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YOUR SUTTON COUNTY; A LIVE, GROWING ONE

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS AT NEW HIGH DURING 1937

Business at the Sonora post-office last year was greater by \$343.34 than in the previous year, T. C. Murray, postmaster, said this week.

The total for the year was \$7,745.12, a marked contrast to the total of 1935 when the business total was \$6,776.05.

The Sonora postoffice is a third-class one. Mr. Murray said that a business of \$8,000 or more is a requirement for the advancement of a postoffice from third-class to second-class standing.

The business done through the Sonora office during the last three years, by quarters, was:

\$1,722.70	\$1,842.80	\$1,881.94
1,628.54	1,683.46	1,719.31
1,607.69	1,867.41	1,856.50
1,817.12	2,008.11	2,297.37

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The December business at the Sonora office was \$941.18, in 1936 it was \$875.42 and in 1935 it was \$778.33.

MORE TELEPHONES IN USE

Sutton county people are using fifty-five more telephones than they did two years ago, records of W. R. Barnes, Sonora manager for San Angelo Telephone Co., reveal.

Mr. Barnes said Thursday that his figures are based on actual number of telephone instruments in use in Sutton county. Sets of all types are included. Growth in three years, he reports, as follows:

As of December 20th—		
1935	1936	1937
355	379	410

MOTOR VEHICLES AT PEAK

For the first time in any calendar year Sutton county people in 1937 secured state authority to operate more than 1,000 motor vehicles.

The 1,000 mark was reached toward the close of the year, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, deputy collector, said. Her records show the following registrations during the last three years; with the 1937 one representing present registrations:

1935	1936	1937
940	771	1,028

Property valuations in Sutton county showed an increase of approximately \$187,000 last year. Assessments for tax purposes the last three years have been:

1935	\$4,336,000.85
1936	\$4,112,000.27
1937	\$4,299,781.00

Mrs. Johnson pointed out that the lower valuations in 1936 were probably due to the government's cattle-killing program. The 1937 figure can be looked upon as an index to the fact that the stockman is staging a "comeback" in Sutton county.

GREATEST SHIPPING YEAR

An average of about 150 cars of freight moved in and out of Sonora in 1937, with about 72 per cent of these outward bound.

In 1936 the average monthly freight movement was about half that of the 1937 one and probably less than 500 of the cars were outward bound carrying products of this section. The 1935 year saw less than 300 cars leaving Sonora although about three times that number came to Sutton county.

The shipping year was without doubt the largest in the seven and one-half years since the railroad came to Sonora.

Roy E. Aldwell of the Sonora Scales Co. said Thursday that computation work is being done to determine the number of head of livestock that were weighed on the Sonora scales in 1937. This information will be available soon.

GAIN OF 20 PER CENT IN 1937 BANK TRANSACTIONS

"I believe there was a twenty per cent increase in the number of items handled in our bank last year over those of 1936," George H. Neill, cashier, First National Bank, said yesterday.

The 847 active accounts of the financial organization is a 15 per cent increase over the number in 1935.

On the Tuesday after Labor Day the bank handled 1,887 items, the day after Christmas the number was 1,667. Mr. Neill said that the number can be realized better if one remembers that each item is handled twenty-one times during the process of transaction of the bank's business.

The number of items handled the day after Labor Day was one of the largest of any day since the bank was opened for business August 15, 1900.

GAIN SHOWN IN MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES

Both the Baptist and Methodist churches have had an increase in membership during the last three years.

The Rev. R. F. Davis of the Methodist Church said Thursday that the church roll on January 1 showed the following members:

1936	1937	1938
287	292	300

The Baptist record, given by the Rev. R. C. Brinkley, is as of October, the end of the association year:

1936	1937	1938
122		151

MORE PUPILS IN SCHOOLS

The enrollment in schools of Sutton county has shown steady growth in the last three years, records in the office of F. T. Jones, superintendent, show. Improvements in the physical plant and equipment of the schools have been numerous in recent years.

Mr. Jones said this week that January 1 figures during the last three years have been:

1936	577
1937	500
1938	650

FEWER BORN, MORE DEATHS

Vital statistics in the office of J. D. Lowrey show little change in 1937 from those of the year before.

Mrs. R. C. Vicars, in charge of the recording for state and county, has supplied the NEWS with the following information of her records for the last three years:

	1935	1936	1937
Births	72	75	62
Deaths	29	25	26
Marriages	31	40	35
Divorces	1	4	6

GASOLINE SALES INCREASE

One Sonora gasoline wholesaler yesterday described the gain in his gallonage in the last three years in this manner:

"Eliminating extraordinary business such as the gasoline furnished road construction trucks our gain has been of this sort: 19 per cent in 1937 over 1936, 15 per cent in 1936 over 1935, 5 per cent in 1935 over 1934."

MORE UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Users of a public utility are considered one of the best indices of a community's development and the figures given by W. R. Parsons, new manager of the West Texas Utilities Co., show that Sonora has done well in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Mr. Parsons gives the following as the number of customers as of January 1 on each of the years:

1936	1937	1938
348	366	417

MORE WATER CONNECTIONS

Three hundred and fifty customers are supplied by the water department of the city of Sonora, O. C. Ogden, manager, said yesterday. There has been an increase of twenty-one customers since the city assumed operation of the system August 1. Nearly every one of the new customers is a new property owner rather than an individual who had been using other water and had decided to buy from the city system.

Count at Sonora's Busy Corner Shows 7,044 in 16 Hours

Light at Intersection Would Solve Traffic Problem, Belief of H. L. Taylor

Traffic at Sonora's busiest corner—the First National Bank one—may be regulated by a traffic light supplied by the state highway department and maintained by the city of Sonora.

A count of traffic at the intersection by Mont Merriman and Sam Adams, employees of H. L. Taylor, section foreman for the state department, Wednesday gave a basis for the study of traffic which will determine whether or not a light is to be installed. Mr. Taylor gave information of his count to the San Angelo division office Thursday morning.

During sixteen hours, from 6:30 in the morning until 10:30 at night, 7,044 automobiles, trucks, bicycles and persons walking were counted. At the Gulf Service Station corner the number counted was 2,694.

Mr. Taylor believes that the traffic survey would have shown at least one-third more activity had the day been a pleasant one rather than one of rain and mist.

The greatest number of automobiles entered the Corner Drug Store intersection from the Junction highway direction. There were 1,280 came from there. Next greatest number—920—were from the courthouse direction. From the West Texas Lumber Co. direction came 752 and 620 from the Sonora Motor Co. direction.

The grand total of vehicles and persons counted in Sonora was 9,378, contrasting favorably with a count of only 4,743 at two similar corners in Eldorado where weather conditions were similar to those in Sonora.

W. C. Gilmore, mayor, said yesterday that the city had been in correspondence regarding the light. The state department's policy permits it to install a light, without cost to the city, at highway corners where needed. Operation cost must be borne by the municipality. The policy is one applied to towns of less than 2,500 population.

Concert By Famous Cowboy Band Event of Monday Night

Abilene School's Players Known in Many Parts of World; Class Sponsoring

Entertainment par excellence might be the somewhat flamboyant descriptive term given the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band which will be heard by Sonorans in a concert program Monday night in the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30.

In its fifteen years of life the band has made musical history by the acclaim it has been given in



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this country and in foreign nations. Within the last ten years, according to G. B. Sandefer, manager, the musicians have traveled almost 300,000 miles.

Unique in that it is an incorporated musical organization altho its personnel is a constantly shifting one, the band was the "model" band at both expositions in Dallas. Playing in Madison Square Garden, at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York and in the London Palladium, it is so familiar to music lovers that it boasts of itself as "the best known university band in the world."

The junior class, of which Miss Johnnie Allison is sponsor, is in charge of the band's appearance here and is to provide them with the evening meal.

County Progress Reviewed at Lions Club Forum Tuesday

Building, Agricultural, Civic Development of Last 12 Months Traced By Business Man and City-County Officers

Civic and governmental progress of Sonora and Sutton county in several of its aspects was word-pictured for Sonora Lions Club members when they and three guests heard Alvis Johnson, W. C. Gilmore, H. C. Atchison and W. E. Caldwell speak.

The guests were Hillary Phillips, Mr. Maddux of San Angelo and John Bowers, formerly of Ozona, now bookkeeper in the Sonora office of West Texas Utilities Co.

"Taking stock" was the terse description of the program given by H. V. Stokes who had arranged it. County Warehouse Soon

Alvis Johnson, county judge, outlined work of the county during 1937, telling in detail of the sound financial condition of the county's treasury and of its plans for making even more secure the obli-

SAM KARNES APPOINTED SUTTON COMMISSIONER

At a special meeting of Alvis Johnson, county judge, and Sutton county commissioners W. H. (Sam) Karnes was appointed a county commissioner.

Mr. Karnes, a son of Mrs. Lula Karnes, succeeds Ben H. Cusenberry who resigned recently. He is a graduate of Texas A. and M. College and is a ranchman.

tions of the county as a governmental unit.

Early last year, Judge Johnson recounted, caliche topping was finished on the Owensville and Menard roads. A neighborhood road was built from the Junction highway through the Joe B. Ross place to the John Sellman pasture. Road maintaining work has been done at various places in the county and a road to the Hill Ranch is contemplated in the near future.

A county warehouse and yard for road machinery and tools is to be built. Work is planned for the streets near the school buildings.

Road Improvement Proposed
Plans for improving a county road from the Sol Kelly Ranch gate to the W. A. Miers Ranch have been delayed by an injunction secured by Sol Kelly through whose ranch the present, unimproved route passes. The injunction was granted in December by Judge Joe Montague and further hearing will be at the March term of court.

Mr. Kelly's petition for the injunction asserts that irreparable damage will be done his home place if such road is built and maintained by the county with its machinery.

Judge Johnson expressed the belief that the difficulty concerning the road may be settled soon.

Cemetery Work Done

Substantial and extensive improvements in the appearance of Sutton County Burial Park, tax-supported, were made in 1937. A caretaker was employed most of the year, a Lions Club entrance gate built, hedge planted, general clean-up work accomplished and plans are being made for a practical and efficient water system within the cemetery so that connection may be made with the larger pipe to serve the cemetery after water system improvements are completed.

Twenty-five new homes built in Sonora in 1937 was pointed to by W. E. Caldwell as evidence of the strides taken by Sutton county people in a building way last year. Two churches, several remodeling and modernization jobs, the new telephone company building and the construction of several ranch homes were named by Mr. Caldwell as he described 1937 as "the greatest building year in the twenty years I have been here."

Better Fire Equipment Now

A booster tank truck for fire-fighting purposes and the purchase of the city's water system, along

with the beginning of improvement and expansion work on the latter, were said by W. C. Gilmore to be highlights of the year for the city administration.

The truck, bought and paid for with General Fund money, answered eight calls outside of town and three in town the first three months it was used. Reduction of the water rate since purchase of the system by the city was mentioned by Mr. Gilmore. Bond transactions with fund monies of the city were described by the mayor as he told how money was saved by such purchases.

The tax rate, the mayor said, had remained the same for several years and he expressed the hope that it could be maintained as it is if not lowered. In regard to badly needed street work in Sonora he said:

"Nothing has been done yet; right now and for the next few weeks street digging for water mains will be under way. I can make no promises but sometime this year the city hopes to be able to do something with the county equipment to give Sonora better streets."

Range Program Described

Control of the Lowrey Draw flood hazard in Sonora is possible and practical by a correct terracing program by ranchmen who own land on the watershed of that draw, H. C. Atchison, county agent, said during his talk.

About twenty miles of terracing and dams was built in the territory served by the draw this year. About 100 miles is needed, Mr. Atchison said, to solve the flood problem set up by the draw.

Cost (\$1200) of administering the range conservation program in Sutton county was only 2.7 per cent of the money earned although the state authorities had said that they would be pleased if the cost was as little as five per cent. The total earned by ranchmen in the county was \$43,930. The allotment was \$75,118. If all the money had been earned that could have been earned by the fifty-eight ranchmen participating \$63,946 would have been spent in the county, bringing administration cost to less than two per cent.

Material from Report Given

Spreader dam and terracing work as well as the deferred grazing practice are expected to be most desired in 1938, Mr. Atchison said. He gave the following resume of his office during the ten and one-half months since he was appointed county agent:

Ranch visits, 288; office calls, 385; telephone calls, 206; news articles published, 499; individual letters written, 180; circular letters sent out, 19; bulletins distributed, 22; radio talks, 1; meetings, 27;

Days devoted to range conservation program, 101 3-4; days devoted to other work, 163 3/4; scope of work other than range conservation program: 4-H Club organization, pasture improvement, wild life and game problems, trench silos, field terracing (2 1/2 miles built in 1937), sheep and goat work, ranch management problems, rodent control.

Canal Zone People Here

Guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reiley were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Westman and their daughter, Mrs. Dewitt Tate, and Mr. Tate. The visitors live in the Panama Canal Zone and are on the return trip to their home. Mrs. Westman is a sister of Mr. Reiley and Dantes Reiley, Sutton county ranchman.

Border Patrol Office Here

Newcomers to Sonora the first week in 1938 include Walter R. Wells and Patrolman Hart, both of the U. S. Border Patrol organization, who will have an office adjoining the courtroom in the courthouse. Mr. Wells was transferred here from San Angelo and Mr. Hart from Del Rio.

"GUN-TOTIN" CITIZENS IN MISSISSIPPI TOWN OF SONORA PRINCIPAL

A visit to Hollandale, Miss., during the holidays proved rather exciting for Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gilley, who visited his parents there.

Three days after Christmas the mayor there gave every man and woman authority to carry guns in order to stamp out thievery. There had been a series of petty robberies since September, Mr. Gilley said. Money and watches had been taken from homes and slot machines from filling stations.

The mayor said that the situation had become so bad that citizens could not leave their homes without some sneak thief entering and helping himself to whatever he pleased.

A full-time policeman and a full-time night watchman have been appointed. Mr. Gilley said that the thieves are thought to be local people because they know exactly what home to enter and when. The mayor told the people to shoot to kill, when they found a sneak thief in or around their homes.

A slot machine was taken from a filling station, while the Sonora were visiting there.

Three Firms' Yearly Meetings Scheduled

Bank and Loan Association Will Be in Session Tuesday

Annual meetings of two Sutton county financial institutions—the First National Bank and the Sonora National Farm Loan Association—are scheduled for next week.

The bank's directors and stockholders will meet Tuesday and the loan association's officials and owners the same day. The meeting of bank owners will be in the directors' room of the bank and the loan group's meeting in the office of L. W. Elliott, secretary-treasurer.

Officers of the two organizations are:

First National Bank:
President, Roy E. Aldwell; chairman of the board of directors and vice-president, E. F. Vander Stucken; vice-president, George S. Allison; cashier, George H. (Jack) Neill; assistant cashier, Mrs. Maymie Brown; directors: Joe M. Vander Stucken, Roy E. Aldwell, S. E. McKnight, George L. Aldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, E. E. Sawyer,

BAPTIST MINISTER TELLS OF TWO SERMON TOPICS

"The Care of Souls" was announced Wednesday by the Rev. R. C. Brinkley as his Sunday morning subject at the Baptist Church. In the evening he will speak on "Two Steps to God."

The Reverend Mr. Brinkley urged members of the church as well as others to attend both services. He expressed the hope that many who had been irregular in their church attendance during the holiday season would be at the Sunday services and regularly thru 1938.

Jr., George S. Allison, S. H. Allison.

The Sonora National Farm Loan Association:

President, J. N. Ross; vice-president, Fred Simmons; secretary-treasurer, L. W. Elliott; directors: J. N. Ross, Fred Simmons, Roy E. Aldwell, R. A. Halbert, S. H. Allison.

Directors and stockholders of the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. will meet at the warehouse Tuesday, February 1.

The Sonora Broncho

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PERSONALS

Reginald Trainer visited school Monday morning before returning to his studies in Kerrville.

Joe Nell Miers, Marion Elliott and Louis Davis were visitors in school Wednesday before our school holidays began.

Mattie Mae Friess spent the holidays in Rochelle.

Serena and Mildred Trainer visited in Big Spring during the weekend.

The teachers have returned from

their holiday trips, Miss Annie Duncan being the first to arrive. She came Friday in order to avoid the crowded bus.

SPANISH CLUB

Wednesday morning, preceding Christmas holidays, the Sonora Pan-American Club met in the Homemaking Cottage. Rena Glen Shurley spoke on the celebration of Christmas in Mexico. The poem "Los Tres Reyes Magos" was read by Julia Brown after which the en-

tire group sang "Noche de Paz, Noche de Amor." After some effort in playing a game, the "Pimata" was broken and all feasted on candy from it.

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ON COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

It is Monday, January 3, 1938—a new day, a new month and a new year. It is the day after the Christmas Holidays!

On looking around the school room, I see sleepy-eyed boys and girls. Practically all of them stayed up late as possible last night, for it was the last night of the holidays, and hereafter, there probably will be no late staying up. Instead, probably, it will be—"early to bed, early to rise."

The teachers aren't expecting much of we students—they know. They have been through the same things these past two weeks. (Well, anyway, we imagine they have.)

But the shooting of fireworks and fun is over. We must buckle down and get busy and forget all about holidays until summer. A new year confronts us and so do our mid-term examinations.

SHERMAN FIRM OBSERVES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Sherman, Jan. 5.—New Year's Day was more than a legal holiday in this city; it was the beginning of a year's celebration marking the silver anniversary of Sherman's first "citizeness," Mrs. Tucker, whose smiling face has appeared on shortening made here for a quarter of a century.

The Interstate Cotton Oil Company shipped the first Mrs. Tucker's Shortening from its plant in Sherman in 1913. Commemorating this birthday, the Interstate Company is paying its employees with silver money; a Mrs. Tucker's Silver anniversary Spoon with her head embossed on the handle has been created; scores of wholesale grocers, thousands of retail grocers and countless housewives all over the country are joining Mrs. Tucker in celebrating 1938 as "The Year with the Silver Lining."

November Store Sales Up

Austin, Jan. 5.—Reports to the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas from 110 representative department stores in Texas indicate an increase in sales of 11.5 per cent over November last year and a decline from October of 8.9 per cent. The decline from October to November is normally about 5 per cent. Sales for the year to date exceed those of the corresponding period last year by 9 per cent.

Twenty-five public clocks proclaim 25 different times in the English town of Guildford, and a movement is on foot to have the clocks synchronized. It is this modern passion for uniformity that is destroying the charm of the English countryside.—Toronto Star.

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The exact amount in accrued taxes paid out by the Santa Fe from 1927 to 1936, inclusive, was \$150,453,714. Of this sum, \$30,720,799 went to the federal government. Of the balance, \$119,686,876 was paid to the state, county, and city governments of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and California. To other states and countries went \$46,039.

Of the \$119,686,876 paid by the Santa Fe to the state, county and city governments, over \$50,000,000 went to support public schools which provide educational facilities for more than 7 million elementary and high school students in the states served by the Santa Fe.

The payment of so vast a sum in taxes by the Santa Fe is just another phase of the benefits accruing to the nation at large from an institution whose aim is to serve all to the best of its ability.

A. T. Ledsoe President

Santa Fe System Lines

TEXAS HELIUM PLANT IN BIG BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

Amarillo, Jan. 5.—Uncle Sam, merchant, is opening up a new store in Washington, selling helium gas to the world for non-military aviation and scientific and medical uses, but his "factory" is here on the Panhandle plains—and it's by far the largest of the only three commercial-scale helium producing plants in the world.

By authority of the Sheppard-Hill bill signed by President Roosevelt September 1, the Bureau of Mines is empowered to produce and sell helium to citizens and corporations of the United States and even to export it, with the reservation that any export quantities deemed of "military importance" must be specially licensed by the President.

Germany Buys Much

Already the State Department has approved the application for 17,900,000 cubic feet of helium for the German Zeppelin Company, paying the way for resumption of dirigible flights between Germany and the United States next spring.

Originally planned to start January 1, inauguration of sales and exports of helium now awaits only completion of final steps in the purchase of two privately-owned manufacturing plants at Louisville, also authorized by the congressional act and expected shortly, when government control of all helium will be absolute. The government has gas rights to 50,000 acres in the Panhandle, and also owns reserve fields in Utah.

Development in 20 Years

The story of development of this rare and precious, non-inflammable gas goes back to the winter of 1916-17, when England appealed to America for helium. Her urgings were referred to a man who, seven years before, had shouldered responsibility for accepting another English proposal which revolutionized automobile transportation in America. Arthur Hudson Marks, now vice-chairman of the board of the B. F. Goodrich Company, in 1908 had said "yes" to a British proposition which gave America the cord tire that had been pioneered in England.

Then in 1916-17, as a civilian volunteer in the service of the Bureau of Construction and Repair of the Navy Department, Marks, with government experts, studied thru a 12-year accumulation of government files and within 48 hours had given the go-ahead for intensive development of America's helium resources in Texas, obtaining an initial sum of \$750,000 from the War and Navy departments.

From this grew experimental helium extraction plants at Petrolia and Fort Worth, in 1918, which produced 200,000 cubic feet—not enough to help either the United States or England in the war, but enough to establish the possibilities of production.

The first permanent plant was established near Fort Worth by April, 1921, and produced 46,000,000 cubic feet before January, 1929, when operations were removed to Amarillo, where the "Cliffside structure" had been proved to contain gas about twice as rich in helium.

In the Amarillo plant, now ca-

pable of turning out 24,000,000 cubic feet a year, production costs have been rapidly reduced. In contrast to the \$2500-per foot cost of helium when it was first produced—in 1895—the plant here has a record, for the month of January, 1932, of \$4.93 per thousand feet on big-scale production, and of \$7.10 per thousand for the whole fiscal year ending July 1, 1932.

Not As Good in Lifting

Natural gas was first found to be a possible source of helium in 1905, at a shallow well near Dexter, Kas. The Texas fields, however, proved to be much richer, and it was found that the natural gas can be used, unimpaird, for fuel purposes after the non-inflammable helium has been removed.

Against the single disadvantage of having about eight per cent less lifting power than hydrogen, helium has not only the transcendent advantage of absolute non-combustibility, but also, in the final analysis, is more economical than hydrogen despite higher initial cost. Bureau of Mines officials point out.

Besides the boon to world-wide development of lighter-than-air aviation inherent in helium's new availability, it is likely that many uses will be found for it in chemical science and medicine. Recent research has proved it a "life-saver" in extreme cases of asthma, reports Dr. A. L. Barach of Columbia Medical Center, New York. Other experiments indicate increasing uses of helium in food preparation, refrigeration and other chemical process industries.

The shortest unit of time, says a local man, is the difference between the moment the traffic light changes and the driver behind you honks.—Niagara Falls Review.

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Galleon of 16th Century Found Near Puerto Rico

San Juan, Puerto Rico.—A Sixteenth-century galleon, once buried beneath the sandy shore of Mona island, off Puerto Rico, is now being excavated and restored for preservation as an historical monument. The wreck was discovered through the use of a thermometer, a device for detecting metal, by an exploring party consisting of Arturo Munoz MacCormick, Jr., administrative officer of the United States forest service; Roberto Munoz MacCormick, professor in the college of agriculture and mechanic arts at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and George Peabody, Jr.

The wreck is thought to be that of a Spanish galleon, the Santa Margarita. It is built of cedar, fastened with wooden pegs and hand-hammered bolts, and the type of construction indicates 1550 as the approximate date. Mona island is in the middle of Mona passage, on the direct route of the treasure galleons which once passed from Panama to Spain.

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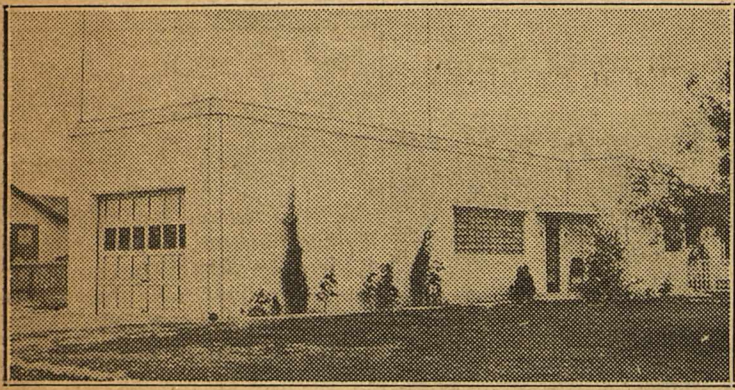
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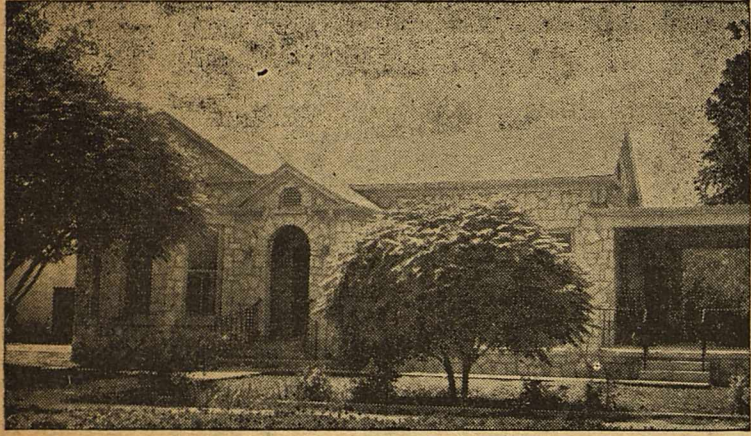
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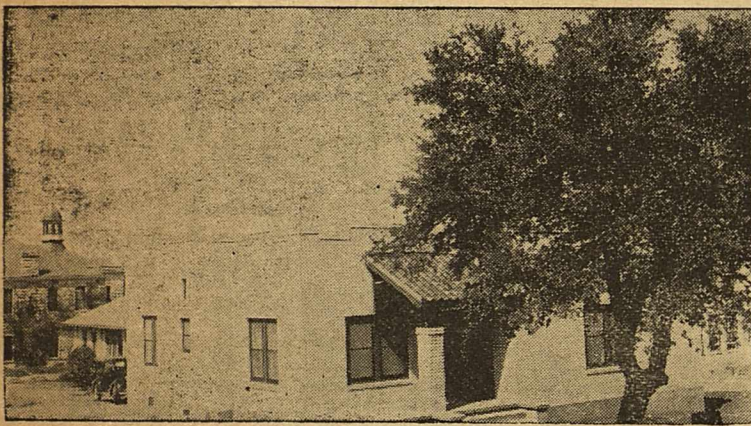
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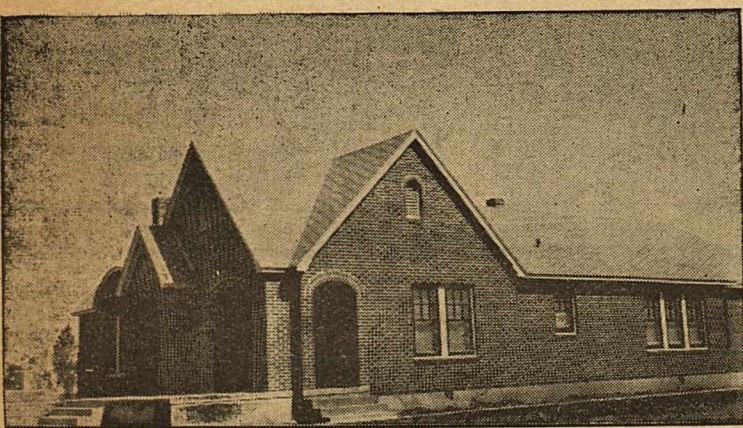
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Five rooms—Modernistic, Fireproof — Home



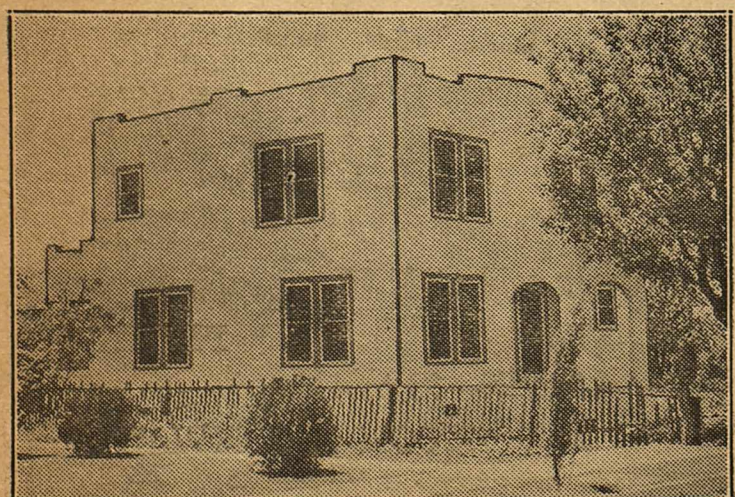
Mrs. W. L. Aldwell Home
Rock veneer—8 rooms—remodeling—Home



School Superintendent's Home
Light face brick veneer—on School Campus



E. E. Steen Sonora Residence
Seven rooms—\$10,000, Dark red brick--Home



Mrs. A. G. Blanton Property
Stucco, Frame Duplex—Home, Rental

Residential and business building in Sutton county in 1937 totaled in dollars and cents a figure probably never before equaled in the fifty years since it was created out of Crockett county.

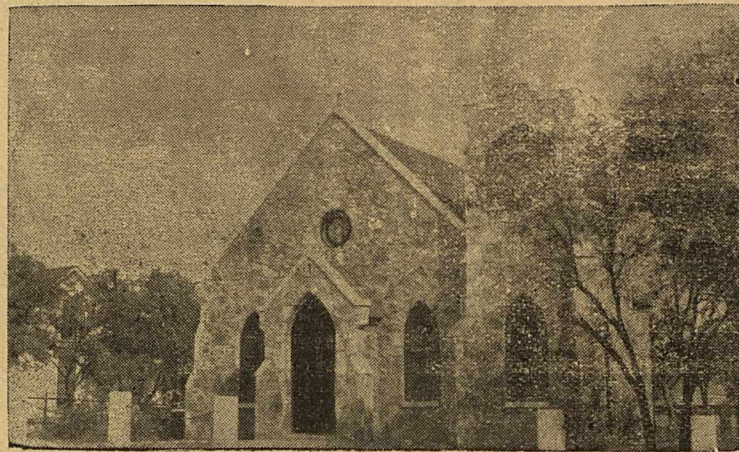
Homes are the bulwark of a nation and it is very true that a community may be judged fairly and, usually in an accurate way, by its homes and churches. Both town and ranch property was built by Sutton people last year. The pictures show a part of the work that

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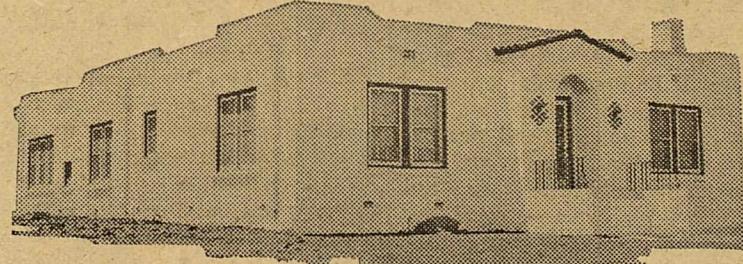
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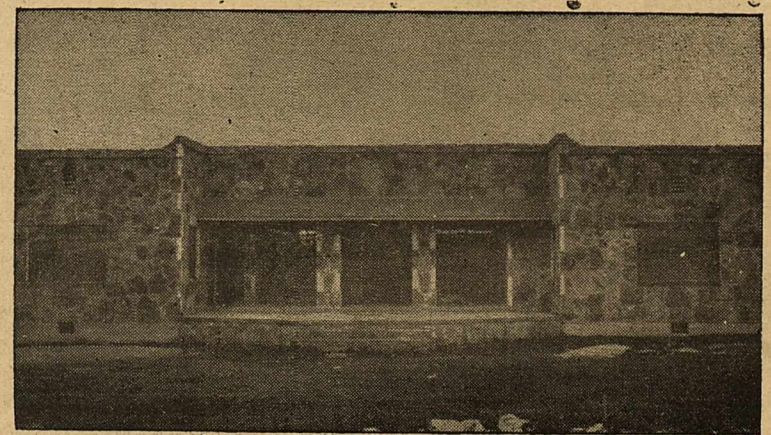
They Read The Devil's



St. John's Episcopal Church
Rock veneering,—Modernizing, Enlarging



John Fields Tile-Stucco Home
On Junction Highway—\$6,000—Seven Rooms



Joe N. Ross Ranch Residence
Native rock—8 rooms—\$10,000 — Basement

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SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

NINA ROUCHE, Society Editor

Annual Party of Pastime Club Friday Evening

Hostesses for the annual party of the Pastime Club Friday evening at the clubhouse were:

Mesdames Earl Lomax, J. W. Trainer, C. E. Stites, Rita Ross, W. E. James, Auther Simmons, F. T. Jones, Hi Eastland.

Immediately after the guests arrived, a "get-acquainted" game was played with tallies of a clock design. Invitations sent out also were of a watch design, written in verse style, saying that the "watch party" was to begin at 8 o'clock.

Refreshments of devil's food cake, cut in shape of a domino, sandwiches, potato chips and coffee were served. Plate favors were given.

Mrs. Stites and Hix Hall won high score. Attending were:

Messrs. and Mesdames O. G. Babcock, Robert Rees, G. H. Davis, H. F. Taylor of Station A, W. E. James, C. E. Stites, Hix Hall, H. L. Taylor, A. W. Awalt, Marvin Willman, Joe Berger, Richard Vehle, Auther Simmons;

Mesdames Rose Thorp, Belle Steen, Maysie Brown, W. D. Wallace, Rita Ross, J. W. Trainer, Josie McDonald; J. D. Lowrey.

Mrs. Neill Club Hostess Monday

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken won high score Monday afternoon when Mrs. George H. Neill was hostess to the Contract Club. Others present were: Mrs. John L. Nisbet, Mrs. Sam R. Hull, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell.

Scratch Pads, doz. 50c—NEWS.

SLOT MACHINE FOE



Mrs. Dan Kite, of Alton, Ill., who is reported to have smashed 13 slot machines in ten taverns with an axe and her strong right arm. Because of the Illinois attorney general's ruling that there are no property rights in gambling devices, no charges were placed against her.

Jack Manns Hosts at Bridge Party Tuesday Night

Outstanding among the parties this week was the one Tuesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mann were hosts at twelve tables of bridge at the clubhouse.

A color plan of orange and white was expressed extensively and various pot plants added attractively to the clubhouse.

After several games of bridge a delicious chicken salad plate was served.

Their guests included:

Messrs. and Mesdames George E. Bean, Frank Bond, John Hamby, J. Franklin Howell, Bryan Hunt, J. C. Morrow, George H. Neill, Joel Shelton, H. V. Stokes, W. P. McConnell, Jr., J. A. Word, Jr., Duke Wilson, W. H. Dameron, Rip Ward, Lloyd Earwood, John Fields, William M. Allison, Louie Stuart of Eldorado, E. D. Shurley, W. J. Fields, Jr.;

Mesdames Stella Keene, Henry Decker, R. C. Vicars, Jax M. Cowden, Jr.; Miss Ada Steen; George Wynn, I. B. Boughton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson won high score award and Mr. and Mrs. Allison won second high. Slam prize was presented to Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr. Cut prizes were awarded Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Cowden.

Junction People Married Here

A marriage ceremony Wednesday by the Rev. R. C. Brinkley united Mrs. Lillian Bradford and Britt H. Allsup. They were married at the minister's residence. Both are from Junction.

Reiley-Wilson Marriage at Three Thursday Afternoon

A marriage ceremony performed by the Rev. R. F. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church, at his home at three o'clock Thursday afternoon united Miss Beavely Reiley and Elmer C. Wilson.

Miss Reiley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reiley, Sutton county ranch people who live in Sonora, was graduated from Incarnate Word College in 1933 and since that time has been a student there several times while studying art. She is a member of the membership committee of Sonora Art Club.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of the Owensville community, Mr. Wilson attended Sonora high school. He and Mrs. Wilson will live in a home being built on a ranch thirty-one miles east of Sonora.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Baker, Miss Audrey Rankhorn and Miss Florine Reiley, the bride's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left Thursday afternoon on a wedding trip to San Antonio, Austin and Galveston.

Bridge Club Entertained By Mrs. Stella Keene

Members of the Mariposa Club were entertained Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Stella Keene was hostess.

Mrs. Keene's guests were: Mesdames Frank Bond, Jack Mann, E. D. Shurley, George E. Bean, Rip Ward, Bryan Hunt, William M. Allison; Miss Ada Steen.

At the tea hour a salad plate was served.

Miss Steen won high score and Mrs. Hunt second high.

FIVE FACTORS OF CHARM NAMED BY NOTED STYLIST

El Paso, Jan. 5.—Five qualities for charm are good appearance, sincerity, graciousness, personality and ease in conversation, Mrs. Doucette Blackham, eminent style authority, told members of a charm class at the College of Mines and Metallurgy here, a branch of the University of Texas.

"Boys don't like girls who giggle," Mrs. Blackham said. "The quiet and reserved girl is much more popular."

Spring Days' Hint in World of Dress

Soft Shades and More Grays Trend Noticeable in January

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The trend is toward softer shades and more grays. For instance, whereas the beige of 1937 had a yellow cast, the beige of 1938 is filled with gray. Muted shades of blues, rose and copper will hold the stage soon, too, for whose flattery most women should be grateful.

The combination of several soft pastels in thin materials with a dark color has already gained favor and will continue in the public eye on through the spring. An effective costume along these lines is of black crepe with mauve, pink and green chiffon drapery.

Beautiful gray green called "Storm at Sea" and cadet blue, one of the favorites of girls at Texas State College for Women, are destined to hold the spotlight as the new year gains headway. Dusty pinks and blues will be worn with gray.

Purple, a rather neglected color for the past few years, is going to receive the dues of its royalty soon. All shades of it will be worn, with lavender and off shades being featured particularly in sheer woollens.

From England come hints of new floral shades that are to be developed speedily. Colors, though softer, will be much more prevalent, and those who have enjoyed this black season may well be preparing to bid it adieu.

Aspects of Social Ease P.T.A. Subject Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Babcock and Mrs. Jones Tell of Important Problem at Monthly Meeting

Unusually interesting was the program on the subject, "When the Family Entertains," Tuesday afternoon at the high school auditorium, when the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association met.

Mrs. J. T. Sellman read a message from the national president, Mrs. J. K. Pettingill.

Mrs. J. Franklin Howell, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, president. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Pauline Davis, as Mrs. W. H. Dameron, secretary, was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs played a piano selection, "Romance," by Sibelius.

Etiquette Teaching Urged

Mrs. O. G. Babcock, program leader, discussed "How Social Ease is Developed Through Family Relationships." Mrs. Babcock said that only through correct family relationships can social ease be developed, and that etiquette should be taught as soon as the child is old enough to understand. She declared that the parent should not wait until he is in the "teen-age." Children, Mrs. Babcock said, should be allowed to give parties, dinners, luncheons, and to use the best silver and china. They learn by doing.

In conclusion she stated that preparation for social ease is largely a matter of sufficient practice under wise supervision.

Money Earned Last Month

Mrs. F. T. Jones talked to the group on "Everyday Practice of Courtesy in the Family." She said members of the family should respect each other, and try to be understanding of each other because each one is different. Mrs. Jones mentioned how easy it is to say "Please" and "Thank you," and to be cheerful. She also said that one should be considerate of another's likes and dislikes, and should respect one's desire for privacy. She emphasized the need of remembering to use table etiquette, and to be appreciative.

Miss Davis read Christmas cards from Mrs. S. T. Gilmore, who is in Austin, and Mrs. C. T. Womack, San Angelo, a district officer, to the organization.

Mrs. O. L. Richardson, a member of the finance committee reported that \$47.25 was earned from the fruit cake, baked by the finance committee.

Mrs. Rosana Hildreth's class won the attendance prize. About thirty-five attended the meeting.

Founders Day will be observed at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 1.

Returns to Sinton



Work as a teacher in the Sinton schools was resumed this week by Mrs. Joseph H. Trainer, formerly Miss Lita Ray, whose marriage was announced during the holiday season. Mrs. Trainer will retain her position in Sinton until the end of the present semester, about February 1.

Mrs. Caldwell Party Hostess Monday Afternoon

Members of the Blue Monday Club were entertained Monday afternoon when Mrs. W. E. Caldwell was hostess.

Mrs. R. K. Muckleroy won high score.

Members attending were: Mrs. W. E. James, Mrs. C. E. Stites, Mrs. Auther Simmons, Mrs. H. V. Morris, Mrs. W. J. Trainer, Mrs. Lee Labenske, Mrs. Robert Rees.

At the tea hour refreshments of congealed salad, potato chips, cookies and hot tea were served.

Mrs. Ogden Much Better

Resting nicely is Mrs. O. C. Ogden who has been ill several weeks. Mrs. Ogden has been ill of pneumonia.

Two Entertain With Bridge Party Wednesday Evening

Miss Margaret Hull and Miss Ruth Freeman were hostesses Wednesday night when they entertained the Gay Dozen Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reiley.

Attending the party were: Misses Audrey Rankhorn, Florine Reiley, Beavely Reiley, Dorothy Penick, Ches Thorp, Nina Roueche; Mrs. Jesse G. Barton.

The hostesses served a refreshment plate of chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, olives, cocoa and cookies. Plate favors were given. Tallies were of a New Year's design.

Miss Rankhorn won high score and Miss Roueche low.

Alabama Visitors Here New Year's

Mrs. W. W. Hudson and daughter, Allae Mae, of Russellville, Alabama, spent New Year's Day with her nephew, Dr. J. Franklin Howell, and family. Mrs. Hudson and Allae Mae had been visiting in Phoenix, Arizona.

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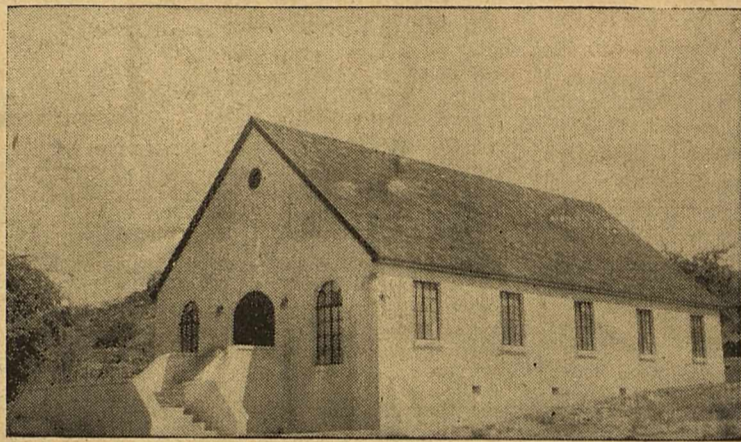
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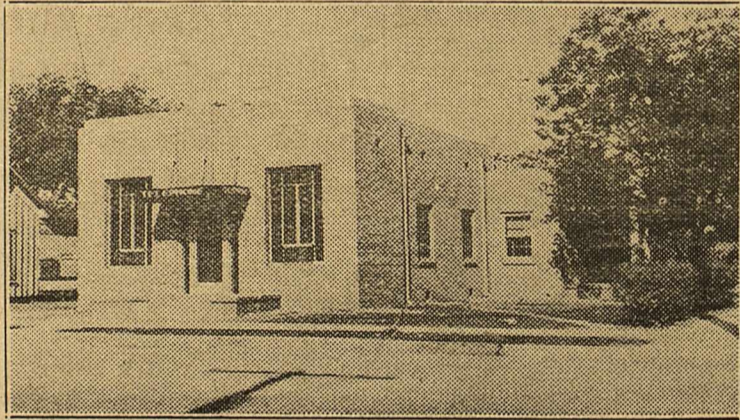
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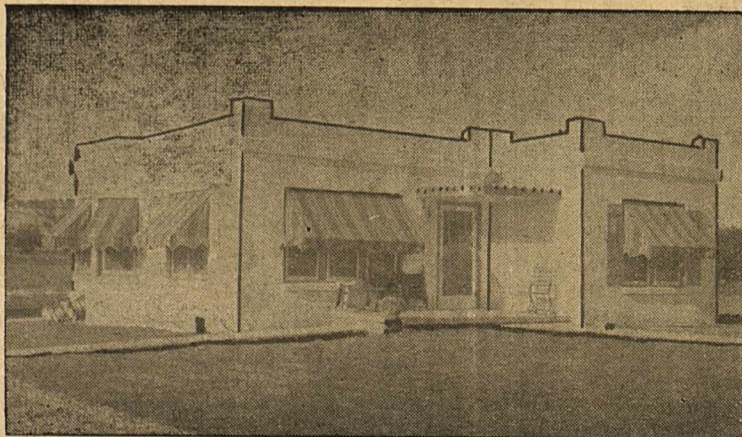
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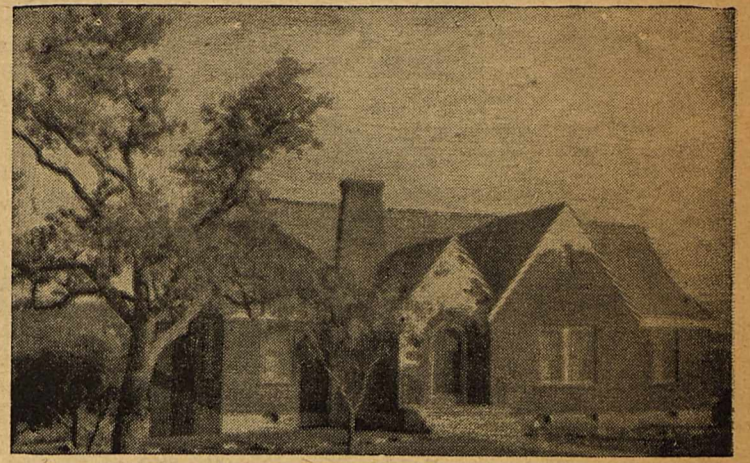
Church of Christ Property
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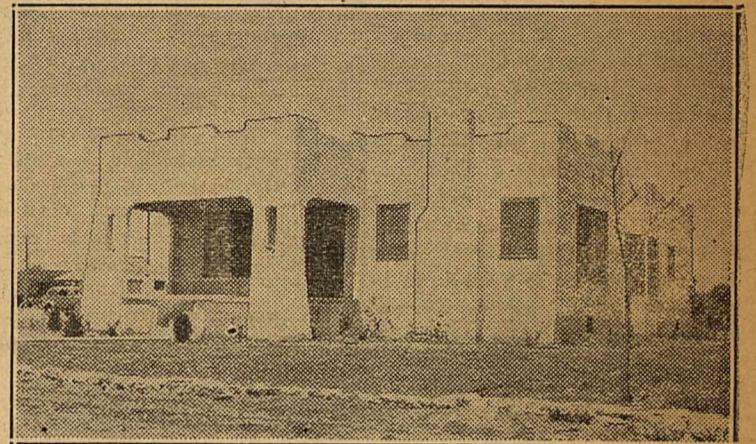
San Angelo Telephone Co. Building
Office-residence—Brick, Building Tile



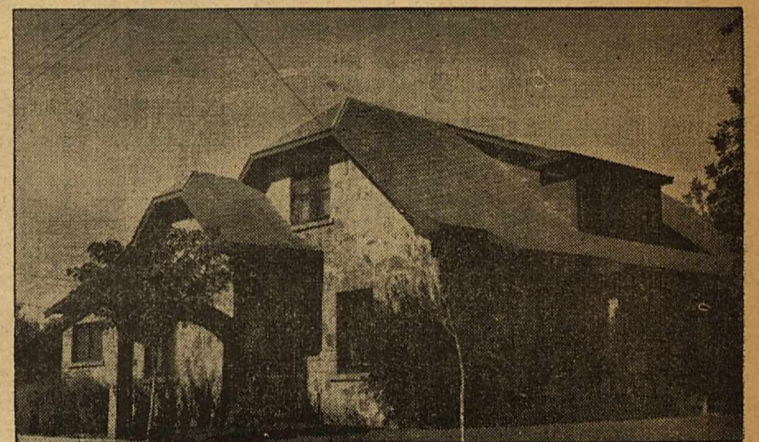
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Five rooms—Site: San Antonio Highway



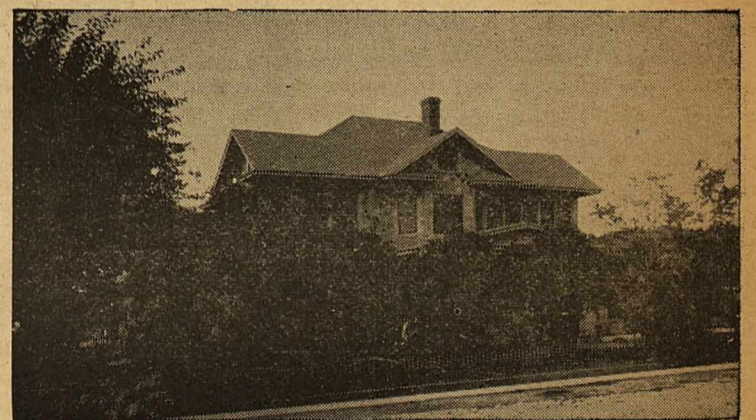
Dr. J. Franklin Howell House
Modified English—Dark red brick—Home



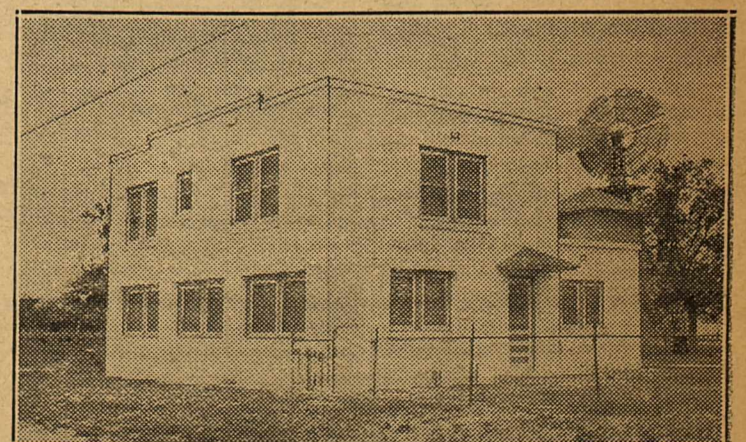
Neil Roueche Residence
Stucco, Frame—Seven Rooms—Home



Roy E. Aldwell Residence
Rock veneering— remodeling—Home



Theo Savell Sonora Home
Rock veneering—2-story— Garage Enlarged



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Two-story—5 rooms, 2 baths—Home

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Forward, March!

To write at great length editorially of the development of Sutton county in this issue of the NEWS might well be considered as "gilding the lily."
 Far more expressive than words in this column is the descriptive material contained in 312 column inches on other pages telling of the growth of Sonora and the county as "a live, growing one." In word and picture there is presented the best proof available of the steps forward that Sutton county people have been taking in the last three years.
 As "coming events cast their shadows before," Sonora is to be congratulated that at present there does not seem to be a let-down in this development march. Several new houses are being talked, several are under way, there's bountiful moisture in the ground..... Sutton county's going forward as the new year is still in low gear.
 As the year 1938 becomes history it is safe to hazard the guess that the low gear speed of Sutton county people in early January will be accelerated and when December rolls around a glance in retrospect will reveal a year of growth and development which compares favorably with the last.

Rhythm Band at Elliott School
 Programs given by the first, second and third grades at the L. W. Elliott School will be of a more musical type after next week, according to H. F. Gilley, principal. Mr. Gilley said Wednesday that a rhythm band has been arranged for pupils of the primary grades.

Barrows On Week-End Trip
 An 1100-mile motor trip was taken by Mr. and Mrs. George Barrow and son, George A., Jr., who left Friday, went through Carlsbad Caverns Saturday and returned here Sunday night.

35 Years Ago

Miss Lula Holland, daughter of W. A. Holland the well known stockman returned to her school at Hackberry Tuesday after spending Christmas at home.

Sam R. Cox, Jr., the good looking stockman was in from the ranch Wednesday for supplies.

Bob Cauthorn one of the solid young stockmen was in Sonora Monday for supplies. Bob says his sheep are doing fine.

T. R. Walker, one of the prosperous divide ranchmen was on the streets Monday.

Misses Clara and Willie Dobbin entertained a large number of their friends at their residence Friday night.

Prof. Jas. Cusenbary who is teaching school at Juno was in town this week.

J. M. Thomason the sheepman came in from his sheep on Dry Devil's River Friday and reports everything all right.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Gillespie were in Sonora Wednesday from their ranch down the draw, shopping.

John McNichol sold the lower John Allison ranch to T. Rode of Llano county for \$900.

Alf Sykes of Copperas bought the J. B. Stribling cattle, about 95 head at \$25 for cows and calves and \$15 for dry cattle

John Heflin returned from Llano Monday where he drove 350 head of hogs for Felix Mann of Menardville.

REVIEWING 1937 SUTTON COUNTY PARADE

JANUARY

Conference of state and regional AAA officials at Ranch Experiment Station regarding 1937 program... F. J. Wood home begun... Eden adults win basketball game from Sonora....
 U. S. Grant of Dallas, Ore., visiting... Lee Corders killed in Burnet... Joe B. Ross town home begun... Ben Meckel buyer of Schleicher 660-acre ranch from G. H. Farrington... Richard Vehles back from Florida... Announcement of marriage of Jesse Green Barton...
 Lee Morris and Mrs. Thelma Briscoe only new county officials... Texas Company pumping station west of town again in operation... Annual meetings of Sutton financial organizations... Tea honors Miss Lovejoy, new Home Economics instructor...
 Severe injuries to Jimmie Rex Cusenbary in fall from car... John Eaton retires as Boy Scout leader after eleven years... Girls' basketball game lost to Barnhart... Two charged in wool theft from Harold Evans' Fort Terrett Ranch... Moore and Neill lease section from Mrs. O. M. Wall... Miss Thelma Rees hostess to Sonora Music Club... "Eskimo Supper" for teen-age girls...

FEBRUARY

City commission decides on election proposing \$90,000 in revenue bonds for water system purchase and building... Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. reports better than million-dollar 1936 volume...
 Church service honoring Sonora Boy Scouts... Masonic members hear Carl Runge, Mason... Nephew of J. A. Cauthorn elected Texas legislator... Jimmy Langford wins money in essay contest... Mrs. Finis Hamby's car stolen by youth who "wanted car to ride in"... Range conservation program explained... Valentine party by Miss Marie Watkins for music pupils...
 Caretaker employed for first

time to care for Sutton County Burial Park... Howell residence plans announced... Check alteration filed against Menard man...

MARCH

Bond election set for March 27... E. J. Hardgrave buyer of 4,807-acre ranch from Jim Chadwick... Miss Josie Barrows graduated as nurse in San Angelo hospital... Mrs. S. T. Gilmore and F. T. Jones "on the air" from KGKL... Aviator kills Sutton eagles... Ica Adams, former resident, aids in swindler's capture... First Permian Basin League game here set for April 17... Eldorado man given 2-year sentence on charge of assault on Sutton sheriff... Jack Turney injured... Mrs. Bryan Hunt hostess to Guild... Lions Club honors TSGRA leaders... Instruction for range inspectors...

APRIL

"Motor Company Dance" announced for April 19... Engineers evaluating water system... Scripture reading in Chinese heard by high school students... Jack Shurley to attend National Jamboree of Boy Scouts in Washington... J. T. Penick begins residence on Junction highway...
 Sonora wins 4-county track meet... Highway crash west of town kills Station A worker, injures two... Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary elected P.T.A. president for 1937-38... Motor vehicle registrations in Sutton show gain over '36... "Pots and Pans Revue" announced for NEWS Cooking School... Construction work on Church of Christ and Mrs. A. G. Blanton's duplex begun... Intimation of Sonora telephone building in 1937...
 "Twister" hits part of Sutton county... Gymnasium possibility described... Thomas Brothers buy service station... H. V. Stokes appointed steamship agent... Wool Show for 4-H Club boys proposed.

MAY

Sonora girls win at Fort Worth Homemakers' Rally... Wampus Espy lands 37-pound catfish...

Eldorado children's train ride to Sonora their "big moment" in year... Pictures of national O. E. S. headquarters... 800 scholastics in county... 4-H Club for Sutton boys...

Joe Nell Miers, valedictorian, Dickie Vehle, salutatorian... W. J. Fields, Jr., Lions Club leader for new year... Sonora Boy Scouts win Camporee... Mail to come at 11:30 rather than after noon... Ranchmen's Round-up program announced... New ball park begun.

JUNE

Jack Shurley and Wesley Sawyer to go to Washington and Holland Jamborees... Price of \$37,935 for water system agreed upon... May rainfall new low since 1923... W. D. (Ikey) Kring buyer of service station... First Sutton range terracing pictured... Jack Neills win state bridge trophy...

New pumping station plans described... Telephone company building and improved system announced in NEWS... Joe B. Ross' goats from Oregon to arrive in July... NEWS' prize headline "boner" of year: "Sutton Goats Dipped at 200 a Minute in New, \$50 Vat"... John Garner passes through Sonora... Mrs. W. T. Hardy's sister to teach in Ozona...
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Red Lights Seem Dimmer When Traffic Is Noisy

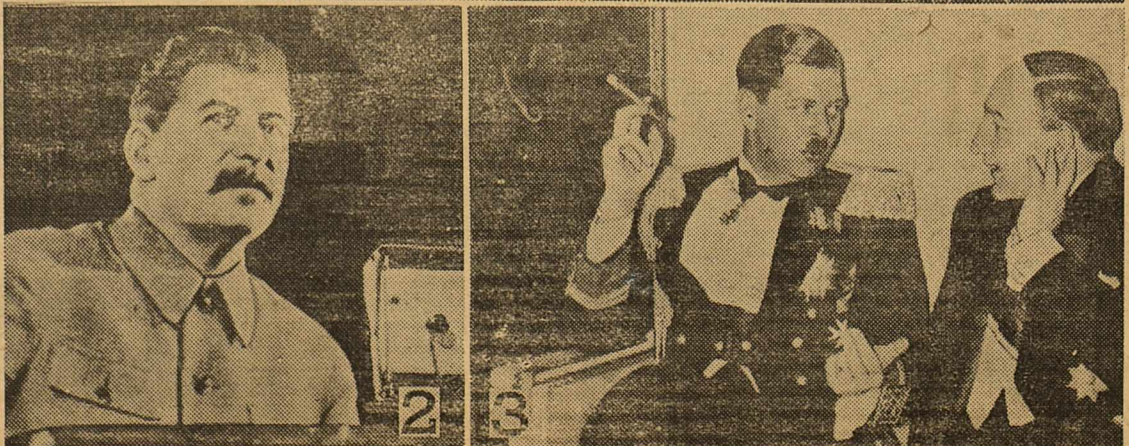
Moscow, U. S. S. R.—Why do red lights seem less bright when traffic is noisy than they do when it is quiet?
 The answer to this question has been found by Prof. S. V. Kravkov, head of the Central Institute of Ophthalmology, Moscow.
 He has proved conclusively that sound affects the eye's sensitivity to colors, the effects varying in character for different colors. He has shown that on receiving auditory stimulation a normal eye becomes more sensitive to green and blue and less sensitive to red.

A Sea of Backs Bows at Moslem Festival



Farther than the eye can see stretches this vast expanse of backs at Calcutta, India, during the Moslem feast of Id-el-Fitr. Massed multitudes of the faithful join in this public declaration of their faith, in an impressive part of an age-old religious ceremony.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Duke of Aosta, cousin of the Italian king, is cheered by Fascist legions as he departs for new post of viceroy of Ethiopia. 2—Josef V. Stalin, dictator of Soviet Russia, shown as he addressed the voters of Moscow on the eve of the adoption of the new constitution. 3—King Carol of Rumania, left, pictured with Yvon Delbos, French foreign minister, when the latter visited Bucharest recently.

Margaret Sandherr Recovering
 This week Margaret Sandherr was able to be taken from the hospital to a home in San Angelo. Margaret, who has been ill of pneumonia, will probably be brought home this week-end by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sandherr.

Miss Gardner in New Position
 Miss Mary Louise Gardner began work this week in the office of O. G. Babcock in the municipal building. Miss Gardner was employed in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association office while it was located here.

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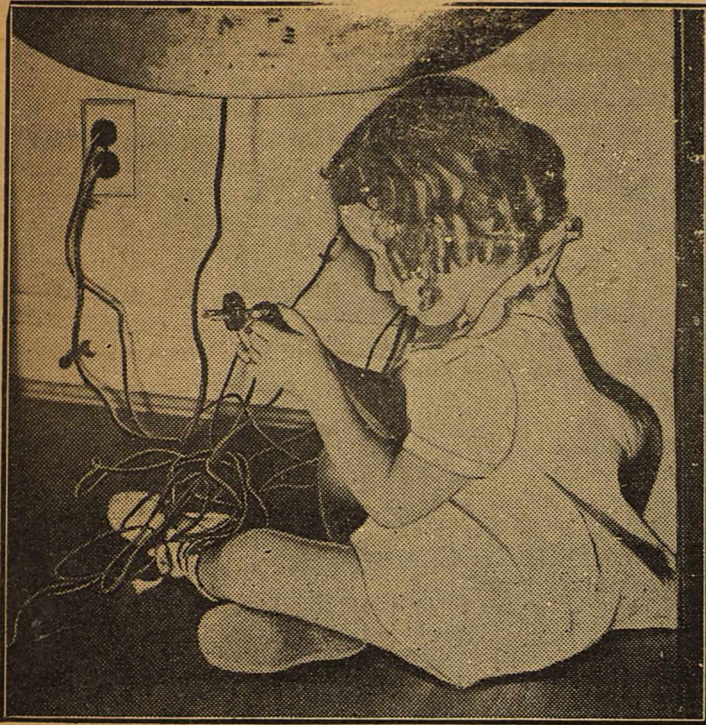
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BULL FROM LOGAN RANCH SOLD SUTTON RANCHMAN

Delivery was made by Joe F. Logan Tuesday of a bull calf to John Word, Sutton ranchman, who paid \$150 for the animal.

The calf, raised by Logan and McKnight on the Sutton county ranch, is the first offspring from the Hazlett animals bought by the men in 1935 from Eldorado, Kansas, owners.

The animal was exceptionally well developed and attracted a great deal of attention when the pick-up truck carrying it stopped in town for a few minutes.

GREETINGS—SUTTON COUNTY MASONS

To the Royal Arch and Chapter Masons of the community:

Please allow me to express to each of you my very best wishes for a good year for the Crafts, with my assurance that any cooperation on my part to make this one of the best years will be gladly given.

We trust that the work may be made so attractive that many good men and true, master masons will desire to be united with us in our Grand and Glorious work of rebuilding our Mystic Temple and making the correct deposit therein for the benefit of our own as well as future generations.

Fraternally,
J. A. WHITTEN, Grand Visitor
District No. 35, Royal Arch and Council Masons. —adv.
Eldorado, Texas.

Receipts Gain in November

Austin, Jan. 5.—Postal receipts in 36 Texas cities totaled \$1,292,414 during November, a decrease of 6 per cent from the month before but an increase of 12.3 per cent over the corresponding month last year, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Cities in which receipts exceeded those of both the preceding month and November last year are Beaumont, Corsicana and Snyder.

Sunday Service at St. John's at Eleven

West Texas Diocese Meeting in San Antonio This Month

A New Year's message will be given Sunday by the Rev. Frederic M. Brasier, rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, when he comes here for the first 1938 service in the Sonora building.

The service will be at eleven o'clock and the Reverend Mr. Brasier is urging that church members as well as those with no religious affiliation attend.

The Church Council of the West Texas diocese, directed by Bishop S. T. Capers, will be in session at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio from January 23 to 25, inclusive.

The Reverend Mr. Brasier expressed the hope this week that several from the Sonora church will attend the meeting in San Antonio. This wish, he reminded, is not only his but also that of Bishop Capers who is known to many people of this section.

MISS BRISTER PRESENTS PROGRAM AT ASSEMBLY

A musical program was enjoyed Wednesday morning at the elementary school assembly when Miss Althea Brister, fourth grade instructor, was in charge.

The program given was: Piano number, "Knave Rupert," by Sammie Jeanne Allison; song, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," by Charlene Perry; piano number, "In a Chinese Garden," by Geraldine Morrow.

Seven pupils of Peter A. Chase, band instructor, played several numbers. They were: Peggy Gilmore, Wade Shipley, Glen Richardson, Willie Nell Hale, Jamie Trainor, Wilford Berger, George S. Schwiening.

Failures Decrease in November

Austin, Jan. 5.—Fourteen commercial failures occurred in Texas during November, a decline of 17.6 per cent from October, but an increase of 40 per cent over November last year, according to the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas. Liabilities of the bankrupt firms totaled \$202,000, up 4.1 per cent from the preceding month and 104 per cent from the like month last year. Assets of these firms totaled \$93,000, a decrease of 11.4 per cent from October, but an increase of 97.9 per cent over November last year. Average liability per failure was \$14,000, an increase of 27.3 per cent over the month before and of 40 per cent over November, 1936.

Free light and power with a 32-volt Wincharger. See the new model at Sonora Electric Co.—adv.

Personals

Miss Mary Louise Gardner visited in San Antonio several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland of Texon visited friends and relatives here during the week-end.

Miss Wilma Jean Barnes of Midland was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sykes.

Miss Gertrude Babcock of Dallas spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Miss Faye Jean Eddleman of Austin was a guest during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Mrs. Totsie Barton and daughter, Mrs. Floyd Dungan, of Odessa, and Mrs. Jesse G. Barton were in San Angelo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Spaulding and son, Edgar Vaughan, of Lamesa, were guests several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Rode.

Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Another of those "what to write" days . . . The first in a long time . . . But the old brain is as blank as the sheet of yellow paper in the typewriter . . . Pawing through notes produces no results . . . The waste-basket is well filled with offerings of press agents . . . Telephone calls to friends bring no help . . . What to write . . . How bald Central park looks now that autumn has stripped the trees of their foliage? . . . What park doesn't look bare under such circumstances? . . . Youngsters down on the lower East Side sewed in for the winter? . . . That's been done again and again . . . Besides they are not sewed in as they used to be . . . Hygiene is taught in the schools . . . Frozen-faced doormen on Park avenue? . . . Who cares anyway? . . . Despite their gaudy uniforms, they are only servants . . . and not overly paid at that . . . Rotting old tenements? . . . But there are playgrounds now where some of the worst stood . . . and here is one paragraph finished.

What to write . . . About the Battery and the marine panorama? . . . It's chilly down at the Battery now . . . and few of the benches are occupied . . . Besides I've written about the Battery too much already . . . "A broken heart for every light on Broadway"? . . . That theme and its variations has been worn threadbare . . . What to write . . . The Bowery with its derelicts in town for the winter? . . . I've written that before . . . and the Bowery isn't what it used to be in many ways . . . Sin instead of exhibiting itself is now hidden away in dark little dens . . . and the flashy wickedness of the past has changed to sordidness and misery . . . Fifth avenue? . . . Fifth avenue too has changed . . . Marble mansions have given way to huge apartment houses . . . and society has fled to side streets . . . When society is in town at all . . . and another paragraph is ended.

What to write . . . A city of 7,000,000 souls? . . . A city that sets the pulses to tingling . . . A city of sharp contrasts . . . The richest city in the world . . . and the poorest . . . Gold doorknobs in some homes . . . and children shivering in dark rooms . . . Billions stowed away in dark vaults in the financial district . . . and old men pawing in garbage cans for a bit of food . . . Cocktail lounges crowded . . . and babies suffering for milk . . . Yet what to write . . . More telephone calls . . . and no results . . . Another mail . . . Nothing of any use . . . One consoling thought: No bills . . . Not the right time of month for them . . . Why should the recollection come that in just eight days, I'll be a year older? . . . But it adds 15 words to the list . . . Words, words . . . and still nothing to write . . . Though three paragraphs are out of the way.

What to write . . . About orchestra leaders, singers, radio, stage and movie stars? . . . They seem to creep in every day . . . and I'm in a humor to skip them just now . . . Quaint scenes and localities? . . . None in the notes . . . and too late today to go on a prowl . . . Though there are some I'll be seeing soon. Provided something doesn't stop me . . . For instance, that little settlement away downtown . . . Where the customs are the same as they were in Bible times . . . Where even the candies date back to Old Testament days . . . More pawing through notes . . . Nothing missed . . . Just stories that somehow don't seem to click today . . . But I think I can call this a paragraph.

What to write . . . Only 26 letters in the alphabet . . . Twenty-six letters that can be turned into words . . . Words that might give a picture of at least a part of this mighty metropolis . . . That may give someone away out somewhere a glimpse of New York . . . An idea at last . . . But tightly closed eyes cause no such pictures to appear in the brain . . . Only the thought that the city is a great beast . . . A great beast ready to spring . . . Yet a friendly city . . . With a helping hand for those in need . . . Except with material to fill a yawning space . . . Perhaps you too are yawning by now . . . Provided that you have carried on this far . . . But here is consolation . . . This is THE END.
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Perforated Popcorn Bags

Halt Theater "Bombing"
Elko, Nev.—Patrons of Elko's two theaters saw their shows in quiet after a week's siege in which the younger patrons added to the sound of various films by spirited popcorn bag "popping."

The management, with co-operation of a nearby confectionery, solved the problem by punching 20 holes in the bottom of each bag.

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Two good services last Sunday were reported this week by the Rev. R. F. Davis of the Methodist Church as being that organization's introduction to the new twelve-month. Sermon subjects for Sunday are: Morning, "Jesus and Temptation"; evening, "Jesus and the Tempted."

Both are by way of continuing the series on the life of Christ which was begun Sunday and will be continued until Easter as a special study for those who worship at the church.

Graded literature and departmental worship is conducted in the Sunday School services which begin at 9:45. The morning sermon is at 10:50 and the evening one at seven o'clock.

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Boston Bank Tells of Wool Situation

Lowering of Prices to Consumer Seen As Trade Aid

Raw wool has shown signs of resistance to lower levels. There still remains, however, a surplus of wool goods in distributive channels and mills are operating cautiously at about 40 per cent of capacity. Although domestic consumption of apparel wool for the first ten months was slightly larger than in the corresponding period of last year, the October figure was sharply below September and 50 per cent under the peak of last March. Curtailment continued to spread during November, particularly in men's lines, but a few small mills have reported a stepping-up of activity in December.

In spite of this restriction of output, moderate stocks of cloth have accumulated in mill hands. While no definite figure for inventories of wool goods in the hands of distributors is available, representative retailers report relatively heavy stocks and a lag in trade.

The natural tendency under these conditions to buy on a hand-to-mouth basis has been accentuated through the fall months by the sharp decline in raw wool prices and mill sales of spring goods have been unsatisfactory. To combat the situation, some mills have lowered their quotations on fabrics to a level approximately in line with the cheaper raw wool. In one notable instance, in fact, a large retail chain of men's wear stores has already taken steps toward passing its lower material costs along to its customers through a downward adjustment of clothing prices.

This return to last winter's price level is considered significant in that it is the first major move toward the stimulation of trade through giving the ultimate consumer the benefit of the new level of raw material values. While the move may have a temporary unsettling effect on the goods market, the long range implications are regarded as favorable by the trade.

Sentiment throughout the industry has been improved by the increased bidding in the Southern Hemisphere primary markets above their recent low point partly where prices have risen moderately in response to covering by Bradford. While in the local market there has not yet been sufficient trading in all grades to establish a definite level of prices, many classifications of fine territory wool have shown real signs of resistance to lower levels thereby affording a new basis upon which business may be built for the coming fall season.—Bulletin, First National Bank of Boston.

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Personals

Mrs. Rose Thorp and daughter, Ches, spent Monday in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penick and daughter Dorothy, spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Miss Ches Thorp returned Saturday from a visit in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vehle and children, Richard and Betty Grace, spent New Year's Day in Menard with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vehle.

John Frank Bogard, who attends John Tarleton College at Stephenville, spent the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. A. B. Shoemaker and Mrs. Reuben Brinkley.

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Boy Scout Week To Be February 6-12

National Plans Made For 28th Anniversary Event

Almost a million and 100,000 Boy Scouts of America and Scout-interested men will be joined by seven million former Scouts in celebrating the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in a nation-wide event February 6 to 12.

Boy Scout Week will commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the Scouting Movement in America, during which time more than 7,500,000 boys and men have engaged in Scouting's character influencing, citizenship training program of camping, service and organized activity.

Three high points will mark the week's activities. Scouts will begin the celebration with the observance of Scout Sunday, February 6, in accordance with the 12th point of their Law "A Scout is Reverent," by attending in Scout Uniform, the various churches of their respective faiths.

As is traditional in Scouting on February 8, every Boy Scout and leader in America will re-dedicate himself to Scouting ideals by renewing his Scout Oath in a ceremony which will occur on a nationwide basis at 8:00 p. m.

Troop anniversary meetings, reunions, courts of honor and ceremonies at schools, churches and civic group meetings will fill the week which will climax in a country-wide "Living Expo" through which Scouts plan to demonstrate methods of accident prevention, recommended procedure for both motorists and pedestrians as well as safety precautions for the home. They will also give living exhibits of Scoutcraft allied to safety training which they receive as a part of their year-round Scout work, all of which may assist in reducing the accident death toll.

European nations are now proposing to bring peace to Spain on the installment plan. Everybody is to non-intervene a little each week until the matter is settled.—Brubaker in the New Yorker.

Second Sheets? Yes!...at the NEWS.—adv.

Chukor Propagation in Texas Offers Hope of New Sport for Hunters of Other Years

College Station, Jan. 5.—A wee native of India, the Chukor partridge, will provide sport for Texas hunters in years to come if breeding work now being conducted by the poultry husbandry department at Texas A. and M. College are successful.

Prof. D. H. Reid, department head, has obtained five of the little red-legged Chukors, three females and two males. When their family has increased sufficiently, he plans to release the birds in protected areas in hilly sections of the state in order that they may propagate there and establish themselves in Texas game circles.

The Chukors were introduced into the United States in 1928 by F. E. Booth, sportsman of San Francisco, Cal., and since have been distributed widely throughout the country. They are adaptable to many sections of the country but prefer dry, hilly land.

The Chukor has plumage of a greyish-brown or dust color, but it is distinguished by conspicuous black bars over yellowish-white on the flanks, red beak and legs, red skin around the eyes and a small "bib" that arches around and over the eyes. It is about twice the size of the Bob White or Valley Quail. Between breeding seasons it is difficult to distinguish the male from the female.

Chukors usually are found in coveys except during the breeding season.

In its native land the Chukor ranges from the Karakoram mountains in Kashmir to the Himalayas and along the Himalayas south-easterly as far as Nepal. It also has been found in Palestine and as

far north as Mongolia. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, mentioned the Chukor more than 300 years B. C.

The experiment with the Chukors is a part of extensive game conservation work being done by the A. and M. poultry husbandry department in cooperation with the Texas Co-operative Wild Life Service. For two seasons now the department has loosed about 50 game pheasants a year in different sections of the state. During the coming year Prof. Reid and his associates plan to release specimens bred by crossing Virginia and Mexican quail.

Misunderstanding Explained

An amazingly simple and touching story, that of last Thursday, explaining the misunderstanding that arose when an elderly citizen stepped on a policeman's corn and resulted in charges (unfounded, of course) of mistreatment of a citizen by police. The only incident that compares with it in our memory, is the one of the two telephone linemen, of whom a woman complained that they had used bad language while working a pole outside her window.

The company called the linemen in to explain.

"I was working on the pole," said Mike, "and Pat was above me soldering a cable. He dropped a bit of hot metal down my neck, and all I said was, 'My goodness, Pat, I do wish you would be more careful!'"—Kansas City Star.

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