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Ranchmen Find 1939 Proves A Banner Year

A summary of the sales of wool and mohair over the state during 1939 reveals that producers have benefitted to a larger extent from the standpoint of money received for their products than in any year since the banner period extending over 1919. Carrying approximately nine million pounds of wool and about 300,000 pounds of mohair over into 1940 Texas sheep and goat raisers studied their fat bank accounts showing that they had realized approximately \$29,480,000 from the clips sod during the past twelve months and figuring that the carry-over is to be worth another \$2,850,000 when sold the producers will have boosted their returns from 1939 shearings to a total of \$3,233,000, which, if realized (it will be if the holdover wool sells for 30 cents per pound and the remaining mohair brings 50 cents) will result in a combined crop-year income larger than any since 1919, even exceeding the bank-filling receipts of 1937.

Although 1939 began with wool sales at around 20 cents per pound and mohair balky even in the 25-cent price range the ranchmen waxed more prosperous as the year rolled on to its grand climax in September, when wool sold for 45 cents per pound and mohair reached 52 cent for grown hair and 90 cents for kid.

But mohair, relatively growing stronger, hit the peak in the week between Christmas and New Year, climbing, after the state's accumulation was about cleaned out of the growers' hands, to a pinnacle of 55 cents for the grown hair and 91 cents for the kid, a schedule unequalled since 1919.

If the September and December prices had been in effect throughout the year, Uncle Sam would have had to expand his income tax division before tax paying time in March. But the levels were more centered around 32 cents for wool and slightly under 50 cents for mohair over 1939 as a whole.

The 45 cent peak paid by Emery & Conant to the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company for 214,000 pounds of graded French crumbing wool was not equalled again last year, but many sales were made at 40 cents per pound and above. And the 45 cent peak had not been approached since 1924, with the top price in that year being 44½ cents. The record-setting sales was made on September 22nd.

On October 1 the "war boom" had waned, and the last sizeable sale of 12-months wool of the 1939 clip was made then at 40 cents. Since then, the few hundred thousand pounds of 12-months fleece left in the warehouses have not been overly sought after by buyers, nor offered to them by the substantial growers who have felt that they know how to interpret reports coming out of Boston of the lowest stocks of wools in years in the hands of mills and manufacturers.

Sonora Scouters Sell Tickets For Annual Banquet

A committee of three Scouters of Sonora have charge of ticket sales here for the 14th annual banquet of the Concho Valley Council which is to be held in San Angelo Friday, February 2, at 6:30 p. m. F. T. Jones, Joe Berger and John Eaton have been selected to handle sales of the tickets in this community.

The program at the banquet will include music by the San Angelo College orchestra, community singing led by Paul Counts of San Angelo, district and community attendance banners to be awarded by B. L. Hughes of Brady, introduction of distinguished guests by J. C. Netts of Del Rio, announcement of the officers elected at the convention session by H. H. Batjer, appointment of the council committee chairman by the president-elect, presentation of awards by Roy E. Aldwell of Sonora, Robert G. Carr of San Angelo, and James P. Fitch, regional Scout executive of Dallas. Other features of the entertain-

Pepper Renamed Goatmen's Head

C. A. Pepper, San Antonio registered goat breeder, was re-elected unanimously as president of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association by the board of directors that met in Rocksprings Tuesday in annual election.

At the same time, B. M. Halbert, Jr., of Sonora and C. F. Briggs of Del Rio were renamed first and second vice-presidents. Directors voted to maintain Mrs. Claudine Hampton of Rocksprings as secretary-treasurer.

Twenty-four directors remained in their 1939 posts and Arthur Davis of Con Can was the new member for this year's board.

Resolutions authorized by the convening director included the donation of \$100 each to livestock shows in 1941 at San Angelo, Fort Worth, Uvalde and Dallas; the adoption of a new charter; a new system of registration records; and extend the mohair grading education program.

Dameron To Judge Sheep and Goats In Fat Stock Show

Among the judges selected for the Southwest Texas Boys' Fat Stock Show to be held at San Antonio February 21-24 is W. H. Dameron of Sonora, who will judge netries in the sheep and goat divisions. Other judges who have been secured are John C. Burns, noted cattlemen of Fort Worth, manager of the S. B. Burnett estate, who will judge entries in the cattle division, and D. S. Buchanan of Buda, to judge swine entries.

San Antonio will be host to the most colorful and educational livestock show in South Texas when the fifth annual meeting is held on the above date with 4-H and FFA boys from 60 counties of South Texas converging upon the Alamo City with more entries than have ever been displayed at any previous show. Bands, novelty acts, and a cowboy parade through streets of downtown San Antonio will supplement regular features of this year's show, which will be held, as in previous years, in big circus tents near the Livestock Exchange Building.

Cash premiums and valuable awards totalling more than \$3,000 have already attracted estimated entries of more than 600 head of calves, hogs, sheep and goats, and even more are expected by the entry deadline of midnight, February 10. Special prizes include such awards as registered breeding animals, cowboy boots, lariet ropes and trophies.

Boy exhibitors will be given a free barbecue dinner each day of the show, and bands and cowboys with trick horses will be on hand to see that there is no lull in entertainment.

An auction sale of show animals under the direct supervision of Col. Earl Gartin, nationally known auctioneer, of Greengrub, Ind. on the last day of the exhibition will bring top prices to boys desiring to sell their exhibition animals.

NEW EQUIPMENT AT TRAINERS

In order to facilitate work, and to render faster service to customers, J. W. Trainer & Son have just completed the installation of a new steam presser, which will be used in connection with the dry cleaning department of that store. In addition to tailoring and dry cleaning, Trainer's also have a complete line of men's and boys' furnishings, which is placed on attractive display.

Last week the store announced a clearance sale to run throughout the week, which the management reports as highly successful.

ment will be solo by A. J. Wylie of San Angelo, accompanied by Carl Brumebow of San Angelo, while the principal address of the evening will be made by Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, that part of the program alone making the annual convention an outstanding event.

A Vital Matter to All

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement, promotional, it is true, but nevertheless, of extreme importance to every citizen of Sonora. This advertisement was conceived by the News editor, prepared and set into type previous to the regular meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday, at which time the developments noted below were recorded. That the Lions Club meeting followed a trend of thought which the News Editor had already begun to stress indicates nothing more than that the problem is one of vital importance to us all, and as such, should receive the earnest consideration of every thoughtful person in the community.

At the Lions club meeting a discussion was had in which some of the leading citizens took part, and many of the business and professional men present gave careful attention to what was said, with the result that Lion President Dameron named a committee of three, John Eaton, chairman, to meet with the city commission and make a careful study of the question. That which received the whole-hearted attention of Lions present was the ever-recurring problem of supporting home industries and home institutions by trading at home, and the fact that the study should merit the careful attention of such a representative group of business men and private citizens indicates that the problem is a serious one.

As Mr. Eaton said, no citizen can occupy a neutral position when such a vital problem is brought to his attention. The residents of Sonora must decide for themselves whether home industries are to survive, or give way to out of town concerns who are exploiting the citizenship of Sonora in making sales of out of town products in direct competition with home products. Every citizen must be brought to realize that the loss of one Sonora home business hurts all the others, and through them the entire citizenship of the town. The closing of one Sonora business establishment places a burden on the others, retards progress to that extent, and slows up the natural growth of the town.

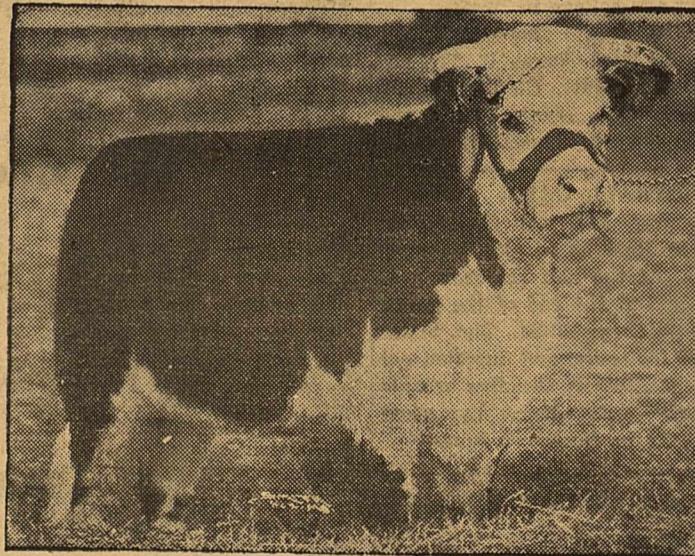
Sonora, in common with every other community suffers from out of town exploitation. Perhaps no one in the community is to blame more than others. But the fact remains that these out of town concerns, who pay no taxes in Sonora, who do not contribute to the schools, churches, city and county government agencies or any civic move, take the cream of the money produced in Sonora, and carry it to their home cities to the betterment of those larger cities. Truly, they are sucking the lifeblood from Sonora, for every dollar spent out of town, or for out of town merchandise, is just like another drop of blood from a human being with a severed artery. It cannot continue for long without death resulting.

Perhaps the picture painted is a little bit on the dark side. But the truth of the matter is, that Sonora, and every other little community, is suffering from the constant drain made upon its community support by the large and wealthy foreign concerns who are daily growing larger and wealthier with Sonora money.

The time to stop such a drain is now — and the ones to stop it are the consumers of the town. It can be done easily, quickly and permanently by demanding home products in every instance when such can be had. Sonora laundries, Sonora dairies, Sonora bakeries, all other home town establishments, contribute to Sonora's support, pay taxes in to the local governments, support home institutions, pay the bills of Sonora churches and fraternal organizations. They should receive the support due them.

Careful and continued study will no doubt result in at least a diminution of this malady — for malady it is.

PRETTY LADY B (Twin)



"The most valuable cow we ever bred or owned," is the way the senior member of the firm of John B. Stribling & Son, Rotan, Texas, whose Herefords are to be dispersed at auction on February 5th, speaks of the cow shown above, Pretty Lady B (Twin). Her sire, Superior Anxiety, Jr., now dead, was formerly in service in the Stribling herd. Her dam, Pretty Lady 52nd, also selling in their

HONOR STUDENTS GUESTS AT LIONS CLUB MEET

Presentations was made Tuesday at the Lions Club luncheon of the high school student guests of the Club for the next six weeks, the selection being based upon leadership in class work. For the ensuing six weeks, the honor went to Richard Boughton, with a scholarship average of 93, to represent the boys, and to Mary Jo Rape, with an average of 93½, to represent the girls of Sonora High School. The two students were present at the Lions Club luncheon and were presented to the assem-

bled Lions by Rev. R. F. Davis, in a brief but pointed speech.

Each six weeks a similar selection is made.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER VISITING IN TOWN

Mrs. Joseph M. Vander Stucken and her six-weeks old daughter, Jan, are staying in town with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken for a while. When the weather moderates they expect to return to their ranch home.

Mrs. Edith Bond is ill at her home.

Br-r-r . . .

The coldest weather of the year, which also surpassed any cold season of the past ten years, howled down from the North early last week, and temperatures plunged to sub-freezing marks, which were maintained constantly throughout the past few days, culminating in a mark of 4 below zero at dawn Tuesday morning. Accompanying the cold was a snowfall ranging in Sutton county from three to six inches or more, which fell during the night Sunday.

The snowfall was the second within a month, the other being recorded Christmas Day, and made Sonora citizens feel like the embattled Finns — except that in this instance our people were battling against cold winds, frozen water pipes, slippery sidewalks and frost-bitten fingers from playing in the snow.

Annual Troop Scouters' Convention February 2

The Sixth Annual Scouters convention of the Concho Valley Council will convene at 4:30 p. m. Friday February 2, in the St. Angelus Hotel, San Angelo. Commissioners, Scoutmasters, and Troop Committeemen will convene under the direction of Robert G. Carr, area commissioner, assisted by district commissioners John Eaton, John E. Robbins, J. A. Schmale, Drury Woods and Vern Brownlee. Plans for 1940 activities, troop programs and problems connected with running a Scout troop will engage the attention of the convention members.

At the same time, Council members will elect members to the Executive Board and officers for 1940. During the business meeting, brief reports will be made by district chairman and chairman of council committees, and objectives for 1940 will be adopted. Each Troop and Cub Pack is entitled to one representative vote at the annual Council meeting. District chairman making reports will be Doug Corley of Iraan, Roy E. Aldwell of Sonora, B. L. Hughes of Brady, Sam Walk of Del Rio; Fred Thompson of Eagle Pass, K. V. Northington of Ballinger, C. C. McDonald of Carlsbad and Bertram Gray of San Angelo.

Officers to be elected are president, five vice-presidents, two National Council representatives, a commissioner, treasurer and auditor. Committee chairmen will be appointed and members of the Executive Board at large will be elected.

Six Sonora Scouts Given Life Badge

Formal presentation of life Scout awards was made in a brief ceremony at the Tuesday Lions Club luncheon by Supt. F. T. Jones. Six Life Scout pins at one time constitutes a record for Sonora, and the ceremony, while brief, was appreciated none the less by the Lions and visitors present.

Those receiving the awards were Glen Richardson, Wilfred Berger, Richard Boughton, Eugene Alley, R. W. Wallace and R. C. Luckie, members of the Sonora Boy Scout Troop who have been unusually active in Scout work during the past few months.

9 CENTS SALE MADE BY STORE

The City Variety Store conducted a 9 cent sale last week in order to dispose of their surplus of winter merchandise, and the management reports that the sale received good patronage from the people of Sonora. New lines of merchandise featuring spring styles and materials will be placed on their shelves shortly.

Lions Club Has Interesting Meet Tuesday Noon

The Lions Club luncheon Tuesday, attended by a large number of Lions, their guests and entertainers, was a very enjoyable affair, both from the standpoint of entertainment features and the business which came up for discussion.

Among entertainment features was a cornet trio, Glen Richardson, Myron Morris and Rex Hutcherson, and several saxophone renditions by Lion S. L. Sharp, accompanied at piano by Miss Elizabeth Caldwell. Lea Roy Aldwell will be in charge of the entertainment for next week.

G. A. Wynn was named by Chairman Dameron to take the place temporarily of Treasurer W. E. James, who is moving to Texon during the illness of his daughter and granddaughter, badly burned in a gasoline stove explosion several days ago. Mr. Wynn accepted with thanks and a statement that he would be happy to serve to the best of his ability.

An unofficial report concerning the contest with the Eldorado club brought out the fact that the neighboring group are working hard in the contest, and that Sonora cannot afford to be lax at any time, unless they want to lose.

In the business session, the problem of educating consumers to the desirability and necessity of trading with home producers of food and service was brought up, with the result that a committee of three was named by Chairman Dameron to investigate the possibilities involved in the question, to report at a later meeting of the club on developments. Several of the Lions present expressed themselves in strong terms as to the necessity of trading at home, and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those present that trading at home with-home institutions in products produced at home, was the logical and necessary thing to do.

Following adjournment of the meeting, many members remained to discuss the matter from individual and unofficial angles.

Masons To Gather At Edinburg To Honor Leader

Plans are being made for the largest Masonic gathering ever held in South Texas, according to H. G. Ferguson, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge at Edinburg, and Wm. J. Burris, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fortieth Masonic District.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p. m., Feb. 5, and a buffet supper will be served in the high school cafeteria at 6:00 p. m. The occasion is in honor of Rogers Kelley who was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas last month. As Kelley's election was the first time a Mason from the lower part of the Valley had ever been elevated to this position, it is expected that Masons from all over South Texas will attend the meeting, according to Ferguson and Burris.

Leo Hart, of Gilmer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, will arrive in Edinburg on February 5 to make an extended visit throughout the Valley and to attend the Edinburg meeting, Ferguson stated; and in conjunction with this meeting Grand Master Hart will hold a Grand Master's Fellowship Meeting for the benefit of all South Texas Masons, and he will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Sam B. Cantey, Jr., of Fort Worth, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. E. M. Wood, of Anson, Grand Senior Warden; and George H. Belew, of Waco, Grand Secretary, are other Grand Lodge Officers who will also attend this meeting, according to Burris. He also said that a number of Past Grand Masters, as well as several appointive Grand Lodge Officers, had accepted invitations to attend.

SON TO WILSONS MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson announce the birth of a son. The infant was born Monday and weighed six and one-fourth pounds.

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HONOR ROLL

Semester Honor Roll

Seniors—Rex Hutcherson Myron Morris, Dock Simmons, Libbye Jo Wallace.

Juniors—Doris Meckel, Mary Jo Rape.

Sophomores — Fannie Sellman, Addie Thorp, Richard Boughton.

Freshmen — Kathleen Brinkley, Marjory Reba Nisbet.

Third Six Weeks—First Semester

Seniors:—Rex Hutcherson, Myron Morris, Dock Simmons, Libbye Jo Wallace;

Juniors:—Doris Meckel, Mary Jo Rape;

Sophomores: — Fannie Sellman, Addie Thorp, Richard Boughton;

Freshmen: — Kathleen Brinkley, Marjory Reba Nisbet.

Lion—Richard Boughton, average 93.

Lioness—Mary Jo Rape, average 93½.

Grammar School

Third Six Weeks—First Semester

First Grade—Fred Adkins, Betty Jane Atchison, Ellen Bowers, Flora Dell Davis, Gene Henderson, Artie Joy, Martha Lou Renfro, Peggy Ann Willman.

Second Grade—J. R. Caldwell, Joe DeBerry, Oscar Drennan, Ernest Stephens.

Third Grade—Alice Adkins, Vada Jean Sesson, Bobby Allen, Mary Jim Caldwell, Maxine Chalk, Joyce Eagles, George Hamilton, James Theodore Hunt, Joyce Jewell McGhee, Patricia Miers, Eunice Mund, Jane Neill, Rebecca Schultz.

Fourth Grade—Clay Atchison, Frankie Bond, Hazel Caldwell, George D. Chalk, Frances Jane Drennan, Wanda Lackey, Helen Kathryn Ross, David Shurley, Tina Ann Taylor, Billy Lee Thurman.

Fifth Grade—Barbara Bowers, Norma Jean Brinkley, Clayton Hamilton, Wilma Lee, Lynn Morris, John Allen Ward.

Sixth Grade—Lila D. Chalk, Ann DeBerry, Gene Cliff Johnson, Mary Lou Neurburg, Betty Gene Rankhorn.

Seventh Grade—Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Don Nichols.

ALL-DISTRICT SELECTED

The executive committee of Football District 8-B met in Sonora Thursday January 18th, and selected the following All-District-Team.

Linemen:
Left End—Cartwright, Sonora
Left Tackle—Reynolds, Eldorado
Left Guard—Schmidt, Mason
Center—Stengel, Mason
Right Guard—Cozzons, Eldorado
Right Tackle—Epperson, Rock-springs
Right End—Wyatt, Menard

*Backs:
Trainer, Sonora
Bissett, Junction
Humphreys, Mason
Williams, Eldorado
Hill, Eldorado

Honorable Mention:
Ends — Wilson, Ozona; Herring, Junction.

Tackle—Henderson, Eldorado
Guard—Wall, Eldorado
Center—Lemmons, Ozona
Backs — Dudley, Ozona; Higgins, Sonora; D. Owens, Rock-springs.

*Five backs were chosen by unanimous decision of those present.

DEBATE TRIP

The boys' debate team, Myron Morris and Nelson Stubblefield, extemporaneous speaker, Dock Simmons, and Peggy Gilmore, representing one-act play, and Mr. Flathers went to Abilene Saturday to listen to speakers on these various subjects. The event was held in Sewell Auditorium at Abilene Christian College.

SONORA BEATS JUNCTION

The Sonora Bronchos went to Junction last Saturday to play the first of a series of games in the Ranch District. The game was played in the Junction gymnasium Saturday night. The score was 21 to 7 in Sonora's favor. The next game in the Ranch District was with Eldorado here last night.

The Ozona tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th. Rocksprings is expected to play here sometime this week.

TO PARTICIPATE IN WHO'S WHO

Sonora High School has received an advance invitation to participate in this year's WHO'S WHO AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TEXAS. As our school was one of the many schools in Texas which co-operated in this educational undertaking last year, C. J. Humphrey, Editor, THE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONAL, has informed us that from the size of our graduating class our school is entitled to 3 WHO'S WHO students, whose records and achievements will be placed in this year's publication.

These students should be graduating Seniors and should be selected upon the combined qualities of sportsmanship, scholarship, character, leadership and extra-curricular activities. The faculty may select all students who measure up to these high qualifications submit the entire list to the Senior Class and allow them, by vote, to choose the number of students which our school is allowed, or the faculty selection may be final. The selection is limited to only Senior students, as they are the ones who will benefit most from this publication. The other students will have their opportunity for this recognition when they become Seniors and furthermore they will have an incentive to work harder as undergraduates to obtain this honor.

As soon as the selections from this school are made, information form blank will be sent these students as the Association is striving to have the books off the press in time to distribute them before the close of the school term.

Our attention is called again to the fact that there is no charge whatsoever to the students or the school to be represented in this publication. This project is carried on and supported by individuals who believe that this Association is doing a service for high school students and also by those students who wish, at their own choice, to have a personal copy of the book. Each Texas high school which participates in this educational project will be given one copy of WHO'S WHO to be placed in the school library.

The value and success of this educational program is shown by the reaction of the colleges and universities all over the State from the following comments:

Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas: "I think it is fair to say that the project which you have conceived is a worthy one and, if properly carried out, can be of considerable value to the colleges of Texas and to their personnel officers."

President E. M. Waits, Texas Christian University: "I think the volume is beautiful and will prove to be of considerable service to the various college executives throughout the State. I certainly approve the educational undertaking which you are pursuing; and I think it will be of great service to the various high school graduates."

James F. Cox, president, Abilene Christian College: "I believe your idea is a good one. A. C. C. is willing to give a scholarship to one

or two WHO'S WHO students. This book will be of service to our committee on scholarships."

President W. J. McConnell, North Texas State Teachers College: "It appears to be a very worth while compilation of facts. I congratulate you upon the work. Some of these students have already applied for and received opportunities to bear part of their expenses. Assistance is being rendered in many instances and we hope to be able to assist a number of those listed."

Charles W. Wunder, Dean, University of San Antonio: "As far as I am able to judge you are doing a fine piece of work, and I shall be glad to co-operate with you to the extent of offering a part time scholarship to a boarding student."

President Gordon G. Singleton, Mary Hardin Baylor: "I am sure that the publication of this volume stimulates high school students to make an effort to be included in such a publication and this reason alone justifies its publication."

Sam H. Whitley, president, East Texas State Teachers College: "I believe it will have beneficial effects upon stimulating the right kind of standards and conduct upon the part of high school students. I believe you have started a most excellent movement."

Texas A. & M. Howard Payne, Southern Methodist University, and Texas State College for Women were some of the other schools that sent their word of appreciation and pledge to help in every possible way.

It is the sincere hope of the American High School Educational Association that every high school will participate this year, as the value of the book increases to these colleges and universities when WHO'S WHO is all-inclusive.

The purpose as chartered by the American High School Educational Association is "to promote, to encourage, and to attempt to maintain the qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, sportsmanship, and extra-curricular activities among high school students. To co-operate with the high school authorities in an effort to give the proper acclaim to the outstanding students who have attained this high educational standard by placing their records and achievements before leading business men and before college and university officials. And to endeavor to assist worthy high school students of limited means to obtain an opportunity to receive higher educational training."

Students listed in WHO'S WHO have an introduction to every university and college in Texas.

WHO'S WHO representatives last year were James D. Trainer, Robby Jo Wyatt, C. T. Driskell, Louise Briscoe, Myron Morris and Jimmie Gwynne Langford.

VOLLEYBALL GAME

Saturday the volleyball girls went to Junction to play at seven o'clock. At the half the score was 13-13 and at the end of the game, the score was 24-24. The teams flipped for serve, and Junction got the serve. When the five minute "tie off" was played the score was 31-24 in Junction's favor.

The SIDEWINDER

Wanda and Marjorie, why did you go home Monday?? Can't you take it??

Wilfred seemed to be writing a very interesting letter Monday!!! Who was it to??

Some people are certainly happy! Maybe it has something to do with a Senior and two Juniors.

How these Freshmen and Seniors do get along!! Such as Marjory Reba and Dock.

Myron and Willie Nell. It seems this romance goes on and on. Just where did we see you Saturday night, Willie Nell??

Which of the Henderson's are you after, Marjorie?? Three different ones now, that we know of!!

Boyd, your new car seems to have attracted very much attention from the girls (freshmen). Be careful!!!

K. C., who picked you up and spoke to you that Tuesday?? Guess No. 1—Louise Merriman.

PERSONALS

Kathleen Largent and Mary Jo Rape were visiting in and around Junction Sunday.

Marian Adams was a visitor in Del Rio Sunday.

Myron Morris, Nelson Stubblefield, Dock Simmons, Peggy Gilmore, and Mr. Flathers attended a speaking event in Abilene Saturday.

Whatever else may have been written of Hitler in the past few months, we believe we have found the ultimate in characterization, so far as words of the English language will permit it to be said: Dr. Robert Temple, Washington lecturer and former student of Sigmund Freud, who has studied both Hitler and Mussolini, said in a lecture recently before the student body of the North Texas State Teachers College, that Hitler "is a hysterical egomaniac suffering from hopeless paranoia." 'Nuf sed.

Scratch Pads, doz. 50c—NEWS.

The courageous stand (an apparently successful one) of the Finns has been a breath-taking surprise to the world. The Russian Bear has lost a lot of prestige since it stepped out and took in too much territory.

Personally, we have no great interest in whether you pay your poll tax or not; from the standpoint of good government and your part in bringing it about, we believe you ought to pay yours, and that of your wife, if you have one. February 1 is the deadline.

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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

One winter during a cold snap I took some old cooking fat and heaped it on the crotches of the trees about the house. Within a few days it had attracted many Myrtle warblers to the neighborhood. They fought over it eagerly. Cooking fat of any sort, as well as cheese, piecrust dough or suet is a good substitute for the insect diet of birds and is rarely turned down by them during cold weather.

Attracted by plenty of food, the Myrtle warblers came into the bird-banding traps. There were often two and three captives at a time. One day I came home to find a nosegay of seven fluttering about nearly forty of this species.

The Myrtle warbler is an aggressive little bird around the feeding shelf. Once when I hung out a large pine cone packed with ground nuts and melted suet, they fought each other off it so continuously during the day that I wondered how they ever managed to get it eaten. But they cleaned it out in a short time. Chickadees, Orange-crowned warblers, wrens and Kinglets helped on the sly, but the Myrtle warbler was the most persistent customer.

Chickadees and titmice can reach almost any food they see as long as they can get a foothold. They cling upside down to scour the under sides of leaves and twigs for plant lice and larvae. But the

Myrtle warbler, not being so acrobatic, has to adopt a more clumsy way of getting food out of his reach. He hovers on rapidly beating wings in the same manner a goldfinch hovers over a thistle. It is not a skillfully executed hover, but he looks as if with a generation or two of practice he might finally get the hang of it.

The Myrtle warbler in winter plumage may on hasty observation be confused with a sparrow. But he twitches through the shrubs with the rapid, nervous movement which is the badge of all the warbler family. Just as one decides that he is a bird of simple black, gray and white plumage, the wings spread to show a brilliant yellow spot at the base of his tail. As spring approaches the crown of his head turns bright yellow, and the yellow wash on each side grows bright as gold.

The Orange-crowned warbler is the only other warbler that I see during the dead of winter. He is a dainty, active little bird, with an even wash of color: a soft green above, greenish yellow below, without wing bars or striking markings of any kind. Even the orange crown from which he gets his name is hardly ever visible. He is one of the first birds to come to our shelf to pick over the crumbs and nut bits when the weather grows severe.

Two winter birds, not of the warbler family, but similar in habits, are the Ruby-crowned kinglet and the Golden-crowned kinglet. They are our smallest birds besides the hummingbirds, and are enchanting to watch.

The Ruby-crowned kinglet's flitting is even more jerky than that of a warbler. It is never still for more than an instant. Even in the spring when it pauses long enough to give its remarkable and famous song, it has the air of hurrying on to more important places. In color it is a mite of a greenish gray bird with two white wing bars. These wing bars, its diminutive size and the large ring around the eye, identify it unquestionably as the Ruby-crowned kinglet. The crown that gives it its name is usually concealed. But when the male is angry or alarmed he raises a glorious knob of ruby feathers on his head and rasps indignantly.

The Golden-crowned kinglet may not be so amusing to watch as the Ruby-crowned, but he is decidedly more self-possessed. While the Ruby-crown is all agog over things about him, the Golden-crown flits about his own business with hardly a glance toward us mortals, even when we come within a few feet of him.

My field notes comment more than once of this tiny kinglet's engaging habit of clinging to slender twigs and the undersides of branches. He is a nimble acrobat, more casual about his surprising positions than the chickadee.

His color scheme is charming too. Mostly olive-gray with white wing bars, he has a white stripe over the eye, and a bright yellow or orange crown edged in black. In cold weather he fluffs out his feathers until he looks like a ball of down bounding through the trees and bushes.

VOICE OF TEXAS

By PIERCE BROOKS

The State has just gone through a series of Jackson Day rallies in honor of the rugged old hero of the Battle of New Orleans. All were well attended, which augurs well for the party of Jackson. In Dallas a \$25 dinner was held under the official sanction of the National Committee. Also in Dallas was held a free rally, largely attended. In Fort Worth the Young Democrats honored Jackson, while at Houston there was another dinner. The lowly hot dog came into its own at an Austin dinner.

Texas got some publicity in a national magazine a week or so ago that wasn't favorable. The story stretched a point in showing the bonded indebtedness of the State. It didn't explain the indebtedness included our share of the National debt, and that of counties and subdivisions. The budget indebtedness of the State, itself, is just a little more than \$13,000,000.

As we enter the political year, the tom-tom has begun to beat. The faithful are being rallied to various and sundry causes. It will be a lively year. But let's keep our feet on the ground, look first to the best interest of our people in the mass. After all the ambitions of persons are of secondary importance. The general welfare is the thing of interest and entitled to serious thought.

It is inspiring to note that

America, and especially Texas, is responding so splendidly to the appeal for aid to the Finns. It also is a tribute to the spirit of our great daily and weekly newspapers to see them furnish without charge, space and clerical hire for the collection and transmission of this money.

We shudder at the misery which must be endured by our aged, our dependent blind, and our destitute children during these winter months. Let us hope that Texas immediately will take care of these obligations in the manner intended by the people.

Another Texas citizen, former Senator A. J. Wirtz of Seguin, has been honored with an important Federal position. Senator Wirtz comes from a part of the State which has produced stalwarts and those who know him best are sure that he will not be a disappointment in his new position.

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Low Cost Home Emerges In New Significance

Emergence of the stylish, sturdily built low-cost home as an architectural fixture on the American scene is rapidly becoming one of the outstanding achievements of the Federal Housing Administration, according to Stewart McDonald, Administrator of the National Housing Act.

Mr. McDonald pointed out that careful planning, coupled with the advance made in the development of building materials, was restoring the small home to its place in the sun occupied during Colonial times, when necessity and good taste combined to produce a type of architecture which has become an important part of American tradition and culture.

"This has been brought about to a large extent," Mr. McDonald said, "by the fact that FHA has insisted upon minimum construction requirements and property standards for low-priced homes as well as for the higher priced ones.

Plans and specifications are being worked out carefully for houses costing \$3,000 as they always have been for those priced at \$15,000.

"Once this insistence upon style and architectural attractiveness became established. Builders discovered that an intelligent use of materials was more profitable in the long run. They found it was no more costly to build an attractive, well-planned home than an unattractive one and that the former had many times the marketability of the latter. The initiative and ingenuity exercised by the construction industry in pursuing this course has been a credit to the building and allied trades.

The splendid business prospects in Sonora and Sutton county are a source of comment to visitors, who cannot keep from noticing the cheerful faces of business men and the lack of doleful looks appearing when business conditions are mentioned. Sonora is apparently one of the bright spots in the business map of the state, with continued good prospects expected.

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Bitter Fight Is Expected During Congress Session

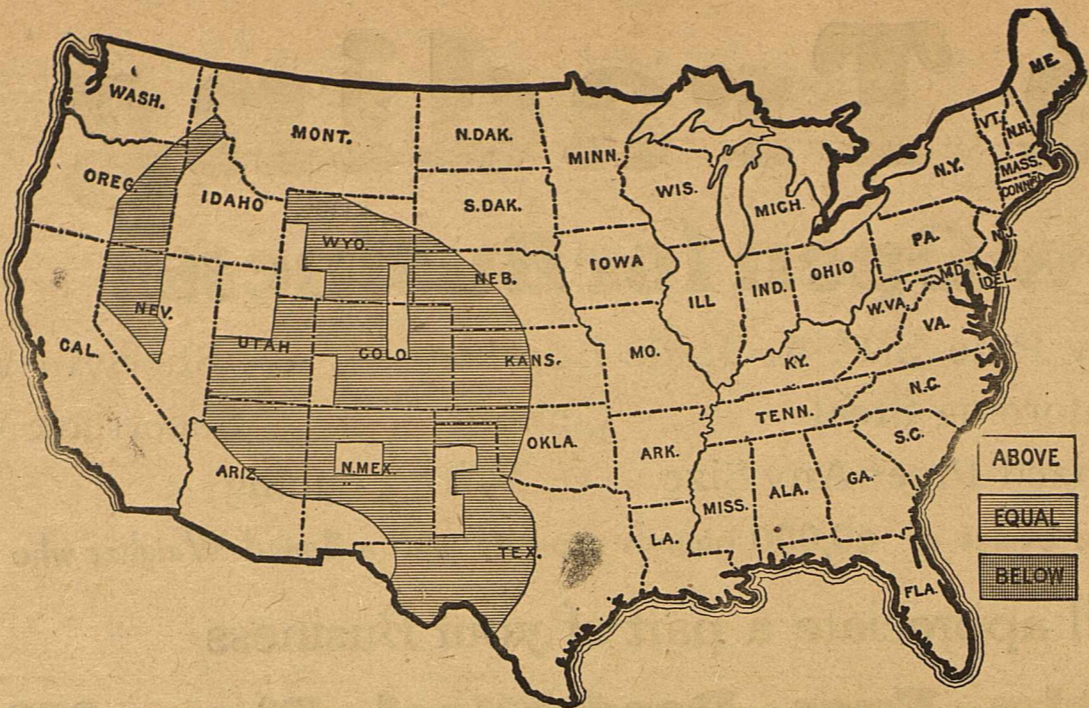
The Administration frankly hopes that the current session of Congress will be brief, quiet and harmonious. But the chance of that hope being realized seems dark indeed. For the Republicans, along with that influential bloc of the Democratic party which is cool to the New Deal and growing cooler, are apparently determined to make a showing. They have plenty of bones to pick, and it looks as if they intend to pick them clean.

First and foremost issue is the budget. Few believe that Congress in an election year, will reduce appropriations. If Congress finally approves another big spending budget it will have to either levy new taxes to raise the money or raise the present legal debt limit of \$45,000,000,000. At the moment the odds seem to favor the latter course—new taxes to produce sufficient revenue are politically dangerous.

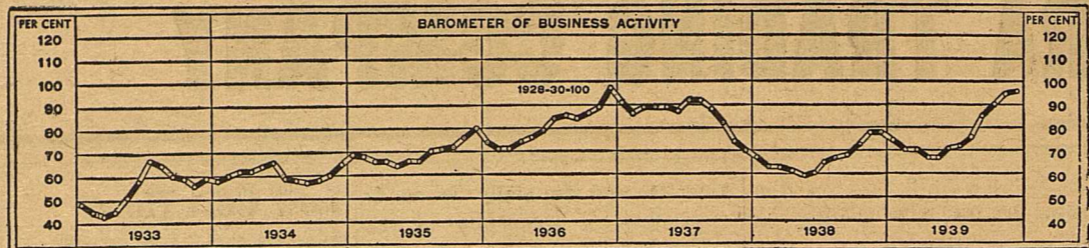
Second on the list of unsolved problems is national defense. There is general agreement that our defense facilities must be strengthened. At the same time, opinion on the Administration's two-billion-dollar military program is far from unanimous. There is a strong group in Congress which feels that the recommendations should be thoroughly investigated, with a possibility of making changes and cost cuts. Some critics of the program say that it is primarily designed to enable us to again participate in a foreign war and that it goes far beyond our needs for territorial defense. Still another school thinks we should plan on hemispheric defense—that is, a military establishment that could repel invaders of the entire continent and northern South America, and make it possible to put teeth in the Monroe Doctrine if, as and when necessary. To build our fighting resources to that extent would of course take a great length of time and cost an incredible sum.

Third leading issue is the reciprocal trade law, which must be again renewed if Secretary of State Hull is to continue to make trade deals with other countries. It will be proposed that all trade agreements must be approved individually by Congress before becoming effective. Mr. Hull is absolutely against this on the grounds that it would defeat the purpose of the act and make workable treaties next to impossible to consummate. The farm belt has always disapproved the present law, and its representatives will be almost

BUSINESS SHOWS CONTINUED UPSWING



This map represents current business conditions. It appears in the February number of "Nations Business", published by the United States Chamber of Commerce.



The brighter map reflects good trial activity. Following the sharp upswing since the outbreak of war in Europe, business activity continued at a relatively high level in December despite a seasonal slackening in some lines.

solidly against renewing it in its present form. This promises to be quite a fight—Mr. Hull is a man who is almost universally admired and respected, even by those who disagree most violently with his opinions, and the whole weight of his prestige and influence will be thrown into the fray on behalf of continuance of his trade program. Odds now seem to narrowly favor Mr. Hull coming out on top.

There will be another hot time on Capital Hill when Secretary Edison's proposal to give the President sweeping emergency powers, unprecedented in our history, comes to the floor. The conservative group will fight this to the last ditch. Both business and organized labor have lined up together in opposition. Business feels the measure is unnecessary and would be a long step toward totalitarianism. And labor feels its independence of action would be endangered if the bill passed.

This doesn't exhaust the list of big issues by a long shot—it just touches the high spots. Most of the lawmakers of both parties will be playing politics to the limit—Congress is simply alive with potential Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates. And all of them, as convention time nears, are going to do everything possible to put themselves in the limelight. So the chance of this being a quiet session seems about as poor as that of the proverbial snowball in Hades.

The shake-up in the British war cabinet was not unexpected—it has been felt both here and in England that some of the posts were held by stuffed shirts who had to be given the gate in the interest of efficiency. But the dropping of energetic, popular War Minister Hore-Belisha was a surprise.

Hore-Belisha's downfall apparently came largely as the result of a run-in with the general staff.



By ABNER GORDON

WHEN built-up roofing has been ripped and torn, loose sections should be secured with plastic roofing cement applied evenly with trowel or like implement.

When blisters form—caused by the separation of felt layers or loosening of roofing from basic sheathing—slit the blisters and spread roofing cement thickly over under surface and apply pressure for several hours to assure firm setting.

Scatter sand over exposed areas. If tar or cement remains sticky.

Q.—Suggest formulas for producing the following colors from white lead paint: buff, lemon yellow and medium green.

A.—To produce a pleasing buff add 1 pt. raw italian sienna plus 1/2 pt. burnt turkey umber to paint mixed from 100 lb. paste white lead.

Lemon yellow is produced by adding 1/4 pt. C. P. lemon chrome yellow to paint mixed from 100 lb. paste white lead.

If varying quantities of paint are mixed, adjust formulas in proportion.

Whether following a formula or matching a particular shade, mix in only small quantities of the colors-in-oil at a time to avoid "overdosing," which results in wrong color and waste.

The darker colors such as medium green are not prepared from white lead paint. The colors-in-oil are reduced to painting consistency by the addition of raw linseed oil and outside spar varnish. However, apply the regular white lead undercoats tinted to a medium shade of the finishing color.

Suggested volume formula for medium green: 2 parts C. P. chrome green medium, 3 parts raw linseed oil, 5 parts spar varnish. One gal. of color will yield 3/4 gal. of paint to which add 1 pt. of drier.

One belief of his was that the army must be made more democratic, and that the higher officers should be younger. He put that belief into action, and it didn't please the generals. On top of that, it is reported that he fell out with Winston Churchill. Churchill is by far the most colorful and aggressive figure now in Chamberlain's cabinet, and he usually gets his way.

The London press has been hammering away with anti-Chamberlain editorials. Some have even said that the successful prosecution of the war demands the Prime Minister's resignation. The whole thing will be aired when Parliament meets again.

Should the Chamberlain government fall—and there is no indication that it will as yet—it's almost a certainty that Churchill would be the Prime Minister. So the chance of Hore-Belisha coming back is extremely remote.

The unusually long period of cold weather which has been with us since a day or so before Christmas, has hampered livestock movements to a large extent. With the reappearance of the sun, and warm weather, more activity on all fronts may result.

Carbon Paper, second sheets and other paper supplies, at The News.

Texas Lions Make Third Pilgrimage To Mexico

Plans for the Third Texas Lions Goodwill pilgrimage to Mexico have been completed, and General Chairman Julian C. Hyer of Fort Worth has announced the itinerary, and is receiving reservations for the trip.

Sponsored by the Fort Worth Lions Club and endorsed by five district governors of Texas, this Pilgrimage has been extended to include not only members of the International Lions Association, but likewise their families and friends, and to members of the general public who are acceptable to the Committee on arrangements. Inquiries, according to Hyer, have been received by the committee from many Northern and Eastern States, as well as from the West as far as California, manifesting much interest in the Pilgrimage this year.

"With foreign and all water travel greatly curtailed," Chairman Hyer reported, "the tendency prevalent among those who travel is to take advantage of the beauty, the climate, and the flower season of Mexico just after Easter, and for that reason we are planning our trip this year April 4-15." The trip will originate at Fort Worth with arrangements made for South Texas Pilgrims to join the special train at San Antonio, leaving the night of April 4th, arriving in Mexico City, Sunday, April 7th, from which place a daily tour will be made to various points of interest, including Xochimilco, Puebla, Taxco, the Pyramids, and other points of interest. A feature of the trip will be the over-night stay with a dinner-dance at Taxco, the quaint artist colony of Mexico with luncheons and banquets participated in by members of the Mexican Lions Club and their families.

A special all-expense rate from \$129.75 up include everything except meals enroute and some in Mexico City. Full information is being furnished by the Fort Worth Lions Club to all interested in this Pilgrimage, the reservations being limited to 200. Illustrated folder has been issued and will be furnished on request.

TEXAS PROHIBITION SENTIMENT WEAKER, SURVEY OF LOCAL-OPTION VOTING SHOWS

AUSTIN, Texas.—Is prohibition sentiment stronger or weaker in Texas today than it was in the days before State-wide prohibition was voted?

"Definitely weaker," Austin observers are saying, after making a comprehensive survey of sentiment as reflected by local-option elections.

The State's status as of January 1, 1940, is contrasted with the only truly comparable period—1919, preceding State-wide prohibition.

Geographically and from the standpoint of population, those who believe the sale of alcoholic beverages can be successfully prohibited are in the minority.

Here is the statistical picture:

Although there were 194 counties which were "dry" in 1919—and that was before State-wide prohibition—only 117 counties are dry today, and all but three of these were dry before State-wide prohibition came in Texas.

Presuming a 1919 population of 4,663,000, as shown in the 1920 census, and today's population 6,421,844, the 1938 official estimate, the actual gain or loss in strength of the two schools of thought is as follows:

In 1919, there were 1,240,445 Texans living in "legal" counties, whereas today they number 4,310,505, a gain of 3,070,060.

In 1919, the population of dry counties totaled 3,422,174, as contrasted with 2,111,339 today, a loss of 1,310,835.

Hold Substantial Lead

Not only have those favoring legalized sales overcome the lead which prohibitionists held two decades ago; they have forged far ahead, winning and holding a substantial majority since repeal.

This progress on the part of those favoring legalization was through actual expressions of the people in their only forum: At the ballot box; similarly, the losses recorded for the prohibitionists were through elections.

In other words, when prohibition was repealed in Texas, the entire State returned to the exact status it held in 1919. A county which was dry in 1919 could sanction sale of alcoholics, after repeal, only

an election; contrariwise, a section where sale was legal in 1919 could become dry only by election.

Since 289 elections have been held since repeal—not counting numerous beer elections while beer alone was legal—the picture today is believed a fair reflection of the will of a majority of Texans.

Moreover, under the Texas local option laws, voters may change their minds as often as once every year. That they have changed their minds is shown by the shifts, pro-and-anti, in results of elections held since August, 1933, when the first step toward repeal—the legalization of beer—was voted.

True Opinion Shown

In the opinion of those who believe in legalization, this process of shifting sentiment over four years since repeal has been one of readjustment and "levelling out" until the true popular opinion substantially as it exists today is shown.

How this readjustment process has applied to beer is shown in the records of elections between January 1, 1936, and January 1, 1940. Accurate records were not maintained prior to 1936.

On January 1, 1936, there were 150 counties where beer sales were legal. Since that date, three counties have legalized beer; 16 counties have returned to prohibition, leaving sales legal today in 137 counties.

Out of the 16 counties which returned to prohibition, all were dry prior to 1919; in 13 of them, majorities voted against repealing prohibition when that question was before the State in 1935; in five, majorities voted against the original beer amendment. Thus, as between 1919 under local option before State-wide prohibition prevailed, and 1940, under local option, the drys have shown heavy losses.

San Antonio Livestock Market

Hogs: Estimated salable receipts 600, total 700. Market active, mostly 25c to 35c higher than late last week, spots up more. Practical top \$6.00, paid for most good and choice 160 to 300 pounds butchers, one lot of choice around 220 pounds reach \$8.10. Most 240 to 160 pounds cashed at \$5.00 to \$6.00. Packing sows sold around \$5.00 down. Pigs were scarce. Late market dull, most bids unevenly lower.

Cattle: Estimated salable receipts 400, total 700. Calves, salable and total 900. Light weight yearlings weak, some bids sharply lower, especially on later rounds. Most other classes active and steady to strong compared with late last week. Some choice light weight stocker calves unevenly higher.

Three rail loads of 1,011 pounds grass steers \$6.65, load of 1,067 pounds \$6.75. Two rail loads of light weight Brahm yearlings scaling 481 and 605 pounds \$8.50, one load 538 pounds \$8.00 and a 600 pound load at \$7.50, medium kinds down around \$7.00, common offerings down to \$5.75, few below. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.25 to \$4.25, including three loads 645 pounds at \$4.25, some old "shelly" kinds down to \$3.00. Common and medium cows \$4.50 to \$5.00, including five rail loads of 715 pounds at \$4.75. Bull mostly \$5.00 to \$6.00, common kinds down to \$4.50.

Slaughter calves active, good and choice kinds \$7.75 to \$8.50, common and medium offerings \$6 to \$7.50, culls down to \$4.50, few below. Stocker calves mostly \$7.00 to \$8.75, choice steer calves to \$9.00, including 400 pounds at \$8.90, odd head of choice light weights to \$9.50.

Sheep: Estimated receipts none. Not enough offered to establish quotations.

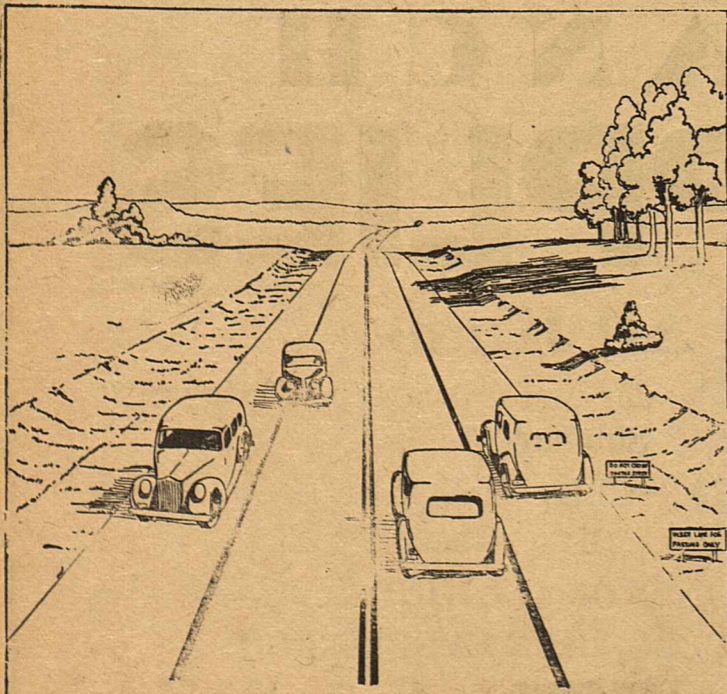
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9:45 a. m.—All the other departments of the Sunday School meet in their regular places.

10:50 a. m.—Morning sermon subject: "The Laborer and His Wages."

7:00 p. m.—Evening sermon subject: To be announced.

The church will be warm. Come and worship with us. You are always welcome.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

Attend the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church if you are not at present attending a Sunday School. You will enjoy the class discussion as well as the program that is planned. There has been unusually fine attendance at our Bible Class, so you are cordially invited to come and join in fellowship with the men of the class. Plan to attend Sunday.

Preston C. Lightfoot, president

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We want to assure the public that every effort will be made to have a warm building for your comfort, and urge each of you to plan now to be in all services of the day next Sunday. Special music at all services, and a warm welcome awaits you.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Sermon by Pastor 11:00 a. m.
Training Service 6:00 p. m.
Sermon by Pastor 7:00 p. m.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Men's Bible Class

Our attendance was a way down last Sunday and we want to invite every man not attending Sunday School elsewhere to meet with us next Sunday. A warm building awaits you, and hot coffee for your refreshment. Come.

W. W. Gibson, President

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor

Sawyer Home Is Meeting Place For Scouts

Members of the Girl Scout Troop of Sonora met Wednesday at the home of Miss Alice Sawyer, Miss Rena McQuary was in charge of the meeting. Miss McQuary taught those present a lesson in flag signalling, using the semaphore code. She then led the members in the singing of several songs.

After the meeting, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer served maple syrup on snow to the leader, Miss McQuary, and to Elizabeth Taylor, Jamie Trainer, Patsy Gilmore, Georgia Nance, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Flora Jean Hildreth and Addie Thorp.

Jolly Joker Club Entertained Monday

Mrs. Andrew Moore was hostess to members of the Jolly Joker Club Monday afternoon at her home.

Bridge provided the entertainment for the afternoon and after several games it was found that Mrs. H. V. Stokes held high score prize, and Mrs. Ernest McClelland received second high score prize.

The hostess served a refreshment consisting of a frozen salad cake and coffee to the following: Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., Mrs. John Fields, Mrs. Ernest McClelland, Mrs. H. V. Stokes, Mrs. Fred Simmons, Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. R. C. Vicars.

Charles Bird of Brownwood moved here Monday to represent the Americana National Insurance Company.

Mrs. Theresa Friend of Sander-son is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. M. Stokes and Mr. Stokes and her daughter, Mrs. Miers Savell and

Methodist W. M. S. Has Social

Members of the Methodist Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson with Mrs. Fred Nichols and Mrs. A. W. Awalt as co-hostesses.

The meeting was opened by a prayer offered by Mrs. R. F. Davis. The theme of the program, "We Are Debtors," was under the leadership of Mrs. Hutcherson, and Mrs. Thorp assisted her by giving the topic, "The Help of Methodist Women of Good Will."

The Bible lesson was the twenty-seventh Psalm.

There were sixteen present, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Monday Contract Club Meets

Complimenting members of the Monday Contract Club, Mrs. Sam Hull entertained for them in her home Monday afternoon.

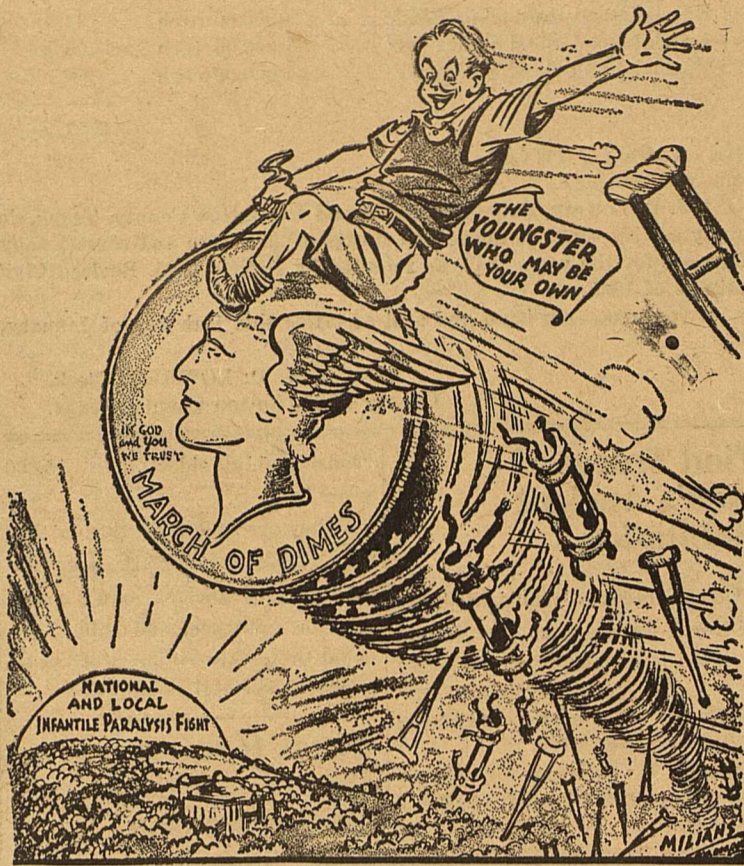
After several games of bridge had been played, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood held high score. Other members attending were Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., and Mrs. A. G. Blanton.

John L. Nisbet and daughter, Marjory Reba, spent the week-end in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Nisbet, who had made a previous trip to that city.

Miss Louise Briscoe, a student at San Angelo College, was here last week-end, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Thelma Briscoe.

Mrs. E. H. Richey left Wednesday for Talpa where she will attend a bridal shower honoring her niece.

"Heigh-Ho Silver!"



JAMES FAMILY MOVE TO TEXON

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James, residents here for the past ten years, left early Sunday for Texon, where they will make their home for the next few months. Mr. James, who had been mechanical superintendent of the Devil's River News office since his coming here in 1928, was taken ill with a stroke of paralysis last October, following which he had not been able to follow his line of business, and upon receipt of a recent message stating that his daughter, Mrs. B. B. Kelly

of Texon, and her infant daughter, had suffered severe burns in a gasoline stove explosion, Mr. and Mrs. James found it advisable to move to Texon, the home of their daughter, in order to assist in caring for the injured one.

Last reports from Mrs. Kelly were that both she and her infant daughter were showing satisfactory progress toward recovery.

Sonora, and especially the Sonora Lions Club, regret losing this good family. Mr. James had served efficiently and wholeheartedly as the treasurer of the local Lions Club, in addition to his work in

Girls Bridge Club Entertained By Mrs. Ross

Hostess to members and a few additional guests of the Girls Bridge Club, Mrs. Joe Brown Ross entertained for them at her home Saturday afternoon.

Bridge, played at three tables, furnished the entertainment for the afternoon, and after several games, Mrs. Sam Allison, received high score prize for club members, Mrs. Stanley was awarded high score prize for club-guests, and Mrs. John Fields was given second high score prize.

The hostess served a salad plate and coffee at the tea hour to Mesdames Frank Bond, Johnny Hamby, Sam Allison, John Fields, Henry Decker, John A. Ward, Jr., W. P. McConnell, Jr., club members and Mrs. Ben Cusenbary, Mrs. Cecil H. Allen, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mrs. W. T. Hardy, club guests.

the News office and the moving of the family to Texon will leave a gap in the ranks of good citizens here.

Personals

Lawrence Elder and family of San Antonio, associated with F. J. Wood, will make their home in Sonora soon. Mrs. Elder and baby are expected to arrive this week.

Mrs. W. E. Wallace and Mrs. Ben F. Meckel have as their guest this week their niece, Miss Loray Covington of Plainview.

Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer, Miss Emma Sessions and Edwin Sawyer were in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Penick and Mrs. Billy Penick spent the first part of the week in Monahan with the former's daughter, Mrs. W. O. Norris and Mr. Norris.

Mrs. Tom White has returned here from a visit with her mother.

Jess Hancock, proprietor of the Ozona Cafe, was a business visitor in Sonora Monday.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson is able to be back at work in the Sheriff's office, after having been out several days on account of illness.

W. E. (Ed) Glascock is confined to his home in town this week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Trainer left Wednesday for Fort Worth and Dallas to attend the spring market.

W. J. Fields, Jr., returned here Monday from Boston where he had been for several weeks.

Celebrated Violinist To Appear In San Angelo

The music lover will experience a rare treat Monday night when Fritz Kreisler, the world's greatest violinist, will appear in concert at the Municipal Auditorium in San Angelo. The concert is being sponsored by the San Angelo College.

The life of Kreisler is interesting, having entered the Vienna Conservatory at the age of seven after appearing in that city in a concert the same year. The entrance age for the conservatory was 14 and he was made an exception.

After studying three years there and having won gold medal for violin playing he went to Paris to study. At the Paris Conservatory Massart, the celebrated violin pedagogue, and Delibes, his teachers, were a bit skeptical at taking a ten-year-old into their classes.

General recognition of his talent was two years later when young Fritz won the Premier Grand Prix against 40 competitors, all of them being 20 years or more of age.

At the conclusion of his studies in Paris, Fritz Kreisler returned to Vienna and started his first tour, which was with Moriz Rosenthal, pianist and was routed through the United States.

The American tour was a success but at its close the great violinist announced his ambition to become a physician, and gave up his violin playing entirely. During his intensive study of medicine, which was interrupted by a period of military service, he became an officer in a regiment of Uhlans. Not once while in military service did he touch the violin.

Later, the musical talent reasserted itself and he began playing, having made several appearances. Not being satisfied with himself, he retired into the country to work for eight weeks.

Following this intensive work, his return debut was made in Berlin in March, 1899. Since that time his greatest has been recognized and assured. He is acclaimed the towering figure in the violin world today, having given concerts in every city of importance in the world.

Carey Nelson of Sweetwater is visiting his aunt, Mrs. L. L. Butler and Mr. Butler.

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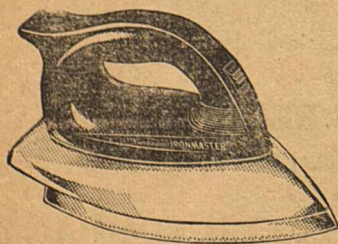
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friendly atmosphere . . . courteous sales staffs . . . complete style and size varieties of merchandise . . . and fair, economical prices. All these things tend to give you MATERIAL, personal satisfaction. Now let's look at trade-at-home from the view-point of "community satisfaction" and eventually your own satisfaction. On the simple theory of "buying co-operation" hinges the future of Sonora. If we are to build a greater community, we all must co-operate. We've got to buy in Sonora! Adequate educational facilities, civic improvements, employment and the town's general welfare depend upon your "Buy in Sonora" co-operation! Keep these things in mind when doing your shopping.

Spending Sonora Money Wisely is as Important as Saving

True economy, in buying from Sonora merchants, does not signify stinting or denying yourself the things you need. It does mean that you have to know if what you purchase is worth what you pay for it. With so many other things to keep you busy, it's often difficult for you to spend the time necessary to find out just what and where worthwhile bargains are to be found. Moreover, there's no particular need to do it—for the advertisements found in the News lead you without further investigation to the best bargains to be found in town—in everything you need. Merchants who use the columns of the News feel that their merchandise is worth advertising or they wouldn't spend the money to do it. That is an assurance for you that whatever you see advertised in the News is well worth what you pay for it.

Close co-operation with your merchants in Sonora, and a determined effort to buy wisely, spending all possible money in Sonora for your needs and luxuries, will assure an ever-growing and developing community which you will be proud to call home, and which will ultimately result in a town envied by citizens elsewhere.

In every campaign furthering the "spend at home" idea, the merchants of the community owe it to themselves and to their patrons to afford an easy access to bargains. List what you have to sell with your home town newspaper . . . giving your patrons an idea of what you have to sell, the prices they can expect to pay, the variety of merchandise they can find on your shelves. Co-operation between residents of the community and the business men should not be all on the side of the buyers. The sellers, too, should co-operate with intensive advertising for the benefit of their patrons.

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Vance Eubank

Harry Hines Gives Summary of Highway Safety

Recalling the anxiety with which the public scanned the casualty lists from the Western Front back in 1918 State Highway Commissioner Harry Hines draws a vivid comparison between the intense interest and concern manifested in those days to the apparently apathetic attitude displayed by Texas today to the appalling losses on Texas highways and streets. In an article on "This Business of Safety" in the January issue of Texas Parade Mr. Hines draws a not too encouraging picture of the traffic situation as it exists in the Lone Star State.

"It is appalling to know that from January 1 to September 30,

1939 there were 1,098 deaths on the highways and streets of Texas," he writes; "more than 39 per cent of these deaths were caused by drunkenness and fast driving. This total does not include those who may be permanently injured nor those who were temporarily confined to hospitals or homes because of minor injuries.

"During my tenure in office as a highway commissioner, I have exerted my best efforts and energy upon a major objective of safety within our organization and upon our highways, roads and streets. Deaths and accidents are a common foe of all mankind. Pursuing that objective, the State Highway Commission created a safety division within the Highway Department. The accomplishments of this new division during the short period of its existence indicates that its creation was a valuable contribution in the promotion of safety upon the arteries of transportation. In co-ordination with other existent organizations it has been able to reduce motor vehicle fatalities in this State very materially. The reduction was made possible by the traffic and safety division's conduct of various surveys of danger spots on the highways and the resultant elimination.

"The Highway Department, in its long range highway planning, is looking forward to such types of construction that will prove a boon to highway safety. One of the important innovations adopted and one which is proving of major importance is the filling of ditches adjacent to the highways and the widening of shoulders so that a driver forced off the highway can keep his car upright and return to the highway safely.

"These traffic safety protective measures have not solved the problem of safety on the highways. No one measure can succeed in eliminating all of the hazards confronting us. Proper engineering can make our highways safer for motor traffic but of all the engineering skill and educational advantages in the world will not complete the job. There is absolute necessity that the law enforcement officers of the State of Texas rigidly enforce traffic regulations on the highways and in our cities and towns. Uniform traffic signals should be installed and they should be obeyed. Regardless of his walk of life every driver of a motor vehicle should be forced and compelled to follow the rules and regulations of safe and sane driving. Failure to do so should bring down upon him the wrath of the proper courts and his punishment should be sufficient to make him realize the enormity of the crime, for we must realize we are attacking an

all-powerful destructive agency and that our ingenuity and resourcefulness will be taxed to the limit.

"Public sentiment and attitude can make or break the enforcement of any law in this democratic land of elective judges and lenient juries. It is therefore the duty of every man woman and child to support the enforcement agencies of our traffic safety departments.

"The Texas Highway Department, realizing that traffic control will always be a major influence in road building, will do everything within its power to meet the conditions imposed upon it under its new highway planning and construction," promises Mr. Hines, "but what about you?" he asks of the public.

"Will you make a pledge to keep your motor vehicle within the bounds of 'reasonable driving' and thus become an asset to safety? Being thoughtful, considerate, patient, kind and courteous will reduce traffic accidents in Texas by one-half in the days to come."

He quotes a newspaper clipping by Phil Braniff who under the caption of "A Father Speaks" makes a heart-rending appeal for the safety of children:—

"Dear Driver: Today my daughter, who is seven years old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark blue dress with white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue gloves. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is "Scoot" sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved 'Goodbye' and started off to the hall of learning.

"Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her—the girl with the yellow curls—and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher who has eyes in the back of head—about the trees in the school yard—and about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things—tremendously vital, unimportant things—and then we studied spelling, reading and arithmetic—and then to bed. She is back there now—back in the nursery sound asleep with her doll cuddled in her right arm. You boys wouldn't hurt her, would you? You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut—or her head gets bumped I can fix that—but when she starts to school—then she's in your hands.

"She's a nice kid—she can run like a deer, and darts about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses, and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons. But I can't be with her all the time—I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully—please drive slowly past the schools and intersections—and please remember, children run from behind parked cars.

"Please don't run over my little girl."

35 Years Ago

Jeff Pierson and Jim Barton left for San Antonio Thursday on a pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allison and some of the children were in from the ranch Wednesday visiting.

Mrs. C. J. Nichols left last week for San Angelo on a visit to her mother and sister.

Pat Lee left for McKavett Monday on a visit to his mother.

G. W. Smith left for his old home at Morris Ranch last week to bring home some more of his family.

Corp. John Q. Adams, of Troop A. 12th Cavalry, who has been stationed at Balargas, P. I. for some time is expected to leave there on June 15th for home.

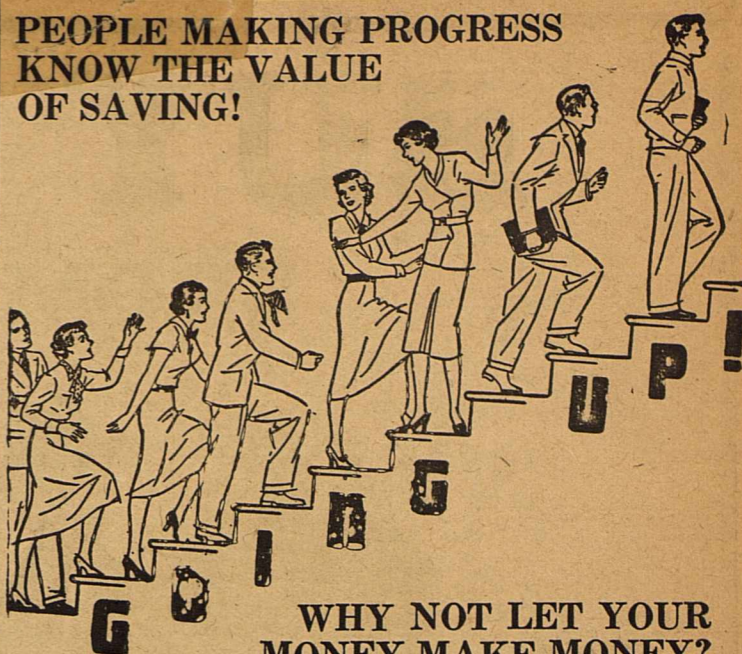
Miss Myrtle Huffman who has been teaching school at the Joe Turney ranch near Juno returned home last week.

Mrs. W. B. Keesey and children arrived home Thursday from a visit to friends and relatives in Bosque county.

Bruce Drake was in from the Sol Mayer & Bros. ranch Tuesday the guest of his sister, Mrs. Max Mayer.

C. A. Farquhar the livery man

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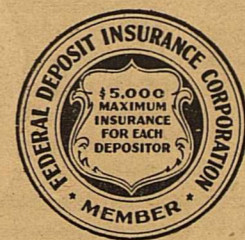


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of San Angelo, wishes to inform his patrons that his transfer is free to them, to and from the depot.

Charles West, the hardware merchant of Eldorado, was in Sonora Wednesday attending to some business.

E. A. Ducasse, L. E. Palmer, W. Schweikert, J. Nulty, Floyd Estes, John Harris, W. M. Alley, left for the South Llano Thursday on a fishing trip.

ORATORY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Sonora high school has entered the oratorical contest being staged in the state on Americanism. Seven schools in this district will stage an elimination contest at San Angelo, date to be set later. Winners in the Sonora school will take part in the San Angelo eliminations.

According to an announcement by J. H. Flathears, each entrant in

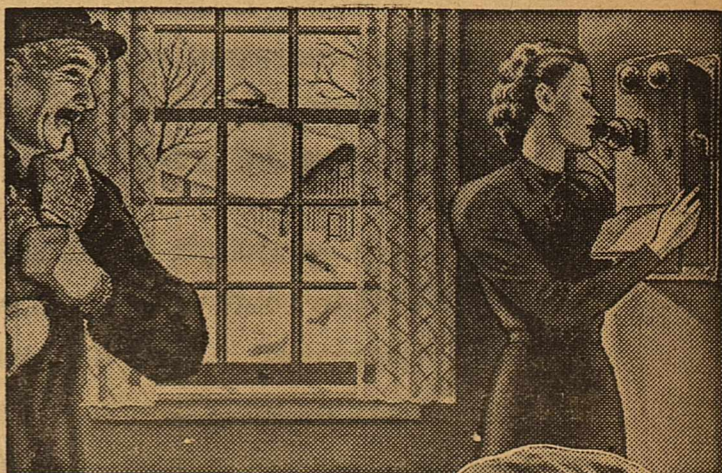
the contest will awarded a dollar, and winners of first place will be given first prize of \$5.00. Second place winner will receive a prize of three dollars. Purpose of the contest is to acquaint students and others with the difference between Americanism and the well known "isms" which have appeared in this country and elsewhere, including Communism, Nazism and other such political beliefs which are appearing throughout the world

MRS. SAVELL HOME

Mrs. Miers Savell, who has been ill in a San Angelo hospital, was brought to her home Sunday. It is reported that she is getting along fine.

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WINTER ISN'T AS DREARY SINCE WE GOT A TELEPHONE

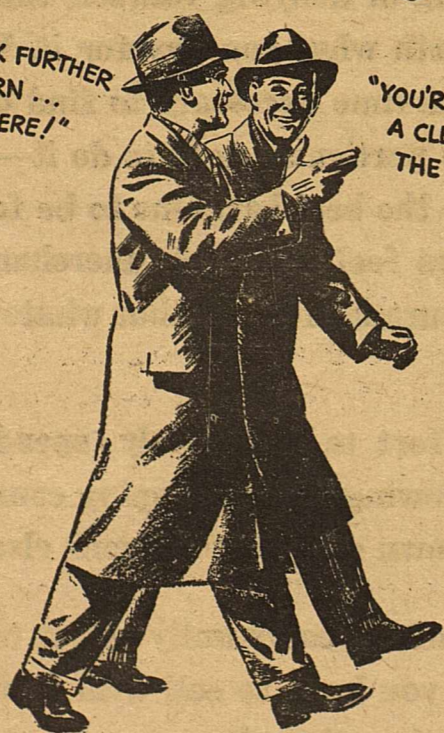
Actually, it seems like a busy season! People call up to offer Jim or the boys a job somewhere. Betty keeps her 4-H Club girls going by telephone—and now and then the superintendent calls her for a substitute teaching job. I couldn't call it a dull winter—or lonely either, when I can talk to my friends any time on the telephone, no matter how bad the roads are!



IT PAYS TO HAVE A TELEPHONE—ESPECIALLY IN WINTER!

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