. He followed this business until he came to Ranger, where he was destined to become one of the foremost business figures of the city.

Although in his early 40's and occupied with his numerous business responsibilities, Mr. White still keeps up his athletic work. He can walk on his hands with as much agility as any boy, and punish a punching bag, and do stunts on the rings and bars. With the result that he looks many years younger than his 40-some-odd, and has a physique that draws admiring glances from men less splendidly proportioned.

As a result of his good physical condition and excellent health, he has developed a happy, pleasing personality, and one of his strongest characteristics is the pride he takes in his employees, who in turn bestow upon him a loyalty that is gratifying.

"Nearly all of our salesladies started working for us when they were girls, and while in our employ got married, but all of them continued to stay with us," he said.

Because of this fine fellowship existing between the employer and his force, an article about the White Company would be incomplete without mention of the men and women who have aided in bringing the business to its present success.

**Staff In Store.**  
W. W. Paschall is manager of the store and has charge of the ladies shoe department. He has been with the firm nearly two years and has proved himself a very efficient manager. He came to Ranger from Oklahoma at the beginning of the boom.

S. K. Mitchell, who is a Texas raised boy, is buyer and manager of the men's clothing department, while Dewey Jones, a young man who has been here since the boom days, and was formerly with the Ranger Dry Cleaning Company, is in charge of the men's furnishings.

Mrs. A. W. Hubbard, a sister of Mr. White, who, like himself, was born and brought up on a farm, came to make her home with her brother during the boom days, and since that time has been employed in the store as buyer of piece goods.

Mrs. Ethel Horton manages the staple goods department, and is well known as an old-timer of Ranger. She is a daughter of "Uncle" Jake Phillips, and was born and reared in Ranger.

Mrs. Ethel Hogue, who came here with her family at the beginning of the boom, has charge of the hose and notions department, and is assistant buyer for the department.

The S. & H. Green Stamps and premium department is capably managed by Mrs. Blanche Hindland, who also came to Ranger when prosperity was at its height.

Mrs. George Bumpers, manager and buyer of the ready-to-wear department, is a daughter of T. L. Scott. She was raised at Chaney, Texas.

Another old-timer of Ranger is Mrs. Myrtle Smith, who has charge of the millinery and is assistant buyer in the ready-to-wear.

Mrs. T. M. Combs is bookkeeper, stenographer and cashier. She came from Cushing, Okla., and for seven years was bookkeeper for the State Medical Association of Texas, at Fort Worth.

**Store Is Attractive.**  
The store, which this efficient force presides over is large, light and attractive, with big show-windows always decorated with intriguing displays. In the ample and up-to-date stocks can be found the Kuppenheimer and Schloss Bros. clothes for men; Stetson hats and Packard shoes.

The women's clothing includes the Boyd-Welch and Val Duttenhofer shoes; Max Wisner dresses; Elzee hats; H. & W., and Gossard corsets; Belton silks and a complete line of dress goods and trimmings, hose, notions, beads, bags, compacts and so forth.

The slogan of the store is "We show the new things first," and, in order to live up to that standard, Mr. White makes two buying trips east each year, with several short trips in between. He has just returned from one of these trips to the market, bringing back with him some of the latest modes on the market.

Mr. White belongs to the Shrine, the Lions, and the Central Baptist church. Besides his wife he has three sons, the elder two of which are already developing something of their father's athletic prowess.

**WAXAHACHIE.**—Work started on construction of Ellis county women's building to be erected on Davis Memorial square.

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Ranger's growth is not phenomenal; there is nothing unusual about it, but rather its progress has been the result of the progressive citizens who have entered wholeheartedly into upbuilding Ranger in its trade territory, industries and oil productions.

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A GREATER RANGER"

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"A Nyal Store":  
Corner Main and Austin  
RANGER

**WOMEN OF RANGER ORGANIZE  
CLUBS WHICH TAKES PROMINENT  
PART IN CITY'S SOCIAL LIFE**

The literary, study and social clubs of Ranger, promoted by the women of the city, have always been an important factor in the growth and activities of the city. The large population of 1918 and 1919 brought many wide-awake, intelligent women here to add to the lists of those already citizens, and while their husbands were occupied with all developments they found it necessary to seek interests of their own.

In order to provide for the situation the 1920 club was established in the year of its name and throughout its existence has sponsored or promoted many worthwhile endeavors which have played a large part in the development of Ranger as a city. The club has especially mothered the high school and its activities, taking an interest in the education of the youth of Ranger and offering prizes in English as well as presenting gifts of value for meritorious work in other fields.

The New Era club, second in organization, followed close on the start of the 1920 club, there being a need for more room for women interested in club work and development. The activities of this organization have been marked by steady progress and by a wide-awake outlook that has been an inspiration to its members. Through the presentation of several interesting plays the club has been able to widen its scope of work and undertake quite a little civic improvement.

**Child Welfare Club.**  
An outstanding work among the women's clubs of Ranger is that of the Child Welfare club which has undertaken a tremendous work in the way of providing free milk in the public schools for undernourished children, the sponsoring of a public health nurse, and the personal supervision of less fortunate inhabitants of the city. Their work has received commendation from national officers and has attracted notice in larger cities of the country.

The parent-teacher clubs of the various public schools have had a constantly progressive program and increased attention since their organization only a few years ago. They have been responsible for moral and material improvement in public school activities and have secured an added loyalty to public school work. Ranger has not only furnished two district presidents for this work, but is also proud to be the home of the state president, Mrs. C. E. Maddocks. The fine arts have received more attention during the last year than ever before and the course of study on American Art and artists enjoyed

by the 1920 club has resulted in the presentation of several illustrated lectures on art which have been an inspiration as well as a delight.

Music has found greater recognition through the organization of both the Junior and Juvenile Music clubs,

the former singing the carols on Christmas eve and the latter sponsoring a concert by the Howard Payne College musicians.

The newest club of the city is the Sorosis, which was organized in March and is dedicated to a spirit of fairness and recognition of individual talents as well as to a pride of achievement and progressive study. Its plans for a season of miscellaneous study will be devoted to recent thought and development with a large sprinkling of music to brighten the regular programs.

For those who deem study a bore and the passing of a pleasant afternoon in congenial company the sun and substance of existence there are a number of entertaining bridge clubs which number among their members some of the most prominent women of the city.

Church societies, beneficiary organizations and lodges have many representations in Ranger. There is scarcely a church which has not some recognized following in this city of recent development and there are a number of large and handsome churches to testify to the strength of their individual faiths.

Civic pride is fostered by the men's clubs as well as by those of the women, and the American Legion, Lions, Rotarians and Boy Scouts have been responsible for substantial evidence of their loyalty to city building and their faith in Ranger as a real home. Many homes have been purchased improved and beautified during the last year, lending an atmosphere of greater permanence to the population and bringing to the clubs of the city many fine workers and congenial men and women.

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**WHY WE GROW....**

**SAFETY**

The interest of Ranger and this institution are so closely linked that the prosperity of the community may be said to be accurately reflected by the Ranger State Bank. The officers and directors of this bank take pardonable pride in the fact that the bank has shown a steady, healthy growth since it started business, and some of the customers who started with it are now leading business men of the town. To make this showing of mutual progress greater for the coming year, it is the desire of our officers to give the closest co-operation to depositors. To this end we welcome consultation, and give of our time freely where we can be of benefit to our depositors.

**SERVICE**

**\$42,956.25 Average Monthly Gain During Past Twelve Months**

**Officers:**

- Ed S. Britton, Chairman
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- W. W. Housewright, active V-Pres.
- S. W. Sibley, Vice-President
- Edwin George Jr., Asst. Cashier

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- J. M. White
- Ed S. Britton
- S. W. Sibley
- W. W. Housewright

**The RANGER STATE BANK**  
A GUARANTY FUND BANK

## RANGER DRY CLEANING PLANT STANDS AT TOP IN WEST TEXAS

S. P. Boon and W. B. Carroll, Experienced and Capable,  
Have Put In Best Equipment and Built Up Business That  
Ranks With The Best.

The Ranger Dry Cleaning plant, which is said to be the best equipped dry cleaning company west of Fort Worth, is one of the city's pioneer business concerns, and although it was established in July, 1919, and enjoyed the prosperity of the great boom days of Ranger, it has never-



—Photo by Kinberg.  
S. P. BOON

theless found the last year the most successful of its career. Which proves the contention of the level-headed business men of the city who hold that a steady, substantial business, built on a solid foundation, is worth more than the quick, easy finances and inflation of a boom. In other words, Ranger is really better today than it was when wells were blowing in every few hours, and the firms which survived the depression are better firms for the hardships they underwent.

**Under One Roof.**  
The Ranger Dry Cleaning plant is one of the outstanding concerns of the city. It started in a shop on Pine street, while the plant building, machinery and equipment was being made ready at their Tiffin highway location; later the untown shop was located on South Rusk street, and still later, a little over two years ago, it was located at the present South Austin street location.

During the last year, however, the

machinery and equipment of the plant was moved to the downtown headquarters and the business is now all conducted under one roof. It was at the time of moving that they installed the newest improvement in dry cleaning systems, the continuous clarifier system, which keeps the dry cleaning solvent, clean and pure. They also have the latest improved drying tumbler, which dries, deodorizes, and sterilizes in one operation. Other machinery of the most modern type is used for pressing, pleating and for cleaning and blocking hats.

The company has purchased the property which it occupies and which was formerly rented. The building is one of the handsomest in the city, on a prominent street, and in appearance rivals cleaning plants in much larger cities. The large plate glass windows to the front open onto an interior artistically furnished and inviting in appearance.

**Master Cleaners.**  
But perhaps the most concrete evidence the general public has of the improvement and progress of this concern during the last year is the fact that the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners of the United States and Canada accepted them as full-fledged members, after a thorough examination as to equipment and installation, quality of work and service, as well as reliability, which entitles the company to use the words, "master cleaners."

By joining this organization the Ranger Dry Cleaning plant has access to all the expert research work which is conducted by the organization. These research workers are efficiency experts and devote all their time to working out new and effective methods in cleaning and dyeing, and furnish first hand information on the latest developments along this line. They especially study all the new materials, and learn the best methods of removing stains and spots.

In learning of the modern methods and scientific discoveries as developed by this organization, the standard of efficiency of the Ranger Dry Cleaning plant has been raised to the very highest point.

The company also carried an insurance to cover customers' goods in its custody, affording protection against theft, fire, damage or loss.

**Partners in Business.**  
The owners of the plant are two of the leading young business men

of the city whose ability and personality have combined to make the Ranger Dry Cleaning plant one of the foremost concerns of West Texas.

The partners are S. P. Boon and W. B. Carroll, and both are very active in support of the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants' association and other civic organizations.



—Photo by Kinberg.  
W. B. CARROLL

personally as well as financially.

Mr. Boon was born in Elgin, Texas, in 1891, and was educated in the public schools and business colleges of Texas. Following his discharge from the army he located in Ranger, joining his cousin, Emmett Evans, in the cleaning business. He is a member of the Methodist church, Masons and Rotary club. All the inside business of the firm is attended to by Mr. Boone.

Mr. Carroll, who came from Panhandle City, Texas, is outside man for the firm. He is a member of the Methodist church, Lions and Masons.

Both young men are widely and prominently known and by their earnest efforts have merited the success which has been theirs during their residence in Ranger.

More than 59 billion kilowatt hours of electrical energy were generated by the steam and hydro-electric generating stations of the United States during 1924. Of the various states of the nation New York led in water power produced electricity. For the past year those hydro-electric plants in the state produced 19.84 per cent while California, which had led for three years in hydro-electric production, last year dropped to second place with 15.76 per cent and the state of Washington occupied third place with a percentage of 7.08.

**MUNDAY.**—Munday trade territory will be very materially benefited when the new bridge across the Brazos river north of here is completed.

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**EASTLAND GASOLINE CO., Eastland**

# REVIEW YOUR ICE LESSON

- In the late Summer of '19 our plant was started, and people generally paid us very little attention. They were busy and not particular about ice, weight, service or what not, just so it was ice.
- That winter, however, we were the only ones to maintain service.
- During the Summer of '20 was when the public learned to **DEPEND ON US.**
- In the deflation period that followed, we had to "stick," for our people were depending on us, and our contemporaries all saw fit to close up.
- We have "stuck it out" with a plant big enough to supply two towns like Ranger, a top-heavy investment and commensurate taxes, insurance, and other fixed expenses.
- Those who have "stuck" have learned to depend on us for four things, namely: Pure Ice, Guaranteed Weight, Thorough and "Smiling" Service, and Truth in Advertising.
- It shall be our earnest endeavor to remain true to this trust placed in us.

# Southern Ice & Utilities Company

"Service With a Smile"

PHONE 389

GUS L. COLEMAN, Mgr.

# ELECTRIC POWER

*Represents*

**ECONOMY, DEPENDABILITY  
CONTINUITY OF SERVICE**

WE ARE EQUIPPED TO INSTALL AND SERVE  
ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER IN THE OIL  
FIELD OR FOR CITY INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

*Oil Cities Electric Company  
Oil Belt Power Company*

EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICE

Breckenridge, Ranger, Eastland, Graham, Gorman, De Leon

# Oil Cities Electric Company One of the Big Factors In Development of Oil Field

Has Made Wonderful Strides, Growing and Extending Its Service, and Now Extends Over a Large Territory.

(By WILLIAM GIFFORD CLEGG)

(Manager Merchandise Sales and New Business Department)

The growth and development of the electric light and power industry in Ranger and surrounding oil district has made wonderful strides during the past six years, dating from the early days of the oil boom in 1918.

For the growing town of Ranger, electric light and power was necessary to care for the lighting of the homes and stores as well as power for the industrial uses in the city. Seeing the demand for such a plant, the Ranger Light and Power Company was organized and installed as the first unit an 85-h.p. Bessemer Oil engine belt connected to a 50 KV A generator.

Before this unit was put in service it was seen that it would be entirely inadequate to handle the demand and hardly had the first unit been installed before the plant was badly overloaded with resulting poor service and many shut downs. The second, third and fourth units were rapidly installed under the most trying conditions—freight embargoes, rain, mud, strikes and every possible handicap was encountered and overcome

to give the town adequate power and light, still Ranger grew and grew, demanding more and more power.

#### Central Power Station.

It was in the hectic days during the height of the boom in 1919, that Mr. J. E. Lewis and associates conceived the idea of establishing a central power station to serve not only Ranger, but all the towns and

communities in the oil district. The result was the purchase by Mr. Lewis, as trustee, the properties of Ranger, Eastland, Breckenridge, DeLeon and Gorman and to immediately better the situation in Ranger, a transmission line was rushed to completion connecting Ranger to the Eastland plant, until the new central power station could be built.

Later the Oil Cities Electric Company and the Oil Belt Power Company was formed by Mr. Lewis and his associates, the former to handle and distribute electric energy to the cities purchased and the latter to generate current from the central source to be used by the cities and the surrounding oil fields. Mr. Lewis was made vice president and general manager of both companies, and through his efficient management has made possible the efficiency of the present organization, giving service to its consumers that is surpassed by no other public service company in the country.

#### Plant Capacity Increased.

The growth and expansion of the Leon river generating station of the Oil Belt Power company has in itself been astonishing, as the capacity of the plant has been doubled and redoubled in the past five years. Starting out with 2-3000 KVA units in 1920, an additional 6,000 KVA generator was installed in 1922 and a 7,500 KVA machine put in service the latter part of 1924, with plans now for adding another 7,500 KVA unit. All equipment in this station is of the latest design, giving efficiency surpassed by none. Shortly after this station was completed a transmission line was built to Dublin to serve the Texas Power & Light properties of Dublin, Stephenville, Comanche, Blanket and Brownwood. Some of the later developments to still further increase and make possible more efficient service was the interconnection of the Oil Belt Power Co., and the Texas Power and Light Company at Hillsboro on the east, through a 130,000 volt transmission line, and with the West Texas Utilities company at Cisco on the west. These connections completed a loop of hundreds of miles of interconnected transmission lines running from Hillsboro to Wichita Falls on the north, back to Abilene on the west, then back to Hillsboro, through Cisco and properties of this company. This interconnection insures Ranger the advantage of a super-power system regarding quality and quantity of service and should mean much to help Ranger locate permanent industries who all must have adequate power service to be able to locate at any point.

The policy of the Oil Cities Electric Company has always been most liberal regarding all moves toward bettering conditions in the communities it serves, donating its service and money whenever called upon. The company has voluntarily reduced its rates upon several occasions as conditions warranted and given real service to its subscribers. In fact, the company's policy as a whole, may be covered in two words—"Efficient Service." Service to community town and individual.

## DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By E. R. Waite, Secretary Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce.

That dues paid into a chamber of commerce is an investment, not an expense.

That a chamber of commerce is a business organization the purpose of which is to increase business, advertise the community & represents to the outside world, develop a community spirit, extend trade territory, interest people in the rural sections, help to build roads, attract tourists and conventions and initiate and carry out all big problems that go to make the home community a better place in which to live and prosper.

That every business concern is a spoke in the wheel of progress of the home city. The stronger the wheel, the stronger the progress.

That strange to say, in every city there are some business men who are not active members of the chamber of commerce, but are perfectly willing to take advantage of its service.

That another class are more than willing to take things as they come and to live off the enterprise of their neighbors. They are men who reap a reward from the work done by the energetic few, never giving credit to the source of the prosperity they receive.

When all the business men of a community pull together in an interesting way, there is nothing with in reason that cannot be accomplished.

#### SHOPPING BY PHONE

CHICAGO.—Fifty percent of the housewives of the United States still "hoof it" to the grocery store. The other 50 shop by phone. These figures were collected by the research committee of the National Wholesale Grocers' association. The grocers want more housewives to use the phone. Ninety percent is their aim.

While the grocers don't say so, they apparently believe that 10 per cent will everlastingly visit the stores and "pick over" the produce.

The gross annual income of the electric railways of the United States is approximately a billion dollars or only a trifle over six cents for every passenger carried and a little less than a dollar for each five dollars invested in these railways.

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*"It tastes better"*

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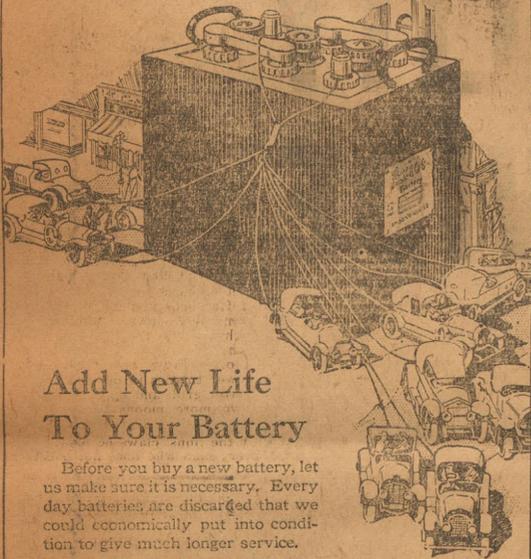
*Ice Cream has more Food Value than any other food  
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*Serve It and You Please All*

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J. W. Mitchell, Receiver

### "THE ROAD OF PERSONAL SERVICE"

Business intrusted to our care is given personal attention by each employe of this company. We endeavor at all times to give the people of Ranger and surrounding territory the very best possible service in movement of all shipments. Regular merchandise schedules are maintained between Ranger and Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis and other Eastern and Northern points.

THAT—Our General Offices and Shops are located in Ranger.

THAT—Our Ranger Pay Roll exceeds \$100,000.00 each year.

THAT—Employees to whom this money is paid spend the greater part of it in Ranger—with Ranger merchants.

THAT—For year 1924 we paid the City of Ranger for School and City Taxes \$1,109.00.

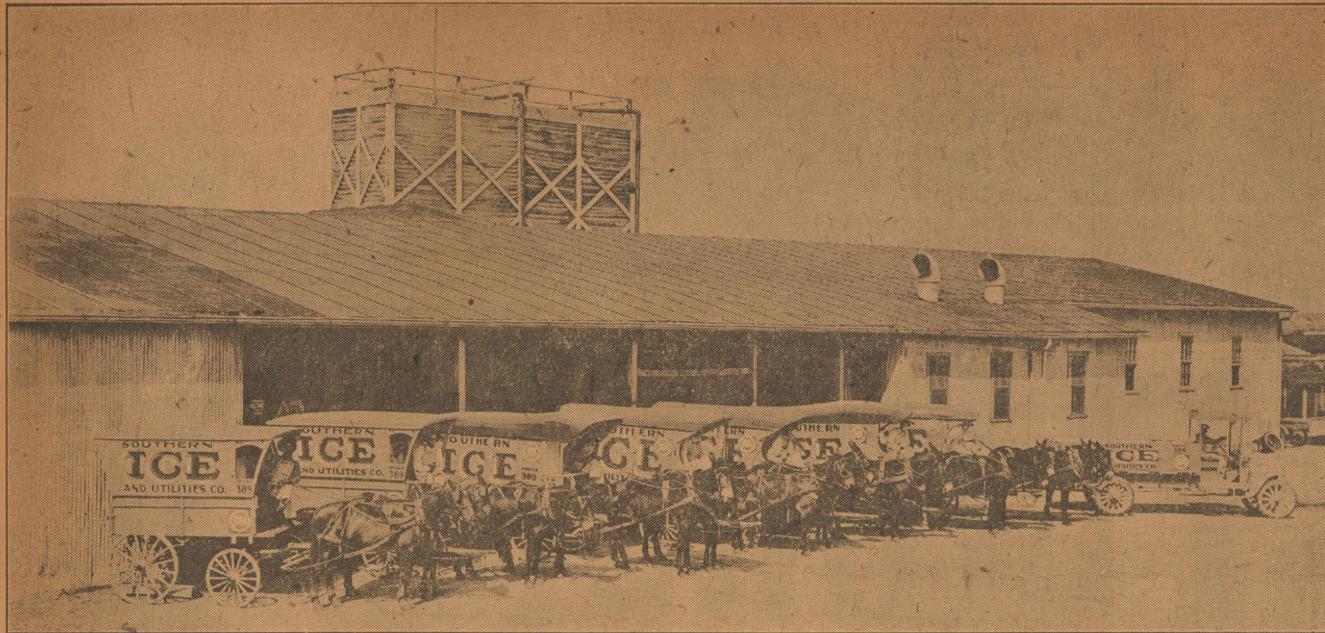
## DO YOU KNOW?

THINK IT OVER. We are prepared to give you unexcelled service and your business is appreciated.

J. W. MITCHELL,  
Receiver and General Manager

B. C. MORGAN,  
Gen'l Freight and  
Pasenger Agent

PLANT AND WAGONS OF THE SOUTHERN ICE & UTILITIES COMPANY



—Photo by Kinberg

**SOUTHERN ICE AND UTILITIES COMPANY,  
MANUFACTURER OF ICE, GIVES TO RANGER  
COMFORT AND LUXURY OF GREAT VALUE**

**"Service With a Smile" Is Motto Adopted By Manager Gus L. Coleman, Who Strives Constantly to Give the Public the Best Service and Most Courteous Service.**

There is something about the Southern Ice & Utilities company which, somehow, always reminds this writer of a sunflower. The rose is distinguished for its beauty, you know, and the hollyhock is dignified. The pansy is dainty, while the violet is modest, simple and sweet. The orchid is reserved and aristocratic, the dandelion audacious and a little pert. But pause a moment while you consider the distinguishing features of the sunflower.

In the first place it is the soul of optimism, always cheerful and bright and full of hope, with its face turned toward the sun from which it derives its name and color. Holding its head high, regardless of its surroundings or discouragements. A sturdy stalk, capable of withstanding the elements and carrying its blossom aloft, triumphant against all odds. Flourishing in any kind of soil. Oh, there are lots of things to be said about the sunflower—and about the Southern Ice & Utilities.

This company came to Ranger when the first hectic days of the boom began, and like the sunflower, it reared its head from rather humble soil. And that soil was soft with the waters of many rains. Many is the time that wagons mired as they carried equipment to erect the plant before Ranger streets and roads were made.

**Manufactures Ice**

Ice, the great need of the new boom town, wild with sudden wealth, irked with privations; what matter about such things as weight and

price. The waiting public had to wait no more, for the great plant was built to meet with needs of 50,000 people.

And then, when the boom was passed and the panic on, banks failing and businesses bankrupt, with the surplus thousands leaving for new fields to seek their fortune, did the Southern Ice & Utilities quietly withdraw to more remunerative places?

Does the sunflower die for lack of cultivation?

Among the few—the very few concerns, which survived the period of depression that is now a part of the long-past history of Ranger, was the Southern Ice & Utilities company. With a plant and equipment big enough and efficient enough to serve a town many times the size of this, it has taken a firm stand against all loss and odds, and supplies Ranger with its refrigeration needs. For it is built on a firm foundation—a "sturdy stalk."

**Ice Scoring Machines.**

When the money that flowed so freely in the boom became scarce, and ever scarcer, folks began measuring more closely their quarts and bushels, and weighing their ounces and pounds. Nor did the Southern Ice discourage their new economy, but rather aided by installing new ice scoring machines, so that every one should get his full and just amount.

The plant of the Southern Ice has never been allowed to deteriorate, but has been constantly improved to

the acme of efficiency, the latest example of progress being the enlarging of the immense storage vault, and the addition of a concrete floor.

And then the wagons—those bright, cheerful wagons, a golden-orange in color, just like the sunflower, with their brand new coat of paint each spring (whether they need it or not), are just about the most encouraging and optimistic sight in Ranger. Do you know, those wagons almost smile at you.

Or maybe you get that impression from seeing the salesmen who drive those wagons; salesmen whose slogan is "service with a smile." All dressed up in their neat, fresh uniforms, these smiling salesmen just seem to start the day off right in nearly every home in town.

**Manager Gus Coleman.**

Wholly in keeping with this plant and its policy and efficiency is the manager, Gus Coleman, one of the youngest, most likeable and most successful business men in town. And one might add, the most original. Ice companies from distant points have written in for copies of advertisements he runs in The Ranger Times.

"The Southern Ice & Utilities company operates a score of plants through Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas," Mr. Coleman said, "and also occupies five floors of cold storage warehouses in the new Santa Fe terminal in Dallas. The company was started in a small way 35 years ago in Arkansas by Mr. C. W. Dawley, who is now president of the company."

"We always keep our plant built up to the highest efficiency, and we re-paint and re-letter our wagons every year to keep them looking pretty for the people in Ranger. There are no better people on earth than the people of Ranger, and they are entitled to the better things."

The company operates a retail station on North Rusk street, for the convenience of the public. It is open 16 hours a day, and surrounded by its pretty park, with lawn and flowers, bright lights, and brighter colors—painted the same sunflower shade that has made the wagons famous—it is a welcome addition to the downtown district. The company also believes in justifying itself to the extent of owning a farm where feed is raised for its horses. That is why they are always so round and sleek and shiny.

Optimistic. Cheerful and bright and full of hope. Always facing the light. Sturdy, kindly, smiling, flourishing under any and all conditions. The sunflower. The Southern Ice & Utilities.

**RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR PORT ARTHUR OFFICIALS**

By United Press.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—B. J. Wade and B. E. Carroll, for commissioner for public property and improvements; Ben H. Wiley and J. E. Carter, for commissioner of public records and finance; and W. W. Covington and J. L. Fox, for chief of police, entered the city's run-off primary here today.

J. P. "Pink" Logan was re-elected mayor for the third term at the election May 2.

**MRS. SCHERTZ MAKES SUCCESS WITH HOTEL**

Now Conducting the Southland, One of Ranger's Most Attractive Hostleries

Every city has its list of successful business men, but it remained for Mrs. R. Schertz to demonstrate just how important women can be in the business world of Ranger. Mrs. Schertz is fast becoming identified with the hotel life of the city and the last few years have seen her steady development in her chosen field of endeavor.

Upon first coming to Ranger from El Paso Mrs. Schertz operated a small rooming house. She later took a 56-room hotel, which she conducted successfully, and now she is proprietor of one of Ranger's nicest and most desirable hotels, the Southland.

This place, under Mrs. Schertz's direction, has been remodeled and refitted into a place of comfort and beauty. A large lobby has been installed, and the largest dining room in Ranger has been fitted up. The front of the building has been enhanced by a big plate glass window

behind which beautiful flowers and plants are growing.

The hotel has all outside rooms with hot and cold running water in every room. A home-like atmosphere prevails about the place, which is characteristic of all hotels which Mrs. Schertz conducts. This is probably the secret of the popularity of the place she manages which appeal alike to the transient public and permanent roomers.

Another attractive feature of the Schertz management is the excellence of the meals. She provides a table that rivals the home, with all the seasonable fruits and vegetables on the market, and chicken twice a week. The cooks are chosen for their efficiency, and Mrs. Schertz personally oversees everything, to assure the food having the best of seasoning. Many of Mrs. Schertz's boarders have been with her for years.

Relieving her of some of her responsibilities is her daughter, Miss Geraldine Schertz, who came here from El Paso about a year ago, and is now a partner in the business. Like mother, she is possessed of a very pleasing personality and is exceptionally capable in her work. She has built up a big personal following among the young people of the city.

The 24-foot clock in the tower of Minneapolis city hall is not only kept telling time by electricity obtained from an electric service company but also at night its dials are floodlighted by powerful searchlights that operate by electricity obtained from the same source. There are over 30 other blocks within the city hall that are operated similarly.

**ELECTION.**—The city has ordered a car of poison to feed the grasshoppers.

**RANGER LIONS ORGANIZED FOR CIVIC SERVICE**

**Believe In Fun, Fellowship and Friendship; Practice What They Preach.**

Organized to give service, the Ranger Lions club has lived up to its motto. It has been instrumental in civic work, has given liberally to charity and whatever it has undertaken it has carried through.

The Ranger Lions were instrumental in the organization of the Ranger Golf and Country club, of which many of the Lions are members. It built the free auto camp and maintained it until recently when the city took over its maintenance. It brought about the improvement of West Main street from South Hodges street to the foot of Eastland hill, and the improvement

of the block of El Paso street on which the postoffice faces. Due to its persuasive ability, the railroads repaired and improved several grade crossings in and near Ranger. These are only a few of the many things it has accomplished.

The Ranger Lions raised part of the expense of maintaining a public health nurse in Ranger. The club has had a community Christmas tree for the poor children of Ranger each year since 1923. The club raised \$450 in 1922 to help the Child Welfare society do Christmas charity. The club started the movement to mark parking places within the city of Ranger and evolved a traffic plan which eliminated waste space for parking.

**Precept and Practice.**

The Ranger Lions club believes in, preaches and practices good fellowship. It insists upon friendship as an end rather than a means. The club believes in play and its weekly luncheon is an opportunity for the members to get together in a spirit of fun, forgetting business for the moment to get better acquainted with each other, and to give full emphasis to fellowship and friendship.

The present membership of the Ranger Lions club includes:

"Asthma," Dr. H. A. Logsdon, past president; "Misery," Dr. C. C. Craig, president; "Tuffy," Frank Brown, first vice president; "Spike," J. T. Killingsworth, second vice president; "Rip," R. V. Galloway, third vice president; "Swede," A. N. Larson, secretary; "Safety," Hall Walker, lion tamer; "Chief," G. A. Murphy, tail twister; "Tubby," W. J. Jackson, director; "Jake," B. C. Morgan, director; "Josh," C. E. Maddocks, director; "Eben," Rev. G. D. Robison, director; "Buddy," C. C. Caylor; "Odorless," W. D. Carroll; "Pick," A. E. Echols; "Pete," E. D. Finney; "Less," L. H. Hagaman; "Hawkshaw," T. E. Hanshaw; "Prunes," W. C. Hickey; "Ad," Walker Murray; "Slicker," L. F. Newton; "Peppo," C. C. Patterson; "Izzie," Saule Perlstein; "Asafetida," J. M. Ralston; "Gas," W. A. Ringold; "Abie," J. A. Shaw; "Skinner," T. B. Scott; "Balloon," H. J. Stafford; "Chug," J. R. Tolland; "Croak-us," T. R. Valliant; "Red," J. M. White; "Kodak," John Kinberg; "Windy," L. M. Underwood; "Perch," Dick Elliott; "Bill," F. L. Little; "Smoky," B. A. Tunnell; B. D. Clark, Col. A. Brasher, and C. W. Hill. The last three, for some unexplained reason, have no nicknames.

**Song of the Lions.**

Here is the song of the Ranger Lions, which is better appreciated when they are heard roaring it:

Don't sit supinely on your roost,  
But come along and help us boost  
For better things of every kind,  
And softer beds and longer sheets,  
For smoother lawns and better lights,  
For shorter-winded blather-skites,  
For shorter hours and longer pay,  
For fewer thistles in our hay,  
For better grub and bigger pies,  
For two more moons to light the skies;  
And let the lions' claws be loosed  
On every man who does not boost.

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**DRY CLEANING**

All kinds of garments cleaned thoroughly and safely by the celebrated Clari-Filter Dry Cleaning system. Our dry cleaning does not leave the odor of gasoline in the clothes.

**STEAM PRESSING**

Is done with the Hoffman Clothes Pressing Machines; giving garments new life and lustre.

**TAILORING**

We represent three of the leading Chicago tailoring houses—Lamm & Co., International Tailoring Co., and Rose & Co. Your satisfaction is our guarantee.

**DYEING**

We only take articles to be dyed that we feel certain will take the color desired and come out a good, even and clear color, insuring our customers of satisfactory work in this line.

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Men's hats cleaned and blocked ready for almost the same service as when new.

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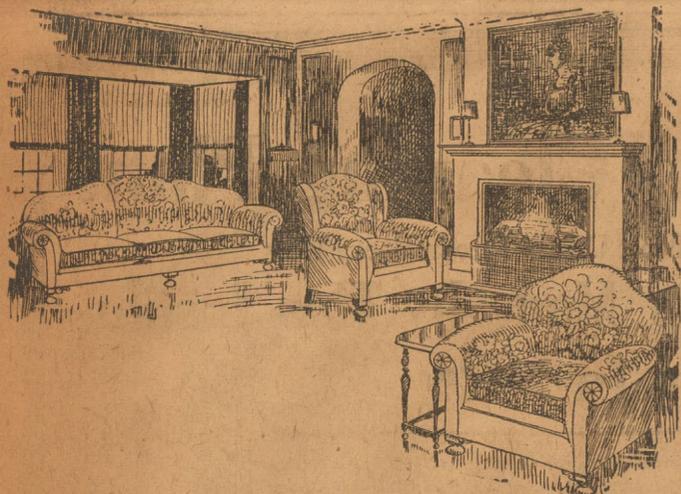
BUT OUR CUSTOMERS WILL  
BE GREETED BY THE SAME

## Old Friends

FOR OUR

## Policy and Management

## Remain Unchanged



We came to Ranger when there were only 2 wells here, before boom began; we served you



during those big days when gushers were blowing in nearly every hour.

We rejoiced and prospered when the city was at the height of its success.

And then, when the depression came, we stayed to serve those same loyal customers, and  
**OUR CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN REWARDED.**

Ranger is flourishing again, and our stocks are keeping pace with the city's new demands. In our new location we are the better able to serve you, and we welcome our old friends and the newcomers alike.

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# W. B. WESTGATE LOOKS FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM

With His Genial Partner, John E. Barnes, Builds Splendid Business In Ranger.

No one in Ranger has a better right to rejoice over the recent prosperity that has reached the town than W. B. Westgate of the Westgate Tire & Battery company, for there has never been a more consistent booster for the city of his adoption than Mr. Westgate has been for Ranger.

Back in the days when the oil boom was at its height the city had a population of some 50,000 people. And they stayed, as long as the oil was here and money easy and they felt there was a chance for a quick cleanup. But they proved to be fair weather friends ready to desert at



Photo by Kinberg  
W. B. WESTGATE

the first sign of panic. Something after the manner of the poem, they "folded their tents like the Arabs," if indeed they even had so much as a tent, and, whether silently or not, they began to slip away.

**Always Confident.**  
As the population dwindled and business and banks began to fail, when the price of oil dropped and production decreased, there were some who stayed for various reasons, too broke, perhaps, to risk new fields, or else held by the rather forlorn hope that lost fortunes could be later retrieved. Some of the braver held to the belief that Ranger would "come back."

But there was one little man in Ranger, a man with a smiling face and unswerving loyalty, who said that Ranger didn't have to "come back"—that she was still here.

"Never, even in the face of greatest discouragement, did I lose my confidence in this little town," Mr. Westgate said recently, after the new oil discoveries brought about a renewal of business that almost resembled a boom. "My trust in Ranger has been rewarded."

And yet there were few people who had more reason to lose confidence in the town than Mr. Westgate had, for he took his inevitable losses along with the other business men. On coming to Ranger his first business efforts were centered in real estate. He handled sub-divisions

and prospered with the boom, but his profits became losses when the panic came.

**Early Days In Ranger.**  
"It was a nice day when I first got in Ranger," Mr. Westgate said,



Photo by Kinberg  
JOHN E. BARNES

"and I thought this was an ideal climate. That night I paid \$2 for the privilege of sleeping on the floor of a local hotel. And believe me, with the town crowded as it was, I was thankful to have that much space."

"The next day it started to rain, and I packed my grip a dozen times after that, but somehow the spirit of the thing held me, as it did thousands of others, and I remained to become a regular Ranger booster. This is the best and most interesting town I have ever seen."

Mr. Westgate was born in Michigan, the son of a minister. He was educated in Massachusetts, and engaged in several business ventures before reading in a magazine about the oil fields of Texas, and within 24 hours he was on his way to Ranger.

In February, 1922, he started the Westgate Tire & Battery company in a little building and business which has since prospered and grown until it covers a floor space of 100 by 140 feet. The storage capacity of the building will accommodate 75 cars. The repair shop is well equipped and the line of tires, tubes and parts is large and complete. The vulcanizing and battery departments are both operated at the height of efficiency.

Mr. Westgate is a pleasant, kindly, and quiet man whose chief characteristic is an inspiring smile. Associated with him in business is his partner, John E. Barnes, a distinctly different type, largely built and typically West Texan, proving himself to be a native of these parts. His family located here nearly half a century ago. No greater tribute can be paid to his character and courage than to say he was deputy sheriff during the boom days, a position so hazardous few could be found to hold it. More than once in those days he barely escaped with his life. He is good natured and easy-going with a broad smile and an unlimited circle of acquaintances and friends with whom he is very popular.

## W. H. Reese Owns Bankhead Filling Station and Garage

The Bankhead Filling Station and Garage, 219 South Austin street, is owned and managed by W. H. Reese who was born in Columbus, Ga., in 1869, and at the age of 14, located with his family in Texas. He has remained in Texas ever since, a period of 42 years.

The Reese family located on a farm near Grambury, but 15 years ago, when they were farming in Johnson county, they were forced out by the drouth and came to Ranger to make their future home.

For 12 years Mr. Reese ran a grocery store here on Main street, selling out at the beginning of the boom in 1919 he erected the Bankhead Filling station on a corner which he had owned for many years, but he did not begin operating it himself until three years ago.

Being one of the "old-timers" of the city, Mr. Reese is well known and numbers his friends among all the folks in the country around. His friends are all his customers—and his customers are his friends, so that he profits both in a personal as well as business way in the garage and station he established. He maintains a good mechanical department and his garage is well equipped.

### AMERICA WILL PAY THE BILL.

That statesmen of Great Britain are far-seeing, long-headed and intensely patriotic to their nation is demonstrated by its rubber monopoly. Inquiries just concluded by our commerce department indicate that Great Britain proposes to make the people of this nation pay her war debt to this nation by export tax on rubber.

American imports of raw rubber, which is controlled by the East Indies company, cost the United States \$185,000,000 in 1924. This year the cost will be at least \$400,000,000. It is figured that the profits from this industry alone will pay the British debt to the United States. The "Yankee" is not so much of a trader, after all.

Release judgment—Chas. O. Austin to C. F. Morris, Security State Bank & Trust Co. vs. C. F. Morris for \$4,008.91; J. L. Chapman, commissioner, vs. C. F. Morris, judgment

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# Business Is Good.....

Business generally is good. People have more money with which to buy goods and are apparently more free in spending.

Let's not be frightened by the perennial soap box orator whose stock in trade is calamity.

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**Mayor of Ranger City, Who Has Served—  
Well In Both Civic and Official Roles**

Mayor R. H. (Bob) Hodges was born in a rural home in Falls county, but came to Ranger with his parents in 1891, so that the larger part of his life has been spent in Ranger. He attended the public school in Ranger and then went to A. & M. College for three years, studying for a bachelor of science degree. Afterwards he took a three-year course in Kansas City Medical college and obtained a D. D. S. degree.

where he practiced his profession one year, and then spent 9 years in active practice at Waco, but returned to Ranger in the early part of 1919, when the boom was building, and has since made this his home. In 1920 he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Afterwards he was elected commissioner of sanitation, which was at that time one of the most important offices in the city. Later he served as police and fire commissioner, and in 1923 was elect-

ed mayor. He was re-elected in April without opposition.

Mayor Hodges says the most important event in his life was his marriage on Christmas day, in 1918, his



—Photo by Kinberg  
DR. R. H. HODGES

bride being Miss Oppie Bristow, then principal of the South San Antonio school, who had just been elected to teach mathematics in the Brackenridge high school at San Antonio.

Mayor Hodges' hobby, if he has a hobby, is registered cattle, especially Jersey cattle, and he is building up one of the finest herds in Eastland county.

**RAYMOND TEAL  
CASTS HIS LOT  
WITH RANGER**

Establishes the Popular "Fountain" and Then Helps to Govern the City.

The Fountain, a popular soft drink stand adjoining the Lamb theatre, is owned by one of Ranger's most prominent and interesting men, Raymond Teal.

Mr. Teal is an old show man—the "old" being in point of service, and not in age. He was for many years



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**RAYMOND TEAL**  
Commissioner in Ranger of Streets and Highways.

engaged in the minstrel business, in which his beautiful singing voice gained him much popularity. During his career on the road he visited Hawaii, China and Japan and has many interesting tales to tell of his experiences.

In addition to being a talented singer, he is also a most delightful after dinner speaker. His popularity along this line lies in the fact that he never talks long, but what he has to say keeps his audience in an uproar of mirth.

After retiring from the show business Mr. Teal came to Ranger six years ago and has since engaged in various business enterprises. He is also something of a politician and is at present commissioner of streets and highways in Ranger.

**A. V. Lowry Gives  
Greater Popularity  
To the Club Cafe**

The Club cafe, which is one of the oldest and most popular lunch rooms in Ranger, dating from the boom, is owned by A. V. Lowry who comes from "all over the country," according to his own statement.

Mr. Lowry is a cook of rare ability and he has worked as chef and pastry man for numerous restaurants in many states. Upon first arriving in Ranger he worked for local cafes, and three years ago bought the Metcalf cafe, which he called the Denver.

On the sixteenth of last month he bought the cafe at 101 South Rusk street, which he is now operating. Although this lunch room has run under many names during its existence, it is a location that has always been popular, and many a millionaire, during the early boom days, bought his "ham an" across the polished counter. Under present management it promises to excel even its former popularity for Mr. Lowry serves only the best of foodstuffs, temptingly prepared.

The electrical railway systems of the United States in the course of a year buy among other things \$3,000,000 worth of paint; 1,500,000 barrels of fuel oil; 16,000,000 tons of coal; 7,000,000 pounds of grease, and 2,500,000 pounds of babbitt, the metal used for bearings in machines. In addition there are over 4,000 other commodities which these railroads buy regularly in quantity.

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# BOBO & BOBO, RANGER PIONEER MERCHANTS, HAVE WON SUCCESS

### Charles Bobo Becomes Partner Of and Later Succeeds His Father; Practices Horticulture.

Charles Bobo owner and manager of the Bobo & Bobo Hardware Co., comes from one of the old and prominent families of the county. His residence in Ranger dates back to 1901, when his father, S. W. Bobo located here and became associated with Walker Bros., hardware and implements.

The elder Mr. Bobo later went into business for himself, and "Charlie" became his partner in 1918, at the beginning of the boom. They erected the building at 110 Main street, where the store is still located, in the spring of 1919, and the following year the younger member of the firm became sole owner.

The store is one of the best equipped hardware companies in the oil field section. In the large stock can be found merchandise to fill all the

requirements in this line of goods, including shelf and heavy hardware, all classes of farm implements, sporting goods, paints and varnishes, ice boxes, stoves, kitchenware, queensware, and so forth.

Mr. Bobo was born in Wise county, 25 miles north of Fort Worth. He is a Shriner and 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Church of Christ. He and his wife own their own home, and for the sake of beautifying it, Mr. Bobo has recently taken up horticulture as an avocation. He spends all his idle moments cultivating flowers and shrubbery, and because he finds the work so fascinating his friends predict that his yard will soon be famous for its beauty.

The Bobo family have been very successful in Ranger and has acquired considerable property of value, including several brick buildings in the downtown district. The revival of business here at this time will add greatly to their already marked prosperity. They are consistent boosters for their town and take part in all civic activities.

# RANGER STATE BANK WINS HIGH PLACE IN ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE OF RANGER MAKING NEW RECORD FOR SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

### Under Direction of W. W. Housewright, Active Vice President, and Able Associates, Business Increases Enormously While Management Is Most Conservative.

Although practically every business concern in town is enjoying an increase in trade over what it had a year ago, it remains for the Ranger State bank to break all records in advancement locally for its business during the last 13 months has increased 280 per cent. The bank paid a 5 per cent semi-annual dividend last year, and will declare another 5 per cent on June 30 of this year.

The Ranger State bank is an institution to which the people of the city can point with confidence and pride. It is one of the most substantial banks in the state and the stockholders are practically all local people, making it a home institution. It occupies a handsome building constructed of brick and stone on the corner of Main and Rusk streets, one of the most desirable locations in the city, and having been erected during the boom, no expense was spared to make it a bank worthy of the people of a thriving and prosperous oil town.

S. W. Sibley, the inactive vice president, is an investor of Dallas and is rated at a half million dollars. He was formerly president and manager of the Southwest National bank at Dallas before selling out a year ago and opening an office of his own for handling investments. He has extensive holdings in the black land country of Collin and Grayson counties.

Active Vice President, W. W. Housewright, to whom much credit goes for the remarkable success of the Ranger State bank during the last year. Under his management the institution has "caught its stride," and is increasing in popularity as well as volume of business. He is recognized among local business men as one of the leading figures in the community.

Mr. Housewright is a descendant of a distinguished Welsh family which located in Virginia in the early part of American history. A branch of the family located in Texas, shortly after the civil war, and Mr. Housewright was born at Wylie, near Dallas. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from high school at the age of 16. Following a short business course he secured a position in the First National bank of Temple, Okla., and thus began his successful banking career. In 1908 he organized the Farmers State bank of Devol, Okla., and operated it at the age of 19.

In 1917 Mr. Housewright severed his connection with the bank to enlist in service, starting as "buck" private and being constantly promoted until he reached the rank of first lieutenant. At the time the armistice was signed he had passed his examination and been recommended for a captaincy and his application awaited only the signature of the adjutant.

After the war he returned to Devol and organized the Oklahoma State bank, in which he had three multi-millionaire partners, one of whom was P. P. Langford, president of the City National bank of Wichita Falls, and another was E. Constantine of Tulsa.

In the spring of 1924 Mr. Housewright was attracted by the exceptional opportunity which the Ranger State bank had to offer and became associated with the institution which has since enjoyed a constant increase in prosperity.

With the experience of a man many years his senior, and with the freshness and keenness of viewpoint of his youth, Mr. Housewright has advanced far upon his career, and at the age of 36 can easily be rated as one of the city's foremost men. He has an ease and grace of personality which adds greatly to his charm and makes him socially popular as well as financially successful.

"As a banker is in a position to know local business conditions better than any one else," Mr. House-



Photo by Kinberg  
W. W. HOUSEWRIGHT,  
Active Vice President.

wright said, "and it is very gratifying for us to say there is not a business house in Ranger which is not prospering, and all are in a good financial condition."

## E. H. and E. P. Mills Build Up Leading Grocery Business

E. H. & E. P. Mills are two brothers who own a popular and successful grocery store at Rusk and Walnut streets. They were born in Bowie county and raised on a farm where the older brother, E. H. says he chopped cotton, laid cross ties, and engaged in other kinds of hard labor.

Eighteen years ago Mr. Mills located in Ranger and bought out one of the partners in the Davenport Grocery Store, while his brother remained on the farm with their parents.

During the following years they were both identified with various kinds of business, general merchandise, bakery and stock raising.

During the last five years they have been in partners in the store on North Rusk street and because of their splendid business ability and fair dealing, they have built up a large trade and carry one of the largest grocery stocks in town.

## Bicycle and Fixit Shop Aply Operated By A. H. Williams

The Bicycle and Fixit Shop is managed by A. H. Williams, who came to Ranger with his family in 1911, receiving most of his schooling here. His father is Dr. R. H. Williams, a local veterinarian.

Although only 26 years old, Mr. Williams has been in business in Ranger for nearly ten years. When he was a school boy riding a bicycle, he

learned to tinker with it in order to keep up repairs, and as his knowledge of this line of work grew his services became in demand among the other boys who wanted his assistance in keeping their "bikes" in order. In 1916 he opened up a little shop and found so much work to do his business has been constantly increasing. He repairs guns, typewriters, sewing machines or anything else that needs fixing. He specializes in safe opening, grinding, lawn mowers, and fitting and duplicating keys.

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## 'Possessed With the Devil' Proves to Be Profitable to Roumanian Peasant

BUDAPEST (By mail to United Press)—Beelzebub, Lucifer, or some other devil was recently very friendly to a Roumanian peasant woman named Georgia Calcea.

Indirectly he caused her to become a moderately wealthy woman. Georgia lives in a small village called Szeben, in the Transylvania section of Roumania. She is a very devout woman and her neighbors are equally religious. To them God and the devil are very real.

A few weeks ago Georgia began to be afflicted with a very peculiar illness. Each evening she would fall to the ground in awful cramps. From her mouth would issue all kinds of horrible noises. Sometimes she would squeal like a pig, sometimes grunt like a hog, sometimes moo like a cow, and at other times imitate other barnyard animals.

One evening she had such a fit and neighbors sent for a doctor, but the doctor labored over her without success. Finally they sent for the village priest. Immediately following the priest's arrival the woman became normal, whereupon he immediately diagnosed her as having been "possessed with the devil."

This disease was nothing new to the villagers. Once the priest had spoken they knew exactly what remedy was necessary. The woman must make the "forty-churches pilgrimage." Immediately therefore they assisted her in gathering together the equipment necessary for the journey and in a body they accompanied her to the local church for the priest's blessing.

As soon as she had obtained the necessary blessing, Georgia was

showered with gifts of money and food by her neighbors—because, according to another hallowed custom, gifts bestowed on a religious pilgrim return always to bless the donor.

The whole of the pilgrimage was one continual ovation for Georgia. Fleet-footed messengers ran ahead to announce her coming at the next village. Crowds awaited her arrival, each member of which bore a gift for the pilgrim.

The pilgrimage continued until mass had been said for her in the necessary 40 churches. Long before even the twentieth had been reached, however, she was weighted down with her many gifts. When she finally reached home again she found that the total value of her gifts was very great.

Many of the neighbors are now wondering whether after all it is such a terribly unfortunate thing for the devil to take possession of one.

An electric appliance for "doing" collars is one of the newer of the electric labor savers. This newcomer looks not unlike a giant biscuit cutter and can be worked by electricity obtained by connecting it to a convenient outlet. The freshly washed and starched collar is placed upon a circular metal ring and then the other part of the presser, containing the heating element is placed on top of it. The damp collar on the ring slips in between the inner and outer walls of the presser and the electrically produced heat does the work thus obviating the task of shaping and folding the collar with the ordinary sad iron or electric iron.

All the banking equipment is modern and up-to-date, with fire-proof and burglar-proof vaults and safes, and all the latest methods for a high class bank are in use. In fact, the building was so well built it will be many years before there could be any necessity for improvements or expansion. No matter how much Ranger grows and booms, there is a bank here adequate to take care of all her needs.

So prosperous has the institution been it was necessary to increase the number of employees from five to 14 during the last few months in order to take care of the wonderful business development.

### Chairman of Board.

Ed S. Britton of Strawn, one of the most widely known men in this section of the state, is chairman of the board of directors. Although still in his early 50's, Mr. Britton has made such a success as a financier he is generally rated a millionaire; at any rate he has holdings worth up into the hundreds of thousands. He is chairman of the board of directors of the First National bank of Strawn, and president of the Strawn Coal company, and formerly served for several years as vice president of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company and president of the Thurber Brick company. He also was for some time president of the Strawn Mercantile company. These, and his various other business enterprises, have especially fitted him for the place of responsibility which he now holds in the Ranger State bank.

M. H. Hagaman, affectionately known as the "father of Ranger," is president of the bank. He has lived here for 30 years or more, and has given more of his time and money for the advancement of the town than any other individual. He was the first mayor of Ranger, and is now president of the Hagaman Refining company, and also president of the Ranger school board.

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# OILBELT MOTOR COMPANY, LARGEST AUTOMOBILE HOUSE IN WEST TEXAS, HAS FOUR ESTABLISHMENTS WITH THE HEAD OFFICE IN THE CITY OF RANGER

**M. R. Newnham, President, Engages in Business in Ranger After Acquiring Varied Experience in Other Fields, and Has Increased the Popularity of the Studebaker and Chevrolet Cars in This Section.**

The Oilbelt Motor Company, which is the largest automobile concern in West Texas, was organized in Ranger in 1919, and during the six years of its existence it has been enjoying a constantly increasing business. Four stores are now operated by the company, the home office being in Ranger, where the first store was located, and the branch houses being in Breckenridge, Eastland and Graham. The last house was established early in 1925.

One of the biggest reasons for the success of this company has been the unflinching faith which the manager, M. R. Newnham, has in the oilfield section.

"There are some people who have been inclined toward pessimism regarding this territory," Mr. Newnham said, "but so far as I am personally concerned I have never seen any substantial reason for anything but the utmost confidence in this section."

**Opportunity Right Here.**  
There are companies whose judgment is unchallenged, willing to spend their millions in the Ranger field—companies like Phillips Petroleum, Chestnut-Smith and the Lone Star Gas company.

"In one of the largest cities, Dallas or Fort Worth, for instance, when a big company makes a sizeable investment, the public at once becomes imbued with the prosperity and possibilities of their community, knowing that such investments bespeak a promising future."

"But just think what it means to a small community like Ranger to have the bigger companies express their confidence by spending many millions in local developments."

"And that is why, when we consider our resources as compared with other places, we have never had a valid reason for discouragement. Most any town in the country would be glad to have our opportunities."

The Oilbelt Motor company, during its history, has established records in business on more than one occasion, rated on a yearly basis. One year they outsold any other Studebaker dealer in West Texas, and at another time even outranked Fort Worth.

The same year of its organization the Oilbelt Motor company erected a brick building for its permanent home, which is one of the handsomest automobile buildings between

Fort Worth and El Paso. It is constructed of brick with concrete floor, the floor space being 1400 square feet.

The Studebaker car, which needs no description or introduction to the Ranger public, is fittingly and attractively displayed in the large, lighted display room with its immense plate glass windows. The company also distributes the Chevrolet car, which is exceedingly popular in the oil field section.

Mr. Newnham is a native of this part of the country. He was born in Stephens county and reared on a farm. His early education was received in the public schools of Ranger.

**Enters Business.**  
Being of sturdy stock, ambitious, but of limited means, Mr. Newnham completed his education by working his way through the Dallas schools and business college. After graduating he secured a position as bookkeeper in an automobile concern in Dallas. Here he acquired a knowledge of the business, which was later to bring him his greatest success.

After adding to his experiences by traveling for an automobile concern in Chicago he went in business for himself in Bryan, Texas, at which time he married Miss Lula Armin of Palestine, Texas. Shortly after that he accepted a contract at Beaumont from the Fort Motor company, which was then the second largest Ford agency in Texas.

Mr. Newnham ran this business for four years, in the meantime becoming president of the Gulf Motor company, in Beaumont, and vice president of the North Texas Motor company at Sherman.

At the very height of his business career, Mr. Newnham felt the call



—Photo by Kinberg  
M. R. NEWNHAM

to war, and sold out all his interests with the intention of enlisting. Before he got to camp, however, the armistice was signed, so he turned his attention to his old home town, which was then at the height of the boom.

A man of his business ability soon found his services in demand in the building of a new city on the site of the little village which Ranger had formerly been, so he was elected alderman, and to him goes much of the credit for the paving and other improvements during the chaotic days of that early period in the city's history.

Mr. Newnham was also one of the ten men who secured the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railroad for the oil field section. This small group of men signed a \$250,000 bond in order to get the right of way, thus making Ranger the only town in the oil field that got a real railroad during the boom, a railroad with shops and offices and a large payroll, and the popular title of "The Ranger Road."

Thus it can be seen that in addition to being a good business man, and establishing in Ranger one of the city's greatest business concerns, Mr. Newnham has also been one of the foremost factors in the development of the city, and one of its most consistent boosters.

In the words of the famous college yell, Mr. Newnham says: "What's the matter with Ranger?" and answers, "It's all right!"  
"What's all right?"  
"RANGER?"

## MORAL RISK REAL BASIS FOR CREDIT

State Secretary Retail Merchants Association Discusses Obligations

(By Adolf Grasso, Secretary Retail Merchants Association of Texas.)  
Credit is not always granted on the financial ability of a person to pay, on the contrary, in the retail line, it is usually granted on the good paying record established by the party requiring credit. It is not so much looked upon as a financial obligation than as a moral obligation, therefore the expressions of financial risk and moral risk. It is the moral risk that counts.

Credit in the retail line is a convenience and is extended by the merchant for the convenience and benefit of the customer, however, credit many times may become a necessity for the customer. It may be said that credit is always granted for the benefit of the credit seeker, whether by the banker to the merchant or by the merchant to the customer. It is an obligation that is binding morally as well as legally, morally binding particularly in the case of the customer securing credit on open account, in which case his paying record is very often the only basis on which credit is extended, therefore it is absolutely necessary for us to live up to our credit obligations and to carefully guard our good credit reputation. It is this good paying reputation that makes us a good moral credit risk and entitles us to credit accommodations.

Retail credit is largely extended upon the reputation of one's credit record as a prompt pay, being prompt is really the first consideration. The credit grantor in the retail line usually does not care how much a person is worth financially, what he wants to know is his paying record, how prompt he or she pay their accounts and that is the basis upon which a retail merchant extends credit. So our past reputation as to how prompt or how slow we pay our bills is what counts. Credit is granted as a convenience to the public, it is for the benefit of the buyer, it may, however, become a serious necessity at times, therefore, we must protect our good credit reputation, always remembering that it is the good paying record which we have established that enables us to continue securing further credits.

Accounts that run past due are unprofitable and often merchants lose money on them. Although they are finally paid in full, such accounts are regarded as undesirable. It is our paying record that counts. If we neglect prompt payment of our accounts and as a consequence further credit is refused, we can only blame ourselves. We make our own credit record and this record not only affects our credit transactions with merchants and banks, but it reflects upon our standing in the community.

## CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL MOST ADMIRABLY LOCATED AND HAS HIGH STANDARD EFFICIENCY

One of Ranger's most splendid institutions, of which the population is justly proud, is the new City-County hospital, which was started during 1923, and opened February 1, 1924.

The building cost \$55,000, exclusive of the grounds, which was \$1,500, and the equipment, which cost \$5,000. The city paid half of the cost by issuing bonds, and the county the other half by issuing warrants.

The building is particularly well arranged for hospital purposes. It is fire proof throughout and all the rooms are furnished alike, with all-posture beds, which can be raised and lowered into different shapes, and the furniture is all made of steel, even the chairs and dressers.

The operating unit is copied after the operating room of the Michael Keese hospital in Chicago. This was the first hospital in this part of the state to adopt the use of Ethylene gas for anesthetics, which was an innovation in the anesthetic line 18 months ago.

This year the hospital has been using a colonic anesthesia, which is a marked departure in anesthetics in this part of the country. From this anesthetic the patients go to sleep in their beds, are carried to the operating room, and brought back, not knowing they have been operated on till they wake up. This method has proved very successful

and more pleasant to patients than the old-style inhalation anesthesia that always irritated the respiratory tract, and caused nausea and vomiting to follow the operation. It is also much easier on the heart and the hospital has so far lost no patients whatever from the method.

This anesthesia is being used with especial success in obstetrical cases. According to physicians at the hospital, it does not retard the progress of the case and is not dangerous to the mother or the child, while the delivery is practically without pain to the mother. It has been proved absolutely safe.

Upon invitation from the Fort Worth Medical society recently, Dr. W. L. Jackson went to Fort Worth to tell the organization about this method. It is said that the City-County hospital is the only place outside of New York city where this method is used.

The hospital has room for 42 patients, and there are five trained nurses on duty, with Miss N. Chapelle as superintendent. She is highly efficient and well trained for her position, and has been with the institution ever since it opened.

The hospital board, which has been reappointed for the next two years, consists of the following members: Dr. R. H. Hodges, president; Dr. W. C. Palmer, secretary, and O. D. Dillingham, Dr. Kimball Gordan and Mrs. Pettit of Cisco.

The building is beautiful in appearance and was constructed along lines of a modern hospital. It is located on top of a hill where it commands a sweeping view of the city and surrounding country. It is one of the coolest spots in town, so that patients find it comfortable even in the summer time. There are three sun parlors for convalescents, these rooms being the most delightful in the whole building.

The electric flash signal system has been installed so as to avoid disturbing bells, and the ambulance entrance opens into an elevator, adding to the convenience of the place.

### INSTRUMENTS RECORDED.

Warranty deed—Mrs. N. M. Bird to Matt M. Bird, lots 4 and 5 in block 1, Jennie Page addition to Ranger, Transfer vendor's lien—R. G. Diggs to Connie Davis, 50x115 feet, out of lot 2, in block 96, city of Cisco. Warranty deed—J. J. Godby et ux. to George W. Nickel, lot 10, subdivisions of lot 4 of block 94, town of Cisco, \$6,000.

Warranty deed—J. T. Neil et ux. to city of Gorman, tract of land out of north part of section 48, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county.

Assignment oil and gas lease from Porter Development Co. to States Oil Corporation, 148 acres of land in Eastland county, pat. to heirs of John House.

Oil and gas lease—J. M. Jeffreys et al., to Abe Ratblatt et al., E 1-2 of NE 1-4 of B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. survey No. 3, containing 80 acres, Eastland county.

ANAHUAC—Two 300-horsepower boilers to be installed at pumping plant.

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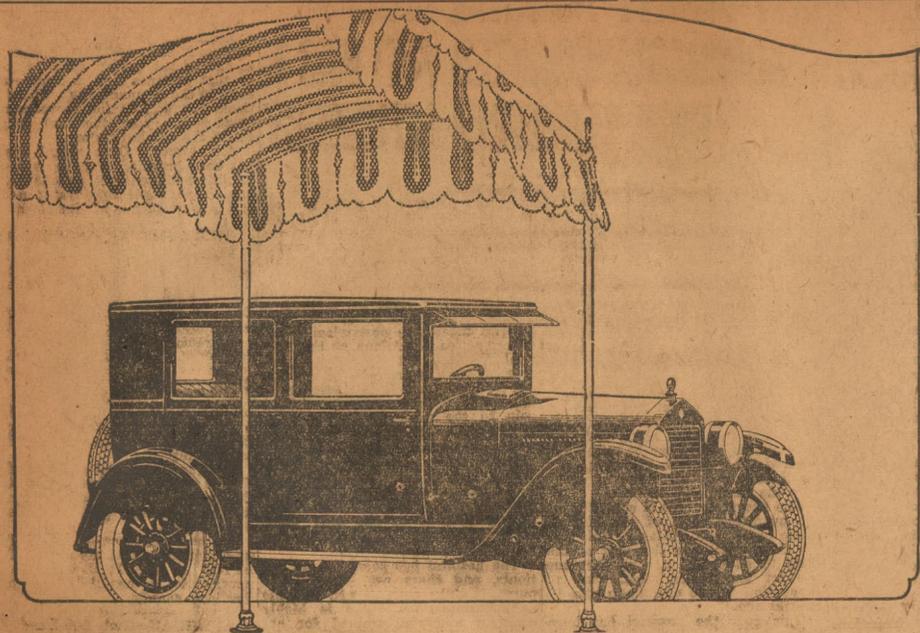
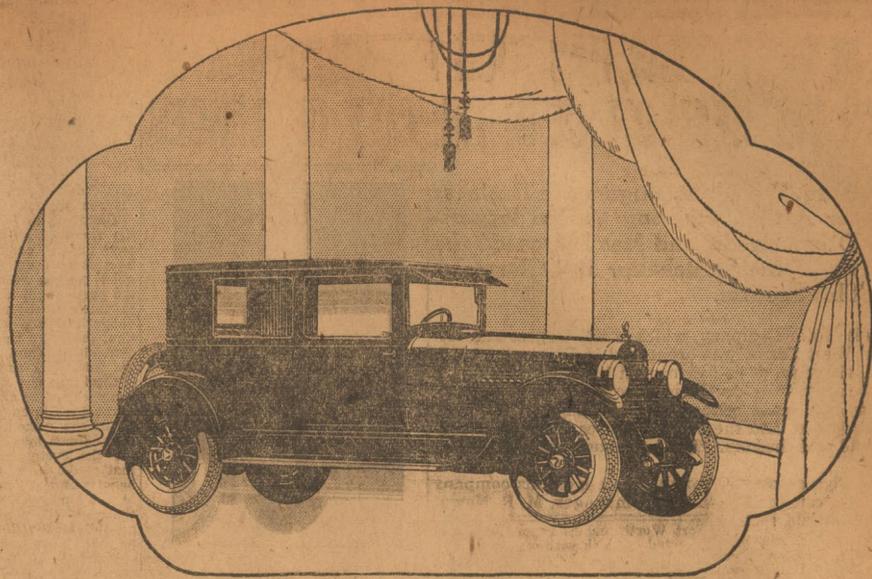
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