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Column One

Bulldogs To Be Feted At Banquet December 20

Plans for a banquet honoring the Ranger High School Bulldogs, 7-A regional champions, with a barbecue at the Country Club Dec. 20, were inaugurated here this week.

Tickets were put on sale for the event Wednesday. Admittance will be \$1.00 per person and ticket buyers were asked to buy an extra ticket for one of the Bulldogs.

The program was not organized by any specific civic organization and is not a profit-making plan.

Orders May Be Placed For Special Edition

Due to the large size of the "Greater Ranger" edition of the Ranger Times to be published Saturday, copies will be sold for 15 cents each.

There will be no change in price for subscribers. Orders are now being taken for extra copies of the large paper which will be distributed all over the United States.

College Students Stage Albany Xmas Program

A large number of Ranger Junior College students went to Albany Tuesday evening, December 13, to present a program for the Christmas party given in the auditorium of the Albany High School by the evening division of the college in Albany.

The Rangemans and the Dixieland Band gave several numbers, and several individuals gave solo numbers. Beverly Cary gave a twirling exhibition; Janice Yarborough was featured in a saxophone solo and Bobby Brooks gave trumpet solos. Les Campbell and J. D. Hanson presented pantomime skits of two phonograph records.

The program was well received by the Albany group. The students were accompanied to Albany by Mr. Al Lotseich, director of both the Rangemans and the Dixieland Band. A large group of Albany people attended the affair.

Olden Takes Two Loop Wins Over Eastland

The Olden High School boys' and girls' basketball teams took a doubleheader over the Eastland Mavericks this week in the first meeting of the two teams this season.

Olden's girls walloped Eastland 49-34 and the boys took a decisive 77-54 victory.

"Greater Ranger" Edition To Be Published Here Saturday

Area Peanut Crop Tops 3,000 Ton Mark Here

Area peanut crops totaled about 3,000 tons this year, T. C. Wylie, manager of the Ranger Peanut Co., said today.

The overall county crop of about 20,000 tons, nearly five times higher than the yield of a year ago, brought county farmers between \$4 and \$5 million in revenue.

Wylie said that his peanuts were bought mostly in the areas between Ranger and the communities of Gorman, Carbon and Cheaney.

This year's crops, which at times appeared headed for an all time high, then wilted under July's and August's dry winds and once again flourished under September rains, averaged about 12 bushels per acre county-wide, only five acres under the normal yield.

However, some small eight and ten acre tracts over the county, averaged as high as 30 bushels per acre while some irrigated crops near Brock produced as high as 60 bushels per acre.

Wylie said, "In consideration of the drought through July and August, we had an exceptionally big crop. But in the early planting season, it seemed as though we might have bumper yields. Only September rains saved the crops, however."

Cotton Quotas Carry Big for County, State

Cotton farmers in state and county, voted overwhelmingly for cotton acreage quotas next year.

The county vote was 79 for, 15 against — more than 80 per cent in favor.

The state balloting showed 26,789 for, 3,287 against, on early returns.

Ranger Girl Pledges To Drama Fraternity

Madelyn Bond of Ranger, recently pledged the Alpha Psi Omega national dramatics fraternity, at Hardin - Simmons University, Miss Bond is a junior student.

Requirements for pledging are two minor roles and one major role in plays, or the equivalent. Also, a required number of workshop hours must be attained.

At formal initiation the pledges must give from memory at least 15 lines from a Shakespearean play and recite the Greek alphabet.

Miss Bond is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bond, Ranger.



IT'S A SMALL WORLD—Soviet comrade Khrushchev, left, and Bulgarian, right, meet a Rhode Island "Red" rooster in far-off India. Russia's party chief and her premier were visiting a state-operated farm at Bareilly, one of many steps on their Indian itinerary. The pair laid several king-size eggs, diplomatically speaking, with frequent and bitter attacks on England and other NATO powers when speaking.

New Field House Seems Certain Here

Plans for a new Bulldog field house here were nearly a reality this week as tentative basic plans for the project have been approved.

The new structure, which is to have a concession stand at one end and rest rooms at the other with the dressing rooms in the center, is to be located at the west end of the Bulldog Stadium where the temporary concession stand is now located.

G. B. Rush, superintendent of schools, said that even though the entire structure is to be 76 feet long and 4 feet wide, the cost is not expected to exceed \$3,000.

The expense figure is based on the use of maximum volunteer labor and only a minimum of skilled labor. Construction will begin sometime in January. Rush said that the entire project may not be completed until next summer, however.

The field house now used by the Bulldogs will be remodeled to some extent and used by visiting teams.

Under present plans, the new field house will contain space for a dressing room, office, equipment room, showers, a room for the whirlpool and other necessities.

The structure will consist of a concrete floor and foundation and American Aggregate blocks will be used for the walls.

Legion, Auxiliary Xmas Program Cancelled Here

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Xmas program which was scheduled here Friday night has been cancelled it was announced here today.

Illness and numerous other activities were given as the reason for the cancellation.

However, gifts for the Christmas box to be sent to the veterans' hospital at Waco were to be collected as planned.

These gifts may be left at Powell's Grocery for distribution.

Fire Destroys Home, Garage Wednesday

A fire of undeterminable origin destroyed a five room house and one-car garage southeast of the Ranger city limits off of Spring Road, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson, owners of the dwelling were not at home at the time the fire was discovered. The house was enveloped in flames by the time the first fire trucks arrived, firemen reported.

Wilson, a painting contractor, said that possibly a heater had been left burning in the house.

No estimate of damage was available today and what amount, if any, was covered by insurance was not known.

Fanned by stiff winds, the flame had already spread over the entire structure when firemen arrived and the blaze was a threat to nearby dry grass.

BE SURE—SEE Don Pierson Olds-Cadillac Eastland Quality Cars at Volume Prices

Ranger Soldier Participates In German Exercise

FRANKFURT, Germany—First Class Merle W. Kribbs, son of Frank P. Kribbs, 510 Elm St., Ranger, recently took part in a field training exercise held by the 4th Infantry Division in Germany.

Training received by the "Ivy" division, part of the U. S. Seventh Army, includes intensive maneuvers and realistic field problems.

Kribbs, a supply sergeant in the division's 4th Medical Battalion, entered the Army in 1943. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas before arriving in Europe in April 1953. He holds the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Good Conduct Medal. His wife, Wanda Sue, is with him in Germany.

TV HEADQUARTERS Admiral, Philco, Zenith L & J SUPPLY CO.

Pruet Devised Plan For Industrial Fund

The "Greater Ranger" edition of the Ranger Times, a plan to create an industrial fund, will be published Saturday.

With the idea that it requires money to secure industry, C. H. Pruet organized the plan nearly two months ago with the idea of selling ads in the paper at \$500 a page.

It was Pruet's idea to raise necessary capital for future expansion by enticing industry into the city by giving "the town a genuine boost."

First public proposal of the plan was aired at a community

luncheon meeting at the First Baptist Church November 9.

Businessmen and the entire citizenry alike agreed to the publication of the special edition which was to be printed with profits going into a special industrial fund at the Chamber of Commerce.

At the Nov. 9 community meeting Pruet challenged that opportunities of re-birth are in sight with the Higginbotham - Bailey Co. moving here with an employee payroll that could exceed 200 persons and the development of clay deposits and other resources for the manufacture of brick, sewer tile and other products that could possibly bring employment for another 200 persons.

It was at this same meeting that he outlined the plan for selling 30 pages of advertising. Since the meeting the citizenry has kept their pledge and a new era of prosperity is in the making.

Following the meeting, committees — retail merchants, publicity, corporations, churches, schools and civic clubs and individuals — were appointed for the ad sales.

Organizations listed in the special edition are not the only contributors to the project. Several others, who wish to remain anonymous, have generously contributed.

Higginbotham - Bailey Co. is currently the Chamber of Commerce's big project, but others are in the offing and city leaders feel that additional funds other than from the Chamber of Commerce and city will be required in the future.

Throttle And Bottle Serious Combination

If you've had your hand on the throttle keep your foot off the bottle.

That warning was issued the nation's drivers today by the National Safety Council as it opened its annual Christmas safety campaign.

The campaign is aimed at reducing holiday accidents. Special emphasis will be on traffic accidents, which have taken an upward swing this year of about 6 per cent. A contributing factor to this increase is an even greater

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BOATS & MOTORS Marine Headquarters L & J SUPPLY

Boy Scout Council Goal Is Ambitious

Brownwood, Dec. — An ambitious objective of 100 units, with 2,250 members, from 1956 went into the record of the annual meeting of Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts, Thursday night at Hotel Brownwood.

Council officers elected for 1956 are: Rio Cox of Brownwood, president; Grady Pipkin of Eastland and Dr. T. C. Graves of Goldthwaite, national representatives; and Vice Presidents Pat Cagle of Comanche, O. E. Winebrenner of Brownwood, Grady Pipkin of Eastland, L. M. Stephens of Lometa, Firman H. Smith of Brownwood, W. Wayne Dees of Stephenville and Lester Clark of Breckenridge; C. L. Poncey of Brownwood, treasurer, and Paul A. Cuyngs of Stephenville, council commissioner.

Members - at - large are: South District: Warren Duren, Charles Conradt, Lee R. Tesson, J. B. Boler, Niel Brown, M. W. Trussell, Dr. R. C. Felts, W. Barney Sullivan, J. A. Hester, Harold Yarborough, Gavin Garrett, Lloyd Davis Glenn Gabel.

Central District: Bob Hake, Dr. Braswell Locker, Austin Newton, Rev. Dorsey Smith, A. O. Newman, Carl Arnsperger, James D. King, Guy T. Smith, Frank Pope, Ed Davis, Ed Devery, Dr. V. Cyrus Barcus, Dr. Guy Newman.

East District: Dr. E. J. Howell, Doyle Graves, Recie Jones, Oren H. Ellis, Sam Cleveland, Joe Henderson, Byron Singleton, Joe Tuplin, Robert Crouch, Edwin A. Smith.

North District: Frank Sayre, Cyrus B. Frost, Jr., William R. Wright, Arthur Deffebach, John A. Bates, Rev. Bill Griffiths, J. D. Sandefer, Ernest Maxwell, Dr. J. C. Whittington, J. D. Lauderdale, Charles Graham, W. F. Creeger, M. S. Sellers, Jodie Baker, John F. Bailey, Roscoe Hooper.

Dr. V. Cyrus Barcus was master of ceremonies. A community sing-song and numbers by the Brownwood High School Choral Ensemble were the musical selections. Scouts took part in several spectacular events. The annual meeting report and recognition of officers were made by Dr. J. C. Whittington of Eastland. Officers were installed by Sam Davis, Laurence R. Melton and Gus Bowman, all of Dallas, and veteran service awards were presented by Guy T. Smith.

Grady Pipkin of Eastland made the silver beaver presentation. Harold R. Herndon of San Antonio, stressing the precepts of Scouting, gave the principal address.

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PRIZE CREW — Loaded with "brass," the nation's first atom-powered submarine, Nautilus, sails on an overnight cruise. From rear: Vice Adm. J. L. Holloway, chief of naval personnel, mans steering gear; Navy Secretary Charles Thomas is at the depth control; Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Adm. Lewis L. Strauss operates the stern planes.

Mingus Man Killed In Freak Tree Accident

Earl Ott of Rt. 1, Mingus, was crushed to death in a freak accident Tuesday at a farm about three and a half miles southwest of Desdemona.

Mr. Ott was working on a fence on the farm, belonging to Ray Farnell of Abilene, when a truck was backed into a large dead tree. Top of the tree broke off, falling about 20 feet and crushing Mr. Ott. He died in about 30 minutes.

The body was taken to Strawn by ambulance.

Justice of the Peace Dave Harper of Gorman ruled the death was accidental.

Holiday Mail May Be Real Record Smash

Checking the progress on the local "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, Postmaster R. E. Crawley predicted that the 1955 pre-holiday season will be a real record breaker as he noted the mounting flood of Christmas cards and gift packages.

"Last year we handled a total of 160,000 pieces of mail between December 1st and the 25th. This year we have already received and sent approximately 25,000 Christmas cards, letters and packages, and the real rush is just starting."

The postmaster went on to say that the mounting volume of Christmas mail makes it doubly important for everyone to help on the "Mail Early for Christmas" program. He warned that packages mailed to out-of-state points after this week may not be delivered in time for Christmas. He said that the flow of Christmas cards is running about normal but parcel post is definitely behind schedule and suggested that all out-of-state parcels still to be mailed should be sent by air parcel post, and pointed out that Christmas cards addressed to the most distant points should also be air mailed.

Postmaster Crawley also said that all gifts should be wrapped securely with plenty of heavy paper and tied with strong cord. "Write legibly or better yet print the recipient's full name, street address, zone number, city and state on all mailing labels and

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Second of A Series

String Outdoor Lights In Tufted Effect Give New Holiday Textures

If you've been putting up the same old outdoor holiday lights year after year along the same eaves, treat your family to a change this year.

Try tufting your house with lights. According to Robert Ott,

manager of General Electric's world-famed Lighting Institute who originated this simple holiday lighting technique on his own home pictured above, it really isn't hard to put outdoor Christmas lights up this new way.

Secret in success is to choose a part of your house with a fairly flat and uncluttered surface. They, with insulated staples or brass clips, anchor lights in place.

Lighting specialists point out that if you're buying new lights this year, be sure to shop for the smaller size, C-7's, strings in outdoor-type sockets. Their smaller size is ideal for the small "button effect" needed for the tufting.

The home in the picture above required two 25-socket and two 15-socket strings for this unusual tufting effect.

RANGER FARM STORE G. E. Mixers, G. E. Skillet, G. E. Toasters

3 Countians Picked For Vet's Land Plan

The Eastland County Commissioner's Court recently appointed three countians to serve as committeemen for the county to accept applications from ex-servicemen for participation in the veteran's land program, by recommendation of Earl Rudder, commissioner of the general land office.

The three countians appointed were Jesse C. Carter of Ranger, J. M. Cooper of Eastland and J. P. McCracken of Cisco.

Purpose of the committee is to serve as a screening board for a veteran's applications to buy land under the Texas veteran's land program.

The committee after reviewing the individual applications will submit to the board, a statement concerning the financial responsibility of the veteran, whether or not in their opinion the transaction is bona fide, and a statement from them as to what they consider is in question.

The reasonable value of the land. Each county committee has the power to reject applications.

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Rudder said that the requests received the five-day period of the first week were to be placed in a locked box, and then be drawn and numbered. A limited number of veterans were mailed application forms immediately. The remainder were to be notified of their relative position and after the first week, requests were to

be numbered consecutively as received.

Rudder said, "This system which we will use is designed to eliminate accumulation of paper work, enable the veteran and seller to conduct their business promptly, and to secure efficient utilization of the Veteran's Land Board personnel."

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Weather Reports

Clear to partly cloudy with little change in temperature Thursday. Not so cold Thursday night and slightly warmer Friday. High Thursday 50 to 55. Low Thursday night 30 to 35. High Friday in the 60s.



AIR-GROUND TEAMWORK is featured in the radiation detection technique used by the Kansas University radiological monitoring team at Lawrence, Kan., some of whom are shown here. Dr. Frank E. Hoercher, team director (standing at center), said that if a nuclear attack should come, one of the team members would fly over suspected fallout areas taking radiation readings, which would be radioed along with the plane's location to the crew in the auto. They would plot the "hot" area on a map, then verify the information by sending two-man teams near the area on foot with test instruments and walkie-talkies. Results would be radioed to the state CD center and forwarded to the FDA national headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich. (Lawrence, Kan., Journal World Photo)

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Call meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738, A.F. & A.M. 7:30 P. M., Friday, Dec. 16. All members urged to attend. Visitors welcome. E. A. Degree will be conferred.
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WANTED: Cook. Afternoon shift. Dish washer, morning shift. Kings Kove, Highway 80 East.

Throttle —

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gain in motor vehicle travel.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the Christmas season always add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and added hours of darkness, the council said.

In warning against driving after drinking, the council said that one-fourth of all fatal traffic accidents involve a drinking driver or pedestrian. The conviviality of the holiday probably increases this percentage.

In an effort to reduce yuletide accidents to a minimum, city and state officials, civic leaders, safety councils and 160 organizations are joining with the council in enlisting the cooperation of every motorist and pedestrian.

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Promotions have come fast and travel has been extensive for Lt. Col. Herbert W. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin of Cisco, in his 13 years as a member of the United States Air Force.

Col. Martin, his wife, and their eight months old daughter, Donna Marie, are visiting in the home of his parents. Col. Martin was just returned from two weeks duty in the Panama Canal Zone.

After a visit with his parents and in Winters with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hatcher, Col. and Mrs. Martin will leave for Washington, D.C., where he is on duty in the Pentagon as chief of the basic pilot training section for the entire Air Force.

He is in the flying training division serving under the deputy chief of staff of personnel, Headquarters, USAF.

A native of Moran, Col. Martin attended school there and at Big Spring. He is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He spent two years at Florida State, and entered the Air Force in April, 1942.

He received his primary training at the Stamford Air Force Base and went from there to Perrin Air Force Base for his basic training. He was commissioned and received his wings at Moore Air Force Base, Mission, in April, 1943.

After receiving his wings, he was sent to the Pacific Theater for his World War II service. During the 30 months in the Pacific he flew P-47 fighters and other combat planes. He flew 80 missions in four Pacific campaigns, including Marshal and Gilbert Islands, Saipan, Okinawa and southern Japan.

He was on Okinawa when the war ended and returned to the states in October, 1945. In World War II he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

In 1947 he received his regular commission in the Air Force, and when the Korean trouble came he was sent to Japan where he served with the 5th Air Force headquarters for 11 months. During the Korean conflict, Col. Martin was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. After he returned to the States in 1954, he was assigned to the Pentagon and has remained at that post since.

He became a 1st lieutenant November 7, 1943; a captain January 25, 1945; a major February 15, 1951, and a lieutenant colonel April 22, 1955.

Col. and Mrs. Martin arranged an early Christmas this year so they may enjoy it with their parents. They report back to their Washington, D.C., home December 20.

Holiday —

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Christmas cards," he urged, pointing out that a new pamphlet, "Packaging and Wrapping Parcels for Mailing" is now available free of charge.

Keep in mind that gift packages may not be sealed, unless the return address and this notice appears: "Contents, Merchandise — May be opened for postal inspection." Christmas seals and "Do Not Open Until Christmas" stickers may be used but always place them on the back of your gift parcels or Christmas cards, leaving the address easy to read.

"Try to bring your parcels to the postal windows before 10:00 a.m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. to avoid the noon hour rush," the postmaster concluded.

Column One —

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Aills, former coach at both the college and high school have chosen other fields of endeavor now.

The fine relationship between these coaches was carried to higher degrees many times during the past football season. When there were future opponents that needed to be scouted, either by the college or high school, and a busy schedule restricted one particular coach, he had only to call on his reserve coaches who stood by most of the season on ready basis.

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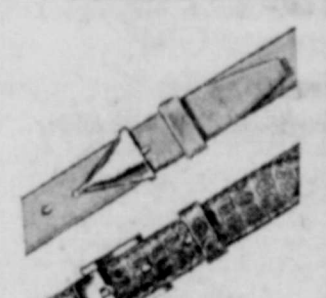
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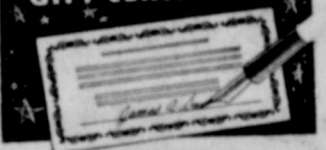
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Fred MacMurray and Charlton Heston portraying the heroic Captains Lewis and Clark, grimly face down a party of hostile Indians in Paramount's "The Far Horizons," arriving Friday and Saturday at the Tower Theatre. The sweeping VistaVision, Technicolor spectacle tells the mighty story of the fabulous expedition that gave our nation its destiny of greatness. Academy Award-winner, Donna Reed, gives another inspired performance as the lovely Indian girl who guided the expedition and became Clark's great love. The second feature is conquest of space in Technicolor.

T P Coal and Oil Employees Have Christmas Dinner-Party Tuesday

The T-P Coal and Oil Company had their annual Christmas Dinner-Party for their employees and retired employees and families Tuesday, evening, December 13 at 7 p.m., at the Ranger Country Club. The Club House was artistically decorated with a Christmas theme throughout. Upon the ceiling beams there were cedars and fall leaves with silver icicles hanging down. Colored ropes and ropes of beads were hung across the dining room to make designs. Styrofoam cut-outs of different Christmas figures and colored balls were also hung at different lengths from the ceiling and were in motion from air circulating in the room.

The tables were decorated with red and white candles and small Christmas trees. Christmas candies were in small dishes on the tables. Two sleds of styrofoam, angel hair and autumn leaves made the Christmas scene for the mantle. An electrically lighted Santa was displayed on the door. Pine cones and Christmas bells were used for other decorations throughout the dining room.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Hatfield String Band and the food was prepared by Morris Newsham.

Those attending were employees and retired employees and their families from this district, also, Mr. Frank Kribbs, Mr. and Mrs.

Lee Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Eyley, Mrs. Maggie Masters, Mrs. Maybelle Oyley, Mrs. Lee Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. John Heuser, all of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKinson, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ferguson and guests of Weatherford; Roy L. Miller, Fort Worth; J. C. Davis, Fort Worth; A. M. Craig, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cole, Caddo, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simons and Flora, Abilene.

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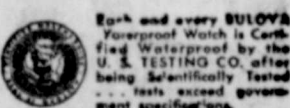


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Young P-TA Have Guest Speaker

The Young School Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday evening, Dec. 13 at 7:30 in the school auditorium in regular session.

Mrs. H. H. Oliver's fourth grade students presented a three act play entitled "Christmas Gold," a riddle the girls sang "I Said a Prayer for Santa Claus." The boys sang "Nutting for Christmas," with Stephen Hunt singing the lead.

Dr. M. E. Jolly reported on the visual screening test that had been given to the students of Young School. This test was not to determine if the children needed glasses or not, but to see if they had a sight problem in other ways, which a number of the children do, it was reported.

Mrs. L. H. Hagaman, guest speaker, spoke on "The Spiritual Character of the Family." In her talk she stated "that the American families have not and are not taking the time to form a character in the youth, that we need to stop and take the time to evaluate our standards of home and our family life."

After a short business meeting was enjoyed with some sixty parents and teachers participating.

It was announced that the third First Aid Course would be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

The Vernon Reds Hosts At Olden Friendship Class

The Friendship Sunday School class of First Baptist Church met for a Yule dinner party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Red of Olden.

Mistletoe and white candles decked the mantle while the white Christmas tree was decorated entirely by red ornaments and red lights. Arrangements of white chrysanthemums and white candles adorned the table in the dining room and the three quartet tables, where places had been designated for those present.

The invocation was by the Rev. Harvey Kimbler, pastor, who also gave the devotional, reading the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. Gayle Bowen, director of education and music, sang a carol and he and Mrs. Bowen sang two carols. Mrs. Mary Copeland, teacher, spoke briefly.

As those present registered they made donations for the Baptist Orphanage at Round Rock. Usually on their birthday anniversaries members of the class give a dollar and that amount with this totaled \$32.67 to be sent to the orphanage.

Present were the Rev. Mr. Kimbler, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Trippett, sister of Mrs. J. E. Golson; Mrs. Arla Hallford, guests; Mmes. Copeland, S. H. Peel, Otis Kernell, Jim Drake, H. D. Warren, Jess Cavanaugh, W. H. Greer, Solara Gilkey, J. F. Golson, A. H. Brown, Paul McFarland and the hostess, members, and Mr. Red, husband of the hostess.

Grace Class To Have Dinner

The Grace Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church will have its Christmas Dinner Friday, December 16 at 6:30, in the home of Mrs. J. W. Baits, 906 Cypress. Gifts will be exchanged.

Ex-Resident of County Is Dead; Bury At Decatur

Mrs. D. J. Moss, former Cisco resident, died unexpectedly at noon Monday at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Eastland County friends were advised. She and a daughter, Miss Roberta Moss, were living in Tuscaloosa where Miss Moss is librarian at the University of Alabama.

The Moss family lived in Cisco a number of years where he was manager of a gin and feed mill. They moved from Cisco around 1930. While in Cisco Mrs. Moss was an active club woman and church worker.

Information here was that final rites would probably be held at Decatur.

She is survived by a son, Jack Moss of San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Helms of Kingsville and Miss Roberta Moss of Tuscaloosa, and four grandchildren.

Slight Warmup Forecast For Next Two Days

West Texas weathermen forecast a slight warmup for the next two days after the temperature dipped to slightly above 30 degrees here this morning.

Weathermen said the temperature will range between 50 and 55 degrees Thursday and in the 60s Friday.

Temperatures were down to as low as 15 to 25 degrees in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains and to 25 degrees in North Central Texas this morning.

Intermittent light rain and drizzle fell in the upper portions of the Panhandle Wednesday morning.

Mrs. M. Lawler Is Laid To Rest At Fort Worth

Funeral for Mrs. Mettie Lawler, 80, was held Wednesday in the Wylie Funeral Home Chapel at Cisco with the minister of the Cigo Catholic Church officiating. Graveside rites and burial were in Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Lawler died Monday at 8:40 p.m. in the Allgood Home in Brownwood. She had been in ill health for eight years. Survivors include a son, Mr. J. Stevenson, Cisco; a daughter, Minnie Bell Stevenson, Delta Falls; and one brother.

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Mrs. Brashier Hostess To 1947 Club Annual Christmas Tea

The 1947 Club held their annual Christmas Tea in the home of Mrs. P. P. Brashier, Jr., Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Bill Anderson and Mrs. Earle Pitman.

Mrs. J. P. Morris gave a book review entitled, "The Healer," by Frank G. Slaughter.

A Christmas theme was carried out in decorations throughout the house.

The dining table was laid with green net over green broadcloth, edged with miniature stockings and snowmen.

The centerpiece was an arrangement of bronze chryseidems and flanked with a silver candle holder with silver glitter, on either side.

Refreshments of coffee, fruit cake and nuts were served to the thirty guests present. Mrs. Charles Milliken served the cake with Mrs. Marshall Jolly pouring the coffee.

Girls' Dorm Has Open House Friday

The girls in the girls' dormitory of Ranger Junior College held open house Friday evening, December 9, for members of the college faculty and students.

The living room of the dormitory was artistically decorated in the Christmas theme, and the serving table and refreshments carried out the same motif.

Music was provided by Dan Mitchell, Eddie Joe Jones, Bennie Hatfield, and Bobby Martins. Les Campbell and Bubba Canuteson entertained with a skit in which they pantomimed phonograph records.

Mrs. R. A. Jameson, girls' counselor, alternated with the girls in receiving the guests, and the girls alternated in presiding at the punch bowl. Faculty members called from 7:30 until 9:00, and students called after 9:00. Dancing and group singing was enjoyed by the students until a late hour.

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Cheese Souffle With Corn Flake Topping
2 1/2 cups corn flakes or whole wheat flakes
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 cups milk
2 cups grated American cheese
4 eggs, separated

Crush 2 cups of corn flakes or whole wheat flakes slightly. Melt butter or margarine, add flour and seasonings and stir until smooth. Add milk gradually; cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat; add cheese and stir until melted. Fold crushed corn flakes or whole wheat flakes into mixture. Beat egg yolks until lemon colored; blend into sauce. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into cheese-egg mixture. Turn into greased 2-quart casserole. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup corn flakes or whole wheat flakes around edge of casserole. Place casserole in shallow pan of water. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) until done, about 50 minutes. Yield: 8 servings.

Annual Sub-Deb Progressive Dinner-Party Held Tuesday

The annual Sub-Deb progressive dinner party was held Tuesday, December 13, with the members gathering in the home of Janis Carter for cocktails. The salad course was in the home of Mary Ellen Deffebach, and was followed with the main course of turkey and dressing and the trimmings being served in the dining room of King's Cafe.

The table was laid with a white linen cloth and was centered with blue and white decorations, carrying out the Sub-Deb colors.

The desert was served in the home of Glenda Webb.

Following the desert the group went to the home of Patsy Entler where they gathered around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree to exchange gifts. To conclude the Christmas dinner-party favorite carols of the group were sang.

Those attending were: Shirley

Wymer, Kay Vaughn, Marie Chambers, Patsy Shaffer, Mary Hinds, Beverly Gailery, Gay Nell Loper, Peggy Fox, Sue Garrett, Helen Carroll, Deanne Hazard, Desma Eakins, Elizabeth Seymour, Linda Shaffer, Beverly Moore, Audie Faye Dempsey, Kay King, Nancy Graham, Linda Carol, Dawn Loper, club sponsor Mrs. Hemrick and the hostesses to the courses: Janis Carter, Mary Ellen Deffebach, Glenda Webb, and Patsy Entler.

Look Who's New

Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Jolly are the parents of a baby girl born at the Ranger General Hospital December 14 at 3:41 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl White of Ranger are the parents of a baby boy born December 14, at 5:10 p.m. in the Ranger General Hospital, weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Polk of Strawn are the parents of a baby girl born December 15, at 6:30 a.m. in the Ranger General Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 3 1/2 ounces.

VISITS MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Verman of Los Angeles, California, have been visiting Mrs. Verman's mother, Mrs. Frank Weekes, for the past few days.

FHA To Have Bake Sale Sat.

The FHA will have a bake sale Saturday, December 17 from 8 until 6:00 p.m. Christmas baking will be the theme. Pies and cakes will be sold at the Piggly Wiggly Store, Robinson Grocery and Market, Gholson Hotel, and Blacklock Grocery and Market.

The prices will range from 75c to 1.25 for pies and from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for cakes.

HOSPITAL NEWS

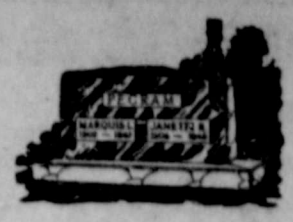


New patients admitted to the West Texas Clinic are: Aldondo Flores and Mrs. Ullala Squires.

New patients admitted to the Ranger General Hospital are: Janice Swinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney, Ranger, medical; Mary Ann Fabry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fabry, Ranger, medical; Barns Kingsberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kingsberry, Strawn, medical; Mrs. Ruth Chancellor, Olden, medical; and Mrs. R. V. Galloway, Ranger, medical.

Auxiliary Reports Good Rummage Sale Results

The American Legion Auxiliary reports that their rummage sale has had a very good response, however, they do not have enough men's clothing to fill the calls. Anyone having any clothing, especially for men, that they would like to give, call anyone in either the Legion or the Auxiliary and they will be glad to pick them up.



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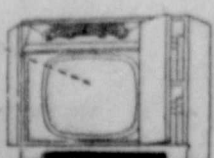


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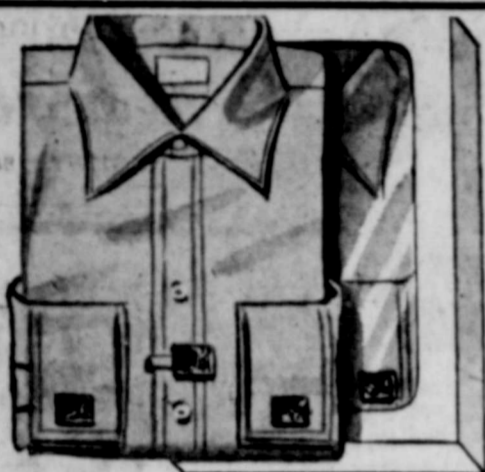
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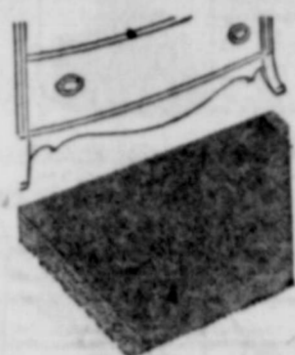
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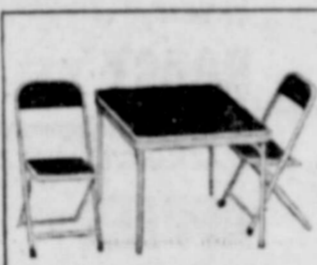


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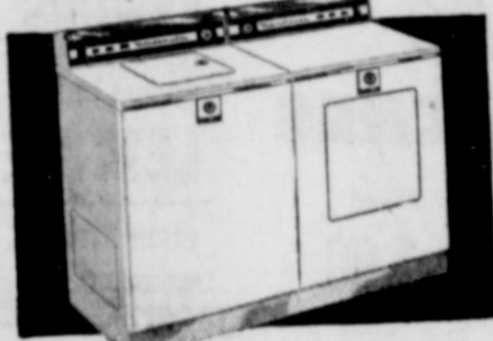
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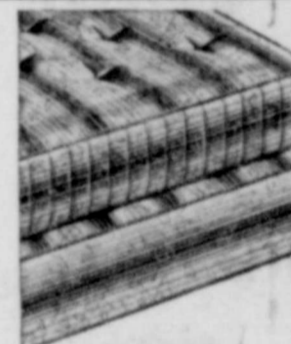
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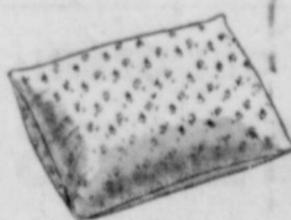
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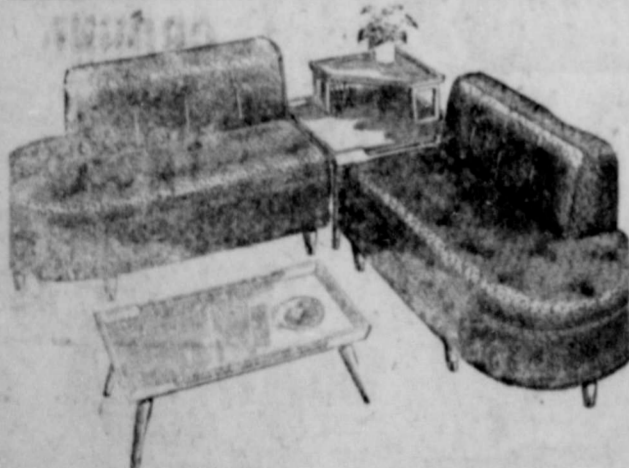
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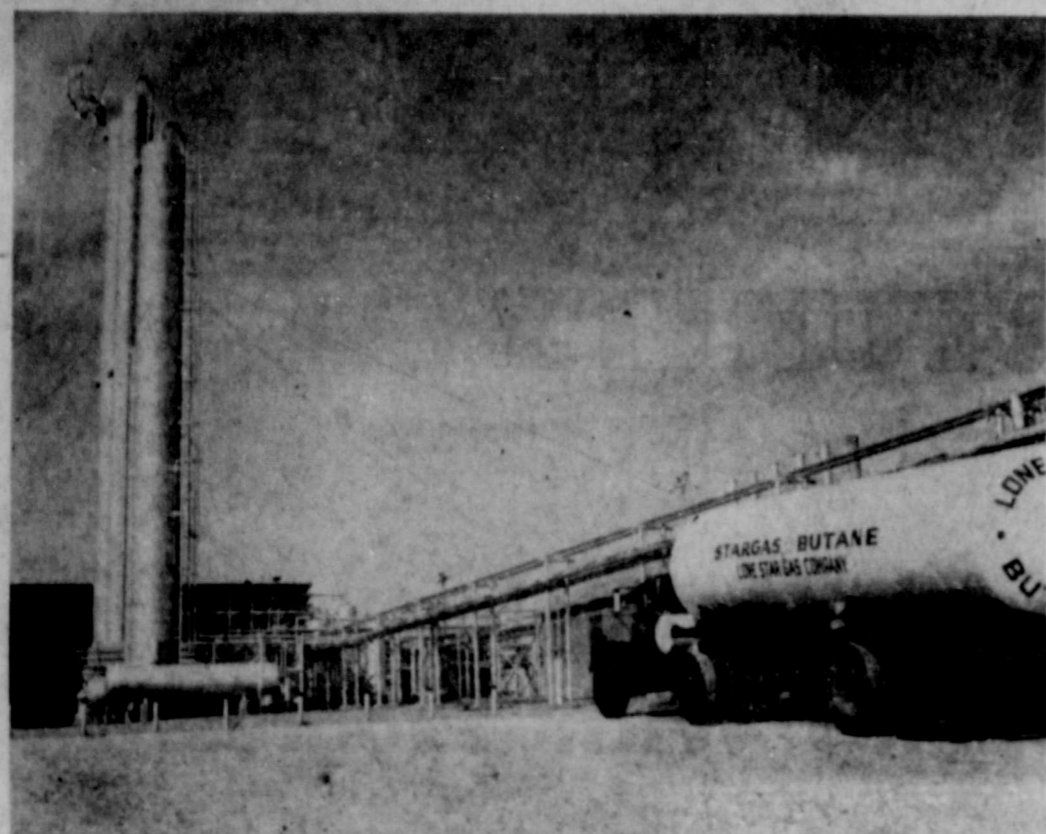
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Ranger Area Dotted With Lone Star's Productive Units

Lone Star Gas Company and Lone Star Producing Company plants in the Ranger area are playing a major role in a long-time program of conserving natural petroleum resources to make them go as far as possible for public consumption.

Atop a wind-swept hill three miles southwest of Ranger just off U.S. Highway 89 stands Lone Star's Ranger Central Fractionating plant — a monument to gas conservation and a bulwark of strength to the economic structure of this area.

The R.C.F. plant began operations in 1943. It was built specifically to bolster production of aviation fuel so vital to the successful outcome of World War II. This plant has made some 800,000,000 (million) gallons of liquid petroleum products set at a

gross value of approximately \$20,600,000.

A gasoline plant, first of its kind in the Ranger area and built in 1921 by the Chestnut and Smith Corporation, was operated by Lone Star on the R.C.F. plant site 12 years prior to its construction. This project produced about 110,000,000 (million) gallons of liquids valued at another \$4,000,000.

Seven miles west of Ranger is Lone Star Gasoline Plant 108, an additional element in the company's conservation program. With its present booster station, Plant 108-2, located two miles east of the parent operation, Plant 108 was one of six gasoline plants and several booster stations acquired by Lone Star from Chestnut and Smith in 1931. All but the three remaining plants have long since been dismantled.

But during the past 24 years "Old 108," as the Lone Star boys like to call it, has produced about 350,000,000 (million) gallons of condensate at a gross value of approximately \$11,000,000. Condensate consists of propane, isobutane, normal butane, isopentane, normal pentane, hexanes, heptanes and other heavier hydrocarbons which are present in natural gas.

Total production of Plant 108, the R.C.F. plant and its predecessor gasoline plant during the past 24 years amounts to some 960,000,000 (million) gallons of petroleum liquids with a gross value of about \$35,000,000.

From this production the royalty owners and lease operators in the Ranger area have received approximately \$10,000,000 from Lone Star and much of the remainder of the \$35,000,000 has gone

toward company expenses, such as salaries and wages, taxes and improvements to physical properties.

Through the sale of residue gas after being processed at the three Lone Star plants, the company has paid an additional \$29,000,000 to the Ranger royalty owners and lease operators during the 24-year period. Other millions have gone to hundreds of royalty owners and lease operators in other areas of Lone Star's operating territory in Texas and Oklahoma.

The R.C.F. plant takes raw gasoline from Plant 108 and gasoline plants at Gordon, Pueblo and Breckenridge and from it removes various sellable products — propane, commercial butane, isopentane and natural gasoline. Greater portion of the raw gasoline results from the processing of casinghead gas produced in conjunction with oil.

The R.C.F. plant is the only plant on the entire Lone Star system where raw condensates are transported to one central location. It is one of six installations on the system processing casinghead gas as a conservative measure. Such processing also stabilizes the heat content of the gas, thus making it suitable for domestic and industrial use.

The raw gasoline from Plant 108 and the Breckenridge gasoline plant is delivered to the R.C.F. plant through 40 miles of 4-inch pipe. From Gordon and Pueblo gasoline plants the raw gasoline is hauled by company owned and operated transport trucks.

Annual payrolls for the average of 60 employees at the R.C.F. plant and Gasoline Plant 108 at Ranger approximates \$300,000. L. M. Casley, now superintendent of Lone Star's Pueblo gasoline plant, was the first R.C.F. plant superintendent. He was followed in succession by the late Joe Rayfield, F. D. Ford, superintendent of the company's Fort Chadrourne gasoline plant in Runnels County; R. G. Porter, superintendent of the gasoline plant at Gordon; Ted R. Sparling, superintendent of the McElroy-Wilshire plant near Crane in Upton County, and the present R.C.F. plant superintendent, L. C. Stephens.

R. W. Gordon was the first superintendent at Plant 108. He was succeeded by J. F. (Sailor) Byas and W. J. Van Bibber, present superintendent.

The Lone Star plants are under the direction of J. A. Bates, superintendent of the gasoline department's West Texas district.



L. L. BRUCE

Local Insurance Agent Retains Large Business

Lloyd L. Bruce, who for several years has sold life insurance in the Ranger area, is representative for the Southland Life Insurance Co. in this section of the state.

Throughout these years Bruce has maintained a large business and has always ranked high among the agents for this company in Texas.

Robinson's Food Market Enjoys Large Patronage

The Robinson's Food Market, your home town grocer, located at the corner of Walnut and North Rusk Streets, just one block from Main Street, has enjoyed a large patronage for a number of years.

The R. V. Robinson family purchased this business from Weaver Ashman in June of 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, and daughter, Ann, and son, Jim all carry out a part in the work of this store.

MINERAL DEPOSITS

Ranger has large shale and limestone deposits, easily accessible to railroad, and highway and utilities.

Only County Train Robbery In Ranger

The only train robbery in the history of Eastland County occurred in Ranger in 1882.

Jim Moss was said to have been the express agent at the time. The holdup was planned by three or more local men, but only three participated in the actual robbery.

In some manner the railroad officials had received notice that the train was to be robbed, and some Texas Rangers were aboard the train. When the train rolled into the station the robbers rushed to the express car and demanded that he turn over to them all of his money. When they did this the porter, who had been directed what to do rushed to the coach in which the Rangers were riding and notified them of the attack.

The Rangers made for the express car and the shooting began, and during the fight the robbers grabbed about \$400 in silver, overlocking a large amount of currency, and made for their horses.

They escaped, temporarily, with one of their number wounded in the arm and breast. The wounded bandit was captured a few days later at a residence near Merriam, but the others made their escape.

They were apprehended, however, some months later, and all three were given sentences in the State Penitentiary, where one of their number died.

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Mr. and Mrs. Houghton are always ready to stand behind anything that is for the betterment of the city of Ranger.

Ranger's Legion Post Active In City Progress

The American Legion was organized in Ranger November, 1923 under the name of Carl Barnes Post No. 69. About fifty ex-service men met in the basement of the Gholson Hotel, and Dr. W. C. Palmer was elected unanimously as the first commander.

From the first meeting, efforts were put forth to secure a permanent home for the organization.

With this in view at the first Washington Birthday Banquet held in the old De Groff Hotel, Commander Palmer made a motion to secure same: Mayor Bob Hodges, a guest at the banquet, at once offered to make arrangements for the post to lease the

building of the new post was a Herculean task, and much credit is due Post Commander Palmer and his buddies for their ceaseless and untiring efforts in those first pioneering months.

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second floor of the City Hall building at one dollar per year for ten years.

This place was accepted as very suitable to the post, and many improvements and repairs were made on same during the regime of Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, who succeeded Dr. Palmer as Post Commander. In 1924 the opening of the Legion Hall was celebrated with a banquet. In 1925 the hall was again remodeled and other debts of the post were paid through the issuing of Legion Bonds of \$10 denominations.

Now the unit is entirely independent and has its own hall. The American Legion has always been interested in all civic movements and has placed innumerable accomplishments to its credit.

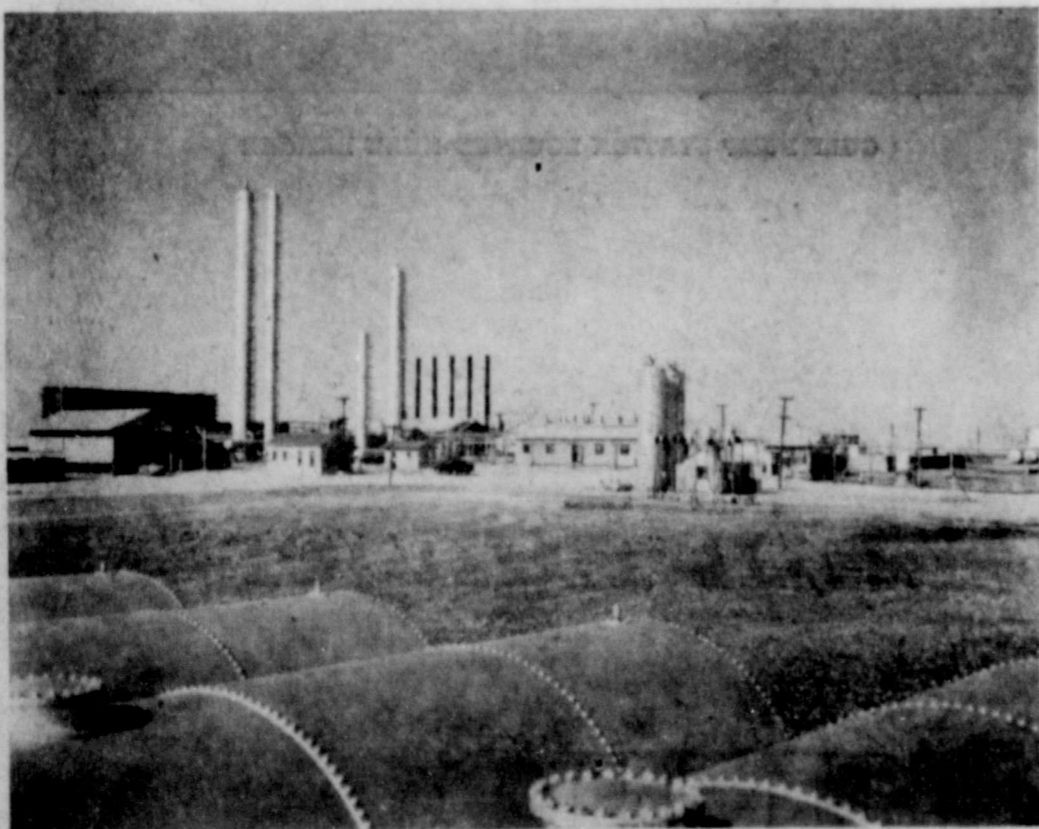
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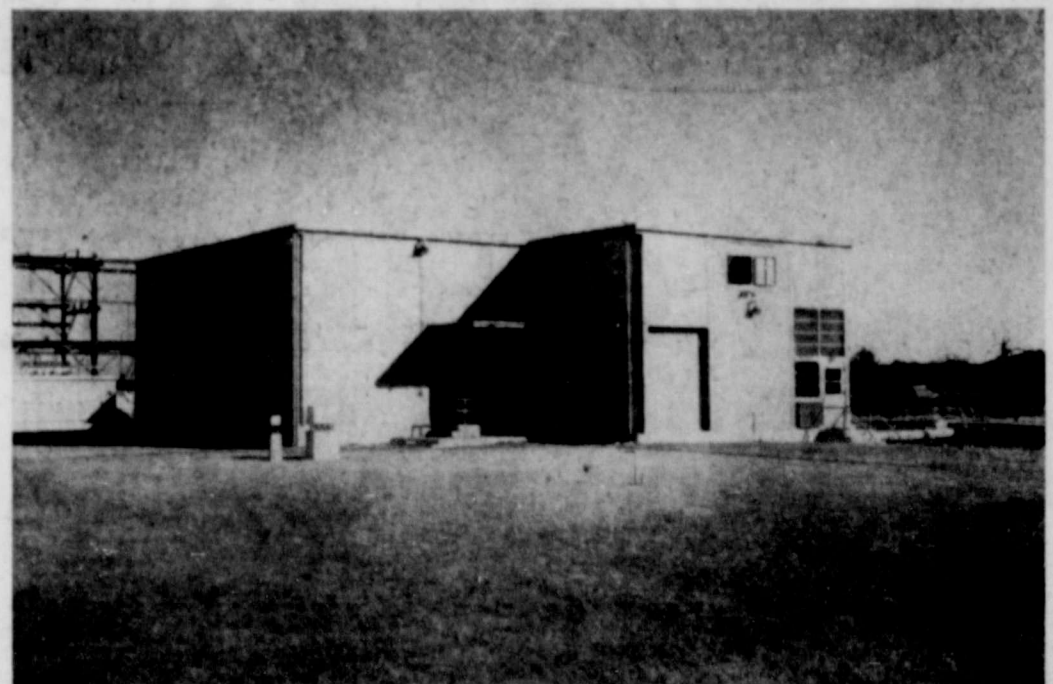
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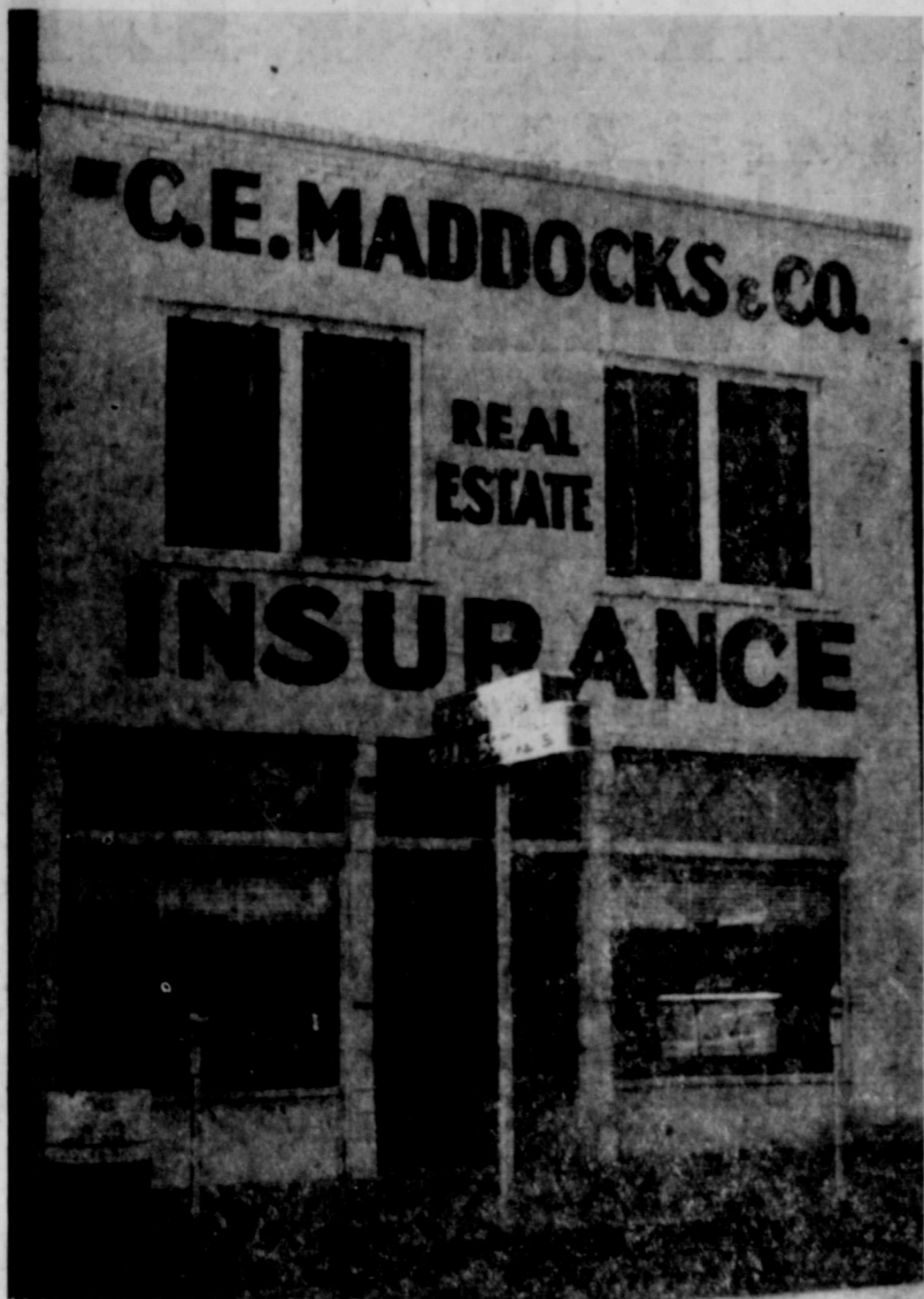


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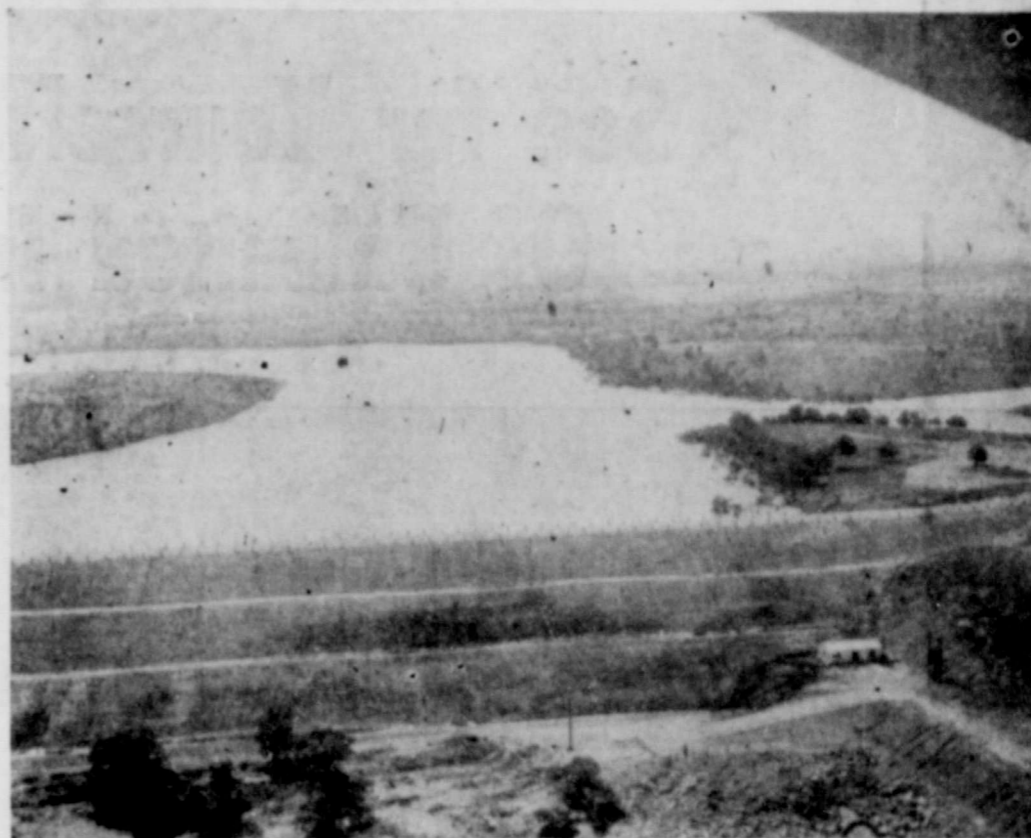
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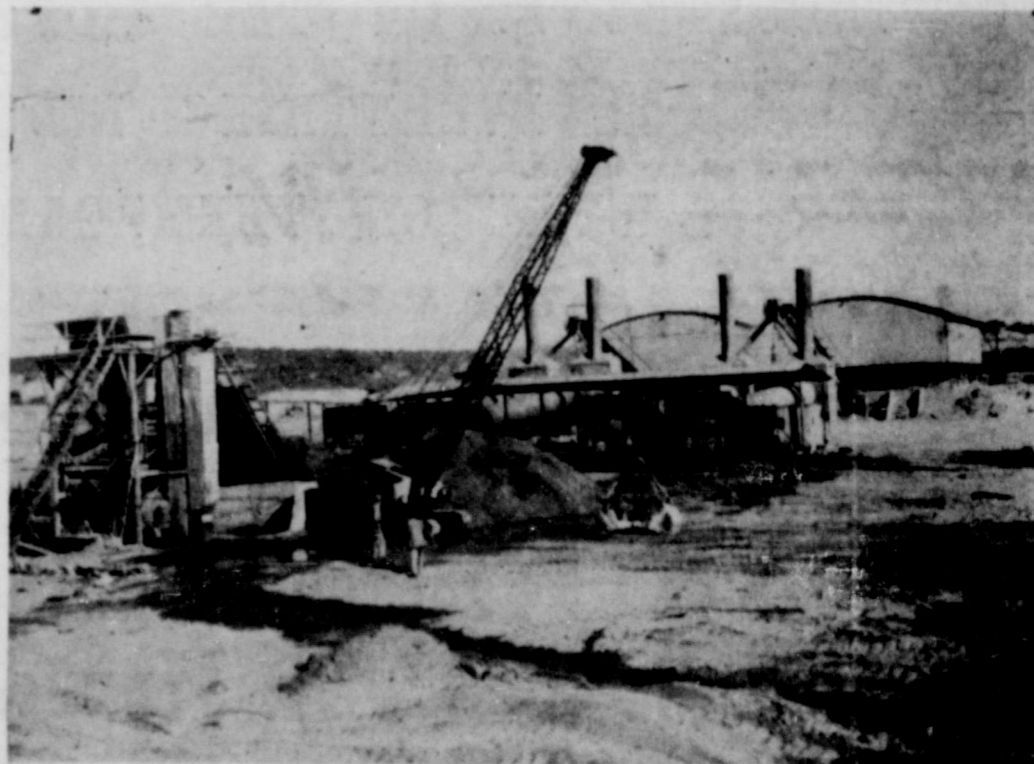
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MRS. SAULE PERLSTEIN

The Globe Is City's Exclusive Men's Store Here

The Globe, Inc., operated by Mrs. Saule Perlstein, is the only exclusive men's store in Ranger, and one which has been in business in the city since the early days of the oil boom.

The store, which handles all kinds of nationally advertised clothing, has been in the same location on Main street for nearly 36 years, having moved there shortly after being established by Perlstein and Morris Bendix.

Being one of the business pioneers in Ranger, the late Saule Perlstein, and Mrs. Perlstein have always taken an active interest and part in all the affairs of the city.

C. E. Maddocks Co. Established Here In 1919

C. E. Maddocks and Co. was established in June of 1919, by the late C. E. Maddocks, to engage in the sale of real estate, which at that time was the fastest moving commodity in this section of Texas.

This company today is managed by his daughter, Marjorie Maddocks, which is outstanding in the real estate, insurance and loan businesses, having handled hundreds of rentals, many sales and a great deal of insurance of every kind.

This company has been a direct service to Ranger and this community.

Eastland County Created 1858; Named For Murdered Prisoner

Eastland County was created on Feb. 1, 1858 and was named in honor of William M. Eastland, who had been murdered while a prisoner in Mexico.

Eastland County was one of the number of blocks of territory carved from the public domain, before the Civil War, by legislative enactment, but which, for many years, had no population to justify a county government. The county was formally organized Dec. 2, 1873.

In 1860 the federal census enumerated 99 inhabitants for Eastland County and in 1870 this number had decreased to 88. The few settlers that remained during the 60's comprised a sort of advance guard against the forces of barbarism that still held the entire western region of Texas.

From the immigration that followed the war Eastland County profited to some degree, but its real development was due to railroads, and in this connection some generalization may be noted with reference, not only to Eastland but to other counties in the same vicinity.

The decades of the 70's and 80's witnessed the real settlement of Western Texas. During the 70's the buffalo were finally hunted from the plains and quickly following them came the great herds of domestic stock and the old-time stockmen. For a few years these latter were supreme lords of the domain of grass-covered prairies. Not far behind was another instrument of progress—the railroad—which invaded the cattleman's country and, while co-operating with the stock industry, it also served to introduce permanent settlers.

More than any factor the railroad has made West Texas a home for people. Where the railroad penetrated counties were organized, towns built and fences divided the prairies from the sown fields.

In anticipation of the railway, settlement became fairly rapid in Eastland County in the middle of the 70's. A newspaper correspondent writing in January, 1876, said, "Six months ago Eastland City, the county seat, was laid out on the north prong of the Leon River, at that time it was nothing more than a wilderness. We now number about 250 people; have 25 dwelling houses; one saw and grist mill; two large retail stores; one large stone house is being built on the public square, the upper story to be used gratis for a court house. Our county has not been troubled by the red men for two years." This last reference

indicates how closely the modern era followed the close of Indian troubles.

By October, 1880, the construction trains of the Texas and Pacific had reached Eastland City and Ranger had become a regular station on the road.

In 1881 the Texas Central was built from the southwest to Cisco, making a junction with the Texas and Pacific. It was soon afterwards continued into Shackelford County, and these two lines comprised the only railways of Eastland County for some time.

The settlement of the county following the railroad period is indicated by the following statistics for the 10-year periods beginning in 1860:

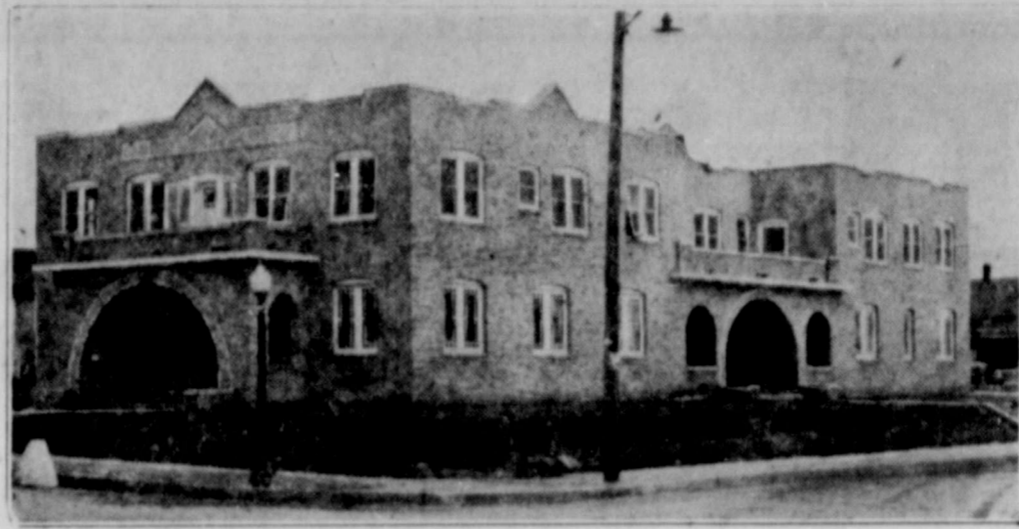
In 1860 the population was 99; in 1870 it was 88; in 1880, 4,855; in 1890, 10,373; in 1900, 17,971; in 1910, 23,421; in 1920, 58,505, and in 1930, 33,981.

As the railroad junction Cisco was the chief population and business center of the country until the discovery of oil in the county, since which time Eastland and Ranger have large populations.

In 1881 the county had taxable values of \$1,077,682; in 1903 it was \$4,575,172; by 1913 it had risen to \$9,816,415; in 1920, due largely to discovery of oil, it had skyrocketed to \$24,037,100.

The county has an area of approximately 592,000 acres, part of it rugged land and best suited for grazing purposes, though much of it is fertile and was estimated that only 10,000 acres were in cultivation, and the stock industry, according to assessment returns, was at the time not so important as in other counties in the same general locality. In 1910 about 420,000 acres were included in farms and the amount of "improved land" was approximately 174,000 acres. There were 2,891 farms in 1910 compared with 2,510 in 1900. The stock interests in 1920 were 14,550 cattle, about 7,340 horses and mules and 9,560 hogs.

Up until 1917 Eastland County was a typical West Texas county, with a population of about 20,000 people and almost wholly a pastoral and agricultural county, with a predominating rural population. Then, almost overnight, came a dramatic and spectacular change. The discovery of oil in October, 1917, in the McCleskey well, southwest of Ranger, precipitated an economic revolution in the county and ushered in the biggest and most quickly developed oil field in the southwest, if not in the United States.



West Texas Clinic

located, being almost within the business district of the town, yet just far enough away from the center of commercial activities to keep it from being too noisy for an ideal hospital site. The building is located at the corner of Main and Marston streets, with entrances on both streets, the Main street entrance being to the offices of the doctors and the entrance to the hospital proper, being on Marston street. The hospital is well equipped, having all modern medical appliances that could be expected in a town the size of Ranger and the doctors are known to be among the best in this section of the state. The hospital and clinic is well patronized, as it has been since its erection. The need of adequate hospital facilities in Ranger was a long-felt need and the West Texas Clinic was a dream of Dr. Lauderdale's for several years before it was built.



DR. P. M. KUYKENDALL

West Texas Clinic Was \$75,000 Structure

The West Texas Clinic was formally opened to the public on Sunday, March 11, 1928, after it had been rushed to completion. The beautiful two-story structure was completed at a cost of \$75,000.

When the hospital was opened it was owned and operated by Dr. T. L. Lauderdale, and Dr. J. L. Barnett, who sold his interest to Dr. P. M. Kuykendall of Desdemona on April 20, 1930.

The staff at the time of the opening was composed of Dr. Lauderdale, Dr. Barnett and Dr. O. H. Miller, Dr. Van C. Tipton and Dr. A. N. Harkrider, D.D.S. The present staff is composed of Drs. Headlee and Kuykendall. The hospital is conveniently

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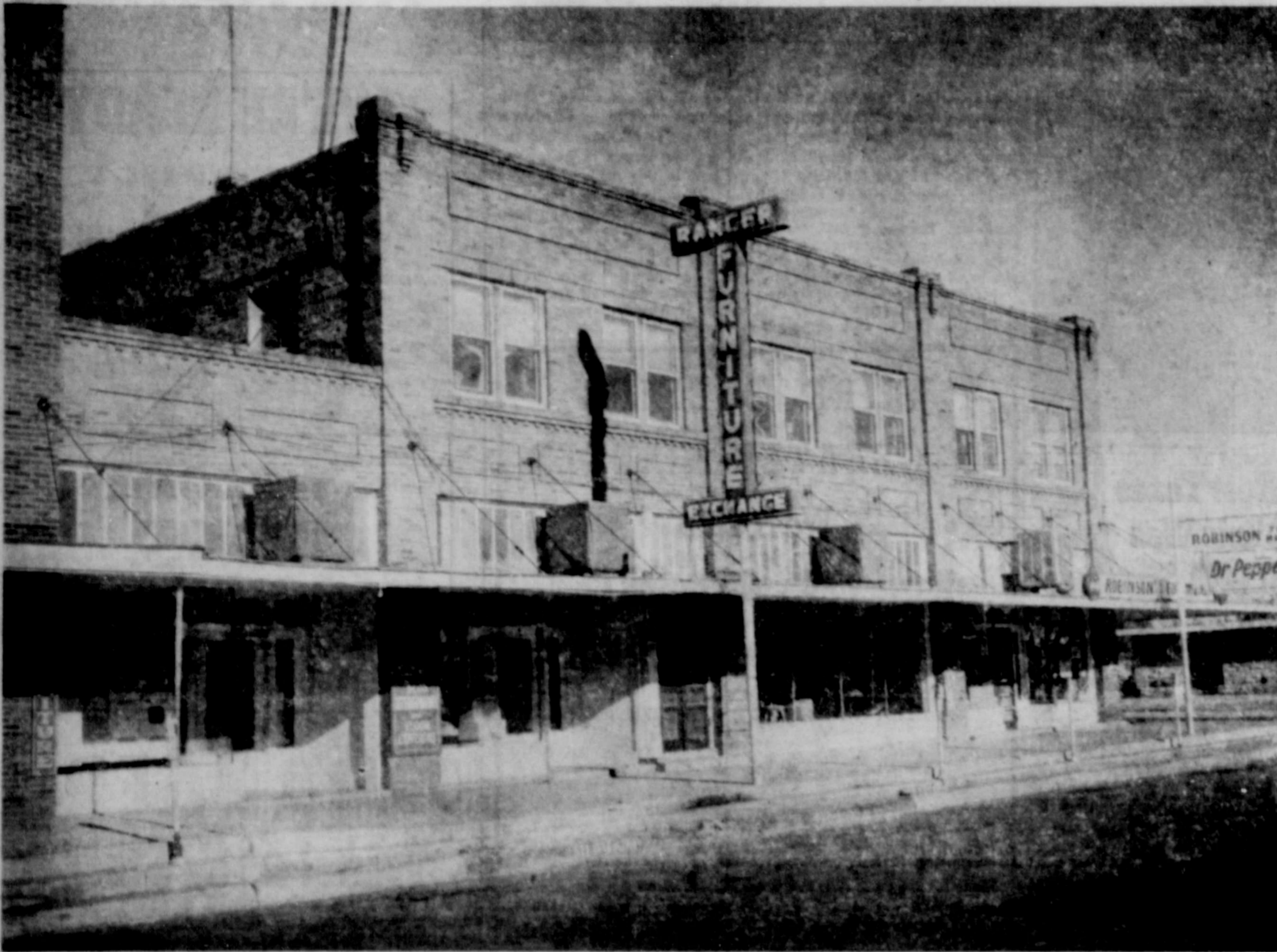
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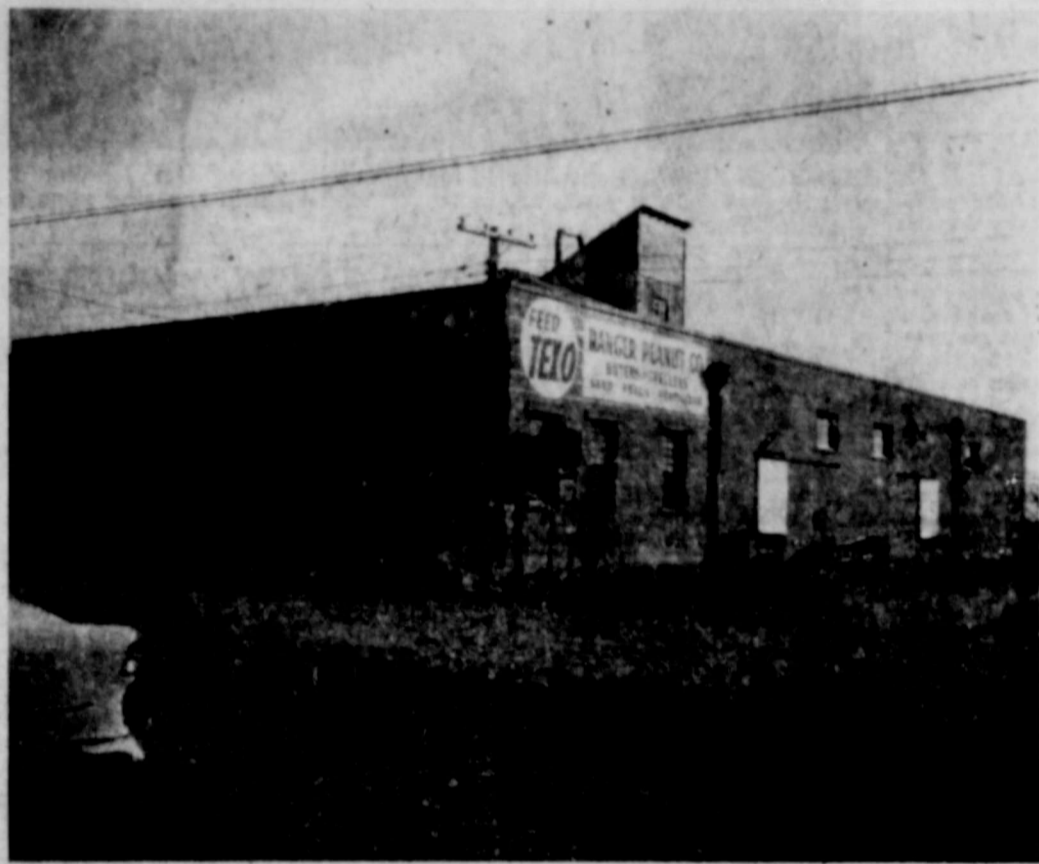
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Ranger Lions Club Active In Civic Affairs

The Ranger Lions Club is one of the most active civic organizations in the town, having taken an active part in almost every movement for the good of the town for the past several years and being the leaders among the clubs in originating movements for the good of the town.

The officers of the club, as well as the members, have been selected from the most outstanding men in the town and this has aided the club materially in keeping to the fore. The presidents have proven to be real leaders throughout the years.

Back a number of years ago when tourist camps were almost unknown and the only ones in the country were sponsored and operated by the cities of the state, the Lions club sponsored, erected and operated the first tourist camp in this section. It proved to be popular with the motorists as it was one of the best to be found within a number of miles of this section. Later when tourist camps became commercialized and owned by individuals, the plan was dropped.

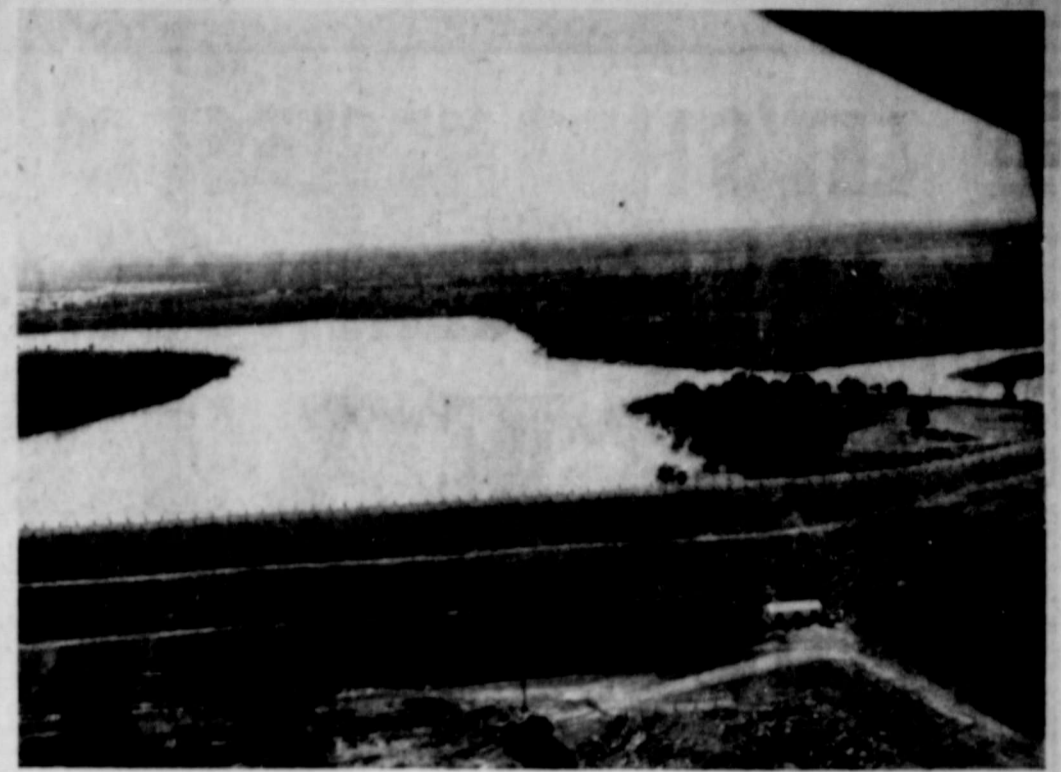
It was at a meeting of this organization that the Ranger Country Club was born. The Lions, realizing that a real country club was an asset to any town, began a movement to organize such a club. From that beginning the Ranger Country Club was formed and now is one of the few clubs of its kind in the state that has little, if any, financial obligations that cannot be met.

From this humble beginning of the Ranger Country Club, started by the Lions, has grown a permanent organization, with a good, nine-hole course, modern clubhouse and everything that can be found in the average country club. Each year an annual invitation golf tournament is held which draws golfers from all over the country.

These are only a few of the many accomplishments of the Lions club, which meets each Thursday at noon at the Ghoson Hotel, where good programs are heard each week. The membership has held up well, due largely to the activities of the members and the progressiveness of the organization.

MEDICAL CENTER

Ranger has two modern hospitals and three medical and surgical clinics, a dental clinic and an optometrist, makes Ranger a medical center for this section.



LAKE LEON

Lake Leon Near Ranger Is County's Largest Reservoir

Construction of the Lake Leon dam in early 1954 provided the largest water reservoir Eastland County has ever known.

The lake is sufficiently large to furnish both Eastland and Ranger a water supply for ten years.

Requiring nearly a year to build, the \$1,500,000 dam across the Leon River, about eight miles south of Ranger provides a 28,000 acre-foot lake.

Construction of the big dam was started early in January of 1953. Ranger and Eastland jointly voted bonds to pay for the project on April 22, 1952 at which time the Eastland County Water Supply District was formed. A large syndicate purchased the revenue bonds and money for the project was made available on Dec. 1, 1952.

The lake, which will eventually have a shoreline of 35 miles is expected to supply the two cities with enough water to last for 10 years once it is filled — "even if it doesn't rain during that period."

The new water supply will yield 6,500,000 gallons of water per day, roughly three times the present normal consumption of Eastland and Ranger combined.

Reservoir area at spillway, 28,000 acre-feet.

Maximum depth of water at dam, 67 feet.

Maximum height of dam, 87 feet.

Length of main dam, 1,500 feet.

Overall length of dam and spillways, 5,000 feet.

Combined spillway capacity, 206,000 second-feet.

Yielding during annum, 7,100 acre-feet.

Capacity of lake pump station, 3,500,000 gallons daily.

Capacity of raw water line to filter plant, 3,500,000 gallons daily.

Rated capacity of filter plant, 2,500,000 gallons daily.

Overload capacity of filter plant, 3,500,000 gallons daily.

Both the Ranger and Eastland Chamber of Commerce predict that the abundant water supply will open a vast new industrialization in the two cities.

Chamber of Commerce officials of the two cities says interested manufacturers and industrialists in the north and east who have been searching for locations for branch plants in Texas and the Southwest, have found the Ranger-Eastland area desirable, but the poor supplies of water have kept them from moving into the area.

The area boasts good railroad service, a super U.S. Highway, a good location from Fort Worth and Dallas and other West Texas cities and an untapped labor supply.

The C. E. May Insurance Agency is one of the city's leading business establishments of its kind.

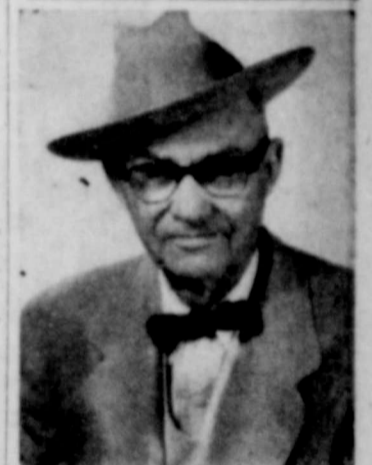
Other than insurance, C. E. May, owner and manager, of the company, has a complete list of real estate and home listings. He sells all types of insurance.

May is a representative for a large number of the country's most outstanding fire and casualty insurance companies. His office is located in the heart of the business district on Main St. He has long been one of the most active men in the town in civic matters of all kinds and has taken a keen interest in promoting Ranger at all times.

Crawford's Resall Drugs, located at 113 Main St., occupies one of the busiest businesses in Ranger at a location that has always been right in the heart of the business section of this city.

E. E. Crawford, proprietor of the store, is assisted in the business by his son, Nichol. Both have been in the pharmacy business here for several years.

The best of service is always to be found at Crawford's Resall Drugs, where prescriptions are compounded with the utmost care, and at reasonable prices.



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Several City Concerns Impetas To Area's Growth

The T-P Coal & Oil Company has the distinction of starting the oil development in this section, having drilled the discovery well in October, 1917, which resulted in millions of dollars being spent in this immediate territory in pursuit of the liquid gold.

The T-P Coal & Oil Co. still maintains a large payroll here and has extensive holdings.

Most all major pipe line companies have booster stations and offices here and maintain corps of workers.

The Ranger Peanut Co. operates a modern peanut shelling plant with a large payroll, and furnished shelled peanuts to processors in various parts of the United States, also seed to farmers. This concern at the present time employs about 25 people in season.

Ranger's airport is probably the scene of more activity than you will find in any town several times the size of Ranger. A corps of licensed mechanics service and repair planes from all over the United States, and several people are regularly employed in this industry.

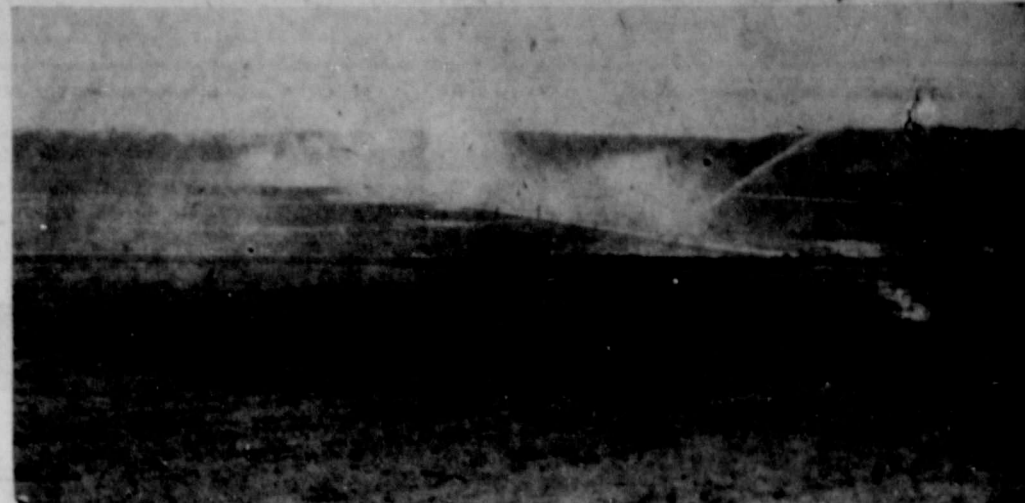
C. P. Cloud & Son operate a large wool and mohair storage house here, handling more than 300,000 pounds of wool and mohair annually. Ranger is fast becoming the center of the cattle, sheep and goat industry for this part of the state.

The Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. has one of the most sanitary and modern plants to be found anywhere. Several counties are served by this firm, which necessitates a fleet of trucks leaving here every morning.

Ranger has the oldest newspaper in Eastland County, published by the Times Publishing Co., and is ever wide awake to the needs of Ranger, and champions all progressive moves initiated. It is well staffed with people who are ever alert to assist in any progressive undertaking.

Ranger has the only cotton gin in this immediate section, which is modern in every way, electrically operated with attachments for ginning "bolies," also has just recently installed sterilizing equipment.

A very modern ice factory is operated by the Southern Ice Co. and ice is trucked in the summer to many towns around Ranger. The firm has a cold storage department in connection with the factory.



SPRAY SYSTEM—The nearby Hagaman Ranch spray system is a true example of the progress made in the farming industry in this section in the past few years.



SHEARING SEASON—Mohair is fast becoming one of the leading industries in this area. Pictured above, goats are being rounded up into shearing pens and soon will be robbed of their mohair.

Wards Store Draws Trade From Big Area

The Montgomery Ward retail store, managed by W. H. Stevenson, is a big drawing card for Ranger over a large trade territory.

Having one of the best stocks to be found in any but the larger towns, the store draws customers in every direction over a territory many miles in its scope.

Established after the oil boom, the local store has constantly increased its stocks of merchandise, also the size of its store, and its business has increased accordingly, until now it is one of the leading Montgomery Ward stores to be found in any of the smaller towns and leads many stores found in larger cities in volume of business.

LARGE LOCAL LABOR SUPPLY MAKES RANGER FORTUNATE

Ranger is fortunate, the Chamber of Commerce says, to have local skilled labor available plus a large pool of labor that can be easily trained.

The city is far enough from

the crowded industrial area of Fort Worth and Dallas to be in a different labor pool, yet close enough to the metropolitan areas to furnish an ever-expanding market for manufactured products.

Located centrally in West Central Texas, Ranger benefits from temperatures that enable industries to operate a maximum capacity in both summer and winter. Average temperature in January, the coldest month of the year, is 44 degrees. In July, a hottest weather, the thermometer huddles around 83 degrees.

The average rainfall is 28 inches, which for the most part falls in the spring, fall and winter.

The city operates on the mayor and city commission form of government and its educational institutions include two grade schools, a high school and junior college.

Recreational facilities include two theaters, one downtown and a drive-in, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks, golf course, youth center, lighted Little League field, lighted football stadium and a lighted rodeo arena.

Present estimated population of the West Texas city is 4,500. The type of soil in the locality runs from sandy to dark loam and clay. The altitude is 1,428 feet.

RECREATION FACILITIES IN RANGER

Municipally owned swimming pool in a beautiful park area only five blocks from the business section. Pool is equipped with a modern filtration plant which continuously filters the water.

Lighted football stadium, capacity 5,000 seats. Lighted softball field with grandstand. Lighted rodeo arena with seating capacity of 5,000. World Championship rodeo held annually.

Nine-hole grass greens golf course situated in the shores of Lake Hagaman, operated by the Ranger Country Club. Beautiful native stone club house is the center of social activities for members and their guests.



JAMES RATLIFF

Ratliff's Store Has Diversified Interests Here

Ratliff's is one of the leading feed and seed merchants of this section of the state and enjoys a large business which comes from over a large territory.

This store was formerly owned and operated by the late, A. J. Ratliff and is now operated by his son, James.

This store which is well known in Ranger handles a complete line of field and garden seed, as well as feeds for livestock, chickens or any farm animals. A large warehouse is used for the storage of grains and feed, and is used as a wool and mohair warehouse each spring and fall.

The company purchases hay and grains locally in addition to grinding feeds and meal. Ratliff's is the local agent for Purina feeds.

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Early Day Indian Fights Pattern History of Eastland County Growth

When William Allen came to Palo Pinto County in 1856 he found the Indians numerous and comparatively friendly, but about the time of his settling in Eastland County they had become very hostile. The probable reason for this was an attack on a peaceful band of Indians who were hunting in Palo Pinto County about this time, in which a number of Indians were killed. From the time of this incident there was no peace between the Comanches and the settlers, until the Indians' power was destroyed in the middle 70's by the campaign of Gen. McKee and others.

In December of 1860, Joe and Rall Smith, "Bad" Reese and Golston Flanagan left Flanagan's Ranch at what is now Merriman, to go to Blain's Fort, in quest of something with which to make bread. They were in a wagon to which were hitched a yoke of young steers and started down the road, which at that time followed in a general way the crest of the bluff from the ranch to near where the present Eastland-Cheaney Road crosses the Colony Fork of the Leon River. In doing so it crossed several draws, less brushy and it was at one of these that they drove into an ambush.

Flanagan was mortally wounded, probably by the first volley, and fell back into the wagon, as did Smith, who was struck in the knee by an arrow. The young steers stampeded, turned abruptly around and raced back up the road for a hundred yards or so, then halted for the timber, some distance away, where they hubbed a tree and broke the yoke, which enabled them to continue their wild flight.

It was here that Joe Smith leaped from the wagon and ran into the timber, where he waited for Golston, thinking that he, like himself, might be in hiding, but failing to find him, returned to the ranch, where he reported the incident to "Bad" Reese and Rall Smith, who took horses and went to hunt for Flanagan, finding him dead and scalped.

His body was brought to the ranch and buried on a little knoll in the field east of the road, just south of the bridge across Colony Creek, at Merriman, where his ashes still rest.

When the arrow which struck Joe Smith was jerked from the wound at the time he was shot, he supposed that the head came with the shaft, but some 25 years later he felt a sharp pain on the under side of his knee, and was surprised to find a sharp, black point sticking through the skin. In about three weeks it came from the flesh, seemingly not much the worse for its long lodging in Mr. Smith's knee. Mr. Smith thought that it was shot with a double-headed arrow and that one "was removed when he was shot."

KIDNAPING OF MRS. COFER

Some time after the foregoing incident a Mr. Cofer lived on the J. L. Duffer place, about three miles from Mansker's Lake, on the Leon River. He was confined to his bed with fever, and the chores fell to the lot of his wife.

They had a nice young mare, which they kept staked near the house to keep from having her stolen by the raiding Indians. But the grass became short and she decided to take her further from the house during the day, and return for the night. Upon one of these trips she had not returned when a neighbor came to sit up with the sick man, and, upon going in search for her found her dead and scalped.

Mrs. Cofer was buried on a gravel knoll, which afterwards became Alameda Cemetery, and on the site of what had been, long before an Indian camp, the remains of which are still visible.

Many years afterwards an old man came to the home of the late Joe Jones, seeking for someone

who could show him the grave of his wife, Mr. Jones, and perhaps others, assisted him in the search, but so much time had elapsed and many graves had not been marked, that they could not be certain as to which was hers. Mrs. Higgins, a daughter of W. O. McGough, says that her father went with the old man to the cemetery and located the grave for him.

ELLISON SPRINGS FIGHT

On August 8, 1864, Corporal Head, with seven men, started out on their regular 10-day scout, and camped at McGough Springs. The next day they headed for the South Fork of the Leon River, intending to follow it to its head. When they came to about where the town of Mangum is now located they came upon the fresh sign of some 30 or 40 Indians headed for the settlements.

They were badly outnumbered, but took up the trail, which they followed to about where the W. W. Boon (old place) is located, where they came in sight of them and engaged them in a long-distance skirmish, but without seeming damage to either party.

Corporal Head withdrew his men and sent runners to the Gilbert Ranches, one but a mile or two away, the other two or three miles further, for re-enforcements. The five Gilbert boys responded, bringing the number of scouts, to 12, commanded by their captain Sing Gilbert.

They took up the trail of the Indians and followed them to Ellison Springs, about three miles east of Gorman, where they overtook and attacked them.

T. E. Keith, a former county commissioner of Eastland County, was a participant in this fight, and his description of the attack, as told in a "History of Pioneer Days," by John A. Hart, and others, follows.

"Captain Gilbert, then and there, without any formation of his men, ordered a charge and led it right up to within 30 feet of those foot Indians, halted and fired, then ordered his men back. Well, he paid for his indiscretion with his life. An arrow struck him in the neck, on the turn, and in an hour he bled to death. But Tom Keith's horse fell and he was killed on the spot. Tom Gilbert, Tom Cadenhead and Jim Ellison were all severely wounded. So there was nothing left for us to do but to run for our lives to Ellison's house, 300 yards away. Five men out of 12 killed or disabled, pretty severe fighting. If any Indians were killed they carried them off, as was their custom."

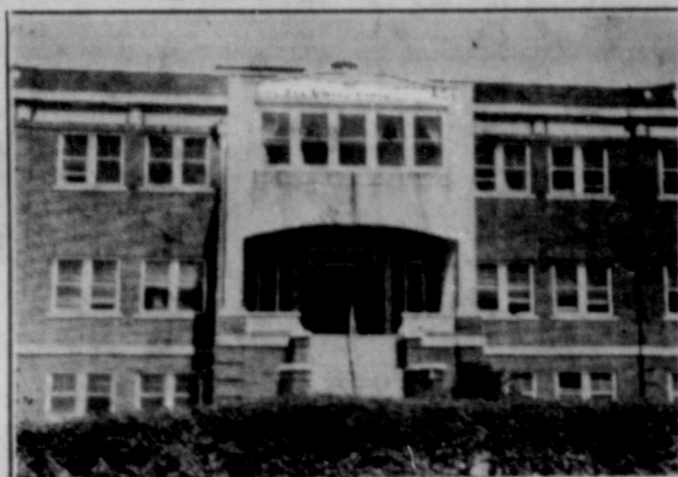
"To show the endurance of these Indians will say that this fight occurred about four o'clock p.m. They had already traveled 25 or 40 miles further, and stole 50 or 60 head of horses, before daylight the next morning. "The patrol was poorly armed with muzzle loading rifles, some old style Colt rap and ball pistols and horse made, single barreled pistols. The powder was home made and not very reliable. The Indians had a very decided advantage at close range, with their bows and arrows."

The last to be killed in the county by the Indians was Henry Martin, a son-in-law of W. M. Mansker, in 1871.

A squad of cow hands left Mansker Ranch for a hunt in the Davison or Mansker Springs country, about five or six miles north-east of the lake. There they were attacked by a band of Indians and the horse of Martin fell, leaving him at the mercy of the foe.

A stone mound marked the place for a long time, but it has been removed for some reason. This was about two or three miles east of Cheaney Church.

Other fights between Indians and whites, in which there were no casualties, as far as is known, are one near Cisco, where the late W. C. McGough and 12 others engaged a bunch of Indians, prob-



Ranger General Hospital

Ranger General Hospital Opened Here In 1924; Has Open Staff

The Ranger General Hospital, formally known through out this area as the City-County Hospital, was opened in March, 1924.

The location of the hospital is most ideal. It is readily accessible from two directions by paved streets. It is far enough away from the main part of town to make it a very quiet place, yet within a few minutes reach of the people.

The whites engaged in this fight, were W. C. McGough, C. Brashers, L. B. Brittain, T. A. Bearden, N. H. Edwards, John Hill, Albert Henning, John Beall, George Keith, Jerome McMaster, and three whose names could not be learned. In this fight Henning was wounded and it was thought an Indian was killed, but no body was found.

An Indian grave was found not far from the scene of this fight in after years, which leads to the belief that the contention of the whites that they killed at least one of the Indians was correct.

The last recorded Indian raid or fight in this part of Texas occurred in 1874 between raiding Comanches and a squad of Rangers under command of Capt. J. M. Mabry, near Coleman. Two Indians were reported killed by the Rangers and the rest put to flight.

Occasionally you find an article in some paper, written by someone who came into the country as late as the late 70's who speaks of the dangers from Indians raiding through the country, but these reports have no foundation in fact. Mischievous white men sometimes reported the Indians as being in the country, just for the effect it would have on the newcomers, but late raids are well known and accounted for as to time and place.

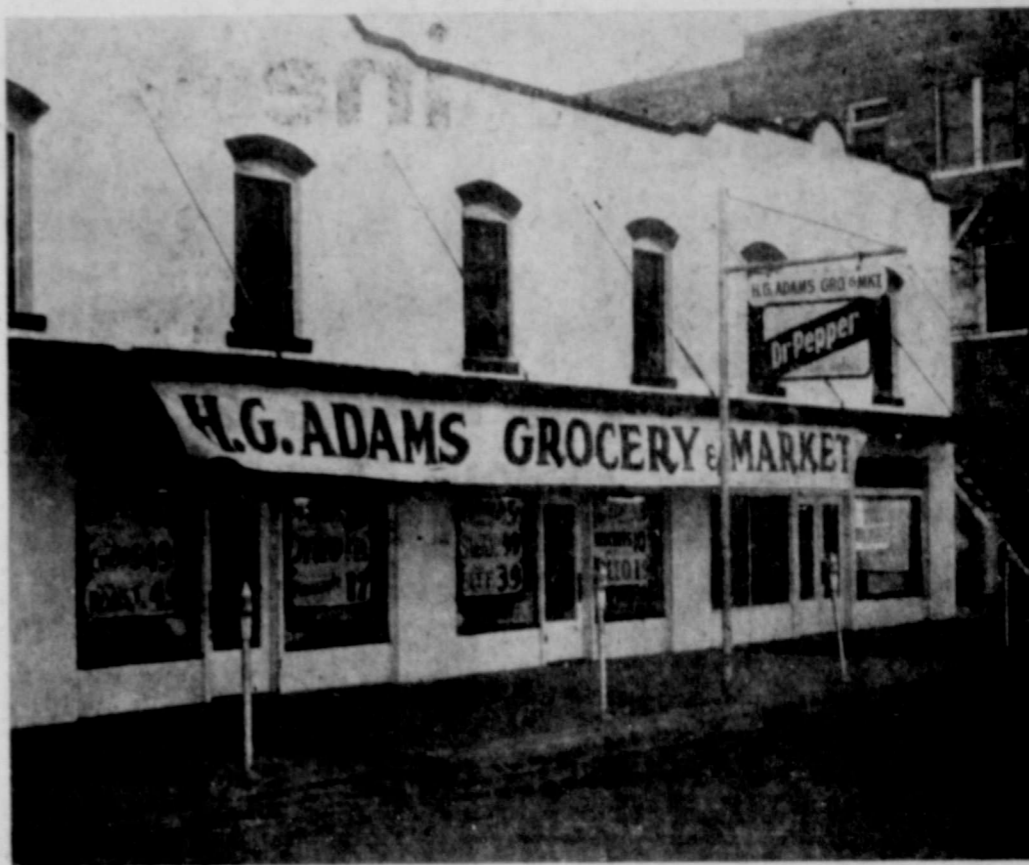
GAS AND UTILITIES

The main gas transmission line of the Lone Star Gas Company which gathers gas from the West Texas gas fields, passes through Ranger. This line furnishes gas for this company to serve cities and towns in Central and North Texas. The supply is inexhaustible and cheap.

Generating plant of the Texas Electric Service Company is located only six miles from Ranger, which is capable of furnishing the demands of any industry at reasonable and competitive rates. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company serves Ranger. Industrial sites are available adjacent to railroad or highway with utilities available and very reasonable in price.

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Ranger has three of the best equipped machine shops to be found anywhere in Texas. They are equipped to handle the heaviest kind of oil field repair jobs, and enjoy business from drilling firms in every producing field in Texas.

The American Aggregate Company operates one of the largest and most streamlined plants in Texas. This plant has been in operation since January, 1951, and in December, 1951, installed two additional kilns which more than doubled the capacity of their plant.

Light weight aggregate is used mainly in making building blocks and takes the place of sand and gravel in making concrete. It is about 1,000 pounds lighter per cubic yard than concrete made of sand and gravel.

A special kind of shale is mined close to the plant and this is fed into large revolving kilns which are heated to about 2300 degrees. It is then crushed and screened to specifications. About five carloads of aggregate per day are shipped to block making plants over Texas.

The Phillips Transport Co. during 1951 purchased the large warehouse formerly owned by the Sinclair Prairie Oil Co., and moved 18 families to Ranger. This company operates 2 large gasoline transport trucks out of Ranger transporting gasoline, etc. to various points in Texas.

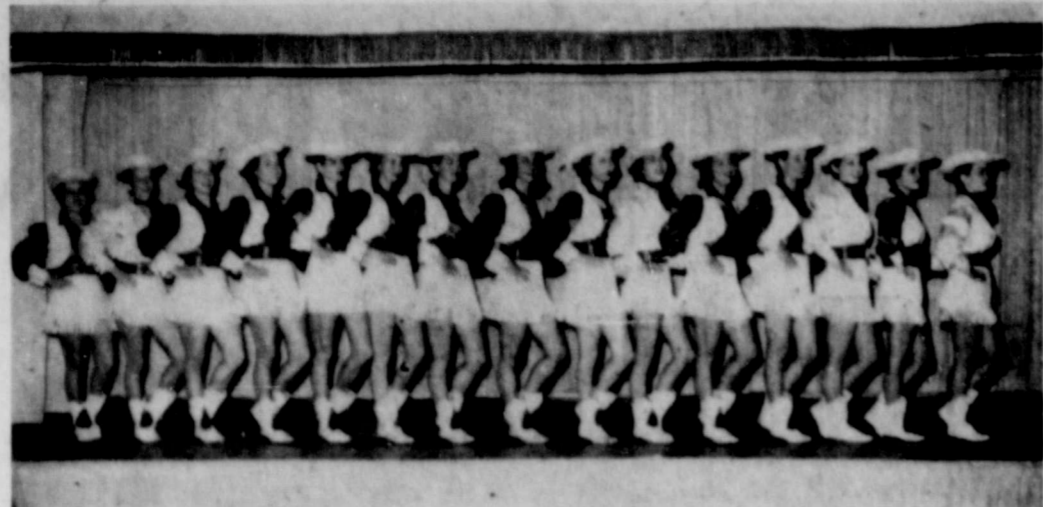
The Service Pipe Line Co. enlarged the capacity of their local pump station during 1951 and moved about 25 families to Ranger. These employees comprise the maintenance crew that services the company's lines in the Ranger district. Several of the employees who operate over the district also make their home in Ranger.

RANGER CHURCHES

Ranger has 12 churches, all with active memberships and activities for all ages. These churches represent practically all denominations commonly found in the South.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Ranger has a fully accredited two-year Junior College. Excellent public school system with adequate facilities.



1955 RANGEANNS—Organized at Ranger Junior College in 1953 the Rangeanns' numbers belie their entertainment quality. They have travelled hundreds of miles since their organization to perform in many festive celebrations.

Making of Gas, Oil Products Is Leading Industry

One of Ranger's major industries is the making of gasoline and other by-products from the natural gas and oil production coming from the many wells in the Ranger fields.

Near Ranger there are gas and gasoline plants that employ hundreds of men, with a payroll aggregating more than a half million dollars annually.

The main plant of the Lone Star Producing Co., a subsidiary of the Lone Star Gas Co. is located on a hill one mile west of Ranger, and gas and gasoline is piped or trucked to this main plant which produces butane, propane, natural gasoline and isopentane.

The Premier Oil Refining Co. employs approximately 100 men, and the company is one of the largest buyers of crude oil in this section of the state, having a network of pipe lines gathering oil from all the producing fields in this district. Their booster station and camp is located in the edge of Ranger.

TEMPERATURE
Ranger has an elevation of 1429 feet. Mean temperature, January 44; July 83. Annual mean 64. Climate is the best in the Southwest, enabling industries to operate at maximum capacity in both summer and winter.



TWIRLERS—Leading the 1955 edition of the Ranger Junior College Rangeanns are twirlers Beverley Cary of Vernon; Nancy Hamilton of Moran; Sandra Sturdivant and Lorene Roemisch, both of Hermeligh. The Rangeanns, one of the area's most popular organizations, leads a busy schedule through each school year with performances for special occasions at nearby cities.

Smart Shop Is City's Newest Ladies Store

Ranger's newest dress shop is The Smart Shop, which is located at 209 Main Street. This shop is operated by Mrs. Audrey Yonker.

This exclusive dress shop handles Fashion Bilt and Youthmore coats and suits. In the dress

and sports wear department they have Parkland, Nelly Don, L'Aiglon, and other famous brands. For the Junior sized figure they handle Teena Paige and Ro-Nel.

Evette, Henson, Gilbreath and White Swan are the labels you will find on the lingerie. Hanes and Laikwood hose are sold here. Costume jewelry by Bartex, Ring of Dallas and David Grid are among the many items of ladies wear for sale. You will also find the many accessories to make the finishing touches to any outfit, at the Smart Shop.

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Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	8,600.00	Other Liabilities	6,792.14
U. S. Government Bonds	34,000.00	Specific Reserves	492.75
Cash on Hand and in Bank	12,245.98	General Reserves	30,212.60
Current Expense	2,065.50	Surplus	9,941.83
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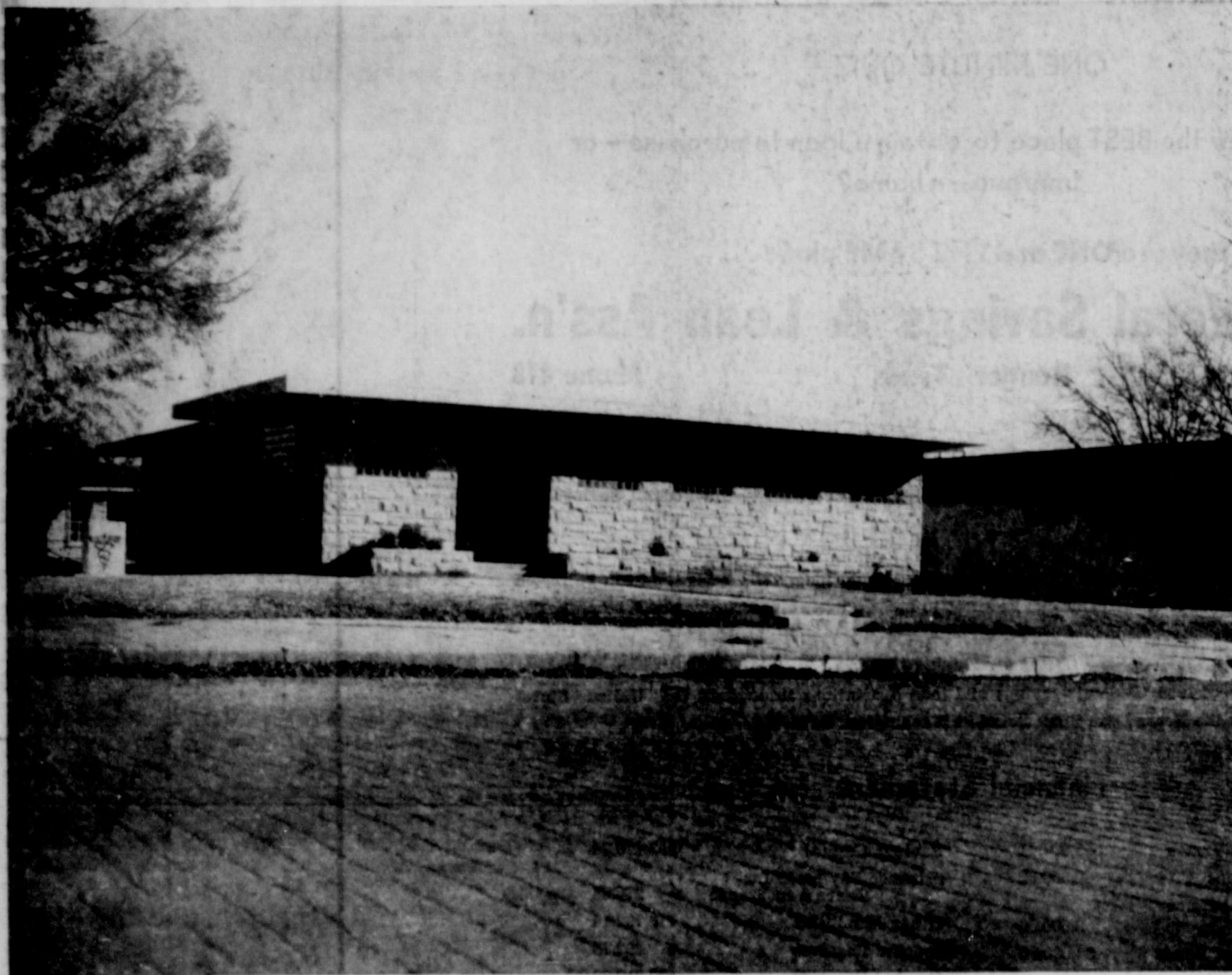


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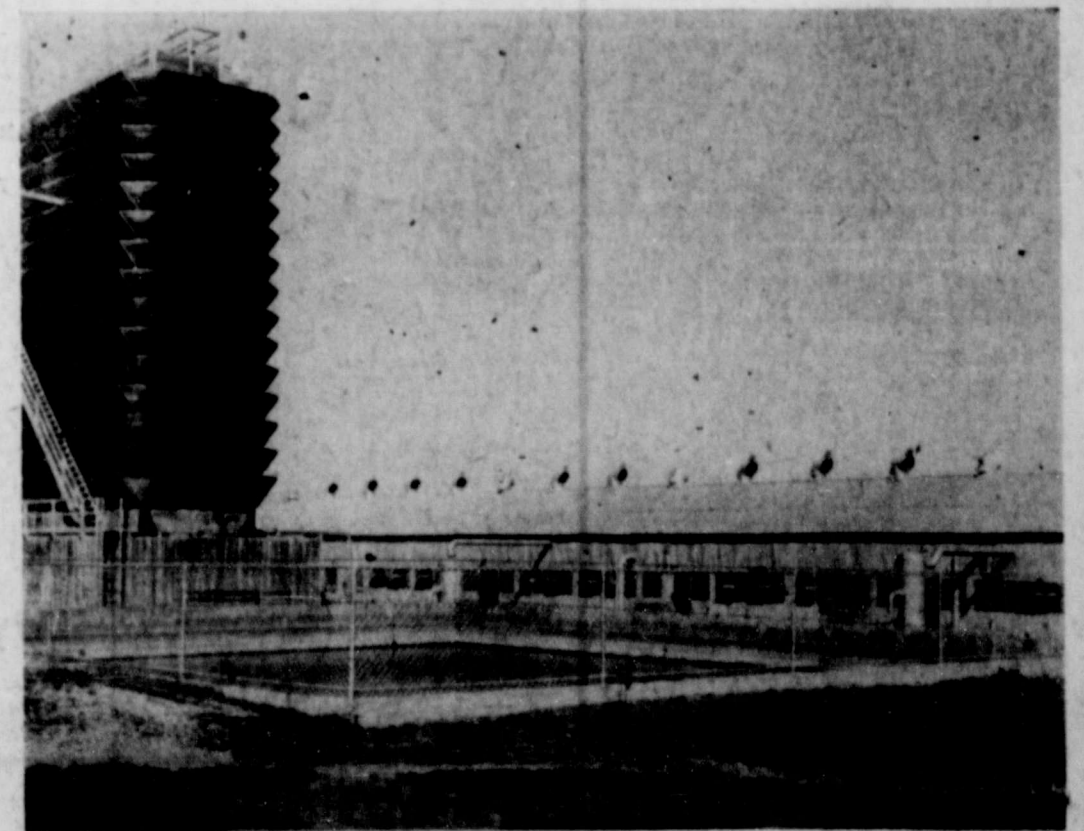
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**Ranger Had Partner In Early
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The history of development of Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company is a story that has been biased in the annals of growth and prosperity in this area.

In fact it may be said that Ranger and the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company grew up together.

The discovery of oil in West Texas Eastland County in 1917 was the most significant development in the second decade of the oil industry in this country. The world-wide impact of the Ranger oil boom was born with Texas & Pacific Coal Co.'s J. H. McCleskey Well No. 1, which skyrocketed not only oil leases and royalties but also the spirits of a harassed nation during a crucial era.

Opened up in Eastland, Palo Pinto and Stephens Counties by the McCleskey wildcat, the "Ranger Field" launched a new industry for drought-stricken West Texas. It opened unbelievable new vistas for the oil industry, and it fed the petroleum-hungry defense program of World War I

when gloom prophets were shouting loudest about exhausted reserves.

The Ranger discovery overshadowed all others in the event-packed years of oil industry evolution. Drilling and speculation surpassed anything the oil world had ever known — or possibly ever will experience again. World War I was at its height — demand for petroleum was at an all-time peak and sources of supply from outside America were virtually cut off. When Ranger was in flower there was a market for every drop of oil, and production was non-existent.

For the impact that Ranger had on oil development, contrast \$4.00 a barrel for a considerable part of the Ranger production with ten cent oil at Spindletop at an earlier day, or dime oil in East Texas in the early 1930's.

Ranger was the first field of major note in West Central Texas, although the district was first established as oil-producing territory by such fields as Moran and

Strawn in 1914. Two years after Ranger's discovery it was credited with production of 120,000 barrels per day, representing a daily gross output value of \$400,000.

Ranger gave impetus to the birth of Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company whose first general manager, W. K. Gordon, is referred to as "Father of the Ranger Field." It was because of his vision and his faith in the land that the vast underground resource was tapped and the nation's strength bolstered.

The Ranger Field, a forerunner of other producing areas of great magnitude, accelerated the economic development of the barren plains of West Texas whose major industries — cattle and coal — were withering under a two year drought and the low, competitive prices of other fuels. Droughts have continued to plague the cattle country and coal never regained its former position as a popular, practical fuel.

Where else in all the history of railroading is there record of four rail lines being constructed simultaneously in a wild race for the same town? Yet this was the experience of Breckenridge, county seat of Stephens County, during the Ranger boom.

This, it should be remembered is recent history, dating back to World War I. Probably never will all circumstances which made the Ranger Field the 20th century oil ad come about simultaneously. Discovered at a critical period in a world conflict, it succeeded by the combination of a prolonged drought, war-time prosperity and a famine in oil.

T P Coal and Oil Company's role in succeeding years has been to bring order to the boom-disrupted West Texas area, and economic stability through progressive methods of discovery and withdrawal.

T P has encouraged West Texas families to look to the company for careers for their sons. Today there are over twenty father-and-son teams in the company's employ, and several employees are third generation, both their fathers and grandfathers have spent their lives in the T P family.

Today the company continues to afford employment for more than 450 persons, and provides insurance, retirement and other



COLLEGE—The Ranger Junior College Administration Building looms like a proud scholar as it overlooks the remainder of the buildings composing the campus.

**Nine Key Lone
Star Heads
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Nine separate departments of the Lone Star Gas Company and Lone Star Producing Company, exclusive of the new distribution office, have key employees based in Ranger.

J. A. Bates, West Texas district superintendent of gasoline plants for the Producing Company, heads one of the major operating units here. In addition to his supervision of central garage and gasoline plants in the Ranger area, he also has charge of gasoline plant operations at Crane, Breckenridge, Gordon and Ft. Chadbourne, the latter near San Angelo. His supervision also includes tank car repair shop and loading rack operations.

L. H. Taylor is district superintendent of West Texas compressor station operations at Ranger, Breckenridge, Cadlo, Ballinger, Benjamin, Xray (near Gordon),

employee benefit plans which compare with the best in the oil industry.

**Ranger Junior College Formally
Opened For First Classes In 1926**

The Ranger Junior College was organized in the summer of 1926 under the leadership of a group of public-spirited citizens of Ran-

ger and the school began work under control of a college council, composed of three members selected from the Board of Education and nine other Ranger citizens.

Since the junior college was not a part of the public school system and therefore ineligible for support from public school funds, the greatest problem was maintaining it financially.

The Ranger Junior College formally opened its doors for school on Monday, September 13, 1926. This school was originally held in the Ranger High School building, but in the last few years the college has been moved to a building of its own, located at Vitalious and Cooper.

Besides the main college building there are the following other buildings: library, Boswell Hall,

music, athletic, science hall, student union, cafeteria, girls' dorm and three boys' dorms and they are in the process of building another one now; they also have three houses which are rented out.

Dr. Price R. Ashton, has been president of Ranger Junior College since 1953.

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AERIAL VIEW—An aerial view of Ranger shows the neat arrangement of the streets and houses throughout this Central West Texas town.

Oil Field Mules Wore Expensive Harness Here

Some of the teams in the boom days of Ranger wore harness that cost more than a complete ensemble for women.

Eddie Woods, who was a teaming contractor, gave these figures on the equipment and harness worn by one of his teams.

The housing that fitted over the harness was 16 inches long, was made in West Virginia and weighed 17 pounds each. Each set of harness contained 600 rings ranging in size from one inch to three inches. The cost of the harness was \$150, the housing cost \$35 and the rings \$150 for each

set, making the cost of the harness for one team \$770.

The head dressing was made of red flannel and green poolcloth with string of white rings and white loops fastened by black leather straps. The complete harness weighed about 75 pounds.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Ranger is in the heart of a twenty billion dollar market, 50 miles from the geographical center of Texas, with excellent transportation to any part of the State. Ranger is located 85 miles from Fort Worth, 115 miles from Dallas, in a large gas producing area, and on the main line of the Texas & Pacific Railway, and on U. S. Highway 80, the all-weather route across the Southern part of the United States.

W. A. Lewis Is One Of Area's Leading Barbers

Tony's Barber Shop, owned and operated by W. A. (Tony) Lewis for the past few years, has maintained its place as one of the leading barber shops in this part of the country.

Lewis has worked as a barber in Ranger for many years. He worked with L. E. Gray, former owner of the shop, until he sold out to Mr. Lewis, so he could retire.

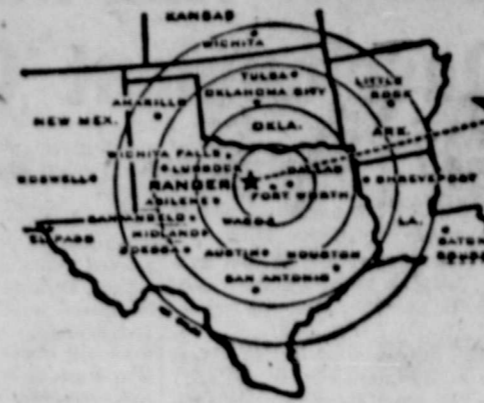
This shop has been improved from time to time to keep time with the modern trend.

Capps Studio Now Modern Equipped Shop

The only exclusive photographer in Ranger is Delbert Capps, owner and operator of Capps Studio.

Capps has made all of the pictures which are being used in the Greater Ranger Edition.

Starting with a small amount of equipment, and gradually adding to it from time to time, Capps has succeeded in accumulating some of the latest and best photographic equipment in this part of the country.



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- New Lake Leon offers abundant water and electric power.
- Ranger has year around increasing market area.
- Churches of all Faiths are located in Ranger.
- Rangers' schools are all officially accredited.
- Ranger is the home of the fast growing Ranger Junior College.
- Ranger has direct access to the T. P. Railroad and Highway 80.

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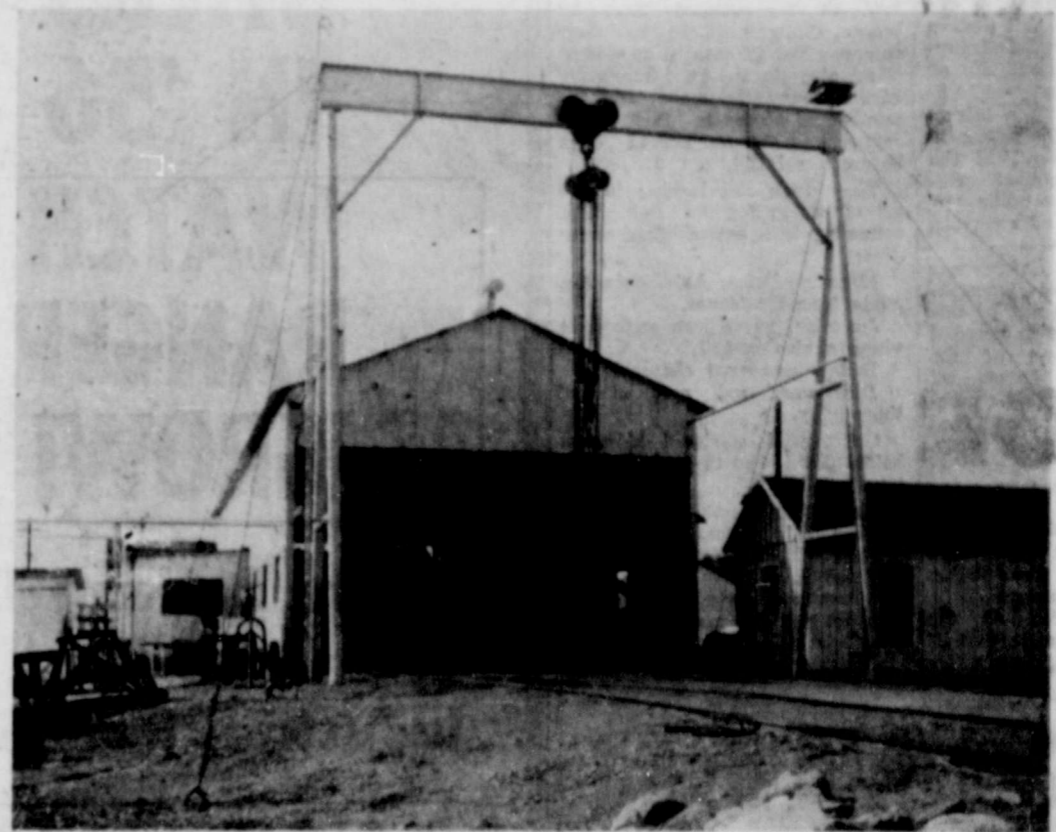
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Early Settlers Harrassed By Raids From Near Tiffin Canyon

By Ethel Brooks Gilmore

As a child I was always fascinated by the tales of the cruelty of the Comanche Indians; as I grew older I began to wonder why they hated the early settlers so bitterly. I have found many causes but will only describe the very first causes in this article.

From the memoirs of the Indian Chief Black Hawk, which were written 106 years ago, I find that the Sac Indians and the Comanches were descendants of the same tribe, originally of Canada. These tribes never forgot this and were in constant communication.

The Comanches' real name was Naini, but the Spaniards called the tribe Comanche. In 1783 they were brought into nominal submission by the Spanish general, Anza, who invaded their hunting ground and by trickery made friends with them and afterward killed thirty of their chiefs. The Comanches occupied the regions between the upper waters of the Brazos and the Colorado on the one hand and the Arkansas and Missouri on the other.

In 1804 a Sac Indian killed a white settler in Missouri and was imprisoned in St. Louis. Black Hawk was away from his village on a hunting trip, so an under-chief, Quashquame and three braves were sent to St. Louis to talk with the "American Father" and see if they could arrange for the release of their brother.

When Black Hawk returned from his hunting trip he was told that his tribe no longer owned the land on which their village stood and must move. This village was on Rock River a short distance from Rock Island, Ill. He called Quashquame before the council lodge, to account for himself. These are his words: "On our arrival at St. Louis we met our 'American Father' and explained to him our business, urging the release of our friend. The American chief told us he wanted land. We agreed to give him some on the west side of the Mississippi, likewise more on the Illinois side opposite Jefferson. When the business was all arranged we expected to have our brother released to come home with us. About the time we were ready to start our brother was let out of the prison. He started and ran a short distance when he was shot dead."

Black Hawk then found out that Quashquame and the braves had been drunk the whole time they were in St. Louis. Poor Black Hawk says, "This was all myself and my nation knew of the treaty of 1804." This was the cause of the Black Hawk Indian War.

All of this news was sent by runners to the Comanche Indians of Texas and added cause to their hatred of the white people.

These were two tribes of Comanches, the Kwabadi made his home on the Llano Estacado and the Penatekas (Southern Comanches) made their home in this part of the state, and still farther south one of their ancient strongholds was at the present site of San Antonio.

The Comanches were a migratory tribe, never staying long in any given location. By 1714 the tribe was well supplied with horses and transported their few belongings by means of a travois, pulled by a horse.

Tiffin canyon near Ranger was one of the Comanche hideouts. They would come up out of this wild canyon and finally descend upon the early pioneers of the Panhandle, stealing horses all along the way. They killed a number of the settlers of the first settlement in Eastland County. The name of this settlement was Mansker Lake. These Comanches also killed several of the pioneer settlers at old Fort Blair. The remains of their silver and lead mines can be seen at Moss Curve, three miles from Ranger.

The religious belief of the Comanches was similar to that of

est to the sun, and a direct product of the sun, consequently if all the North American Indians, namely, they believed in good and bad gods (in the Indian language Manitou). Their god lived in the Western Sky, and the good god dwelt in the Happy Hunting Ground in the Eastern skies. Comanches also worshiped the sun, moon and mother earth, calling themselves children of the sun an often speaking of their mother the earth. The rustle of the leaves, the whisper of the tall grasses, and the rolling thunder all revealed to them the spirits of another world.

As the Comanches of this section were always migrating they had no set form of temple worship. Every brave was in a measure, his own medicine man, he always wore a medicine bag which was in a measure his own medicine man, in the spirit world.

These Indians scalped an enemy alive, if their hatred was greatly aroused, this was to keep him from going to the happy hunting Ground. They figured that the hair on one's head was the nearest enemy lost his scalp he could not go where the sun was a deity, thus his life was forever ended. These Indians never attempted to recover the body of a warrior if he had been scalped alive, but would brave much to secure the body of one scalped after death, for they thought that his soul was already on the way to the Happy Hunting Ground. Little seems to be known of their marriage customs before they secured horses, but after they had horses they traded ponies for their wives.

The Comanches considered the white bison as sacred, it was even more sacred to them than the white elephant is to the Siamese or Burmese. They valued the hide of this creature so highly, that a brave would trade several of his best ponies to a white man for the hide of one, but once he was in possession of one, he would not give it up for any consideration.

Long before these Indians had guns and horses, they killed bison by driving them into a pen or by crowding them over the brinks of high embankments. The ordinary bison was the Comanches' source of livelihood. It provided him with food, clothing and with hides used for making shelter. If a white bison was found among the bison thus slaughtered, neither the meat nor the hides were touched, but the white bison was skinned and the hide preserved as a religious article. Among the Teton Sioux, according to legend, the white bison was believed to have taken the form of a beautiful supernatural woman. Seed corn was also sacred to them.

This tribe had a system of forecasting the weather for the coming year. They claimed that the first 12 days of the first month of the year would govern the weather of the months to follow. As they counted time by moons, this was simple as their calendar had 12 months or moons. They also drew an imaginary circle around the moon, and the number of stars in this circle represented the number of days before a rainfall.

They were not lacking in the art of caring for the sick. The following is a list of their remedies:

- Liver medicine, balomonia tea made from the leaves.
- Juandice, rusty iron soaked in vinegar, also ox gall.
- Burns, powdered charcoal.
- Diarrhoea, red root chewed thoroughly.
- Colic, wild marigold blossoms bulled down, two to a cup of water.
- Stiff joints, earth worms boiled in a little water, then the oil strained off and used to rub the stiff joints.
- Pneumonia, cover the patient with hot red clay mud and roll in a buffalo hide or blanket.



HAGAMAN LAKE—Located within the city limits of Ranger, Hagaman Lake offers a nearby site for the sportsman who enjoys spending his off-hours fishing.

Premier Has One of Area's Largest Payrolls

One of the largest payrolls in this area comes from the Ranger Pipeline Division of the Premier Oil Refining Company of Texas which began its fifteenth year of operation in this area July 1, this year.

Other area facilities of Premier extend over Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Erath, Comanche, Callahan, Coleman and Parker Counties.

David D. Pickrell is superintendent of the Ranger division.

Other key personnel of the Ranger pipeline division includes: A. A. Simmons, assistant superintendent, Marvin Wilson, connection foreman; and Raymond Long, dispatcher.

Ranger office employees are C. D. Beck, Joe Lenzini and Homer Perry. Lane Ready and W. R. Ivy are employed in Premier's Ranger radio department, mechanical department personnel includes J. M. Jones, Dave Stagher, and Charley Offield, and Premier's airplane pipeline patrol is composed of Joe Collins and T. J. Strong.

Right-of-way and engineering department chief is Frank Hicklin.

The crew of the Ranger pump station is headed by C. M. Rogers, chief engineer, and also includes Harvey Carroll, R. M. Ivy and W. T. Johnson.

A & N Poultry Co. Awarded State Fair Contract

A and N Poultry Co. a poultry processing plant owned jointly by Morris Newsham and Bill Arthur, was recently opened here and has begun shipping dressed chickens and turkeys to all parts of the state.

With Manager Arthur directing the 18 employees assigned to various tasks in the five-step operation of preparing the birds, A and N Poultry Co. has already accumulated a reputation that covers a 200-mile radius.

Operating at a capacity peak of 500 turkeys per day, A and N will buy and sell more than a quarter of a million dollars of poultry in the first three months of operation.

As an evaluation of the plant's efficiency, Ranger Farms was awarded the contract to dress and package all turkeys sold at State Fair's Junior Market turkey auction sale at Dallas this fall.

With more than 600 blue ribbon turkeys that sold for a minimum of \$1.50 per pound, this year was the first time that the winning entries were taken from Dallas for packaging. After being processed here, the prize winners were frozen, individually packaged and returned to their owners in the Dallas area.

The complete process of cleaning, packaging and freezing is accomplished here.

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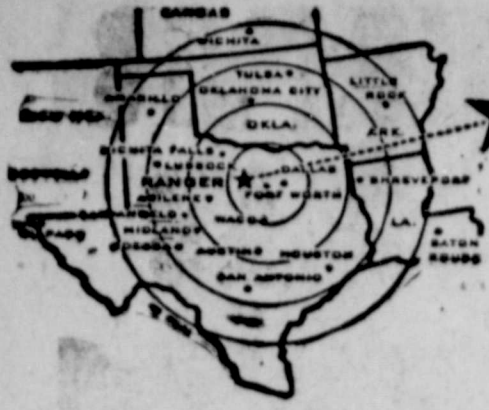
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Intelligent Labor

Intelligent, easily trained labor available, both male and female. Far enough from the crowded industrial area of Fort Worth and Dallas to be in a different labor pool, yet close enough to the metropolitan areas to furnish an ever-expanding market for manufactured products.

Gas and Utilities

The main gas transmission line of the Lone Star Gas Company which gathers gas from the West Texas gas fields, passes through Ranger. This line furnishes gas for this company to serve cities and towns in Central and North Texas. The supply is inexhaustible and reasonable. Generating plant of the Texas Electric Service Company is located only six miles from Ranger, which is capable of furnishing the demands of any industry at reasonable and competitive rates. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. serves Ranger. Industrial sites are available adjacent to railroad or highway with utilities available and very reasonable in price.

HOME OF LAKE LEON

CHURCHES—Ranger has 12 churches, all with active memberships and activities for all ages. These churches represent practically all denominations commonly found in the South.

RECREATION—Municipally-owned swimming pool in a beautiful park area only five blocks from the business section. Pool is equipped with a modern filtration plant which continuously filters the water.

Lighted football stadium, capacity 5,000 seats. Lighted Little League baseball field with grandstand. Lighted rodeo arena with seating capacity of 5,000. World-championship rodeo held annually.

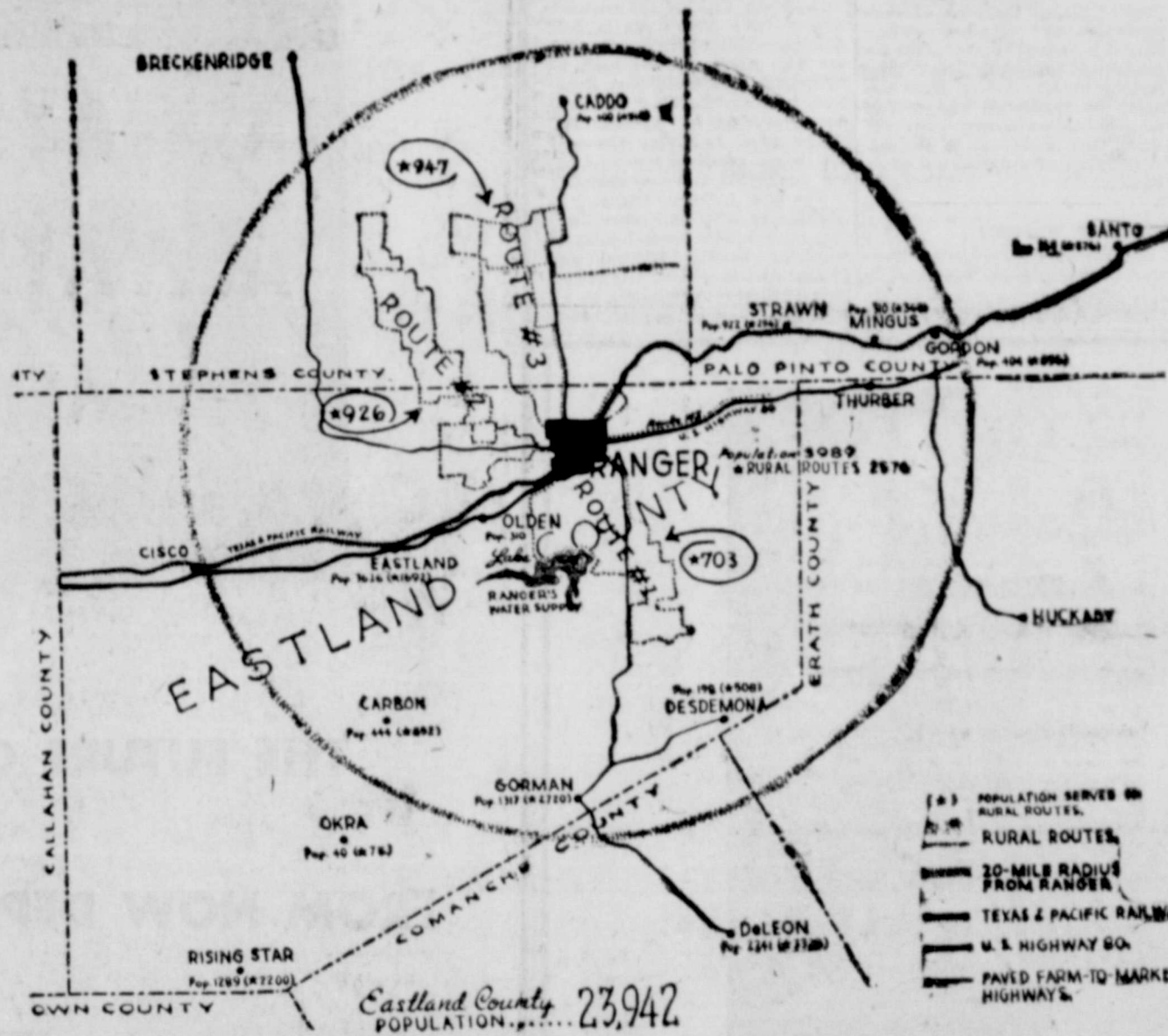
Nine-hole grass greens golf course situated on the shores of Lake Haganan, operated by the Ranger Country Club. Beautiful native stone club house is the center of social activities for members and their guests.

MEDICAL CENTER—Two modern hospitals and three medical and surgical clinics, a dental clinic and an optometrist, makes Ranger a medical center for this section.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES—Fully accredited two-year Junior College. Excellent public school system with adequate facilities.

ELEVATION 1429 FEET—Mean temperature, January 44; July 83. Annual mean 64. Climate is the best in the Southwest, enabling industries to operate at maximum capacity in both summer and winter.

Large Shale And Limestone Deposits



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POPULATION OF EASTLAND AND ADJOINING COUNTIES

Eastland	23,942
Stephens	10,597
Erath	18,434
Palo Pinto	17,154
Brown	28,607
Callahan	9,087
Shackelford	5,001

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RANGER CHAMBER of COMMERCE

SUFFICIENT WATER FOR POPULATION OF 100,000 PEOPLE

35 Miles of Shoreline Statistics of Lake Leon

Reservoir Capacity at Spillway	28,000 acre feet
Reservoir Area at Spillway	1,600 acres
Maximum Depth of Water at Dam	67 feet
Maximum Height of Dam	87 feet
Length of Main Dam	1,500 feet
Overall Length of Dam and Spillways	5,000 feet
Yield During Crucial Drouth	7,300 ac. feet per annum
Average Daily Yield During Critical Drouth	6,500,000 gals. per day
Capacity of Lake Pump Station	3,500,000 gals. per day
Capacity of Raw Water Line to Filter Plant	3,500,000 gals. per day

NO WATER SHORTAGE HERE



Lone Star Compressor Station No. 3

Eight Major Lone Star Divisions Have Headquarters Within City

The general resources of the Ranger area have played a major role in the growth development of the Lone Star Gas Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Lone Star Producing Company.

And during many of the 45 years Lone Star has provided natural gas service throughout its operating territory in Texas and Oklahoma the company has, in turn, contributed to the growing economy of the Ranger area by spending millions of dollars for gas, wages and salaries, drilling contracts, materials and supplies, and ad valorem taxes to city, county and state.

Lone Star drilled its first oil well in Stephens County in 1917. It was the Lone Star Gas Company No. 1 W. S. Warren, in the Hobors field. This lease, which still produces oil, is located eleven miles north and slightly west of Strawn. The company began buying gas in Stephens County in 1922.

This first well reflects the long-time drilling and production program Lone Star has carried on in the Ranger area. In 1954, company-owned wells in Stephens and Eastland counties produced 4,131,318,000 (billion) feet of gas, 275,916 barrels of crude oil and 45,092 barrels of condensate. Total production in the two counties during 1954 consisted of 15,295,000,000 (billion) cubic feet of gas, 3,421,000 barrels of crude oil and 727,000 barrels of condensate.

Lone Star maintains area headquarters in Ranger for pipeline district, compressor department, office and warehouse, garage, central fractionating plant, car shop

and loading rack, and gasoline plant operations. With 201 employees in 1954, the payroll for the year amounted to almost \$790,000.

In the Ranger area, Lone Star maintains and operates hundreds of miles of transmission and gathering lines that connect with a network of 7,837 miles of transmission mains that carry natural gas to 448 city and town distribution plants in Texas and Oklahoma serving more than 712,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers.

The first casinghead gas (gas produced with oil) utilized for public use as fuel was purchased from the Ranger area by Lone Star. This was the beginning of the gas conservation program adopted by Lone Star to protect the state's gas supply.

It was in the early 1920's that Lone Star officials, concerned with the appalling waste of this valuable natural resource, instructed its engineers to find ways to utilize as fuel this casinghead gas, then considered by many a waste product. Residue gas, or natural gas with the liquid hydrocarbons removed in natural gas-line plants, also was considered a waste product.

The problem was solved and, in 1923, Lone Star turned this gas into its transmission lines for use in Texas homes and industries. Because of this pioneering action and because of the availability of large quantities of casinghead and residue gas in the Ranger area, many trillions of cubic feet of gas have been utilized as fuel, with the joint result that Texas' supply of gas will last many years

L & J Supply Co. Evinrude Agency

L. & J. Supply Company, 403 West Main Street, Ranger, Texas, has been awarded a dealer franchise by Evinrude Motors, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The franchise, announced by James Smith, assures outboard boating enthusiasts in Ranger and Eastland County of factory authorized service for their motors. "With boating one of the most popular outdoor recreations in the country," Smith said, "we are especially happy to be chosen as the Evinrude dealer in this area. The quality and dependability of the Evinrude motors are well known. Since 1908, when Ole Evinrude produced the first practical mass produced outboard motor, this company has been the most respected in the industry."

This year's line, according to Smith, incorporates a model for every type of power requirement. There are now nine Evinrude motors ranging from three to 30 horsepower. Three of the motors are 30 horsepower units; the deluxe Lark and the standard and electric-starting Big Twins. They supplant Evinrude's former 25 horsepower units. In addition, Smith said, three other new motors for 1956 are: an electric starting 15 horsepower Fastwin, a 10 horsepower Sportwin and a 5.5 horsepower Fisherman. Retained for 1956 are: the standard 15 horsepower Fastwin; the 7.5 horsepower Fleetwin and the three horsepower Lightwin.

Cozby Says Pontiacs At Perfection Peak

For the past year C. L. Cozby, owner and operator of the Cozby Motor Company has been serving the citizens of this community.

Chief among the proud assets of the Cozby Motor Company are the hundreds of owners of Pontiac automobiles that the citizens of Ranger and surrounding communities are now enjoying.

Today Cozby is proud to state that the new 1956 products of Pontiac are at the peak of their perfection and engineers whose duty it is to see that these cars are established to maintain their prestige for greater service, more economy of operation and perfect balance of usefulness, have fulfilled their ambitions to the full satisfaction of every owner of a Pontiac.

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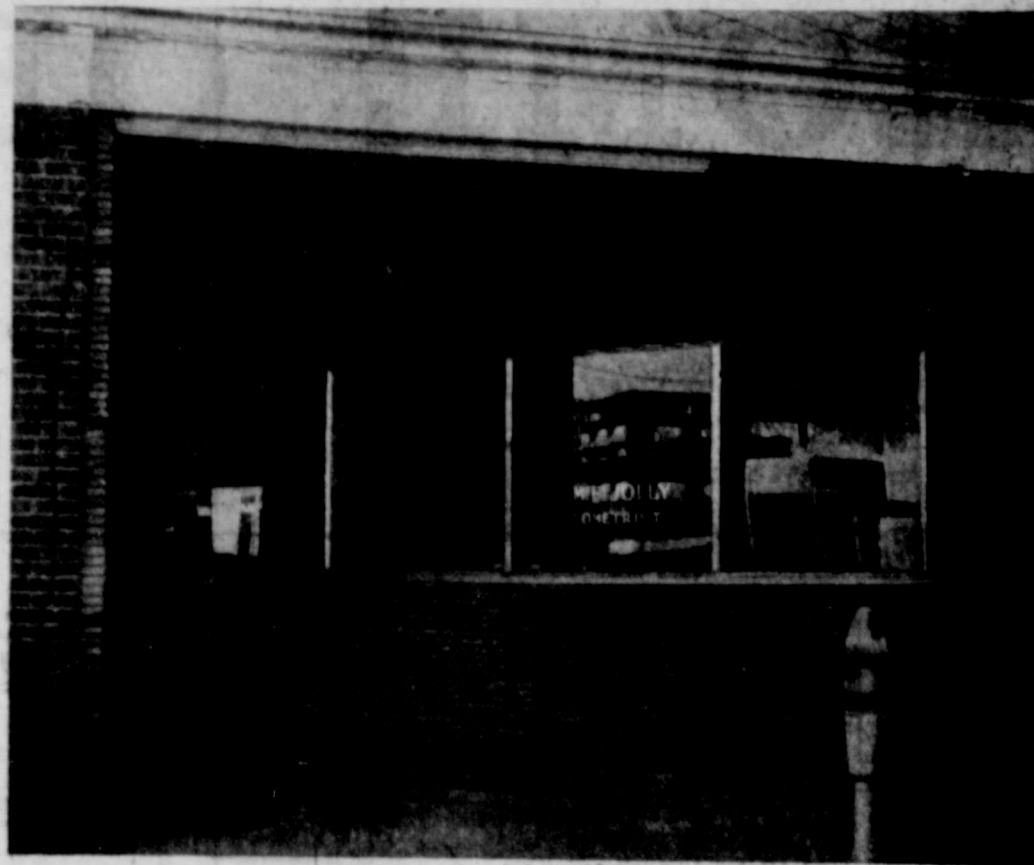
Ranger has large shale and limestone deposits, easily accessible to railroad, and highway and utilities.

A newly-designed internal pulley Smith added, eases starting of all manual starting motors from the three horsepower Lightwin to the 15-horsepower Fastwin. A new "Cruise-Throttle" on the 30 horsepower models cuts fuel consumption up to 20 per cent when motors are run at less than full throttle. At cruising speeds Evinrude's 30 horsepower units consume less fuel than did the former 25-horsepower units.

In addition to his new Evinrude line, Smith handles the complete line of Lone Star boats in both aluminum and fiberglass. For the one who wants a wood boat, he has molded plywood Sport Runabout made by "Cadillac" and solid mahogany boats by "Speedcraft."

The L. & J. Supply Company also has a complete line of boating equipment and accessories. The L. & J. Supply Company in addition to boats and other items they also handle three brands of television, Zenith, Admiral and Philco. And they have the tables, lamps and other accessories to go with the TV sets.

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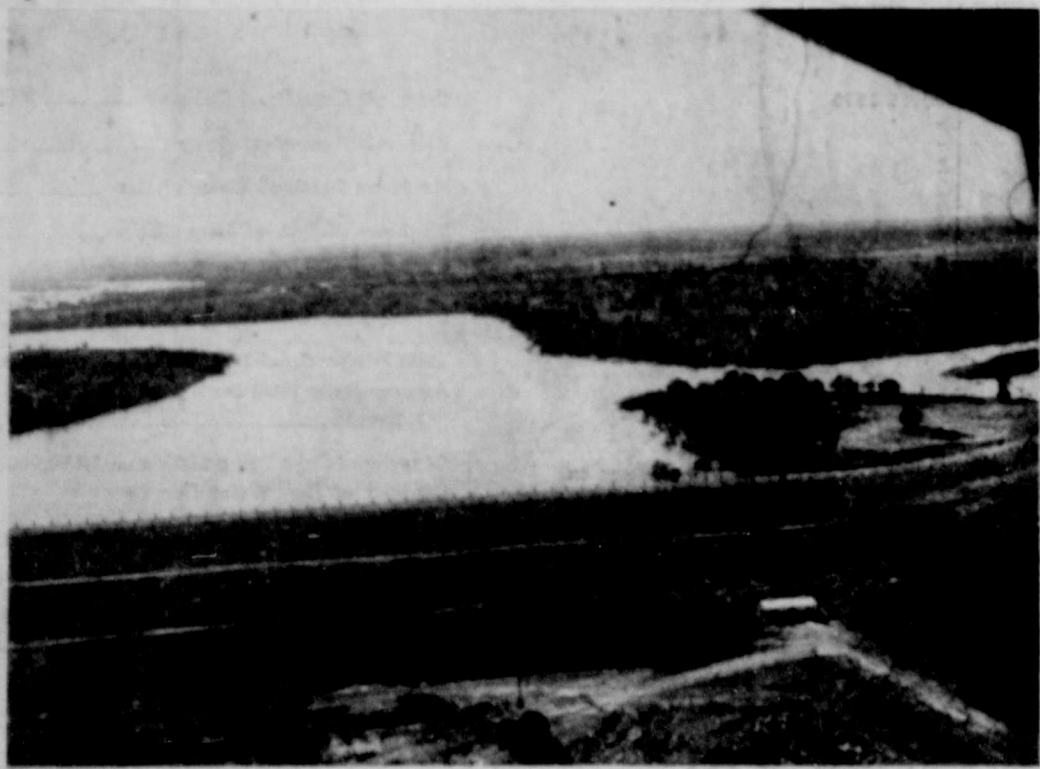
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Premier Offices and Warehouse

Premier Pipeline Transport 11,000 Barrels Crude Daily

Top quality Premier gasolines and oils refined from crude oil produced near Ranger is gradually embracing a large portion of the customer traffic in this area.

Ranger's pipeline division is operated under the guidance of David D. Pickrell, superintendent. The entire pipeline division is now transporting more than 11,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

Oil over this area is gathered through facilities of the 622-mile pipeline system of Premier Oil Refining Company of Texas which operates refineries at Fort Worth, Longview and Baird.

Premier's headquarters offices are located at Longview. The company began its 15th year of operation in this area on July 1 of this year.

Premier's crude is gathered by 515 miles of intricate gathering lines, webbed over Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Erath, Comanche, Callahan, Coleman and Parker Counties. In addition to the Ranger pump station, located just west of Ranger, the company operates another pump station at Mingus in Palo Pinto County and a third pumping unit at Novice in Coleman County.

The Ranger and Mingus stations gather and transport crude for Premier's big Fort Worth refinery, and the Novice pumping



DAVID D. PICKRELL

Superintendent, Ranger Division unit furnishes crude to the refinery at Baird in Callahan County. The Novice pump station is fed by a network of 45 miles of gathering lines.

The Premier pipeline system includes the big 73-mile main line which moves crude to the company's enlarged Fort Worth refinery which has completed installation of a big new catalytic cracking unit as a major phase of

a multi-million dollar expansion program to meet the ever-increasing demand for its superior quality motor fuels and oils for automotive and aircraft use.

The recent expansion program in Premier's Fort Worth refinery also included new gas concentration and polymerization units. The Fort Worth refinery, one of the largest in the entire Southwest, processes 8,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

The company's Longview refinery handles 5,000 barrels daily, and Premier's refinery at Baird processes 2,675 barrels daily.

In addition to the recent expansion program, prior improvements have included installation of a new platforming unit at the Fort Worth refinery in 1951.

These advancements, coupled with the addition of a new polymerization unit at Premier's Longview refinery, have made the company's refining system definitely superior with every known process for producing modern top quality motor fuels.

The Ranger pipeline division now pumps the output of 889 producing wells and the Novice station handles production of 250 other wells. New crude producers are being added to the expanding Premier network month by month, resulting in a continual gain in daily petroleum volume.

Ranger Is Hub of Nearby Farming, Ranching Area Here

Ranger started her diversification work more than three decades ago.

In the early boom days, everyone was interested only in oil and dollars. The farmer received a good price for the oil lease on his land and left the farm and moved to the city where he spent his money freely and soon came back

to the farm without the money with which he originally departed for the bright lights.

For the last 25 years, there has been a definite back-to-the-farm movement and the old cotton farming that was the leading crop at the time has faded to a great extent and peanuts, pecans, turkeys, cattle, goats and chickens have become the main rural industry.

The city of Ranger with its 5,000 population offers a good market for dairy, truck and poultry products. Ranger's climate is particularly adapted to poultry raising. The sandy soil and gravel hillsides make perfect locations for chicken ranches.

Truck farming is carried on around Ranger only on a small scale. There are a number of shallow wells of water that are used for irrigation.

Grain sorghums are grown as the chief feed crop. Corn is not planted extensively as a few years ago and new varieties of grasses cover the farmer's pasture acreage. There is an abundance of winter pasture in the form of small grain crops and the native pasture is good the year around during normal years.

The cotton industry around Ranger reached the highest production just before the oil boom when the gin here processed as much as eight to 15 thousand bales of cotton a year. However, cotton is now a minor crop in this area.

Goats have been placed on several ranches within the area and ranchers are reaping big dividends.

North and east of Ranger is a large cattle country, stocked with mixed and pure-bred Herefords, while the area south and west of the city is engaged primarily in farming.



LEE EVERHEART

Lee Everheart Operates Tip Top Feed Store

The Tip-Top Feed Store of Ranger is one of the best in this community. This store was owned by O. B. Norman and Lee Everheart in a partnership until February 25, 1954 when Mr. and Mrs. Everheart bought out Norman's interest in the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Everheart moved here from Lamesa, June 18, 1951 and bought a part of the feed store on July 1 of that same year.

The Tip-Top Feed Store is the agency for Red Chain Feeds. They carry a line of feed for all farm animals. They also have insecticides, field and garden seeds, all types of fertilizers and also they have poultry equipment such as chicken feeders and water fountains.

Two incubators with a 20,000 egg capacity each are in operation at the feed store from about January to May of each year.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival Under Brush Arbor Gave Birth To First Baptist Church

During the summer of 1882 a Rev. Hilliard held a revival under a brush arbor at Merriam, which stirred the whole community and began the citizens to thinking about organizing a First Baptist Church.

This longing for a church grew into a determination, so in the late summer of 1882 a small group met in the old school house and organized the First Baptist Church of Ranger. The following Sunday after the organization of the church, the Sunday school was organized.

A Rev. Robertson was the first pastor, and they met in the school house for about three years. About 1885 they built a plank building about where the corner of Walnut and North Austin now stands.

A few years later this location became unsatisfactory for some reason and the building was sold to Joe Barber for a dwelling. After this for some time the services were held in a building known as Ray's Academy, which was torn down about 1935. For a few years the church had no home and met in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

About 1897 a new building site was purchased from the T&P Railway for twenty-five dollars. A new church was erected here and stood facing south on what is now Pine Street.

The church made real progress and grew as Ranger grew. However, this growth embarrassed the location of the church. A gin was built across the street and a wagon yard closed in on the east.

About 1915, Dr. Earnest offered two lots, each 50 by 140, for sale for \$250. They were lots 7 and 8 of block 12 in the original

plat of the city of Ranger. It was decided that the ladies would manage to raise money to pay for the lots and the men would put up the building. Two years later the oil boom came along and the members realized that the new location was not a suitable place to build, so the church voted to sell the lots.

The present location was then purchased from "Doc" Duffer and a tabernacle was built for a temporary place of worship. Then every energy was turned toward the new church and work was begun on the present structure within a short time.

The auditorium will seat 650, and there is educational space for 400 in Sunday School and Training Union. The resident membership is 730. The church has two missions in the city, Eastside Chapel, and the Mexican Baptist Mission. The church likewise supports a foreign missionary, Rev. Paul Bell, Jr., on the mission field in Guatemala, Central America. The total property evaluation is far in excess of \$200,000.00. In the past 15 months the church has erected two new auditoriums for the mission work.

A full time Youth program has been supported by the membership for a number of years. In the past five years there have been some 35 members to surrender for the ministry or some special service, missions, education etc.

The church has a central heating and cooling system for the 3-story 80 foot square main building. Each of the educational annexes is equipped with special air conditioning and heating units.

One of the finest nurseries in the area is provided for the little tots.

The ever-expanding program of a membership dedicated to service of the Lord and to the community has been a challenging inspiration to the churches in this area.

Rev. Ralph E. Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church for the past five years, and his family, Mrs. Perkins, John, Bill, Patti and Kay reside at 715 Cherry Street, and all take a very active part in all church activities.



E. F. ARTERBURN

Ranger Has Area's Biggest Machine Shop

Art's Tool and Supply Company is operating one of the largest machine shops to be found in this part of Texas, which draws business, not only from Eastland County, but from a large number of counties in Central West Texas.

This business was formerly the Eureka Tool Company, but E. F. Arterburn and sons bought him out February 1, 1947. E. F. Arterburn was manager for the Eureka Tool Company.

They are equipped to do almost any kind of machine work, oil field repair, pipe fittings, and all kinds of welding. They have a portable welding machine and two big fishing tools for oil field work.

The quality of their work is largely responsible for their business being well known over so large a territory.

E. F. Arterburn is president of the company and Walter Arterburn is vice-president, with D. C. Arterburn as secretary.



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RANGER POST OFFICE

Eighteen Postmasters Have Served Ranger In Past Seventy-Five Years

Since the Ranger Post Office was established on Dec. 27, 1880, there have been 14 postmasters who have presided over the business of the post office department out of the local office, four acting postmasters, including A. E. Crawley, who holds that position at present, and two acting postmasters who later became postmasters.

When the Ranger Post Office was first established, James M. Davis was named as the first postmaster, serving nearly eight years. He was relieved on June 6, 1885, by Thomas O. Rawls, who served less than a year or until February 1, 1889, when Charles S. Davis was appointed.

During the "Gay Nineties" there were five postmasters, including Charles S. Davis, who was appointed, as stated before, in 1889. Davis served until Sept. 1, 1892, when Washington L. Parrott was appointed. His term was short, however, as on Aug. 4, 1893, John H. Terrill was made postmaster and served until April 18, 1898, when Elisha S. Bishop was appointed. Bishop, too, served a short term, which expired May 18, 1899, when Laura Bishop was named to the post, serving until 1901.

The first decade of the new century saw but two postmasters in office in Ranger. John M. Griffin was named to the position on Feb. 25, 1901, serving to Jan. 9, 1905, when Joseph W. Barber

was made postmaster, serving until 1913.

From 1910 to 1920 there were four postmasters named in Ranger, the first being C. S. Davis, who attained the position June 5, 1913, and there followed a period of acting postmasters.

The first acting postmaster was Mrs. May Harrison, who was named Sept. 11, 1918, and who served until Jan. 1, 1919, when O. R. Cooper was named acting postmaster. Cooper served until October of the same year, when F. C. Kelly was named as acting postmaster.

Kelly served but a few months, too, as J. F. Connell was made postmaster Jan. 31, 1920, serving about a year and a half in that capacity. On May 9, 1921, J. F. Dreishofer was named as acting postmaster and he was made postmaster Aug. 17 of the same year. He served until Jesse E. Meroney was appointed, May 5, 1926.

Meroney served as postmaster a little over eight years, or until Mrs. Martha Davenport was named acting postmaster of the Ranger office Oct. 20, 1934. Her appointment as postmaster came over a year later, being dated June 1, 1936.

Mrs. Davenport was postmaster until August 29, 1938, when A. E. Crawley, then assistant postmaster, was named acting postmaster, a position which he still fills.



Dr. W. P. Watkins

Ranger Clinic An Asset To The City Of Ranger

The Ranger Clinic was originally owned and built by Drs. Walter and C. L. Jackson in 1939. Dr. Walter Jackson passed away here in Ranger some years ago. Dr. M. E. Huff then bought interest into the clinic, and stayed for several years.

Dr. W. P. Watkins and family moved here from Eastland in 1948 and bought out Dr. M. E. Huff. During this time Dr. C. L. Jackson and Dr. M. E. Huff sold out their interest and both moved to Rusk.

Dr. Watkins is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco in 1938, and Baylor Medicine College, Dallas in 1942, and he interned at the Baylor Hospital, Dallas.

In 1943 he went into the Air Force, and was later transferred to the infantry and then was shipped overseas, where he served 18 months in the European Theater. After returning from overseas Dr. Watkins practiced for two years in Eastland.

Dr. Watkins is a member of the Lions Club, president of the Five County Medical Association, president of the school board for several years, director of chamber of commerce, member of the First Baptist Church, American Medical Society, and the American Academy of General Practitioners.

The clinic is fully equipped with the finest laboratory equipment. Also X-ray facilities are available at the Ranger General Hospital for their use.

Aside from Dr. Watkins, the clinic has a very competent staff: Mrs. G. B. Rush, R.N.; David Rosen, technician; and Mrs. J. D. Barker, receptionist and bookkeeper.



O. C. (Stubby) WARDEN

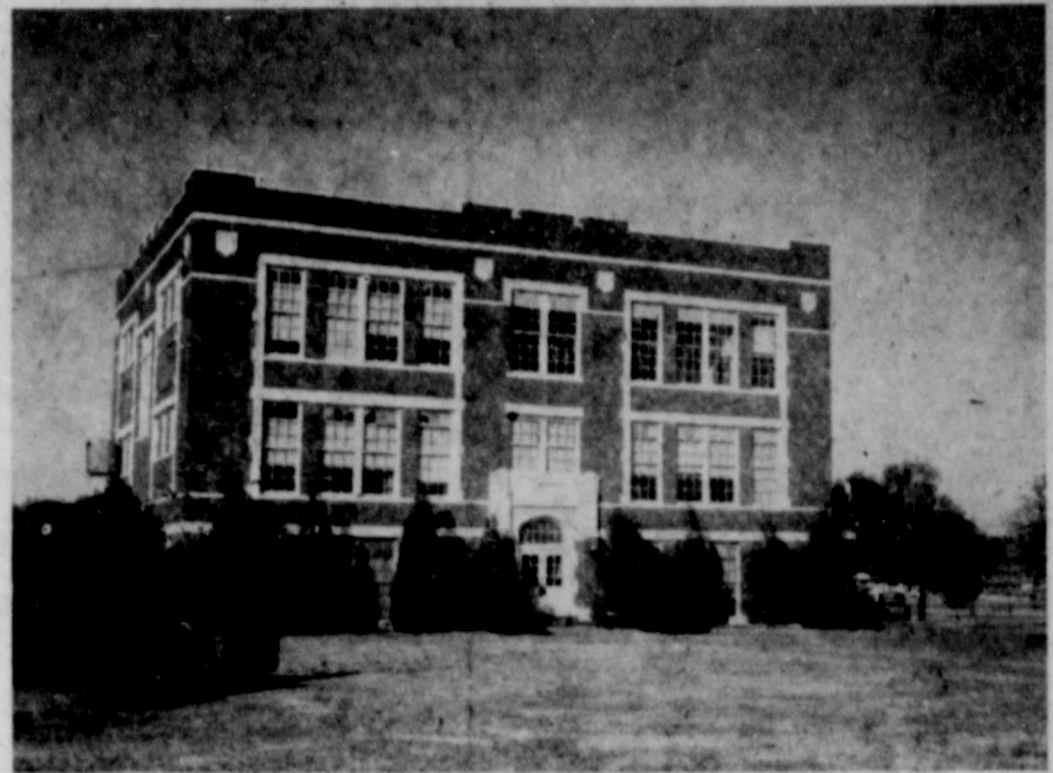
El Rancho Motel Features Modern, Comfortable Units

The El Rancho Motel, located on U.S. Highway 80 west within Ranger's city limits, is one of the most comfortable and modern overnight units to be found along the limitless highways in Texas.

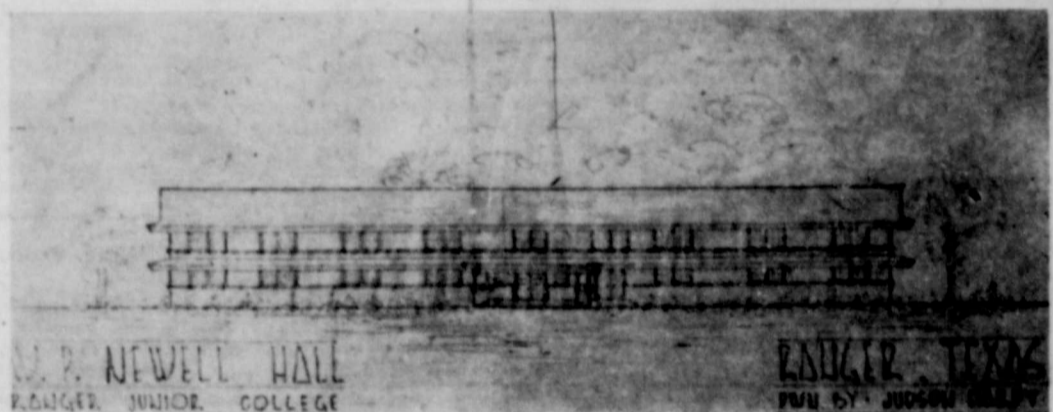
Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Warden, the El Rancho consists of 14 single and double units. Each unit is individually furnished with refrigerated air and panel ray heat. Each of the units are built of brick and contain shingle roofs.

El Rancho Motel is a member of the American Automobile Association.

Ranger Junior College



Administration Building of Ranger Junior College



Architect Drawing of New Boys Dormitory

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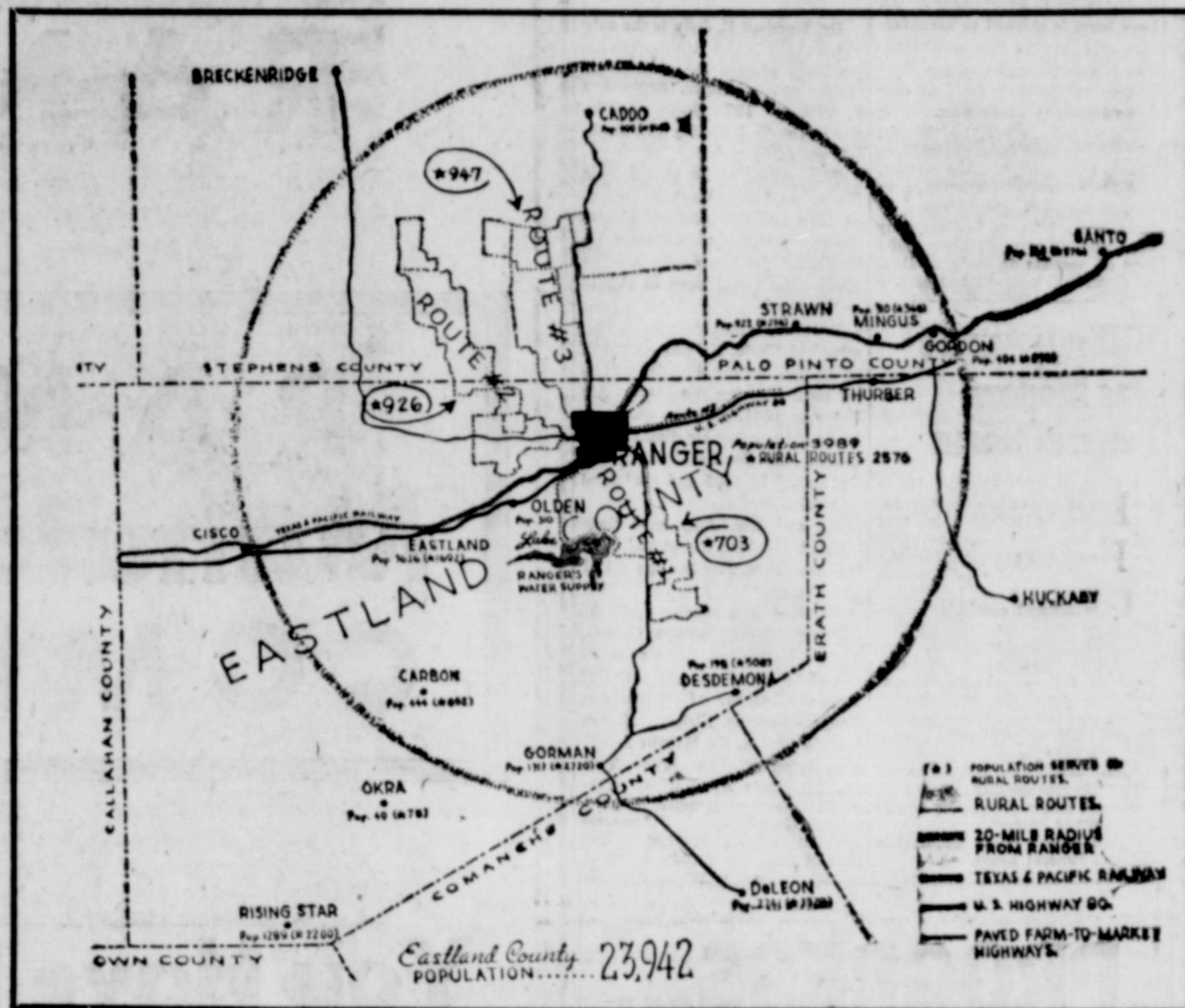
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- Good Eats Bakery
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- Holman Bagwell
- Nick Gallegher
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- H. L. Coody
- Mrs. Charles E. Murr
- Helen Dawley
- Dorothy Crossley
- Melba Creager
- Wilson Guest
- R. V. Galloway
- Paramount Hotel
- Mrs. Maebelle Oyler
- Calvin W. Harris, M. D.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

First Methodist Church Was Organized In Tent Here In 1881

The first organized Methodist Church that Ranger had was in 1881. The Reverend Hightower organized the church that year in a tent.

In 1894 the church was located in the Abilene district, but it is thought that it was that same year that it transferred to the Cisco district.

Prior to 1920 the First Methodist Church occupied a wooden structure, it was about this time that the present brick building was erected.

In 1895 the church building was valued at \$1,250 and the pastor's salary at the mission was reported as \$175 per annum. In 1908 the pastor received a salary of \$600 and in 1920 it was reported as \$4,500.

The First Methodist Church reported a membership of 289 in 1915, and in 1924 reported 559 members, while for 1934 the reports showed 564 members. At the present date the membership of the First Methodist Church stands at 613.

Pastor of the First Methodist Church is Rev. Bruce Weaver, Rev. and Mrs. Weaver have two sons, Robert Bruce, Jr. aged 6 and Ronald Keith age 4. The Weaver family reside in the First Methodist Church parsonage.

Officers of this church are as follows: W. F. Creagans, chairman of the official board; W. P. Deaton, superintendent of the church school; Frank Williams, president of the Methodist Men's Club.

Mrs. Leonard Pounds, superintendent of the children's division; Mrs. Roscoe Hopper, superintendent

of the division; Charlie Garret, superintendent of the adult division; chair director, F. D. Baumgardner.

Miss Mildred Balch, organist, church secretary, Mrs. Richard Bonney, senior president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Archie Bill Robinson, Lee King, president of the Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Mrs. A. W. Brantia, president of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church.

Swaney's Is Located In City's Heart

Swaney's Pharmacy, conveniently located in the heart of Ranger, in the Gholson Hotel, is one of the popular drug stores of Ranger.

Prescriptions are filled at Swaney's accurately, efficiently and quickly.

The drug store has a large stock of medicines and remedies of all kinds, and a prescription department that is constantly bringing forth favorable comments for its cleanliness.

In addition to drug sundries of all kinds a large assortment of merchandise, usually found in drug stores, can also be obtained at Swaney's.

Willard Swaney is owner and directs the operation of the store.

Ranger Peanut Co. Deals In World Trade

T. C. Wylie organized the Ranger Peanut Co. in 1943 and since that time has become one of the largest peanut dealers in this entire section of the state.

His organization has also gained a reputation for quality peanut seeds of the Spanish variety and each year sells the product in all sections of the state.

He buys nearly \$1 million of peanuts each year and employs from 25 to 30 persons during the milling season. His annual payroll reaches as high as \$50,000.

The process here includes shelling, cleaning and grading for wholesale. About 55 per cent of the peanuts Ranger Peanut Co. buys here, is shipped to manufacturers of peanut butter. The remaining portion goes to the food processing industry such as candy and grocery wholesalers.

Most of the crops he bought this year were shipped to the West Coast, Chicago and Kansas City, but his company has shipped to France, England and Africa.

In normal years his company buys and ships more than 3,500 tons of peanuts or the equivalent of about 100 railroad box cars.



DR. M. E. JOLLY

City's Optometrist Began Business Here In 1950

Dr. Marshall E. Jolly is the only optometrist in the city of Ranger. Dr. Jolly entered the practice of optometry in Ranger, September 1, 1950 at 107 North Austin, where Dr. Carl Straley had formerly practiced.

The present office at 313 Main Street was completed in March of 1953 and Dr. Jolly moved into the new building at this time. He took over the combined practice of Drs. Finn and Finn in February 1954.

Dr. Jolly graduated from high school at Clyde. He was employed as an optician for American Optical until entering the U.S. Air Force in 1941, and was discharged in 1945. After his discharge he entered the Southern College of Optometry in 1945 and graduated in 1950.

Dr. and Mrs. Jolly have their home at 515 Pine Street and have two daughters, Jeri Jan age 3 and Lee Ann age 1.

Dr. Jolly is a member of the following: First Baptist Church, Ranger Lions Club, Ranger Chamber of Commerce, director of Ranger Chamber of Commerce, Ranger Masonic Lodge, Moslah Temple Shrine, Ft. Worth; American Optometric Association, Texas Optometric Association, Tarrant County Optometric Association, West Central Optometric Association, and Optometric Extension Program (study group).

Killingsworth's Has Modern Funeral Home

Killingsworth's Funeral Home has one of the most modern funeral homes to be found in this part of the country, and one that has earned a reputation for the manner in which it handles all its business.

A new funeral coach is maintained by the home, making two cars, completely equipped, for individual purposes, at the disposal of its patrons. Invalid patients are given the most careful attention possible to assure their comfort and the utmost in sanitation and safety.

The Killingsworth's Funeral Home is conveniently located at 211 Pine, and is completely equipped in every respect.

Floyd Owens is the undertaker for this funeral home.

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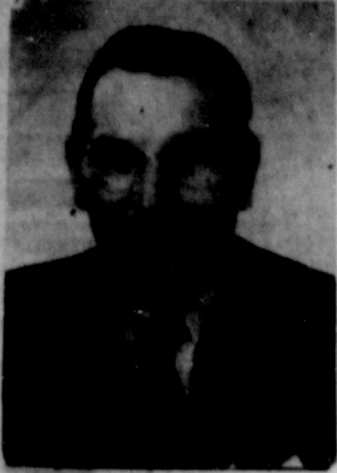
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T. J. ANDERSON

Records Broken By Anderson Chevrolet Co.

Anderson Chevrolet Company is one of the oldest concerns in Ranger.

From 1933 to 1949 it was known as Anderson - Pruet. At that time T. J. Anderson purchased C. B. Pruet's interest and it became known as Anderson Chevrolet Company.

At this time his son, Bill Anderson, returned from service and joined his father as a partner. Since that time both have been actively engaged in operating the business.

The main business is selling Chevrolet automobiles and parts. They have one of the most modern used car lots in this part of the state, and a service department that is well equipped and staffed with trained mechanics.

Anderson Chevrolet Company employs 14 people in the normal run of business and sometimes more. This creates a payroll of over \$50,000 per year. Thirteen of these employees with their families own their homes in Ranger.

A new record of car sales was established in 1954, however, 1955 sales will set a new high with over 400 new and used cars being sold.

Anderson Chevrolet Company exemplifies the type of people and business that will make a "Greater Ranger" in the future.



BILL ANDERSON



MRS. SCOGGINS IN WORKSHOP

One Industry Here, Like It's Customers, Still In Infancy

One of Ranger's newest industries is still in its infancy — just like its customers.

The name of this infant industry is Colleen's Custom Made Toys, and the originator, whose creative and artistic ability was responsible for the idea, is Mrs. Colleen Scoggins.

Mrs. Scoggins' workshop is in the old Martin Lumber building where she has an electric saw and

sander and there completes the beds which are sturdily constructed. Another room serves as the paint shop. Mattresses, pillows and spreads are made on the sewing machine at home.

The four distinct designs of the doll-beds include a Pennsylvania Dutch bed finished in lined oak and hand painted with tiny red hearts and yellow tulips. The ruffled pillow and spread are blue dotted swiss.

One bed is a bunny, covered with pink terry cloth. It has floppy ears, lined in white, plaster of paris eyes and wire whiskers. The fluffy white tail is perched on the foot of the bed and the spread is pink terry cloth.

Another bed is a beige and brown terry cloth cocker spaniel with matching spread. The ears are wired so they will stand up straight or bend.

One of the main attention getters is a clown dressed in red and white. The clown's head and hands are painted on the head of the bed and his big red feet on the foot of the bed. The spread is red and white polka dot with fuzzy red buttons down the center.

Mrs. Scoggins plans to expand her business to include youth beds and furniture. She recently had samples of her products distributed in various parts of the state.



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fire Destroyed Practically New Church of Christ

The Church of Christ, 297 Mesquite, is the newest church building in the city of Ranger. This new building was built in 1947 after a practically new building burned to the ground.

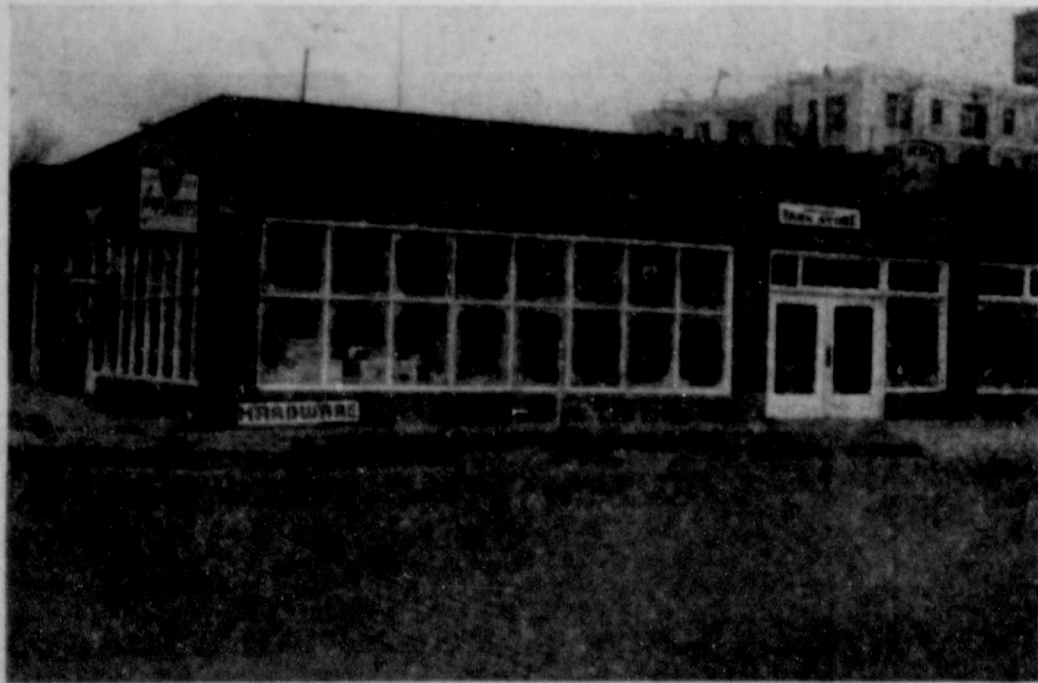
"A beautiful brick Church of Christ building was erected in either 1932 or 33, after having

been meeting in an old wooden building for several years. It was during the depression that the congregation decided that they needed this new building and paid for it as it was constructed. When this building was dedicated there was no outstanding indebtedness against the building.

The brick building was burned in about 1946 and the new construction now in use was built, and was completed sometime in 1947.

Carey B. Looney is pastor of this church now.

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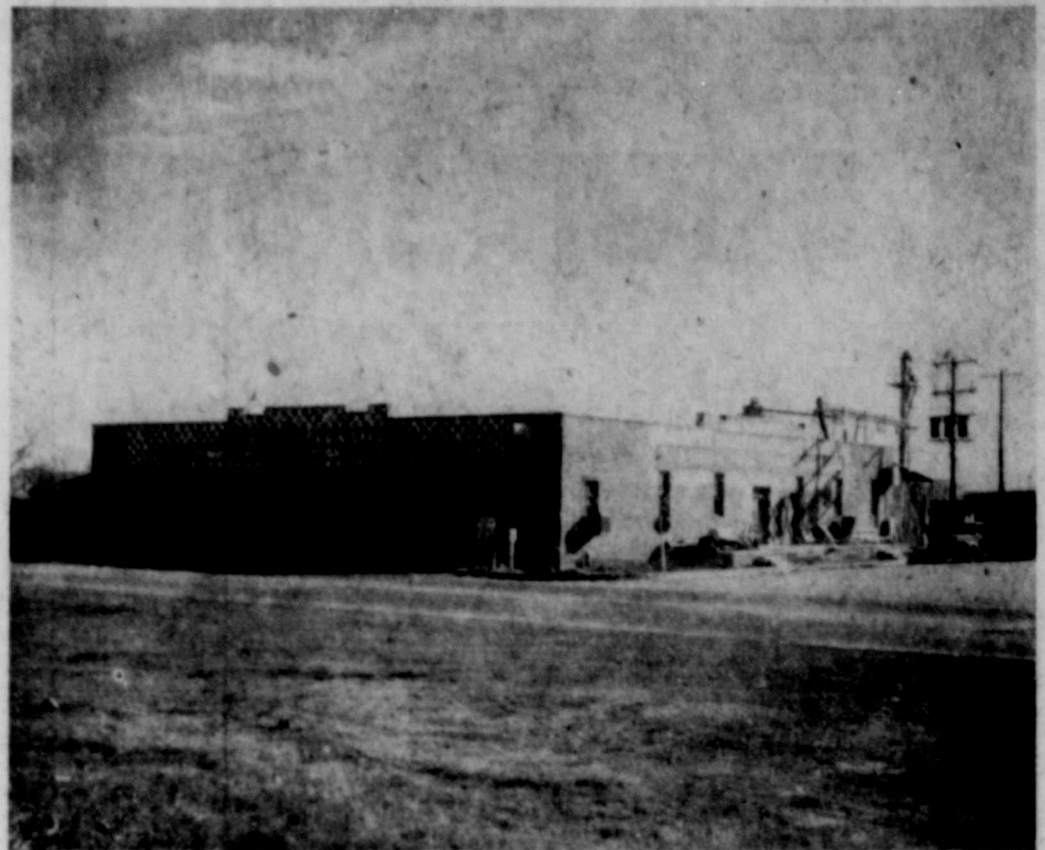
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Many Selections Theme Of Killingsworth's

Killingsworth's, who feature complete lines of hardware, appliances, furniture and a gift department, is one of the city's most popular stores.

Established here in 1918, the store is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Killingsworth and Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth.

Versatility seems to be the byword at this store with many nationally known brands awaiting the choice of the public. These brands include Frigidaire, RCA, Victor, Wallace Sterling, Community Silverplate, Theodore Haviland, Franciscan Fine China and earthenware, Vernon earthenware, Skippers Brass, Sampson card tables and chairs, Helsey Glass, Fostoria and Alexander Smith Carpets, Hoover Vacuum cleaners and Dearborn heaters and air conditioners.

Other than this lengthy list



FLOYD KILLINGSWORTH

other brands of national prominence can be found in the spacious air-conditioned store.

Killingsworth's Store and Funeral Home employ seven persons. In conjunction with the Funeral Home, the Killingsworth Burial Association, an insurance company, was formed in Aug., 1941. Since then the company has grown to include more than 2,500 policy holders in the Ranger trade area.

Chamber of Commerce Big Project Has Been Lake Leon

R. V. Galloway, present secretary-manager of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, assumed his duties in that capacity on June 1, 1946 and has since held that position.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway came to Ranger in 1918 in the early stages of the oil boom and have lived here since that time with the exception of eight years when he was serving as county clerk.

Galloway established the Eastland County News, a weekly newspaper, in 1926, and continued publishing the paper until 1935 at which time he sold his newspaper and entered politics. He was elected county clerk of Eastland County in 1936. After retiring from politics, he assumed his present duties here.

The most outstanding project accomplished during Galloway's administration as manager of the

Chamber of Commerce, was the sponsoring of the Lake Leon project which was started by the Ranger Chamber of Commerce in 1948. It was sponsored by this group until a board of directors was elected for the district.

The directors carried the building of the dam and reservoir to completion, giving Ranger an inexhaustible water supply.

Other outstanding projects sponsored during his term of office includes the securing of the National Guard unit for Ranger, the paving of the road north to Caddo, the widening of the Morton Valley road and the widening of U.S. Highway 80 through the city limits of Ranger.

Through his tenure the group has also secured the plant of the American Aggregate Co., which now has approximately 30 persons on its payroll and has sponsored the organization of the Community Chest, thereby consolidating about seven drives annually into one.

Chamber of Commerce committees have been active in the organization of a movement for a youth center which now has an excellent building near the Wilcox swimming pool, with an active program, well organized and chaperoned.

A file of vacant apartments and houses is maintained at the Chamber of Commerce office and many new citizens are assisted each week in locating a place to live.

The Chamber of Commerce has carried on an active program aiding agriculture, having conducted many farm tours, prizes for cotton and peanuts and assisted in the effort to get the farmers to dig more trench silos and other farm improvements.

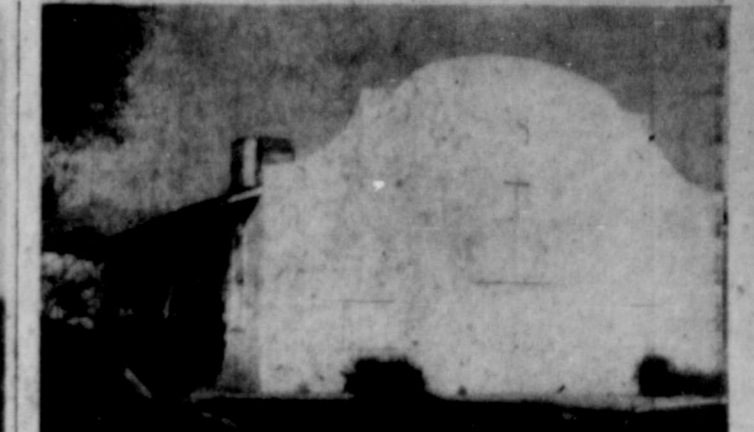


RIP GALLOWAY

In 1954, committees from the Chamber of Commerce raised more than \$1,500 for new Christmas street decorations and during the Yuletide season Ranger streets present a scene seldom seen in towns the size of this city.

The industrial committee organized a Greater Ranger effort in November that was spearheaded by a community luncheon held at the First Baptist Church and was attended by 140 Ranger citizens. Out of this meeting came the determination to raise an industrial fund to assist in the securing of new industries for Ranger. The committee sponsored this "Greater Ranger" edition about \$15,000 worth of advertising and should net the industrial fund approximately \$10,000.

The industrial committee, in less than two weeks after the Higginbotham Bailey Company was contacted, closed a deal with that firm to move their manufacturing operations from Dallas to Ranger. Machinery has already been moved to Ranger and the plant will start operation Jan. 3. Eventually this firm will employ several hundred persons as they will gradually move their factory operations here with no interruption of their production.



FIRST CHRISTIAN—The First Christian Church, centrally located on Main St. resembles a monument here. Minister James B. Crites now holds services there.



CARL PAGE

Page Plumbing Company Began Business In 1932

Carl Page has been doing business as the Page Plumbing Co. here since he organized the concern in 1932.

Page is a dealer for several major appliance companies and employs four persons other than himself in the operation. Howell Punn has the most service with the company having been employed there for the past eight years. Jerry Page joined his father in the business in 1950 following his graduation from Ranger Junior College.

Mrs. Novella Templeton is the company's secretary.



DR. A. W. BRAZDA

Dr. A. W. Brazda Opened New Clinic In 1953

Dr. A. W. Brazda built his own private medical practice in Ranger in 1946, following his return here from duty with U. S. Army Air Force.

His first practice was at 115 S. Rusk until he built his new clinic at 200 Walnut Street in 1953.

Dr. Brazda was born at Dodge, Nebraska, and received his medical degree from the Emory University School of Medicine at Atlanta, Ga. in 1929.

Employees at Brazda Clinic are Benjamin A. Bell, lab technician; Mrs. Earnest Varner, receptionist; and Mrs. George Brasher, nurse.

Besides his membership in many civic and medical organizations, Dr. Brazda is a member of the board of directors at Ranger General Hospital.



MORRIS NEWNHAM

A & N POULTRY CO. —

Four steps of the process taken by the A & N Poultry Co. in their preparation of turkeys and chickens are pictured above. The process includes the picking by an automatic machine, cleaning, packaging and freezing. Morris Newnham, partner with Bill Arthur, also owns and manages Ranger Frozen Food Center.



Ben Franklin Manager Newest Businessman

Much has been said about the oldest business and businessmen in Ranger.

However, the newest is A. L. Robbins of Lovington, N.M., who with Mrs. Robbins purchased the Ben Franklin Store here.

Robbins is an experienced department store manager, having been associated with Woolworth's for nine years, and has also been in the retail business in New Mexico for the past 13 years.



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 - GUY F. BROWN Highway 80 West
- EASTLAND DEALERS**
- JIM HORTON SERVICE STATION Eastland, Texas
 - W. H. HARRIS SERVICE STATION Highway 80—Eastland, Texas
- CISCO DEALERS**
- NICHOLS SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
 - VAUGHT SERVICE STATION So. Ave. D, Cisco

- CLARKE SERVICE STATION Eastland Hwy.—Cisco
 - JOE STEWART SERVICE STATION Albany, Texas
 - TRUCK STOP SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
 - REED SERVICE STATION Rising Star, Texas
 - JUSTICE SERVICE STATION Carbon, Texas
- PUTNAM DEALER**
- WAGLEY GARAGE Highway 80
 - RAMSEY BROS. SERVICE STATION Cisco

- BROWNWOOD DEALER**
- HOMER LOVELACE SERVICE STATION Brownwood, Texas
 - THOMPSON SERVICE STATION Brady Highway
- COLEMAN DEALER**
- J. D. CARSON SERVICE STATION Crossplains Highway—Coleman, Texas
 - THOMPSON SERVICE STATION Brady Highway, Brownwood
 - McGUIRE SERVICE STATION Rising Star, Texas

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 - HIGHPOINT SERVICE STATION Gorman, Texas
 - CARBON SERVICE STATION Carbon, Texas
 - LAWS SERVICE STATION Ranger, Texas
 - GEORGE MASON GROCERY De Leon, Texas
 - F. M. DUCKWORTH SERVICE STATION Coleman Hwy — Brownwood, Texas
 - C. B. GUTHRY SERVICE STATION Breckenridge, Texas
 - LOURY SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
 - BLANTON SERVICE STATION Santa Anna, Texas

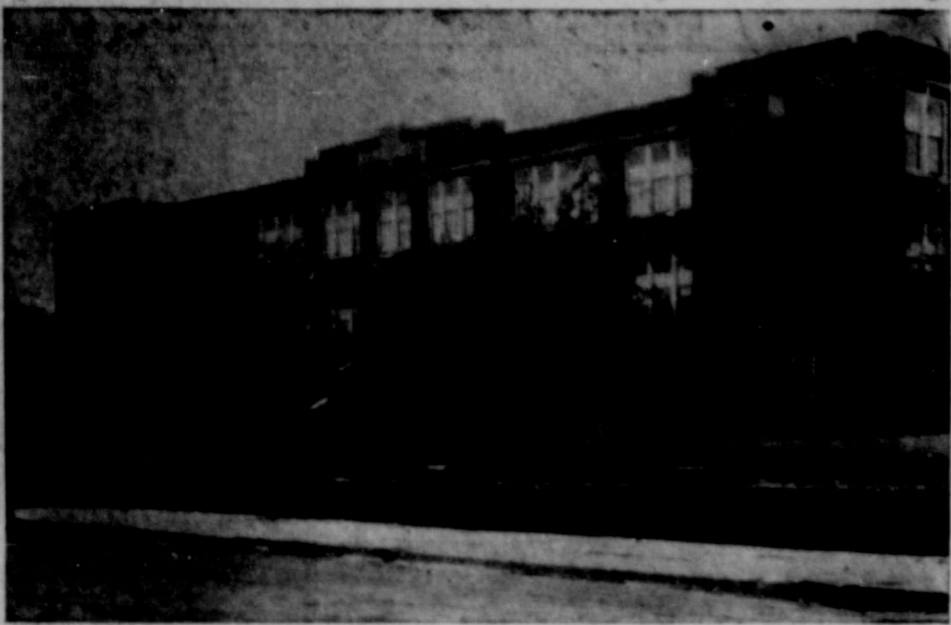
- GEORGE WHITEHEAD SERVICE STATION Dublin, Texas
- M. L. HUGHES SERVICE STATION Baird, Texas
- WILSON SMITH SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
- INGRAM SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
- CECIL CARTER SERVICE STATION Romney, Texas
- KILLINS SERVICE STATION Rising Star, Texas
- J. F. COFFEY SERVICE STATION Cotton Wood, Texas
- J. N. ISHAM SERVICE STATION Comanche, Texas
- WILBURN SERVICE STATION Coleman Highway — Brownwood
- WEBB SERVICE STATION Cross Plains, Texas
- WEBB SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas
- PRICE SERVICE STATION Stephenville, Texas
- YORK SERVICE STATION Pumpkin Center, Eastland Highway
- CASNELL SERVICE STATION Cisco, Texas

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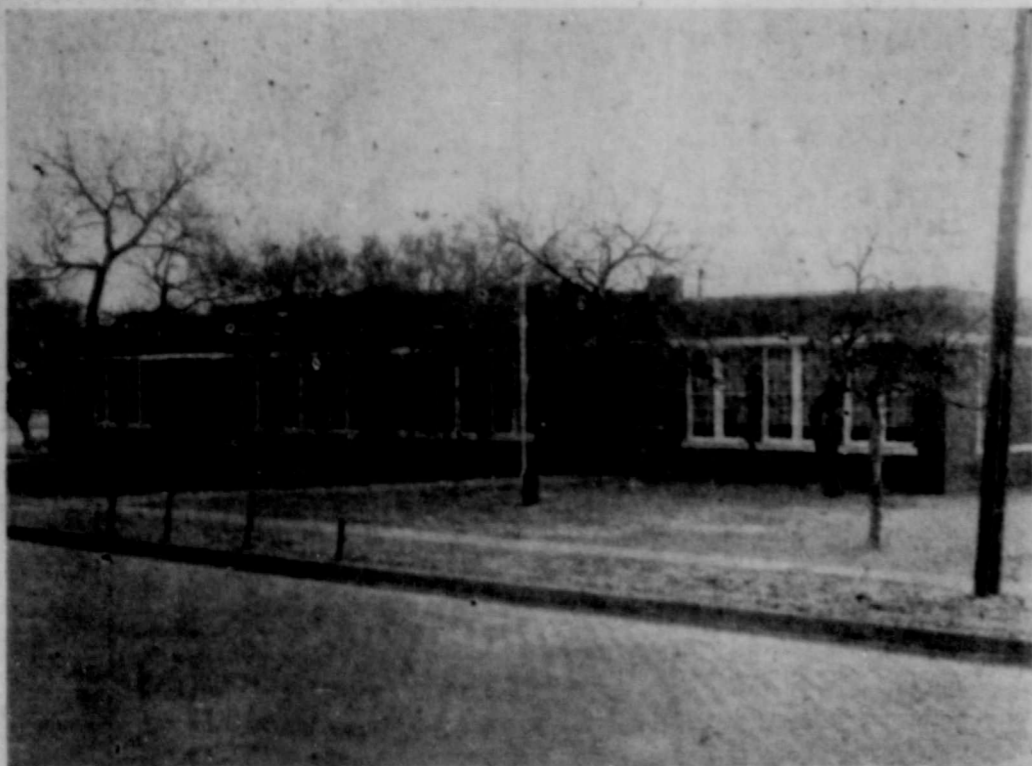
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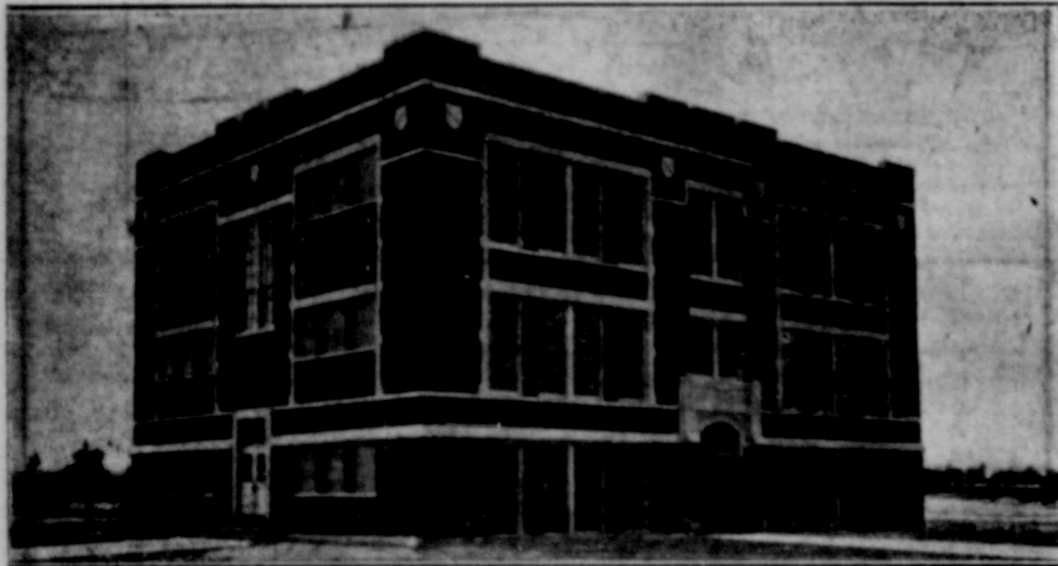
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Ranger High School



Hodges Oak Park Elementary School



Young Elementary School

Ranger School System Has One-Quarter Million Dollar Payroll

Ranger High School, one of the state's highest rated institutions for its size, is operating on a salary budget of one-fourth of a million dollars per year.

Paid from the budget are the salaries for 32 white class room teachers, a colored class room teacher, one vocational agriculture and one home economic teacher, three principals, two tax office employees, a superintendent, three custodians and five bus drivers.

Ranger is a member of the Southern Association of High Schools and Colleges which entitles their graduates to enter any college or university without taking

Ranger Furniture Thrives On Public Service

The Ranger Furniture Exchange, opened in 1921 by Colonel Brasher, has shown a continuous growth of business with a home service that is unequalled.

F. P. Brasher, entered the business with his father in 1925 and now is in joint partnership with his son, Pete. Located at 117-123 N. Rusk, the concern recently installed a complete line of Lees carpeting. They also lay their own carpet in homes and install their home appliances.

Living room furniture at Ranger Furniture Exchange includes Flexsteel, Kroehler and Nantucket Colonial Maple. For the living room there are choices from J. D. Bassett and for the bedroom, Drexel, Camden and Woodward, and dinette suites by Virtue Brothers.

Ranger Furniture Exchange is also the dealer for Dearborn heaters, Florence Gas Ranges, Simmons and U.S. Rubber bedding, Youngstown Kitchens, Westinghouse appliances and Lane Cedar Chests.



Civic Minded Pruet Places Own Job Second

C. B. Pruet, opened The Ranger Insurance Agency in 1939 at an office in the Paramount Hotel. At this time he was also a partner with T. J. Anderson, in the Chevrolet agency.

When the Paramount Hotel burned, Pruet moved his office to the present address, 115 South Rusk.

In 1950 he sold his interest in the Anderson - Pruet Chevrolet Company to T. J. Anderson and son, to devote all of his time to the Ranger Insurance Agency and to the civic activities of Ranger.

C. B. Pruet is a member of the First Baptist Church, past president of the Eastland County Water Board, member and past president of the Rotary Club, past president of the School Board and was one of the industrial committee members who helped to locate the garment manufacturing company here in the city of Ranger.

The Ranger Insurance Agency handles all types of insurance with the exception of life. They handle real estate and real estate loans.



GASTON DIXON



FRANK DEATON

Ranger Auto Parts One Of Early Businesses

Ranger Auto Parts, owned jointly by Gaston Dixon and Frank Deaton, features a complete automotive machine shop and replacement parts for all popular make automobiles.

One of the oldest businesses in the city, Ranger Auto Parts was opened in 1929 by J. J. Kelly. Dixon bought one-half of the interest in 1945 and Deaton assumed the other half in 1953.

Ranger Transfer Has National Moving Setup

Ranger Transfer and Storage Co., which began operation here in 1945, is in a nation-wide chain of organizations that are capable of moving household goods, office and store furniture and equipment to or from any point in the United States.

Ranger Transfer and Storage, owned and managed by Alvis Woods, operates here with nine vehicles and six full-time employees. They have an annual average payroll of \$36,000.

They also have a contract with the T&P Railroad Co., for the delivery of merchandise going in or out that amounts to less than a car load.



H. L. COODY

Principal High School

John Ussery Establishes Fine Repair Record

The Ussery Refrigeration Company was opened here in 1942 at 111 West Brown Street by John Ussery, who is the present owner.

He had been in the refrigeration and electrical equipment repair business prior to this, however.

Ussery is known throughout this area for his type of repair service.

ABUNDANCE OF WATER

A dam and reservoir has been completed that will impound sufficient water for a population of 100,000 people. This lake will furnish an average daily yield of 6,500,000 gallons during critical drought periods. Raw and treated water available for industries.

WORKING FOR A GREATER RANGER



WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR CITY A BIGGER AND BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND ENJOY WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

WELCOME TO RANGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

RANGER FROZEN FOOD CENTER

Home of the Famous Ranger Farms Turkey

MORRIS NEWNHAM

**THE CHURCHES CONTINUE
TO WORK FOR
A
GREATER RANGER**



ASSEMBLY OF GOD

L. E. SNOW
204 Clay Street

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CAREY B. LOONEY
Mesquite and Rusk Streets

CHURCH OF CHRIST

THOMAS F. SHROPSHIRE
225 South Rusk Street

CHURCH OF GOD

C. A. STARKS
Strawn Road and 1st Street

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

BAILEY HAGAR
Main and Oak Street

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

N. E. MCGOUGH
Tiffin Road

EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHAPEL

JACKIE HEATH
815 Young Street

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALPH E. PERKINS
Marston at Walnut

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JAMES CRITES
406 Main Street

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

BRUCE WEAVER
417 Elm Street

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

C. Q. HICKERSON, Jr.
420 Cypress Street

MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION

GENE KIMLER
Cyprus at Marston

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

J. E. LAMB
North Austin Street

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

CALVIN BAILEY
Commerce and Pine

ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

REV. C. BOESMANS
1109 Blackwell Road

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

T. G. OLPHANT
430 Cherry Street

**SMITH'S CHAPEL AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

DELLA EAST
432 Cherry Street

"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND ALL HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." —MATTHEW 6:33



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M. R. NEWNHAM
Chairman of Board

*Everything We Need Is Here - Plenty of Room,
Water, Recreation Areas - Good Churches, Schools*

**WE EXTEND A WELCOME TO
Ranger Manufacturing Co.**

**We Offer You Our Fullest Cooperation
and Welcome The Opportunity To Serve You**

MEMBER F.D.I.C.

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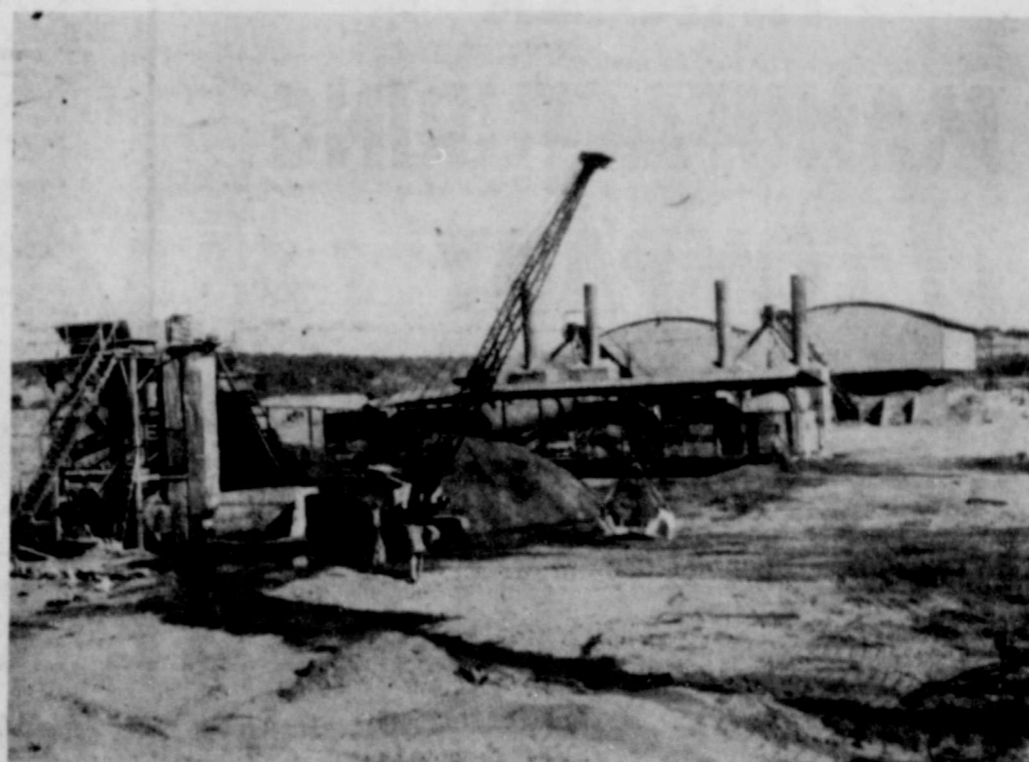


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Industrial Facilities, Business Property, Utilities,
Schools, Hospitals, Homes, Unlimited Opportunity



LAKE LEON



AMERICAN AGGREGATE CORP.

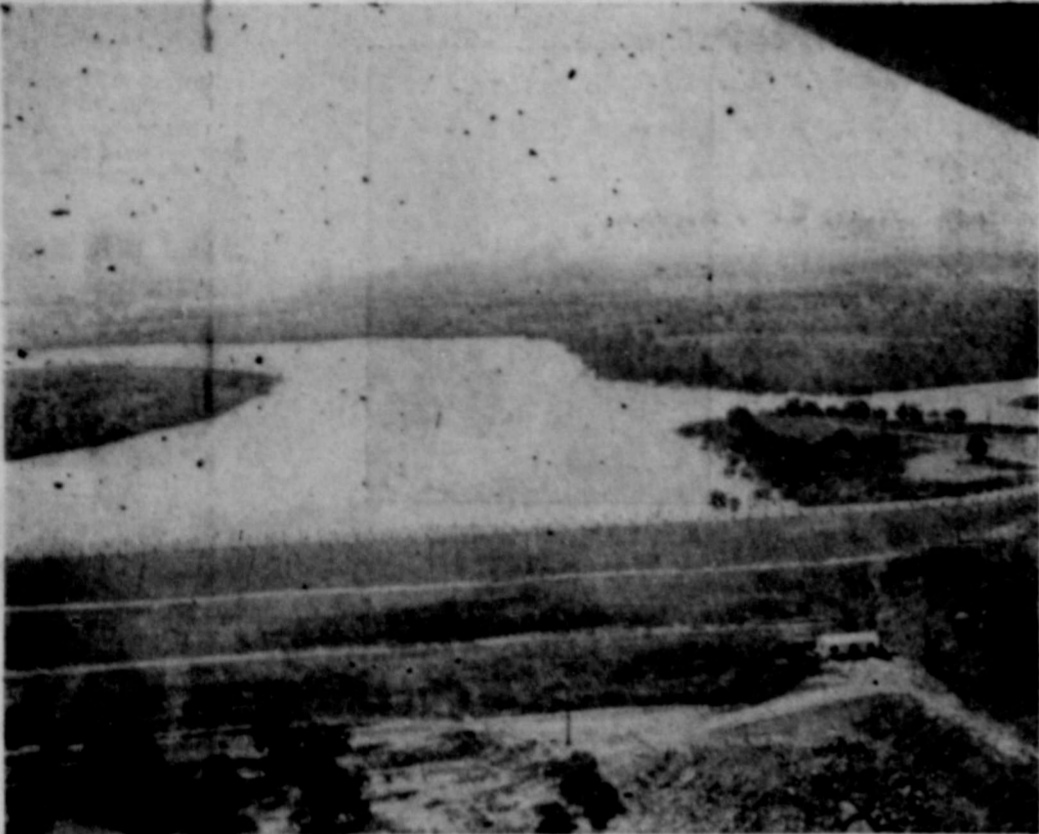
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LET'S MAKE A GREATER RANGER**

COMMERCIAL STATE BANK

RANGER, TEXAS

"A Growing Industrial Area"

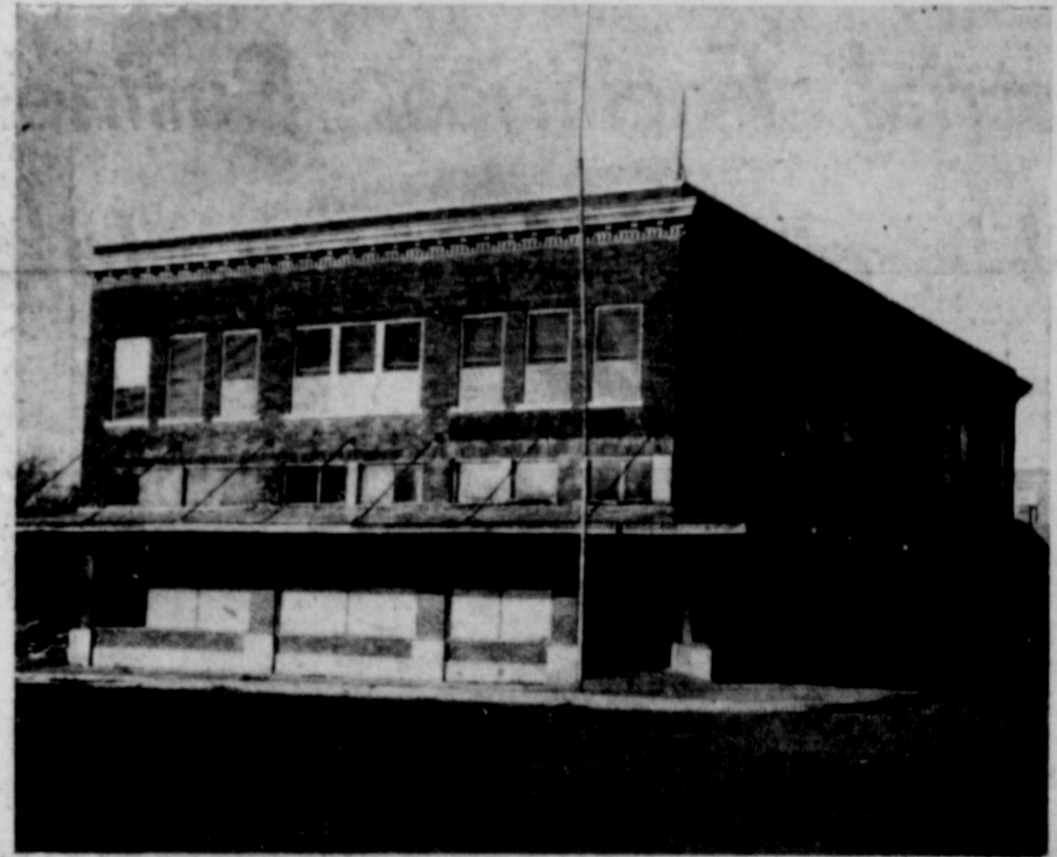
SERVING MOST OF TEXAS



LAKE LEON

We at the Phillips Transport Co. are proud of the part we have played in the industrial growth of Ranger ... For several years we have had the pleasure of serving not only the Ranger area, but also serving most of Texas We would like to tip our hat to the firms we now serve, and extend a helping hand to any new industry.

**WELCOME
RANGER
MANUFACTURING
COMPANY
TO A GREATER RANGER**



RANGER MANUFACTURING CO.

WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT

Ranger is on the threshold of more and greater Industrial Progress! With an abundance of natural resources, transportation facilities and labor. Ranger will march forward in growth and development. We pledge our wholehearted support to the betterment of this area!

PETROLEUM HAULING: GASOLINE - KEROSENE - DIESEL: MOTOR FUEL - NATURAL GAS. SPECIALIZING IN NATURAL GAS. S. M. C.
AUTHORITY RAILROAD COMMISSION

Phillips Transport Company

Royce R. Phillips, Owner

Phone 646; Night 353

Ranger, Texas



ROYCE PHILLIPS

Royce Phillips Employs 15 In Two Businesses

Royce R. Phillips organized the Phillips Transport Co. in Eastland in 1946 and moved his business to Ranger in 1951.

He moved here with six trucks and now operates ten transports out of Ranger and has additional equipment at terminals at Abilene, Colorado City and Big Spring.

A dealer and distributor of Col-Tex Products, Phillips opened the F & R Service Station in March, 1951.

He has 15 employees in the F & R Station and the Transport Company combined in Ranger and last year his payroll exceeded \$80,000.

His trucks operate on a 300-mile radius of Eastland under the terms of his motor carrier ICC permit.

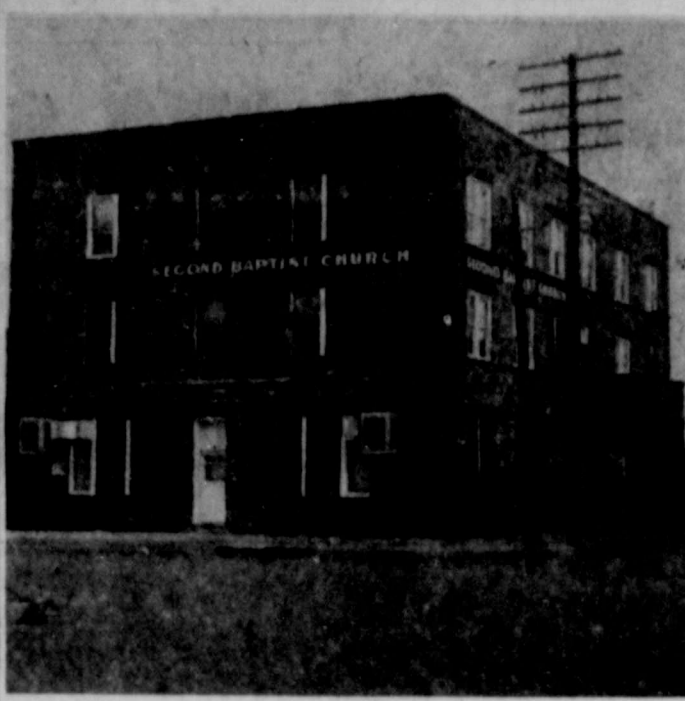
C. D. Hartnett Serves Grocers In 17 Counties

The C. D. Hartnett Wholesale Grocery Co., which has been in business since the early boom days, now serves 17 counties around Ranger.

The company handles a complete line of groceries and serves independent grocery stores over the 17 county area.

C. D. Hartnett employs 15 persons in Ranger and operates four trucks and four cars out of the city.

Officers of the company are C. D. Hartnett, president; Mrs. J. P. Hartnett, vice-president and Charles Milliken, secretary-treasurer.



Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church Shows Great Progress In 13 Years of Existence

By REV. CALVIN BAILEY

Looking into the past we see several factors which led to the organization of the Second Baptist Church. The one of real importance was the fact that a group of God's people felt the need of his church and saw the service which it could render to the community and to the cause of Christ around the world.

In 1942 the church was organized and called the Second Baptist Church. It is plain to see that in these thirteen years of exist-

ence the church has made great progress. Sometimes it may be hard to see the progress by looking from the outside, but to enter and look from the inside it is plain to see the hand of God among His people.

We can express our thanks to each one who has led in these past years. If we could see all the good that has been accomplished we would be glad indeed. Many souls have been won to Christ. Christians have been moulded more and more into the image of their Master, and have shared in a program of world missions.

As the pastor of the Second Baptist Church I can honestly and gladly say that this church has some of the finest Christians that one can find anywhere.

As we go from this point our goal is: win the lost to Christ; grow loyal Christian men and women; share in a world mission program with all our sister churches of the Southern Baptist Convention; and we shall pray that God will call from our number those who will give their lives on foreign fields of service; and for every member of our church we covet a life that will, at all times, bring honor and glory to the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.



CHARLES MILLIKEN

Early Day Church Buildings Still Stand as Monument to Religious Life

Since the early days of Ranger, when church services were held infrequently under brush arbors, or tents churches have played an important role in the life of the city.

From the brush arbor days Ranger's religious life has grown and progressed until now the city boasts fine church buildings and large congregations.

Since before 1920 several large church buildings had been erected, which still stand as a monument to the growth of religious life of the city.

The Ranger Ministerial Alliance has served the community well for many years. The fellowship of the ministers and pastors is for the purpose of advancing the spiritual program of the community. Any Minister, Priest, Pastor, Rabi, Evangelist, or under Shepherd has an open invitation to participate in the Ministerial Alliance.

Pastors who now fill the pulpits of the churches in the city are:

- Assembly of God Church, L. E. Snow.
- Church of Christ, Mesquite and Rusk, Carey J. Lodney.
- Church of Christ, 225 S. Rusk, Thomas Shropshire.
- Church of God, C. A. Stark.
- Church of God of Prophecy, N. E. McGough.
- East Side Baptist Chapel, Jackie Heath.
- First Baptist Church, Ralph E. Perkins.
- First Christian Church, James Crites.
- First Methodist Church, Bruce Weaver.

Duke & Ayres Had Its Birth In Texas

"The price is the thing," is the slogan by which the Duke & Ayres Store here operates, says their new manager, B. L. Swink.

The store here is one of 41 in Texas and three in Oklahoma. Strictly a Texas store, R. R. Rickard, formerly of Aledo is chairman of the board of directors and L. D. Jones of Gorman is now president of the firm.

Organization of the large chain began Oct. 4, 1894.

- Mexican Baptist Mission, Gene Kimler.
- Nazarene Church, Bailey Hager.
- Pentecostal Church, J. E. Lamb.
- Second Baptist Church, Calvin Bailey.
- St. Rita's Church, Rev. C. Boesmans.
- Macedonia Baptist Church, 420 Cypress, C. Q. Hickerson, Jr.
- St. Paul Baptist Church, 430 Cherry, T. G. Olphant.
- Smith's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 432 Cherry, Della East.



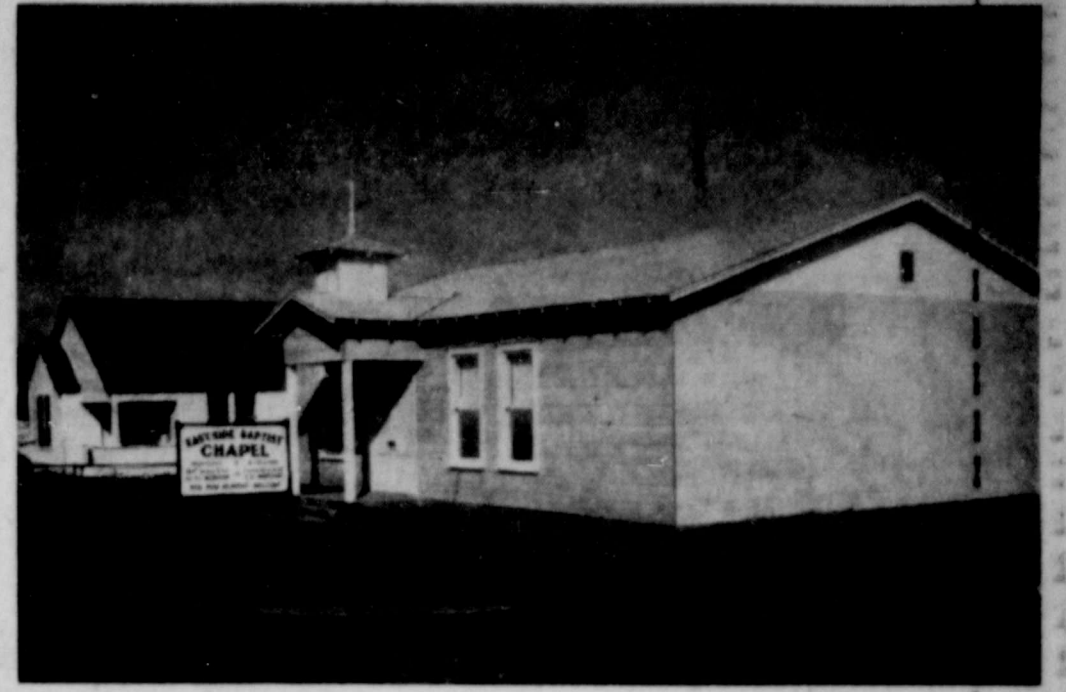
JOHN TIBBELS

Tibbels Operates Ranger Farm Store Here

One of the best hardware and implement stores to be found in the Ranger trading area is the Ranger Farm Store, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. John Tibbels.

John Tibbels, first began his business at 114 Main street, December 1, 1950, where he opened a hardware, and household goods store. He had the franchise agency for all General Electric household appliances and also for General Electric television sets.

On January 15, 1955, Tibbels purchased the Owen Implement store at 123 South Rusk and moved his store to this building. Now in addition to the items previously mentioned, they have the franchise agency for John Deere tractors and handle all types of farm equipment.



CHAPEL—The Eastside Baptist Chapel, a subsidiary of Ranger's First Baptist Church, was opened late in 1954 and at the end of its first year of service has shown a marked increase in membership. The Chapel was primarily constructed for aged members unable to climb high stairs but so far has been an incentive from persons of all age groups.

Rusk St. Church Of Christ Seeks New Building

The church, which meets at 225 South Rusk, was established in December of 1952. They met at first in a building at the corner of Marston and Walnut but moved in a short time to the present location.

At first, the building now occupied, was rented but a short time later, was purchased by the church.

However, the present location was not meant to be permanent although many improvements were made to make the building comfortable and adequate for use, it was and still is considered as a temporary meeting place.

In the spring of 1955, lots were purchased at the corner of Strawn Road and Young. That is to be the permanent meeting place of the congregation when the present building can be disposed of and a new one erected.

Two open-air gospel meetings were held on the building site in 1955. H. L. Taylor, then of Austin, and H. Oby Weaver of Brady were the evangelists in the



Church of Christ

meetings.

C. R. Mansfield served with the congregation as minister from soon after it was established until in June of 1954. In July of 1954, Thomas F. Shropshire moved to Ranger to serve with the congregation as minister, and continues to serve at the time of this writing.

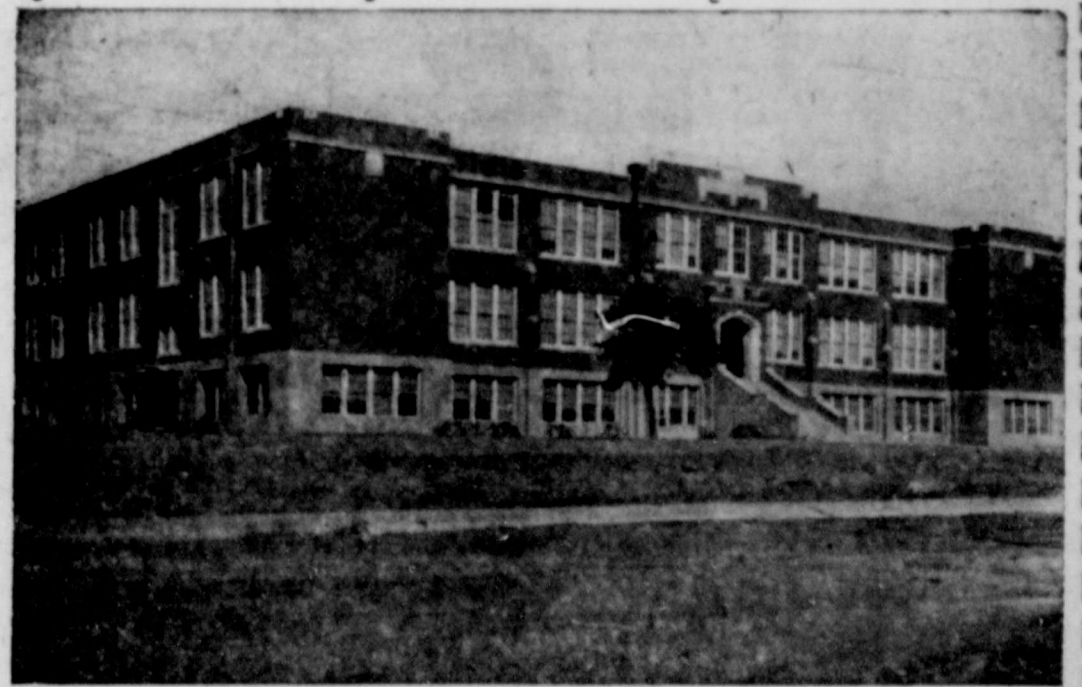
This church stands fast for a strict adherence to the teaching and living of New Testament Christianity.

PROGRESSIVE RANGER MOVES FORWARD!

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS IS ALREADY ON THE MARCH IN RANGER THE CITY IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF GREATER THINGS TO COME.

WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT FOR GREATER INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS FOR RANGER

WE SALUTE Ranger Manufacturing Co.



RANGER HIGH SCHOOL

Ranger Public Schools



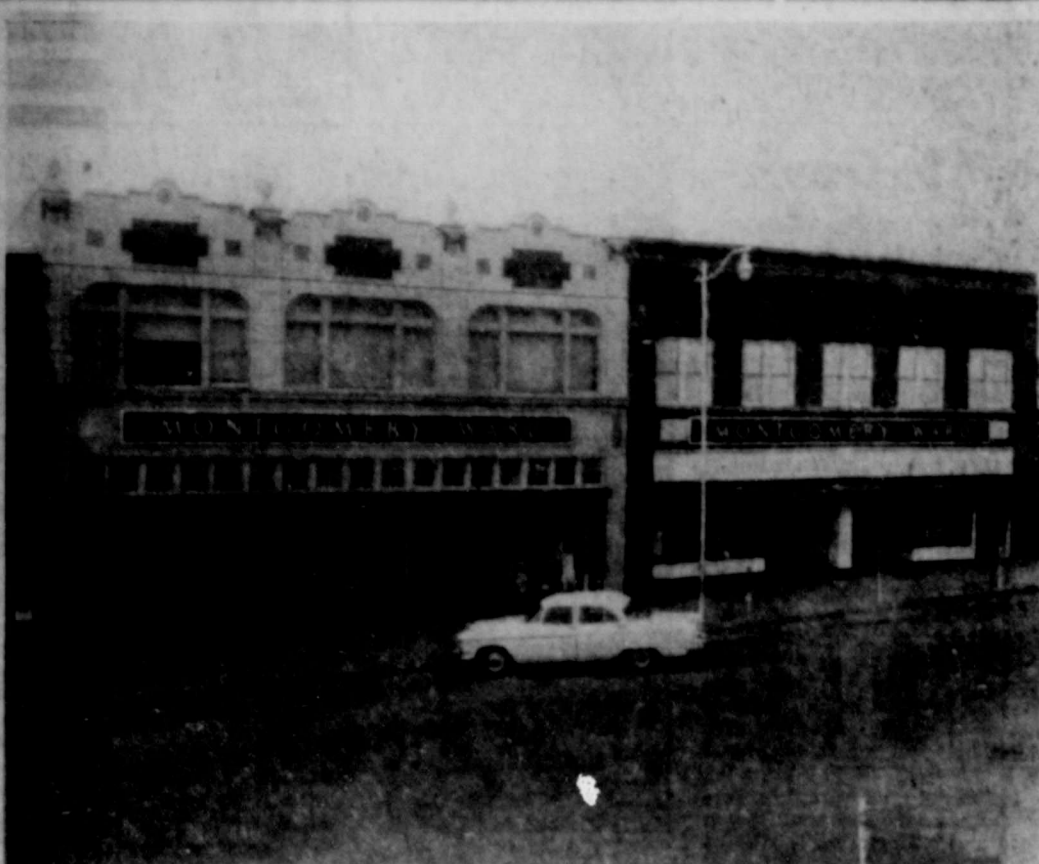
National Guard Building

Guard Organized Here With Only Nine Members

Most any organization that shows consistent growth over a period of time is usually rewarded in some manner. Such is the case of the Ranger National Guard. The Guard unit here was organized in March, 1948 with only nine men. To date the guard is at nearly full strength with 58 enlisted men and officers. The group meets each Tuesday night in their vehicle storage type building and officials have been notified that an armory type building will be constructed here shortly after Jan. 1.

Capt. Bruce Harris was the first commanding officer here. He was relieved by Warrant Officer James M. Cunningham, who served as acting commander until Capt. Cecil C. Carr, present commander took charge, June, 1953.

Three persons are employed full time now and more than \$22,700 is spent each year by the government for salaries and supplies.



MODERN STORE—The Montgomery Ward retail store in Ranger carries one of the best stocks to be found in any but the larger towns. The Ranger store, established after the oil boom, draws customers from a wide territory. The huge expanse of the national-chain store covers nearly half of a city block and is located away from the city's main congested parking areas. The large selection of many types of goods make the store one of Ranger's most successful drawing factors.

Commercial State Offers Many Bank Services

The Commercial State Bank, which was established here Feb. 15, 1928, now has a capital of more than \$50,000.

The bank also has a certified surplus of \$50,000; undivided profits of more than \$100,000 and deposits in excess of \$2,000,000.

Eleven persons are employed full time and all types of banking services are rendered.

In 1948, the bank was completely remodeled. The facilities and offices were moved to Joseph Apartments for six months while the renovation was being completed at a cost of more than \$50,000.

Board of directors and officers now include, M. R. Newnam, chairman of the board of directors; O. D. Dillingham, president of the board of directors; Hall Walker, vice president of the board of directors; W. F. Creager, active vice president; Wilson Guest, cashier; Mrs. Helen Dawley and Mrs. Iris Hammell, both assistant cashiers.

City Officials Enthusiastic Over New Outlook Developing In Ranger

The City of Ranger, headed by Lee Dockery, Mayor, and Commissioners A. H. Williams, E. O. Bray, Jim Ingram, and Holman Bagwell, are enthusiastic about the future for Ranger.

The past several months has seen the completion of several major projects for the City, chief among them being the acquisition of right-of-way for improvements to U. S. Highway 80 from Main Street to the East City limits.

This of course, was an expensive undertaking for the City, requiring the preparation and execution of 76 deeds from the various property owners along the highway, the moving and re-locating of seven residential or business buildings, but in the opinion of the City Commission the project was worth what ever cost. There is still considerable work to be done on that project, mainly moving water lines and sewer lines.

The City Commission was very glad to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and business leaders in the necessary commitments for the location of the new garment industry in Ranger. It being their feeling that once the city gained a new responsible industry it would be much easier to persuade others to come here.

The City of Ranger constitutes one of the larger payrolls with 22 regular employees and an annual payroll of approximately \$50,000. W. G. Pounds, chief of police, has five men in his department, Ed Freeman, Don Butler, Joe Faircloth and John Shook.

Fire Chief Charles Isabel, A. F. Stevens, R. E. Johnson and W. W. Jones, in the street Department and Chief Pounds are men who have served the City many years.

J. D. Barker is superintendent of the Water Department and has three men, Charles Doss, Albert Harris and W. O. McMillan working in that Department. Andel Leflore, Jesse Searcy and Calvin Long are employees of the Sanitary Department. R. B. Needham is Sexton. N. Robertson and Donley Shook are firemen and radio operators. Mrs. Reba Rawls is assistant to the city manager and has charge of water billing and collections. Mrs. Barbara Rushing is an assistant in the tax office. Lester Crossley is city manager.



BUCK WALLACE

Wallace Welding Has Wide Area Reputation

The Buck Wallace Welding Shop, has gained such a reputation through this area so that not even a sign is needed to identify the type of business or its owner.

The welding shop specializes in the repair of oil field transportation equipment such as truck beds.

Located on Highway 80, The Wallace Welding Shop was organized here in 1945. Five persons are now employed full time there.

Range Lumber Has Entire Line Of Building Needs

Range Lumber and Supply Co., dealers for Cooks paints and wall papers first opened for business in 1940.

Calvin Brown, owner of the business, has gained considerable reputation for his foresight in the planning of interior and exterior decorating.

After he opened the business in 1940, he was joined by his son, Earl, following World War II. Earl worked part time there until he completed Ranger Junior College in 1949 and is now manager of the business.

Range Lumber and Supply handles a complete line of building materials, insulation and tools. They also make home repair loans from \$50 to \$2,500 without any down payment.

WE SALUTE THE INDUSTRIES OF OUR COMMUNITY

We are happy to have you in our midst and pledge cooperation in persuading others to join us.

Let's work together for a bigger and better Ranger through futher...

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

CARL LUMMUS & SON

DRILLING CONTRACTOR

457 W. Main

Phone 868

LET'S GROW...



ART'S TOOL AND SUPPLY COMPANY

Since 1947 this organization has been growing with Ranger ... and wants to continue growing.

One of the ways by which we can continue moving forward is through the INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT of our City. WE PLEDGE WHOLE-HEARTED COOPERATION!

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