

**Our WASHINGTON Letter**  
By Congressman O. C. FISHER

**A Few Bills Pass**  
Last week the House took bold and decisive steps to bring about the long-overdue reorganization of Government agencies, passed a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade program, and moved to exclude 1949 planting from consideration in making up cotton acreage allotments for 1950, when that time comes.

The reorganization measure permits the President to make use of the Hoover Report in proposed streamlining of the Executive agencies. A year ago Congress passed a resolution setting up a joint commission to make the study of needed changes designed to eliminate overlapping functions and remove unnecessary boards and bureaus. The President appointed former President Hoover to head that commission. The bill passed last week gives the President the authority to take initial steps to put the Hoover report into effect.

This reform is badly needed. In the last 20 years, our Government has grown from about 350 agencies to over 1800 bureaus and agencies. Under this cumbersome hodge-podge, vast, expensive overlapping of functions has grown up. Some one illustrated it with the salmon on the Columbia River. When the salmon swim up the Columbia out of the State of Washington, they are, at different stages, under the jurisdiction of 12 different federal agencies, and have to be looked after accordingly. The Department of Agriculture looks after them. The Department of Interior looks after them. The Department of Commerce looks after them. The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army looks after them. And the various Columbia River development authorities look after them. Poor fish, some one added. Poor taxpayer.

Reciprocal Trade Bill  
By a vote of 319 to 69, the House approved a three-year extension of the reciprocal trade program. An attempt to retain one feature of the 1948 extension act was defeated. This has required the Tariff Commission to furnish the President reports setting forth the lowest import rates that could be set on a product in a reciprocal agreement without imperiling an American industry engaged in making that or a competitive item. I voted to retain that provision, but it was struck out by a vote of 167 to 119. The reciprocal program is a very good thing, as I see it, when it is prudently administered. But it can be harmful when the well-being of our own industries is ignored.

Take Argentine coarse wool, for example, which since the war has been dumped into this country in large quantities, largely because a reciprocal agreement lets it in almost duty-free. As a result, Argentine wool growers have prospered while our competitive mohair growers have been virtually crowded out of their own domestic market which they have taken half a century to build up. Perhaps if the law at the time had required the Tariff Commission to investigate such effect in advance, the concession to Argentine would not have been so liberal and the resulting effect so disastrous.

NBC Broadcast Friday Night  
At the invitation of the National Broadcasting Company, I will be interviewed on an NBC network program on Friday night, February 18 from 9:45 to 10 o'clock Texas time. You are invited to listen in. The subject will be the Taft-Hartley labor law and the possible effect on the public if it should be repealed.

This matter is of the highest importance to the American people at this time. We need fair labor laws, with some restraint over the abuse of power by both management and labor where the public interest is directly involved. There is serious danger that, unless checked, the pressure groups now at work will get our laws so repealed or crippled that again men like John L. Lewis will have more power over our country than does the President of the United States.

**SUL ROSS FOOTBALL SWEETHEART TEACHING HERE**  
Miss Wynell York, mid-term graduate of Sul Ross College, has joined the Sonora schools faculty and will teach the sixth-grade at the Elliott School. Miss York, whose home is in Bracketville, was listed in the college annual as a favorite and was Football Sweetheart last fall.

Pvt. Francis Reed, who is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, arrived here Saturday evening for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed.

# The Devil's River News

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, February 18, 1949

EIGHTEENTH WEEK

## No Inductions In February, March Says Draft Board

**VOLUNTEERS KEEPING QUOTAS UP TO PAR**

The local Draft Board met Wednesday to send out questionnaires, but plans to send no men for physical examinations or induction during February and March, since the Army advises that enough volunteers enlisted to take care of quotas.

Meeting Wednesday were Joe F. Logan, chairman, Hardin Tobin, Ricksprings, Ray Davidson, Eldorado. Members from Junction and Ozona were not present.

Office hours of the Draft Board office are from 9 until 4 Monday through Friday. Mrs. Tom Neville is clerk.

## The Lions Roar

Lions were treated to a talent show Tuesday put on by high school students under auspices of the Student Council. Patterned after the Horace Heidt radio program, the show was originally put on at the high school here as a means of furnishing entertainment at student assemblies and at the same time giving an opportunity for greatest student participation.

On the program were Jane Neill and Nina Smith, who sang a duet, Phillip Cooper who sang, Billy Krings, who played the harmonica,

## DANCE WEDNESDAY

Announcement was also made concerning the Lions Club dance Wednesday night, February 23 at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse. Johnny Carrio and the Sul Ross Band will furnish music. Prior to the dance, the band will play a concert at the high school auditorium at 7 o'clock. Proceeds from the dance will be used to send two delegates to the Lions International convention this summer in New York City.

Billy Scott, who played a piano solo and James Hunt, master of ceremonies. Mrs. Batts Friend was piano accompanist.

Lem Eriel Johnson was introduced as a new member of the club. Plans were made to have as many Lions as possible meet the caravan of San Angelo Stock Show boosters at the city limits Tuesday morning and escort them to town, where they will be guests of the club for lunch. The Lions will also have as their guests 4-H Club boys who are having their Second Annual Lamb Show and Sale Tuesday.

## Attends Convention

George H. Neill left Wednesday to attend the convention of the Sixth District of the Texas Bankers' Association in San Angelo. Neill also accompanied the convention to San Antonio and Dallas, where meetings were held yesterday and today.

## Alaska Garden Spot Of World In Summer Months, Says Missionary

"Although few realize it, Alaska is one of the most beautiful and productive garden spots in the world from May to September."

This statement, presenting a different view from most people's idea that Alaska is always a land of ice and snow, was made here Monday night by the Rev. Jennings W. Hobson, recently returned Alaskan missionary of the Episcopal Church, who illustrated his lecture on his three years in the Alaskan interior with color slides at the Parish House of St. John's Church.

Although vegetables and flowers grow profusely during the short summer, Mr. Hobson said, it is almost impossible to commercialize on the fertility of the land because of high freight rates and the scarcity of roads. Nearly all goods in quantity moves by air, on the rivers or on the railroad, but the high cost narrows shipping down to essentials. Alaska, therefore, is not self-sufficient, the missionary added, since she must pay a very high price for everything that comes in and has nothing to ship out.

Stationed at Tanana, a village of 250 Indians and Eskimos, a church, school and government hospital located at the junction of the Yukon and Tanana rivers, Mr. Hobson worked among the people wherever he found them. During the winter, when the men scattered out to trap, he used his dog team and sled to visit them at

## 4-H Club Lamb Show & Sale Tuesday

### Five Injured In Bizarre Series Of Four Auto Wrecks Over Weekend

### Show Boosters Guests Of Lions Here Tuesday

From fifty to sixty businessmen from San Angelo will arrive in Sonora Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to have lunch as guests of the Sonora Lions Club and incidentally do a little boosting for the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo March 3-6.

The caravan will be met outside the city limits by a delegation of Lions who will escort them here. Also to be guests of the Lions are the 4-H Club boys who are having their Second Annual Lamb Show Tuesday morning and afternoon.

The booster trip was arranged by the trade extension committee of the Board of City Development and will include members of San Angelo Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs. The caravan will also stop in Christoval, Eldorado, Ozona and Del Rio. Wednesday, the group will visit Ricksprings, Junction, Menard and Eden. Another group will cover northern cities.

## SWING OF SOUTHWEST MARKETS

Swift recovery from earlier losses featured most southwest farm markets during the past week, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports.

Southwest livestock markets generally moved rapidly from heavy receipts and sharply lower prices early last week to lighter offerings and rising values late last week and early this week. Wholesale dressed meat followed the same pattern.

Most cattle classes failed to recover all the early losses, and closed Monday 50 cents to \$1.50 below a week earlier. However, canner and cutter cows showed net gains at some markets. These grades ranged from \$12.50 to \$16 at Houston, \$12 to \$14.50 at San Antonio, \$1 to \$16 at Fort Worth, \$13 to \$14.50 at Oklahoma City, and \$14 to \$15.50 at Denver.

Sheep closed the week little changed. Good woolled lambs sold Monday up to \$21.50 at San Antonio, \$22 at Fort Worth, \$21 at Oklahoma City, and \$23.50 at Denver.

Wool contracting in Texas increased this week at higher prices. Twelve-month wools averaged around 76 cents a pound, and 8 months wools 60 cents, grease basis. Mohair buying also picked up, with adult at 41 cents a pound and kid 75.

### Veterans To Talk GI School Tonight

### STRONG CHANCE FOR TRAINING SCHOOL HERE

Possibility of establishing a night school for veterans in Sonora will be discussed at 7:30 o'clock in the District Courtroom when W. R. Marrs, of the Industrial and Training Bureau of the University of Texas Division of Extension, and Pete Jacoby, head of the Kimble County Veterans School, meet here tonight with local veterans.

According to Louin Martin, who received a letter from Marrs, the two men will talk over possibility of establishing a school here and will discuss different subjects that may be offered. Martin said that he had a petition with names of over 30 veterans who wanted a training school established here.

All interested veterans are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

### Red Cross Quota \$455 This Year

### FUNDS CAMPAIGN TO START IN MARCH

The Sutton County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be asked to raise \$455 this year, as its part in the national organization's drive for \$60 millions in the annual fund campaign which will be held during the entire month of March. For the national organization \$26 millions will be raised and \$34 millions will be raised for the chapters' programs.

According to Mrs. Maysie Brown, treasurer of the local chapter, one half of all monies raised in excess of the \$455 goal will remain in Sutton County for administration by the local chapter. Last year, the local goal was \$650 and was met by the middle of March.

A list of members of the drive committee will be published next week and announcement of the announcement of the annual meeting at the First National Bank will also be made.

### Ozona Knocks Sonora Out Of Cage Race

The Ozona Lions, still hotter than a depot stove, kept the ball rolling, or we should say, just kept the ball most of the time, and took the west half of District 22-B from Sonora by the lopsided score of 37-18 Saturday night in Big Lake. The Ozonians made it look easy, while Sonora had to struggle to make their 4 field goals.

The Broncs and Lions had tied in district play, each beating the other once, so the issue was definitely settled in the play-off at Big Lake. Ozona led 15-8 at the half and walked in. The Lions' ace, Bud Hoover, was high point man of the game with 10 points, while Ogden led Sonora scoring with 6.

The Ozona win put the Lions and the Junction Eagles in a playoff for the district championship. First game was played Tuesday night in Ozona, with Ozona winning easily 38-17. Second game of the two out of three series was played last night in Junction too late for this press run.

The Broncs now turn their attention to track and field events, with all but basketball players working out this week. The latter get a week's rest and start working out Monday.

### BIDS ON TEACHERAGE TO BE OPENED TUESDAY

Bids for the Sonora school system's new teacherage in the Lomax addition, scheduled for completion by next fall, will be publicly opened at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, February 23, at the high school, A. E. Wells, supt., said Wednesday. Five or six bids are expected, Wells said.

The four-unit structure will be built ranch style, one story, and will contain two units with two bedrooms and two units with one bedroom. Siding will be of asbestos shingling and roof will be of asbestos tile. Knotty pine will be used in porch construction, Wells said.

A. B. Hi-tower returned this week from a business trip to New Orleans.

Twenty-three 4-H boys will exhibit 77 lambs in the Second Annual Sutton County 4-H Club Lamb Show and Sale to be held Tuesday on the courthouse lawn, according to D. C. Langford, County Agent and club sponsor.

The lamb show will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and the auction sale will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. J. A. Gray, extension animal husbandman, of San Angelo, will judge the lambs and Nelson Johnson of San Angelo will handle the sale. Those who have seen Johnson preside over 11 Lions Club sales know they will see some of the fanciest auctioneering in West Texas.

Johnson, for the information of the uninitiated, knows every man, woman, child, sheep and goat in Sutton County by his first name and loudly welcomes one and all at his sales. Since the Lions Club is sponsoring this show and sale, it is the opinion of qualified observers like Buzzy Stokes and Sally Chalk that Col. Johnson will be in top form.

The Lions Club, in assuming sponsorship, has appointed the following committees to make arrangements: Public address system: A. E. Wells and Wayland Stubblefield; Handling: Dee Word, Frank Smith and Earl Lomax; Soliciting: Buzzy Stokes, Frank Bond and S. M. Kerbow; Bookkeeper, Jack Neill; Publicity: Rev. Bomer Gist and Clay Puckett.

All lambs in the show except three are products of Sutton County ranches and will be shown in the following classes: 1, Light Fine Wool; 2, Heavy Fine Wool; 3, Light Crossbred; 4, Heavy Crossbred and 5, Shorn Fine Wool.

Ten ribbons will be awarded in the first four classes and three ribbons in the fifth class.

First and second place lambs of the first two classes will be shown to determine the champion and reserve champion fine wool lambs.

First and second place lambs in Classes 3 and 4 will be shown to determine the champion and reserve champion crossbred lamb. Following this, champion and reserve champion fine wool lambs will be shown against champion and reserve champion crossbred lambs to choose the grand champion and reserve grand champion lambs of the show.

The most attractive awards in the history of the show are being offered this year. For the owner of the grand champion lamb there is a handsome and unusual trophy given by the Lions Club, a medal by Edgar Glasscock and an Angus calf given by Bill Wade. Owner of the reserve grand champion will receive a trophy from the Lions Club and a medal from Glasscock. The Sonora Farm Loan Association will present spur clips to the owners of the champion cross bred and fine wool lambs.

The Lions Club is also offering a trophy for outstanding showmanship. This award will go to the boy who does the best job of showing his lambs.

Lambs will be weighed at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse Monday afternoon. All parents are urged to see that their boys get their lambs weighed because their weights are needed to make sure that lambs are entered in proper classes.

All 4-H boys will meet at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, February 19, at 1 o'clock for final instructions.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation district held their regular monthly meeting at the Courthouse Saturday. Supervisors present were J. M. Vander Stucken, Edwin Sawyer, Frank Bond and Fred Earwood.

Applications for district assistance totaling 42,902 acres were approved by Vance Eubanks, Jack Turney, Leonard Gibbs, Arthur Stuart, Paul Turney, Mrs. W. J. Warren and Lea Allison.

The board approved a conservation plan on the Moore and Neill Thorp ranch consisting of 5,120 acres.

Plans were also made to distribute grass seed to District cooperators. The seed consisting of KR Bluestem, Slender grama, Boers lovegrass and Blue panic was given to the district by the Soil Conservation Service.

Mrs. F. E. Wilborn left Thursday morning for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Jack Clark and family in Houston.

... Son of a gun ...

Someone threw a wire over one of the 45-foot-high power lines Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Mrs. Annie Sharp's residence. The power line burned out and fell near where some children were playing. Fortunately Dr. J. F. Howell saw the ball of fire rise from the burned-out line and directed city linemen to the break before anyone got hurt. Had a line-man been working the line when the wire was thrown over it, he could have been electrocuted.

Whoever threw the wire over the line is asked to try a tree or a house next time -- not a power line.

Jack Welch, brother of Mrs. C. A. Tyler of Sonora, drew the cover on the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Welch, who is well known here, had another of his cover pictures published by the Post last year. He also draws for several commercial accounts and did the illustration for the Cannon Sheet ad in the current Life Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of the Halbert ranch returned Tuesday from Sacramento, Calif., where they have been for two weeks attending the Pacific National Polled Hereford Show and Sale. Ten animals of the Halbert herd were shown, winning four firsts and four seconds. One heifer brought the second-highest price at the sale.

Going to cattle shows and sales is nothing new to the Smiths. In the course of 25 years in the cattle business they have travelled in 45 states, Canada, Mexico, Union of South Africa and Hawaii. Smith is manager of the Halbert ranch.

Jane Neill and Nina Smith almost had Lions weeping Tuesday at the club luncheon when they sang "Bouquet of Roses." Jane is the straight man in the act and Nina "pulled the snappers" as they used to say in vaudeville. The ballad itself is a tear jerker, but with Jane and Nina sobbing it out, it takes on an extra something.

Certainly looks like an early spring for Sutton County. Monday, the belated norther finally arrived. The thermometer showed 80 degrees Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock and by 5:30 it was down to 58. But it didn't get much colder and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday got warmer and warmer until it was back to 80 again.

About 40 percent of the Texas agricultural income is derived from livestock and livestock products. Some 93.5 million acres or about 60 percent of the total area of the state is devoted to the grazing of livestock, says A. H. Walker, extension range specialist of Texas A&M College.

Programs are now underway that have as their objective a sound and practical approach to the problems of range management. Two range management schools for county agents were held by the A&M department of range and forestry the past two summers, and the class rooms used were the ranges where something was wrong. Demonstrations have been established to show what can be done if proper stocking rates are observed and if the good grasses are given a chance to reseed.

The record drought has forced many ranchmen to reduce their herds from 25-75 percent and still supplemental feeding is necessary. Too many livestock for too long has caught up with the livestock man and this added to the recent drought has further aggravated the situation. Those demonstrators who have practiced good range management still have pastures that are in good condition.

Brush control and eradication demonstrations are underway. These include mechanical and chemical methods. Some results have been good but more information is needed on cost and practicability before practices can be recommended.

More ranch operators are practicing deferred and rotation grazing for range recovery and this coupled with adequate watering places, proper stocking rates and plenty of fences should add to the ranch income, concludes Walker.

### Uncle Sam Says



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The longest river in South America is the Amazon, 3,900 miles.

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**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SUTTON.**

On this, the 14th day of February, A. D. 1949, this, the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, being in Regular Session, there came on to be considered the petition of Joe Brown Brown Ross and fifty other persons, all being resident property taxpaying voters of Sutton County, praying this Court to order an election to be held in Sutton County for the resident property tax paying voters to determine whether or not bonds of Sutton County shall be issued to the amount of fifty thousand

dollars (\$50,000.00), to mature not later than thirty years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be levied on all taxable property of said Sutton County, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity:

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxpaying voters of said

Sutton County, and that the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed one-fourth the assessed valuation of the real property of said Sutton County:

IT IS, THEREFORE, considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in the said County of Sutton, State of Texas, on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1949, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Sutton County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, gravel-

ed or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, the said bonds to mature not later than thirty years from their date, to mature serially, to be issued in such denominations, and payable at such time or times as may be deemed expedient by the Commissioners' Court, and to bear interest not to exceed three percent per annum, the interest to be payable semi-annually, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon all taxable property within said Sutton County, Texas, subject to taxation, for the purpose of the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption there-

of at maturity.  
Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said County for three successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted by the County Clerk notices of such election at four public places in Sutton County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at the various election precincts in said Sutton County, and at the voting places in said respective election precincts as follows, to-wit:

No. 1, Court House in the town of Sonora; No. 2, at the Sonora Woolhouse; No. 3, at the Cedar Hill School House; No. 4, at the Owensville School House; No. 5, at the Humble Pipe Line Station B.

And the following named persons are hereby appointed judges of said election in the respective precincts:

No. 1, George D. Chalk and Dock Simmons; No. 2, Edwin Sawyer and Ben Cusenbary; No. 3, Aldie Garrett and D. Q. Adams; No. 4, Leonard Gibbs and Robert Kelley; No. 5, F. M. Ballard and S. S. Bunday.

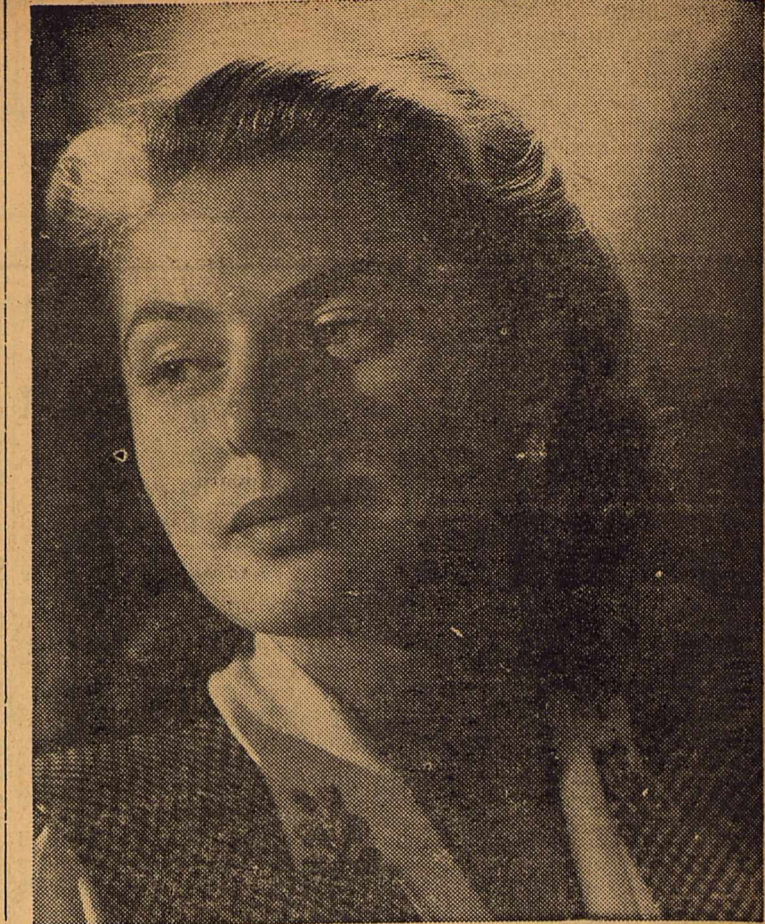
Said election shall be held under provisions of Articles 752a to 762w, inclusive, of Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes 1925, as amended by Chapter 116, Acts of 1943, 48th Legislature, page 198, being Acts 1926, 39th Legislature, 1st Called Session, page 23, and amendments thereof, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said Sutton County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed shall written or printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The manner holding said election and canvassing and making returns thereof shall be governed by the General Laws of this State



governing general elections when not in conflict with the provisions of the laws governing County Road Bond elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the County Judge of said County, shall serve as proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Sutton County, Texas, for three successive weeks preceding such election, and cause to be posted by the County Clerk a notice thereof at four public places in Sutton County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House door, for three weeks prior to said election.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand, this the 14th day of February, 1949.

GEORGE WYNN,  
County Judge, Sutton County, Texas.

ATTEST: H. C. KIRBY,  
County Clerk, Sutton County, Texas.

INGRID BERGMAN will be heard this week co-starring with Brian Aherne in Henrik Ibsen's powerful drama, "The Doll's House," chosen for broadcast on the radio series, GREAT SCENES FROM GREAT PLAYS, sponsored weekly by families of The Protestant Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Actors' Guild. All mutual and many independent stations, including Station KOB Albuquerque, will carry the program Friday night at 8 o'clock.

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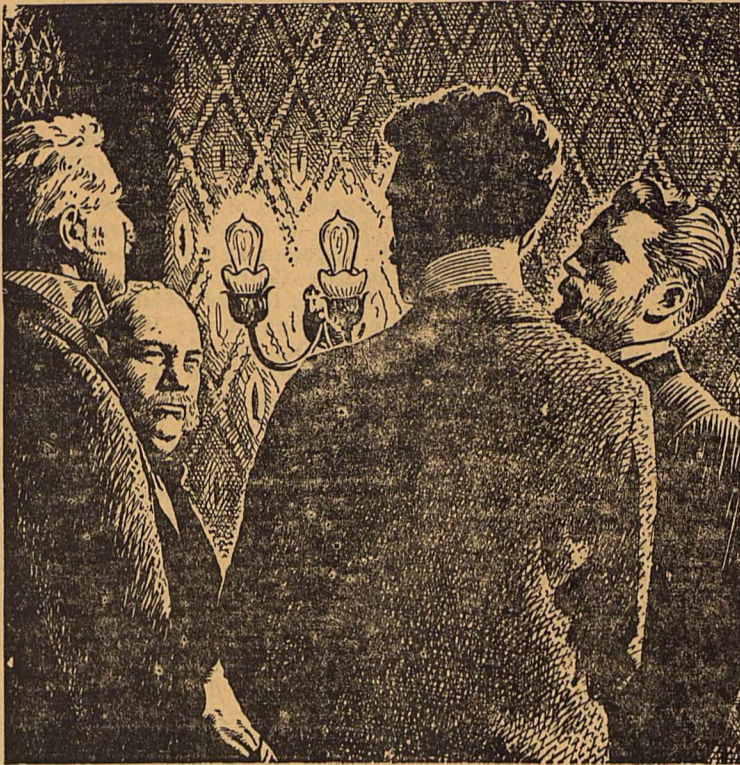
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HERE'S PROPERTY THAT BRINGS FAIR RENTAL

AUSTIN — Land Commissioner, Bascom Giles, has found a 'steady customer' for a small tract of school land in Pecos County.  
 The Commissioner has received payment from an oil company covering rental on the tract for the next one hundred years, making the present lease effective until the year 2049.  
 The tract, less than two acres in size, is one of the smallest in the School Land Board's records. However, it has paid off in man-sized hunks - - \$20,000 to the Permanent School Fund in cash bonuses and \$217,398 in royalties.  
 The 100-year rental payment is without precedent, Giles stated.

SGT. SPROTT ASSIGNED TO 'OPERATION HAYLIFT'

McChord AFB, Washington — S/Sgt. Troy O. Sprott, Sonora, maintenance technician stationed at McChord, is now on temporary duty with "Operations Hayride," the battle against time, to save starving sheep and cattle stranded by snow on the blizzard swept plains of Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and the Dakotas.  
 The airmen are engaged in supplying hay to the stranded livestock in the Southwest area. Bales of hay are "kicked out" over the stricken locale from huge Fourth Air Force C-82's, more commonly known as "Flying Boxcars."

Focal point of this latest Air Force operation is Fallon, Nevada, where the seventeen C-82's and their crews are based.

**A LOOK AT THE BOOK**  
 BY DR. BOB JONES, JR.  
 PRESIDENT OF BOB JONES UNIVERSITY GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Man is not self-sufficient. Some men like to think they are, but no one can find in himself the answer to his own hunger of heart and longing of soul. The man who is self-reliant in the sense that he relies solely upon his own skill and strength and power leans upon a weak support, however clever and brilliant he may be. The man who seeks to satisfy the craving of his heart with things finds the hunger still unappeased. Money, land, stocks, and bonds cannot meet man's deepest needs. Books, pictures, music—these are not sufficient. Even the man who relies upon friends for the satisfaction of the desire of his soul for companionship and for understanding to meet the problems and sorrows of life finds them insufficient.

The Psalmist has expressed the need of men's hearts in the words, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2). The soul is immortal and only the immortal God can quench its thirst. Jesus Christ spoke about a rich man who said to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19). His barns were full of produce; his crops had been good. He had made his fortune, but he was a fool to attempt to satisfy his soul with those things. The human soul cannot slake its thirst at the wells of the world.

Man can come into a soul-satisfying acquaintance with God only through the Lord Jesus Christ. He is God manifest in the flesh. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9), said Jesus Christ. Christ is God revealed and manifest to meet the needs of men. Jesus said of Himself, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). The human heart

pants after God as the hearth panteth after the water brooks (Psalm 42:1). God's invitation to man is, "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

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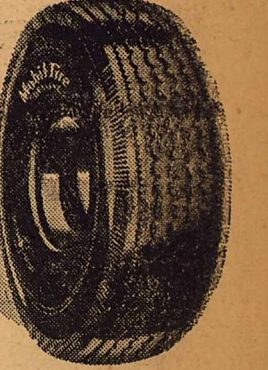
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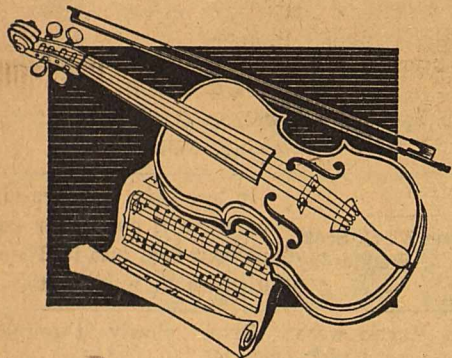
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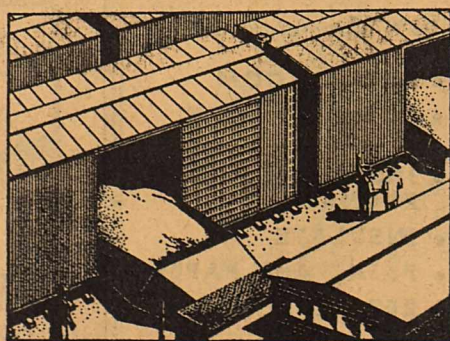
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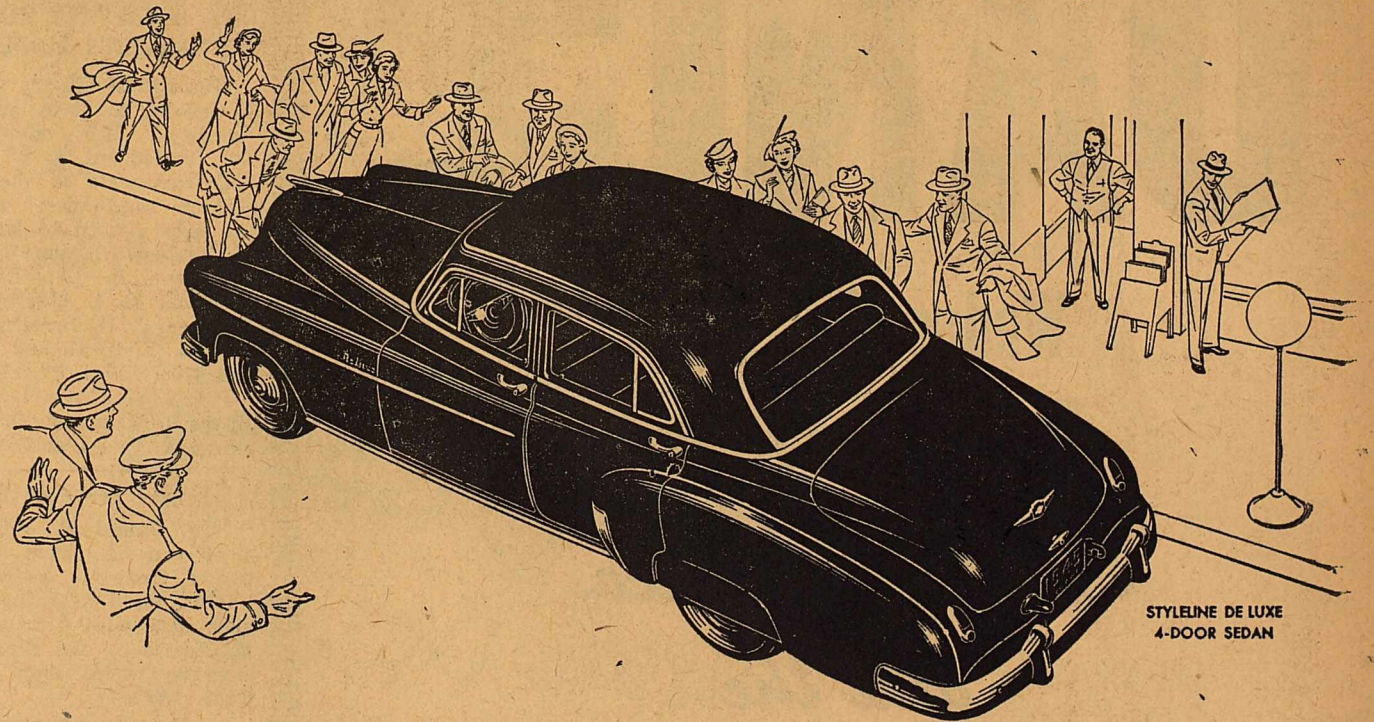
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**MRS. ADAMSON FETED WITH LINEN SHOWER FOLLOWING OES MEETING**

The Order of the Eastern Star met Tuesday night in the Masonic Hall at which time Mrs. Rena Trainer and Mrs. Dee Neville received the degree of order.

Mrs. Jym Adamson and W. P. McConnell presided.

Following the meeting a linen shower was given honoring Mrs. Adamson. The gifts, which were on a table, were covered with a large gold bell.

A color scheme of pink and gold was carried out and refreshments were pink cake squares topped with tiny gold bells tied with pink ribbons, coffee and nuts. Mrs. Reba Lancaster was in charge of the shower and was assisted by Mesdames Chess Kirby, Netalie Baker and Gerry Genrich.

About 45 members were present. Visitors were from Rocksprings, Alpine and Stephenville.

**Valentine Theme Used Monday At Dinner Bridge**

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Howard Millican were hosts at the Sonora Woman's Club with a dinner and bridge party.

The centerpiece consisted of red and white carnations. Other flowers used throughout the room were red tulips. The Valentine motif was carried out.

Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames A. E. Prugel, Andy Truden, Edwin Sawyer, Marion Elliott, Hillman Brown, Jack Mackey, Russell Davis, Louis Davis, L. E. Johnson, Jr., L. E. Johnson, Sr., Lee Fawcett, Clayton Bray, C. C. Stroud, George Brockman and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Browne and Dr. and Mrs. Joe B. Logan.

Also Mesdames E. E. Sawyer, J. H. Brasher, L. P. Bloodworth, R. G. Nance, Louie Trainer and Ben Mittel and Wesley Sawyer and Web Elliott.

Mrs. Russell Davis won high score prize for ladies, Dr. Browne won high for men, Fawcett won the slam prize, and bingo prizes were won by Mrs. Fawcett and Truden.

**PASTIME CLUB MEETS AT NICHOLS HOME**

Mrs. Lawrence Nichols entertained the Pastime Club last Thursday in her home.

The Valentine motif was carried out.

Mrs. O. G. Babcock won high club, Mrs. Ella Wallace won low club and Mrs. Fred Nichols won high guest rize.

Sandwiches, cookies and hot punch were served to Mesdames Babcock, Joe Berger, John Bunnell, R. V. Cook, Robert Kelley, Lee Labenske, H. V. Morris, Robert Rees, Wallace, C. E. Brown, Gene Lightfoot and Nichols.

**BAYLOR TRIP CANCELLED**

The proposed trip of high school debate students to the Baylor University Speech Meet this weekend has been cancelled due to a shortage of room reservations in Waco.

**District Officer Main Speaker On P-TA Program At Meeting**

The Parent-Teachers Association met Tuesday afternoon in the High School Auditorium. The meeting was opened with a prayer, given by Mrs. Margaret Simmons. Minutes were read and approved. Two life memberships were given, which were presented by Miss Anne Palmer, to Mrs. J. F. Howell and Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary.

Miss Katherine Davis sang a solo, "Trees" accompanied by Mrs. S. M. Loeffler. Leon Brown played a violin solo and was also accompanied by Mrs. Loeffler. Guest speaker for the afternoon was the district's vice-president, Mrs. Edwin Jackson of Eldorado.

Following the meeting refreshments were served in the home-making cottage by the hospitality committee: Mesdames Howell, W. L. Davis and Bryan Hunt. Mrs. W. W. Wendt was at the tea service and Mrs. P. B. Moody served the cake. Mrs. Loeffler played piano selections during the tea hour.

Flowers of blue and gold, the P-TA colors, were used throughout the cottage for decoration.

**Congratulations To These New Parents**

A son, James Alton, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Letsinger February 8 in a San Angelo hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Mrs. Pearl Crites of Sonora and Jim Letsinger of Big Spring.

**Keeleys Move To Houston**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeley and granddaughter have gone to Houston where they will make their home. They left Thursday. Keeley was a driller with the Lane Texas Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton stopped in Sonora Wednesday on their way to visit their daughter in Austin and their son and wife at College Station.

**Music Club Studies Opera At Meeting**

"Opera" was the program topic when the Sonora Music Club met in the home of Mrs. E. S. Mayer with Mrs. Stanley Mayfield as a co-hostess Thursday night. Mrs. Ben H. Cusenbary was the leader and Mrs. Rip Ward told the story of "Tannhauser."

Mrs. Louie Trainer played "Pillgrams Chorus" and Mrs. E. D. Shurley the march from "Tannhauser" and Mrs. Dave Locklin and Mrs. James Wilson played an arrangement of the "Evening Star" as a piano duet.

Mesdames E. D. Shurley, George Barrow and A. E. Wells were elected as delegates to the state convention of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs to be held in Dallas the last of March. The club voted to entertain the Sixth District meeting of the Federation during October.

The report of the nominating committee, Mesdames A. E. Wells, Jack Ellingson and John Bunnell, was accepted, and the following officers were elected to serve next year: Mrs. George Barrow, president; Mrs. Louie Trainer, first vice president; Mrs. J. C. Stephen, second vice president; Mrs. Jack Ellingson, secretary; Mrs. P. B. Moody, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dave Locklin, treasurer; Mrs. Sterling Baker, critic, and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, parliamentarian.

A social hour followed the program during which recordings played, and refreshments were served to two visitors, Misses Maxine Geeslin and Billye Blackburn, and 34 members.

**MRS. DAMERON REVIEWS BOOK AT WSCS MEET**

Mrs. W. H. Dameron reviewed "Newess of Life" by Estelle C. Carver at a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service when it met at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Marshall and Mrs. Robert Kelley as hostesses. Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary presided at the business meeting.

Mesdames Marshall and Herman Smith were elected as delegates to attend the convention which will meet in San Angelo in March. Mrs. Kelley was elected as the supply chairman to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Bob Baker. Ten members were present.

**MRS. MCGILVARY HOSTESS TO FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY**

Mrs. Bill McGilvary was hostess Wednesday night to the Firemen's Auxiliary. The valentine motif was carried out.

Refreshments of heart shaped cookies, sandwiches and spiced tea were served to Mesdames S. M. Kerbow, Dayton Cain, Edwin Thompson, B. C. McGilvary, Tom Womack, J. A. Martin, Jr., Wes Granger, J. H. Brasher, Lee Patrick, E. T. Smith and Ford Allen and Miss Billye Blackburn.

Prizes were won by Mesdames Womack, Granger, Brasher Patrick and Miss Blackburn.


**Leaves For Fort Benning**

Mrs. James B. Adamson and small son who have recently returned from 2 1/2 years in Japan left Saturday following a ten day visit here with Col. and Mrs. J. M. Adamson, for Fort Benning, Georgia, where they will rejoin Capt. Adamson.

**Attend Holekamp Funeral**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwienging went to Junction Tuesday for the reburial services of Cecil Martin Holekamp, who was killed on Okinawa during the last war.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin were in Fort Worth last weekend visiting here mother, Mrs. Barton.

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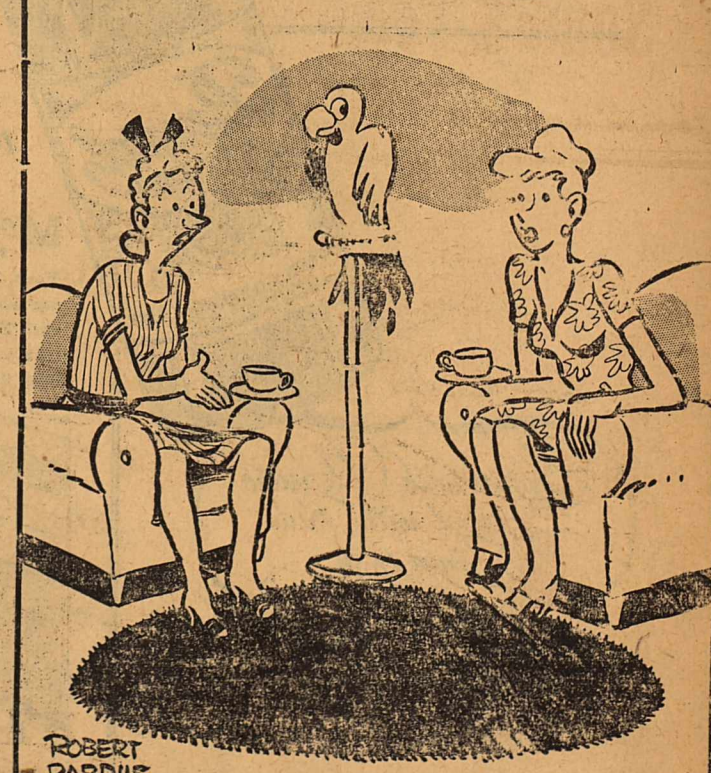
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McFADYN - WHITEHEAD RITES READ MONDAY IN SLATON

Word was received here this week of the wedding of Miss Katherine Whitehead, recently resigned L. W. Elliott School teacher, and John McFadyen, principal of the Elliott School last year and now teaching in Monohans. The wedding took place at Slaton, home of the bride. The couple will live in Monohans.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamby, and Mesdames Stella Stanley, Clyde Gardner and Violet Morrow Sunday were Mrs. Stokes Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Ellis and daughter, Jane Mary, of Mertzom. Mrs. Williams is a sister of Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hitchcock of Sherman Oaks, California, left Wednesday morning after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMullen.

General John J. Pershing is credited with having said, "Lafayette, we are here."

Honored With Birthday Party Tuesday

Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn and Mrs. Margaret Tipton were honored on their birthdays when their daughters, Mrs. Rip Ward and Mrs. E. D. Shurley entertained with a "42" party the Ward ranch home Tuesday afternoon.

The valentine motif was used in table appointments and decorations and the centerpiece of the table was an arrangement of red carnations with white stock with a large lace valentine as a background. During the games, high scores were won by Mrs. R. G. Nance and Mrs. Robert Kelley. Gifts were presented to the honorees.

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer poured coffee and Mrs. O. G. Babcock served cake.

Others included were Mesdames B. W. Hutcherson, L. E. Johnson, W. L. Davis, R. A. Halbert, H. Eastland, W. H. Marshall, John Eaton, Collier Shurley, Robert Rees, J. S. Glasscock, H. V. Morris, J. H. Brasher, Paul Turney, J. W. Trainer, B. C. McGilvary, Lee Labenske, J. E. Eldridge and W. H. Tucker of Jacksonville.

ALBERT WARD ENTERTAINS WITH SQUARE DANCE

Albert Ward, assisted by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward, entertained with a party at the Klub Ka-bar Monday night. Square dancing and games were diversions, Ray Haudgens of Eldorado called the dances. Valentines were used in the decorations and heart-shaped cookies and sandwiches were served.

Included in the guest list were Lou Ann Adkins, Darcy Carroll, Tracy Crites, Raymond Darrow, Turney Friess, Betsy Ross, Greta Shaw, Connie Mack Locklin, Barbara Schwiening, Vickie Savell, Carlos Loeffler, Sue Ann Stokes, Cynthia Hall, Billy Bob Ellingson, Rose Alice Turney, Elsbeth Street, Marla Schwiening, W. T. Watkins, Reed Jennings, Shannon Rathif, Joe Richard Lancaster, Bobbie Lee Holmig, Yvonne Chavers, Patricia Hardesty, Nancy Bryan Hunt, Martha Moore, Wanda Morrow, Donald Fuqua, June Henderson, George Barrow, Charlotte Foster and Jan Keng.

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Pasadena, California, is the site of the annual Tournament of Roses.

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Missionary Union Meets

The Women's Missionary Union met at the church Wednesday afternoon for mission study. The meeting began with the song, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," and a prayer was given by Mrs. Bob Odum.

The program included the first two chapters of the book, "Cooperating Southern Baptist," given by Mrs. B. H. Crites and Mrs. J. E. Eldridge.

Those present were Mesdames Eldridge, W. O. Crites, Alfred Cooper, R. C. Hall, R. G. Nance, Lawrence Nichols, Crites, W. K. Regeon and Odum.

YOUR HEALTH

Throughout the United States the week of February 14 - 21, will be observed as National Heart Week, and Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has announced that the State Health Department will cooperate to the fullest extent in stressing to the public the necessity for full information and intelligent action in attempting to control this nation's major killer, heart disease.

From a national level, heart disease is the leading cause of death, and yearly takes a greater total number of lives than the next five leading causes of death combined. One out of every three deaths in the United States is due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels, and it is estimated that one out of every twenty persons suffer from some form of heart or blood vessel disease.

A great amount of research in the causes and treatment of the heart diseases has established the fact that some of them can be materially helped by certain drugs, or even surgery, and it has been proved beyond doubt that the heart patient who places himself early under competent medical care, has by far the best chance of survival. In many instances the patient can, under competent care, lead an almost normal life, with only certain restrictions as to activities and indulgences which might adversely affect his condition.

"Consult your doctor for a physical check-up at least once a year," Dr. Cox advises. "If heart disease occurs, he will have an opportunity to find it, and begin proper treatment in the early stages, thus assuring you a better chance to finish a normal, comfortable life span."

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Will Morris, San Antonio attorney, was a Sonora business visitor Wednesday.

From The Churches

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00. Morning Service 11:00. Evening Services 7 o'clock. W.M.U. Each Wednesday. Mid-week Services Each Wednesday 7 o'clock. Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday after the first and third Sundays.

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Bomer B. Gist, Minister. LORD'S DAY. 10:00 a. m. Bible Classes. 10:45 a. m. Worship. 6:15 p. m. Young People's Meeting. 7:00 p. m. Worship. WEDNESDAY. 4:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible Class. Everyone Is Welcome At Every Service.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

W. H. MARSHALL, Pastor. Church School 9:45 o'clock. Morning worship 10:50 o'clock. Evening Worship 7 o'clock. MEN'S BANQUET. Monday, February 28, the Methodist men are putting on a big banquet with the eats free. We are inviting the pastors of the other churches and their official board members as our special guests.

The speaker will be from San Antonio, and a male quartet from San Angelo will put on the program. We urge all men who are members of the Methodist Church to be present for the big evening. Remember the date, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday Morning. Holy Communion 7:30 A.M. 9:30 Adult Bible Class. 9:30 Church School. 11:00 Morning worship with sermon. Sunday Club 7 P.M.

Mrs. Jess Bradshaw of Eldorado spent the weekend visiting Mrs. J. L. Kiser.

Mrs. J. L. Kiser, who has made her home in Sonora for the past 35 years, moved to Ozona this week where she will make her home with her son, Ernest Kiser.

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Sunday, February 20— Noma Lee Maxey, W. P. McConnell, Nancy Jane Reed, Betty Jo Blalock.

Monday, February 21— Mrs. Robert Kokernot, Bill Norris.

Tuesday, February 22— Mrs. Sibe McKee, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Mrs. A. A. Murray.

Wednesday, February 23— Judy Mann, Gene Schultz, Mrs. Joe F. Logan, Mrs. Arch Crosby.

ELDORADO SQUARE DANCE CLUB MEETS MONDAY

The Pioneer Square Dance Club of Eldorado entertained the Ranchero Club of Sonora at the Club-Kabar Monday night. Callers for the dances were Ray Hudgens and Horace Linthicum of Eldorado. About 75 people were present.

Mrs. Harold Saunders, Sr. and sons, Harold, Jr. and Alan, went to Fort Worth Thursday morning on business. They plan to be gone two days.



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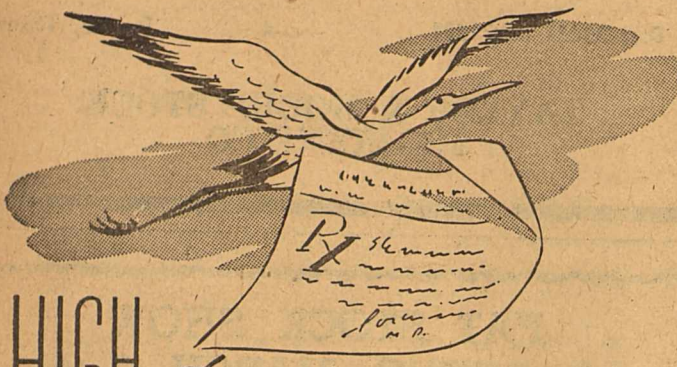
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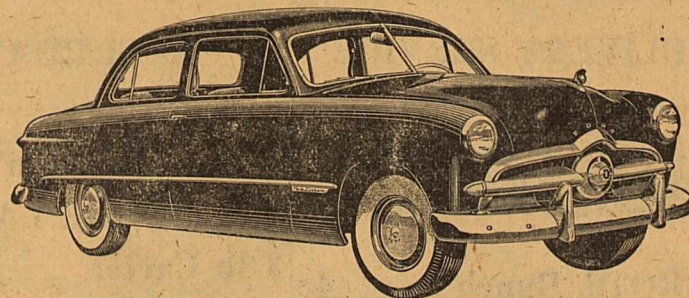
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**ADAMS BREAKS FOOT IN BULLDOZER ACCIDENT**

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at the time of the accident and the tractor slipped out of gear letting the blade down. The injured man was taken to a San Antonio hospital for treatment and returned home this week. The foot will be in a cast for about 6 weeks.

E. B. Keng and Harry Scofield returned Wednesday from Laredo, where they attended a Soil Conservation Service meeting.

Lea and Sam Allison and H. V. Stokes left Tuesday for a few days' fishing at Lake Don Martin, Mexico.

**Chances For Industry To Locate In Small Towns Seen By College**

**Texas Business Better Than Last Year, Says Report**

Business in Texas for the year 1948 was 13 per cent above the average level of 1947, the Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

The Bureau's index of business activity stood at 230 per cent of the 1935-39 base as compared with 209 in December 1947. Dr. John R. Stockton, statistician for the Bureau, said the December level was 2 per cent below the peak reached in January 1945 when wartime activity in Texas pushed the composite index to 238.

As the year 1948 ended, however, and activity dipped somewhat below the peak for the year, businessmen viewed prospects for the future with considerable uncertainty. The consensus of opinion seemed to hold that prospects for 1949 were still bright, although very few observers predicted that business in 1949 would exceed that for 1948. Merchants expressed some concern about the future price of retail trade, if prices continued at present high levels. The spurt in sales following liberal mark-downs after Christmas convinced businessmen that consumers still have plenty of money, but that spending has become cautious in the hope that prices will recede. Price declines in foods have continued, with prices of livestock joining the earlier declines in crop prices.

Retail trade continued to increase in 1948. Total sales of retail stores in Texas were estimated to be \$4,652 million for 1947, and \$5,144 million in 1948, an increase of 1 per cent. There was very little increase in the level of retail trade during 1948, but the total for the year was above 1947 because of the fact that the first half of 1947 was substantially below the second half of the year, Dr. Stockton said.

Sales of durable goods during 1948 continued to lead nondurable goods. Total sales of durable goods stores for 1948 were 16 per cent ahead of 1947, while the sales of nondurable goods stores showed an increase of only 8 per cent. In December 1948 sales of durable goods stores were 4 per cent greater than in the same month of 1947, while sales of nondurable goods stores were only 2 per cent greater than in December 1947.

The building industry in 1948 established what may remain an all-time record, with total construction contracts awarded, as compiled by the Texas Contractor totaling \$949,714,456, or an increase of 47 per cent over the value of contracts awarded in 1947. The Bureau's index of build-

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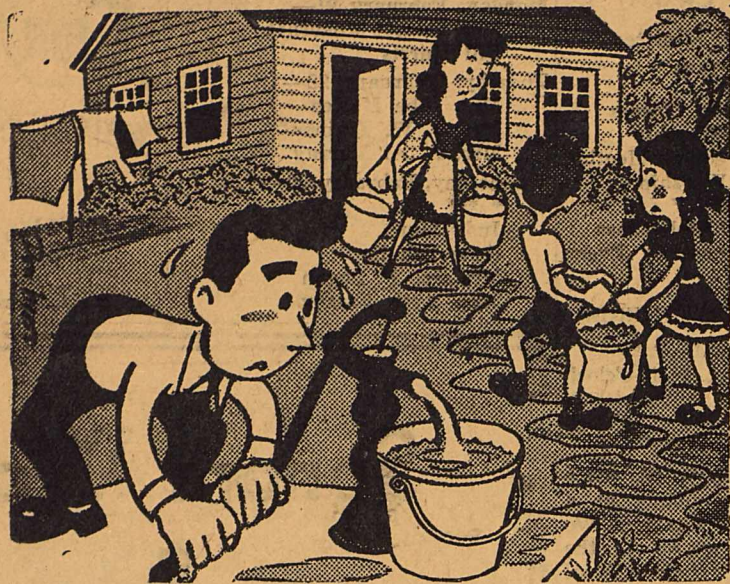
"It has been found that most industries are interested in such factors as nearness to market for the materials and the produce," says R. W. Downward of the Management Engineering Department. "Power cost, availability of labor, labor conditions and rates, climate, transportation facilities, water and sewer facilities, housing facilities, building and warehouse facilities, taxes, banking facilities, social facilities, such as churches, schools and places of recreation are other important factors," Downward points out.

"These forms will be of much assistance to cities in evaluating local conditions and determining whether or not they are in a position to attract new industries," Downward says. "This is an opportunity for the cities to make their local advantages known to industry, since many inquiries are being received."

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ing permits issued in Texas cities rose 28 per cent in 1948, compared with 1947, but during the year showed a definite tendency to decline. The seasonally adjusted index in the second six months of the year was 20 per cent below the average level of the first six months. Dr. Stockton said this decline suggests that the greatest need for building in the State may have been met.

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from the ranch country

# Son of a gun



Fifty-five acres of cultivated land on the Stella Sewell ranch will be listed on the contour this Spring. Mrs. Sewell, whose ranch is located 20 miles west of Sonora on the Ozona highway, is cooperating with the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District. J. O. Mills, working with technicians of the Soil Conservation Service, plowed out the guide lines as they were staked out. Listing on the contour will hold the water that falls in moderate rains and prevent excessive washing of the soil. Listing will also aid in putting the moisture in the ground and making it available for plant use.

Mills plans on planting the field to Sudan this Spring and will leave considerable stubble and plant residue on the ground this fall. In this residue and litter he plans to plant KR Bluestem and Slender grama. The litter will aid in conserving soil moisture and will protect the young seedlings until they are established.

Val Verde County has lost a 50 acre thicket, Edward Jarrett, of the Juno community plowed it up with a subsurface plow and all brush on this 50-acre plot seems to be dying back.

The plow blade was set to cut from eight to ten inches deep in

order to cut the plant roots, reports County Agent H. W. Monzingo. Larger saplings were pulled up, and the smaller ones were left standing, but could easily be pulled up. Prickly pear was also pulled up and stacked.

To take the place of the undesirable plants, Jarrett plans to seed side-oat grama, slender grama and KR yellow bluestem. And he's already got a supply of side-oat grama, plains bristleglass, green spangletop, fall witch, Hall's panic, Bush muhly and plains lovegrass. About 40 acres of this area can be rested for as long as necessary. The cost of this operation is \$22 per acre. Jarrett realizes this is a prohibitive cost, but this particular trap was so badly infested with undesirable brush that he wanted to try out something to see what would happen, says Monzingo.

All over the Tilden community of McMullen County, Clifton Wheeler has been clearing brush too. He has bulldozed 800 acres of mesquite, prickly pear, whitebrush, huisache and granjero, leaving only the guajillo and blackbrush for early cattle browsing.

Wheeler says that winter seeds have already become available for his cattle on the cleared land. With such little rainfall last fall, this fact points out the fact that

## 44 Years Ago

Mrs. John W. Hagerlund was called to McKavett Friday on account of the illness of her little nephew, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hagerlund, of McKavett. Mrs. Hagerlund was accompanied by F. W. Jackson.

John McNicol returned Thursday from an extended business trip to Junction City.

J. E. Mills of the firm of Halbert & Mills was in town Friday.

Bob Wyatt was in town Friday and reports everything fine at the ranch.

W. B. Bean was in town Monday.

J. H. Wood returned from a short business trip to Angelo Wednesday.

James McMahon and family of Del Rio arrived last week. Mr. McMahon will build on the West Side shortly.

Sonora's delegation to Miss Drake's birthday party at Gwynn, Friday night, consisted of the Misses Annie and Ollie Gurley, Lucille Adams, Phenie Mayer, accompanied by Messrs. W. H. Cusenbary, John F. Steagall, Max Mayer and W. R. Rudicil in hacks and buggies.

Frank W. Jackson, who recently sold his sheep interests to John F. Steagall, and is well-known in many parts of West Texas, where he has by his gentlemanly bearing and ready wit, made a host of friends, intends leaving shortly for his old home in Alabama. The Devil's River News is sorry to lose a good citizen but expects to see him back after a few months in the Stockman's Paradise.

the land will produce weeds and grasses if the brush is removed enough for the sunshine and rain to reach the ground.

In three years, he expects to be able to stock one animal unit to every 15 acres on the brush-cleared land, and use the seed produced to seed other areas. And over a period of years, he plans to clear the brush from his entire ranch with bulldozers, says County Agent L. E. Franks.

Mrs. Strickland and Miss Mary Dunagan were among our fair visitors Saturday.

H. C. Young, a fine gentleman and prominent citizen of Juno, was in Sonora Wednesday.

Wm. Bevans and Wm. Johnson, two of the prominent citizens of Menardville, were in the Metropolis of the Southwest this week.

F. M. Wyatt, Sonora's well-known blacksmith, went to Angelo Wednesday.

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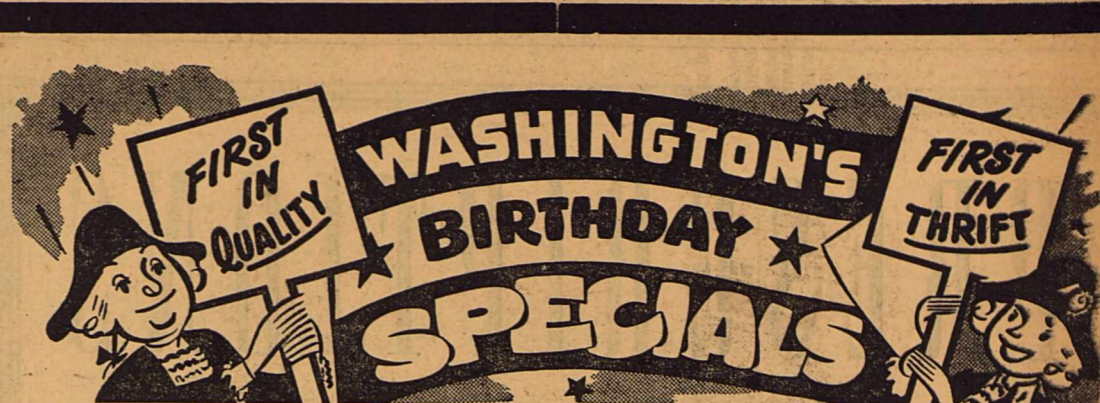
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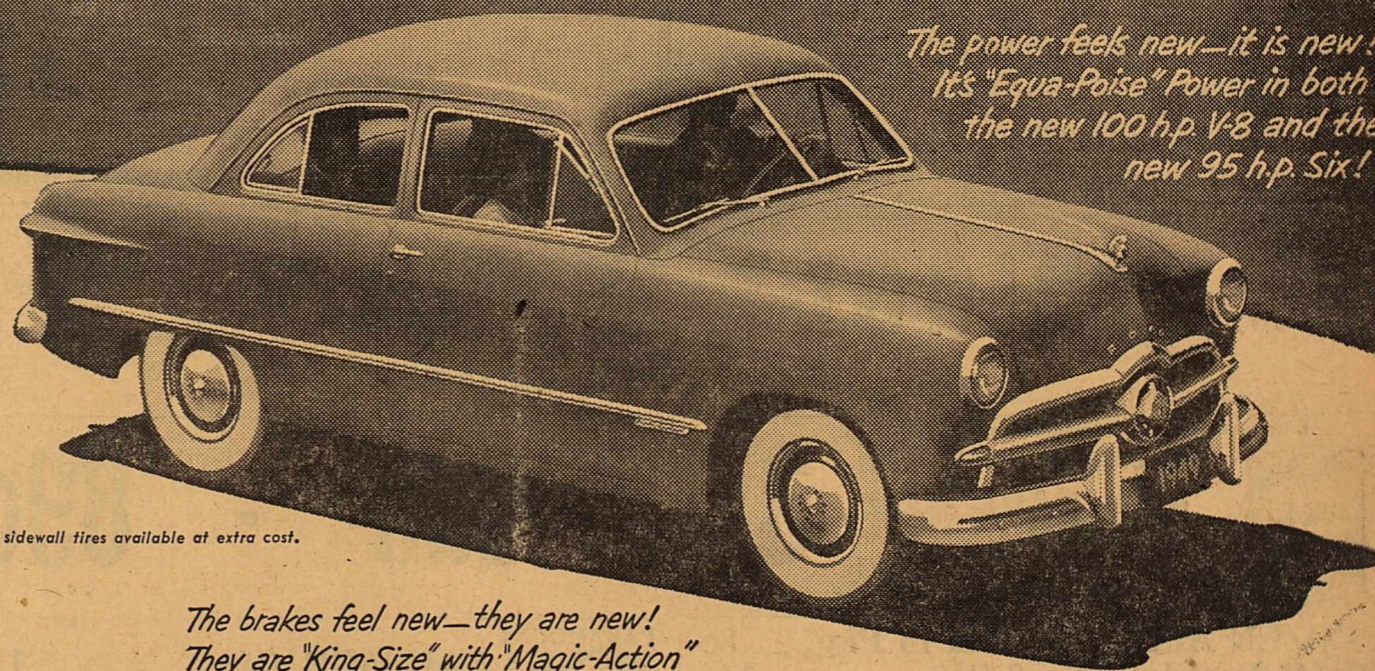
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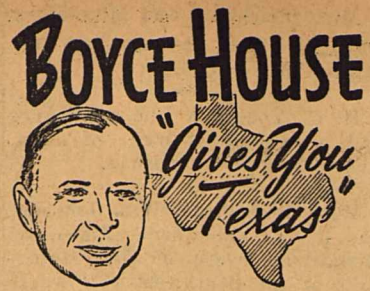
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More memories of a sojourn in California (to help write "Boom Town" nine years ago):

Of course, in Hollywood, you could go to church. And they have more sects out there than anywhere else in the world—Oriental, metaphysical and many more, including the denominations we are all familiar with.

Your columnist one night attended a service conducted by Aimee Semple McPherson. The preliminary part of the service was already under way; a brass band was playing. The man next to me said I had missed a xylophone sextet. The main floor, first and second galleries were full and the third gallery was almost filled. The roll of states was called and there were people there from 47.

Then Sister Aimee appeared. She was wearing a white robe; and the sleeves, when she raised her arms, looked like wings, and she had on a sort of gold halo. She had a brilliant smile, was very fine-looking and had a rich speaking voice. Her subject was "And the Rains Came." (A motion picture with that title had been made a short time before and was a big hit; the title is, of course, taken from the Scriptures.)

She told the story of Noah. As she was speaking, a curtain parted behind her and there was Noah warning his fellow townsmen that a flood was coming but they scoffed at him. (The scene was acted out, silently.) Sister Aimee went on preaching and there was a second scene which showed Noah and his sons building the ark. Then the animals were shown entering, two by two. Another scene showed the flood; the ark, in the distance, was being tossed on the waves while the lighting flashed from the angry sky.

It was the most remarkable sermon I ever saw.

The service closed with a song by a choir of young women who wore robes; each held a colored arch above her head and they sang "Over the Rainbow."

Was in Odessa recently and the wind was sure blowing. My friend, Harley Hightower, publisher of the Morning Herald, and I went to a drive-in show. It was a Gene



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same," he laughed.

A 1945 graduate of the Virginia Seminary at Alexandria and a classmate of the Rev. Stanley Hauser, Mr. Hobson left for Alaska soon after commencement exercises and did not return until October, 1948. His wife is the former Mrs. Isobell Tillman of Menard and they have a son one year old.

One of the most interesting parts of Mr. Hobson's talk dealt with the part the airplane plays in transportation. Airplanes are widely used and accepted much as cars are here and in some cases more so. To illustrate this remark, Mr. Hobson told of a group of Indian children who landed at an airport and were met by a truck, the first they had ever seen. They were so startled by the strange vehicle that they hid behind the plane and had to be coaxed out. Indian trappers travel by dog sled to the airport at Tanana in the fall, are flown to their campsite hundreds of miles away by a bush pilot, and picked up again in the spring.

Summer temperatures run as high as 80 degrees while in winter the mercury often drops to 60 and 70 degrees below zero. The rivers freeze up in October and do not thaw until April, Rev. Hobson added, but there is always the plane and dog team in case of an emergency. For the most part, however, no long trips are undertaken during winter months.

A husk six-footer who looks more like a woodsman than a minister, Mr. Hobson is at present assistant rector of the Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va., where his father is rector. He expects to return to Alaska in a year or so, for he says there is much work yet to be done there.

During their stay here, the Rev. and Mrs. Hobson were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Hauser. Mr. Hobson also spoke at the church school Sunday morning and preached the sermon at 11 o'clock service.

### Leave For California

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert left Wednesday for Sacramento, Calif. to attend a series of sales being held there. They plan to be gone two weeks.

Mrs. Mattie Jackson of Van Horn is visiting her nieces, Miss Alice Karnes and Mrs. Fred Simmons, this week.

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