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The groom is the son of Judge B. R. Webb a prominent early attorney of Callahan County and Baird for many years.

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Report of Condition of The FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD

In The State of Texas, at the close of business on December 30, 1944, published in response to call made by comptroller of the currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$945.78 overdrafts)	\$445,768.89
United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed	1,156,854.19
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	36,222.77
Corporate stocks (including \$2,400.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,400.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,288,130.70
Bank premises owned \$11,063.48, furniture and fixtures \$6,602.59	17,666.07
Real estate owned other than bank premises	5.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,947,047.62

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,283,337.44
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	150,627.76
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	153,774.10
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	193,679.30
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	17,596.41
Total Deposits	\$2,799,015.01
Total Liabilities	\$2,799,015.01

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Class A preferred, total par \$18,000.00	
Retirable Value \$18,000.00	
Rate of dividends on retirable value is 3%	
Common stock, total par \$32,000.00	\$50,000.00
Surplus	30,600.00
Univided profits	49,432.61
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	18,000.00
Total Capital Accounts	148,032.61
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	2,947,047.62

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):

United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities 564,250.00

Total 564,250.00

Secured liabilities:

Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law 341,660.38

Total 341,660.38

State of Texas, County of Callahan, ss: I, Bob Norrell, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOB NORRELL, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
A. R. Kelton
Ace Hickman
Henry James
Directors

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1945.
(Seal) **E. G. HAMPTON,**
Notary Public

POSSUM FLATS... GOOD NEWS ON THE PARTY LINE



Bear Facts

The Baird High School Paper

SPORTS

Sam Gorman and Harry Varner Eula brought both the boys and girls teams up here January 2, Tuesday, to play the Bears two good games. The girls played first, and Baird lost with the score of 22 to 11. Ruby Joyce Atwood, forward, was the Bears high-scoring player of the girls. The Baird boys won their game with the score of 21 to 22. Horace Bains, forward, and Tom Odom, center, tied for the high-scoring player. This victory leaves the Bears undefeated in the nine games they played so far. The Bears over powered Eula in the first half, and the second string played most of the last half.

The Bears conference started Friday night, January 5, and the first game was with Colorado City. Baird won with the score of 40 to 20. Oscar Jones, left guard, was the high-scoring player, with 12 points; Horace Bains, and right forward, with 9 points, and third was Tom Odom, center, with 9 points; fourth was Benny Pierson, left forward, with 8 points; and last was Harry Varner, right guard, with 1 point. At the end of the first quarter the score was 11 to 0; at the half it was 24 to 4; at the end of the third quarter it was 34 to 12, and the final score was 40 to 20. The Baird girls lost their game by a close margin of 21 to 17. This was the best game the girls have played this season. The Bears schedule in the conference calls for

two games a week. This week they played Roscoe and Snyder. These two games will come out in the next weeks paper. The captains were elected, but their names were not out last week, so we will list them now. Tom Odom is captain, and Oscar Jones is co-captain of the boys team; Reba Jo Price is the captain of the girls team.

The Bears went to Ranger Monday, January 8, to play the Ranger Junior college two games, both the boys and girls. The girls game was played first. The game was tight throughout the first half. At the end of the first half the score was 3 to 9 in favor of Ranger and at the end of the game the score was 4 to 13, favor of Ranger. Nell Higgins and Ruby Joyce Atwood made the only two field-goals for the Bears.

The boys game was a tight one also; at the end of the first quarter the score was 1 to 2, favor Ranger; at the half the score was 4 to 8, favor Ranger; at the end of the third quarter it was 11 to 10, favor Baird, and the final score of the game was 15 to 12, favor the Baird Bears. Tom Odom, center, was the Bears high-point player, with 9 points, and Oscar Jones, star guard made the other six points for the Bears. There was an extra large crowd that attended the game, and many students of Baird high school attended the game, to see the Bears win their eleventh straight victory, as the Bears lost their first game.

SOCIETY NEWS

Eloise Grant and Ann Meredith Sam Gorman, Ace sport reporter for the Bear Facts, accompanied by C. J. Sampson, star guard on

the football team, "hitch-hiking" to Ranger last Monday to see the Bears play the Bulldogs.

Tom Odom, Bear's star center failed to have been at the school house when the Bears went to Ranger, and was forced to obtain

a ride on a truck bound for Eastland. He also was accompanied by some students, Hugh Shrader, a fellow player Bob Shoemaker, Charles, Walker, and Earl Hinds, who all are enthusiastic supporters of the Bears.

Mrs. Mary Mae Varner received word that her son, Burl Varner, S2c, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., is convalescing from scarlet fever. He has been in the hospital since December 26th.

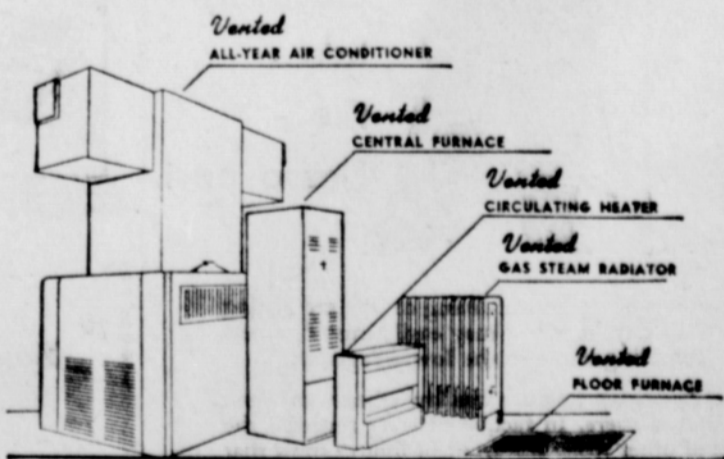


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S-Sgt. Francisco C. Pagan and Lupe Carrillo of Abilene were united in marriage in the study of Rev. R. H. Campbell on Sunday evening January 7, 1945. Sgt. Pagan has seen service overseas and is home on furlough.

MISS JANICE BARTON HONORED AT DINNER
Mrs. Otto Betcher of the Dudley community honored her niece Miss Janice Barton, with a surprise birthday dinner, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

The honoree received several nice gifts, including a necklace and ear rings from her brother, S-Sgt. S. O. Barton, overseas.

STAR HATCHERY OPEN SEASON
The Star Hatchery is starting their 1945 season here. The interior of the hatchery has been rearranged with a main street entrance.

ELDON BOWEN VISITS FAMILY AT COTTONWOOD
Eldon Bowen home on furlough, spent Christmas with his family at Cottonwood. He is in the Navy stationed at San Diego, Calif. Eldon recently returned from overseas duty.

Mrs. Kenneth W. Jameson, General Field Representative for Red Cross, visited Mrs. Myrtle Edwards last Friday.

Cottonwood

By Mrs. S. B. Strahan

Mrs. Richard Thompson had a light attack of flu this week but is now recovered. B. H. Brown spent New Years at San Saba. Donell Strahan injured a knee recently which later became infected and is giving him a great deal of trouble.

Seaman first class Richard Purvis is home on a five-day leave. Richard is in the amphibious corps and is based on Coronado Island. Mrs. Cora Howland is at the bedside of her niece, Mrs. Dick Brown at Pioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Betah Freeland and boys of Baird brought Mrs. T. J. Coppinger home Sunday where she has been visiting during the sickness of Mrs. Freeland, who is now recovered.

Mrs. W. M. Stansbury of Atwell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Young Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Moore and Mayory Jordon daughter of Mrs. Moore, all of Kansas City, Mo., Miss Claire Jordon with Mrs. Lee Loper of Abilene also daughter of Mrs. Moore were holiday visitors in home of the Virgil Fultons, parents of Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Clarence Bush is employed in the Scranton school since a

member of the faculty resigned there a week before Christmas.

Pvt. Oran Peavy of Camp Wolters spent the weekend with his wife and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Strahan with children Wendel, Wesley and Nancy of Big Spring spent some of the holidays here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Renfro and Sammie of Cross Plains visited S. B. and Mrs. Strahan and Miss Missouri Sunday afternoon.

S. B. Strahan entered Brown's sanitorium Monday morning to stay a while. He has been in failing health for two months. Edd Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kem Robbins reported sometime back to be missing in action, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Edd's wife resides in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fulton, Mrs. S. E. Archer and Miss Hazel Respass went to conference at Putnam Sunday night.

Mrs. Jim Coffey received word her brother-in-law Tom Hally at Jayton died and was buried on Monday. Mrs. Coffey accompanied by her sons with wives, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey went to be at the burial. Miss Eunice Hembre of Scranton helped to keep store in absence of Floyd and Norman.

Mrs. Clark, mother of Marvin and J. P. Clark, died at her home at Goldswait Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clark and Ernest went to be at the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clark recently moved to Sterling City. Mother Clark was also grandmother of Mrs. Artie Lee Breeding. Dave Weldon drove the school bus in the absence of Ernest.

Mrs. Will Brock went Monday to Cisco for treatment from a doctor there.

Adding machine paper at The Star Office.

Midway News

The Rev. Griffin filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon with a very nice crowd.

We are sorry that the Raymie family are leaving our community to return back to their Abilene home.

Mr. Sam Black and family are moving in Mrs. Bass place. We welcome them to our community.

Sgt. Chester A. Broyles of Pyote Air Field visited Charlie Mosley and family and also Mr. and Mrs. Allro Wilson New Years.

Glad to have Mrs. J. D. Gorman and Mrs. Selan Canada back in our community.

Miss Nell Griffin is visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin over the week end.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Albert B. Owens of Pyote Air Field, Pyote, Texas, visited during the New Year holidays in the home of Mrs. Owens parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albro Wilson.

Mrs. Otto Shaffrena is on the sick list.

The Wilsons had 3 letters from their son, C. J. this week. He is in Belgin. C. J. says he is well and doing fine has plenty to eat.

Mrs. Otto Rogers has heard from her son O. L. since he arrived in Maryland.

Mrs. Hub Kniffin and daughter Estell, Mrs. Charlie Mosley and family visited in the Wilson Home Sunday afternoon.

J. C. Lee left Tuesday for Marshall, where he will receive medical treatment.

Mrs. E. L. Wood received word from her daughter, Pvt. Jewel W. Carver at Cambridge, Ohio, that she has received a medical discharge and is at home with her husband, O. V. Carver, at Memphis, Tenn.

Oplin Items

By Georgia Dean McBride

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberson of Abilene spent a few days with their friends and folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Irby had relatives from Dallas, Texas. Spending the weekend with them.

Archie Nobles who is with the U. S. Army is home for a three day rest up. He has been in the Aleutian Islands for two years.

Cleo Lolar of Lamesa is visiting friends and relatives around Oplin.

Mr. Joe Slaughter was called to his fathers bed side. Mr. Bill Slaughter, who is very ill in Abilene.

J. R. Poindexter who is with the U. S. Army in France has been slightly wounded but is doing fine now.

Mrs. Henry Preston was called to her daughter Josephine Crane of Dudley who has been seriously ill.

The Oplin basketball teams played Eula teams last Friday night. Eula was the winning team. Our teams plan to enter the tournament at Bayou the 11th, 12th, and 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambert heard from their son, Cpl. Therman Lambert who is stationed somewhere in Belgium.

WEDDING

Miss Frances Eloise Western and Truett Holmes Holly of Cross Plains were quietly married on Monday evening January 8, 1945 at the Methodist parsonage in Baird. Rev. R. H. Campbell performed the impressive ring ceremony, witnessed by Mrs. Bennett of Cross Plains. The young man is soon to enter the service of his country.

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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness in respect of his gifts; and through it he being dead yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4). Evidently Abel did not offer a sacrifice by faith only; yet it is as emphatically affirmed that he offered a sacrifice by "faith" as it is that we are justified "by faith." What was embraced in the term "by faith" in the sacrifice offered by Abel? The phrase "by faith" covers every move he made and every lick he struck in building the altar and offering the sacrifice. In this case then we know that the phrase "by faith" does not mean "faith only."

"By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir to the righteousness which is according to faith" (Heb. 11:7). Every move Noah made, every lick that he struck was made by faith. The ark was built "by faith;" so we are justified "by faith." Think of the days of toil spent in building the ark and know that the phrase "by faith" does not mean by "faith only." The finished ark was the result of Noah's faith. So when the christian reaches heaven, though he may have served God faithfully for three score years, it may be truly said that he is there "by faith."

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out into a place which he was to receive for inheritance, and he went out not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8). Abraham's faith took him from his home in Ur of the Chaldees to the far distant land of Canaan. When God spoke, Abraham's faith obeyed, and thus he became the father of the faithful father of all those who walk in the steps of Abraham (Rom. 4:12). Hence the phrase "by faith" includes every step from Ur to Canaan.

In each of the above cases, their faith led them to be what God commanded and was thus perfected by works, and by this perfect faith their deeds were done. If we are justified "by faith," our faith must be strong enough to lead us to do what God commands; by this perfect faith we are justified. Church of Christ, Baird, Texas. Lloyd Connel, Minister.

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These ceiling prices are for Chicago only, and vary from market to market. The difference between the ceilings for sows, stags and boars, and for barrows and gilts is 75c at all markets, however.

Present support prices are as follows: "Good" to "Choice" barrows and gilts that weigh between 200 and 270 pounds have a floor price of \$12.50, Chicago basis. At terminal and interior markets other than Chicago, the support price is \$2.25 below the ceiling price (as of Nov. 15, 1944) at that market for hogs within the 200 to 270 pound weight range.

These support prices will remain in effect until June 1945.

What's Ahead for 1945?

Another new year starts, full of promise, and questions for American agriculture. Will the war end in 1945? How much food will Europe need from us? Will rationing and price controls be relaxed? What about the feed situation? These are but a few of the "ifs" we are up against when we make plans for the coming year. To help livestock producers, we here condense opinions recently expressed by War Food Administration economists.

CATTLE: They foresee for '45 an increase in the number of cattle and calves slaughtered, partially as a result of the tendency to reduce the size of herds. They also expect an increase in the number of cattle fed for slaughter. From 1946 to 1949, they expect a gradual decline in slaughtering, with yearly slaughter around 28 to 29 million head.

HOGS: Their estimate of total 1945 hog slaughter is about 79 million, against approximately 100 million in '44. They expect hog production in 1946 to be close to 1945 levels, depending on the feed situation.

SHEEP, LAMBS: Slaughter in '45 will likely be the smallest since 1929, due to recent selling of breeding stock. By 1946, they see a demand far exceeding the supply, leading to possible expansion of flocks over the following five years. This trend may be upset by wool-factor uncertainties.

We have a pamphlet on "Beef Cattle Prospects for 1945," by C. W. Crickman, Economist of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. Want a copy free? Mail your request, attention F. M. Simpson, to Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Ill.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

In nearly 20 years with Swift & Company, I have talked with thousands of farmers and ranchers in all sections of the United States, and have tried to bring about a better mutual understanding in the American livestock and meat industry. I have benefited greatly from these talks. But even in 20 years, a man can get the viewpoint of only a relatively few people. That is why this page has been born, so that we can talk things over with more of you than it is possible to do personally. We want your constructive ideas, views, and thoughts for the betterment of the livestock and meat industry. We will welcome your suggestions and fair criticisms. Any questions you raise will be answered in these columns, or by letter.

Should you feel like writing me a letter about any agricultural matter, please do so. Or if you are in Chicago, drop in at my office at Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards. If you haven't time to visit, perhaps you can phone me at this number—Yards 4200, local 710.

May the new year bring to all of you good weather, good crops, good returns for your work, good health, and an end of war.

F. M. Simpson,
Agricultural Research Department

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1) In what country do the people eat more meat per person—United States, Australia, Argentina?
2) How many slaughterers compete in buying U. S. livestock—10, 1500, 25,000, 800?
Answers elsewhere on page.

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United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed	1,156,854.19
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	36,222.77
Corporate stocks (including \$2,400.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,400.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,288,130.70
Bank premises owned \$11,063.48, furniture and fixtures \$6,602.59	17,666.07
Real estate owned other than bank premises	5.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,947,047.62

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,283,337.44
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	150,627.76
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	153,774.10
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	193,679.30
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	17,596.41
Total Deposits	\$2,799,015.01
Total Liabilities	\$2,799,015.01

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Class A preferred, total par \$18,000.00	
Retirable Value \$18,000.00	
Rate of dividends on retirable value is 3%	
Common stock, total par \$32,000.00	\$50,000.00
Surplus	30,600.00
Undivided profits	49,432.61
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	18,000.00
Total Capital Accounts	148,032.61
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	2,947,047.62

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):

United States Government obligations direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities 564,250.00

Total 564,250.00

Secured liabilities:

Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law 341,660.38

Total 341,660.38

State of Texas, County of Callahan, ss: I, Bob Norrell, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOB NORRELL, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
A. R. Kelton
Ace Hickman
Henry James
Directors

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1945.
(Seal) E. G. HAMPTON,
Notary Public

POSSUM FLATS... GOOD NEWS ON THE PARTY LINE



Bear Facts

The Baird High School Paper

SPORTS

Sam Gorman and Harry Varner Eula brought both the boys and girls teams up here January 2, Tuesday, to play the Bears two good games. The girls played first, and Baird lost with the score of 22 to 11. Ruby Joyce Atwood, forward, was the Bears high-scoring player of the girls. The Baird boys won their game with the score of 21 to 22. Horace Bains, forward, and Tom Odum, center, tied for the high-scoring player. This victory leaves the Bears undefeated in the nine games they played so far. The Bears over powered Eula in the first half, and the second string played most of the last half.

The Bears conference started Friday night, January 5, and the first game was with Colorado City. Baird won with the score of 40 to 20. Oscar Jones, left guard, was the high-scoring player, with 12 points; Horace Bains, right forward was next with 10 points; third was Tom Odum, center with 9 points; fourth was Benny Pierson, left forward, with 8 points; and last was Harry Varner, right guard, with 1 point. At the end of the first quarter the score was 11 to 0; at the half it was 24 to 4; at the end of the third quarter it was 34 to 12, and the final score was 40 to 20. The Baird girls lost their game by a close margin of 21 to 17. This was the best game the girls have played this season. The Bears schedule in the conference calls for

two games a week. This week they played Roscoe and Snyder. These two games will come out in the next weeks paper. The captains were elected, but their name were not out last week, so we will list them now. Tom Odum is captain, and Oscar Jones is co-captain of the boys team; Reba Jo Price is the captain of the girls team.

The Bears went to Ranger Monday, January 8, to play the Ranger Junior college two games, both the boys and girls. The girls game was played first. The game was tight throughout the first half. At the end of the first half the score was 3 to 9 in favor of Ranger and at the end of the game the score was 4 to 13, favor of Ranger. Nel Higgins and Ruby Joyce Atwood made the only two field-goals for the Bears. The boys game was a tight one also; at the end of the first quarter the score was 1 to 2, favor Ranger; at the half the score was 4 to 8, favor Ranger; at the end of the third quarter it was 11 to 10, favor Baird, and the final score of the game was 15 to 12, favor the Baird Bears. Tom Odum, center, was the Bears high-point player with 9 points, and Oscar Jones, star guard made the other six points for the Bears. There was an extra large crowd that attended the game, and many students of Baird high school attended the game, to see the Bears win their eleventh straight victory, as the Bears lost their first game.

SOCIETY NEWS
Eloise Grant and Ann Meridith Sam Gorman, Ace sport reporter for the Bear Facts, accompanied by C. J. Sampson, star guard on

the football team, "hitch-hiking" to Ranger last Monday to see the Bears play the Bulldogs.

Tom Odum, Bear's star center failed to have been at the school house when the Bears went to Ranger, and was forced to obtain

a ride on a truck bound for Eastland. He also was accompanied by some students, Hugh Shrader, a fellow player Bob Shoemaker, Charles, Walker, and Earl Hinds, who all are enthusiastic supporters of the Bears.

Mrs. Mary Mae Varner received word that her son, Burl Varner, S2c, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., is convalescing from scarlet fever. He has been in the hospital since December 26th.

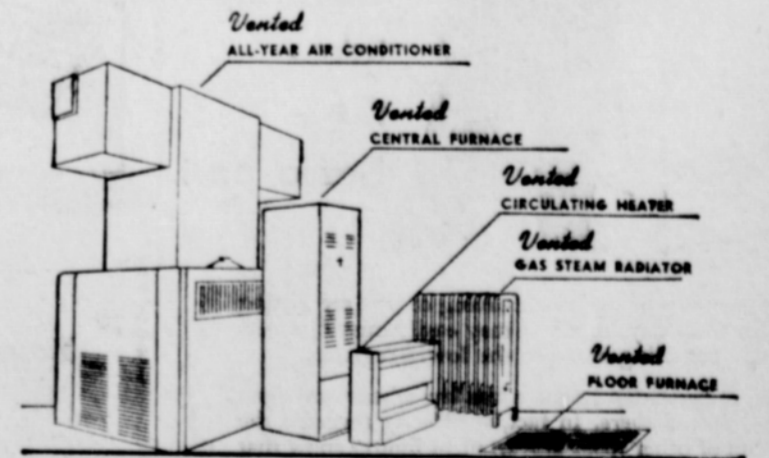


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Hospital Notes

Grandma McGee who fell last Wednesday and broke her ankle is doing nicely.

Mrs. J. W. Christian left the hospital Monday to go to her home at Clyde.

Ashby white who had surgery several days ago is slowly improving.

Mrs. Otto Shafferina who had surgery Monday is doing nicely.

Mrs. J. H. McIntyre who entered the hospital several days ago suffering heart trouble is seriously ill.

Norris Weeks of Putnam was brought to the hospital Monday night suffering pneumonia.

Abner Walker who came to the hospital last week with heart trouble is better.

Mrs. Ruth Wood entered the hospital Tuesday suffering a severe head ache.

Clem Henson who had surgery several days ago is doing fine and will be going home soon.

Julian Mauldin who has been in the hospital several weeks is gradually improving.

Mrs. Mae Brooks entered the hospital Tuesday for XRay and medical check up.

Mrs. Lon Haley of Cross Plains who has been a medical patient the past six weeks is still in the hospital.

Mrs. A. J. Young spent last week in Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Dubbs, who underwent an operation in an Abilene hospital. Mrs. Dadds is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spur and daughters, Shirley Glynn and Charlese, and Mrs. Horace Elliott and baby Ann of Abilene spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Sr.

Let us talk chicken with you before you buy chicks this year. Star Hatchery, Baird, 3tp.

Mrs. La Verne Bryant Austin of Fort Worth underwent an operation Wednesday night of last week. Her mother, Mrs. W. S. Bryant, reports that she is recovering nicely.

It will soon be time to start some baby chicks. Our first hatch will be ready January 29th. See us before you buy chicks this season. Price \$3.00 per 100 up. Star Hatchery, Baird, 3tp.

Mrs. W. L. Knox of Hamlin visited her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mae Varner, last week.

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CARD OF THANKS

To my many Baird friends who were so thoughtful to send flowers and shower words of kindness on me at the passing of my husband, Joe R. Copeland, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks.

Nora Lones Copeland

TO OUR FRIENDS

By this means we want to thank our friends for the many acts of kindness, the beautiful floral offering, and the sympathy shown us at the passing of N. B. Holloway. May the Lord bless each of you.

The N. B. Holloway Family

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kindness shown us in the death of our loved ones.

L. B. Roberson and Son
Mrs. Lora Roberson and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jacobs and family.

4-H CLUB BOYS IN COUNTY

Approximately 50 breeding hogs and 20 fat barrows are being fed by 4-H club boys in the county.

Kenny Kennard of Clyde has three registered Duroc gilts and a registered Poland China boar, J. O. Connel of the Denton club, has a registered Poland China sow and 9 pigs that will be marketed soon.

Calvin Lee Britton, Denton, has two Poland China sows and a registered boar. The two sows have farrowed approximately 18 pigs, selling for \$120.00.

Bobby Gene Johnson, is the owner of a fine Poland China gilt that will farrow this spring.

Ersal Lee Johnson, is the owner of a Poland China sow that has farrowed two litters of pigs this year that were marketed locally as weaned pigs. Lowell Johnson, of Oplin, has sold 8 pigs from his Poland China sow this year. David Park Clinton of Putnam, recently sold his Poland China pigs to neighbors and will have his sow rebred to the fine Poland China boar owned by Calvin Lee Britton. Menton Reid of Oplin, recently sold his Poland China sow that had farrowed 4 litters of pigs during the past two years.

Bobby Frank Estes of Clyde, who is the owner of a Duroc gilt, reported recently that his sow was the mother of 8 fine pigs.

Bernard Dugan, of Clyde, will have his Duroc gilt bred to Billy Kennard's Duroc boar.

Max Wood, Putnam, Knox Waggoner, Clyde, Howard Johnson, Denton, Bill and Don Clemmer, Eula, had their Poland China gilts bred to a fine boar and will have fine pigs farrowed this spring. Billy Jess Tarrant, Eula, and Carol Tatom, Putnam, recently bought two registered Poland China gilts from Bill Clemmer, Eula, to be used as a hog breeding project.

Many pigs have been bought from the club boys by neighbors. Many have been fattened out for market and several have been kept as bred stock during the past year.

M. W. Meador, Co. Agent

We enjoyed a visit Tuesday with T. B. Emmones, a reader of The Star for forty years.

Miss Nancy Slaughter of Cisco was here Friday to attend the Roberson funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodley spent the Christmas holidays in Brownsville and Louisiana.

Mrs. N. H. Hatley, Jr. of Vernon spent last week visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. N. H. Hatley.

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Grey house south of Baptist church for sale. Belongs to the Henry Estate. See Mrs. Lee Estes at her home. 1tp.

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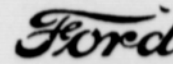
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