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Poteet Resident, Cousin of Sonorans, Dies in San Angelo

Injuries in Automobile Wreck Near Here Sunday Morning, Prove Fatal

R. A. Anderson, 41, a resident of Poteet, died in a San Angelo hospital early Monday morning of spinal and collar bone fractures and other injuries sustained when his car overturned Sunday morning four miles east of here on the San Antonio highway.

Funeral services were conducted from a funeral parlor in San Antonio. He was buried in Poteet beside his wife who was killed in a car wreck about a year ago.

Mr. Anderson was born at Pleasanton, Atascosa county and had spent most of his life at Poteet. He was a nephew of Mrs. J. L. Cook and a cousin of Mrs. Troy White and Mrs. Carroll Stephen of Sonora.

Mr. Anderson was on his way to El Paso. In the car with him were three men and two women, two of whom were enroute to California and one to El Paso, according to officers who investigated the mishap.

It is said the car was being driven by a young lady, who at the turn of the curve lost control of the car which overturned. Mr. Anderson, it is said was asleep on the front seat, and knew nothing of the wreck until he regained consciousness in the doctor's office in Sonora.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Anderson of Poteet; two brothers, Raymond Anderson of Poteet and Barney Anderson of Randolph Field, San Antonio; two sisters: Mrs. Ethel Lyons of Pleasanton and Mrs. Maggie Brewer of Houston.

Lynn Oren Turner Buried Yesterday

Resident of Sutton County Three Years; Well Known Here

Lynn Oren Turner, 22, died of convulsions at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, following an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the Methodist Church with the Rev. R. F. Davis, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the Sutton County Burial Park.

Mr. Turner was born in San Saba August 5, 1916, and moved with his parents to Junction when he was two year of age, where he grew to manhood.

For the last three years Mr. Turner has been a resident of Sutton county. Prior to his death he had been in the employ of R. V. Sewell, mother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Turner of Sonora, and two sisters: Mrs. Izora Sanders of San Angelo, and Mrs. Rosten Pfister of Sonora.

Pallbearers were: Lloyd Earwood, Alton Hightower, Bert Swails, Johnny Morgan, Big Turney and Ralph Jones of Ozona.

Sonora Lady Honored By Order of the Eastern Star

At the last stated meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 575, Mrs. Estelle McDonald McConnell received appointment as Grand Representative of Oregon to the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The appointment was given by Mrs. Mildred Harris, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, O. E. S., and is for a period of three years.

While holding the office of Grand Representative Mrs. McConnell plans to attend the Grand Chapter of Oregon, and general Grand Chapter, which meets every three years.

Mrs. McConnell, daughter of Mrs. Jossie McDonald, is a member of the Sonora chapter, No. 575, Order of the Eastern Star and is well qualified for the position to which she has been appointed. She has served in all offices of the local chapter and holds a certificate of efficiency in secret work.

In 1923 she served as Deputy Grand Matron of Section 2, District 5, under Mrs. Norton B. Welborn of Somerville, Texas. Mrs. Welborn was the first to give re-

Another Treat For Sonora Music Lovers

Second of Series of Concerts To Be Given Monday

Alta Turk, soprano and former Texan, will appear here with the young pianist, Roy Cooper, Monday evening, March 13, in a concert sponsored by the Sonora Music Club.

Miss Turk has been in Southern California only a matter of three years, yet is firmly established as a soloist, teacher and patron and composer. She has founded the Alta Turk Singing Center where young people may study voice with a view to solo and ensemble singing. Her Choral Ensemble of thirty-five mixed voices is in great demand and is heard every Sunday evening over radio station KEHE as an integral part of Concert Miniatures, which is under the direction of Robert Hollingshead, well known throughout the Southwest. This program has been on the air for over a year



ALTA TURK

and a half and has a large listening audience.

Roy Cooper, who exhibited an unusual talent for the piano when he was very young, has been studying since he was six. He is a studious lad and approaches the piano with sincere feeling for the music he brings forth. His touch is light, yet firm and he has developed a singing tone that has won praise from critics. His first major appearance was before a critical audience in San Diego, California, last year and brought nothing but the highest praise from his listeners.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear a fine program in your own home town.

You are invited to a reception in the homemaking cottage immediately after the program, to meet the guests.

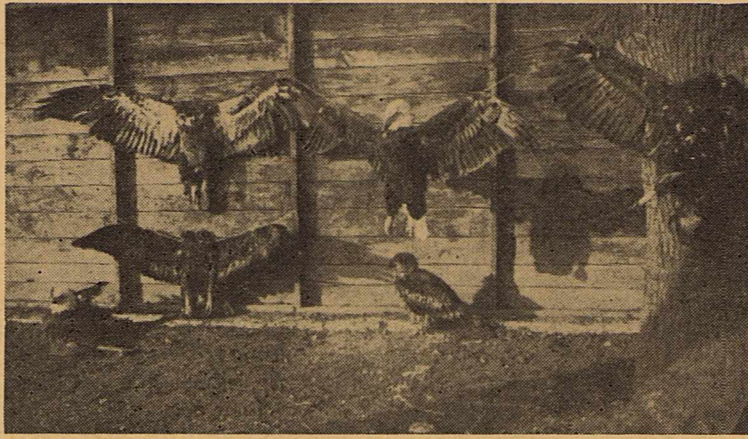
V. J. Glasscock to Temple

V. J. Glasscock went to Temple Monday for an operation. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. S. Glasscock.

Henry Wyatt Ill

Henry Wyatt is ill this week with influenza.

"Eat More Lamb," Their Slogan



Twenty-seven Bald and Mexican Eagles "Bite the Dust"

For years Sutton county's great flocks of sheep were menaced by the sneaking coyote. His depredations caused losses of thousands of dollars to ranchmen.

In those days herders were employed to watch over the grazing flocks, and protect them from wild animals—especially the wolf. A great number of lobo ranged this country, but the little coyote drew most of the fire—there were more of them.

With the advent of the woven wire fence the menace of the wolf was eliminated. Today ranches all over the sheep country are fenced in such manner as to prevent an entrance of Mr. Wolf, and Ranchmen run sheep in large pastures without the watchful care of a faithful herder.

With the egress of the wolf steps in—or rather, flies in—another menace, the eagle. This massive bird can swoop down upon a defenceless lamb, sink his grasping talons into the tender flesh of the baby lamb, and is on his way like a flash. Wire fences, no matter how closely woven offer no protection against these air raiders.

But there is a way to stop this nefarious business. Witness the picture published herewith.

"Eat More Lamb" is an appropriate slogan for the sheepman, but it is proving itself the death warrant to Sutton county's quota of these unprincipled sheep thieves of the air.

Twenty-seven of these dare-devils "bite the dust" in about a week's time when pursued by the modern flying machine.

In the picture are several varieties of these thieves that have eaten their last lamb. Hanging in the center is a bald eagle. To the left, on the ground, is another. The other birds are of different species. All have the same characteristics to kill.

The eagle has a wonderful power of vision and is considered the noblest and most courageous of the feathered kingdom. It flies to greater heights than other birds and by

the ancients was thought to be the messenger of Jove.

In ancient times the eagle was used on the standards of the Romans, and appears in the national ensigns of the United States, Russia and other nations.

The bald eagle with wings spread is the national emblem of the United States and was adopted as such in 1785. It is a handsome bird with an air of nobility, especially so when in full flight. If left undisturbed these bald eagles will return to the same nest year after year.

These birds attain considerable size, some measuring more than six feet from tip to tip of the expanded wings, and three feet from beak to tail.

With all his noble virtues and high standing—the pesky critter still is, and always will be to Sutton county sheep owners, a low-down sheep thief.

Thirty Men Now On Paving Job

Ten Blocks Soon Ready For Base Work

Hollis Gill, WPA supervisor, Sonora paving project, has orders to start base work when preliminary work on ten blocks has been completed. An 8-inch base is to be put down.

To date 3000 feet of curb and gutter have been laid. A round corner curb finish is to be put in at street intersection corners. When this work is completed the section finished will be ready for the base.

After fifteen to eighteen blocks have reached the base stage the city will be ready to let a contract to furnish heat, hauling and apply asphalt.

WPA labor will be used to spread stone. It is estimated that two carloads of asphalt will be required to cover the fifteen to eighteen blocks, with two courses of asphalt, and a seal coat.

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Mrs. J. F. Howell To Head P. T. A.

Frontier Jubilee Date Set for April 21

At the regular meeting of the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday afternoon in the elementary school building, election of officers was held, plans were formulated for a Frontier Jubilee on April 21, a food sale in the Gilmore Hardware Co., store announced for April 1, and a committee named to investigate the possibilities for a Girl Scout organization in Sonora. Serving on the Girl Scout committee are F. T. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Mrs. O. G. Babcock and Mrs. J. C. Morrow.

The Frontier Jubilee is for the purpose of raising the remaining \$142.50 due on a motion picture machine for the school, \$142.50 already having been donated anonymously.

Mrs. J. Franklin Howell was named president for a second term and the following officers will serve with her: P. C. Lightfoot, first vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Davis, second vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, third vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Dameron, secretary; Mrs. M. O. Bitt, treasurer; Miss Viva Milstead, parliamentarian; Mrs. F. T. Jones, historian; and Cecil Allen, auditor.

The state president's message, read by Miss Nan Johnson, stated that between the layman and the legislature there must be a co-operative understanding in order to obtain the best results in our laws.

Mrs. John L. Nisbet in her talk, "Helping Our Children to Gain the Most Good Out of Contacts with Others," stated that a child needs to learn to evaluate people and be allowed to choose his own friends, thus he will be more likely to make contacts with varied personalities. A child must have the following characteristics in order to make friends: consideration for others, honesty, co-operativeness, and plenty of spunk. She also stated that a parent must have confidence in the child.

Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry read a paper prepared by Mrs. Henry Wyatt on the subject, "How to Deal with Undesirable Playmates," the chief thought being that the parent make the home so attractive that a child will bring his playmates home and thus be under the supervision of the parent.

The study club unit meets this Friday in the home of Mrs. Frank Bond at 2:30 p. m.

City Lets Bids For Pump House

At the regular meeting of the city commissioners Monday night bids for a new pump house were canvassed and a contract awarded.

Wiley McDaniel will erect the city's newest building.

There were four bids submitted. They were, James Caldwell, Lawrence Nichols, G. W. Archer and Wiley McDaniel.

The house, an 8x10, to house the pump of the new well recently finished by Bill Parent, is to be of rock backed by concrete with a composition shingle roof.

The contract calls for labor of construction only and will be built for \$100. The city is to furnish all materials.

The new well has approximately the capacity of the first one drilled after the city took over the privately-owned water system. It gauged 440 gallons a minute on the initial test.

All the six wells purchased by the city have been abandoned, casing pulled and the holes plugged. The two wells are of such volume they will solve the city's water problem without the aid of the other six.

Boy to Stanleys

A boy, Richard Leroy, was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stanley. He weighed eight pounds and three ounces.

Girl to Yharra

A baby girl, Estera, was born Tuesday to Martin and Mrs. Yharra.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey returned Sunday from a visit in San Angelo. Mrs. Lowrey visited her mother in Katemey.

Boning of Meat Demonstrated by Two 4-H Club Boys

State Agent, 4-H Club Work, Addresses Lions Club; Program of Pictures

The Tuesday Lions luncheon was in honor of Sutton County's 4-H Boys Club. The program was in charge of H. C. Atchison, county agent.

A demonstration of how to take the bone from a quarter of lamb or shoulder was given by Myron Morris and Roert Kelley, members of the club. Myron gave an exhaustive explanation of the process, while Robert was busy with knife and fingers in removing the bone from a lamb's quarter.

After the demonstration was completed, Robert rolled the meat into a neat form, securing it with skewers, and the result was a nicely rounded roast from which slices of meat could easily be cut without interference of bone.

All members of the 4-H Boys Club, with the exception of two, were in attendance Tuesday. Those present were:

Robert Kelley, Myron Morris, Leon Morris, Eugene Shurley, Eugene Alley, S. H. Stokes, Glen and O. L. Richardson and Dock Simmons.

L. L. Johnson, state agent for 4-H club work, with headquarters at College Station, spoke to the subject of the club work and what had been accomplished since its organization.

He told of the first club and how the work had grown to be one of the greatest in the country.

The 4-H Boys Club strictly is a Texas product having been organized in this state thirty-one years ago at Terrell, Kaufman county.

Mr. Johnson stated that the enormity of the move could be better grasped by the uninitiated if he would ponder these figures. There are more than seven and a quarter million boys and girls in the United States who are members of the 4-H Club. And there are over six million 4-H boys and girls in Texas.

Following the 4-H Club program a DeVry Challenge picture machine was demonstrated. Pictures projected were of wildlife and prehistoric animals. The machine was operated by Jerry Westmoreland of La Vista Theater, who was a guest of the club.

The machine was brought to Sonora to be demonstrated to the Parent-Teacher Association and a show was presented at the high school Tuesday afternoon. The machine was later purchased through G. H. Hall, proprietor, La Vista Theater, by the ladies' organization for use in the schools.

H. V. (Buzzy) Stokes, former district governor, presented a pin to Miss Doris Meckel, high average student with a grade of 93 1/4, who is to be Lioness for six weeks. George D. Wallace, with an average of 88, who was not present, is the Lion for this six weeks.

Mr. Stokes also presented the emblem of the Lions Club to John L. Nisbet, a new member. In the presentation of a Lions button to Mr. Nisbet, Mr. Stokes took occasion to call attention to the rapid growth of Lionism, and many of its worthy projects.

Vice-president W. H. Dameron, in the absence of President Joel Shelton, was in charge of the meeting. He called attention to the district meet in Sweetwater tomorrow night, and requested that all past presidents of the club be present.

The Sonora body has been functioning since 1928, and has ten past presidents. R. S. Covey of Sweetwater is the only past president who does not reside in Sonora. W. E. Caldwell, the club's first president, held two terms of office.

The matter of a reduction in retail prices of gasoline, to accord with neighboring towns, was placed before the club. Lack of time prevented discussion and the matter was referred to the transportation committee for consideration.

W. J. Fields in Angelo

W. J. Fields was taken to a San Angelo hospital Wednesday night with pneumonia.

Mrs. Sellman Ill

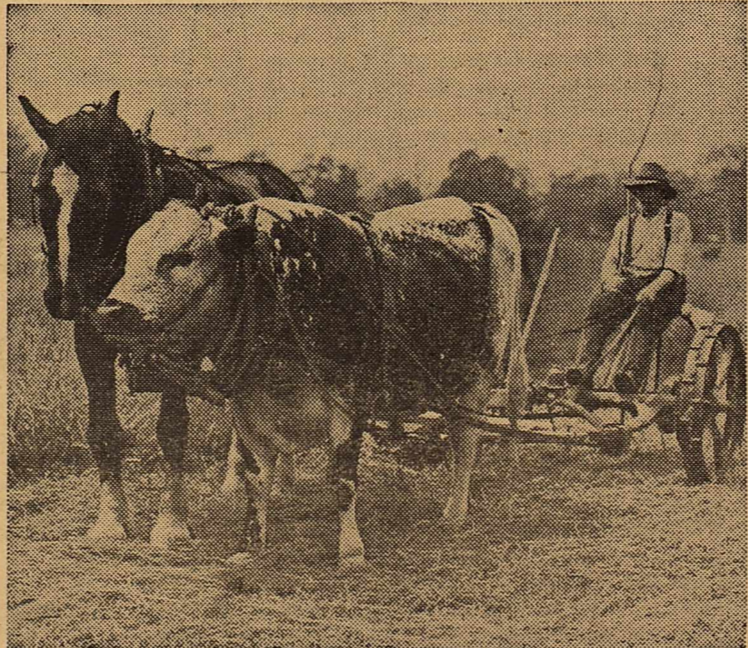
Mrs. J. T. Sellman has been ill for several days.

"Seeing's Believing!"

WORDS & PICTURES

Around the World

By William LaVarre



"Unequally Yoked Together.."

ALTHOUGH clearly unscriptural—in being "unequally yoked together"—this odd team, of a New York state farmer, proves that some harmonious matches are not made in Heaven—but on earth! The teammate of a 26-year-old mare died, but the farm work had to go on. A two-year-old bull was hitched up in the emergency. The horse and bull pulled so well together, and became such good friends that the farmer hasn't had to buy another horse.

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The Sonora Broncho

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Honor Roll

First Six Weeks, Second Semester
 First Grade: Allen Alfrey, J. R. Caldwell, Oscar Drennan, Ernest Stephen, Patsy Moore, Barbara Jo Potter,
 Second Grade: Alice Adkins, Mary Jim Caldwell, Maxine Chalk, George Hamilton, Joyce Johnson, Eunice Mund, Jane Niell,
 Third Grade: Frances Jane Drennan, Clay Atchison, George D. Chalk, Billy D. Brennan, Clarence Alfrey, Tommy Bond, Helen Martin, Frank Leslie Moore, Kathryn Ross, David Shurley, Tina Ann Taylor,
 Fourth Grade: Barbara Bowers, Norma Jean Brinkley, Clayton Hamilton, Lynn Morris, John Allen Ward,
 Fifth Grade: Sammie Jean Allison, Lila D. Chalk, Gene Cliff Johnson, James Morgan, Geraldine Morrow, Mary Lu Neuburg, Betty Gene Rankhorn,
 Sixth Grade: Bernie D. Gibbs, Marguerite Howell, Don Nichols,
 Seventh Grade: Kathleen Brinkley, Nancy Christy, Marjorie Nisbet, Jewell Marie Watkins.

Boy Scout of America Court of Honor

Evidence of the industry of the Sonora Boy Scouts, Troop 19, was exemplified last Thursday night in the Court of Honor. Seven boys were advanced in the merit badge work, one boy received a second class badge, and two boys were conducted through the Tenderfoot Investiture.

The order of proceedings of the Court of Honor was as follows:
 Roy Cooper and Vernon Cook, flag bearers, marched in and the Court came to attention and repeated the Oath of Alligiance in unison.

Presentation of Second Class Badge to Billy Shurley.

Presentation of Merit Badges:
 O. L. Richardson, Jr.: Farm Layout and Building arrangement, Machinery, Cooking.

R. W. Wallace: Farm Layout and Building arrangement, Farm Home and its planning.

Eugene Alley: First Aid to Animals, Personal Health, Public Health, Sheep Farming, Beef Production.

George D. Wallace: Animal Industry, Public Health, Personal Health.

R. C. Luckie: Farm Home and its planning, Farm Layout and Building Arrangement.

Wilfred Berger: Music, Bugling, Sheep Farming.

Willie B. Ory: Cooking.

Presentation of Troop Charters and Committeemen cards by Scout Executive Paul Ireland of San Angelo. One charter was presented to Ralph Trainer, chairman of committee for troop 19 and the other charter was presented to chairman O. B. Babcock for the senior boys troop.

The Tenderfoot Investiture was given for Scouts Eugene Shurley and Clyde Henderson, by Committeeman John Eaton assisted by troop 19.

The flag was retired and the Court was closed by a prayer by Felton T. Jones, chairman of Court.

Scout Executive Ireland complimented the Scouts, Scouters and friends of Scouting on the good work in progress and encouraged us to continue. We were glad to have him and want him back every chance he has to be here.

Besides about twenty Scouts present, there were the following committeemen:

Edgar Shurley, O. B. Babcock, Felton T. Jones, Ralph D. Trainer, O. L. Richardson, Sr., Joe Berger, Haynie Davis, John Eaton, and Assistant Scout Master Billie Penick.

Visitors present were: Mr. and Mrs. Luckies, Mrs. Alley Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, Mrs. Velma Shurley, Jerry Shurley, and Eugene Wallace.

The Court of Honor welcomes all parents and visitors at all meetings. The next meeting will be announced later.

VOLLEY BALL

The volleyball team composed of Patsy and Peggy Gilmore, Jamie Trainer, Mary Lee Hefflin, Merle Ory, Dorothy and Billie Jo Henderson, Wirt Ellis Stephenson and Gladys Eaves will compete in an all-day tournament in Eldorado tomorrow. Be there and back your team.

Legal Tablets at the NEWS. t

Favorite Recipes of Sonora Future Homemakers

Butterscotch Chocolate Cake
 2 cups sifted flour, 1/2 cup shortening, 2 or 3 egg yolks, unbeaten, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon soda 1 1/4 cups brown sugar firmly packed, 3 sq. unsweetened chocolate, melted, and 1 teaspoon vanilla.
 Cream sugar and shortening together. Beat in eggs and add chocolate. Sift flour and soda together. Add alternately with milk. Add vanilla.

Butterscotch Fudge Frosting
 Add 2 cups light brown sugar, firmly and cook over low flame, stirring constantly, until mixture darkens slightly. Remove from fire and add 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar, 3-4 cup top milk, and 1/2 cup water. Return to fire and cook at 232 degree F., without stirring, until small amount of mixture forms a very soft ball in cold water. Remove from fire. Cool in lukewarm water, 110 degree F. Then beat until of right thickness to spread. If necessary place over hot water to keep soft while spreading.

Scholastic Census

The Sonora Parent-Teacher Association is taking the scholastic census for the Sonora Independent School District for the school year of 1939 and 1940.

The following ladies have been appointed as census takers:

Mrs. J. Franklin Howell, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. Cyrus Odgen, Mrs. Joseph W. Trainer, Sr.,

Mrs. Cashes Taylor, Mrs. Carl Morrow, Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Mrs. Hub Hale and Mrs. Tom Driskell.

Anytime during the month of March that any of these ladies may call on you please co-operate by enumerating your children who will be of school age next year.

The law on enumeration is as follows: "Enumerate only those children who will be six and under eighteen years of age on September 1, 1939, and who are residents of the district on the first day of April. Children born on or before September 1, 1920, or after September 1, 1933, must not be enumerated."

Each child enumerated places \$22.00 in the school depository.

If you know of some child who has been overlooked please call any of the ladies named above or Felton T. Jones, Superintendent of School.

Horse Laughs

What is at Rocksprings that is so interesting? If it is good looking boys—well—gee, Mary Jo, don't be selfish.

Doris McDaniel, how about drowing your personal signature for us? I haven't seen it.

We also hear that Mary Lee has been mentioned in the "Eldorado Scratches" a number of times.

Edward, did you get your troubles of the week-end settled?

"The Penny Serenade" is becoming quite popular among the Senior girls. (Especially when putting on floor shows.)

"Don't bother me. I'm looking for George O'Brian."—Who said that? Was it you, Tommie?

Juno dances are coming up. Watch that Daphne go, would you! Swing it, kid!

Now, Miss Milstead, you knew we had to go to school Monday, so you should have planned your week-end accordingly.

I think next time I go treasure hunting, I'll look in the fish pond at the wool house. Tommie, what would you and Edward do in a case like this?

But who sits home with daughter? In reply to a question not long ago: No, mothers nowadays don't sit up and wait for daughters to come home from dates—the daughter sits and waits for her bleached-hair-Mama to come in from the round of joints. It's now up to the daughters to set a good example for their mothers.

WOODWORK

The Woodwork students are completing some useful and attractive projects, such as, book troughs, book ends, book racks, tabourets, magazine holders, flower pot stands and chinese checker-checker boards.

Projects which are under construction now involve another new joint—the making of a mortise-and-tenon joint. Projects incorporating this joint which the students are now working on include tabourets, serving tables, foot stools, shoe polishing stands, and medicine cabinets. Projects built with this joint are much sturdier than those built with other joints.

Students in Woodwork have received information, instruction and demonstrations, supplemented by further study and assignments on related materials, on the following fundamental processes:

Names of woodwork tools; parts and use of woodwork tools; safety rules and care of shop; laying out tools; how to read and use the rule and square; kind of hand saws and how to use the crosscut, rip, key-hole, coping and back saws; kinds of hand planes and how to use the common hand planes; how to sharpen plane irons; how to square stock to dimensions; how to read a working drawing;

How to make a working drawing; making a material bill and planning the procedure for doing a job; how to plane chamfers and

bevels; how to layout and cut curves and how to smooth curved surfaces; kinds of wood bits and how to sharpened bore holes with wood bits; kinds and sizes of wood screws and how to fasten stock with screws; nails and other wood fasteners and how to drive and draw nails; kinds of scraping tools and how to sharpen and use hand and cabinet scrapers; kinds of finishing abrasives and how to prepare wood surfaces for finishing; order of procedure for finishing woods;

Kinds and composition of wood stains and how stains are applied to wood; shellac and its uses and how to apply shellac; care of finishing materials; kinds of wood chisels and how to use and sharpen wood chisels; common wood joints; how to make the edge joint and doweled joint; how to make the dado and rabbit joints; how to make the cross-lap, miter and mortise-and tenon joints; holding tools;

Kinds and composition of glue and clamping stock for gluing; how to clamp stock for assembling; paints, enamels and other finishing materials; wood fillers and how to apply paste filler; varnish and its uses and how to apply varnish; how to square up stock on the tilting-arbor saw; how to use the dado head in cutting joints; how to use the jointer, band and jig saws; how to use the drill press for drilling, shaping, sanding, routing and mortising; how to use the sander and grinder; how to use the lathe.

Cabinet (wood), 100 cards (3x5) and index. The price: only 75c. Handy, sensible way of taking care of facts. At the NEWS.—adv.

GUESS WHO!

This person in discussion is a brunette. She has the talent of being a good soprano and a pianist. Also in her work she is quite a genius, because wit and humor always predominate her writings. She is cheerful all the time, a friend to all enemy to none and pleasant company.

At this time we bring you a blonde, with blue eyes. This girl is of the height of about feet. We have a faint idea that she is Dutch because she can't pronounce her "W's".

This girl is forever happy, hungry, healthy and ready to travel, but not to sew. It seems she's a manager and also a good debater.

Here's a gal with her heart overflowing with good old Western hospitality. She's a brown eyed Texas sweetheart that puts her hands to good use in typing and talking.

Here's a brunette who can act as a broken-hearted mother, or just a Senior having a good time, while she can. Sh-h-h. We'll tell you why she's a genius because she can play a clarinet, violin, accordin, piano, and sing. She's ambitious, I tell you.

Have you recognized that long, slim, tall, brunet who is supposed to be the "bad man" among the Seniors?

Hint: He is a genius when it comes to blowing the bass horn in the band.

TYPING CONTEST IN OZONA

Peter A. Chase and three members of the typing class, Wirt Ellis Stephenson, Margaret Fay Smith, and Grace Thomas, went to Ozona Wednesday of last week for a practice typing contest. They were defeated by the Ozona team, Billie Jo West, Tommy Kirby, Jim Duda. (Continued on page 3)

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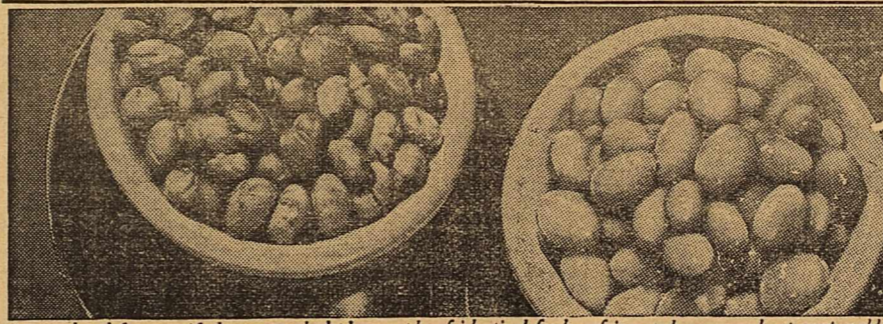


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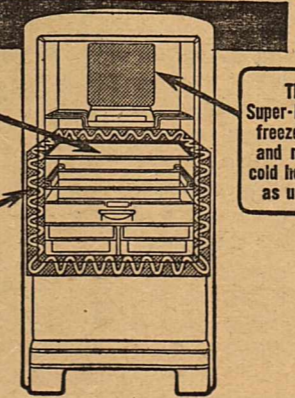
COME IN AND SEE HOW IT WORKS NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME

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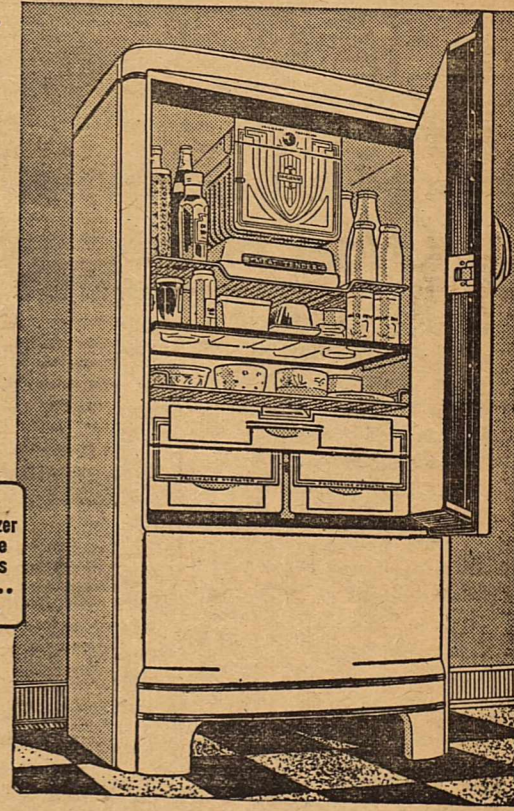
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Premier 1939 Showing in Local Salesroom on March 13-14

West Texas Utilities Company

Sonora Broncho

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ley, and Joe Williams. This team came to Sonora Wednesday of this week for another contest. The Sonora High School typing classes are now completing a study of business letters. They have worked on all types.

SONORA AND KERRVILLE TEAMS IN DEBATE

The Sonora Debate team met the Kerrville team in Junction last Saturday for a practice debate. The Sonora girls debated on the affirmative side and the boys were on the negative. The debate was not judged, but the practice was worthwhile for everyone. It is hoped that we may match another debate with Kerrville before the Four County Meet.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The high school was entertained with a picture show in the auditorium Monday at the extra-curricular period. The first film was a physics lesson, which was followed with a biology lesson. The last part of the film was a football game. It was divided into two parts, giving lessons in drop kicks and forward passes. The motion picture machine is to be purchased by the Parent-Teacher Association for use in both the elementary and the high school. The pictures given Monday were presented as a demonstration to get correct lighting and distance.

THE THESPIAN CLUB

The Thespian Club met Wednesday in the Speech room. The roll was called and, as there was no business to come before the club, Myron Morris gave an interesting talk on the debaters' trip to Austin. Then the one-act play program which is to be given Monday was discussed. As this will be one of the best programs of the year, the club decided to do a good job of advertising. At the present time the plays are well worked up, and the next week will be used in polishing them. Each student in the club will sell tickets. The proceeds will go for better stage equipment for the high school auditorium. Be prepared to buy a ticket; we will see you.

ELEMENTARY ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The elementary school assembly program for last week was in charge of the fourth grade. A tap dance was given by Betty Faye Glascock and a piano number by Jan Caffey. The remainder of the program was given by Peter A. Chase and the entire band.

WHERE THE FACULTY SPENT THE HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot remained at home this week-end entertaining guests.

J. H. Flathers accompanied the debate teams to Junction this week-end and spent the rest of the time at home resting.

Miss Annie Duncan spent a quiet week-end at home attending shows and grading papers.

Miss Johnnie Edmonson visited her parents at Hillsboro this week-end. She had a very enjoyable visit.

Miss Viva Milstead spent the

week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Milstead.

E. C. Caraway spent a very joyous and exciting week-end at Big Spring and San Angelo.

Peter A. Chase had a merry week-end at the Fat Stock Show in San Angelo.

Miss Johnnie Allison visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Allison, at Rockwood and her sister at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Jones and daughter, Sandra Ruth, spent the week-end at home entertaining Mr. Jones' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones, and two cousins, Lesla and Christene Jones.

Zeke Sez

By 'ZEKE

Austin—(Special)—Here's some HOT news from the state insurance department! (Wonder who will be next life insurance commissioner?)

Honorable Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, this week sent us a lengthy letter, explaining why many fire loss records are not kept at the state department instead of in offices of a private "checking bureau" in a downtown office building. Quoting from Mr. Hall's letter:

"It is well known that we would be pleased if provision could be made to provide facilities within the Board of Insurance Commissioners for obtaining the necessary information by taking that information from the individual policies written and the individual losses paid, etc. I am of the opinion that it would be well to have a checking office within the department to check all companies in the same manner that the 'checking office' checks the policies of its member companies. My position on this is well known."

Note further, quoting Mr. Hall's letter:

"Inasmuch as the fire insurance division has never been provided with facilities for taking information as to premiums written and losses paid by the many companies doing business in this state directly from the books and records of those companies and has not been provided with facilities for checking individual policies as they are written and loss payments as they are made, to obtain the required information in that manner, and since the law requires that such information must be obtained, there is no way to obtain it other than by requiring the companies to submit under oath a statement of the premiums they have written and the losses paid."

The writer believes Mr. Hall is a fine man and an eminent politician. We wish to thank him for verifying a statement made in this column two weeks ago that fire loss records are kept in a private checking bureau where an ordinary person cannot demand information or get it. But we wish to call Mr. Hall's attention to the fact that Article 4878, Chapter 10, Statutes of Texas, says the commission shall have authority to employ such clerical help, inspectors, experts, etc., to carry out the provisions of this law. This article, as Mr. Hall might point out, limits the total expenses of that department (in words) to exactly \$130,000 for any fiscal year. But, now note this, please, the department's annual report as of last December showed a total expense in the last fiscal year as of \$170,000 and the same report, made by Mr. Hall to Gover-

nor Allred, shows such expenditures have been as high as \$200,000 per year! On the other hand, the same state law allows a 1.25 per cent assessment of premium collections for the purpose of paying said expenses of said department and, last year, as well as for several years past, this assessment has not been set at more than six-tenths of one per cent, less than half of the amount which the law contemplates. (See Page 44 of the 63rd annual report of this department.)

Mr. Hall, why not use some more of this 1.25 per cent assessment, which the law plainly allows, so that you will have money for those "facilities" for keeping records, which you say now you do not have? Surely it couldn't be that you feel any hesitancy in assessing these premiums because of objections from the companies!

Let's look at one town (and every town in Texas, almost without exception) and see what was paid out by citizens for fire insurance premiums. The citizens of San Antonio, over the last five-year period, have paid exactly \$4,416,682.00 in premiums to the companies. What was the total loss to those companies in that same period in San Antonio.

The answer speaks for itself: a total of \$795,292.00. All right, then take a small town, Woodsboro, for instance. The citizens there paid a total of \$23,131.00 in five years. The fire loss in the same period was the whole total of \$41.00. No wonder the companies made, in many instances, as high as 20 to 75 per cent profit annually in the last five years. As Ralph Soape says: tax the insurance companies and get your 50 millions yearly to pay old age pensions. We say amen, brother.

The great cost of education to the state of Texas is brought forcibly to the fore by a statement this week by Dr. George W. Cox, head of the State Health Department, when he cited the fact that sickness causes 289,000 school children in Texas annually to fail to pass their work. The extra year in school for this many children costs the state an average of \$45 each, or a total of about three millions annually. We believe, with Dr. Cox, that a few thousand dollars more for public health units would save millions in the end. Don't you agree with Dr. Cox? On the other hand, while the state of Louisiana recently appropriated \$300,000 to put in co-operative county health units in that state, the state of Texas spent an actual total of only \$5,500 for such work last year! Health means everything to a child. Let's back Dr. Cox on his program. Write your legislator about it.

Short shorts—Trucks vs. railroads. While the House committee voted 11 to 10 last week against a favorable report to increase the truck load limit, Homer Leonard of McAllen has served notice he will bring a bill out to the floor of the House next week. The Senate committee also will bring out a load increase bill next week. . . . Governor O'Daniel, still mighty popular with the masses everywhere, wore his pretty cow-boy boots to the Washington-on-the-Brazos celebration. . . . The preference legislation for war veterans has come out of committee in the House; it would require state departments to hire 20 per cent of their employees who had served in some war, regardless of age, if they can qualify for said jobs. . . . The House passed 55 bills during the first three days last week, mostly local bills.

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RANCH TALK

Via Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association

By SUNSHINE MATTHEWS

Announcements have been made in a number of state wool publications of a rise in the price of wool bags because of an increase in the jute market. A check of a number of Texas warehouses fails to reveal a jump in prices here. C. B. Wardlaw, president of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association and head of the Producers Wool & Mohair Co. at Del Rio, said that he felt sure that most of Texas' warehouses had their orders in early enough to save their customers the step-up in price.

Joseph Walker, head of the firm of Walker & Co., represented in Texas by A. S. Baker, is in Boston again after a several months trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Ranchmen of Mason county, according to the county agent, Frank Newson, and Walker White, wool and mohair warehouseman and ranchman, are fast realizing the wisdom of and the profit in bringing lambs into that section for wintering. An increasing number of ranchmen through that section are buying lambs in the fall, they say, and Newson estimates that 85 per cent of the sheep wintered the past two years have gone out of the county in the spring in the fat class.

According to the warehousemen, ranchmen wintering lambs there consistently have made a profit for the past ten years. One man declared that a good many of the sheepmen there made "a five dollar bill" two years ago.

Sam Hoester, White Brothers, Raleigh White, C. L. Martin & Sons, and Mrs. Matilda Zesch and Son are perhaps the leaders in this phase of the ranching industry in Mason county. Sheep feeding in the county is pretty much a six months proposition, using the range over the winter months and leaving it free for Mason's famous calves the rest of the year.

Marion Sansom of the Sansom Cattle Co. at Paint Rock sold a 10-months-old calf, a half brother to his first place summer yearling at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, to J. M. Chapman, who lives between Eola and Eden. The calf is sired by a Double Domino bull and is out of a Beau Blanchard cow.

The lambs shown by Verl Freeman at the Eden District FFA livestock show to win first and second place in their class were bred by Roy E. Dobson, who ranches two miles north of Eola. Sire of the lambs was the grand champion of the San Angelo stock show two years ago, shown by Underwood of Denton and sold to Dobson for \$200.

Finals on rodeo events at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show rodeo included the following:

Saddle bronc riding: Nick Knight, Cody, Wyo., first; Frank Van Meter, Weiser, Idaho, second; Chet McCarty, Hotchkiss, Colo., third; and Morris Cooper, Hamlin, Texas, fourth.

Steer wrestling: Frank Van Meter, first; Ralph Stanton, Missoula, Mont., second; Jack Kersch, Blackfoot, Idaho, third; Rusty McGinty, Plains Texas, fourth.

Cow milking: Sonny Hancock,

Roswell, N. M., first; John Bowman, Oakdale, Calif., second; Allen Holder, San Angelo, third; Tony Salinas, Encinal, N. M., fourth.

Calf roping: Toots Mansfield, Bandera, first; James Kinney, Comstock, second; Herb Myers, Okmulgee, Okla., third; Tony Salinas, fourth.

Emmett Pfluger of Eden is planning on show lambs for the 1940 spring shows. He has eight lambs from the Bullard ewe, "Majestic", out of five registered ewes. Pfluger has around 75 registered ewes, but is counting more heavily on his Bullard lambs for show purposes.

Luke Pasce, publisher of the American Sheep Breeder, had a golden Rambouillet ram statuette on display at San Angelo during the fat stock show. The ram, insured for \$10,000, is the property of the Flexible Shaft Co. of Chicago, and was made in Scotland better than half a century ago.

Dick Knight of Sterling City has sold two doubles of yearling ewes out of the wool for June 1 delivery at \$5 a head.

Forty-three hundred yearling ewes were sold at Stanton out of the wool, with a five per cent cut, for May 15 delivery at \$5 to a Wyoming buyer.

Joe Calvery of Garden City has sold two doubles of yearling ewes out of the wool for June 1 delivery at \$5.

Concern has been expressed by C. B. Wardlaw, president of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, Del Rio, that ranchmen might "jump the gun" on almost certain better prices on their wool and mohair for 1939. Considering foreign markets and conditions in the east, he believes that wool will sell considerably nearer 30 cents than the early contracts of 20 cents a pound. Mohair, he declares, is in a strong position and should sell from 40 cents for the grown hair to 60 cents for the kid.

Reports rolling in from the country where goats have been sheared point to a 1939 mohair clip from to one and a half million pounds short. Goatmen say their animals are shearing from a half to a pound per head lighter than usual. This, they say, is due to the extremely dry weather and poor condition of the range.

Whitehead & Wardlaw and L. J. and L. B. Wardlaw of Del Rio com-

pleted their shearing recently and found their mohair clip much lighter than the average.

Norman Martin, Dublin Hereford breeder, sold a heifer calf at private sale at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show to Louis Cerf of Ennis at \$500.

Ollie Cox of Sweetwater will furnish the rodeo stock for the Abilene rodeo during the fat stock show there on March 24 and 25. He will have around 100 head of rodeo stock at the show.

Capt. R. C. (Red) Hawkins of Company C, Texas Rangers, headquartered at San Angelo, whose company is handling livestock theft cases for the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, is urging West Texas ranchmen to report losses as promptly as possible. Complaints may be made to him at San Angelo or to the association's office at Del Rio. He has Earle McWilliams and Levi Duncan at San Angelo, Pete Crawford at Marfa, and John Reese and Lester Stewart at Comanche, with state cars available for prompt action on these cases. Serving the association in the same capacity in the Hebronville sector is Capt. Bill McMurray's five Rangers.

Attend Fredericksburg Meet
Sonora people who attended a directors meeting of the Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association in Fredericksburg this week are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond.

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Little Stories

By
The DREAMER



This item really belongs under the title of "Can You Match It"? The writer is too lazy, however, to revamp that pied heading, so here 'tis:

Two of Sonora's worthy citizens hold unique records, one in writing and the other in reading, to-wit—

Lem Johnson, manager, Aldwell Bros. ranch south of town, has never written but two letters during his married life. One of these was to a relative at the time his son, Lem Eriel, was born, and the other, just a short time ago, when his son was sick at A. and M. College.

The other record, strange as it may seem, deals with funny papers. Now, who among us, boys, girls, young people, old people, yea, even the granddads and mothers, does not enjoy keeping up with the doin's of Maggis and Jiggs, or Mut and Jeff, or—heck—any number of the folks who help entertain readers of daily papers? There is but one, we know of, who by his own statement admits the error of his way.

W. R. Barnes, local manager of the San Angelo Telephone Co., says: "I never read a funny paper in my life!"

Now that paving work is in full swing it is time to ask yourself the question: "Do I want to see my block paved"? If you do, it is up to you to see your neighbors about the matter. Make of yourself a committee of one to investigate.

If you want your street paved it will be up to you to sign up your neighbors and get assessments paid in. The city will see that your street is paved, but you cannot hope for results unless residents of that street get on the dotted line. It is not the duty of the city to interrogate your neighbors in the matter of paving.

According to Mrs. L. E. Johnson, deputy tax collector, there have been registered since March 1, only 94 cars. Of this number 80 have been passenger cars, twelve farm trucks and two commerals. Last year 462 cars of all classes secured licenses to operate.

According to last year's figures and assuming the same number will be registered this year, there still remains 368 cars in Sutton yet to be accounted for. Your new license plates will have to be displayed April first if you expect to drive a car. Don't work the collector and helpers to death by waiting until the last minute to secure licenses.

Under the heading "The Mail Box" this week The News publishes a letter of acknowledgement from the officials of the Sonora Fire Department.

While the article does not mention the amount of the check (\$50), The News thinks the act was a worthy one and should be followed by sundry admirers of the department in recognition of the good fire record maintained.

So far this year the company has been called to but eight fires—five in February and three in March to date (none in January). Because of the prompt action of the company in responding to calls of fire, and the efficient handling of fire fighting equipment, fire loss in each of the eight fires handled has been small, with the exception of one which entailed a loss of several hundred dollars.

The fire department has no income and for that reason donations in keeping with the one made by Roy E. Aldwell, help to further the cause of property protection in Sonora.

If Sonora had no fire company—then what? You can draw a mental picture of such condition as well as anyone.

Two hen's eggs have been on display this week at the Corner Drug Store which have attracted considerable attention. One of the eggs, while not quite as large as an ostrich egg, does weigh six ounces and would make a complete breakfast for the average eater. The other one, laid by the same Rhode Island Red hen, lacks half an ounce of being as heavy as the other. The hen is owned by E. D. Shurley.

Tom Driskell has on display a peculiarly shaped stalactite. It was procured from the Felton Cave by J. H. Brasher, Jr. Readers of today hear very little concerning this cave, but years ago The News contained many write-ups of the place. It was considered swank in those times to pic-nic at the Felton.

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL

Tests are over and we are glad to go back to daily work. Some are very proud of their grades, and others seem to want to keep them "under cover."

Dorothy McCall has withdrawn from school and moved away. We all miss her greatly.

Last Friday we were pleased to have Betty Jo Adams, Virginia Adams and Charles Andrews visit the school. We always enjoy having visitors.

We welcome Ross Lee Melton back to school after an absence of two weeks.

Ernest and Melvin Melton are absent this week because of having to work.

The second grade pupils put on a play for the Citizenship Club last Friday. Margaret Adams again was chosen as best girl citizen and W. G. Melton best boy citizen for last week.

The MAIL BOX

Sonora, March 2, 1939
Mr. Roy E. Aldwell
Sonora, Texas.

We, the boys of the Sonora Fire Department, are taking this means of thanking you for your very nice check. The check was a very pleasant surprise.

This is a very good example of the trite saying, "not only the money but the principal of the thing." However, in this case it is not just a trite saying. We appreciated the gift from the money standpoint, for like all organizations we can use money to a good advantage, but, we appreciate the gift still more because of the encouragement we derived from it. Long after the money has been used we still will remember that you appreciated our efforts. This is sure to make the department a better one.

We are accepting this check not as payment for services rendered, and we know that you did not give it in that spirit, but we are accepting it as a "donation from one of the Department," since you are and have been a member (honorary) of this present Department since its organization.

Remember that you are always welcome at our meetings (first Wednesday of each month). We would be very pleased to have the honorary members of the department meet with us.

You were once an active member of the Sonora Fire Department, so, we are sure that you know just how important such deeds as yours are to the boys of the department. Again, we say thanks.

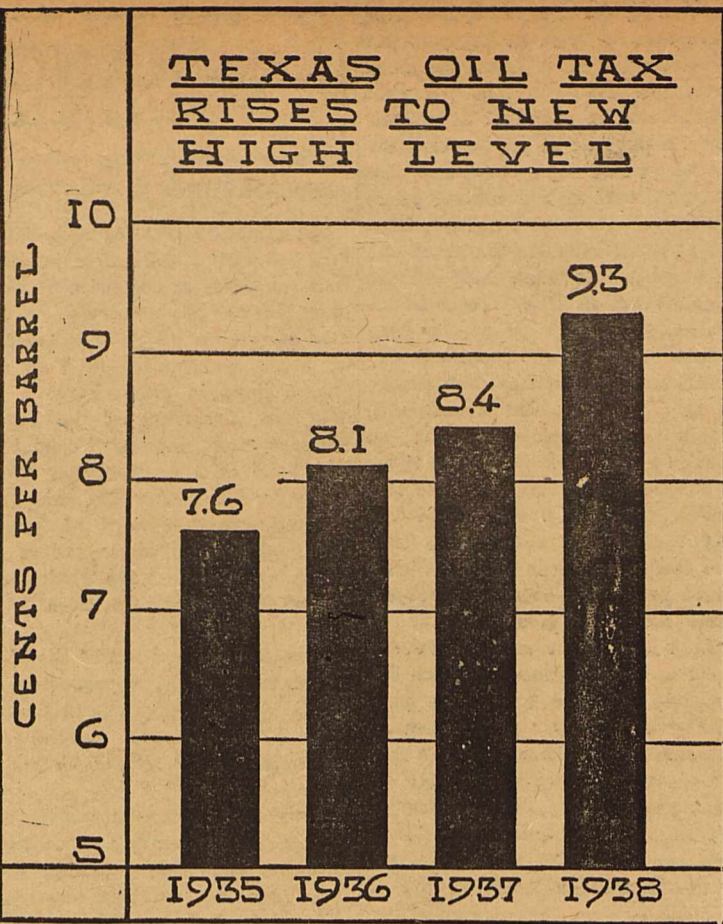
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C. W. Taylor, Chief
Joe H. Trainer, Secretary

TO IODIZE POPPY OIL FOR USE IN SINUS AILS

Austin, March 6.—Save your garden variety of poppy seed and cure your sinus trouble, Junius Evans, University of Texas pharmacy student, would advise.

Evans, who already has his bachelor of arts degree, has begun research on poppy-seed oil of the common garden poppy to see if such oil may be successfully iodized. An iodized poppy-seed oil, now imported from France, is used in treatment of sinus trouble. Placed in the sinus region, the oil gives up its iodine providing the therapeutic powers that Evans hopes to obtain.

ADDING MACHINE PAPER at the NEWS office!



Dallas, Mar. 9.—Another increase in taxes on crude oil was sustained last year by the Texas oil producers, raising the average tax per barrel of oil produced from 8.4 cents to 9.3 cents—the highest level in the State's oil history, according to facts just released by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

Loss of markets to other states, particularly Illinois where taxes levied on oil producers are less than two cents per barrel, caused a seven per cent decline in Texas production which together with additional ad valorem tax levies last year boosted the Texas oil tax nearly one cent per barrel. This is about 11 per cent above the average tax rate paid by Texas oil producers in 1937 and is 22 per cent above the 1935 tax rate.

In numerous counties of the state, reduced oil production and a further increase in the tax load has added from three to five cents more per barrel to oil producers' tax costs. Thus, in the face of reduced oil output and severely reduced income through lower market prices for oil, many Texas oil operators are now paying an average of 11.7 cents per barrel in state and local taxes.

Last year, according to official figures obtained from the tax polls, oil producers paid in state and local taxes the huge sum of \$44,090,802 which was an increase over 1937 of \$1,148,482. Over the past three years, State and local taxes levied on Texas oil production have increased \$15,722,596, a gain of 50 per cent.

NYA

Austin, Mar. 6.—The National Youth Administration has expanded its resident program for boys at Ranger from part-time to full-time status increasing the number of youths assigned from fifty to one hundred, J. C. Kellam, State Youth Director, announced today. The splendid co-operation of local citizens has made possible the further development of this project, he said.

With the expansion of the project, one hundred youths eligible for NYA work project employment in Eastland and adjoining counties are receiving work experience and related instruction in shop practices and mechanical occupations through the co-operation of the NYA and the vocational division of the State Department of Education.

Youths spend half their time working on civic improvements and earn a wage sufficient to pay for their living and incidental expenses. Under the supervision of skilled workmen, the boys are helping build a Community Center for young people. They are also improving the public school gymnasium where recreational facilities are available to them as a part of their off-job activities. During the other half of their time, youths participate in related training classes.

Pearsall—Thirty-five Frio county youths will help build a rock vocational agriculture work shop and athletic unit for the Pearsall public schools under a National Youth Administration work project.

Alpine—Twenty NYA boys are helping complete campus improvements at Sul Ross State Teachers College, which include construction of a foot bridge, stone terraces, parking areas and walkways, concrete curbing and landscaping.

At the college Museum a large culvert has been finished and filling for the park and driveways completed.

Tyler—An NYA work project has been approved to employ seventy-five Smith county youths helping build and equip a public day nursery at Tyler.

Houston—About fifty NYA youths are assisting in developing city recreational facilities and improving the grounds of the De Pelchin Faith Home in Houston. Work includes laying underground drainage, grading and beautifying play areas, clearing woods and constructing picnic units.

Austin—Youths assigned to the NYA resident project at Inks Dam on the Colorado river are helping build a gymnasium, an addition to the dining hall, and supervisor's quarters, remodeling the kitchen and installing a bakery as a part of their work-experience program. These facilities will care for future resident groups.

Marshall—A community center of native log construction has been completed at Marshall under a National Youth Administration work project.

Cleburne—At the Johnson County Fair Grounds a group of NYA youths are helping construct a livestock exhibition building under a National Youth Administration work project.

Dallas—At Southern Methodist University in Dallas 155 students were employed on part-time NYA Student Aid jobs during February.

Huntsville—A community center for negro youth in Walker county is rapidly being completed at Huntsville with the assistance of NYA youths.

Two-Day Showing of 1939 Frigidaires

New Refinements Added to Increase Efficiency, Economy

The general public is urged to attend the premier showing of 1939 model Frigidaires at the West Texas Utilities Company, opening Monday, and lasting through Tuesday, according to W. R. Parsons, local manager, who said the display rooms had been arranged to take care of hundreds of visitors.

The new "Cold-Wall" model, designed to save women the necessity of covering up dishes of food, will be a feature of the show, he announced.

"In comparison with past showing of new models," he declared, "we feel that this will be the most important since electric refrigerators first were placed on the market. Special attention is directed to the new Cold Wall Frigidaire, which offers the most modern development in electric refrigeration since they were introduced more than a quarter of a century ago."

The lower half of the cabinet in the new model is partitioned by a solid glass shelf and concealed coils in the wall maintain low temperatures without the aid of circulating air which heretofore has forced women to cover food.

Many other new refinements have been added to all 1939 models, Mr. Parsons said, tending to increase efficiency and economy.

HEALTH

Austin, March 9.—"Never in history have there been safeguards available to protect the health of the unborn child as there are today. With the family physician supervising the mother through the expectant period, essential advice influencing a favorable outcome for both mother and offspring is available to all those who will take advantage of this protection," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Unfortunately, the value of this service is overlooked by many expectant mothers. Indeed negligence in this regard annually is responsible not only for thousands of avoidable maternal deaths but for the birth of physically and mentally handicapped children, for many miscarriages and for the majority of still-births. Syphilis plays a significant part in these casualties.

"It follows that every expectant mother should make sure that she is free of syphilis by requesting a blood test when she goes to her physician for a prenatal examination. The earlier the discovery is made the better. However, if the examination is conducted before the end of the fifth month of pregnancy, thanks to the defense mechanism of the body that resists the passages of the syphilis germ to the unborn child, proper treatment will insure the birth of a normal child.

"Were this policy generally adopted the tragedy of 60,000 syphilitic babies being born each year in the United States could be lessened, not to mention the miscarriages and still-births—calamities that occur to eighty-three per cent of untreated syphilitic women at childbirth.

"It is, therefore, of paramount importance that women early in pregnancy should have a blood test, so that if infection is found, treatment may be promptly instituted."

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Gertrude Babcock, Society Editor

Daughter for Queens
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Queen announce the birth of a baby daughter, Dixie Ann, Sunday night in San Angelo. She weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Matthews and son, James Gray, were guests last week-end of Mrs. Matthews' sister, Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, and Mr. Lightfoot.

Mrs. Nisbet Entertains With Party for Daughter

Mrs. John L. Nisbet entertained Friday evening with a party for her daughter, Marjorie.

The color scheme was green and white with decorations in the St. Patrick motif. Cookies and ice cream was served.

Contest prizes were won by Edith May Babcock, Nancy Christy, Kathleen Brinkley, Flora Jean Hildreth, Elizabeth Taylor, Peggy Remming and Justin Odom.

Other guests were Hilda Mae Luckie, Jewel Marie Watkins, Margie Crowell, Lois Morris, Doris Vivian, Bonnie Potter, R. W. Wallace, Gene Wallace, George S. Schwiening, R. C. Luckie, Glen Crowell, George D. Wallace, K. C. Collier, Robert Hamer, Sanford, Trainer and Richard Boughton.

McMillans Honor Guests At Buffet Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Vander Stucken entertained at their ranch home last week with a two-course buffet supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McMillan, who were married February 8 and are making their home in Sutton county.

The lace covered table held a basket of white and yellow spring flowers centerpiece.

Following the supper, bridge and checkers were played with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond winning high score prize at bridge and Howard Espy at checkers.

The honorees were presented with a guest award.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friess, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mears of Menard and Mrs. Howard Espy.

Juanita Silvas Becomes Bride Of Torrivo Chavez

Juanita Silvas became the bride of Torrivo Chavez at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night in the home of her parents with Justice of the Peace George Barrow officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Faustino Silvas and the groom a son of Severo Chavez.

Mrs. Chavez was dressed in traditional bridal costume with a fingertip veil and Juliet cap.

Mrs. Erlindia Jiminez was maid of honor and Candelario Jiminez attended the groom. Other attendants were Mrs. Juanita Vasquez and Perfecto Vasquez.

A dance, honoring the newlyweds immediately followed the wedding ceremony.

Torrivo Chavez is in the employ of the Hotel McDonald. The couple will make their home in Sonora.

Popular Sophomores at TCU



These four sophomore girls at Texas Christian University have been named by their classmates as popularity and beauty queens for the student council. They are: Poppy Bass, McKinney; Florrie Buckingham, Sulphur Springs; Dorothy Finlayson, Rhine; and Elizabeth Hager, Dallas.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church
9:45—Sunday School.

10:50—Re-opening Service. Sermon by the pastor. The repairs on the church are complete and we celebrate Sunday. We hope to have all the members and our friends present to rejoice with us. The choir will give special music.

5:15—Intermediate Crusade will meet.

7:30—Evening service: Exploring the Bible. "The Beginning of New Testament Church." All are cordially invited to attend.

R. F. Davis, pastor

Baptist Church
We are making a special effort to have all the members of the church present in the Sunday School and preaching services next Sunday morning. A special musical program will be planned, and the morning message will be on "Christian Song." Come, and invite every one around you to be our guest Sunday morning.

Evening services—Following the B. T. U. services at 6:30, the evening service will begin at 7:30. The special attraction at this service will be an organized "Junior Choir" fully vested, with a special program for you. A special invitation is extended to new families in our town, and all transient visitors, to worship with us this Sabbath day.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Men's Bible Class
Our attendance was at low ebb last Sunday because so many were out of town. We are anxious to climb to a new record in attendance Sunday, and will be looking for you to be present. In addition to the regular program, we will plan special music, and assure you of a warm welcome to all.

F. T. Jones, President

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Murray had as guests last week-end Mrs. Yearly of San Angelo and Mrs. Arthur Hoover of Ozona.

Dr. Joel Shelton returned Tuesday from a trip to points in New Mexico where he visited his brother Paul Shelton, in Artesia.

E. D. Shurley and son, Billy, drove to Jacksonville last week-end for Mrs. Shurley who has spent past two weeks in that city with her

Junior Girls Club Meets With Willie Nell Hale

Willie Nell Hale was hostess last Thursday afternoon for the Junior Girls' Bridge Club.

Prizes were awarded to Louise Morris for high score and to Doris Keene for high cut.

The hostess served a sandwich plate.

Members attending were Mildred Trainer, Libbye Jo Wallace, Betty Grace Vehle, Margaret Sandherr and Marjorie Davis.

Sonoran Heads PTA

Mrs. L. P. Bloodworth, daughter of B. M. Halbert, has recently been elected president of the El Paso Parent-Teacher Association.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tipton.

Miss Leeta Mae Garrett spent last week-end in Big Spring.

Mrs. Lula Oxford of Junction visited in Sonora this week with Mrs. Totsie Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norris had as guests last week-end their son, Woodrow Norris, and Mrs. Norris of Houston.

Mrs. M. O. Britt was in Rosebud last week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. O. J. McCoy and Dr. McCoy.

Miss Velma Barnes of Christoval and Miss Mary Frances Barnes of Dallas were guests of their brother and cousin W. B. Barnes, and Mrs. Barnes last week-end.

Miss Rena McQuary spent last week-end in Abilene visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McQuary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfister and baby, Jackie Nell, of Kermit, were in Sonora last week-end visiting his mother, Mrs. Pfister.

Miss Pauline Davis visited in Temple last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davis.

Mrs. Pat Carroll and little son, Pat, Jr., spent this week-end in San Angelo visiting her mother, Mrs. McKee.

Miss Lutie Carter of Dallas was a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Alton Hightower, and Mr. Hightower.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dungan were in Sonora last week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Totsie Barton.

Mrs. J. H. Trainer returned Monday from a week's visit in Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ray. She was accompanied home by Mr. Trainer.

Sub Deb Club Meets Friday With Miss Dorothy Penick

Miss Dorothy Penick entertained the Sub Deb Club in her home last week with three tables of bridge.

Package wrappings, decorations and table appointments were in St. Patrick's Day motif and colors.

High score was held by the hostess and to Mrs. Henry Greenhill went the award for high guest score.

Other guests were Misses Alice Sawyer, Emma Sessions and Jean Saunders.

Members present were Misses Bobbie Halbert, Zella Lea Thorp and Mesdames J. G. Barton, Batts Friend, Howard Kirby, Seth Lancaster and J. W. Taylor.

Mariposa Club Meets With Mrs. Vander Stucken

The Mariposa Bridge Club met Tuesday afternoon at the ranch home of Mrs. Joe M. Vander Stucken.

Favor for high score went to Mrs. Rip Ward and for second high to Mrs. George H. Neill. A guest favor was presented to Mrs. W. B. McMillan.

Bowls of pansies and gift wrappings lent to the atmosphere of spring.

A salad course, with cake and coffee was served to Mesdames Sam Allison, Lea Allison, George Bean, Lloyd Earwood and Stella Keene.

JOLLY JOKER MEETS WITH MRS. FIELDS

Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., was hostess Monday for the Jolly Joker Bridge Club, at which time Mrs. Ernest McClelland won high score award and Mrs. Henry Decker second high.

Ice cream and coffee was served to Mesdames B. M. Halbert, R. C. Vicars, John Fields, George Bean, Tom White and Andrew Moore.

Mexican Motif Used at Just-Us Club Party Monday

Mrs. Paul Turney was hostess for the Just-Us Club in her ranch home Tuesday afternoon.

The Mexican motif and colors were dominant in decorations, table appointments and package wrappings. Yellow flowers were placed at vantage points. A Mexican salad plate was served.

High score prize was won by Mrs. G. H. Davis and to Mrs. Hix Hall went the high cut favor. Prize for guest high score went to Mrs. J. D. Wallace.

Other guests were Mesdames Ben L. Wheat, Libb Wallace, Richard Vehle and Harold Friess.

Members present were Mesdames Rip Ward, E. E. Sawyer, I. B. Boughton, W. H. Dameron and Miss Alice Sawyer.

Woman's Club Studies Parts of Speech Thursday

Mrs. W. H. Dameron and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell led the English lesson at the meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club last Thursday afternoon. Subjects discussed were possessive nouns and comparative adjectives. Also club members drilled on exercises in enunciation and pronunciation, effective expression and vocabulary development.

Those present were Mesdames Hi Eastland, B. W. Hutcherson, I. B. Boughton, Hix Hall and J. Franklin Howell.

MRS. NEILL HOSTESS FOR CONTRACT CLUB

Mrs. John L. Nisbet held high score at the Contract Bridge Club when it met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. George H. Neill. Others present were Mrs. Sterling Baker and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

One day I missed our young son, and after a search looked up to find him at the top of a ladder that was propped against the garage. It was to this building that the Martin nesting box was attached. Offspring was sitting motionless on the edge of the roof, his face pink with expectancy.

I guessed his game and waited with him to see the results. Within a few moments a gleaming purple-black swallow coasted down out of the high spaces and circled the yard. The boy saw him and clutched his straw hat on both sides, eyes dancing. By this time the Purple Martin had set his controls for a downward swoop. He zoomed past the youngster's head, missing it by a bare inch, and gave a sharp "wherp" as he shot on. He repeated this several times before another bird, then another, joined him, making the attacks a steady series.

This active protection of his home against any invader, be it man, hawk or English sparrow, makes this member of the swallow family a desirable bird to have on the premises. A poultry raiser could wish for no more efficient protection against chicken stealing hawks than is the Purple Martin during the six months he is with us.

While there seems to be no permanent solution to the English Sparrow problem, a Martin colony, once established, helps to keep the numbers of these birds down. English sparrows always carry nesting material into our Martin box before the first swallows arrive in early March. There are a number of days of fighting before the sparrows finally retreat, convinced that the Martins have the upper wing. The latter go ahead and use much of the sparrow nesting material, cementing it loosely with mud.

As a rule, Inland Bird-banders do not band young birds in the nest. The nestling mortality rate is about fifty per cent, and hunting out nests for banding purposes would increase this death rate. House cats and other mammals habitually follow the human scent trail and destroy birds and eggs thus located. Hence the iron clad rule among nature observers that a nest be discovered silently and remain untouched. However, where birds such as the Purple Martin live in colonies high out of reach of predatory mammals and take to the wing upon leaving the nest, banding is more in order.

When the bander, equipped with pliers and the Biological Survey numbered bands, arrives at the Martin box several days before the fledglings are due to fly, he might as well be a Cooper's hawk for all the welcome the parent Martins give him. Pulling out safely the five or six young, gray breasted like their mother, is a ticklish matter that takes time. Affixing the bands is a still more delicate task. Add to this the precarious footing, a gentle wind and the constant attacks of the adult birds, and one has a formula that will strip any morning monotony.

A highlight of life in a Martin colony is the amusing way in which the birds converse. The talk may start between two parties at opposite ends of the housetop. Gradually the talkative sputtering grows livelier as the birds edge toward each other. A third or fourth may join them. There is a gentle chorus of trills and chirrups, with an occasional clear, mellow whistle.

This whistle is worth waiting for. It may also be heard occasionally on spring nights hours before dawn. Its cadence calls to mind the word "buck-a-roo," and suggests laughter more than any mode of human expression.

The Martins grow more and more agog over their tete-a-tete, and cock their heads quaintly in speculation. Suddenly one of them sees a tempting insect, so up he darts, the confab forgotten in his dash for a meal ticket.

If the day is windy he stays in the air indefinitely, battling the air currents, rising, wheeling and gliding. He may even renew the small talk in mid-air with a whistled greeting as he passes one of his cronies.

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It was to be only a short walk—down the hill, across two bridges and back. But I strapped on my field glasses, for you never can tell what might be around in the way of birds even in the heart of town.

The sun, after a week of cloudiness, looked unduly warm and bright. Outside as I walked I sniffed the air much like a polar bear, and smelled the first whiff of spring. The trees, grasses, sun, air all seemed to be nudging winter in the ribs and humming "Git Out of Town."

A pair of house finches twittered from an Italian cypress. There were not as many cardinals about as on most days. One fighting mocker with no one to fight sulked in his low elm. The distant whistle of a titmouse was drowned out as a Texas wren mounted a post to pipe and trill. When I stopped to watch the quivering of his throat, he hopped up the bark of a tree and finished his song from above.

Most of the other birds were winter residents from the north, a reminder that spring night not be ready to stay. A red-shafted flicker, larger than a jay, rose from the ground and bounded along, the golden red wings shining in the sunlight. A slate-colored junco hopped down to a patch of burned grass where his plumage blended with the blackened stubble. A robin flew by, then another. Every block or so a myrtle warbler could be seen, yellow spots flashing from his plumage.

Three cedar wax-wings flew to feed on some hackberries growing in a creek bed. I followed to pick some of the fruit for a taste of the thin layer of pulp. Their distilled sweetness in late winter, faintly woody, is a flavor epicures have never imprisoned in pudding or pie. Now I recalled that as school children we used to crack the inner hard seed with our jaw teeth, giving out a first-rate snapping sound, inimitable to our ears.

Inimitable? Only until Gertrude hove into view, Gertrude, who could knock her nose out of joint with that same satisfying pop. Envy, we framed her one day for several brief moments of glory. Loading our jaws with hackberries, we demonstrated for the bewildered Gertrude how we too could snap noses, fingers, elbows, anything, out of joint, all set to the tune of a staccato pop, sometimes two pops. It was a magnificent deception that lasted as long as the hackberries did.

A hushed lisp overhead made me forget Gertrude. More cedar waxwings had alighted. As usual, they were all facing in the same direction in compact orderly rows up and down the branches. A day or two before we had picked one up in a neighbor yard, shot through the breast, still warm.

"I don't believe it," said one person examining the silky plumage for the first time. The bird was smaller than the cardinal and crested. He wore a black velvet mask over his eyes. His back was a melting brown highlighted with wine tints. His breast was a clear yellow, his tail yellow tipped. At the end of several wing feathers were tear-shaped drops of bright red, for all the world like bits of sealing waxwing. If you enjoy color blending and have not seen a cedar waxwing, there is a treat in store.

In bird circles cedar waxwings are everything that is polite, elegant and graceful. They alight carefully so as not to jostle, never crowding. They preen each others feathers affectionately. A bird may pick a berry from an outer limb, pass it to the next; it goes up and down the line in the Alphonso and Gaston style, the first bird as likely as not being the one finally to eat it.

Just now one of the birds made

a dainty grab for a hackberry, edged down the branch to another if to pass this food on. As the other stretched his neck to claim it the first bird drew back abruptly, and contrary to waxwing etiquette ate the fruit. Then he sidestepped up the branch and picked another hackberry. He offered several to the waiting bird as I watched, but drew back each time refusing to part with it.

The birds whispered and lisped a while longer, then rose suddenly as one and left with the precision of a well drilled squadron of planes.

"That waxwing," I thought as I went up the hill, "must have been teasing the other." . . . And with hackberries too. Shades of Gertrude! You never can tell what might be around in the way of birds, even in the heart of town.

35 Years Ago

J. O. Rountree is candidate for re-election to the office of Judge of Sutton county. In the estimation of many, Judge Rountree is reliable, capable, and as qualified as any man in the country to fill the office of county Judge. He gives first attention to the countries well fare and if re-elected will continue to do so.

Prof. and Mrs. Z. A. Hall of San Antonio opened a class in dancing Tuesday night. Prof. and Mrs. Hall are well known throughout the west as capable and thorough teachers, of dancing, calisthenics, physical culture and deportment. The subjects taught are considered by many people as a necessary part of a thorough education. They teach all the latest society and fancy

dances, guarantee satisfaction. The class opened in Sonora is large and progressing satisfactorily. At the close of the school a Cake Walk will be given.

Sol Mayer the well-known and successful young cattle dealer arrived yesterday from the Indian territory where he is feeding on corn and cotoneed meal 2500 big steers. Sol says they are doing fine and fattening rapidly and that they will be ready for market next month.

HE SHOULDN'T

Austin, March 9—Frank Siddons, University of Texas student employed as part-time night watchman at state police headquarters, can guarantee the safety of the laboratory skeleton.

Last night Siddons flashed his light unexpectedly on a skeleton laboratory. Recovering composure hanging in the crime detection the watchman read this warning sign attached to one of the ribs, "Please Do Not Disturb."

This morning laboratory employees found this note signed by the watchman:

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VOLUNTARY TESTS

"SHOW UP" OLD AUTOS

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In that period the patrolmen,

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Vatican State Holds Records

Is First in Percentage of Autos, Radios and Even Soldiers.

VATICAN STATE.—The pontifical state, newest and smallest of nations, holds more records than any other country in the world.

Whether it be telephones, automobiles, radios, soldiers or even prosaic elevators and refrigerators, it is the Vatican City that has more of the per capita than any other country.

Although there are only 600 names listed in the Vatican telephone directory, it is estimated that each inhabitant averages more than one phone apiece. With a population estimated slightly above the 700 mark, the per capita rate is roughly .85. The United States, with 15,295,482 telephones, is far behind with approximately one-eighth of a phone per person.

Actually the papal state's average is higher than .85, because many of the phones connected with Pope Pius' private and official apartments and other interdepartmental hookups are not listed in the directory.

Fifteen Outside Lines.

The Vatican also has 15 lines with the outside world, which in this case is Italy. There is no country that can boast of such a high average of interurban lines for its population.

The Vatican has 32 electrically driven elevators and in a few months the figure will be increased to 35. Although there are about 100 buildings in the small territory, two-thirds are small one and two story structures used as small offices and residences for Vatican employees.

This means that there is one elevator for each of the larger buildings. Yet 20 years ago the Vatican State could only boast three elevators and all of the hydraulic type. King Edward VI rode on one of these old-fashioned lifts when he came to see the then-reigning pope early in the Twentieth century.

Boy Still on Job.

The fat, pompous elevator boy who piloted King Edward to one of the upper floors is still on the job. His job has been greatly simplified. Instead of lugging on a cable, all he does now is to press buttons and modern science takes care of the rest.

It is estimated that there are more than 200 automobiles in the miniature state. It is calculated that there are two cars for every seven inhabitants. Even the United States, which boasts of one automobile for every 4.9 inhabitants, cannot match this mark.

It is estimated that there is an average of one radio and one electric refrigerator per Vatican family.

Although the Vatican can be considered the most peaceful of states, on the surface it gives the opposite impression of being classed among the most military. Its army makes up about two-thirds of its entire population. Even Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan, which are considered the most heavily armed, fall far behind. However, the Vatican army, composed of Swiss, pontifical and noble guards and papal gendarmes, does not possess a single cannon, a machine gun, an airplane or even a tank. That in itself is another record.

'Birth Certificate' Valid

Delaware Still Insists

DOVER, DEL.—Delaware is prepared to defend again the validity of its "birth certificate."

New Jersey tried unsuccessfully in the United States Supreme court and in the English courts to prove that the parchment deed granted William Penn 100 years ago was turned over by Penn to James, duke of York, and that the present boundaries of Delaware are not correct.

An announcement at Trenton, N. J., disclosed the state intends to bring an expert from London, William LeHardy, to examine papers New Jersey claims will show that Penn made the transfer, and that he never received another grant in its place.

The original parchment deed establishing Delaware's boundaries is preserved in the state house here.

Giant Lemons Displayed

NEW ORLEANS.—Lemons that the grower, Fred Smith, of Myrtle Grove, claimed would make half a gallon of lemonade each were displayed here. The lemons, of the Ponderosa variety, were from 15 to 20 inches in circumference.

Grades of Athletes

Found to Be Average

LINCOLN, NEB.—A popular belief that athletes are not outstanding in the classroom is not borne out in a study made of the scholarship of University of Nebraska varsity players by Dean T. J. Thompson.

He found that more than half of the Husker athletes last year ranked above the university scholastic average of 77 per cent. His survey did not include men participating in tennis and golf.

A majority were partially self supporting and several earned their entire expenses.

Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Meanderings and meditations: Those noontime sidewalk groups of the garment center . . . Out for a bit of sun . . . With the drone of power sewing machines still in their ears . . . The workers who transform the fashions of the moment into wearing apparel . . . and the product of whose fingers goes over the nation . . . Wouldn't do well down in the West Indies . . . Where a couple of flour sacks make a dress . . . Or a suit . . . Or the sail for a boat . . . The blast of a liner's whistle brought the tropics into my mind . . . Song sheet peddlers vying with razor blade sellers . . . Food odors exhaled by many restaurants . . . Bunches of bananas advertising a soft drink stand . . . But the bananas are merely paper . . . Can't report on the drink as I didn't investigate . . . Pretty young models ignoring the eyes that follow their every movement.

A legless woman propelling herself on a little cart through Forty-second street crowds . . . Bus passengers hurrying down the long ramp that leads to a station . . . Neon signs advertising wines and liquors . . . The raucous and monotonous chant of show barkers . . . Patrons filling into grind movie houses . . . The oldest show in town: the flea circus . . . Young women with roving eyes and extremely hard faces . . . A pitchman selling a radio gadget . . . Another, in overalls and gray flannel shirt, endeavoring to sell some device to a crowd of workmen . . . Three sandwich women in the block between Broadway and Sixth avenue . . . Sixth avenue looking more down-at-the-heel than ever . . . Because of subway digging . . . The hopeless expressions of boys staring at placards of employment agencies.

Fifth avenue crowds too impatient to wait for light changes . . . and clogging up traffic by mass formation . . . Eve Symington whose singing I've enjoyed ever since she started her career . . . Collegians in town for something or other . . . Won't be long now before the coonskin coat will again be common . . . Florists' windows all abloom with chrysanthemums . . . Helen Claire, the Cindy Lou of "Kiss the Boys Good-by" . . . and it probably won't be long now before Hollywood claims her . . . Mrs. Grover Whalen doing a bit of window shopping . . . Wish I could wear a silk hat as easily as her husband does . . . But then I don't own one of the things . . . If I did, I would have to hold it on my lap while riding in a taxi . . . unless I got one of those with a hole in the roof.

Brief-case-laden lawyers' clerks hurrying across Foley Square . . . On their way to the Supreme court building . . . Which once was gleaming white . . . But now is turning gray though its years are few . . . The atmosphere and not the life of New York the cause . . . The procession not entirely masculine . . . A number of women practice law in New York . . . Shoe-shine boys alert for business . . . Bob Davis back again from abroad . . . Wonder if he keeps a grip always packed . . . Mayor LaGuardia hurrying into the City hall . . . The only time I've ever seen him not in a hurry was when he was performing a marriage ceremony.

A truckload of live poultry going down Broadway . . . A lot of Sunday dinners . . . Or banquet material . . . A blind fiddler playing, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" . . . and smiling as passersby hum a few bars . . . Though not many coins tinkle into his tin cup . . . Major Bowes getting into that big limousine of his . . . Maurice Evans who plays "Hamlet" hour after hour these nights . . . and excites audiences to shouts of "Bravo" . . . Ward Morehouse who, when he feels the urge, leaves Broadway for the great open spaces . . . and writes pieces about what he sees and hears.

Bustop eavesdropping: "She's so in love with him she's touching up her hair twice a week now."

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Canada and U. S. Reveal Declines in Death Rates

NEW YORK.—The populations of the United States and Canada not only are healthy but they are growing even healthier, insurance statistics reveal.

A survey for the first nine months of 1938, as compared with 1937, showed the following decreases:

- Influenza-pneumonia deaths, 34.5 per cent.
- Automobile fatalities, 18.3 per cent.
- Tuberculosis deaths, 10.2 per cent.
- Childbirth and maternity mortality, 10.1 per cent.
- Deaths from accidents other than automobiles, 7.4 per cent.
- Homicidal rate, 8.5 per cent.
- Cerebral hemorrhage death rate, 2.4 per cent.
- Mortality from kidney ailments, 3.6 per cent.

The survey also disclosed several cases where mortality rates were higher. These included a 2.1 per cent increase in cancer deaths; 10.7 in mortality resulting from diseases of the arteries, and a 4.5 per cent increase in the suicide rate.

FARMER'S SHORT COURSE DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

College Station, March 6.—Dates for the Farmer's Short Course, held each year at Texas A. & M. College, have been announced as July 5-6-7 for the junior section and July 12-13-14 for adults.

"The plan adopted in 1938 of holding two sections, one for 4-H boys and girls, and other juniors, and one for adults, was so successful that it will be continued this year," Director H. H. Williamson of the Extension Service said in

making the announcement.

Limited facilities that allowed the college to furnish meals and quarters to less than 4,000 visitors in addition to summer school students prompted the change in 1938, he said. Under the present arrangement, as many as 8,000 persons can be accommodated.

State 4-H contests and the colorful Gold Star ceremony for honoring outstanding club boys and girls will feature the Junior Short Course, while nationally known speakers will be present for both the junior and senior sections.

The 1939 Short Course will mark the twenty-ninth gathering of farm and ranch families at A. & M. College.

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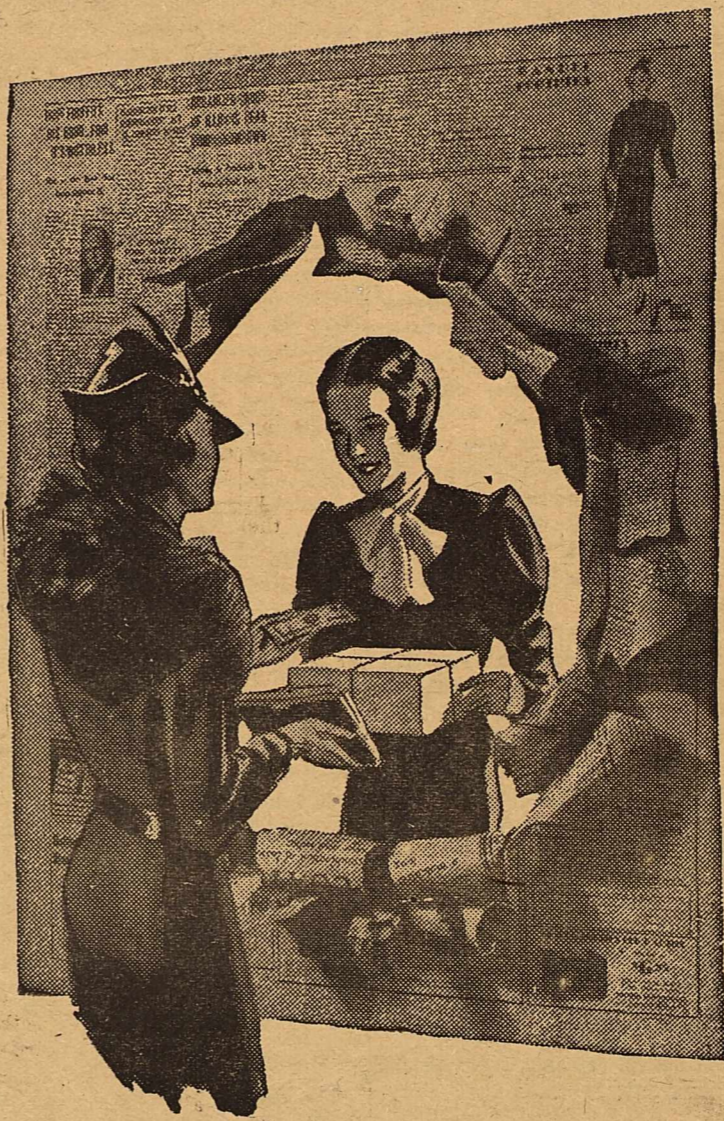
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Edwin Sawyer Recovered Edwin Sawyer, who was ill for several days last week is able to visit at work.

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ALFRED SCHWIENING RECEIVING FREAKS

Several freak lambs were brought in on the Schwiening ranch recently. A three legged lamb, which is surviving, was born with no right hind leg. Only a lump of skin is noticeable at the point where the leg should be.

Mrs. Josie McDonald went to Austin on a business trip this week and then went to San Antonio to visit Bryan Hunt.

Second Sheets-65c (500) at the NEWS. adv.

New Laundry To Be Opened Monday

Service of J. J. Weedman of San Antonio has been secured to supervise laundry work at the Sonora Steam Laundry, according to G. B. Duncan, who will operate this new enterprise.

Mr. Weedman is well known in Texas as a laundry engineer and maintenance man. He arrived in Sonora this week-end to assist in final details of reconditioning and remodeling the equipment preparatory to the opening.

Mr. Duncan, experienced laundry operator and dry cleaner, announces that he will open his new place Monday, and will render a one-day service on all laundry and dry cleaning work.

He invites inspection of his new plant, which has been cited as the most modern and completely equipped of any city of corresponding size in the state.

WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Six Eagles at Carlsbad Carlsbad: Scoutmaster J. W. Hanson of Troop 40 announces that six eagle badges will be awarded at the Sterling District Camporee at Carlsbad today. The Court of Honor will be held around a campfire on the banks of the Concho and will be part of the program of the camporee which will extend until Saturday afternoon.

Ranch District Camporee Ozona: The Ranch District Camporee, originally scheduled for Mar. 24-25, has been changed to Friday March 31, and Saturday April 1, to avoid four-county literary and athletic meet on the same days. The program will be under the direction of John Eaton, former Scoutmaster of Sonora, who will be assisted by Scoutmasters from communities in the Ranch District, as follows: Luther Barber and the Rev. N. P. Wilkinson, Eldorado; Gene Hollon, Ozona; H. F. Gilley and Haynie Davis, Sonora; J. N. Montgomery, Rocksprings. Guests for the rally will be Scout units from Junction and Menard.

Bronte to Receive Charter Bronte: A Court of Honor and Investiture service will be conducted in Bronte on Wednesday March 15, according to plans announced today by Scoutmaster B. B. Covey. Advancement in several ranks in Scouting will be presented. The Charter for the year will be presented at the Business Men's Luncheon Club Wednesday noon by Scout Executive C. H. Janeway.

Executive Board The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Concho Valley Council is scheduled for Monday March 13 according to Emmet Cox, president. Members of the Board from several sections of the Concho Valley Council are expected. Matters of interest to be presented to the board will be policy, on organization of new units both Scout and Cub, the preliminary plans for the Annual Circus April 29, summer camp plans, and the Regional Training course in camp leadership which is scheduled for Camp Louis Farr April 15 and 16.

STARTING A BUDGET? THEN USE THIS EASY WAY

College Station, March 6.—Families who have tried to keep a budget, and failed, may be encouraged by the stand taken by Louise Bryant, home management specialist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, who thinks the budget should be made to work for the family rather than the family working for the budget. Miss Bryant suggests an easy way to get into the budget-keeping business, too. It is to keep records of expenditures for a year and use them for setting up the budget for the following twelve months.

"From the records you find out how much you had to spend, and that helps to figure the amount you expect to have for the next year," she points out. "Then you break down the total into amounts spent for various items, such as food, clothing, transportation, medical case, education and recreation, and so on.

"With these facts in mind each item may be considered by asking these questions: Did we spend our money to promote our happiness and welfare? Did we spend too much for some things and not enough for others? Did we provide an adequate diet for our table? Could we, in the case of

Small Town Life

There is a special democracy about small-town life. The man who works with his hands may be a deacon in the church, a town councilman, a leader in his lodge group. Social groupings rise from personal interests and individual congeniality. The banker, the storekeeper and the truck driver may be boon companions simply because they find a common pleasure in doing things—maybe it's bird or duck hunting, maybe fishing or golfing.

These folk find time for the simpler pleasures of life. They go to the county fair and the rodeo, sometimes drive their own trotters in the sulky races. They grow their own flowers and fruit and take pride in doing so.

The small town does not always hold its younger generation, although it does frequently reclaim its wanderers when they are approaching middle age. Youth is restless, and the small town is a place where life sends down roots.

Small Towns in Who's Who So the young townsman goes away, to college or merely to new fields, in search of a restless spirit to match his own. Sometimes he tires of his quest and settles down wherever disillusion overtakes him. Sometimes he learns that what he really sought is what he left behind him, and so he goes back to his home town to marry and settle down there. Sometimes his restlessness is distilled into energy that carries him to high places—leaf through Who's Who in America and note the number of men who list as their birthplaces obscure towns whose very names are the essence of small-town America.

Out of this democracy of the small town's way of life has arisen the strength of its position in the national scheme of things. Persistently the towns produce individuals who must expand out of their environment. They take with them, when they go, a toughness of moral fiber and a persistence of substantial purpose which for generations have been the small town's contributions to the nation's way of life. This quality has colored and tempered much of American history. It will continue to do so as long as there are Main Streets which become macadam roads that wind through the fields and among the hills and eventually reach the express highways, there to feed a trickle of traffic—and ideas—into the roaring stream which makes up the brain and brawn of our urban and city life.—Ex.

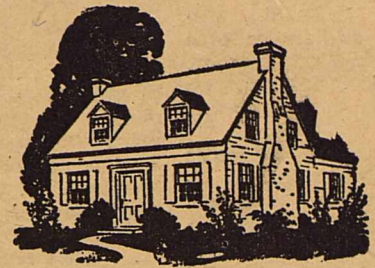
farm people, have produced more food at home and released cash for other things? Did we retire some debts or save some money? And most of all, did our spending promote long-time happiness, rather than just short time satisfaction? Business methods in the home are necessary now that home making is recognized as a business, she believes. Many wives could make a considerable contribution to the happiness and welfare of their families by applying business methods to their activities. "We need several million 'home corporations' in Texas," Miss Bryant said. "These corporations, to be successful, should be set up with the woman of the house as business manager, while the husband and children make up the board of trustees."

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending March 4, 1939 were 18,528 as compared with 17,656 for the same week in 1938. Received from connections were 5,116 as compared with 4,442 for the same week in 1938. The total cars moved were 23,644 as compared with 22,098 for the same week in 1938. The Santa Fe handled a total of 21,701 cars during the preceding week this year.

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Flour KB in print 1.33 24-lb. sacks, 48lb. bag 69c

Table of grocery prices: SOAP—Big "4" Large bar, 7 for 25c, GRAHAM CRACKERS 2-lb. box 25c, SALAD DRESSING—Piggly Wiggly, qt. jar 33c, COFFEE—Piggly Wiggly, 1-lb. pkg. 19c, VANILLA WAFERS—1-lb. pkg. 15c, SOAP—Yellow 7 for 25c, CRACKERS—Excell 2-lb. box 14c, SALAD DRESSING—Piggly Wiggly, pint jar 19c, PEANUT BUTTER—Piggly Wiggly, pint jar 19c, GREEN BEANS—2 No. 2 can for 17c

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