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Ranger Can Continue to Progress 16 Local Businesses Operate for 40 Years

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ON...**

By Ronald Waters

THIS IS YOUR 40th Anniversary Progress Edition. We hope you enjoy reading every page of it.

It is the result of many hours of hard work and preparation. Many people have helped to make it a big success, and to all of them we owe a big vote of thanks. (See acknowledgments on this page.)

To the pioneers of the past many mentioned in this edition and to the pioneers of the present—this edition is respectfully dedicated.

The Ranger Times has always played an important role in the betterment and promotion of Ranger. And this edition commemorates our 40th anniversary (actually observed on June 1), of the Chamber of Commerce and City of Ranger.

REAL COVERED WAGON PIONEERS—Mr. and Mrs. John McKinney and Mrs. Frank (Kitty) Hicklin came to Ranger in a covered wagon in 1308 from New Mexico. They spent nine months on the trail, bringing a herd of sheep with them. Five children and two adults were in the group.

MORE PIONEERS—J. C. Fox and wife, Nancy Caroline (Hamilton) Fox came to Ranger from Clay County, Arkansas in 1877. They settled eight miles south of Ranger.

Thomas Fox, Sr., deceased, Sept. 4, 1958, was one of their sons. Mrs. Thomas Fox, Sr., still resides in Ranger. Children of this couple are Mrs. Jack (Zelma Fox) Williams, Mrs. Tom S. (Lucille Fox) Williams and Mrs. Clyde (Iona Fox) Fisher all of Ranger, who have lived here 40 years or more; Jim Fox of San Antonio and Thomas Fox, Jr., of Cortez, Colo.

Jackie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, is with the army in Germany.

COMING HERE IN 1919 were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bryan, who have been reading the Ranger Times for 40 years and still continue to read it. (He carries (Continued On Page Six)

Local Guardsmen In Governors Day Review

NORTH FORT HOOD—The Proud 49th Armored Division today, with local Guardsmen participating, paraded its armored punch before some 1,500 Central Texans and military dignitaries.

It was the annual Governors Day review for the National Guard unit which honored former division commander, Lieutenant General Albert S. Johnson of Dallas.

The vehicles—ranging from jeeps to lumbering tanks—rolled past the reviewing stand for two hours in a stirring show of military might.

General Johnson inspected the 9,100 Lone Star Division Guardsmen before the parade. He was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Clayton P. Kerr of Dallas, Division Commander.

Special guests at the parade included top Army brass of Fort Hood and the Fourth U. S. Army plus civic leaders from the 81 home towns of the division units.

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Ranger Has Many Pioneer Firms

This year—1959—marks the 40th anniversary of 16 businesses in Ranger, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and City of Ranger.

Celebrating their 40th year or more in Ranger are: H. G. Adams Grocery and Market, W. N. Bourdeau & Son, Burton-Lingo Co., The Globe Clothiers, C. D. Hartnett Co., Killingsworth Funeral

Home, C. E. Maddocks & Co., May Insurance Agency, The Ranger Times, Ratliff Feed and Seed, Service Pipe Line Co., Texas Electric Service Co., Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., Texas & Pacific Railway Co., Williams Fix-It Shop and Woods Grocery.

Brief sketches of each of these businesses follow:

H. G. Adams Grocery.

H. G. Adams came to Ranger in 1919. For a brief time he was associated with The Model Market on N. Austin St., of boom-time fame. In 1920 he opened a grocery and market with J. S. Echols, and the firm was known as Adams & Echols, located on S. Rusk St.

In 1923, Echols sold his interest to T. O. Bray, and the name was changed to Adams & Co. Some years later they move to Main St. in the building now occupied by Williams Fix-It Shop and operated by the Adams' M System store for a number of years.

In July of 1941, the store was moved to its present location under the ownership and management of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Adams. For several years their son, H. G. Adams, Jr., has been associated with the firm under the name of H. G. Adams Grocery & Market.

Present employees are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyon, Charlie Beck, Jerry Anderson, Odus Faye Carver and Frank Miller.

Most of the fixtures and equipment have been replaced with new and up to date material within the past five years, including 35-foot open type self-service refrigerator.

Adams also deals in livestock, selling hogs and cattle raised on his farm.

A daughter, Mrs. Jim Brothers, lives in Burlington.

W. N. Bourdeau & Son
W. N. (Bill) Bourdeau, building contractor, has been in the business for 40 years.

He started with his brother, C. I. Bourdeau, in 1919, operating a planing mill which still stands on Rusk St. They built truck beds, tool racks and casing poles for oil men at that time. In 1920, they went into the contracting business.

The Bourdeau Brothers built the West Texas Clinic, the Montgomery Ward building and the Hagaman water plant. During the depression, C. I. Bourdeau moved to California.

In addition to his regular contracting work, Bourdeau has planned and aided in the erection of many projects in Ranger—including the Recreation Building and the football stadium.

After World War II, William L. Bourdeau joined his father in local contracting work. He has a degree in architectural engineering from the University of Texas.

The Bourdeaus have helped Ranger to progress, building and remodeling homes and other structures. They remodeled the Music Hall and Cooper Library at Ranger College, the basement of the First Baptist Church and the basement and steps of the First Methodist Church.

They usually employ between four and six workers.

Mrs. W. N. Bourdeau serves the firm as bookkeeper.

Burton Lingo Co.

Among the real pioneers of Ranger dating back before the days of the boom or the prospects (Continued on page 5)

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The Division will return to home stations on June 21.



RANGER OF YESTERDAY—Here is Main St., Ranger, of 1918. Note the horse-drawn wagon in the foreground and wagons up and down the muddy street. Only one car can be seen on the left hand side. Standing where Frank Penn's Service Station is now was the Harmon Drug. Up the street, on the left, is the Old Guaranty State Bank Building and the McCleskey Hotel. On the right is the old passenger and freight depot, later used only for freight, the Oil Well Supply Co., which later housed lawyers and other professional men, and the building which now houses Arterburn's Hardware. In the background note the two-story house which re-appears in an earlier picture in this edition. In the foreground can be seen a steam boiler being drawn by horses, three men apparently trying to get a wagon out of a mud hole, and other men unloading hay from a freight car. (Photo Copy by Capps Studio).



RANGER OF TODAY—Here is the Main St. of Ranger, today. Note the many improvements within the past 40 years. Modern automobiles line the street, instead of horse-drawn buggies; solidly-constructed buildings replace the wooden frame constructions; a paved street replaces the mud holes; and modern lighting is now in use. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Ranger Times Promotes Progress in its 40 Years

Today this special edition commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Ranger Times, which came out with its first edition of 44 pages on June 1, 1919.

The 40th Anniversary Progress Edition is dedicated to the idea that no city can live in the past; that Ranger can and will have a substantial growth within the next 25 or 30 years, if the people work with that objective in mind.

Throughout 40 years of service to the community the purpose of the newspaper has been unchanged. An editorial in the first issue read: "The Times enters Ranger with a desire to attend a difficult thing and to help build a town. Its purpose is to laud Ranger, to espouse the cause of Ranger and all Texas, the Empire of the Southwest."

The Times has always stood for clean government and progress, advancing worthy civic projects and good causes at every opportunity. Many interesting events have been reported by this newspaper, during the 40 years of its

existence, and many of these are recalled in stories throughout this edition.

Originally located in a hurriedly built structure on Hunt St., the paper moved to its present site on Elm St. in 1921. On Jan. 24, 1934

a weekly was established and published for a good many years along with the daily.

Times is Born

Early in 1919 when Ranger had grown from a village of 500 to a town of 1,000

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Today the City Stands At the Cross Roads

RANGER OF TOMORROW
By Ronald Waters

No city, however rich in history or great in achievement, can live in the past or rest upon laurels already won.

In this period of progress, any city expecting to keep step with the mighty march must have well-thought out and comprehensive objectives.

Ranger—with its great supply of raw materials, its network of paved roads, its excellent transportation facilities and its ideal climate—is highly adapted to industrial and commercial expansion.

Today Ranger stands at the cross roads. It can take one road to death, decay and destruction—becoming a "ghost town" with a proud history. Or it can take the other and become a growing city with industry and commerce.

In the past Ranger has shown plenty of grit and determination, refusing to die when the boom burst. Cradled in mud and oil, the infant Ranger grew into a giant—almost overnight. Such growing pains had their consequences, but the Oil City survived. And that is a good indication that Ranger's citizens have what it takes to survive whatever difficulties the future may hold.

Ranger has potential, more potential than most Rangerites realize today. It has almost unlimited possibilities for industrial development, located in the center of one of the great gas fields and having an abundant water supply.

The Ranger area offers much opportunity for diversified activities—in agriculture, oil, shale and clay, native stone and other natural assets.

Ranger's home-grown industries—notably Social Science, Ranger Iron Works and Southwest Athletic Repair Co.—have all grown and prospered. This is another good sign for a progressive future.

Another hopeful sign for tomorrow is the secondary recovery of oil now taking place in this area. G. D. Chastain says: "This secondary recovery experiment is of tremendous interest, because if they make a success out of it there will be hundreds of acres to be exploited (for oil) in this general area."

The future of Ranger's oil fields depends largely upon the results of secondary recovery projects, just recently started. Results of these efforts will not be fully known for some time.

Progress in the Future
"All American communities can expect rapid growth in the next

25 years. Ranger will and can have a substantial growth if the people work with that objective in mind," said the ex-president of Ranger College, Dr. Price R. Ashton.

Cooperation, determination and optimism are the spirit of the times that will shape the destiny of Ranger tomorrow.

"There is no town in Texas that (Continued on Page Eight)

Early Life of Boyce House Is Retold Here

(This story is republished by permission of David M. Warren, Jr., of Borger.)

"The Panhandle Herald" was established July 22, 1887, by the late H. H. Brookes, father of Mrs. Ethel Brookes Gilmore of Ranger. The original story is in the history files of Mrs. Gilmore.

The Early Life of Boyce House By the late David M. Warren, editor

Published in "The Panhandle Herald," July 1945

It is a queer twist of fate that the Texan who has made so many laugh with books, speeches, radio programs and widely-published newspaper "columns" had a boyhood that was woven of hardships, poverty and tragedy.

He is Boyce House who will speak in Panhandle, Tuesday, July 17, at the Lions Club luncheon. House probably was the youngest traveling salesman ever known.

His invalid father was selling portable adding machines. Boyce, not yet 11 years old, would climb up on a high stool in a store and demonstrate the machine as the merchants called off a long string of figures.

The elder House, hoping his (Continued On Page Six)

Pioneer Families Helped Build Ranger

Many families are living in Ranger today that were here in 1919—40 years ago—or even before. The story of each of these families would make fascinating reading and fill a large history book. Many of them faced hardships. All have played an important part in the growth and development of Ranger.

Pioneers of the present, Ranger is proud of its residents who have been here over the past 40 years.

The Times can not tell each of their stories, due to lack of space. But a list of these residents, gained from a survey, follows:

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- Ann McEver
- Mr. Ven White
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Searcy
- Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Searcy
- Mrs. Golda Dodd
- Ben Yung
- Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Deffebach
- Arthur Deffebach
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis
- Miss Ethel Adams
- Mrs. Sam Grabb

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M. H. HAGAMAN

M. H. Hagaman Plays Role In Ranger's Growth

(Editor's Note: Here is the story of M. H. Hagaman, first mayor of Ranger, who played an important role in the growth and development of present day Ranger. Information used here was gained from excerpts in "An Encyclopedia of Texas", published by the Texas Development Bureau of Dallas, compiled and edited by Ellis A. Davis and Edwin H. Brobe about 1922.

Mr. Hagaman passed away at his ranch home near Ranger in 1949. He was survived by his wife, the former Miss Emma Whittington whom he married in 1890; by two sons, Leslie H. Hagaman (deceased in 1957) and Fred W. Hagaman (deceased in 1957); three grandsons, John Leslie Hagaman, Fred Whittington Hagaman, Jr., and Patrick Hilsman Haggan; and three granddaughters, Frances Ruth Hagaman (now Mrs. W. A. McGrath), Betty Lou Hagaman (now Mrs. Thomas R. Doebbler) and Kathleen Hagaman.)

"If I can be instrumental in helping to make your city, a city of homes where you can be happy; a city of schools, where your children may have advantage of the best schools and the most modern methods of education; a city of churches, where every man, woman and child can worship God; a city with clean playhouses and clean plays, where you and your children may have your amusements; a city with paved streets and electric lights; a city with water and sewerage systems; a city with good hotels and good business houses; a city safe to live in, safe from the dangers of diseases that spring from unsanitary premises and safe from outlaw who lurk in places of sin; a city where your wife and your child and my child will be safe at any time; in fact a city of happy homes."

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Mrs. Stewart Dies Friday; Services Today

Mrs. Sarah A. Stewart, 89, a resident of Ranger for four years, died at her home Friday at 12:50 a.m.

Funeral services are set Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Ranger, with Rev. Ralph Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Assisting will be Rev. Lively Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Burial will take place in Old Gordon Cemetery under the direction of Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Married to B. H. Stewart Nov. 26, 1886, in Weatherford, she was a member of the Methodist Church in Mingus. Her husband died June 14, 1914. Father to Mrs. Stewart was the late Dr. J. E. Potter, a pioneer doctor in Weatherford.

Survivors include two sons, B. H. of Fort Worth and W. L. of Mineola; three daughters, Mrs. M. J. Sheridan of Fort Worth, Mrs. Lottie Davenport and Mrs. Eunice Waddington of Ranger; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are E. M. Glazier and Frank Ford of Fort Worth; Dick Jones, Robert Allen, Nick Crawford and John Boen of Ranger.

where people will be content to live—if I can help to do this, I shall be happy," were the words of M. H. Hagaman when he was honored at a banquet, following his election as mayor of the newly incorporated city of Ranger in February, 1919.

This Tennessee-born citizen who came to Ranger in 1888 as principal of the public school, later entering the hardware and implement business, then turning to ranching and farming. He had already built a lake impounding more than a half billion gallons of water to supply the city, and organized a company to construct distribution facilities.

As Mayor, Mr. Hagaman realized that private capital could be counted on to supply the needs of the oil industry that had created this boom town, but that it required co-operation and community spirit to direct and supply the needs of a municipality sprung up over night. Improvements had to be made in a hurry. Schools had to be provided for the thousands of children who came. Sanitary measures to prevent and epidemic of disease had to be enforced; a police department had to be organized; and housing problems had to be solved.

In such an emergency there was no time to wait for the slow process of State law in issuing bonds. Every public spirited and patriotic citizen considered it his duty to help finance such necessary measures by private contributions and loans through banks until bonds could be issued. At various times, Mr. Hagaman advanced large sums of money from his own funds for carrying on these improvements. At other times, he lent his credit to the city until bonds could be sold. This was an act of enlightened public spirit extremely rare in the history of American Communities.

VISITING HERE
 Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Howe and children of Dallas arrived in Ranger Friday for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Brazda.



RICHARD HENDERSON ROY BARRETT

SARCO Expanding Ranger Industry

An expanding home-grown industry with a future in Southwest Athletic Repair Co., located on Highway 80 west.

Founded by Dick Henderson and Roy E. Barrett in September of 1957, the firm has since added 900 square feet of floor space.

With 10 machines, the industry is well equipped for repairing football equipment, boots, boot covers and cushions, tarps, blocking dummies and the like.

Serving the area west to El Paso, east to near Texarkana and north to Dumas the industry sells SARCO ski belts and manufacturer's life jackets, duffle and traveling bags and football equipment. Among their latest products are light-weight snap-on hip pads.

SARCO is also an agent for several different sporting goods outlets.

Seven salesmen work West Texas picking up athletic equipment from different schools for repairs and selling new equipment. Pickup stations have also been established in Odessa, Abilene, Amarillo, Waco, Dallas and Shreveport.

Workers in the shop are Ronnie Daakevich and John Perkins. Mrs. Ruby Springer is bookkeeper.

The co-owners and managers, who also double as salesmen, are former coaches. Roy Barrett has coached at Courtney, Spade, Holiday and Toyah. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and graduated from the University of Corpus Christi, playing football while in college. Barrett also did some work on his Master's De-

gree at Midwestern University. He is married with three children.

Henderson was an assistant coach at Hillsboro Jr. College before coming here as assistant coach at Ranger College. He also served as head coach for two years. Henderson attended college at Shriner Institute and graduated from TCU. He is married with one daughter.

Both men have seen service. Barrett served with the U. S. Marines for six years, and Henderson with the U. S. Army for three years.

During the season (from November through August), SARCO offers over-night service for schools within a 100-mile radius of Ranger. They ship equipment out by buses and freight.

Business at Southwest Athletic Repair Co. has tripled since 1957, and the firm should continue to grow and prosper with Ranger.

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Commercial State Bank Is Progressive

A business institution that has progressed with Ranger since the oil boom is the Commercial State Bank, which opened its doors on Feb. 15, 1928.

The bank started out as a local business with \$25,000 capital furnished by Ranger stockholders and a surplus of \$5,000. President of the bank at that time was Ed Maher, now of Dallas. The late Edwin George, Jr., was a director and cashier.

On the opening day deposits totaled \$10,891.59. By Dec. 31, 1930, this figure had reached \$753,334.97.

Originally located in the old F & M Bank Bldg, the present location was later bought, and the bank opened on Feb. 15, 1928 at 121 Main St. They remodeled and held a formal opening on March 15, 1949.

The Citizens State Bank consolidated with the Commercial State Bank in Oct. 5, 1931 and O. D. Dillingham, president of the Citizens State Bank, became president of the Commercial State Bank. Hall Walker became vice president and W. F. Creager, assistant cashier.

Also associated with the early development of the bank were the late John M. Gholson, the late W. D. Conway, M. R. Newnam, now of Longview and still a director, and L. R. Pearson, who is still attorney for the bank.

By Oct. 31, 1931, the financial and economic condition of the country had spread an alarm among bank depositors, but the Commercial State Bank avoided closing their doors. The bank limited withdrawals on accounts to \$5 per day. This gave officials sufficient protection for time to collect on notes, thus bringing into the bank enough money to liquidate deposits. The bank passed the crisis without the loss of a dollar to anyone.

Today deposits are over \$2,500,000. The statement of financial condition issued March 12 shows resources and liabilities of \$2,825,470, each. Capital stock totals \$50,000 and the surplus is \$50,000.

Present officers of the bank are Newnam, chairman; Dillingham, president; Creager, vice president; Wilson Guest, cashier; Helen Dawley and Iris L. Hummel, assistant cashiers.

Other employees include Miss Norma Mills and Mrs. Charlie (Audrey) Rose, tellers; Mrs. H. M. (Evelyn) Bagwell, head of the bookkeeping department; Mrs. Edwin Lummus, Mrs. H. G. Adams, Jr., and Mrs. Dorothy Jolly, bookkeepers.

Continually installing the latest equipment, always progressing with Ranger, the Commercial State Bank has stood for fairness and sound principles through the years.

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T. J. ANDERSON home, located on Strawn Rd., is pictured here in its attractive setting. The landscaping is particularly interesting. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Ruth S. S. Class Meets Thursday In Townzen Home

Mrs. G. A. Townzen was hostess to the Ruth Sunday school class of the Eastside Baptist Church Thursday, June 4. Mrs. Mary Wheat gave the opening prayer.

The devotional, taken from Psalms 2, was given by Mrs. Charlie Sutton. Mrs. Bertha Hughes was selected friend of the month. Mrs. Jack Donowho led the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Sutton, W. R. Hatfield, W. W. Needham, Donovho, Guy Brown, B. H. Mayfield, Jewel Stroud, George Whitehead, Wheat, and the hostess, Mrs. Townzen.

The next meeting will be held July 2 at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Wheat.



HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis, on Blundell, is set off by trees, flowers, plants and shrubs—all adding to the pleasant and attractive surroundings. The house is well-built and well planned. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Church of God Sets Dedication Services Sunday

Formal opening and dedication of the Church of God of Prophecy at the corner of Oak and Hun Sts., is set Sunday at 2 p.m.

The principal message will be brought by Bishop R. L. Axley of Bayou LaBatre, Ala. Several local business men will also speak for the dedication services.

Pastor Henry Evans invites the public to attend services in the recently completed structure.

Work on the church building has been in progress for some time with members of the congregation and other local people donating labor.

Evans voiced his appreciation to the First Methodist Church for donating lights and an altar for the building. He also thanked all people donating cash or labor towards construction of the church.

At a later date a steeple will be added to the building, Evans said. With a seating capacity of about 188 people, the church has theatre-type seats and an open ceiling. On the outside, the building is trimmed with strip wood. It is constructed of tile with a composition roof. Plaster is used inside.

Donations were previously received in the amount of \$550 toward construction of the new church building, Ranger residents donated \$400 of this amount.

The original Church of God of Prophecy in Ranger was destroyed several years ago by high winds.

First Baptist Church

Ralph E. Perkins, Pastor

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church is working hard on the contest feature of electing a "father of the year." Sunday and Wednesday will be the last counts in the contest. Those nominated by the various departments are: Adult II, Wilson Watson; Adult I, Lee Russell; Young People, R. J. Robinson; Intermediate, Ray-son Baze; Junior, W. A. Lewis; and Primary, Wesley Stiffler.

Sunday morning the pastor will speak on the subject, "Why Do God's People Suffer." The special music will be "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," sung by the choir.

Training Union will meet at 7 a.m. with programs for each age group. Here also there is a contest running between the departments. Last Sunday, Adult II with the support of the Junior and Primary departments, were on the winning team. Any department which can bring its efficiency grade up will be on the winning team each Sunday. Suggestions are being placed in the box as to what the losers will have to do.

Sunday evening the pastor will continue the "Highlights of the Bible" as he discusses II Kings. Outlines will be presented to those present. Complete outlines of these books are available to those who desire them.

Tuesday evening will be the Training Union Planning meeting. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30, followed by a feature on planning. Each officer and committee member is urged by Glen West, director, to be present for this meeting. Union and Department planning will follow at 7:30.

Conard Hazard is in Room 720-16-7B in the VA hospital in Dallas.

Times Story Is Clarified

"Ranger's History Told In Mud, Blood and Oil" in the last section of this edition refers to Dick Hodges acquiring an oil lease with a "hot" check (page five). This information was acquired from "Rainbow's End" in "Were You In Ranger?" by Boyce House.

House says that he gained permission to use the story from Hodges. However, House explains, that Hodges' friend—the cashier of the bank—had told him to locate "something good" in the way of a lease and that the banker would see that the necessary money to handle the deal would be provided.

MONDAY VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Salter and Mrs. A. C. Salter, all of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Kirt Williams of Los Angeles, California, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Salter Monday.

Wheat Family Holds Reunion Here June 6-7

A family reunion was held June 6-7 in the home of Mrs. Mary Wheat, 1011 Oddie St.

The following attended: Lee E. Wheat of Notrees, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Garland D. Wheat, Dale, Jan, and another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Megliorino, all of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Finis G. Wheat, Pat and Rickey of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny D. Wheat, Cathy and Cynthia of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Wheat, Royce Jr., and Belinda of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Herrington, Tyanna, and Kristi of Arlington; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wheat, Charlotte and Phyllis of Odessa.

Another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepperd and family, were on vacation with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Shepperd in San Francisco, Calif.

The father of the family is the late Jesse L. Wheat, who passed away Dec. 18, 1934, in Eastland.

Baptist Worker's Conference Set Tuesday Morning

The Cisco Baptist Worker's Conference will be held Tuesday June 16, in the Desdemona Baptist Church.

Rev. R. B. Hall of Eastland will direct the music. Rev. Byron Bryant of Abilene, formerly of Breckenridge, will bring the message. Others on the program are Rev. W. S. Bunton of Caddo, Rev. Ralph Perkins of Ranger, Rev. L. L. Trott of Abilene and Rev. Harvey Kimbler of Eastland.

Lunch will be served by the host church. An executive board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. The WMU will meet at the same time.

Women's Activities

June 15
The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet Monday, June 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church for a program on the world federation of Methodist Women. Mrs. Vernon Deffenbach will be leader.

HERE FROM PITTSBURGH
Mrs. Elemer Marguerette Patkowski and daughter, Sarah Rose, of Pittsburgh, Penn., will arrive in Ranger June 17 or 18 to visit their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Navokvich.

First Methodist Church

Rev. Lively Brown, Pastor

Sunday School will begin today morning at 9:45 at the First Methodist Church. A new Sunday school class will begin this week, taught by the pastor. All adults are invited to attend this class, which meets in the room next to the choir rehearsal room.

The morning worship service begins at 10:30. The pastor will bring the message on "Called to Serve." During the morning worship service, there will also be an installation of church school teachers and their associates.

The Youth Choir will meet at 5:30 for rehearsal, followed by the Vesper choir rehearsal at 6. The Intermediate and Senior Youth Fellowship will also meet at 6. The evening service begins at 7. The theme of the pastor's message will be "Our Need for Power."

All are invited to attend these services.

Merriman Baptist Announcements
The following is the weekly announcements for the Merriman Baptist Church. Sunday school, 10 a.m., church services, 11 a.m., evening service, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren of Artesia, N. M., left Thursday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie King.

Christian Science

"God the Preserver of Man"

The Lesson-Sermon to be read at Christian Science services Sunday—based upon the inspiring experiences of the patriarch Abraham.

Scriptural selections will include Paul's statement to the Galatians (3:7): "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."

The meaning for today of Abraham's lifework will be emphasized in selections read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (579:12): "This patriarch illustrated the purpose of Love to create trust in good, and showed the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding."

The Golden Text is from Psalms (116:1): "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust."

All are invited to attend these services.

Fundamental Baptist Church
Jack Walker, pastor
Rev. Jack Walker, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church, 830 Strawn Road, makes the following announcements:
Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11. The evening worship service begins at 7:30 p.m.
The Wednesday evening prayer service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.
Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.
Evening Mass every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Study Club for the high school students every Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Religious classes for grade school students every Thursday at 10 a.m.

First communion class every Saturday at 10 a.m.
Rev. Fr. Mark Van Hemelryck, pastor of St. Rita's, is always available to give information about the Catholic Church and its doctrines, to any person interested in the matter.

Everyone is welcome to attend the church services.

First Christian Church
The public is cordially invited to attend all services of the First Christian Church on Main Street. Jack E. Barker is pastor.
Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the morning worship services at 11:00 a.m. The evening worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Corner Walnut & Valley Streets Eastland

Morning worship begins at 11 a.m. The sermon this Sunday is the second in a series on the Reformed or Presbyterian heritage and faith. The subject is, "The Protestant Reform—in Switzerland and in France." This is a part of the world-wide Presbyterian Jubilee, 1959-1961, in which fifty million members of the Reformed faith express their gratitude for the grace of God, by celebrating certain anniversaries.

Sunday Church School begins at nine forty-five o'clock. The Women's Association meets Tuesday morning at nine-thirty o'clock. The last two chapters of the study-guide for the Book of the Acts will be led by the Pastor.

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MASSIVE is the home of the W. F. Creagers, located on Main St. The imposing structure stands majestically in a setting of trees and shrubs. The front porch is unusually interesting. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Caraway Paint And Body Shop Repairs Cars

Caraway Paint and Body Shop repairs car bodies for Rangerites and other people in this area. The shop also does paint work and custom seat covers.

Founded in July of 1954 by F. E. Caraway on Highway 80 west, the shop succeeded a body shop operated by the late W. O. Caraway, located at Pine and Rusk for many years.

Employees include Marcus Barbosa, body man; John Casey, yard man; and Bill Green, bookkeeper. Wrecker service is maintained by Caraway where used auto parts machine work.

Ranger Machine Shop In Business Here Since 1936

Established Sept. 1, 1936, by J. E. Fletcher the Ranger Machine Shop has remained at its present location, 210 E. Main.

Later Fletcher sold half interest to the late R. C. Reynolds, Sr. Today Fletcher is the sole owner. Employees are Lloyd Landtroop, G. F. Landtroop, Frankie Landtroop, Billy Jack Wesley and James Stanford.

The company does general machine work.

First Society Editor of Times Recalls Early Events of Ranger

By Mrs. Rena B. Conway
Way back in the twenties, I wrote an article for the Dallas News about the tenth anniversary of the bringing in of the famous McCleskey oil well. I saw my friend, the late John M. Gholson on the street soon afterwards and for the first time since I had known him, he looked at me as though I had displeased him. I soon found out that John was peeved because I had in that article referred to Ranger's main street as a "mere cow trail" before flinging gold trays transformed it into the long paved street it now is.

As first society editor of the Ranger Times, I know of the culture existing before I undertook to chronicle the comings and goings of the populace. For instance Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, was already a state officer in the Texas Federation, there were PTA, literary clubs and church societies. There were college educated folks, artists and musicians, but they hadn't been publicized.

We moved to Ranger in December of 1920. Mr. H. E. Boseman, at that time editor of the Times, called on me and offered to pay me ten cents an inch for copy. I was manager of May Insurance Agency then, and Mr. May let me use his office and phone as well as his time to do this work.

Later on, Mr. Chas. Norton and his wife came to the Times. He was its editor and she was the society editor. When they left there, Mr. Murray offered me a full time job on the paper as society editor and reporter.

From then on, until Christmas Eve, 1927, when I severed my connection with the Times to marry the late Mr. A. B. Conway, it was my pleasure to "write up" social and other happenings in Ranger.

We had many parties in those days. Food rationing was at that time unheard of. We had several splendid stores in Ranger that supplied the most choice foods and viands, and country produce was plentiful and good.

The first social affair I attended was a New Year's Eve Dance at the Summer Garden, a dance hall run by Mrs. Mattie Jones, which was located in the alley back of the Aravia Theatre. It was an Elks Dance, at ten dollars per couple, and elk meat brought from Canada was the piece de resistance.

Perhaps the most formal affair given in Ranger was the opening of the Gholson Hotel. The dance, which attracted people from all over the oil fields and elsewhere was a real "opening-upper" for that hotel or any other.

Arthur Jury, manager of the Gholson Hotel realized when he came there that Ranger needed a social center and it wasn't long before practically all the parties, club meetings and dances were given at the Hotel. He knew just what to serve and how to attract people to the hotel and many of his parties have gone down in appointed ones that I have ever attended.

There was a fine Choral Club in Ranger. I can't remember the names of the members, but I do recall that they favored "Land of the Sky Blue Water," and "Indian Love Call." I remember that Mrs. C. E. May, Mrs. C. E. Maddocks, Mrs. Rex Outlaw were among the singers.

There was only one stretch of paved road in Eastland County. I have often wondered why it was, as it ended just below Colony School house and never went anywhere else. Most everybody in Ranger bought new Studebakers the summer of 1921 or 22, and we rode up and down that road until the wee hours of the morning. Those cars were closed - in models with windows of insulating glass. I remember among those who drove around in the shiny

new cars, were the Harkrider, the Frank Rareys, Dr. Carl Wilson and his mother Mrs. H. B. Wilson, now deceased, the Crawford Logsdons, Thurmans and other. There was a club called the "Mystery Club" that arouse everybody's curiosity. As far as I know I am the only member of that club now residing in these parts. We kept the presence secret but had glowing written reports of our affairs and everybody was suspicious of everybody else. I remember a tacky party at the Rarey home in Tiffin, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Le Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Laughlin, both deceased, Miss Mary Bonner Campbell and myself.

Some of those names I recall, and who played a prominent part socially were the above named folks, the entire Hagaman family, Roy Jameson, Aubrey Jameson, the Gholson families, W. A. Hadens, the McMillens, Greggs, Ernst, Carl Joneses, Burdens Waggoners, Murrays, W. D. Conways A. Joseph, C. N. Ochilfree, Charles Conleys, Judge and Mrs. George Davidson, Chastains, Champions, Mahers, Leveilles, Flewells, Phillips, (who ran Acron Acres Tea Room), Sam Wassaf, Taylor, Hartnetts, Cashes, George Clements, Frank Branhays, Walter Branhays, Clais, Persons, Palmers Mrs. George Bohning, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Edna Maxey, Cate Terreis, Lauderdale, Moffets, Marks, Jimmie Matthews, Barney Carters, Lewis McFalls, Dr. Burnett and mother, McFarlands, Mooneys, Barkleys Pat O'Donnells, J. L. Thompson, and many other interesting and attractive folks, whose names I just can't recall.

Later on Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jensen, Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall the Luke Lawtons, the Jim McLaughlins and other joined the ranks and have played a prominent part socially in Ranger.

On the tenth anniversary celebration, the late Walter Murray, Times publisher, rode a horse in the giant parade, as did the late Mrs. Nannie Walker, one of the county's pioneer women. It was a big affair, lasting several days. John Thurman had charge of the barbecue, which was held where the present ball park is. There was a stag party in connection with the affair that had repercussions for several years in Ranger homes.

These years were gracious years full of fine hospitality, and as one of those who played a part on that particular stage, one's heart runs the gamut of emotion, from laughter for past good times, to tears for those who have passed so silently from this earthly scene.

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Dr. W. P. WATKINS

Ranger Clinic Has Efficiently Served Area

Ranger Clinic has been at its present location, at 211 N. Austin St., since July 10, 1939, built by the late Dr. Walter L. Jackson and Dr. C. L. Jackson.

Originally located on the second floor of the Joseph Building the clinic was founded by the late Dr. Walter C. Palmer, Dr. Walter Jackson, the late Dr. James A. Shackelford and Dr. Harry Logsdon, now of Colorado City. Dr. Palmer was an active civic leader, through whose efforts the Ranger General Hospital was built in 1923.

Later, 1933, the clinic moved to the present location of Killingsworth's Funeral Home. Dr. W. L. Jackson was connected with the clinic at that time.

Present owner, Dr. W. P. Watkins, came to Ranger as a partner to Dr. Calvin Harris, Jan. 1, 1948. He is assisted by Dr. Douglas L. Sims.

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H. H. Vaughn Has Been In Business 23 Years

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In 1931 he and D. A. Harkrider bought out a Texaco Service Station. A little later he became a consigner for a Humble station where the Ratliff Feed Store scales are now located.

Several years later, Vaughn worked for the Anderson-Pratt Chevrolet Co. service station on Austin St. for several months before purchasing the station.

In 1945, Vaughn established a Firestone store where the Paramount Hotel Recreation Center now stands and named it H. H. Vaughn Home & Auto Supply. Two years later he moved to 116 Main St. and maintained a store there until 1951. At that time he moved to his present location on Highway 80 east.

Today Vaughn provides Firestone tires and batteries for area residents and also handles a complete line of hunting and fishing equipment. He sells Remington rifles and orders other types for hunters.

Vaughn operates a Premier gas and oil station. Service station operators are Joe Todd and Aubrey O'Bannon.

Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Meeting Slated

The Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at the Center Point community house.

Berry Greenwood, secretary, and all members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome. Games and refreshments are planned following the meeting.

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"Repent and be baptized every one of you" (Acts 2:38).
Baptism Saves, Puts one into Christ:
"The like figure whereunto baptism doth now also save us..." (1 Pet. 3:21). "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27)
Blood of Christ applied to sin in Baptism:
"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (1 Jn. 1:7). "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16).
Baptism puts one into Christ's Body, the Church:
"For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles..." (1 Cor. 12:13). "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized..." "And the Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved" (Acts 2:41, 47).
Baptism is a Burial, Immersion:
"Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4).
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16 Local Firms in Business 40 Years

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The company managers saw in Ranger the potentialities of a city, 45 years ago, and so the officials opened up a branch here—the first and for a long time the only lumber yard in Ranger.

Manager of the yard in 1914 and 1915 was Mitt Jurdis. He was followed by the late T. G. Deffebach, father to Vernon and Arthur Deffebach, who served the firm up until 1921. R. S. Balch, who had been connected with the company since 1909, came to Ranger in 1918, served awhile as bookkeeper and became manager in 1921. Balch remained here until his death in 1948. At that time J. D. Nichols became manager and continues in that capacity today. Assistant manager is David Weems.

When oil was discovered, the lumber yard was automatically swept along to prosperity with the frenzied conditions of that time. Lumber was in demand for derricks and oil field shacks, for homes and business houses. Therefore the company played a real part in actually building Ranger. W. F. Murray one of the employees during the boom, was with the company until a few years back. Today he still lives in Ranger.

Now firmly established as one of the permanent business concerns of the new Ranger, Burton-Lingo stands as a tribute to Ranger's substantial present and prospective future.

Handling a complete line of building materials with which to build houses, buildings and many other items, the company is located at 124 Walnut. The firm also handles paints and everything needed in the building line.

The Globe Clothiers
In business since the hectic days of the oil boom, The Globe Clothiers is the only exclusive men's shop in Ranger.

For 40 years, the business has supplied all kinds of nationally advertised clothing for this area. It has been located in the same building for almost the same period, moving there shortly after it was established by the late Saule Perlestein.

Today the shop is owned by Mrs. Saule Perlestein and managed by Earl Lebrede, who returned to Ranger in April.

Mr. Perlestein's partner was Julius Krause in 1921 when the shop moved to its present location. In 1923, the late Morris Bendix became a partner.

Mrs. Perlestein has been in Ranger since 1927. She has two daughters—Mrs. Calvin (Doris) Lipkin of Dallas and Miss Rheta Beth Perlestein, a teacher in New York City.

C. D. Hartnett Co.
Founded in 1904 by C. D. Hartnett in Weatherford, the Ranger house was established in the fall of 1918. The branch office was originally located across the street from its present site, at Melvin and Cypress.

Ten counties in a radius of about 60 miles are served by the wholesale grocery warehouse, which serves independent grocers through the area with a complete line of groceries.

The warehouse, itself, contains 13,800 square feet of space and maintains an over-head sprinkler system. Four trucks go out in all directions, delivering groceries from Ranger.

Officers of the corporation are: Con D. Hartnett, president; Charles Milliken, vice president; and Pat Hartnett, secretary-treasurer.

In 1921 the present warehouse and office was built.

Past managers in Ranger have included John Ballard, 1918; Geo. Duncan, 1920; Marvin Robertson, 1923; Con Hartnett, 1925-1945; H. C. Henderson, 1946-54. Present manager is Milliken.

Office manager is Miss Eva Mills. The shipping clerk is John R. Pinto, and S. E. Carr is receiving clerk. Truck drivers are Marcus Matthews, Otis Jacoby, Buck Robertson and Charlie Hamilton. H. L. Pepper is warehouseman. Salesmen are W. L. Jacoby, Cecil Cogburn and R. H. Doss.

Killingsworth Funeral Home
Jones Cox & Co. of Haskell sent J. T. Killingsworth and Tom Russell to Eastland County in the fall of 1917 to see about opening up a hardware business. Both men, who had an interest in the business, considered Cisco as the pos-

sible site and then came to Ranger amidst the fury of the oil boom. They established the hardware firm here where J. C. Penney is now located, and managed the business branch.

In 1924 the business moved across the street and opened up on the present site of Arterburn's Hardware & Furniture. And Killingsworth bought out J. F. Jones, changing the name to Killingsworth, Cox Hardware Co.

Located in back of the hardware and furniture store was a funeral parlor.

During this period and up until 1935, Walter Harwell was a partner in the business. In May of 1931, Mr. Killingsworth died and his son—Floyd—became a partner. The name was again changed to Killingsworth Hardware and Furniture in May, 1938.

Opening up in the former Ranger Clinic Building, the funeral home held its formal opening on Feb. 24, 1940, at its present location on Pine St. Since that time, an apartment has been added and the selection room enlarged. A parking lot was added to the east side last year.

The hardware and furniture store continued to operate on Main St. until it was sold June 1, 1956, and became Arterburn's Hardware.

Today the business is owned by J. Floyd and Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth. Mrs. Ronald (Edna) Carroll serves as a stenographer and receptionist. And Ronald Vaughn is an embalmer with a degree from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

Killingsworth has a B.E.A. degree from the University of Texas as well as the Dallas Institute.

One of the oldest business establishments in Ranger (42 next fall) Killingsworth's serves this area with a splendid funeral chapel, impressively decorated and lighted. An electric organ is used at services.

Two combination funeral coaches and ambulances are in use.

C. E. Maddocks & Co.
Established in June of 1919 by the late C. E. Maddocks, this company is engaged in the sale of real estate and fire and casualty insurance.

Today the company is managed by his daughter, Marjorie Maddocks. Employed are two insurance clerks—Mrs. Hattie Bragg and Mrs. H. E. (Lois) Angus; and two real estate salesmen—Mrs. Vergal Higdon and C. D. Jones.

The company has been in the same building since 1921, establishing a reputation as being a paying agent. Miss Maddocks says, "We pay promptly and cheerfully."

A direct service to Ranger and this area, representing six insurance companies, the firm is associated with the National Association of Independent Insurance Agents.

May Insurance Agency
The C. E. May Insurance Company (now called May Insurance Agency) was organized in 1918 by the late C. E. May, Sr., and Howard Grubbs when they bought out several agencies from the Moore and Freeman Insurance Agency.

Representing nine nationally-known insurance companies, today the firm also handles real estate for this area. Fire, automobile and casualty insurance are sold.

It's now owned by W. J. Sipes. Mrs. F. R. (Opal) King is an office employee.

The firm first opened on the second floor of the Guaranty Bank Building. The partners employed Mrs. A. B. (Rena) Conway of Mineral Wells, a former employee of Moore and Freeman, as office manager and clerk. She later served as first society editor of the Times.

In a few months, Grubs sold his interest to Mr. May and moved away from Ranger. At that time, May was vice president of the Peoples State Bank. Later he moved his office to its present location, at 214 Main St.

When the bank closed Mr. May took charge of the business and continued actively in it until his death in 1949. He was succeeded by his son, C. E. May, Jr., who managed it most successfully with Mrs. C. E. May Sr., partner. In January, 1959, he moved to Lubbock and became vice president of the Key Investment Co. He sold to Sipes on Nov. 1, 1958.

Mr. May helped to organize the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1936, serving as

secretary-treasurer until his death in January, the Association moved to its present location—in the Joseph Bldg.

The Ranger Times
Always promoting the betterment of Ranger and standing for a clean government, The Ranger Times began operations in 1919. The first issue rolled off the press on June 1 of that year.

In commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Ranger Times, a special story on the newspaper appears in this section and several other stories pertaining to the Times are found throughout this edition.

Publishers of Times Publishing Co. (which also prints the Eastland Telegram) are Joe Dennis and Onous Dick. Ronald Waters is editor and Dorothy Needham, society editor. Don Parker is bookkeeper. Dennis is in charge of advertising and Mrs. Dennis, circulation manager. Proof reader is Tommie June Sharpe.

Shop foreman and linotype operator is Dwayne Dennis. Hale Dunson is a linotype operator and job printer. Floormen are Johnny Robertson and Pat Collins. George Hazard Jr., is pressman-stereotyper and Jimmy Needham is mailer.

Present carrier boys are Johnny McGee, Johnny Camacho, Rush Boggus, Bobby Owen, David Dunson, Lee Roy Pearson, III, and Bobby Galloway. Mrs. W. T. Hagar is also a carrier.

Ratliff Feed and Seed
Ratliff Feed and Seed got its start 40 years ago on Eastland Hill. Founded by the late A. J. Ratliff and Mrs. Ratliff in 1919, the firm has expanded and seen progress through the years.

Ratliff went in business with Ray Campbell in July, 1923, operating the Ratliff & Campbell grocery and the feed store. The business was sold in 1927 when Heid Brother's Feed Co. was purchased on the same block as the present building.

Graham Mill and Elevator leased the business from 1930 to '32, and Mr. Ratliff went back in business at that time and continued until his death in 1949.

Today the business is managed by his son, James Ratliff and Mrs. A. J. (Myrtle) Ratliff at their present location—on Highway 80—where they moved in 1950.

Ratliff sells and distributes feed, fertilizer, seed, livestock and ranch supplies over the area.

A new mill was added in 1952 for grinding and mixing feed. The syrup machine has mixed over two million pounds of syrup and feed since that time. It is capable of mixing eight tons an hour.

Elevators and tanks store 300,000 pounds of grain in all.

Mrs. Leonard (Daisy) Pounds is bookkeeper. Other employees are Cecil Reeves, R. V. Mathena, Jess Veale, Bob Boles, Olan Howard, Toy Funderburk and Wilson Robinson.

Four trucks haul grain out over the area.

Service Pipe Line Co.
In Ranger for 41 years, the Service Pipe Line Co. has made solid contributions to the community's welfare. Employees are encouraged to participate in local events, and the company supports many worthwhile projects.

Ranger pump station was constructed in 1918, forming an important link in the company's chain of main line pump stations in Texas.

During the past 40 years, 12 to 20 employees and their families have resided in this area.

For complete, related story with a list of company officials—see article on Service Pipe Line in this edition.

Texas Electric Service Co.
Organized in 1919 the Oil Cities Electric Co. maintained a sub station in Ranger for a few months before moving into the Marston Bldg. in December.

J. E. Lewis, later vice president of the company, acquired light plants at Eastland, Gorman, DeLeon, Breckenridge and the Ranger Light & Power Co. The Ranger plant was purchased from Green Electric Co. in October of 1919.

The plants were grouped under one management (see story on TESCO System on Page 6 of second section) for greater efficiency.

First local manager was Gifford Clegg who served until 1924 when he was transferred to Breckenridge. Present Manager Al Larson came to Ranger in 1919 as chief clerk of the Oil Cities Electric Co., and replaced Clegg in 1924.

Larson is a member of the Lions Club since 1922, when it was organized in Ranger, a director of the Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Chamber. He is active in civic work.

Offices of the light company were changed several times until they were moved to the present location at the corner of Austin and Walnut Sts. in September of 1941.

The first two electric-generating units were installed on the Leon River in 1920 and the output of the plant was doubled by the addition of a single kw 7,880 unit in 1923. Other units were added in 1925 and 1928 bringing the total plant capability to 39,100 kw.

At the formal opening of the plant about 300 visitors heard Mayor M. H. Hagaman speak. Other speakers were: W. B. Howl, assistant to the president of the company; H. S. Cole of Ranger; Joe Burkett, C. U. Connelley and County Judge C. R. Starnes of Eastland; J. M. Cochran of Gorman and B. J. Pittman of DeLeon.

Present employees of the local Texas Electric Service Co. include Mrs. John (Helen) Boen and Mrs. Glenn West, office worker; J. N. Williams, commercial department; Clyde Reid and Ronald Carroll, service men; and Bobby Fron, part-time building caretaker.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.
A romantic story of modern American industrial development is the story of the Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil Co. This company—known originally as the Texas-Pacific Coal Co.—was organized in 1923 to operate the only known bituminous coal mine in the State, which was located at Thurber.

The company tested out this country for oil, despite unfavorable comment of experts. And in 1917 they drilled the discovery well of the Ranger field. This well was followed by development of Ranger's field and by expansion in Texas, becoming the foremost petroleum state.

For many years the operating headquarters were maintained in the company. At one time the town was paved with brick and the city contained a printing plant, theatre, slaughter house and refrigerating plant, a market for imported wares and recreational facilities.

The Ranger field came as a stabilizer to the oil industry, assuring ample supplies of high grade oil to meet domestic and foreign demands. The Prairie, Mid-Kansas, Sun, Sinclair, Humble and Markham came into the field and the pioneer Texas Pacific Co. subleased more than 115,000 acres of its holdings retaining in each case a 50 per cent interest in the oil to be produced, which subsequently brought them in millions of dollars.

Then came the Walker well, with 500 barrels a day, and many others.

Today the company maintains the Dutler warehouse, west of town, the Hohberts warehouse, north of town, a gasoline plant and production department.

H. E. Brooks is district superintendent. W. M. Brown is gas engineer for the Ranger District, and A. H. Blackwell is assistant supervisor of material. Superintendent of Gas Plant No. 3, near Caddo, is Odell Cole. Thirty employees are in this district.

More information on the company may be found on page four of the fourth section.

Texas & Pacific Railway Co.
In 1880 began work on the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. track into Ranger, and the railroad has played an important role in the town's development every since.

Today the Texas and Pacific continues to serve Ranger and the nation faithfully. Chartered in 1871, the company has been in operation 88 years.

A complete story on the Texas and Pacific may be found in the fourth section on page three.

Williams Fix-It Shop
The late Addie Williams started in business in 1916 with a sum of about \$3, repairing bicycles while still attending high school. Thus began what is one of the oldest business establishments in Ranger today—Williams Fix-It Shop, located at 114 Main St.

For 43 years the repair shop has stayed in Ranger. Today it is managed by Elmer Williams, son of Mrs. Addie Williams, who owns the shop.

Four sons and a son-in-law work in the shop, helping out over the weekends. The sons are A. J. Linden A., Bobby Gene and David L. Williams, all employees of General Motors in Arlington. The son-in-law is Alvarado Garbo of Arlington.

Addie Williams graduated from high school in 1920 and got married the same year. While working as caretaker at the school he was attending, he lost the keys one day. Williams took off the lock and kept working until he was able to fit a key to it. This started Williams in the locksmith business.

The bicycle shop was located on Houston St., near the old depot building. In 1920, the business was moved to the 200 block of Elm St. where the Odd Fellows Hall now stands. Later the shop was located at 205 Main St., in back of a variety store. The present location was occupied in 1937.

A few years back the shop started selling Norge appliances. They also sell bicycles, do gunsmith and lock work, as well as general repairs.

All eight descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Addie Williams were born in Ranger and six finished high school and junior college here.

Woods Grocery
Orville Woods started in the grocery business in 1918, establishing the Woods and Marchbanks meat market (with the late Wes Marchbanks) where H. G. Adams Grocery is now located.

Later he moved across the street where the Ranger Steam Laundry building now stands. After the fire of 1919, Woods moved to Hunt St. where he operated the Woods Market with John D. Hamilton.

In 1933 the business was sold to Jim Ingram and Sam Vire, and Woods opened up Woods Grocery and Market on Strawn Rd. About two years later he moved to 324 Young St. where the grocery has been located every since. In the '40's the business was expanded, doubling the floor space, as the building was added to on both sides.

Woods Grocery and Market handles a few dry goods such as ladies hose and men's socks as well as a variety of other items.

Clerks are Terry Young and Mrs. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods are the parents of four children, Mrs. Earl Brown and Mrs. Leonard Pounds of Ranger; H. O. Woods, Jr., of Hobbs, N. M., and Bobby Leonard of Midland.

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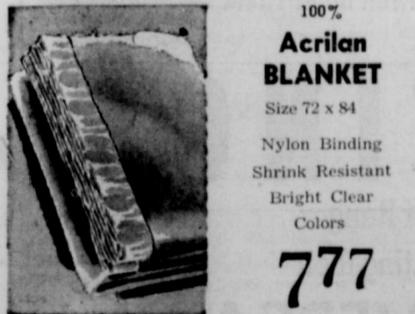


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J. F. Donley, Long Time Ranger Resident, Dies In Home Saturday

J. F. Donley of Ranger passed away at 4:30 Saturday morning, June 13, at his home on Strawn Highway.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, June 14, at the First Methodist Church in Ranger, with Rev. J. Lively

Brown, officiating. Killingsworth Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Masonic graveside services will be held at Mt. Marion Cemetery in Strawn.

Mr. Donley was born August 30, 1899, at Springfield, Missouri. He married the former Emma Elizabeth Johnson in Strawn in 1920.

He is a past master of the Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738. He is a past district deputy grand master of the 73rd district. He was a member of the Ranger Chapter and Council, the Cisco Commandry No. 47, and the Ranger Chapter of Royal Arch Masons No. 394. At the time of his death he was serving as secretary of the Ranger Chapter No. 738.

He is survived by his widow of Ranger; his mother, Mrs. Letota Donley of Bernie, Missouri; two brothers, Freeman Donley of Los Angeles, California, and Tom Donley of Fresno, California; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Edwards of Bernie, Missouri, and Mrs. Isis Avery of Ohio; and a number of nieces and nephews.

There will be a called meeting of the Ranger Masonic Lodge at 2:30 p.m. Sunday to prepare for graveside services for Mr. Donley.

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Indians Lead In Little League

The Indians took the lead in Little League play Thursday night, defeating the Dodgers 8-5. At the same time the Giants earned a tie for second place by defeating the Yankees, 18-1.

Little League standings now look like this

Team	W	L
Indians	6	4
Giants	5	5
Dodgers	5	5
Yankees	4	6

First Game
Pitching for the Indians was Billy Matthews, who also earned two runs. David Mahaffey also scored twice. Others running were Don Fonville, J. Caraway, Randall Hale and Manuel Gomez.

Pitching for the Dodgers was Ray Newham, who accounted for two runs. Macky Barbosa also came home twice and L. H. Pounds scored the other run.

Second Game
Pitching for the Giants was Johnny McGee who also earned three runs. Also scoring three runs were Ronnie Hinds, Bill Young and Larry Harrington. Making two runs were Wayne Boone and Kenny Seymour. Other runners were Bill Arterburn and Mike Landtroop.

Pitching for the Yanks was Butch Seymour. Making the run was Ronnie Harris.

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Hall Walker

Roaming—

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mail on Rural Route No. 1.)
O. R. Cooper, post master at the time, told the Bryans how to get to Ranger in a mud-drawn buggy.

Since coming to Ranger, Bryan has worked in several different post office buildings (see story in this section) and worked under seven different postmasters.

The Bryans commented, "You have heard of 'good old days'? Only good thing about it is that we were younger and had the determination."

They have seen Ranger pull out of the mud and develop into a thriving town. They saw oil field wagons drawn by four to six horses get stuck in the mud, watched people crossing the street on a mud sled, and finally saw the paving of Ranger's streets.

ALSO here in 1919 was G. C. McGowan, who lived in Cisco from 1943 to 1965 and then returned to Ranger. McGowan is proud to have been a resident of the county for 40 years.

ALSO in Ranger 40 years ago in May was Mrs. Julian McCleskey, who was active in the American Legion and V.F.W. Auxiliaries before suffering a stroke seven years ago.

Her son, the late Dale McCleskey, was killed in action at Cassino, Italy, in World War II. She is the mother of Vivian McCleskey Butler who still lives in Ranger.

FAITHFUL READERS of the Ranger Times have read every issue since the newspaper was born on June 1, 1919. First subscriber to the Ranger Daily Times was the late J. H. Sudderth, a former rancher and prosperous oil man, who lives seven miles north of Ranger. In June of 1918, Sudderth saw a team of mules drawn in Caddo Creek. His children are Miss Nettie Sudderth, Mrs. J. A. Caraway and Nuge (Newt) Sudderth, and W. A. Sudderth.

COMING HERE on Aug. 16, 1918 were M. A. McGee and his sister, Mrs. Wilson Simpson. They came in a Ford Truck which hauled the family belongings, chickens and cows. The six children are all married now.

McGee recalls people fishing in the mud holes on Main St.—not because they expected to catch anything but because they thought it was funny. Big trucks bogged down in the mud, and passengers rode back and forth on the mud sled which has been recalled by many old timers.

McGee counted 15 derricks from Times.

Early Life—

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health would improve if he 'roughed it', bought a pair of horses and he and the lad roamed over Southwest Texas. Some times they stayed in wagon yards; other times, camped alongside the road in the edge of town; still other times, after traveling all day in the great spaces without seeing a single person, they stopped wherever darkness overtook them with the howl of a coyote for a lullaby.

Ran Boxball Alley
Then the horses and wagon were sold, and the father bought a boxball alley, similar to bowling. The business was lodged under a long tent. While the father lay on a cot most of the day behind a canvas partition, Boyce ran the business, keeping scores, collecting the money and, if an extra player was needed, playing in the game with the men.

His father died when Boyce was 12. He was the oldest child and only son. He aided his widowed mother to provide for his two sisters. Of his mother who passed away 10 years ago, he says, "She was the most courageous, sympathetic, understanding and devoted woman I ever saw."

House attended school in Uvalde, Brownwood, Taylor and Alpine, but graduated from grammar and high school in Memphis, Tenn. His physique was not robust; so, in the winter of 1920, he came back to Texas resting around a hotel in Cotulla, Southwest Texas, for several months.

In the lobby in the evening, House heard his first Texas jokes—told by traveling men; from this beginning blossomed House's "I Give You Texas," 500 jokes of the Lone Star State, and his newest, "Tall Talk from Texas," the two most successful books ever written by a Texan with sales of more than 150,000.

As a newspaper man, House gave to the world the story of Old Rip, the Eastland horned frog, credited with living 31 years in the courthouse corner stone.

his house, most of them in the city limits.

WE HOPE no one has been overlooked in this special edition. We know that our list of 40-year pioneers is far from complete, but many people were reluctant to tell us their age.

Before the roof falls in, however, we want you to know we did the best job possible and didn't intentionally overlook anyone or anything in Ranger today.

OFF TO FORT HOOD—for Roaming Ron. Read his report of happenings down there in Tuesday's Times.

House covered the Santa Claus bank robbery, in which two police officers and a robber were killed and 10 citizens were wounded. The young editor narrowly escaped death.

As a crusading newspaperman in the oil fields, House exposed the courthouse ring, scorned disguised bribes, was sued for

\$10,000 on account of a fiery article he had written, had a fight with the sheriff, and was threatened with assassination. But Boyce House stuck by his guns—literally a .380 Colt's automatic—and saw the sheriff put out of office by the court's and other officers of the ring defeated at the polls.

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Brazda Clinic Serves Area For 20 Years

Brazda Clinic, the first completely new building built in Ranger within the past 20 years, was originally founded in September of 1946 at 115 S. Rusk St. by the late Dr. A. W. Brazda.
 Several years after the clinic was founded, Dr. Ray C. Ammen came in with Brazda at the clinic. He later moved to Houston. About 1951 Dr. Jack Booth practiced in the clinic before being recalled in to the U. S. A. R. Force.
 In December of 1953 the clinic moved to its present location, at 200 Walnut, an attractive building with 10 rooms.
 Dr. and Mrs. Brazda came to Ranger in August of 1940 with their son and daughter. He was an active civic leader who served as City Health Officer up until the time of his recent death.
 Now practicing in the Brazda Clinic is Dr. O. C. Mitchell who came to Ranger from Liberty, Miss. A graduate of the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, Dr. Mitchell finished his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.
 His wife, Elaine, will join the staff July 1 as a receptionist and bookkeeper. A registered nurse, she is a graduate of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Jackson. The Mitchells have a son and a daughter.
 B. H. Bell is a registered laboratory technician at the clinic who received his training at Brookes Hospital in San Antonio. Bell served as a technician in World War II, joining the clinic staff when he was discharged. Mrs. Martha Brashey is a registered nurse at the clinic, a graduate of Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth.

Capps Studio Provides Photos For All Occasions

"Photo by Capps Studio" reads captions all the way through this 40th anniversary edition.
 Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Capps have cooperated with the Times to help make this and other special editions possible, as well as regular editions.
 Capps came to Ranger in 1918 and started freelance photography work about 1928. He started working for Suggart Studio here in 1934, still doing some work on his own. Between 1930 and '34, Capps developed film for Crawford Drug Store.
 He established the Moderne Studio in 1934 in the 300 block of Main St. In 1938, he married Miss Maxine McClenney in Breckenridge. Today they have a son, Lloyd.
 Capps worked for the U. S. Army as a civilian photographer in 1942. That same year he established Capps Studio on Austin St. He remained at that location until 1946 when he moved to Rusk St., staying there until last spring.
 Today Capps Studio is located in an attractive building on Main St. A most successful part of the business is taking photographs of weddings. Capps also does portraits, color photography, black and white work.
 Capps Studio has the most modern equipment available.
 The old Chestnut and Smith Corporation built Lone Star's Ranger gasoline plant back in 1921. It also put up 10 other plants in the Ranger area. Its design, copied from the eastern Oklahoma plants where gas was scarce, has come back in style.

Ranger Times Promotes Progress

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city of more than 25,000 within one year, business men with large investments in Ranger felt that the time had come when the city needed a good daily newspaper.
 With some officials of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., these business men interested W. H. Bagley, at that time publisher of the "Fort Worth Record", in coming to Ranger and organizing the Ranger Publishing Co.
 For a number of years before, Ranger had a weekly newspaper—The Ranger Record, published by Frank E. Thomas. He sold his assets and the Ranger Times was born June 1, 1919.



MAIN STREET, RANGER—is pictured here as it looked in August of 1918. Amidst the confusion of heavy traffic (cars and horse-drawn buggy) and mud can be seen a service car (at left center) which brought Joe Dennis to Ranger. On the windshield of the Franklin is posted a sign which reads "Union Driver." (Photo Copy by Capps Studio).

At the time of incorporation Bagley was president of the company and the Ranger directors were M. R. Newsham, M. H. Smith, J. S. Heffern, O. F. Chaastain and L. B. Waggoman. General manager was C. G. Manual and Waggoman was business manager. L. R. Pearson drew up the corporation papers.
 Hamilton Wright was managing editor. Mrs. Rena B. Conway was first society editor, and F. D. Hicks, first shop foreman. Larry Smith was city editor.
 The Times was published under the management of Bagley and associates until July 1, 1921. At that time, the assets of the corporation were sold to R. B. Waggoman, Walter Murray and Mrs. Bessie E. May.
 The Times Publishing Co. was organized to succeed the Ranger Publishing Co. and continued operations until January of 1923 at which time Waggoman and Mrs. May sold their interest to a number of local citizens, who remained stockholders for some time.
 At that time Walter Murray took charge of the paper and soon thereafter bought it.
 In 1920 Norris Ewing served as advertising manager. That same year, Waggoman became vice president and general manager. H. E. Bozeman became managing editor, succeeding Smith who later became a public relations representative for Walter P. Chrysler.
 In 1922, Waggoman became president and general manager of Times Publishing Co. and Murray was named vice president and advertising manager. Mrs. May was secretary.
 Directors, in the 1920's, were O. D. Dillingham, M. R. Newsham, Edward R. Maher, J. L. Thompson, G. C. Barkley, Hall Walker and Murray.
 Charles G. Norton succeeded Bozeman as editor in 1924. Circulation manager at that time was C. F. Underwood. In 1926 Chopie S. Welsh became managing editor. A veteran newspaperman when he assumed editorship of the Times, he had been financial editor of the old Fort Worth Record for some time.
 Charles J. Langsdale was editor in 1927 and 1928. He was succeeded by George Kelley, who had been oil editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and by Bobbie Campbell.
 Sports editor during this time was Edward Anderson, who became a noted novelist and had one book selected by the "Book of the Month" Club and two made into motion pictures.
 Boyce House edited the Ranger Daily Times until 1931, when he was followed by another colorful editor, W. H. (Bill) Mayes, Jr.
 Editors since Mayes have included: Mrs. Ruth Ducker, Elmer Norris Jr. John Chopias, and Lee Harr.
 Before the Times...
 Ranger's first newspaper was "The Ranger Chief", published about 1885 until 1891 when the "Ranger Atlas" was established by Don H. Biggers. The Atlas was only published for a few months when it was sold and the plant moved to Strawn.
 Jan Byrd published "The Ranger Success" in the late 90's. The newspaper later changed hands and then was sold.
 "The Ranger Record" was published by Mark Carothers, a musician who organized the first local band. The Record was a weekly which continued publication until its sale to Times Publishing Co. when Frank E. Thomas was publisher.
 The "Eastland County News" was established Dec. 3, 1926, by John M. Ghoslen, R. V. Galloway and other local business men. The Prompt Printing Co. was publisher of the weekly which continued operations until July of 1935, when it was acquired by the Times.
 "The Ranger Weekly Times" was issued by Times Publishing Co. for a short period before acquiring the "Eastland County News".
Publisher's Story
 Present publisher of the Ranger Times and co-owner of the Times Publishing Co.—Joe Dennis came to Ranger in 1918 when the boom was at its height.
 O. H. Dick, publisher of the Eastland Telegram is also co-owner of the Times Publishing Co. In 1918, Dennis operated a stage line to Breckenridge, DeSade-mona and all over the oil fields, when the mud was deep and the roads were bad. He charged \$15 to \$25 a passenger and carried as many as 9 people at one load. But at that time it took as much

and belongs to the Fort Worth Shriners and Cross Timber Shrine Club. He is also a member of the Lone Cedar Country Club.
 He is currently serving his third term on the Ranger College Board of Regents, loyally helping the college to make progress in any way possible. Last year he served as secretary of the board, and this year—as vice-chairman.
 With a 27-year perfect attendance record in the Lions Club, Dennis formerly served as president of that organization and as an assistant to the District Governor. A Senior Master member with a Master Key, Dennis has long served on the membership and attendance committees. At the present time, he is also a member of the information and safety committees.
 Long active in Chamber of Commerce work, Dennis is a member of the membership committee.
 In Ranger 41 years, Dennis has seen much progress during that time, and has played a part in bringing much of it about.



Morris George Distributes Gulf Products

Distributor of Gulf Oil Products over the area, Morris George has been a jobber for butane gas since February of 1950.
 He delivers products within a 20-mile radius of Ranger.
 George has followed in the footsteps of his father, the late Edwin George, Jr., a former cashier of the Commercial State Bank. Mr. George was a wholesale agent for Gulf Refining Co., on Hunt St., handling all Gulf products.
 President of the Chamber of Commerce, Morris George is a Progressive Rangerite who promotes civic projects and believes in the future of Ranger.
 He is married and has two children.

Tommy Guess Is Life Insurance Agent In Ranger

Tommy Guess, a resident of Ranger for 15 years, is the local representative of Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. of Minneapolis, Minn.
 Guess serves the area with a complete life insurance—business, savings, investment and annuities policies. He maintains an office in his home, at 520 Mesquite St.
 Guess is a member of the Lions Club, the First Baptist Church, and Ranger Masonic Lodge. He is married with two children—Jo Ann, 8, and Tommy (Hutch), 5.

Warden Attends School Meeting

O. C. Warden, principal at Hodges Oak Park, recently attended a post-school workshop held in Corpus Christi.
 The two-day meeting of principals was held this week. Dr. Herold Hunt, of Harvard University, was one of the featured speakers.
TEAM UP WITH YOUR HOMETOWN MERCHANTS

Ranger Transfer and Storage Is 39 Years Old

Established in 1920 at 112 Elm St. was the Ranger Transfer and Storage Co., which has remained at the same location for 39 years.
 At the time it was founded the company was called the "Bee Line Transfer and Storage Co."
 Since then, it has changed hands several times. And the present owner, Alvis Woods, has owned the business for 14 years.
 Employees are M. D. Underwood, manager; Mrs. Joe Stee, office manager; and A. L. Underwood, driver.

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After the first frenzy of the oil field had passed and business settled down to a stable basis, Dennis went to painting automobiles, buying out an auto painting company. It was a little place just big enough for six cars, on North Rusk St. After a year, he moved to larger quarters on Commerce St. where he added a top and trimming department. Later he added an auto bake oven to the Joe Dennis Auto Works, and relocated at 207-209 North Rusk St. A furniture upholstering department was added.
 Dennis started to work for the Ranger Daily Times on Sept. 1, 1931, in the circulation and advertising department. At that time, F. D. Hicks was advertising manager. The following year, Dennis became manager when Hicks bought a paper in East Texas.
 He remained advertising manager of the Times for 17 years, buying out the Times Publishing Co. with Onous Dick, on Feb. 1, 1950. Murray, at that time, was publishing newspapers in Ranger, Eastland, Mineral Wells and Breckenridge. He continued publishing the Mineral Wells Index until his death, last year.
 Ever since the present building was completed in 1919, it had been leased from the late Dr. A. K. Wier and his son, Dr. D. T. Wier. In 1953, however, the building was sold to the present publishers. That same year, Dennis and Dick bought out the Eastland County Record and closed it down. They have been publishing the Ranger Times and Eastland Telegram consistently since their partnership was formed.
 In 1953 the Times went from a daily newspaper to a tri-weekly, published on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
 Married to Miss Ethel Long of Goldthwaite in 1913, they are the parents of Dwayne Dennis and the late Norman Dennis, who died in 1958. Dwayne Dennis is shop foreman for the publishing company.
 Public spirited, an enthusiastic booster of Ranger, Dennis is a member of the First Baptist Church where he serves as deacon, of the Ranger Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. He is a 32-degree Mason of the Dallas Scottish Rite Temple

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Secondary Recovery Will Determine Future of Oil

By Ronald Waters

Secondary recovery projects are now under way in the Ranger area to determine what possibilities the Ranger Field may offer in the future.

The future of oil in the Eastland County area will depend almost entirely upon the findings and the relative success of the projects, undertaken so recently that the results will not be known for some time.

"This secondary recovery experiment" is of tremendous in-

terest," says G. D. Chastain, long-time Ranger oil man. If it is successful in recovering oil in great quantities, this entire area will be exploited, he believes.

Chastain also believes there will be more deep wells drilled in the area, in search of hickory sand, since rotary drilling has been introduced. Geologists believe that hickory sand, which covers much of the West Central Texas area, generally produces oil.

Secondary recovery consists of water flooding and also the in-

roduction of gas (which has not proved satisfactory so far). Water flooding began in the area about one month ago. Electric pumps are carrying water from Lake Leon to the wells. First results will not be known for about three months.

In the recovery of oil, several wells are chosen in a lease, and water is introduced in an effort to force the oil to the surface of the production wells. A tremendous amount of water is required.

Secondary recovery is necessary in the Ranger area, due to the loss of natural gas from producing wells many years ago.

"I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that 75 percent of the oil (in the Ranger Field) is still there," says Chastain. All of that oil lies at stake in the present recovery projects.

Frank Champion says that geological reports indicate that 67 percent of the oil is still there, but there is no way of knowing definitely.

Only a few wells in this general area have gone to the granite level. When a driller reaches granite, around 5,500 feet, there is no use in searching farther, says geologists.

Champion, who brought in Ranger's first oil well, commenting on the secondary recovery projects, says, "It's been successful elsewhere. There's no reason why it shouldn't be here." At the present they are introducing water in four wells, Champion stated. If successful—more should follow.

Recently gas was discovered near the granite level at the Hopkins No. 1 Davis well, 10 miles west of Ranger. The well was not brought in, however, due to mud. Several other wells, including two near Cisco and one at Deadman, have been drilled at the same level.

Oil men are focusing their attention now to the old fields, using secondary recovery to free trapped oil when the gas is lost. The method is expensive; oil operators must have many leases to justify the expenses.

Ranger's oil dates back to the Pennsylvanian age, older by millions of years than the Permian Age.

Chastain first came to Ranger in October of 1918, establishing the C & A store here with the late Paul Arnold. In 1920 he sold out and formed a partnership with Mills Davenport, handling oil leases.

In 1923 a partnership was formed with the late C. W. Donley, contracting for drilling of wells. About 1929, Chastain went to East Texas for several years, keeping his home in Ranger.

In 1941, Chastain was associated with the Petroleum Administration, in the Chicago District office. Following the war, he moved to Jackson, Miss., and later to San Antonio where he drilled wells in South Texas. He returned to Ranger in 1946 and has remained an oil operator here every since.

Ranger Can-

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has the potential of Ranger," says F. P. (Felix) Brashier, Jr. "It will grow and continue to progress if we will unite ourselves and work toward that goal. Nothing is impossible if we will put our shoulder to the wheel and push together."

Other quotes on progress and Ranger, gained from outstanding business and professional men, follow.

"Of course anyone who has lived the past 30 years has been exposed to the greatest progress since the beginning of time. And I think if we remain a Christian Nation, we have barely scratched the surface for a better way of life."—Wilson Guest, director and cashier at Commercial State Bank.

"I think Ranger has a wonderful future, limited only by the amount of effort put forth by its citizens. Each individual should show his faith in Ranger by presenting the good things and doing his part or her part in the progress of our town and assisting in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, programs of the various churches, clubs and civic organizations."—R. V. Rip Galoway, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

"If the citizens would work for the benefit of Ranger, as a whole, it would be better off... Ranger has wonderful possibilities."—David D. Pickrell, superintendent of the Ranger and Novice division of Premier Oil Refining Co.

"I think Ranger is one of the best little cities in West Texas. Anything that will better Ranger, I am for. What is good for Ranger is good for all citizens, so let's all pull for a greater Ranger."—F. P. Brashier, Sr., co-owner of Ranger Furniture Exchange.

"I think progress is an individual thing. As long as individuals, themselves, are positive in their business and their thinking—then the town, itself, will reflect this progress."—Morris George, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Progress is the product of desire. When a community really wants progress, they will get it through cooperative work."—Dr. Price R. Ashton, past president of Ranger College.

"I think Ranger is a friendly, busy town. I believe it is the best town in this area."—Dr. W. P. Watkins, local physician.

"Progress is possible through everyone working together. When everyone gets together and works together, I think our progress will be unlimited."—Charles Milliken, president of the Lions Club, vice president of C. D. Hartnett Co.

"One must be willing to put more into the building of a community than he or she expects to get back."—the late A. W. Brazda, past City Health Officer.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that through cooperation much progress is possible. This has been demonstrated, in recent years, by the formation of Lake Leon and Lone Cedar Country Club.

The future of Ranger largely depends—which direction at the cross roads she chooses to take today.

Ranger Iron Works Is Booming Industry

Right now one of the most booming industries in town is the Ranger-grown firm known as Ranger Iron Works.

Founded a December of 1953 by L. D. "Spud" Summers, production of the plant has tripled since that time. And the industry is growing so fast that Summers is having a hard time keeping up with orders. While attempting to take care of production, Summers is also expanding. At the present he is engaged in doubling the floor space to 3,600 square feet, and then he plans to add an additional 1,800 feet on the east side.

Ranger Iron Works has demonstrated that a small Ranger industry can grow, progress and expand.

Working around the clock in an effort to keep up with the demand for ornamental wrought iron, six men are engaged in daytime work and five at night.

Fred Lamb is shop foreman. Other workers include Bobby

Watson, George Watson, Sammy Summers and Kenny Wells. Mrs. Summers is bookkeeper for the firm.

It all started in 1953 when Summers leased the Fuller Motor Co. building (where Hagwell Motor Co. is now). Just a few months later, the firm was moved to its present location on Highway 80 east. Last spring, a new and decorative front was added to the building.

In the beginning custom work only was done on a retail basis. Later, automatic machinery was added which does a large portion of the work. New outlets for the wrought-iron products are constantly being found.

Now Ranger Iron Works purchases raw iron and steel by the car load lots from mills in Houston and Kansas City. Then they shape it for ornamental purposes.

Some time in the future Summers anticipates building a foundry to cast and mold iron, brass and aluminum. He has also decided to take on the Ranger College archway project.

The Ranger product is distributed throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico. Designs include the scroll, contemporary, grape, portulaca, rose and bird of paradise.

A successful home industry, Ranger Iron Works seems destined to continue progressing with Ranger.



RANGER IRON WORKS is pictured here with its new and modern front. Native stone, used in the outside construction, was gained from a near-by quarry. A progressive Ranger industry, the firm has greatly expanded since it was founded in 1953. (Photo by Capps Studio).

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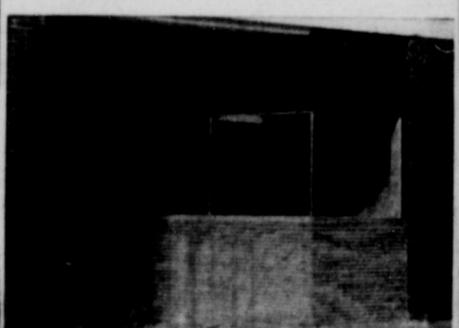
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Frozen Food Center Is Well Equipped

Ranger Frozen Food Center, Inc., opened in October of 1946, with a well-built plant, one of the best equipped of its size in Texas.

It has been the policy of the management to continue to keep the plant modern by the addition of new equipment which would serve the customers better. Only the best of wrapping materials and freezing facilities have always been used.

This plant serves the processing needs of customers in a large area surrounding Ranger. In addition, meat, custom processed, is sold to customers in all sections of the state.

In 1950, a poultry processing plant was opened in connection with the locker and wholesale meat business. Turkeys were bought from raisers in this area, processed, and shipped to all sections of the state. This phase of the business has grown, and the "Ranger Farms Turkey" can now be found in quality stores in every major city in Texas. The plant operates at a capacity peak of about 500 turkeys per day.

The trend to home freezers was recognized in 1950, and the sale of home freezers became an important part of the company's business. Since that time, washers, dryers, refrigerators and air conditioners have been added to the freezer line of appliances. This plant is now a dealer for RCA Whirlpool home appliances and the Sub-Zero Aluminum Line.

Ranger Frozen Food Center, Inc., is an asset to the community because it not only serves the people of this area, but 90 percent of its dollar volume of sales is out of the immediate Ranger area, yet the majority of purchases are made in this immediate area and a sizable payroll is maintained.

They now have eight full time employees, and during turkey season will employ many more. These full time employees are Morris Newnham, Richard Bonney, Gwen Sherrill, Mary Justice, Billy Adams, Pay Dunn, John Wilson and Lee Wilson.

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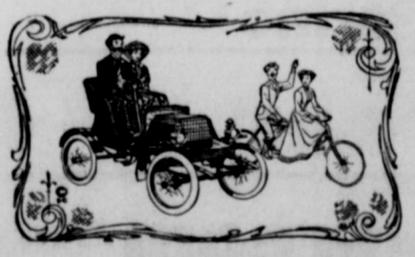
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O. G. Lanier Has Been In Business For 25 Years

O. G. Lanier, former school teacher and city commissioner, has been in the accounting and income tax business in Ranger for the past 25 years. He and Mrs. Lanier came here in 1923 when he served as head of the commercial department and registrar at Ranger High School. In June, 1933, he resigned his position as teacher and began his own accounting business. Lanier's office is located at 113 S. Rusk, where he has been since he built his new office in 1944. Lanier is a past President of the Rotary Club and has been an active member since 1939. He is also a member of the Lane Cedar Country Club.

Ranger Peanut Co. Plays Important Role

As peanuts continue to play an important part in the farming and financial affairs of Eastland County, Ranger Peanut Co. keeps in stride with an ever-widening scope of operations.

Tons of peanuts are stored in the large warehouse they eventually find their way into salted nuts, peanut butter and candy. A large percentage goes into peanut butter, distributed over the nation. The company was granted a charter in 1944. Incorporators of the organization were B. B. Simms, Jr., of Denison, E. W. Stoddard of Denison and T. C. Wylie of Ranger.

The original officers, with the exception of the secretary-treasurer, remain the same. Simms is president and Wylie is vice president and general manager. Mrs. Wylie is secretary of the organization succeeding Stoddard in 1950.

The plant was built during the war years, in 1942-43 when material of all kinds was scarce and a priority was needed to secure practically every item. Much of the installation has been replaced since that time by up to date machinery.

Buying about 3,000 tons of peanuts each fall, the company shells and sells to users throughout the United States. In past years many shipments of peanuts have been made outside the United States.

During the past 15 years of operation, the plant and facilities have been doubled. In 1944, the average number of employees during the milling season was about 15. During 1959, 32 have been

employed at a weekly payroll of \$1,200.

The reputation of Ranger Peanut Seed for planting purposes is well known throughout all peanut-producing areas in Texas. And it seems certain that Ranger Peanut Co. will keep progressing with Ranger.

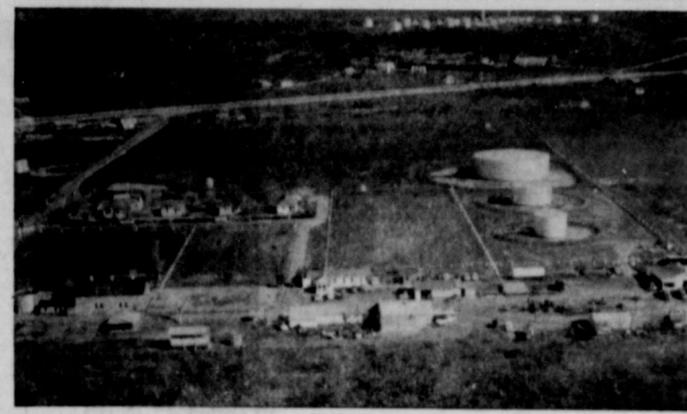
Vinson Radio And TV Shop Gives Service

In 1950 Buddie Vinson opened the Vinson Radio and TV Shop at his home on Spring Road. Later he moved to town on S. Rusk. St. Recently the firm moved across the street to its present modern and newly decorated shop.

Vinson Radio and TV Shop gives complete repair service on all types of radios, televisions and car radios. They carry a line of Dumont and Emerson television sets, Esick air conditioners, a complete line of records, Sylvania and RCA aluminumized picture tubes. A complete line of tubes and other accessories can be found for repairing radios and TV sets at Vinson's, the best equipped shop west of Fort Worth.

For industrial cooling in your home Vinson's shop will fix you up.

Buddie has his brother, J. W. Vinson, working with him and Talmage Craig does the antenna and air conditioning work.



PREMIER OIL REFINING CO. located off of Highway 80 west, is pictured above as seen from the air. The road coming from the highway (upper left) leads past the Premier camp; it comes in front of the pump station (lower left) and general offices (center). This view also shows three of the storage tanks. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Premier's Production Progresses With Ranger

One of the major industries in this area—Premier Oil Refining Co. has maintained an office near Ranger since 1941, when they purchased the property from Ohio Oil Co.

At that time, the monthly production was 85,000 - 90,000 barrels a month. Today the production averages 250,000 barrels of crude oil per month. Employees have increased from 12 to 60 persons.

Directing the operation is David D. Pickrell, superintendent of the Ranger-Navice division. This Progressive Rangerite is an active civic leader who has many years experience in the oil business.

Refineries are located at Fort Worth, Longview and Baird. Fort Worth is served by the Ranger division. Navice serves both Baird and Fort Worth. General offices of Premier Oil, a division of Cities Products of Chicago, are located in Longview.

Premier's crude is gathered by 540 miles of lines webbed over the area. Besides the Ranger and Navice pump stations, the company maintains a third pumping unit at Mingus.

An average of three million barrels of oil per year go through the Ranger pipeline, and the company has been on operation since 1958. About 8,000 barrels of oil per day are delivered in Ranger.

Last year a total of 1,822,000 barrels of oil were purchased by Premier in Ranger and another 960,000 barrels at Navice.

Eight tanks are in use. Three of these store 55,000 barrels of oil each; one stores 37,500 barrels; one has a 10,000 barrel capacity and three have a capacity of 5,000 barrels.

Two 5,000 barrel tanks are located in Desdemona and one—5,000 barrel and another 1,000-barrel tank are located at Wild Station in Stephens County.

Assistant pipe line superintendent in the Ranger office is Alver Simmans. Dispatcher for oil is Raymond Long, and time-keeper is C. D. Beck. The Railroad Commission proration clerk is Joe Lenzi. Head of the right-of-way and engineering department is Frank Hicklin. Office stenographer is Jimmie May Miller.

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Social Science Is Unusual Industry

An unusual Ranger-born industry is Social Science Laboratories Inc., which distributes about one million project problem maps to thousands of public schools over the nation every year.

Social Science prints and distributes the educational aids to the schools free of charge. The cost is borne by regional and national advertisers.

From this unusual enterprise has recently sprung up another Ranger industry — Educational Laboratories, Inc., a newly formed corporation which deals with political party charts printed in five colors.

Officers of the corporations are A. W. Warford, president; Hall Walker, vice president; and Mrs. Warford, secretary.

Founded by Warford in 1947, the firm today operates in 37 states.

Well qualified for the job, Warford is a former Ranger school teacher who was once principal of the high school.

The map booklets teach geography in the elementary grades, junior high and high school. They present the history of different states, world history, Texas history and geography projects — all with maps.

The firm also prints football scout books, FFA vocational agriculture soil conservation booklets, vocational agriculture work sheets, and other projects. But the bulk of the work concerns printing of the map booklets (with six maps to a book).

Two former football players are on the road selling the idea to public schools and also selling advertising. One is Richard E. Henderson, who played with the TCU Horned Frogs from 1946 to 1949, and then turned coach for several years. The other is Sam B. Ails, former coach who played professional baseball with the New York Giants.

Educational Laboratories distribute the 20 by 28-inch charts to schools and colleges; were American history, government and civics are taught.

Fred Bennett is shop foreman and printer. Other printers are Jackie Neeley, Lanny Smith and John Tom Tibbels.

Shipping clerks are Tommy Warford, Gary Bradshaw, Alvin Rogers and Arthur Merritt. Office manager is Mrs. Byron



A. W. WARFORD

Galley, and Miss Letrice Hill is an office worker.

Working in the assembly department are Mrs. Lena Jones, Mrs. W. E. (Alice) Calvert, Mrs. Bill Rainwater, Mrs. Jessie Lee Barker, Miss Sandra Cooper, Miss Maxine Vandergriff and Miss Barbara Vandergriff.

Tommy Robinson is a paper cutter. Other workers are Craig Loper, John Hopper and David Webb.

Tony's Barber Shop Is Outstanding

Tony's Barber Shop, owned and operated by W. A. (Tony) Lewis, has maintained its place as one of the leading barber shops in the county.

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 to Lewis upon retirement.

Located at 223 1/2 Main St., efficient service is offered by Lewis and Jack Tryone.

Because L. H. Hagaman could not buy a milkshake in Ranger during the early days of the boom, the dairy industry of the city was established. Hagaman leased 200 acres of grass land at \$1 an acre and bought 38 dairy cows to start his dairy.

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LOCATED at 400 Foch the Morris Newnham's home is certainly eye-appealing. The large house contains a fire place and an upper story. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Child Welfare Club Was Organized To Look After Ranger's Charities

In the spring of 1921, the Thursday Bridge Club, assisted by the Ranger Times and the local business men, started a milk and ice fund, a project so successful that in June of that year, the club changed its name to Child Welfare Club, enlarged its membership, and began its work in earnest, led by Mrs. Cobe Terrell, first president. Until the government social security and welfare work was begun, this club handled all the welfare work of the city.

by the financial assistance of citizens of Ranger, various civic employees, the burden of the investigating and disbursing of funds and supplies falls on members, who serve faithfully and willingly. The club maintains a new and used clothing department which has disbursed thousands of articles of clothing, thus enabling many children to go to school who otherwise would be unable to attend.

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Standing only for service, this club not only looks after charity work among children, but to all who are really in need. Through the efforts of the members, aided by Ranger doctors, many persons have received medical care, admission to hospitals and sanitariums, operations, and home nursing.

Ranger Chapter of OES Was Constituted October 12, 1905

The Master Builders, of the Order of the Eastern Star was Rob Morris, who founded the organization and published the first Ritual in 1849-50. It is the sister organization of the great fraternal organization known as Free Masonry. This beneficent order was created to give practical effect to one of the main objectives of the Masonic Order.

Redding, Ellie Braada, Evelyn Bagwell, Geneva Wallace, Martha Hiale, and Inez Harrell Bourdeau; and Brothers John Usery, James Berry, Harold Getts, G. C. McGown, H. G. Ramsey and Twyman Hale.

The Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, was established in 1884. The Ranger Chapter No. 275 was constituted on October 12, 1905. Since that time, it has functioned as a beneficent organization and has done much good for the community.

Young School P-TA Is Also 40 Years Old

By Mrs. A. W. Niska, historian

Observing its 40th anniversary this year is the Young School Parent-Teacher Association, organized in 1919 as the Young School Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association.

Columbia Study Club Is Oldest Unfederated Club

The Columbia Study Club, the oldest unfederated club in Ranger, was founded in 1923 by Mrs. Garvin Chastain of Ranger; Mrs. Roswell Thomas, now of Bartlesville, Okla.; and the late Mrs. Laurence Recker.

Organized as an informal club of young matrons who met to discuss the most recent contributions to literature, this book review club received its name from Columbia University in New York where the books were selected.

At their meetings, the members try to study a cross section of contemporary literature, in the form of poetry, drama, biography, history, and novels.

The Young Association remained a mother's organization until 1936 when the State Congress voted at a convention to change the name to the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Association. At that time the Young Association voted to become the Young School Parents and Teachers Association in membership of the Texas Congress.



CARL PAGE

Page Plumbing Serves Area For 27 Years

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

In the plumbing business for 33 years, Page maintains a high record of service. Originally his shop was located in his home at 109 N. Hodges. Now the plumbing company is located at 118 Main St., where it moved about 12 years ago.

L & J Supply Co. Is Evinrude Dealer for Area

L & J Supply Co., at 403 West Main St., is local dealer of Evinrude Motors of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Western Auto Store Sells Many Items

The Western Auto Associate Store, presently owned and operated by Betty and Ken Lewis, sells auto parts and accessories, tires, batteries, sporting goods, toys, housewares, hardware and many other miscellaneous items.



UNUSUAL and interesting best describe the Floyd Killingsworth's home. The interesting roof structure adds much to this long house, as does the landscaping and unusual fence. (Photo by Capps Studio).

The Lewises have operated this store since October of 1953. Before coming to Ranger, they owned and operated a Western Auto Associate Store in Wylie (Collins County).

Mathena's Flower Shop in Business Here for 10 Years

Mathena's Flower Shop was opened about 10 years ago at 420 Alice St. Mrs. R. V. Mathena, owner of the shop, first began business at her home address, moving her shop to its present downtown address, 219 Main, Nov. 22, 1958.

Mr. Mathena helps in the shop when the occasion demands, also Mrs. V. V. Cooper, G. O. Strong, A. E. Reeves and Jack E. Blackwell. Mathena's service O l d e n, Strawn, Mingus, Thurber and Gordon with R. V. Mathena in charge of delivery. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mathena have been residents of Ranger for the past 40 years. Ranger's Masonic Lodge No. 738 was chartered here in 1892.

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This year, 1959, marks the 50th Jubilee year of Evinrude. 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 50 horsepower. Two of the motors are 50 horsepower units; the delux, Starlite and the standard and electric - starting Big Twins. In addition, Smith said, three other new motors for 1959 are: an electric starting 18 horsepower Fastwin, a 19 horsepower Sportwin and a 5.5 horsepower Fisherman. Retained for 1959 are: the standard 18 horsepower Fastwin.

A newly-designed internal pulley, Smith added, eases starting of all manual starting motors from the three horsepower Lightwin to the 18-horsepower Fastwin. A new "Cruis-Throttle" on the 35 and 50 horsepower models cuts fuel consumption up to 20 per cent when motors are run at less than full throttle. At cruising speeds Evinrude's 35 horsepower units consume less fuel than did the former 25-horsepower units.

In addition to the Evinrude line, Smith handles the complete line of Texas-Made boats in both aluminum and fiberglass. For the one who wants a wood boat, he has molded plywood Sport Runabout made by "Cadillac" and fiberglass boats by Fleetform and Glastron.

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 two brands of television, Zenith and Admiral. And they have tables, lamps and other accessories to go with the TV sets.

L & J Supply Co. is the exclusive dealer in this area for Imperial easy-loading boat trailers. On them may be placed boats ranging in size from the 12-foot fishing model to the 17-foot runabout.

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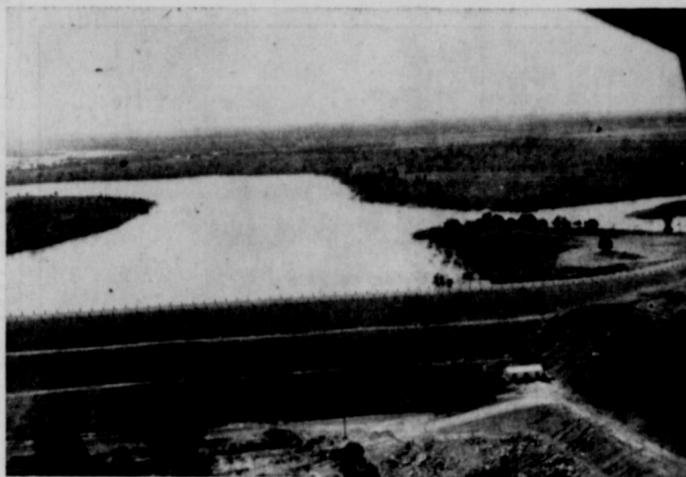
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LAKE LEON

Lake Leon Development Is Termed As 'Amazing'

By Staff Writer

Lake Leon, once the dream of water-thirsty citizens of Ranger and Eastland, is a reality today, and the lake has done more than provide the two cities with ample water supplies.

Today Lake Leon dam stands as a tribute to citizens of the two towns who just some 10 years ago first began their efforts toward giving the sister cities adequate water. The \$1,500,000 dam was built entirely without federal or state aid. Citizens of the two communities formed the Eastland County Water Board and voted bonds to pay for the 1,500 foot dam.

That's an old story, of course. How Eastland and Ranger made themselves a reservoir with 28,000 acre feet capacity has been told many, many times.

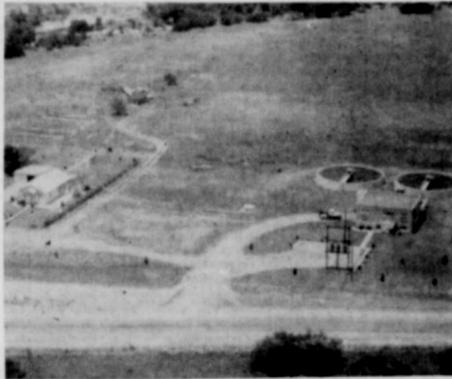
The big story today is the amazing development of the lake as a recreation area. More than 100 modern cabins, and many permanent homes, have been constructed around the 35-mile shoreline. There are four commercial fishing docks and at least 200 private boat houses. One of the most elaborate country clubs in West Texas has been built on the lake's shores, and an 18-hole watered fairway golf course is now being constructed.

Lake Leon has been hailed as the best crappie fishing hole in the entire state, and catches of both bass, yellow cats and channel cats have been outstanding.

Just this year the Fort Worth Anglers Club held their annual fishing rodeo at the lake. Three hundred and eighty anglers vied for honors, and many a fine string of fish was weighed in by the judges. The Cowtown club was high in praise of the lake and officers insisted it was not only the best rodeo ever, but far exceeded their fondest hopes.

Development at the lake has not reached the finishing mark, however. The Water Board recently announced that it plans to provide a recreation area for the general public, providing picnicking areas and access to the lake itself.

It was just a year ago, July 4, 1958, when some 7,500 people swarmed the lake to participate in fishing events and watch exhibitions of water skiing. Chambers of



LAKE LEON FILTER PLANT is pictured above, as it is seen from the air. This plant filters the water supply for Ranger and Eastland and makes it suitable for drinking purposes. (Staff Photo).

commerce officials of the two towns had hoped for a thousand or more people. It wasn't until the day arrived when they realized the intense interest in the lake.

None of this was accidental. Lake Leon dam was completed late in 1954 and even then there was some water in the reservoir. Water Board officials immediately took steps to heavily stock the lake with fish, then closed the lake for fishing. The lake was opened to anglers early in 1956, and the first day out fishermen landed good catches. Since that time the fishing has been getting better and better.

Heavy rains in May of 1955 filled the lake almost full, and one more big rain in May of the following year sent water over the spillway. The lake has remained at a near full mark almost continuously since then.

Everything hasn't been easy, in fact nothing but the fishing has. After the lake was full the community of Staff would have been cut off from the rest of the world if a bridge across the Leon River had not been built. Citizens of Ranger and Eastland worked hard to secure a special appropriation of \$125,000 from the State Highway Commission to get the bridge built.

It was mentioned that the lake has ample water for the area. Just how ample can be determined by reading engineering reports. Engineers estimate the lake, which has an "exceptional watershed," will supply the needs of 100,000 people.

Lake Leon can boast one other thing with pride. Only one person has lost his life in the lake, and it is still believed by many that that death was not caused by drowning, but by the victim's having a heart attack. Rules have been rigidly enforced, making it mandatory for boaters to wear life jackets.

How many boats are on the lake? That's another hard question. There are hundreds, however, all the way from house boats to canoes. Boats can be rented at the lake and spaces for keeping boats are available.

Eastland and Ranger citizens still do not take the lake for a cinch, but perhaps from time to time the lake's virtues should be reviewed. Combined spillway capacity is 206,000 second feet. Yield during annum is 7100 acre feet and capacity of the lake at the pump station is 3,500,000 gallons daily. Capacity of raw water line to the filter plant is the same and rated capacity of the plant is 2,500,000 gallons daily with an overload capacity of 3,500,000 gallons a day.

Development of the lake has been pointed to by leaders of many other areas who propose building their own reservoirs, and even areas having lakes older than Lake Leon have studied the local plan.

Carl Lummus & Son Drilling Contractors

Carl Lummus, Drilling Contractor, states that he can verify all "Tall Tales" about Ranger during the beginning and first years of the Oil Boom.

Lummus, employed by Magnolia Petroleum Co. in 1918-19, recalls driving a truck down Ranger's Main St., when muddy ruts were cut so deeply that the truck would be in such a position the clutch would not release automatically and he would have to take his hand and manually pull the clutch back to its proper place.

Lummus was born in Moran, an Oct. 3, 1900. He graduated from Moran High School in 1917, and did some academic work in Abilene before registering for service in World War I in October. Due to the signing of the Armistice in November, he did not participate in action.

Lummus operated the Smith-Lummus Drug Store in Moran from 1921 to 1928. He sold his interest in the store to his partner in 1928, and was engaged in the wholesale gasoline business, as consignee for the Gulf Refining Co. for the Moran Territory until the summer of 1932, when he then went to work as driller for the late Jesse L. Douglas, an independent oil operator in Albany.

In 1935 Lummus purchased his first Model "D" Fort Worth Spudger and entered the Drilling business, operating out of Moran as the Carl Lummus Drilling Co. until he moved to Ranger in 1950. At that time he was owner and operated three Fort Worth Spudgers.

In 1958 Lummus and his son, Edwin, purchased a small jack-knife rotary rig and established the organization of Carl Lummus and Son, Drilling Contractors. This conversion proved a good one and they have enjoyed a good business in the field of rotary drilling in Eastland, Stephens and Shackelford Counties.

In the latter part of 1958, the Lummus' drilled a 1,700 foot well on the H. C. Thompson tract of Stephens County. This well is still flowing about 20 barrels per day from the Strawn series sands.

Lummus and the former Auda Marshall were married on June 16, 1925, and are now the parents of two children, Mrs. Donald Allen, who teaches home economics in the Clyde High School, and Edwin Lummus of Ranger.

All members of the Lummus family are enthusiastic supporters of Ranger and have been active in all civic affairs since making their home here in September of 1950.

Information used in this 40th Anniversary Progress edition was taken from many back copies of the Ranger Times. Of special help were the following editions: Fifth Anniversary Edition, June 4, 1924; Tenth Anniversary Edition, June, 1929; Tenth Progress Edition, June 27, 1927; Eastland County Development Issue, June 24, 1926; Progress Edition, June 17, 1925; Fifteenth Anniversary Edition, June, 1934; Jubilee Edition, Oct. 21, 1927; and Greater Ranger Edition, Dec. 28, 1955.

Good Eats Bakery Bakes Better

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Carville opened the Good Eats Bakery almost nine years ago in Ranger. Carville had several years baking experience previous to that time.

Cookies, cakes, pies, doughnuts, rolls, dutch holland bread, french bread and plain bread can be purchased at the bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Carville do all types of special orders, birthday cakes, wedding cakes and the like. They are not only decorated beautifully but are delicious eating.

Operating for many years the Dublin - Ranger - Breckenridge railroad route was built by Frank Kell of Wichita Falls and Jake Hamon of Ardmore, Okla.

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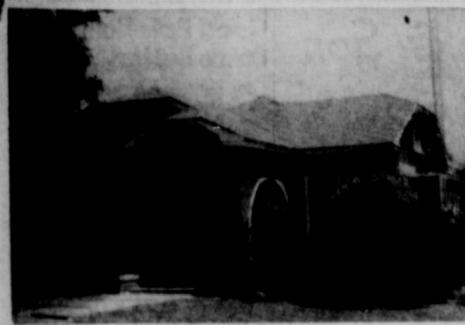
There's been a heap of news since that day in 1919 when the first edition of your heritage appeared to the eyes of west Texans... When Main Street was just a mud hole and oil.

As each issue appeared the daily happenings in print have become the lore of our land, a story of the growth and development of Ranger and its trading area... and the Ranger Times became an important part in our daily lives without any of us realizing it at the moment.

So today we say to you: "Proud are we of the achievements of the Ranger Times, your modern plant and equipment, your capable staff, and may your confidence in the future of Ranger and its area be more than fulfilled by the events of days ahead."

Lowell Goodman

Graham, Texas



STURDY and impressive stands the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Guest and family. The brick house reflects an interesting style and shows the result of careful home building. (Photo by Capps Studio).

American Association of University Women Organized Branch Here in '41

One of Ranger's most active women's clubs, the Ranger Branch of the American Association of University Women was organized in 1941. The first organization meeting was held on June 27 of that year, in the home of Mrs. Vernon Deffebach, who is still an active member.

First president of the Ranger Branch was Dr. Gladys Maddocks, who is now a member of the English Department of Texas Woman's University, Denton. Mrs. R. L. Hamrick was the first vice-president, and Mrs. O. B. Denney, now of El Dorado, Ark., served as the first secretary-treasurer.

Officers for the past year were as follows: president, Mrs. D. L. Penney; vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Hamrick; secretary, Mrs. E. H.

Bobo; and treasurer, Mrs. George Rushton. Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Penney; vice president, Mrs. Bobo; and treasurer, Mrs. Marjorie Theberge.

Charter members included the following: Mrs. C. D. Chadain, Hamrick, Vernon Deffebach, Denney, S. M. McAnelly, E. R. Priesing, Morris, J. E. Fletcher, W. D. Conway, Walter Daniels, M. H. Hagaman, E. F. Harrigan; Miss Dana Sue Kerbow, now Mrs. Harrell Townsend; and Dr. Maddocks.

Hog Town, established on Hog Creek, later changed its name to Dedelemona. The town also had a spectacular boom with oil derricks crowding each other.

Bus Station Celebrates 4th Birthday

The Ranger Bus Station, managed by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lockwood, will be celebrating its fourth birthday as The Ranger Times celebrates their 40th birthday.

The Lockwoods, with their two sons, came to Ranger from California.

The Greyhound Bus Lines Depot is located at 122 N. Austin; the Western Union office is also in this building and is open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

A coffee shop in the bus station serves everything from a cup of coffee to full meals for breakfast, lunch or dinner. They carry a line of picture post cards and souvenirs for the traveler's convenience.

The Greyhound Bus Depot features tickets for escorted tours all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. There are also very frequent buses to and from Abilene and Fort Worth each day.

The Bus Depot is open from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Ten people are employed at all times, and during the rush seasons they have extra help.

Col. Harry A. Cole, who died recently, was a scrappy leader of Texas Independent movie operators who prodded the Motion Picture Theatre Owners Assn. into a nation-wide organization to protect independents' interest.

His brother, H. S. Cole, who opened a theatre and restaurant in Ranger with him, was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1920-21 and first president of Ranger's Rotary Club.



FEDERAL BUILDING—Dedicated in 1938, the post office has operated efficiently ever since. The first post office opened in Ranger in 1880. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Post Office Serves Area Over 79-Year Period

Ranger's first post office was established on Dec. 27, 1880, in what is thought to have been a wooden building at the corner of Main and Commerce Sts. (where Frank Penn Service Station is now located).

Since that time there have been 15 postmasters who have presided over the business of the post office department of the local office.

There have been five acting postmasters, including Mrs. Ella White, who holds that position at present, and two acting postmasters, who later became postmasters, according to information compiled by the late Ed T. Cox of Eastland.

When the Ranger Post Office was first established almost 79 years ago, James M. Davis was named as the first postmaster, serving nearly eight years. He was relieved, on June 6, 1888, by Thomas O. Basile, who served less than a year or until Feb. 1, 1889, when Charles S. Davis was appointed.

Prior to 1902 the post office was in a drug store located on Main St. (about where Swaney's Pharmacy is now). About 1904 the office was moved into a building near the present location of the Joseph Building. Later it was moved across the street.

In 1919 the office was located in a wooden building on Marston St., back of the West Texas Clinic. From there it was moved to the McManus Building on Elm St. in 1920 where it remained until moved into the Federal Building, completed in 1938.

Formally dedicated Jan. 27, 1938, Mrs. Martha Davenport was postmaster at the time and A. E. Crawley was assistant. Past Mayors Hall Walker and M. H. Hagaman gave talks on the occasion.

Ranger's Chamber of Commerce aided in plans for securing the present building.

A contract was let for construction of the building on May 13, 1937, with the Bonded Construction Corp. receiving the bid. William S. Johnson was construction engineer.

During the "Gay Nineties" there were five postmasters, including Davis, who served until Sept. 1, 1892, when Washington L. Parrott was appointed. John H. Terrell was made postmaster on Aug. 4, 1893. He served until April 8, 1898, when Elisha S. Bishop was appointed. Bishop 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 cen-

tury saw but two postmasters in office. John M. Griffin was named to the position on Feb. 23, 1901, serving to Jan. 9, 1905, when Joseph W. Barber, was made postmaster, serving until 1913.

From 1913 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.

Cooper had a force of 18 clerks, men and women. The monthly salary allowance for the force was \$1,550, less than \$100 each a month. Later in 1919, Ranger went from a third class post office to a second class postal station, and salaries were raised.

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. Dreinhofer 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 on Oct. 20, 1934. Her

appointment as postmaster came June 1, 1936.

Mrs. Davenport was postmaster until Aug. 29, 1938, when A. E. Crawley, then assistant postmaster, was named acting postmaster. Later promoted to postmaster, Crawley held the position until July 31, 1957. At that time the present acting postmaster, Mrs. Ella White, assumed her duties.

Present employes are listed below: Mrs. Beale Fay Wilson, assistant to the postmaster; Max Ohr, senior clerk; W. C. Nichols, clerk; L. N. Bryan, mounted carrier; Reese Franklin, carrier; Wesley Poyner, substitute clerk-carrier; Garrett Hise, substitute carrier; Homer Gay, fireman; and H. B. Weathers, fireman laborer. Rural route men are J. E. Bryan, route 1; D. C. Singleton, route 2; and C. B. Osteen, route 3.

In 1920-21, schools in the Ranger Independent School District included Merriman, Cooper, Tiffin, Central Ward, Ranger High School and Young. Another school was located in the Lackland addition, and the Negro school was also in use.

Letters To The Editor

On April 13, 1919, I arrived in Ranger on the west-bound Sunshine Special. On April 14, 1919, I married James A. Robinson; the ceremony was performed by C. E. Wisdom, pastor of the Methodist Church.

As houses to rent was a thing unknown in Ranger, we bought a 16-foot Army tent and put it on the Will McCleskey lease, east of Ranger. We paid \$1 per barrel for water, a dollar a dozen to get clothes washed, not ironed.

I had a dollar per hundred lbs. and you had to stand in line for 40 hours to get it.

I have three children, a boy and two girls born near Ranger. We lived on the McCleskey oil lease 18 months and moved to E. J. Jennings lease in Wilds Canyon, living there five years as the son was of school age.

We moved on a lease near Merriman a n d lived there 19 years. My husband was employed by the T. P. Oil Co. There was mud and more mud. Butter was a dollar a pound when you were lucky enough to get it.

Mr. Robinson died Feb. 21, 1951. I came to San Antonio in 1952, but so back to Ranger twice a year because my youngest child lives there.

There were only two cemeteries in Ranger then—the Merriman and Pioneer. Evergreen was, at that time, a peach orchard.

Note — I will arrive in Ranger May 24. Will be there when the Times celebrates its 40th birthday.

Mrs. J. A. Robinson
San Antonio, Texas

John Ussery Does Repairs

John Ussery has been in the refrigeration and electrical business in Ranger for a number of years.

He opened his refrigeration service company here in 1942, after being in the repair business of refrigerators and electrical wiring and equipment for some time.

Ussery is now located on highway 80 West, where he and Mrs. Ussery also own and operate Chick's Courts.

At one time, according to the Chamber of Commerce reports of that day, Ranger unloaded more freight than New Orleans, Dallas or Fort Worth.

Ku Klux Klans men paraded on Ranger's Main St. in 1922.



Ranger Auto Parts Keep Up With Progress

Ranger Auto Parts has kept in step with progress in Ranger every since it was founded in 1929.

New equipment was added to the shop last year, including a surfacing machine and a tin-fitting machine. This with other equipment gives the area complete machine service. Automobile and truck parts are replaced or repaired by the company.

Ranger Auto Parts is also an authorized dealer for air cooled engines applicable to lawn mowers.

Founded in 1929 by J. J. Kelly, now of Fort Worth, the present owner—Gaston Dixon — bought half interest in 1945. Dixon began working with the firm in 1931 as a clerk who also worked in the machine shop. Frank Deaton bought out Kelly's interest in 1953, and Dixon bought out Deaton in June of 1956.

Accessories and parts are available for all models of autos and trucks at the business known for service. Paint, both lacquer and enamel, is also available for vehicles.

Employees are: Mrs. Dixon, bookkeeper; Dan Dixon, a clerk who plans to enter North Texas State College this fall; Weidon Leonard, shop manager; Arthur Comacho, clerk; and Mrs. Iris Hummel, accountant.

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Exciting Scenes In Ranger Recalled By Boyce House, Once Editor of Times

By BOYCE HOUSE
(Written especially for the 40th Anniversary Edition)

Many pleasant, exciting and amusing scenes in Ranger flash upon memory's screen as the 10 years (1921-31) spent as an Eastland County newspaperman come to mind.

While the great boom had ended a few months before, the Ranger rush was the cause of my coming to the county. When I left Arkansas for Texas, it was my intention — after a period of rest to improve my health — to go to a city which had experienced an oil boom as I wanted to write a book on the romance of such an era. While relaxing in Brady, I received two offers of jobs. One was the editorship of the Eastland Daily Oil Belt News and, as I knew that town was the seat of the county in which Ranger was

located, that was the offer which was accepted. Some of the wild dramas in Ranger's then recent past were the subject of trials, which I reported, in the old courthouse in Eastland. A Texas Ranger was acquitted for shooting a businessman to death; a plea of the "unwritten law" brought freedom to a defendant who killed a man on the sidewalk; and a witness in one case was a deputy sheriff who was still using a cane because of a wound received when desperadoes held up the Oklahoma Cabaret in the daytime, then staged a gunfight through the streets. Also Gene Reynolds, Ranger's "boy chief of police", had official business several times in the courthouse; and, one day, I was in a group in the courthouse corridor when L. H. Flewilen, city judge during the boom, told about fining a man \$75

for murder. I covered a trial of the individual who perhaps was the most dangerous of Ranger gunmen; he was tried for beating a man with a club and was turned loose. Then there was a dance-hall killing in Ranger one night; but the circumstantial evidence was insufficient. In fact, come to think of it, almost none of the deeds of violence in Ranger resulted in any punishment.

From Fire Chief Murphy, I heard stories of the gambling hall operator who was the leader of the lawless element during the boom; My first sight of Ranger was a July day in 1921. I had traveled by rail from Brady to Dublin, then boarded a Jake Hamon train to Ranger. There was a wait for the T & P's "Sunshine Special" on to Eastland and so I walked around to view the town about which I later was to write three books and a numerous magazine articles. The throngs were gone—but there was only a dollar a barrel—but there was a reasonable amount of activity on the streets and I walked into the McCleskey hotel, which was a fairly busy, to see the lobby where so many transactions — involving millions of dollars — had taken place.

Occasionally in those days of 1921 and 1922, I would visit Ranger, usually on Sunday, making the ten-mile trip by train as there were no highways worthy of the name at that time. The train, as it approached Ranger, would clatter over switches, past a long line of tank cars, loading racks and "farms" with their big storage tanks, each of 55,000-barrel capacity. Ranger had the best cafe in the county, the most modern stores, the big Gholson Hotel (as well as the McCleskey) and one of its theatres offered stage shows. The return trip to Eastland was made on a late train. My first experience with a norther was in Ranger; I had ridden over from Eastland in a car with friends to see a baseball game one Sunday afternoon in late September (1921) and was wearing summer clothes as the day was warm. The game was so interesting that it was not until around (Continued on Page 2)



BOYCE HOUSE
... past editor of Times

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Eastland County Is Over 100 Years Old

William M. Eastland, the man for whom Eastland County was named, was the same man who drew a black bean at Rancho Salala, Mexico. Eastland County became known as Eastland County for the reason that one of the founders recalled the bravery of Eastland, and thought he should have something named in his memory.

The county seat was Merriman when the county was first organized. On Aug. 2, 1875, an election was held to determine if the county seat should be moved, and Eastland received 67 votes in favor of the move to just 44 for Merriman.

Industry, such as garment manufacturing companies and building block manufacturers, have brightened the county's outlook. County Government Eastland County's assessed tax valuation is more than \$21,000,000. The county has an outstanding payment record, having never defaulted on a bond payment. The county's outstanding debt is less than \$75,000, putting the county in one of the best positions of any county in the state. Just this year the last payment on the modern courthouse was made.

The county was created Feb. 1, 1853, and was organized Dec. 2, 1873. It contains 909 square miles and is approximately on longitude 98 west and latitude 31 north. Frank Sanches was one of the first settlers in the county. It was left up to one Silas Buck, a young lawyer, to organize the county, however. In 1872 Buck came to live in the home of Peter Davidson. He had been appointed deputy county clerk of Palo Pinto County, to which Eastland County was attached for judicial purposes. He proceeded to circulate a petition asking that an election be held for the purpose of organizing the county. The election was held Dec. 2, 1873, and passed.

Eastland County continued a slow but steady growth until Oct. 28, 1917. That was the day the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Co.'s McCleskey No. 1 well was brought in. Then Ranger, and the county, experienced what historians have called the "most spectacular boom ever to have occurred within the United States."

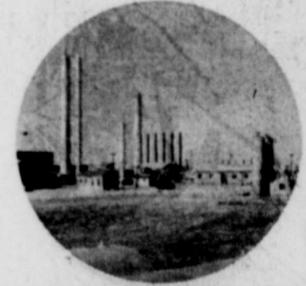
Present office holders are: John Hart, county judge; J. B. (Tip) Arther, commissioner of Precinct 1; B. M. Bennett, commissioner of Precinct 2; R. L. (Bob) Carter, commissioner of Precinct 3; and Carl Lamb, commissioner of Precinct 4; Johnson Smith, county clerk; Earl Conner, Jr., county attorney; J. C. Allison, tax assessor collector; Mrs. Ellen Justice, treasurer; Roy Lane, district clerk; Turner Collier, district judge; J. E. Williams, sheriff; J. M. Cooper, county agent; Hazel O'Brien, county auditor; Mrs. Sandra Shelton, home demonstration agent; and T. L. Landon, county surveyor.

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Exciting Scenes Recalled by House

(Continued from Page One) the seventh inning that I realized that I was about to freeze. Some body built a fire from scraps of wood and we huddled about it to watch the rest of the game.

Still Had Crowds
I can remember occasions when there were crowds in Ranger rivaling those of the boom—the homecoming marking the tenth anniversary of the McCleskey discovery well; the appearance of Ringling Bros. circus; the Rotary convention; the reunion of Texas Rangers of Indian-fighting days and the law-and-order mass meeting in 1921 in the church at the end of the business district.

Quite a stir was created by the visit of some 50 members of the legislature around 1922. After a tour by car of the oil fields, the lawmakers and their hosts arrived in Ranger. A crowd quickly filled the Gholson lobby and an impromptu program of talks was presented.

Then there were the babbling, moving throngs on the sidewalks and in the Gholson lobby and jamming cafes and drug stores before a big football game.

Building Memories
Yes, some of the most vivid recollections pertain to Bulldog battles with the Breckenridge Buckaroos, Abilene Eagles, Cisco Lobos, Eastland Mavericks and other rivals. Of course, there are recollections of Coach Blair Cherry and Coach Eck Curtis, of "Pud" Hammett, "Os" Hinman, "Arkansas" McLaughlin, "Dangerous Dan" McCarty, and of Buster Mills. Can you remember when Buster dropkicked two field goals in three minutes to beat Abilene? And when he set back Cisco by a 100-yard punt?

When the Bulldogs were playing in San Angelo or Big Spring, there would be a special train and when they played at home, all the places of business closed for the game.

And after the contest, the game would be played all over again by the fans in Swaney's Pharmacy.

Noted Visitors
Then there were visiting celebrities. Jimmy Allred, in his first race for attorney general, spoke in Ranger. So did former Governor Pat M. Neff, running for reelection to the State Railroad Commission. Former Attorney General R. E. L. Bobbitt addressed the George Washington banquet of the American Legion and at an annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce, Judge Charles E. Coombes, former cowboy and pioneer West Texas lawyer, made a stirring speech and was followed by the eloquent young Oklahoma University instructor in public speaking—Josh Lee, who later served in the United States Senate.

Old-timers will remember the popcorn wagon operated by a pleasant, gray-haired lady, at a Main Street corner; and when the Arcadia Theatre reopened after being remodeled at a cost of \$30,000, (truly a great expenditure in the 1920's), the chief feature was a wonderful pipe organ—and right afterward, "talkies" came in!

"Times" Recollections
Of course there are many memories clustering around the Ranger Times: "Whitey" Hicks, composing room foreman, who was also a minister; Ernest Glazner and Joe Thompson, linotype operators; "Jenks", the pressman and Roaker, printer.

Before coming from Eastland to become editor of the Times, I knew the editor, H. E. Bozeman, and Charles Underwood, circulation manager. The latter came to Texas to build up his health and found himself involved in dangerous events at the hands of men who had been exposed by the paper. Later, there were the clever sports writer, Bobby Campbell, and another sports writer, Eddie Anderson, who afterward wrote a novel which was made into a motion picture. And there was George Manning, advertising manager, and H. D. Pape and O. S. Driskell, who were office managers. Driskell

gained considerable note as a raiser of fine chickens.
The publisher of the Times was handsome, capable, pleasant Walter Murray, who developed a chain of newspapers, including (besides Ranger) Eastland, Breckenridge, Cisco, Mineral Wells and Cleburne.

Occurrences While Editor
A few exciting events occurred while I was editor of the Times (1929-31). One night, the Arcadia Theatre was held up and Coach Eck Curtis, who happened to be near by, ran after the lone robber until someone shouted, "He's got a gun!"

A desperado, who had murdered a service station operator in West Texas, conducted a "one-man crime wave." On the dodge, he came to Ranger where he and Policeman Wolfe came face to face and each emptied his pistol. Although they were only a few yards apart, neither man was struck. Later, the fugitive was captured in another county and was electrocuted.

One event which attracted a lot of attention was "from-wheatfield-to-biscuits" race against time. Accompanied by the Times editor, Ben Whitehouse, vocational agriculture teacher, drove to L. H. Hagaman's farm where harvesting was in progress; then, with a sack of just-harvested wheat, he hurried to the mill where K. C. Jones had everything in readiness; then, with the flour, to the Gholson Coffee Shop where the chef made dough, baked a pan of biscuits and set them in front of a customer—all in around 18 minutes!

A bit of political history which was almost made in Ranger formed an amusing little incident. The head of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was in town for a meeting. Afterward there was a good deal of "fellowship" and the distinguished visitor was feeling exalted. An attorney, also in melon mood, came down to the Gholson lobby and asked me to come upstairs as the guest wished to announce his candidacy for governor of Texas. The executive

vice president of the W.T.C.C. sensed what was in the air and, catching my eye, he signaled me over and asked me not to obtain the interview as it would involve the organization in politics. I had not intended to write anything anyway because of the circumstances—and so a candidacy for governor was not launched.

Ranger received wide renown because of a unique musical organization called the Tickville band which was composed of leading citizens who put on comic clothes, makeup, wigs and false whiskers. Sponsored by the Carl Barnes Post No. 69 of the American Legion, they played lively selections with a lot of comedy. Members included Dr. H. A. Logsdon, mayor, who directed the band; Edwin George, bank cashier; Dr. Clyde C. Craig; D. W. (Buzz) Johnson, announcer; T. J. Kelly, W. L. Wright, Charles J. Moore, Clayton (Poco) Hunt, Eugene Murphy, Johnny Dasher (singer), Lennie Herring, M. O. Atterbury, Carl Cooper, Ben Turpin, Henry Hanhold and Harry Henry of the Lone Star Gas Company, who used thimbles to play on a washboard.

Many Noted Citizens
During my days in Eastland County, Ranger had many colorful citizens, including Jack Rapp, who shot more oil wells than any other nitroglycerin shooter in the history of the petroleum industry; Bill Morris, oil-time driller, veteran of many fields; "Shorty" Woods, greatest teamster of the Texas oil industry, to name a few.

Then there were Raymon Teal, who ran a fountain-cigar stand, an old-time minstrel showman, who had appeared in the Orient; Brann Garner, a most enterprising theatre operator and Fire Chief Murphy, perhaps the most popular citizen of the town—always with a cigar, usually unlighted, between his teeth and always genial. At one time he owned a duck which he had trained to follow him as he strolled down the street.

Oil men pass in review: W. K. Gordon (who, however, did not live in Ranger), "the father of the Ranger oil field"; Frank Champion, who drilled the discovery gusher; Barney Carter, Garvin Chastain, Jack Urban, the colorful Col. Robert D. Gordon, spectacular operator, lavish spender, generous toward anyone in need, and Bob Norman, who had charge of the oil properties of "Tex" Rickard.

Prominent lawyers were L. R. Pearson, Sr., who served in the legislature and who long has been

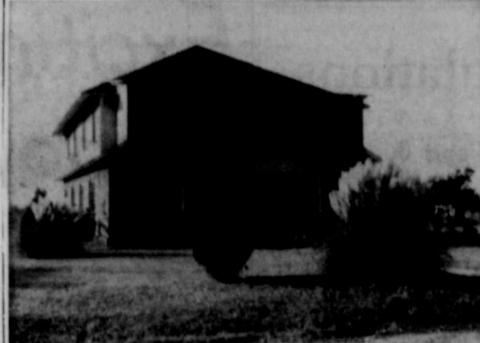
a successful oil operator; R. S. Dudley, Sr., who also was a noted poultry raiser; and L. H. Flewellen, whose career includes membership in the legislature, on the State Industrial Accident Commission and, at present, the State Board of Control. He also served as a special member of the Supreme Court of Texas.

M. H. Hagaman, Ranger's first mayor, was an educator, rancher and businessman. His successor was John M. Gholson, an outstanding civic leader. Later Hall Walker was Ranger's most active citizen; mayor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of his church, head of the bank, owner of the Paramount Hotel and Coffee Shop, in charge of the bus station and Postal Telegraph office, owner of rent houses, business buildings, ranch and oil property. You wondered how one man could find time for so many activities.

Got Out "Extras"
Rip Galloway, Ranger's veteran manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was the owner of a job printing plant and in the mid-1920's he established a weekly paper. I was the editor and came over from Eastland one day a week, Thursday, which was press day. I recall that we engaged in a race with the Times to get out an "extra" on the second Dempsey-Funney fight and the big press of the Times broke down, so we hit the street first.

Also we issued an "extra" when Lindburgh landed in Paris. I trust it is all right now to acknowledge that all the information we had was what that morning's paper (while the flight was still in progress) contained and a flash on the Times that he had reached Paris but I figured that, on so long a journey, he would doubtless have been forced to rise high to get above clouds and, at another time, to get under them would have almost to skin the waves. So with the morning paper, a radio flash and an active imagination, a story was written and over 1,000 copies of the paper were sold. (When the full account was given by the flier, it turned out that he had had the experiences described!)

Ranger Has Been Kind
The greatest single honor that Ranger ever bestowed on this chronicler was in connection with the "world premier" of "Roaring Ranger". The mayor proclaimed "Boyce House Day" and the high school band and a color guard were on hand when the author and Joe Naylor, the publisher, stepped off the train. There was a parade; then a luncheon attended by 100 and, after that, a program before a full house in the Arcadia Theatre.



THETA TAU HOUSE—The girls' dormitory houses students at Ranger College. Recently remodeled, the dormitory acquired its present name during the regular fall session. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Rho Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Was Organized in 1955

The Texas Rho Pi Chapter No. 4780 of Beta Sigma Phi, national sorority, was organized in Ranger on September 8, 1955, by Mrs. Inez Harrell Bourdeau. There are now twenty-six members of the organization.

Of the eighteen charter members, ten are still members of the Ranger chapter. These four-year members recently organized the Exemplar chapter, Xi Zeta Nu, which is the first of its kind in Ranger.

The object of the sorority is "to unite in fellowship and friendship those women accepted for membership, and to promote the cultural development of such members by definite courses of study." Members serve their community through a variety of projects and charity organizations. Chapter members present programs on art, travel, music, history, social graces, and current events. Sorority colors are black and gold, and the sorority flower is the yellow rose.

Past presidents of the local chapter are Mrs. Barbara Hofer, Mrs. Bourdeau, Mrs. D. C. Arterburn, and Miss Eva Mills. Officers for the 1958-59 club year were: president, Miss Mills; vice president, Mrs. Richard Bonney; recording secretary, Miss Helen Dawley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Allen Rushing; treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Crouch; parliamentarian, Mrs. Audrey Rose; and extension officer, Mrs. Calvin Warren.

Rho Pi Chapter officers elected for next year are: president, Mrs. Jesse White; vice president, Mrs.

Jack Sledge; recording secretary, Mrs. Iris Hummel and extension officer, Mrs. Charlie Rose.

Xi Zeta Nu officers for the next year are: president, Mrs. Dainne Dennis; vice president, Mrs. H. H. Oliver; recording secretary, Mrs. Norman Huffman; corresponding secretary, Miss Norma Mills; treasurer, Mrs. Bourdeau; and extension officer, Mrs. N. E. Landers.

Pulley Jewelry Is Founded On Quality, Honesty

The D. E. Pulley Jewelry store was founded in June of 1943 by the late D. E. Pulley. Located at 203 Main St. in Ranger, the store handles only name brand watches, diamonds and other merchandise.

Mr. Pulley, with faith in the future of Ranger, founded the store on quality, honesty and integrity. He was always interested in helping to make Ranger grow, contributing whenever possible to any project working toward that goal.

Since his retirement several years ago, Mrs. Pulley has managed the store under the same principles. It is her desire to continue to give the customer the most value for the jewelry dollar.

Campbell Ford Sales Is Known Throughout Area

Campbell Ford Sales Inc. of Ranger, which held its grand opening Oct. 18, 1958, has been outstanding in sales and service and become known as the place to buy a Ford.

Co-owners are Charles (Art) Campbell and Morris Campbell, who purchased the agency from Virgil and Don Elliott in July of 1958. The building was redecorated shortly afterwards, and new parts bins and shop equipment was added.

In the business for 34 years, Art Campbell was associated with Leveille-Motor Co. of Ranger from 1919 through 1922. For the next eight years, he had a dealership in Forney, and in 1930 purchased a dealership in Terrell. From 1935 to 1954, Campbell was part owner of Leveille Motor Co. in Ranger. In 1954 he and Morris Leveille sold out to H. M. Haswell and John Robertson. He moved back to Ranger in February of 1957, after spending two years in Dallas. Campbell is a member of the Lions Club and Lone Cedar Country Club.

Morris Campbell is operator of an Humble Service Station, located on Highway 80 east. He is a member of the Elks Club and the Lone Cedar Country Club.

Parts manager is R. W. Gryder and service manager is L. Z. Melton. Johnny Vaughn is a mechanic.



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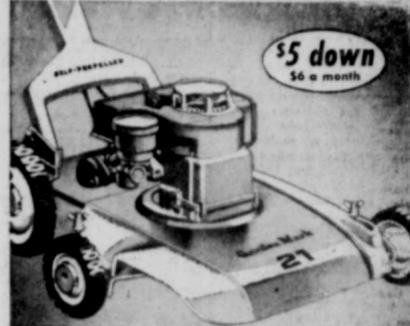
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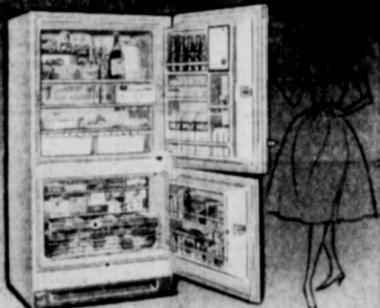
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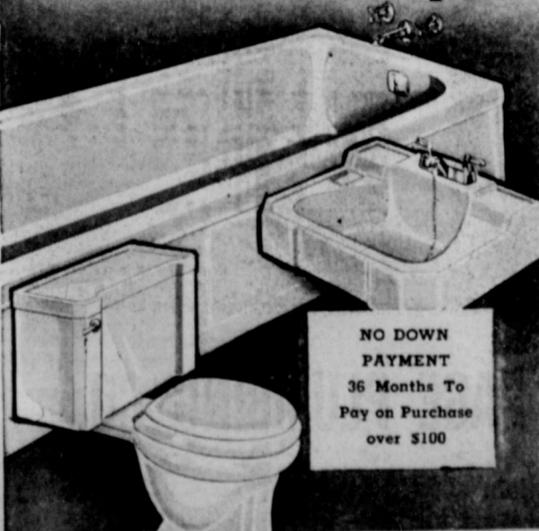
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The White Electrical Company, located on South Rusk, is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White. White worked as an electrician with a Mineral Wells firm before coming to Ranger and opening his shop here in 1953. The firm specializes in motor

rewinding and magneto sales and service.

Tiffin was once a thriving city, near Ranger, with pump stations, gas and pipeline companies. The town declined after the oil boom.



J. L. SMITH

J. C. Penney Co. Has Served Area Through 32 Years

In the same location since 1927 the J. C. Penney Co. in Ranger has served the area for 32 years. One of two Penney stores in Eastland County, people come from miles around to shop and to save. John Smith has been manager for the past eight years. He came here from Artesia, N. M., where he served as assistant manager. Miss Eunice Presslar has been employed by the firm for about 15 years. She is in charge of ladies ready-to-wear and infant's wear in the bazaar.

Mrs. Odell (Ruth) Booth has been a local sales clerk for about 14 years. Mrs. Aaron Stiles, another clerk, has been clerking for Penney's for eight years. Mrs. Hamner Gay is a regular extra employe who has worked here for about two years.

A basic line of soft goods is handled by the store. And clothing for men, women and children can be found. Penney's is a place to buy shoes, hats, work clothes, nice goods, and notions. It is also a place to find bedding—including sheets, towels and blankets. All types of home accessories and women furnishings are also handled by the local store.

Mrs. M. H. Hagaman Served As First President of 1920 Club

The 1920 Club, the oldest federated club in Ranger, was organized in 1920 as an outgrowth of the 1903 Club. In 1903, the first club was organized for the purpose of fostering a library. Soon the group had a small collection of books and a loan library was started. The club was federated under the name of "1903 Club" and was active for several years. In 1914, it was reorganized and became the Bay View Reading Club; it was federated under the new name. When the war came on, the club disbanded as a study club and went into Red Cross work.

In 1920, it was again reorganized and federated under the name of "1920 Club." Three charter members of the 1903 Club were also charter members of the 1920 Club. They were Mrs. John M. Ghoson, Mrs. Fred Dreinhofer, and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman. Mrs. Hagaman, first president of both clubs, has served as president of the 1920 Club twice since that time. This outstanding clubwoman, whose far-sighted vision brought about the club's establishment, has also been active in state club work, serving as chairman of many important departments and as vice president of the Texas Federation.

The 1920 Club was organized by Meses. Hagaman, George L. Davenport, O. L. Phillips, and M. H. Smith. Beginning with thirty-five charter members, the club's main objective was to establish a student loan fund. The first such loan was made in 1927, and since that time, many others have been made.

After the club had functioned for two years, the members felt the need for the organization of other clubs, that more women of Ranger might enjoy club work. Out of their planning grew another federated club, the New Era Club.

Past presidents of the 1920 Club, listed in the order in which they served are: Meses. Hagaman, Smith, Phillips, Hagaman, E. H. Hodges, A. L. Duffer, G. D. Chastain, C. E. May, Sr., R. A. Jame-

son, C. D. Woods, A. H. Allison, R. M. Davenport, Hagaman, J. W. Ducker, Phillips, Carl Hill, W. L. Jackson, A. W. Brazda, J. R. McLaughlin, M. L. King, Saule Perlestein, C. B. Pruet, H. L. Coady, R. L. Hamrick, B. A. Tunnell, and J. E. Matthews.

Other officers during the 1958-59 club year were Mrs. J. F. Killingsworth, second vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Lummus, recording secretary; Miss Anna McEver, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Hummel, treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Brazda, federation counselor; Mrs. R. L. Hamrick, press reporter; Mrs. Saule Perlestein, parliamentarian; and Mrs. J. S. McDowell, historian.

Officers elected for next year are: president, Mrs. J. E. Matthews; first vice-president, Mrs. J. Floyd Killingsworth; second vice president, Mrs. C. E. May, Sr.; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Hummel; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna McEver; federation counselor, Mrs. A. W. Brazda; parliamentarian, Mrs. Saule Perlestein; historian, Mrs. J. S. McDowell; and press reporter, Mrs. R. L. Hamrick.

Greer's Shop Has Everything In Western Wear

Greer's Boot and Western Wear Shop was originally opened in 1931, located where Page's Plumbing now is. Greer's moved to their present location, 205 Main St. in March of 1946.

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HOME of L. L. Bruce, located at 816 Cypress, shows good taste in its attractive setting. The wrought iron porch front adds much to the house. (Photo by Capps Studio).



AT 501 PINE is the home of Mrs. A. W. Brazda, picturesquely situated amidst trees and shrubs. This two-story house is considered one of the most imposing in Ranger. (Photo by Capps Studio).



MODERN—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson and family is well situated on a hill, where it may be easily seen. The attractive front is set off by a large porch, picture window, and an unusual arrangement of Austin stone. Note the fireplace. (Photo by Capps Studio).

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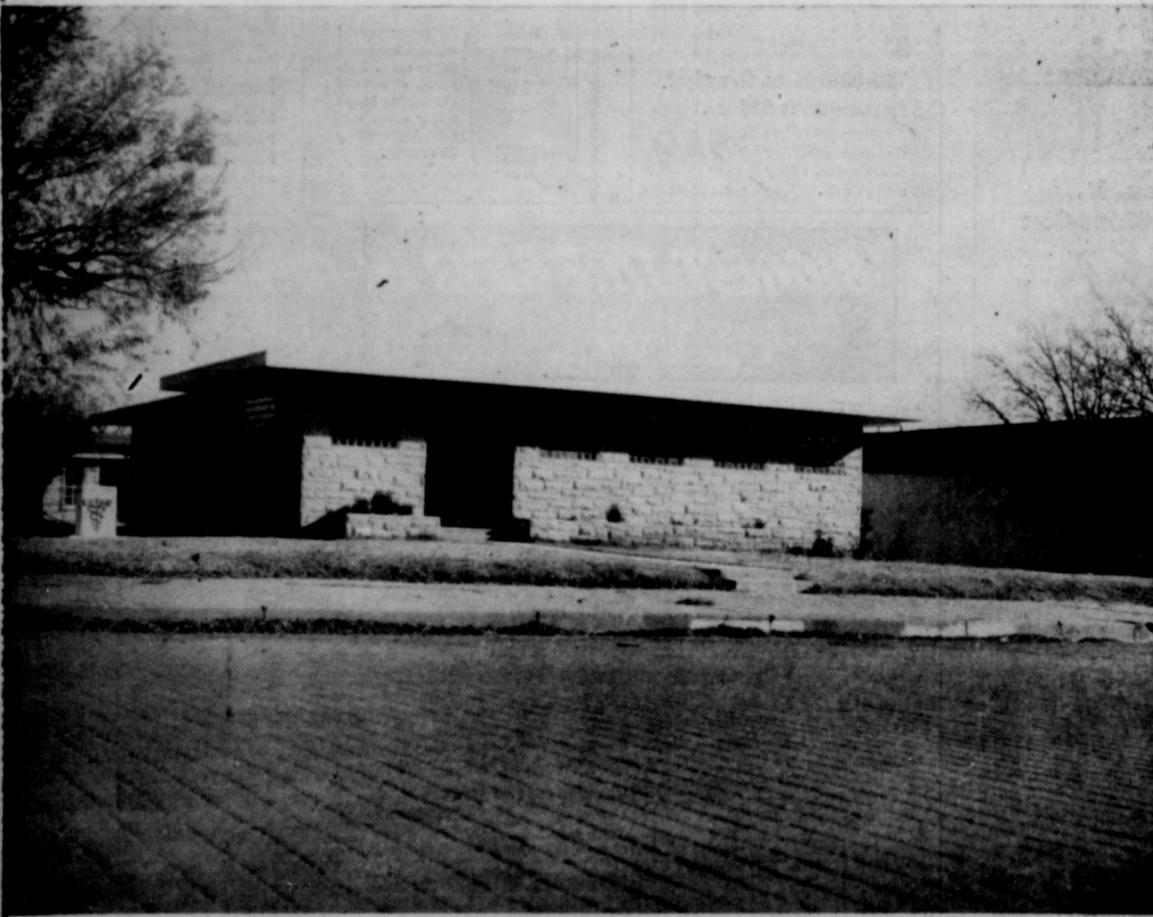
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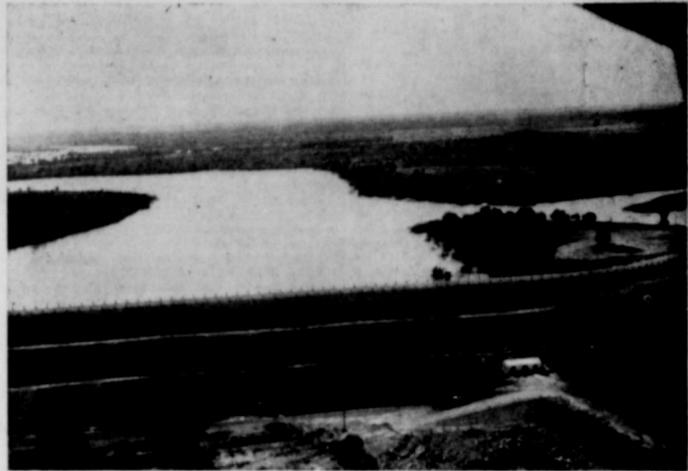
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RANGER... An Area Abounding With Opportunities

In the midst of Texas' great progressive area lies Ranger, the birthplace of the West Texas oil boom. Beginning in 1878 as a camp for the Texas Rangers, the city grew and prospered with an economy based principally on agriculture.

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In 1917, W. K. Gordon of the Texas Coal and Oil Company drilled two test wells in the vicinity of Ranger. In October of that year, the people received word that the McCleskey well had come in. In 1918, the village became a booming city of 30,000 or more population.

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Pipelines and refineries were con-

structed as rapidly as possible to transport and furnish the ever-increasing amounts of oil and gas being produced into a usable commodity for the petroleum-hungry public. The nation's desperate need for oil during World War I rocketed the price from \$2 a barrel to \$3.50 and \$4.15. In 1920, over \$100,000,000 of oil was produced in this area.

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Following incorporation on February 4, 1919, an orderly, well-planned, determined type of progress began. With the dwindling of oil in the area, the city's population diminished, but from the ruins of the past, arose a modern city of industry and commerce.

Today, Ranger is on the march industrially! Many of the new industries which have come to this area in recent years have found this to be an area which abounds in the natural resources, transportation, fuel and power facilities, and other factors which promote a city's growth. Any industry seeking a new location will do well to investigate the advantages offered by this area.

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RAW MATERIALS—Ranger has an abundant supply of raw and semi-finished materials used in the manufacture of finished products.

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POWER, FUEL AND WATER — An ample supply of low-cost electric power is available wherever needed, as well as plenty of natural gas, oil, and water.

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TRANSPORTATION—The city is loc-

ated on the main line of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and on Interstate Highway 20 and Texas Highway 80. All major truck lines pass through Ranger.

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PLANT SITES—Many attractive well-located factory sites are available at reasonable prices.

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COOPERATION—City and county officials, and the citizenship in general, have an excellent spirit of cooperation.

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These factors, and many others, make the Ranger area a definitely-to-be-considered location for new businesses.

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Throughout the years Bruce has maintained a large business and has ranked high among the agents for the Southland Life Insurance Co. in Texas.

Bruce's office is located right in the center of Ranger's business district, at 207 Main St.

Eastland County Maintains Key Position In TESCO System

When the discovery of oil 42 years ago mushroomed Ranger from a quiet central Texas community of a few hundred citizens into a booming city with a population of approximately 20,000 within a few months, the small oil engine light plant that supplied electricity to the town was far from adequate to supply the needs. And, as Ranger began to emerge from a city of tents and quagmire streets to acquire modern buildings and brick pavement, the need for electricity became more acute.

That's when a young electrical engineer came to Eastland county with sufficient financial backing to bring order out of the chaotic electricity supply situation in Ranger and other booming towns in the area. This engineer was the late J. E. Lewis, who already had much experience in electrical construction work in Texas and was closely associated with Col. J. F. Strickland, pioneer Texas developer of interurban lines and electric utilities.

Lewis, as trustee, acquired the

light plants at Eastland, Ranger and Gorman in Eastland county; DeLeon in Comanche and at Breckenridge in Stephens during 1919, and early the following year the Oil Cities Electric Company was organized to take over these electric properties. Owners of the small plants couldn't cope with the problems of growth that were created by the oil boom.

Conditions in Ranger at that time were typical of the conditions in the other towns. In a letter to Col. Strickland, prior to purchasing the Ranger Light & Power Company, Lewis wrote that there was considerable dissatisfaction and comment as to the inability of the Ranger Light & Power Company to furnish sufficient service.

Grouping of the plants under one management was the first step in providing adequate electric service and at the same time reducing the prevailing rate of 29 cents a kilowatt hour for residential electric service that was being charged in these towns to 15 cents.

The next step was construction of a modern steam-electric generating station in the area to provide the tremendous amounts of electric power needed in Ranger and in the surrounding towns and oil fields. The Oil Belt Power Company was organized to build a power plant on the Leon river, seven miles southwest of Ranger. This plant was put into operation in 1920 and was connected with the highline that supplied Gorman from DeLeon. Power lines were built from Leon power plant to Ranger, Eastland and Breckenridge to provide for greater amounts of electricity than could be generated by the smaller power plants in those towns.

As needs for power in the oil fields continued to grow, new steam-electric generating units were added to the Oil Belt Company's plant on the Leon river. The first two units, totaling 7,800 kilowatts of generating capability, were installed in 1920 and the output of the plant was doubled by the addition of a single 7,800 kw unit in 1923. A 7,900 kw unit was added in 1925 and a 15,600 kw unit was added in 1928, bringing the total plant capability to 39,100 kw. For almost a quarter of a century it was the largest electric power plant between Fort Worth and El Paso and one of the most modern and efficient in Texas. For a number of years it operated

as a base load plant in the Texas Electric Service Company's power system.

This modern power plant assured Ranger and the surrounding area the power that was needed for steady growth. The Oil Cities Electric Company in 1927 became part of the newly organized Texas Electric Service Company and Lewis became a director of Texas Electric Service Company and continued as manager of the company's properties in this area.

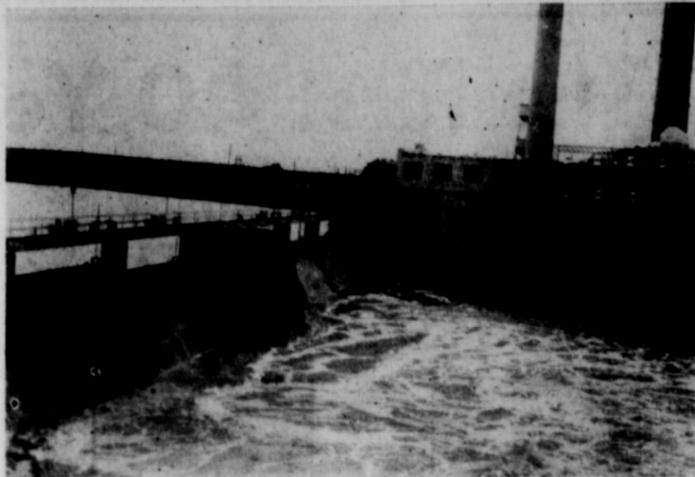
The key position that Eastland County attained in the development of the electric company's system in this area has been maintained. The company's Leon power plant continues to be an important unit in the TESCO power system. Headquarters for the operation of the company's high voltage transmission lines covering a wide area in central Texas are maintained at Leon plant, and the company has a total of 130 employees working in Eastland County.

TESCO not only is one of the largest employers in Eastland County, but also is one of the

largest taxpayers, both in the county and in Ranger.

Looking toward the days when the fossil fuels, oil, gas and coal, may become too costly to be used to generate electric power, TESCO in cooperation with ten other electric power companies operating in Texas, is sponsoring a research program to investigate the possibilities in the field of controlled thermonuclear reactions. These electric power companies that make up the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation have entered into a four-year contract with the General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corporation for a jointly operated research program that is being carried on at General Atomic's John J. Hopkins laboratory for pure and applied science in San Diego, Calif. under the direction of some of the world's leading nuclear scientists.

When the day comes that conventional fuels no longer are economical for the production of electricity, TESCO expects to be ready to make available to its customers the full benefits of electric power from the atom.



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Boy Scouts Organized Here In January, 1927

Boy Scouts were organized in Ranger in January, 1927, by the Rotary Club. W. W. Housewright was chairman. Three troops were then organized at the Presbyterian, Christian and Central Baptist Churches. Scoutmasters were J. E. Cox, J. E. Fletcher and W. R. Clardy.

The average attendance is 15.

Other organizations of the church are the Junior and Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries and the Sunbeams.

A complete list of the charter members is not available, but they include the following: Mrs. Emma Stovall, Mrs. Sallie Rogers, Miss Mildred Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Landtroop, Raymond Landtroop, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Belknap, Miss Joe Belknap, Mrs. W. R. Crabtree, Mrs. Faye Bargesley, Jimmy Crabtree, J. D. Rogers, Esda Mae Rogers, Floyd Rogers, Buford Stovall, Miss Mildred Hill, Miss Elma Hill, Mrs. Zaida Rice, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. King, Sr., Arnold Rogers, Mrs. Rana Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams.

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Rev. F. G. Rogers Organizes Second Baptist Church In Summer of 1940

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

One of Ranger's leading churches is the Second Baptist Church, which was organized in the summer of 1940 by Rev. F. G. Rogers. The late Dr. A. K. Wier, suggested its name to the people.

Rev. Rogers, the first pastor, served the church until April, 1941. In the summer of that year, Rev. Jasper Masseege began his pastorate in Ranger, and stayed until 1943. In 1944, J. D. McDaniel was pastor. He was succeeded in 1945 by Rev. Taylor Pendley. It was during Rev. Pendley's ministry that the church baptistry was painted.

Rev. Edgar Stiles was pastor of the church for a short time, and in 1946, Rev. Masseege returned to Ranger and was pastor until 1952, when Rev. James Ward assumed the pastoral duties of the

church. Rev. D. D. Brian was minister for two years, 1953-54. He was followed by Rev. Calvin Bailey in 1955. The church's present pastor, Rev. E. L. Seabrough, came to Ranger in 1956.

Beginning with a congregation of less than one-hundred members, the church now has a membership of 385. The average attendance is about 130 on Sunday school, which has an enrollment of 182. Carl White is Sunday School superintendent. The Training Union, with an enrollment of 95, has an average attendance of about 70. J. D. Nichols is Training Union Director.

The Women's Missionary Union was organized during Rev. Rogers' pastorate. Mrs. Rogers was the first president. The WMU now has an enrollment of forty members. Mrs. J. D. Nichols is president. David Weems is president of the Brotherhood, which has an enrollment of 21. The average attendance is 15.



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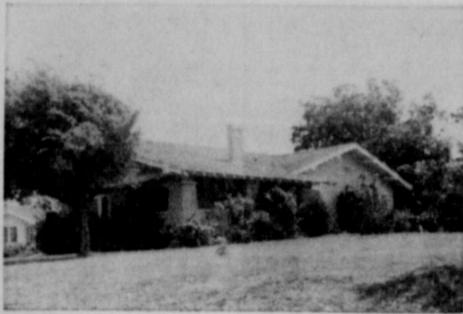
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State Farm Insurance Co. Is One of Largest

J. C. Carter is the local representative for the State Farm Insurance Company, which is a multiple company having auto, fire and life insurance. The company was founded in June of 1923 by George Jacob Mecherle, who formerly worked for other insurance companies and found some dishonest dealings going on, so he founded his own company which at that time was named the "Little Honest Insurance Company."

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ON A HILL stands the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff and family. Solidly constructed the house catches the eye and presents an interesting sight. The corner porch with a heavy pillar does much to create this effect. (Photo by Capps Studio).

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Rotary Promotes Progress In 39 Years Here

Ranger's Rotary Club came into being April 24, 1920, and is about as old as the City of Ranger. First president of the club was Major H. S. Cole and R. B. Waggoner served as secretary.

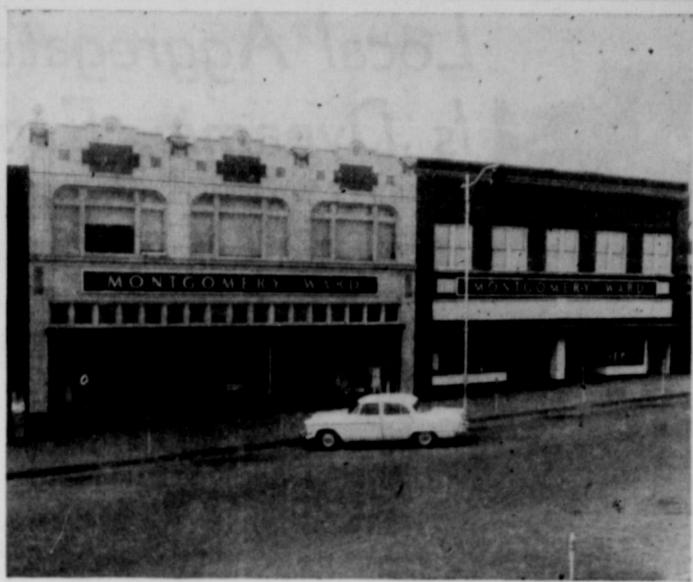
Pottery in Ranger can look with pride upon its accomplishments and achievements during its 39 years of existence.

With its organization came the promotion of a spirit of good fellowship that revolutionized Ranger from a town of selfish individuals to a city of far-sighted, broad-minded business men.

Rotary was organized primarily for the purpose of breaking down individual barriers which retard the progress of any city. And they have injected a spirit of pep and go into every public mind. A citizen that is a credit to the club and the city.

They have fostered and aided in many movements for civic betterment. The Rotary Club acted as an equilibrating force in steadying the city during its period of reorganization after the great oil boom.

From the very beginning, the Rotary Club has been composed of outstanding citizens capable of leadership.



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Blackwell Gulf Station On Hwy. 80

Blackwell's Gulf Service Station is located on Highway 80 west, just across from the railroad tracks. Blackwell's station underwent complete remodeling two years ago.

Prompt and courteous attention is given to every motorist whether he wants gas, oil, a complete wash and grease job or the complete works.

This Gulf Service Station is owned by Curtis Blackwell, who has been in the service station business for the past ten years. He has 24-hour service and employs three other persons besides himself.

One of Ranger's major stores, Montgomery Ward, is also a place for much shopping by area people.

Wards is known for its wide range of quality merchandise, offering over 100,000 items. For many people, Montgomery Ward is a means of shopping by catalog or mail order. Three-day service is given most orders; factory items will reach Ranger in one or two weeks from the time the order is placed.

M. W. Terry is the present manager. Terry replaced W. J. Stevenson when he transferred to Houston as merchandise manager of a downtown store. Terry came here in March from Waco, where he served as assistant manager.

Wards offers fine quality furniture and appliances, tires and sporting goods, and nationally advertised items in virtually every field.

Opening in Ranger in 1920 the store remodeled and expanded at its present site, on Main St., in 1941. At that time the floor space was greatly enlarged.

Nationally known living room and dining room suites are carried by Wards, along with other types of furniture. In appliances Wards handles Teu-Cold refrigerators and freezers, Signatures ranges and washers, Airline radio and phonographs.

Riverside tires and batteries are popular items for motorists, as are auto accessories found at Wards. Sea King sporting goods include outboard motors and boats, rods and reels, and water skis.

Power craft saws, drills and standards are in the hardware department. And Wards is the exclusive dealer for Shop Smith, five tools in one unit.

Fairway plumbing supplies offered include pumps, evaporating water coolers and bath room water heaters.

In 1957 Montgomery Ward and Co. went on a company-wide expansion program. Several new stores have been built and several more are presently under construction or planned within the near future.

This Spring, Wards opened two new ultra-modern stores in Texas, in Dallas and Houston. Construction and plans are now in progress for five more new stores to open by 1961 in Texas alone.

Nineteen persons are presently employed by the local retail outlet. They are listed below by position and years of service: M. F. Myers, tire and sporting goods department manager, 14 years; Cisco was blown away.

Glen Williams, plumbing and hardware, one year; Mrs. Ora Roberts, mail order dept., 16 years; Bill Tiptlett, furniture and appliances, two years; James Cogle, service manager, seven years; Leon Lewis, tire moulder and porter, 27 years; Sam Owens, receiving and shipping, one year; Mrs. Lester (Claudia) Crossley, credit manager, 12 years; Mrs. Bessie Anderson, credit clerk, seven years; Mrs. Charlie (Agnes) Hamilton, cashier, 12 years; Mrs. Glen (Ruth) Williams, merchandise records, seven years; Mrs. Jo Ann Stiffler, merchandise records, one year; Miss Altha Mae Dooley, houseware, seven years; Mrs. Harless (Marie) Gardenhire, shoes and workclothes, three years; Mrs. W. B. (Gertie) Emfinger, mens wear and boys wear, two years; Mrs. Virginia Bayfield, childrens wear and lingerie, six years; Mrs. Jo Rodgers, ladies ready-to-wear, six years and Mrs. Winnie Cox, piece goods and draperies, 10 years.

Did You Know?

By Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney

In 1858 the land that later became Denton, Parker, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Brown, Lampasas, Burnet, Gillespie, Kendall, Bexar, and San Patricio marked the Frontier line of Texas.

Between this frontier line and the Indians rode the dauntless and intrepid Texas Ranger, who offered by day and night the defense of the white citizens.

Between 1855-59 the government attempted to herd the Indians feed them and keep them in peace, but there was continued trouble between them and the settlers.

The Caddos lived over the area of Texas, and more than any other tribe they are called the original Texas, although Texas got her name from the Tejas tribe.

Texas now has only one small Indian reservation, located near Livingston, in Polk County.

The last raid made by the Indians in Eastland County was on the night of Nov. 25, 1874. They came down by the eastern route and encountered a group of white men at Barton's Creek. Mrs. Ellison was shot off his horse and Mr. Leslie was killed on Indian Creek. Captain R. M. Whitehead was head of the first Texas Rangers that were dispatched to this area. After they camped a while on land in the W. F. Smith Survey, now part of the Hagaman Ranch, white settlers began to filter in from Parker and Stephens Counties and distant places, and that's how a new town was born, so called in honor of the Texas Rangers.

As the frontier moved westward, so did the Texas Rangers. The Frontier Battalion was organized in 1874. These moving groups during the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad westward from Fort Worth to El Paso, made life safer in the West.

The worst flood that Eastland County ever had was Sept. 21-22, 1874. Crops, houses and cattle were washed away.

June 9, 1877, a frost killed all tender vegetation — timber looked like fire had passed through it. The year 1877 was a peculiar one with frost every month of the year except July and August.

The worst drought was in 1886-87 when not one drop of rain fell for 18 months. Water was hauled from deep water holes in the Ison, Colony, Russell Creek and Slocum Hole. It sold for 25 cents per barrel.

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SURROUNDED BY TREES—the landscape adds much to the already striking home of the C. B. Fructs. The house is located at 701 Breckenridge Rd. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

King's Cafe Is Open Six Days A Week

In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. B. H. (Brownie) King opened King's Cafe across the street from its present location. In 1953 King's Cafe was moved to a completely new decorated building at its present address, 107 Main St. Mr. and Mrs. King, along with

five other employees, are always ready to serve the best of food with prompt and efficient service six days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 p. m.

Ranger's National Guard was organized April 13, 1928, with 60 men forming the personnel. It was then Company I, 3rd Battalion, 142nd Infantry, 71st Brigade, 36th Division. Captain was Wayne C. Hickey; George H. Freese was first lieutenant and T. G. McCorkle, second lieutenant.



Many Things Have Changed In 40 Years

Ranger today is entirely different from the Ranger of 40 years ago. The people of Ranger are to be commended for the progress made in the past four decades.

We wish to extend our CONGRATULATIONS to all the citizens and merchants and particularly to The Ranger Times for its splendid coverage of the news and faithful service during the past 40 years . . . and a special CONGRATULATIONS for its preparation and publication of this 40th Anniversary edition of The Ranger Times.

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Local Aggregate Plant Is Dynamic, Expanding

Dynamic is the word for American Aggregate Corporation and Featherlite of Ranger.

Dramatic might also describe the Ranger plant, the largest of its kind in the nation.

Lightweight aggregate is produced by the corporations at a rate of about 24,000 yards of material a month, sufficient to fill 310 railroad cars for shipment. The aggregate is shipped from Ranger to Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Southwest and North Texas.

Heading this high operation is Carl Black, vice president of the corporations and general manager of the Ranger plant. Superintendent is W. R. Mann, and Jeff Mann is night foreman. In charge of maintenance is C. E. Beeler, foreman. Office and traffic manager is M. J. Winger, and Mrs. James (Sonia) Varner is office stenographer.

At the present time the Ranger plant is producing an average of 75 car-loads of material a month over the 1958 average. In January, a total of 267 cars were shipped; in February, 289 cars; March saw 357 cars going out; and April, 335.

When two large kilns are installed at the plant, the production will be doubled. Expected to be in operation in the near future one kiln measures six feet in diameter and 60 to 85 feet long; the other kiln is 10 feet by 150. Two rotary coolers, working on an air-cooling principle, will be installed with the kilns taking the place of the cooling pits now in use at eight kilns.

Quarries, in use for one year, are located about two miles north of Ranger. From these four truck-trailers carry the shale, loaded by power shovels, to the feeders. From storage the shale goes on

rotating belts to one of the kilns—four operated by Featherlite and the other four by American Aggregate.

Inside the kilns, the soft rocks are exploded or popped like popcorn in 2,200 to 2,600 degrees of temperature. From the cooling pit the black shale is placed in stock piles. The material is bulldozed into a belt which carries it up to

primary rock crushers. Shale is split between two crushers, one for Featherlite and the other, American Aggregate. It is screened, sorted and graded by size and then shipped out.

Eventually about 60 per cent of the lightweight material finds its way into concrete masonry (33 per cent lighter than ordinary concrete); another 20 per cent goes into structural blocks, and 10 per cent into pre-stressed roofing. The finished products are used primarily in construction of buildings and sometimes in homes.

About 50 employees work at the local plant. Working in shifts, workers haul aggregate eight hours a day, burn shale 24 hours, and crush and load it for 16 hours a day. An average of 20 cars a day is shipped out.

A maintenance shop was recently completed for repairs on trucks and machinery. It is constructed of the first pre-stressed lightweight concrete in use in this area.

A modern laboratory checks samples for gradations and weight. Plants are set up in San Antonio, Lubbock, Midland, Waco and Irving. General offices are located in Austin.

Ranger can be proud of one of its major industries that seems destined to keep growing, expanding and prospering through the years with the city.



Dr. M. E. Jolly Sees About Eyes

Ranger's optometrist is Dr. Marshall E. Jolly who maintains his modern office at 313 Main St. A graduate from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., in 1949, Jolly graduated from Clyde High School and served four years in the U. S. Air Force. He was an optical technician for the American Optical Co. in Abilene.

Dr. Jolly assumed the practice of the late Dr. Carl Straley at 207 N. Austin on Sept. 1, 1950. He moved to his present location in March of 1953.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving his third term as director and treasurer; immediate past president of the Ranger Lions Club for nine years, serving as adj. twister; and a member of the Ranger Masonic Lodge. Dr. Jolly also belongs to the Cross Timbers Shrine Club, the Mosiah Temple in Fort Worth, the Ranger Chapter and Council and the Cisco Commandery.

A member of the Texas Optometric Association, he is chairman of the committee on assistance to graduates and under graduates.

Dr. Jolly is also a member of the West Central Optometric Association, and the American Optometrist's Association. He participates in the Optometric Extension Program (made up of study groups).

Married to the former Miss Gwen Swanzy of Clyde in 1946, they now have three daughters—Jeri, Jan, 7; Lee Ann, 5, and Marsha Kay, 3. Mrs. Charlie (Shirley) Massee is the office secretary.



Penn Station Serves Ranger

Frank Penn's Texaco Service Station, at the corner of Main and Commerce, is owned by E. F. (Frank) Penn, who has been in the service station business for the past 29 years.

Penn formerly had a Texaco station at 125 S. Austin until January, 1959, when he remodeled the old Texas Drug Store Building, changing the size and shape to make the nice station he now has.

The station offers prompt and courteous service from 6 a.m. until 8:30 p. m.



LONE CEDAR COUNTRY CLUB from the air, presents this imposing view. Some 20 progressive men aided in the founding of the club, one of Eastland County's newest assets, located on the banks of Lake Leon.

Lone Cedar Stands As An Asset To County

One of Ranger's—and Eastland County's—newest assets is the Lone Cedar Country Club which is located on the banks of Lake Leon.

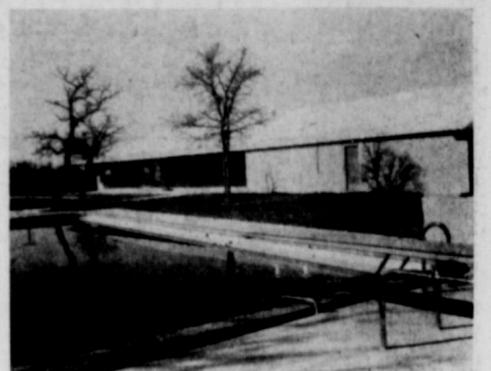
The finishing touches were being put on Lake Leon in 1953 when a group of progressive Eastland County businessmen envisioned a dream for a true country club—a well equipped, beautifully appointed and well managed place of recreation for them and their families.

A meeting of county businessmen was held and it was agreed to purchase 125 acres of lush land overlooking the north shore of the lake. In 1955, these men interested in the industrial potential of the area, applied to the State of Texas for a charter, incorporating the Lone Cedar Country Club. Originally, there were 20 men in the founding and fathering organization. Today the club has 260 members.

Since the large clubhouse has been completed, Lone Cedar has become the recreation center of the area. Work is now progressing rapidly on completing the first nine holes of the 18-hole watered fairway golf course.

The swimming pool is open and bathing facilities are now available. The overall plan calls for adding tennis courts, skeet and trap-shooting ranges and shuffle board courts.

Manager of the club house is Mrs. Clifflie Priest. R. C. Bob Pressley is president and M. E. Shell is vice president. Members of the board of directors include Dr. Price Ashton, J. E. Matthews, David Pickrell and Roscoe Hopper of Ranger; Jack W. Frost, T. M. Pullen, Jack Muirhead, Bill Walters and James C. Whittington of Eastland; Dick Bearman, E. C. Pressley and W. C. McDaniel of Cisco; and M. E. Shell and W. G. Kirk of Gorman.



Lone Cedar Country Club Swimming Pool



Lone Cedar From Lake Leon

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Chamber of Commerce Shapes Ranger's Destiny

Ranger of Today Is Modern Progressive City with Future

Ranger of today is a bustling, busy building city with a population estimated at 4,200. Her story is a tale of an oil-boom town that refused to die.

With eyes to the future and thoughts of progress Ranger seems destined to stay and to grow. Her spirit is unflinching, indomitable and courageous.

Cradled in mud and oil, the infant Ranger grew into a giant adult — almost overnight. Such growing pains are bound to have consequences. But when the boom burst, the Oil City survived. That is the miracle of Ranger.

Today Ranger talks of progress and potential, because she has much to offer prospective industry. And Ranger is proud of the industries already settled here.

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce lists 24 industries with a combined payroll of 393 and annual payroll of \$1,638,000.

Recent on the industrial scene are the Ranger Iron Works and Southwest Athletic Repair Co. Both are promising, a good sign for future industries.

The American Aggregate Corp. (Featherite) operates one of the largest and most streamlined plants of its type in the world. An expansion is planned with the addition of two kilns.

Lone Star Producing Co. and Lone Star Gas Co. form another major asset to Ranger and this area. Together they count as an important factor in Ranger's economy.

Premier Oil & Refining Co., which buys and refines crude oil, has over 500 miles of pipe line in and around the Ranger field.

Ranger is also proud of Ranger Peanut Co., buying and processing the major county crop; Social Science Laboratories, unique publishers of educational material;

and all the pipe line companies in an area. Ranger has Sinclair, Gulf, Service Pipe Line and Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.

A diversified program of farming—cattle, poultry, grain, cotton, peanuts—is playing an important part in Ranger's economy. And it may well determine much of Ranger's progress.

In order to continue to grow it is necessary that Rangerites continue progressive thinking; develop natural resources (abundant water, natural gas and oil, clay deposits, limestone, livestock); and develop

industry. These are the steps outlined by C. B. Pruet in 1955 in order to obtain a Greater Ranger. Civic work is necessary. And Ranger has plenty of progressive people willing to do more than their share to bring about community betterment.

Credited to go to the City Commission and all city employees for doing a very fine job. Mayor W. F. Creeger heads the commission—made up of H. A. Angus, J. W. Daskewich, Jr., Morris Newsham and James Hatfield, City Secretary.

Chief of Police Don Butler heads an efficient Police Department, and Charlie Isbell is fire chief of the Ranger Volunteer Fire Dept., which takes an active part in civic projects.

An active Chamber of Commerce is headed by R. V. "Rip" Gallowsy, secretary-manager. Members of the advisory board are: J. A. Bales, F. P. Strashak, R. J. F. Killingsworth, Charles Milliken, A. N. Larson, Wilson Gast, Creeger, David D. Pickrell and Pruet — all past presidents.

History of Ranger's Chamber of Commerce
By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

Prior to the discovery of the Ranger Oil Field in October, 1917, Ranger was a quiet village of about 1200 people.

In late September the streets were a sea of dust, due to the prolonged drought. Many farmers had been compelled to sell or abandon their land, then came what seemed to be the greatest disappointment, the test well "Nannie Walker" had blown in, just a gaser. This gas could not be marketed like oil, so the well was just left to spew.

However, Col. W. K. Gordon and his drilling contractor, Warren Wagner, had not given up hope, and were drilling on a new location—on the McCleskey land.

Frank Chapman was on afternoon duty, Oct. 19, 1917. Suddenly there was a faint rumble deep in the earth, then dirt and rocks spewed out of the well mouth, and fell back on the floor of the wooden derrick. Then a spray of Black Gold, gaining volume each minute, and this was the birth of the Great McCleskey Oil Well.

A few night later Ranger was startled by a terrible roar, the Nannie Walker had blown in a gusher with more oil than the McCleskey. In this manner came the never-to-be-forgotten Oil Boom.

Soon Ranger was known far and wide, Ranger's Oil Field was even a factor on Wall Street.

The streets were filled with every type of humanity—legal business men, promoters, adventurers, tin horn gamblers, women of their kind, writers and modelists in "Who's Who." Every man was a law unto himself as there were no city laws.

Something had to be done, so M. H. Hagaman, John M. Gholson and C. L. Mooman went to Fort Worth to find a man who could bring order out of chaos.

Chamber of Commerce Organized
Mark A. Turner, who was with the Young Men's Business League of Fort Worth, was selected to come to Ranger and organize a Chamber of Commerce. He was selected because of his ability to handle difficult situations.

When Turner arrived in May, 1918, the town was growing by leaps and bounds. Due to the very harassing building laws laid down by the Government, as a conservative measure, there was practically no lumber, so Thurbur brick was used in the downtown district.

By June, 1918, Ranger's Chamber of Commerce was fully organized. Judge George L. Davenport was president. Other officers and directors were: J. E. Drishoff, C. C. Patterson, M. H. Hagaman, Leslie H. Hagaman, George T. Hemmingson, John M. Gholson, Edward R. Maher, Ralph C. Stockman, P. Learned, E. A. Ringold, C. E. Black, C. S. Heffern, S. C. French and Manager M. A. Turner.

This powerful Chamber of Commerce ruled the City of Ranger, until an election for Incorporation was held Feb. 7, 1919, after which the temporary City Officers took over.

As Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, from June 1918 to Feb. 7, 1919, Mark Turner began to evolve means of overcoming some of Ranger's problems. He organized a Fire Department, Sanitary Department, Police, and Health Department. Soon the effectiveness of these departments became manifest.

Spanish Flu
Fall came and with it came the terrible Spanish Flu. Housing conditions were terrible. No one who did not live here then can imagine what it was like. There were thousands of tents, shacks, lean-to's, covered wagons, and quite a few long, narrow houses known as shotgun houses.

Flu was so very bad that Turner saw that something had to be done, so he organized a Flu Department.

Using Ranger Chamber of Commerce funds, he rented a building and turned it into an emergency hospital; he also hired a nurse. Turner fought a battle with death and triumphed, out of several thousand cases only 297 died. This record proved that Ranger had fewer deaths per capita than any other West Texas town.

In the midst of all this there were no gas connections. The winter was cold, with rain and snow. Wood was the chief fuel, and there was still an embargo on coal. There was plenty of gas, so Turner got the Sammie Oil Corporation to lay gas main. When flu struck again in the winter of 1919, there were many lives.

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A man was also employed to number houses and streets." Ranger was the only city in this section that had carrier service.

First Banquet
The first Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was given Jan. 26, 1920. J. W. Jennings was chairman of the Banquet Committee.

Guests were: Mayor Bill Davis, Fort Worth; E. F. Mitchell, chief engineer of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, New Orleans; Judge Starnes, Eastland; and F. D. Bestaph of Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Co., Thurber.

The affairs was attended by about 200 Rangerites, who cheered Mayor Davis of Fort Worth and Mayor Hagaman of Ranger. Mr. Bestaph gave a toast to Ranger.

Major H. S. Cole became president of the Chamber of Commerce, April 15, 1920, and served until April 15, 1921. J. E. T. Peters was Manager.

The accomplishments during the Cole-Peters time of tenure were of various types. John M. Gholson worked for a T and P passenger station, President Lancaster of the Texas and Pacific — stated that a passenger station would be built as soon as the charter is amended. Doors of Ranger's new station were opened in 1922.

R. G. Stockman reported that, through the cooperation of Judge Starnes of Eastland, the Chamber of Commerce was able to get Commissioners to agree to spend \$30,000 on a City-County Hospital, provided that the City Commission appropriate the same amount. This was done, and the City-County Hospital opened its doors in March of 1924.

Ranger's Chamber of Commerce raised approximately \$12,000, cleared ground and built a grand stand. They fenced in the field so that League baseball could be played in Ranger, and spent \$1,000 to keep Ranger's team going.

Charities were not overlooked as the Board of Directors acted as an advisory Board to the Salvation Army, raised funds to help with destitute and indigent sick, and provided active management for the purchase of land for Evergreen Cemetery.

J. E. T. Peters, manager of the Chamber of Commerce arranged for William Howard Taft, at one time President of the United States, to give a lecture on "The Trend of the Times", while he was on a Lyceum tour.

During the winter, the Chamber of Commerce brought the Letter Opera Co. to Ranger.

Bank Failures
February of 1921 marked the beginning of the great debacle, banks failed one by one. The Bank of Ranger, privately owned, was the first—followed by the First National, the Farmers and Merchants, the Guarantee State, and the Texas Bank and Trust Co. This left Ranger without a bank; the closest one in the oil fields was Fort Worth.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank asked the Chamber of Commerce for time to readjust, stating that they would be able to pay three fourths of their accounts. Mr. Peters, in an interview, states: "I set up an office in the Retail Merchants Association building. I had script money printed, issuing it to the creditors after verifying the amount of their accounts. The script was honored by the Ranger merchants, and was redeemed by the Farmers and Merchants Bank." Peters, who now lives in Cisco, believes he is the only man in Ranger who "invented money."

April 15, 1921, to April 15, 1922 Dr. R. H. Hodges was president and Peters was manager of Ranger's Chamber of Commerce. In April when Pres. Hodges and Manager Peters took office, they and the directors realized that the "rest of the Oil Boom was over, so they turned their interest back to basic projects—farming, raising of quality cattle, sheep and goats. Dr. Hodges was well fitted to be an adviser, in this line, because he is a veterinarian.

To encourage others, Dr. Hodges went back to farming, in 1922. He bought a few blue sheep at a Fort Worth livestock show and purchased one registered Jersey cow, and added land to his small spread. Several "labor of Ranger" during this period, to be continued as president through 1923.

1924-25
In 1924 H. C. (Andy) Anderson was President, and the same kind of work was carried on. C. C. Patterson was Manager.

By Sept. 24, 1924, the Bankhead Poultry Association was in full swing. It's shops and coops. Dr. Hodges was president, Ranger's Chamber of Commerce helped to finance Eastland's Agriculture and Poultry Show at the Dallas Fair. Eastland County received 13th place out of 42 entries, and data advertising Ranger was given away.

Also during this year the Ranger Chamber of Commerce helped to entertain the 17th District Convention of the American Legion, in Ranger.

January 16, 1925 the Chamber of Commerce made a drive for 1000 members. Members of this committee were Dr. H. A. Logsdon, L. H. Fiewelien, Walter Murray, W. W. Housewright, Ed Baher, Patterson, R. H. Hodges, Rev. H. W. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. A. L. Leake, Second Baptist.

During 1925, plans were made for the Eastland County Development (Continued On Page Two)



RANGER OF TODAY

Here lies the busy city of Ranger—which celebrates its 40th anniversary in 1959. From the air, a clear view of the central business district may be seen—with Main St. running down the middle. Progressive leaders look forward to the 50th, the 75th and the Centennial celebrations of the city. (Staff Photo).

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Chamber of Commerce Shapes Dramatic Ranger History

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ment Board, the Chamber of Commerce functioned under this plan until 1929, then it seems it went back to straight Ranger Commerce work.

Ranger's officers in the Eastland County Development Board were John M. Gholson, president, Patterson, manager, and Janie B. Rucker, office secretary.

1926-27

June 24, 1926, The Ranger Daily Times published a special edition honoring the Eastland County Development Board.

April 18, 1926 — Ranger's Chamber of Commerce sent 100 letters thanking individuals and companies who had sent telegrams, letters and phone calls congratulating the Chamber of Commerce on the program broadcast over W. B. A. P. by Ranger artists.

Ranger Junior College opened its doors Sept. 13, 1926. R. F. Hollaway is credited with the founding of the college. It enrolled 42 pupils the first year. R. F. Hollaway was superintendent of Ranger's Public Schools. Ranger Junior College was recognized as such by the State Department of Education March 23, 1927.

The Chamber of Commerce took an active part in the founding of the college, and it has continued to give help to this institution every year since its founding.

On April 26, 1926, the Dallas Good Will Caravan numbering 125 leading business and professional men of Dallas, reinforced by Dallas Municipal Band, spent an hour

in Ranger. Heads of the welcoming committee, were Seth Boon and Wayne Hickey. The T & P came in at 4:33 p.m.

Each Dallas man was given a souvenir of Ranger. Raymond Teal, a most genial man, was presented the Key of the City of Ranger. The key was four inches long and gold plated.

Secretary - Manager Patterson reported that through the efforts of Gholson and his committee, Ranger was the first West Texas town to be ready to go on the air mail route. This was April 25, 1926.

Oil Derrick

In 1927, The Clay Boiler Works gave the Chamber of Commerce an 80 foot derrick which was erected at the foot of Main St. It was first lighted with small globes, starting ten feet above the base to the top. At night it shown like a crown of diamonds.

At this time pilots were directed by beacons, and the derrick became known all over America, because its lights could be seen for miles.

The next lighting used was a flood light at each corner of the top. When neon became popular, it was lighted from ten feet above the base. The legs, in green, and the three-foot high sign bearing the name of Ranger was lit in brilliant red.

On the night of Oct. 23, 1951, a severe rain and wind storm with winds up to eighty miles an hour—caused the derrick to fall,

landing in twisted ruins across the T & P railroad tracks.

There was much talk about securing another derrick, but none was ever erected. Ranger lost a beautiful landmark, known all over America and in foreign lands.

Patterson resigned May 1, 1927, and Wayne C. Hickey was elected manager.

May 10, 1927, Ranger Chamber of Commerce furnished financial aid to the Boy's and Girl's Farm Clubs.

The year 1927 was devoted to the development of more and better farms with better livestock.

1928-29

In 1928, W. D. Conway was president and Wayne C. Hickey, manager. M. R. Newnam was appointed chairman of a committee on April 15, 1928, to contact property owners regarding land for right-of-way of the Bankhead Highway from Olden to Eastland and Palo Pinto.

Highway 80 was then called the Bankhead Highway, also known as the Broadway of America. The Broadway off America Motor Cade was in full swing in the spring of 1928. San Diego, California's Motor Cade, passing through Ranger, was greeted by Ranger's Band. And the Chamber of Commerce entertained with a luncheon at the Gholson Hotel.

Walter Murray, Judge L. H. Fleweller and Hickey joined the Motor Cade and continued with it to Memphis. Patterson had gone to Memphis before hand to make arrangements.

The Memphis, Tenn. Chamber of Commerce royally entertained the personnel of all Motor Cades.

Ranger's Chamber of Commerce was well represented by a large delegation during the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention held in Fort Worth, June 12, 20.

Ranger's parade float was rose decorated, and graced by Madeline Norman, princess; Janie B. Rucker, maid of honor, and Mrs. Robert J. Norman, chaperone. All wore beautiful gowns. Madeline Norman's princess costume was white chiffon embroidered with seed pearl sequins.

W. D. Conway served as president of Ranger's Chamber of Commerce for four years, from 1929 to 1932, and for these four years, Hickey was manager.

Depression Years

The depression, that began in 1929 was slowly, but surely, paralyzing business. But the Chamber of Commerce did not give up.

The achievements of 1929 were many, but only a few can be mentioned.

The Chamber cooperated with the farmers of Ranger's trade territory, who were interested in commercial fertilizer, and bought a car load for distribution at cost to the farmers.

Assisted by the officials of the Methodist Church, the Chamber helped to conduct a Bible Marathon, and secured Pathe and Paramount cameramen to make pictures of the event. Pathe accepted the same as a national release.

Ranger, jointly and with other Eastland County towns, sent the Eastland County Agriculture Exhibit to the Fort Worth Stock Show where they won fifth place and a cash prize of \$150.

They helped to entertain the Division of the Plant Men's Association of the National Gasoline Association of America; cooperated with the Rotary, and other Civic Boards of Ranger in helping to put over and entertain the Forty-First Rotary Convention, held in Ranger; raised Ranger's quota of \$700 for the Broadway of America; assisted Ranger Schools in holding the three-day Eastland County Interscholastic League Field Meet in Ranger; organized the Ranger Gin Co. and sold stock to business, professional men and farmers. The Chamber received from Ranger merchants \$500 to be used by the Gin Company as premiums to farmers bringing their cotton to Ranger.

They cooperated with other Eastland County towns in erecting an exhibit at the Dallas Fair. Eastland County won a cash prize of \$600.

In 1930 they helped the Lions Club with the third annual tree planting, and sent data and many telegrams to Washington to secure a federal building for Ranger. They also secured a modern, up-to-date rifle range for the local National Guard; assisted the government census enumerators in securing a correct count of Ranger's population; helped the Boy Scouts with their annual encampment; aided Child Welfare Club unit's drive for funds; handled the Christmas good-cheer funds and distributed baskets of food to the poor; held the third annual Pantry Show and aided materially in promoting agriculture and livestock raising.

On March 24, 1930, John M. Gholson made a report on the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and, after some discussion, Ranger's Chamber of Commerce pledged \$1500 as a quota to help maintain Eastland's Chamber of Commerce.

1931-32

In 1931 Ranger's Chamber of Commerce handled the application for a citizen's Military Training Camp. Office space for the American Legion Adjutant in receiving applications of ex-service men for loans on certificates was furnished.

March 16, 1931, Manager Hickey made a report on work being done on the Federal Farm Drought Seed and Feed loans.

Ben Whitehouse reported that the agricultural committee of the Chamber was handling and making available for farmers of this district a car of commercial fertilizer, a car of seed sweet potatoes and a car of Big Bell Mebane Cotton seed.

July 13, 1931, W. C. Shofner, president of the Ranger Truck and Fruit Growers Association, thanked Ranger's Chamber of Commerce for their cooperation in the canning plant and the erecting of booths for fresh produce.

In July, 1931, President Conway made arrangements with the Lone Star Band and the Ranger High School Band to give free concerts on the high school grounds.

Much of the business during 1931 was routine. Then, however, the Chamber of Commerce showed much interest in laws governing oil production, and many letters were written concerning this. It was vitally important, but cannot be handled in this history.

The main interest of 1932 was agriculture. On March 28, Ben Whitehouse made a report on the Oil Belt Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, stating that the local organization had become affiliated with the Lone Star Wool and Mohair Assn., and that several loads of wool and mohair would be assembled and shipped from Ranger. The Chamber of Commerce helped to organize the local unit.

March 28, 1932, a Chamber of Commerce committee — consisting of George Murphy, Roy Gilbreath, and J. E. Meroney — were put in charge of raising funds to handle the District Interscholastic Meet which was held in Ranger in April.

June 4, 1932, the depression was growing worse, and Manager Wayne Hickey reported he had handled 350 cases of need, distributing 12,000 pounds of Red Cross flour.

June 13, 1932, the canning plant sponsored by Ranger's Chamber of Commerce, was in operation under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Wallace. Many people visited the plant and were surprised at the amount of fruit and vegetables that were being canned.

On July 19, 1932, a Good-Will Trip with entertainment was staged for various towns. A. N. Larson was general chairman; the other two committeemen were Professor H. S. Von Roeder, and O. G. Lanier. On the fund committee were Prof. R. F. Holloway and A. J. Hatliff. Trips were in charge of L. H. Fleweller, Dr. Bob Hodges and Morris LeVelle. In charge of tours were H. S. Von Roeder, H. P. Earnest and E. L. Fountain. Fire Chief G. A. Murphy was tour marshal. Men going on the tour were: R. L. Balch, R. F. Holloway, and W. C. Hickey. Gus Coleman's A. N. Larson, R. V. Galloway, and W. C. Hickey. Gus Coleman's band furnished music and mirth.

1933-34

Dr. P. M. Kuykendall was president during 1933-34. Hickey was manager.

During 1933, the Chamber of Commerce handled farmer's applications for seed and feed loans, filled out the necessary government blanks for the farmers free of charge.

The Government called on Ranger's Chamber of Commerce to take the lead in setting up the N. R. A. program in Ranger. A local compliance board was organized, as well as the Retail Trade Council.

R. F. C. Relief was administered from Oct. 1932 to Aug. 1933. The Chamber of Commerce furnished office space, desks, typewriters and office personnel free of cost to the government in handling this work. It also distributed Red Cross cloth and clothing, and sponsored the annual Red Cross roll call. They helped the government with the cotton plow-up campaign, registering the farmers in this section.

The Chamber of Commerce helped the Lions Club in renovating and opening of the Willows Park swimming pool.

Outstanding was the securing of \$7000 to improve Ranger's Haugland Airport. The late C. J. Moore was head of the airport committee.

February 14, 1934, a joint banquet of the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association was held in the Colonial Room of the Gholson Hotel. Judge Coombes of Stamford was the speaker.

June 16, 1934, a federal project exhibit was held in Ranger. Mayor Hall Walker was host to the counties of Eastland, Stephens, Haskell, Throckmorton, Calhoun, Shackelford and Young.

Open house was held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Armory building were the exhibits of WPA and NYA work of all of the counties.

A style show and exhibit was given in the Recreation Building with Aubrey Jameson announcing. Fort Worth's W. F. A. Orchestra furnished music.

1935-38

J. E. Meroney was president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1935, and R. V. Galloway was manager. In October of that year both men resigned from their positions and F. D. Hicks became president and Meroney took over as manager.

This year Ranger's Chamber of Commerce paid the salary of a girl to write applications for feed and seed loans.

Also the officers furnished headquarters for the Passion Play Committee and assisted in every way possible in putting the play over.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Junior College Motorcade in which about 20 cars and 100 people took part, visiting 11 towns in this section. Sponsored with Ranger's School Board a Singing Convention was attended by 1500 singers and friends.

Feb. 10, 1936, Hal Hunter was president and Meroney, manager. This year both time and money was spent, so that soft ball game could be played in Ranger.

September 21, 1936, was Ranger's Day at the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial. The sponsors were the City Officials, Chamber of Commerce and Ranger Merchants.

This was the order of the day: Mrs. M. H. Hagaman was hostess. The High School Band was directed by Don Menick; the Tickville Band, by Dr. Logsdon; the Mock Trial was conducted by Judge L. H. Fleweller.

Miss Alla Rae Kuykendall, now Mrs. J. P. Morris, was introduced from the stage of the Casa Manana.

In 1937, T. J. Anderson was president and Meroney was manager. This year, in the history of Ranger's Chamber of Commerce, is a year well remembered as the Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Homecoming. The following is the invitation that was sent to many people:

ROYALTY DEED

The State of Texas
County of Eastland
Know All Men By These Presents:

That we the citizens of Ranger and Eastland County, Texas, for and in consideration of your visit to Ranger on Oct. 21, 1937, do hereby bargain, insist and demand that you be with us on this, the 20th anniversary of the discovery of oil in the Ranger field, which started the greatest boom the world has ever known.

And we, the citizens of Ranger, Eastland County, Texas, do hereby bind ourselves to guarantee to you that we will give you the most enjoyable time you have ever had, and also further guarantee you that you will meet hundreds of your friends of former years.

We further bind ourselves and our citizens to the guarantee that you will thoroughly enjoy every minute of the program, and that you will never have reason to regret having come back to Ranger for a day and seeing your friends again.

Given under our hand and the signature of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the anniversary, joined by every man, woman and child in Ranger, this 1st day of Oct. 1937.

Ranger Chamber of Commerce
J. E. Meroney, Sec.

In 1938, K. E. Ambrose, was president and Meroney was manager. Matters that were given assistance by the Chamber of Commerce were highway signs, a stock show, rodeo, soft ball games and an annual banquet.

1939-43

In 1939, A. N. Larson was president and Meroney was manager. On March 9, Dr. Ross Hodges was in charge of a fine Livestock Show. Ranger's Chamber of Commerce raised funds to send the 4-H Club boys to the Worlds Fair in California where these boys took part in the Dairy Judging Contest. They represented Texas and Eastland Co.

The Chamber of Commerce raised funds to send the Boy Scout to their annual encampment at Camp Billy Gibbons; they support the Fine Arts Department of Ranger Junior College; paid for the music of street dances, by the terrick; and aided in many civil projects.

In 1940, Lee Dockery was president and Pleas E. Moore became manager. This year seems to have been one of routine work, such as helping with new business concerns, trying to secure others. President Dockery reported that he had sent one or two baskets of food a week to very poor families with the Chamber of Commerce paying for this.

In 1941, Judge L. H. Fleweller was president and Moore was manager. This was another quiet year except for a wonderful Labor Day Celebration and Rodeo sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Judge Fleweller resigned during this year and on May 12, Judge L.

R. Pearson became president. Moore remained as manager. The Chamber of Commerce worked with the City Commission on a Safety Zone plan for the Intersection of Highway 80 and Main St.

They assisted the Ranger's Lion Club in entertaining the Lion's annual District Convention on, held here. They also raised \$700 for the Boy Scouts.

In 1942, Lawrence Meador was president and Moore as manager. Meador resigned in November of 1942, and A. N. Larson became President.

In 1943, Dr. P. M. Kuykendall was president and Moore, Manager. Dr. Kuykendall resigned June 8, and B. E. Garner took his place.

War Years

These were the years when the demands of World War II were heavy, and through these years the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in getting Navy enlistments.

The Chamber of Commerce entered all scrap drives. In 1942 they collected scrap iron and rubber. In 1943 they collected and shipped 1006 pounds of scrap aluminum, gave the U. S. O. \$650 and assisted in the Bond Campaign. Ranger's Chamber of Commerce moved the McCleskey Well marker from its original site to where it now stands, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad grounds.

In 1945, David D. Pickrell served as president and Jewel Green is secretary. It was during that year the Gray Garment Factory was established here, with the Chamber of Commerce taking an active part in the project.

A Memorial Service for the late President Roosevelt, sponsored by the Chamber, was held in the Arcadia Theatre on April 27.

During this year many post-war plans were discussed.

Recent Events

The present manager, R. V. Galloway, took over the management of the Chamber of Commerce on June 1, 1946. Some highlights of the activities under his management include: sponsoring of the program to secure the National Guard unit for Ranger, sponsoring the building of the Caddo Road (Farm Road No. 717); widening and taking over by the Highway Commission of the Morton Valley Road (Farm Road 101), building of the four-lane Highway 80 through Ranger, and the road to Lake Leon, (farm Road No. 2461).

The Chamber also raised funds to start the original light-weight aggregate plant, which was purchased later by the American Aggregate Corp., and is now the largest light-weight aggregate plant in the United States.

An outstanding accomplishment since 1946 was the sponsoring of the creation of the Eastland County Water Supply District. The Chamber fostered the passing of the bill through the Legislature, creating the district, and the bill was signed by Gov. Buford Jester May 29, 1949. After the district was formed the project was fathered until a board of directors was elected, composed of Ranger and Eastland men, who took over and built the dam.

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In 1956, W. F. Croeger was elected president; and Wilson Guest, vice president.

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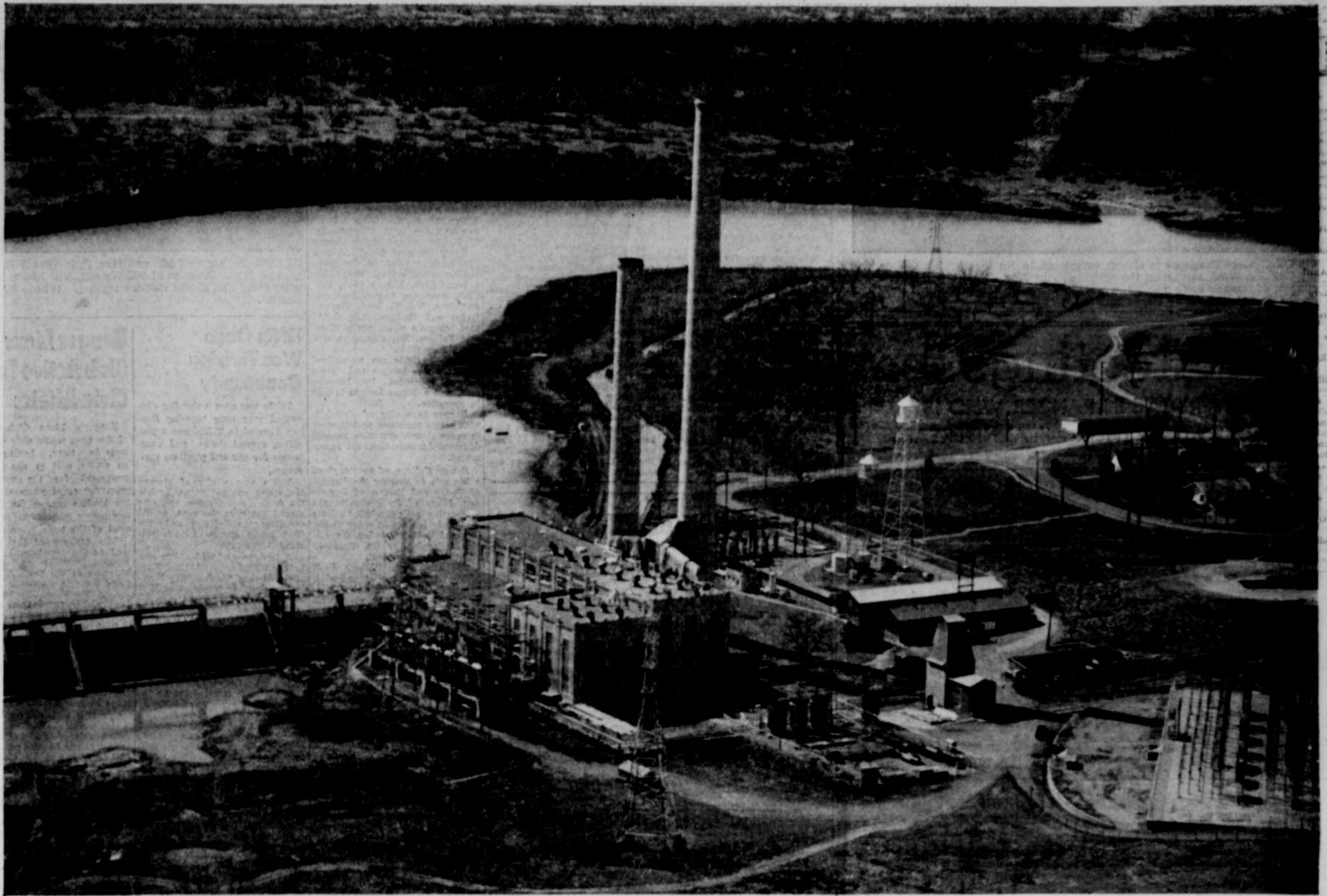
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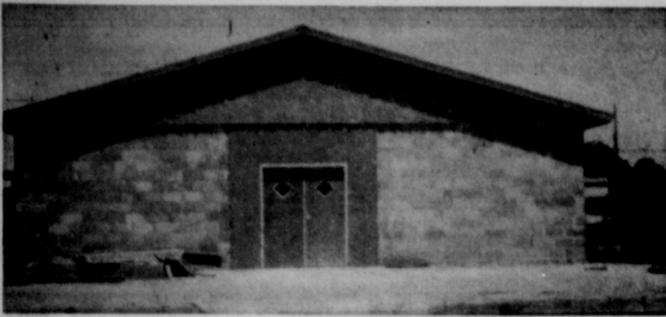
Through the years, Texas Electric Service Company has planned ahead and provided the facilities to assure plenty of dependable, low-cost electric service.

As a part of the community, the Company has had an active interest in the development of the area, working with other citizens to attract new industry and business, to improve agriculture and in the program which resulted in development of Lake Leon.

Texas Electric Service Company continues to plan and build ahead. The strong power system of the Company will continue in the years to come to provide plenty of good electric power for area progress and better living.

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A. N. LARSON, Manager



CHURCH OF GOD of Prophecy is almost completed in its location at the corner of Hunt and Oak Sts. Work started on the new church in July of 1958, and members and other citizens of Ranger have pitched in to help complete the structure. Rev. Henry Evans is the pastor. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

New Era Club Organized 37 Years Ago With Culture As Its Purpose

The New Era Club was organized in 1922 and federated the same year. Mrs. C. O. Terrell was the first president. Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, charter member, helped with its organization. She is the only charter member who is still active in the club.

Since its organization, the club has been served by twenty-seven presidents. Mrs. George Robinson was president during the 1958-59 club year, and Mrs. V. Y. Cooper has been elected president for the coming year.

Other officers for 1958 were: first vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Johnson; second vice president, Mrs. Myrtle George, recording secretary, Mrs. L. L. Bruce; treasurer, Mrs. Addie Harris; publicity chairman, Mrs. J. L. Turner, parliamentarian, Mrs. W. D. R. Owen; and historian, Mrs. Richard Henderson.

Other officers elected for the coming year are: first vice-president, Mrs. W. D. E. Owen; second vice president, Mrs. A. W. Warford; recording secretary, Mrs. J. L. Turner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lively Brown; treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Landers; parliamentarian, Mrs. Vernon DeFebach; and publicity chairman, Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

The membership now stands at twenty-five.

One of the first achievements of the club was the organization of the Junior New Era Club in 1923. This club for young business and professional women was federated in 1927, and was active for several years.

The objective of the New Era Club, as listed in the club constitution, is "the pursuit of study as a means of intellectual culture and for social and civic purposes." Each year, seven standing committees are appointed by the president. These committees are: Year Book, Civic, Finance, Membership, Hospitality and Telephone, Entertainment, and Music.

Since its organization, the club has helped with many civic projects and donated to many worthy causes. Each year, they help with the March of Dimes and the Red Cross drive. Through the years many donations have been made to the Community Club House, and many books have been given to the public library.

Thurber, once the largest town between Fort Worth and El Paso, was headquarters for the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. at one time.

Ranger of Today—

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Morris George is presently serving as president. Fourteen committees carry out much civic work.

Ranger's Independent School District has property valued at more than a million dollars—incl uding the high school building, two elementary schools, Slaughter School, recreational building and gymnasium, and Bulldog Stadium. Heading the school board is Glen Covington, president. Melvin Adams is vice president and G. W. Dixon, secretary. Other board members are John Swinney, Dr. W. P. Watkins and Morris George.

Every phase of social and civic life is represented in the clubs, auxiliaries and lodges. Ranger has a Lions Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club, American Legion Post and Auxiliary, V. E. W. Post, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, federated women's clubs, study clubs, Odd Fellows, Boy Scouts and a Girl Camp Fire Girls.

Baseball fields are maintained by the Little League and Pony League, sponsored by business men, and a Minor League is also in operation.

Ranger is a city of churches, with active members participating in many church activities. Several different denominations are represented.

Ranger College, of course, plays a big role in shaping the Ranger of Today and Ranger of Tomorrow. Many of its graduates are progressive civic-minded business men and leaders in other fields. Founded in 1926, today the college is headed by Dr. Theodore Nickick, Jr., president.

The city owns Willows Park with a swimming pool and club house. The Boy Scout Cabin is also located in the park, along with tennis courts.

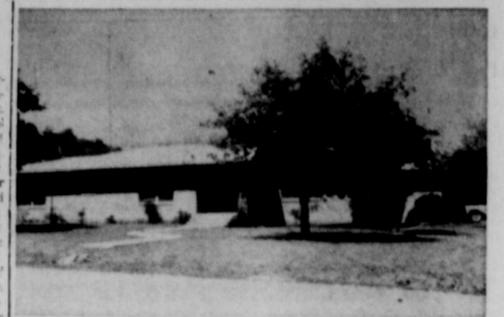
Ranger's bid for new industries is largely based on Lake Leon — which offers an ample water supply for many years to come.

Ranger is the home of Service Battery No. 648, Armored Field Artillery National Guard, in the 49th Armored (Lone Star) Division. A large National Guard Armory is located on Highway 80 west.

Ranger's airport is the scene of much activity.

Ranger General Hospital, Ranger Clinic and Brazda Clinic serve this area. Founded as the City-County Hospital, the building has been in use for 35 years. Members of the hospital board are W. J. (Bill) Herrington, chairman, Dr. W. P. Watkins, Morris George and Floyd Killingsworth of Ranger; Ira Hanna and Don Parker of Eastland. Superintendent is Mrs. Clifford Seary.

Ranger is located on the main line of the Texas & Pacific Rail-



HERE'S the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. (Pete) Brashier, Jr., and family, located at 903 Walnut. The house reflects good taste and shows modern styling. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

Tiffin Once Was Thriving Community

Tiffin was once a thriving city, located very near booming Ranger. Located in Tiffin was a post office, several stores and warehouses for gas and pipelines companies.

Tiffin was a city of storage tanks and pump stations. Prairie Oil & Gas and pipeline company spread out over the area, as did the Hagaman Refinery and the Gulf pump station (which still stands.)

A five-room school building was built at Tiffin in 1919. First principal was W. J. (Bill) Herrington. Another teacher was Miss Rosabell Cavathan, now Mrs. H. D. Latham of Baytown, who was transferred to Central Ward in 1920.

road and on U. S. 80 (Interstate 20) — the all-weather Southern route across the nation.

The Ranger of today has no appearance of an oil boom town. It has grown from a shack town to the present modern, progressive city. It enjoys the conveniences of electricity (Texas Electric Service Co.) natural gas (Lone Star Gas Co.) telephone service (Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.), and modern facilities.

With her natural resources, her strategic location, splendid schools, churches and homes, her sociality and good fellowship and untiring efforts of the business men through the Chamber of Commerce—Ranger has become known, far and wide, as a good place to live and a good place for industrial expansion.

Ranger Lions Club Active In Civic Affairs

Ranger's Lions Club is one of the most active civic organizations in town, having taken an active part in almost every movement for the good of the town for many 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. 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 this section. Later, when tourist camps became commercialized and owned by individuals, the plan was dropped.

It was a meeting of this organization that the Ranger Country Club was born.

Many things have been accomplished by the Lions club, which meets each Thursday at noon at the College Cafeteria, 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.

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Eastside Church of Christ Holds First Meeting In November, 1952

One of the newer churches of Ranger is the Eastside Church of Christ, which first met in November, 1952. The church was organized in December of that year. The congregation occupied several temporary places of worship before finally acquiring the present location. The first meetings were held in a building at the corner of Marston and Walnut Streets, but the group soon purchased the building at 225 South Rusk Street and held their meetings there. Although the Rusk St. location was not meant to be permanent, many improvements were made to make the building comfortable and adequate for use.

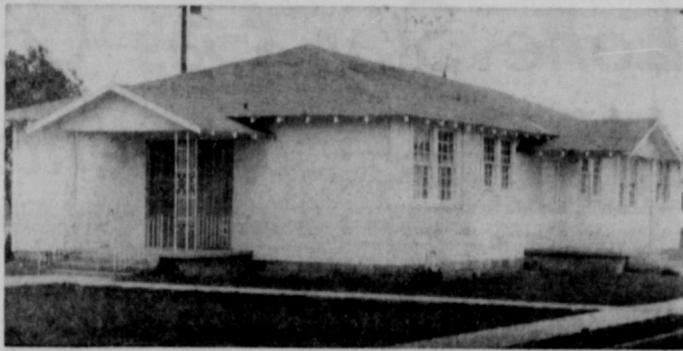
In the spring of 1955, lots were purchased at the corner of Strawn

Road and Young Street where a permanent meeting place was completed in July, 1956. Since that time, numerous improvements to the church building, sidewalks, and parking areas have been made and are still under progress, the majority of the labor being provided by the members. The dwelling adjacent on the south side was purchased in 1956, remodeled, and redecorated, and is furnished to the evangelist as part of his income. The estimated replacement cost of the church property now exceeds \$25,000.00.

C. R. Mansfield, first minister of the church, served with the congregation until June, 1954. In July of that year, Thomas F. Shropshire moved to Ranger to serve as minister of the church. He was succeeded by Robert L. Craig, who was minister until June, 1958. At that time, Harold Spurlock moved here from Buckeye, Ariz., and assumed duties as minister, a position which he holds at the present time.

As part of the church's program to take Christ's gospel to the world, they fully support one evangelist, conduct gospel meetings during the year, and utilize tracts, pamphlets, and bulletins, as well as the newspapers. Individual members do personal work throughout the week.

According to the recent direct-



Eastside Church of Christ

ory, the membership of the church is now 64; Sunday morning worship attendance averages about 75, which reflects the group's high interest in the church. The average weekly contribution from the members is \$148.00. Thus far in 1959, the contributions have averaged \$144.00 per week.

The Eastside church, like all Churches of Christ, is independent of all others in work, worship, and organization. Guided solely by the Bible in all matters of doctrines and practices, the congregation looks after its own spiritual and business affairs. It is not a part of district, state, or national associations of churches or councils, nor

does it recognize any centralized headquarters or earthly authorities in religious realms.

The church conducts many services each week to which the people of Ranger are cordially invited to attend. Among these are Sunday morning Bible study for all age groups at 9:45; worship at 10:45 and 7:30 p.m.; Old Testament Study at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays; and Bible lessons at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. In addition to these services the church periodically conducts private training classes for teachers and other church workers, and the men of the church meet each month to discuss the spiritual, temporal, and financial

condition of the church; to plan future evangelistic needs; and to discuss any current benevolent needs among the members.

Congregational singing is directed by O. M. Franklin and Gene Hill, Jr. Those assigned as class teachers include James H. Boggus, O. M. Franklin, Harold Spurlock and Mmes. Gene Hill, Raymond Long, and Gene Gourley.

Like all the other churches in Ranger, the Eastside church plays a vital part in the growth and progress of the city.

"Thirty minutes ago is ancient history in Ranger now," read a sign here during the great boom

Pulley Insurance Handles Policies And Real Estate

The Pulley Insurance Agency at 203 Main, handling all the various types of insurance coverage with the exception of life insurance, was founded in February of 1945 by Mrs. D. E. Pulley. In conjunction with the insurance business she also handles real estate, having sold many of the Ranger area properties including the Goulson Hotel.

Mrs. Pulley started working with insurance in June of 1925. "I would estimate that I have written over 17,000 policies since that time," she said.

According to her, the insurance policy has changed a great deal since 1925. The policies have been simplified so that they need no longer be written with the many endorsements that were formerly necessary. The present day policy now embraces many coverages in one policy.

The Pulley agency carries only old line stock companies, so that the customer may be assured of good insurance coverage and fast claim settlement.

"The insurance business is second nature to me," commented Mrs. Pulley, "for I have had 34 years of actual experience personally serving the insurance needs of the Ranger area."

Mrs. Brazda Organized 1947 Club; Mrs. Buttrell Was First President

The 1947 Club, a study club for young women, was organized in 1947 by Mrs. A. W. Brazda, extension chairman of the 1920 Club. The club was federated the same year.

First president was Mrs. Crawford Buttrell. Other presidents, in the order in which they served are, Mrs. Earle Pittman, Miss Jo Oyster, Mmes. Joe B. Scott, A. P. Thomas, Jr., R. R. Gans, C. B. Pruet, L. Rainwater, J. M. Nussle, F. P. Brashier, Jr., Marshall Jolly, C. C. Milliken, Sam Aills, C. E. May, Jr., and the current president, Mrs. Morris A. Campbell.

Of the club's forty-four charter members, the following are still members of the club: Mmes. Brashier, Campbell, Pittman, James Ratliff, J. A. Townzen, and Miss Mary Joy Wilson.

Officers for the 1958-59 club year were: president, Mrs. May and Mrs. Campbell; first vice-president, Mrs. Calvin Lipkin; second vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Watkins; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Murr; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Morris George; treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Arterburn; reporter and historian, Mrs. Ray D. Lilley; parliamentarian, Mrs. Harold Barrett; and federation counselor, Mrs. Joe E. Collins.

Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Campbell; first vice-president, Mrs. J. N. Williams; second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Clem; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. J. Anderson; recording secretary, Mrs. Pittman; treasurer, Mrs. Morris George; reporter and historian, Mrs. Edwin Lammus; parliamentarian, Mrs. H. G. Adams, Jr.; and federation counselor, Mrs. George.

The officers are elected annually by a ballot. The following committees are elected or appointed each year: membership, yearbook, and program; hospitality, finance, nominating, special projects, and telephone.

Since its organization, the club has contributed generously to the Community Club House, the public library, and Teen Town. Among their gifts to the club house were an ice box and a set of silver; they also helped toward the purchase of a piano. Members

helped with the chest x-ray drive here in 1957. The club organized the Campfire Girls in Ranger and club members serve as leaders. They contributed to the Cliff Wellfare Club and the Wichita Falls State Hospital, Christmas. Each year the club members sponsor a girl graduate from Ranger High School, help with the clean-up campaign, sponsor the Mother's March for Polio, and are active in the Cancer Drive.

At the 1950 convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, 6th district, the club's yearbook won first place in the Junior division, and won second place in the same division in 1959.

Current members of the club are: Mmes. Anderson, Arterburn, Barrett, F. P. Brashier, Jr., Campbell, Clem, Collins, Glynn Covington, George, Haby, Judson R. Hardy, Marshall Jolly, Lilley, Lipkin, Lammus, Charles Milliken, James P. Morris, Murr, Pittman, Mmes. George, Haby, Judson R. Hardy, Marshall Jolly, Lilley, Lipkin, Lammus, Charles Milliken, James P. Morris, Murr, Pittman, Mrs. N. Swinham, and Miss Mary Joy Wilson. Mrs. Brazda is an honorary member.



BUCK WALLACE
Wallace Welding Shop Serves Area For 14 Years

Wallace Welding and Fabricating Shop, located on Highway 80 east, began operating here in 1945, founded by the present owner—Buck Wallace.

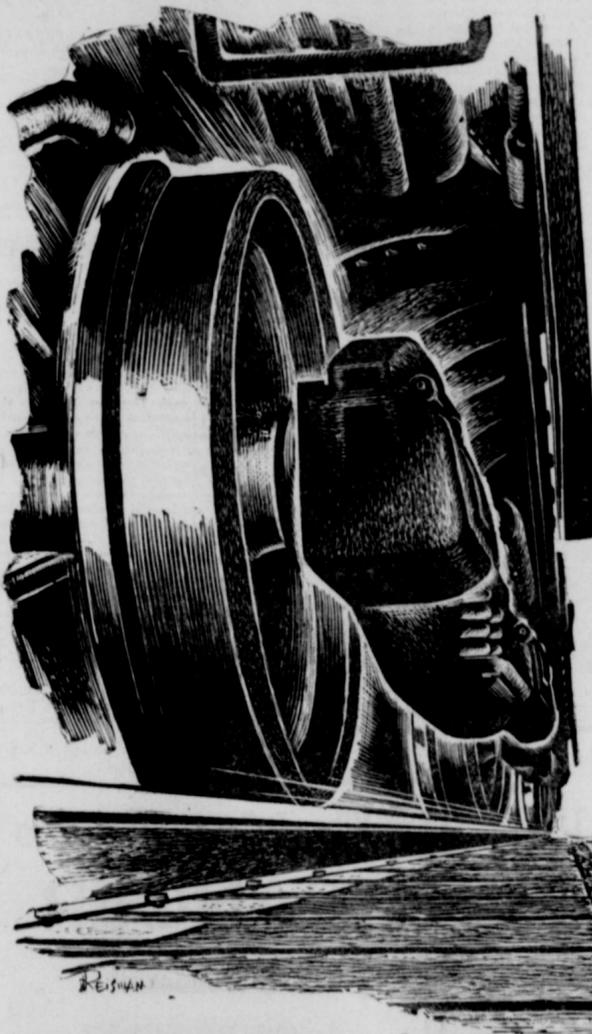
Since opening, the shop has doubled the floor space and added several new machines.

Most of the work in the shop is directed towards rigging pick-up trucks for utility work and towards building special oil field transportation equipment, such as truck beds. Complete truck beds are built from materials in stock, including iron, steel and other metals.

In operation are welding machines, drift presses, power saws, plate-cutting machines and general fabricating tools.

Mrs. Wallace is bookkeeper. Other employees include J. C. Foreman and Jackie Adams and James Elliott of Olden; Earl Young, Antonio G. Morales and L. E. Wallace of Ranger—all welders.

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Lone Star Gas Co. Has Many Departments Here

By J. F. (Sailor) Byas

Eleven separate departments of the Lone Star Gas Company and Lone Star Producing Company, exclusive of the local distribution office, have 300 employees based in Ranger.

J. A. Bates is field supervisor of all gasoline plants of Lone Star Gas Co., and Lone Star Producing Co. He travels east to Carthage, south to Trinidad and Fushing, north to Springtown and Elmore City, Okla., and West to Bronco.

W. A. (Archie) Robinson, 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, tank car shops and plant 108, Plant 104-2, Brooks Plant at Breckenridge, Pueblo Plant at Cisco and Gordon Plant at Gordon, he also supervises the Ranger warehouse and the testing department.

Lone Star Gas Company maintains offices at Plant No. 3, six miles from Ranger on the Breckenridge highway, for the district department heads for the Compressor Department, Pipe Line Department and the district gas dispatching department. G. M. (Cowboy) Hargus is superintendent of pipe lines. Tom Earnest is superintendent of the compressor department and the dispatchers work under the supervision of Hargus and Marvin Brock, who is assistant district pipe line superintendent.

Other departments who have key men based in Ranger are: Gas Measurement under F. R. (Johnny) King; Safety — which includes all West Texas safety meetings in plant, pipe line and distribution offices — under Glynn Covington; Engineering — represented by Howard Oliver, assisted by Lynn Nicholson, Weldon Cunningham and James Blair, all of Ranger; Structure Maintenance under N. E. (Cy) Landers, crew foreman, G. A. Church, J. B. Baker and Earl Reeves.

Harry Henry is fleet supervisor for all Lone Star properties, including passenger cars, trucks, air compressors and similar units. Henry travels average between 40,000 and 50,000 miles per year. This mileage is pretty well matched by Cecil W. Louks, superintendent of dehydration plants, and his assistant superintendent, Dalton Covington. They have approximately 40 dehydration plants under their supervision, and they travel almost 1000 miles per week throughout the year keeping these plants operating smoothly.

Stanley McAnisly is a specialist in the testing department. He travels over all the Lone Star system testing gas for its gasoline and hydrocarbon content. Plant 108 is located six miles west of Ranger and its function is



COMPRESSOR STATION—Here is the front view of Lone Star's compressor station No. 3, showing the exhaust stacks, two for each of the 15 engines contained in the plant. In 1923 Lone Star built three compressor plants in the Ranger area. A fourth one was built in 1924. This is the only plant in operation at the present.

to remove the heavier hydrocarbons from the gas and to liquefy them in their raw state. This liquid, in turn, pumped to the RCF plant near Ranger, for fractionating. A compressor station is also located there to pump gas from oil producing wells and maintain a vacuum on the oil bearing sands which helps the oil producer as this causes the oil to flow more freely to the oil well pump. W. J. VanBibber is superintendent of his plant, and the assistant superintendents are Harley Bollinger and Rolla Gordon.

If there's anything new on wheels, Lone Star's central garage and heavy equipment fabricating shop at Ranger could probably duplicate it and even improve on the design.

Its operations, under the supervision of Arthur Deffebach, include the job of tailoring some 60 new fleet units a year for the entire Lone Star System. The garage, staffed by 15 expert mechanics, welders, body men, service and clerical workers, also handles servicing of some 250 cars a month.

Good housekeeping is one of the basic rules given major emphasis throughout the Lone Star System. Part of the responsibility for this phase of Company work is carried by six paint and carpenter crews, three of which are based in Ranger although their work is system wide. These men are under the supervision of Cy Landers, and their responsibility includes the painting assignments of plants, city gate stations, Company cottages and pipe line bridges. The carpenters can complete a cottage from foundation to roof and also maintain company plant cottages and offices. Landers is also superintendent of Ranger Tank Car Shop, assisted by Ellis Gregory. This shop is equipped to do a complete

overhaul job on any one of the Company's 412 railroad tank cars which ply the rail lines from Maine to California and from Mexico to deep into Canada. The tank cars carry propane, butane, iso butane and natural gasoline to the four corners of the United States, and return to Ranger for periodic checking and repairs. Every car is carefully checked before it is loaded for shipment, according to American Railroad Association specifications.

Howard Oliver, party chief for Lone Star's engineering department in the West Texas area, has become a pretty good photographer because of an innovation in his job.

When the Company's Engineering Department discovered the advantages of using actual photographs of a plant and field survey areas, cameras and dark room equipment were put in the hands of all party chiefs.

Every survey party now travels with a camera instead of a sketch pad. Hundreds of photos developed, labeled and bearing numbers and specifications of fittings, meter runs, valve installations, etc., are then sent to the engineering department in Dallas headquarters for processing — and from there blueprints are finally made.

Lone Star's RCF plant is located at Ranger and is designed to handle 100,000 gallons of condensate daily. Its function is the separation of hydro-carbons contained in raw gasoline into separate pure forms such as propane, butane, iso butane, pentane, iso-pentane and hexanes plus. The condensate is hauled in from plants in nearby counties and the finished product are shipped either by truck transport or by rail in tank cars.

Lonnie Stephens is superintendent of the RCF plant, and his assistant is Robert L. Allen. It requires about 20 men to operate this plant and maintain the machinery and equipment.

The city distribution department for Lone Star Gas is supervised by our genial Louis Conn. The office work is handled by Mrs. Bettye Hoffman and Mrs. Jerry Page. Clayton Kuhlmann and Paul Fonville do the heavy work of keeping the town plant in operating condition.

Lone Star Gas Company, which commemorates its golden anniversary in June this year, has been a part of the West Texas scene for a good many years. Early in its history the company pioneered the utilization of casinghead gas from this area, thus setting the pattern for a continuing company-wide policy of supporting gas conservation as it is known today.

Lone Star built pipe lines into West Texas for this purpose as early as 1922 and drilled its first oil well in Stephens County in 1917.

Today, Lone Star Gas Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, which was formed in 1942 as Lone Star Producing Company,



J. A. BATES
... field supervisor



ARTHUR DEFFEBACH
... Lone Star Garage

are an integral part of the economic life of Ranger. This is perhaps one of the most concentrated Lone Star communities of the Lone Star System which covers 160,000 square miles of Oklahoma and Texas service area.

Dr. Pepper Co. Is Big Distributor

The Dr. Pepper Company was originally moved here from Strawn several years ago by M. L. King and W. O. Hayter, Jr.

Hayter bought out King in March of 1952 and sold the bottling equipment of the Ranger plant. Hayter operates a bottling company in Abilene. The Dr. Pepper Company in Ranger is now used for storage and distribution.

Maurice Owens became manager of the Company in Aug. 1957. Before becoming manager he had worked for the company as route salesman, and won a 1956 Ford in 1955 for having the largest increase in sales in this district. The contest was a national contest and put on by the Parent Company.

Dr. Pepper Company here serves a territory of Eastland, Stephens and parts of Erath and Palo Pinto Counties. They employ three other men—E. P. O'Connell, Henry J. Mullins, and Albert Williams.

The Abilene district, of which Ranger's Dr. Pepper Company is a part, was presented with the second national award for the largest percentage of increase in sales, recently.



W. A. (Archie) ROBINSON
... West Texas District Supt.



W. J. VAN BIBBER
... superintendent of Plant 108



J. F. (Sailor) Byas
... retired employee



N. E. (Cy) LANDERS
... structure maintenance



GLYNN COVINGTON
... heads safety



G. M. (Cowboy) HARGUS
... superintendent of pipe lines



HOWARD OLIVER
... party chief



F. R. (Johnny) KING
... gas measurement



HARRY HENRY
... fleet supervisor



LONNIE STEPHENS
... superintendent of RCF plant

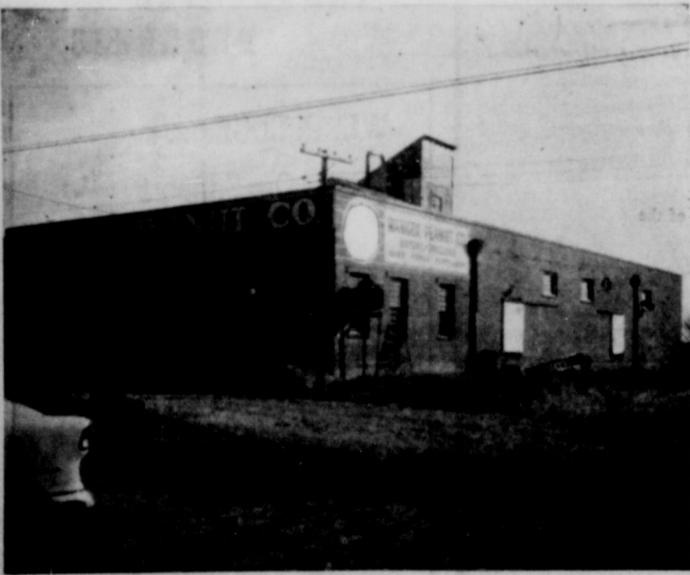


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Early Families of Ranger Had Faith In the Future

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney of El Dorado, Ark., a former Ranger school teacher, sent us the following information from a thesis she completed in 1941.

She interviewed many pioneers for the related story, and collected a complete picture history of Ranger with the help of Hubert Capps, brother to Delbert Capps, for illustrations.

Mrs. Denney was born in Ranger in 1901 and lived here until 1942. She began teaching in 1921 and continues in the profession today. She will visit Ranger this summer.)

By Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney

Eastland County was created Feb. 1, 1858, by the 7th Legislature of the State of Texas.

There were 99 inhabitants in Eastland County in 1860, after the county was organized in 1873. The census of 1880 shows 4,855 people in the county. It was named in honor of Captain William Eastland, who was one of the members of the ill-fated Mier Expedition. He drew the black bean at Rancho Salado, Mexico, and, with some others, was lined up in front of a stone wall and shot.

Merriman was the first County Seat and W. F. Hale was the first Justice of the Peace.

Land grants in West Texas were given to people who came after the Texas Revolution in 1836 and before October 1837. A married man received 1280 acres; a single man received 640 acres.

A typical pioneer home was a two-roomed log house with one window and a dirt or rawhide board floor. The one door was hung with rawhide straps for hinges. The open fireplace was the cook-stove as well as the heating unit. People brought their fire with them, keeping live coals in the iron fire pot, which hung under the wagon. Fences were made of split rails.

Furniture was conspicuous for its absence. Beds had straw mattresses or feather beds. Slats were rawhide strips, or a solid skin which was sometimes stretched.

The food was wholesome and consisted mostly of meat, milk and butter, bread and vegetables in season. A grist mill converted cane

into home made molasses, which could be used for both syrup and sweetening foods. Fruits and meats were dried; the dried beef and venison were put into sacks and then hung in the trees for safe keeping. When ready to be used, it was soaked in warm water and then fried. Tanned deer hides sold for \$1 each at Stephenville.

Families went to Salt Springs which is located on the Ledbetter Ranch) in Shackelford County near Albany, to make their supply of salt. They used four iron pots whose capacity was between 50-60 gallons to boil and evaporate the water. The salt residue was left in the bottom of the pot and became a coarse granular white salt when spread out and dried in the sun.

In earlier days flour was bought in 200 lb. barrels. Coffee was whole green berries, roasted and ground, by each individual family to suit their taste. Brands were Arbuckle and Lion Head and was purchased in large quantities at 12 pounds for \$1. The price advanced to 25 cents per pound by 1884.

Everybody rode horses—men and women. The early horses were small, seldom weighing over 900 pounds. Crossed between the Canadian and Mustang, they were black and bay spotted, however, some were cherry red. They were long winded, and exceptionally good runners.

The most conspicuous thing about the saddle was the big flat horn, on which the baby was set. The wooden saddle frame was put together with pins rather than nails, and was covered with green rawhide. (Green rawhide was made by soaking a skin in the creek until the hair would slip off. It was stretched while still wet and as the skin dried, it stretched.)

Early Business Places

With the extension of the Texas & Pacific Railroad through Ranger on Oct. 15, 1880, many families had already come for the construction work through the canyon between Strawn and Ranger. There was much grading and filling to be done to construct a bridge known as the "High Tressel." It was 89 ft. high and including its 565 ties and two approaches, was 580 ft. long. The wooden bridge with its spliced wooden pilings and underpinning was constantly guarded. (Railroad pay

ranged from \$1.15 - \$1.50 per day).

The little frame depot, which stood on the east side of the present tracks and opposite the freight depot, burned on the night of Sept. 4, 1907.

After the railroad was completed, houses mushroomed into existence. The tent town was no more. Business houses were erected. The tent town was no more. Business houses were erected. The tent town was no more. Business houses were erected.

The railroad company had a large part of William Blundell Survey, and offered lots for sale. William (Bill) Henry Blankenship, who came from Alabama in 1855 to Ranger, said there were four Mercantile stores when he arrived: Pekk & Rawls, G. W. Whittington, George Bohning, and Jim M. and Frank Davis. Soon other stores were opened, including a General Mercantile Store owned by A. J. Pollum, another by Willis Cox, and the Watson - McDowell Mercantile Store (Shell McDowell's parents). C. R. Riddle had the first Lumber Yard in Ranger, being located on the exact location of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.

There were also 4 hotels: Martin's Hotel and Livery Stable on Main Street, where Williams Fix It Shop is now located; Griffith Hotel, where the Martin building is now, John Bryant's Hotel, east of the T & P Track, on the lot of the present Gulf Service Station, and Milligan's Hotel, where Brad's Cafe was formally located on Main Street.

Through the faith and perseverance of the early families of Ranger, (See story on early families on this page) it grew from a tent town to a creditable business center. These pioneers were possessed of a patriotism as well as courage. In that, there is a sort of inspiration almost more than human.

When the mind is attached to a great object, it grows to the magnitude of its undertaking. These true Americans whose heart and honor was directing their destiny and the future of the country, seemed to have had an uplifting and divine inspiration that elevated their soul above that of the rank and file.

They were indifferent toward common occurrences. Their personal wishes and desires dwindled



CARAVAN OF IMMIGRANTS on the Main Street of Ranger in the 1880's is pictured above. The first building on the left is the exact location of the Texas Drug Store, now Frank Penn's Service Station. The second building was John Moore's Drug Store, while the next building was George Bohning's first store. G. R. Whittington's Dry Goods Store, which is the location of Corner Drug Store, can next be seen. Directly across the street was the Griffith's Boarding House. In the background is a story and one-half house which was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riddle. Formerly located on N. Marston St., it is now the first house to the right on Eastland Hill. (Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Ruth Denney.)

into nothing when compared with their high sense of duty and honor. In all the vicissitudes of fortune, with divine guidance, these men and women came through the reverses with honor. While people in the older states were enjoying nicer comforts of life, the pioneers were thankful and reverent to God for life. With the approach of tempests and battles the're bosom proudly swelled against the rage that assaulted it. As can be seen, these men and women were not filled with selfish ambitions, for destruction and an ignominious end. No matter which way the winds of turmoil might blow, they were not weak and vacillating. The race against all adversities was gloriously won.



HOME OF JOHN FLANNIGAN—first permanent settler in Eastland County is pictured above in a photograph taken in 1855. The log cabin was built near Colony Creek. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Ruth Denney.)

Ranger Garden Club Organized In 1956 Has As Its Purpose the Beautification of Ranger

One of Ranger's newest women's clubs, the Ranger Garden Club was organized on May 8, 1956, when a group of women met at the Community Club House for the purpose of organizing the club. Mrs. Sam Aills, Mrs. Roscoe Hopper, and Mrs. J. B. Craig were appointed on a nominating committee to present a list of officers at a special organizational meeting on November 16.

Forty-seven ladies attended the Nov. 16 meeting, at which time the organization of the club was completed, and officers were elected. Members of the Breckenridge Garden Club were present and assisted the Ranger group. It was decided that all those present at the meetings on Nov. 8 and Nov. 16 would be considered charter members. The constitution was presented to the group and accepted at a meeting December 13.

Federated in 1957, the club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. and Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District VII. The purpose of the club is the "beautification of Ranger, including not only the premises of the members, but general civic beautification as well."

The club's first president, Mrs. R. L. Hamrick, was re-elected for the 1957-58 club year. Officers for the 1958-59 year were as follows: president, Mrs. J. T. Robertson; first vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Bruce; second vice-president, Mrs. Homer Perry; recording secretary, Mrs. Buck Wallace; corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. G. Lanier; treasurer, Mrs. Robert L. Allen; parliamentarian, Mrs. P. T. Smith; historian, Mrs. R. W. Gordon; and reporter, Mrs. W. H. Clem.

Officers elected for the coming

year are: president, Mrs. L. L. Bruce; first vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber; second vice-president, Mrs. Joe Jackson; recording secretary, Mrs. B. S. Dudley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. P. Brasher, Jr.; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Clem; parliamentarian, Mrs. V. V. Cooper; historian, Mrs. F. S. Pearson; and reporter, Mrs. Homer Perry.

In its brief history, this club has done much to beautify Ranger, by planting trees and shrubs at the cemetery, the college, and the intersection of Main Street, and by encouraging citizens to plant shrubs in the residential sections. Donations have been made to many worthy causes and members have helped in many civic projects. Each spring, the club sponsors a flower show which is attended by many citizens of Ranger and surrounding cities.

Ranger Has Descendants Of Area Pioneers

First families of Ranger and this vicinity are listed here by Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney of El Dorado, Ark., a former teacher in Ranger.

By Mrs. Ruth Terry Denney

Some abstracts show the names of Elizabeth Findley, east of Merriam; John York, Butler and Cross Roads; James Lehea, northeast of Ranger on Hagaman Ranch; William de Moss near Lone Star Car Shops; D. R. Kincheol, northwest of Ranger; and Harvey Kendrick, Staff.

John Flannigan came from Kentucky in 1855, and settled on a place near Colony Creek, becoming the first white permanent settler. Other early settlers were W. H. Mansker from Arkansas (Mansker Lake bears his name), James and J. M. Elison from Georgia, and a Dr. Richardson from Arkansas. Then there were the families of C. C. Blair, William Allen, J. M. Stewart and Bethel Strawn, from whom the town was named.

Nester families had been drifting into Eastland County at regular intervals since 1860. Settlements now existed at McGough Springs, Ellison Springs, Mansker Lake, Merriman, Colony Creek, Russell Creek and on the Leon River.

The J. L. Duffer family had come from Tennessee in 1870 by covered wagon. They located about 10 miles south of Ranger, farmed and raised cattle. There is still a native rock fence about one mile long on the land. The man who built the fence received one oxen for his pay.

The M. V. Brewer family came in 1872, bought land at Merriman and were still living there when the big wells came in at the beginning of the boom. The W. R. Todd family moved into the Colony Creek community in 1873, coming from Virginia in a covered wagon.

Other families included A. J. Blackwell and Ed Blackwell in 1878, James Fox in 1877, James Madison (Maak) Ware in 1879, Robert Crawford, (Uncle Bob) Stuart, locating at Merriman in 1879, the G. W. Whittingtons (parents of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman) from Milan County in 1888, also locating at Merriman—having been a partner in Ranger's first store, the Whittington - Scarbrough Mercantile Business.

The J. M. Davis family came from Virginia in December 1880. Mrs. Eddie Jackson and the O. R. Riddles (maternal grandparents of Mrs. V. V. Cooper) in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant were among the earliest hotel people, having come from Illinois in 1880 and enjoying a good business until they retired at the beginning of the oil boom.

There were many others who moved to Ranger before 1890, some of whom are still living in Ranger. The T. O. Rawls family from San Augustine County, Texas, passed through Ranger in 1879 on their way to Stephens County. After moving to Ranger in 1885, this has been their continuous home. Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers (parents of the late Mrs. Leola Martin) came from Hill County in 1888, first living near Slocumb Hole, the original site of the exas Rangers. J. C. Roades



JESS WEAVER

Ranger Dry Cleaners Has A Modern Plant

Ranger Dry Cleaners, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Weaver, is one of the most modern dry cleaning plants to be found in this area.

The Weaver's purchased this plant March 4, 1954, from C. O. C. Chopper. Weaver has been in the dry cleaning business working for other people since 1927, in Ranger.

The Ranger Dry Cleaners remodeled the inside of their building in 1955 and added new presses. They do any type of dry cleaning, including drapes, rugs, curtains, slip covers, clean a kid's block hats, and all types of repairs and alterations.

They have pick-up and delivery or 25 percent discount on cash and carry, they also give S & H Green Stamps.

This plant employs three ladies and one man besides the owners. They also hire extra help at times.

Deliverly man is Carl Eakin. Mrs. C. J. Davis is silk finisher and Mrs. Francis Blackwell is wool finisher. In charge of alterations is Mrs. David Morgan. Mrs. Weaver waits on customers.

Ranger Dry Cleaners recently became a member of the Dry Cleaners Institute of Texas of the National Institute of Dry Cleaning.

Others who came to Ranger before the turn of the century were: Bert Foley, a relative of the Stiffers; John Hartfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Fndlay, Robert Frost, Ephram Barnes, Herman Nedeecken, Joe Fox, T. C. Hunt, Charlie McQueen, an early hardware merchant; John and Dick Russell; Bailey Barton, Hill Niver, Jack Niver, Jack Hazard, Jack Williams, Phil Bruce (Lloyd's parents) Van Gardenhire, Jeff Nash, Ed Pachwoods, Jim Veal, Tom Lipe, Mitchell Mathaney, Jim Bargely, Jack Phillips, Flem Roots, Overton and John Davenport, and Joe Young, an early merchant and owner of a wagon yard.

V. F. Langford moved to the Aker Community, as did J. B. Long, S. W. Bobo (Lil's and Mrs. Susan Hunt's parents) C. H. Ray. Mrs. Nannie Walker (Hal's mother), P. L. Cunningham, and Dave Goforth to the community in Stephens County.

Before the century, many others had come whose descendants are still living in Ranger.



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LEONARD'S SIGN—Announcing the store policy stands out boldly above the park-like front entrance of the store. This is just one of several buildings housing the tremendous retail operation.

Leonard's Has Grown to One of Largest Stores

How The Growth Of Leonard's And Ranger Parallel

One year before Ranger boomed and became a city, what was to become one of the largest and most unusual retail stores in the Southwest was begun in Fort Worth.

While Ranger rose to prosper by above the black, oil-bearing earth that was her fortune, a new idea in merchandising began to materialize in a small, hole-in-the-wall shop in Fort Worth. At that time, shortly after the World War I Armistice was signed, Leonard's Department Store displayed their wares on boards laid across barrels to form counters. Display cases were wash tubs.

It was a rather unpretentious start for a retail operation which now employs over 2,000 people and distributes an enormously wide range of consumer products to the economy of West Texas and the Southwest.

Early growth for both the City of Ranger and the Department Store of "Mr. Obie" and "Mr. Marvin" Leonard was a dynamic thing. Within two years the first small store was expanded. Twelve years after starting, the Leonard's moved into their present building—a giant glass front building occupying a complete block in the downtown shopping area.

The rapid and somewhat phenomenal growth of Leonard's was

due to an idea—an idea that success is based on customer good will. The Leonard's captured them, and capture now, this customer good will by operating their store on the philosophy that prices should be as high as possible, rather than as low as possible. Leonard's policy of mass buying and mass distribution has permitted low prices—and at the same time created public good will.

Today Leonard's is probably one of the most exciting stores known to modern shoppers. The store stocks everything from huge farm machinery to sewing needles—fertilizer to diamonds.

A new Home Improvement Center offers all the essentials for building, redecorating and maintaining a home. Here you'll find roofing, floor covering, wrought-iron grill work, air conditioning systems and plumbing supplies.

Just across the street, in another section of the store, is one of Fort Worth's largest food stores. Sold in the store are pastries and bread baked fresh each day at the store's own bakery.

A garden center offers everything from pansies to oak trees. And the Pet Department has displayed everything from elephants to talking birds.

One of the basic philosophies upon which Leonard's is based is a philosophy of service. A huge, free parking lot is provided, with free

five-minute bus service to and from the store. A shopper need not carry his purchases all day, for Leonard's has contrived an efficient "package pick-up" system which channels all shopper purchases to one pick-up area. Fort Worth shoppers and shoppers throughout West Texas have found that a shopping trip to Leonard's is as exciting as attending a County Fair.

It has been an exciting and progressive 40 years for both Leonard's and Ranger. Both have been prominent in the dynamic economic and cultural progress of West Texas and the Southwest.

Lilley's Drug Is Busy Business

Lilley's Rexall Drugs, located at 112 Main St., is one of the busiest businesses in Ranger at a location that has always been right in the heart of the business section of the town.

Ray D. Lilley is owner of the store, having bought out the Crawford Rexall Drug in 1956.

A complete soda fountain along with all drug sundries, cosmetics and many other items are found at Lilley's.

The utmost care is always taken in the filling of prescriptions, by the pharmacist, O. H. Doss.

Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ Held First Meetings In About 1890

By O. G. Lanier

The Church of Christ in Ranger, as in most other places, had its beginning in a very small way. In the year of 1890 or thereabout, a few members of the Church of Christ began meeting in a schoolhouse at Merriman, about four miles south of Ranger. They met there until 1900, and for a while they met from house to house in the homes of members. While the brethren met at Merriman, Brethren T. A. Lowery, E. D. McCoy, Ed Kenney, Coleman D. Nichols, and possibly others held protracted meetings at various times. They had no located minister to labor with them.

After the little band of disciples moved into town in 1900, they still carried on the work as best they could, being greatly hindered because of not having a house in which to meet. During the years of 1900 to 1907, the group continued to hold their meetings, which were conducted by the following ministers: T. W. Head, W. J. Haynes, Silas S. Scarborough, E. S. Fitzgerald, and possibly others whose names are not available at this time.

In October of 1907 the brethren built, at a great sacrifice, a small building which was adequate at that time. W. E. Morgan began preaching for the group then, and preached the first sermon in the new building.

The first organized Church of Christ in Ranger was organized by Brother E. S. Fitzgerald of Weatherford. The following officers were appointed: Elders, J. L. Evin, W. M. Myers, Lee Williams, Lee Hendry and Dr. J. M. Nicks. Deacons were J. H. Clemmer, J. D. Williams, Lee Hendry and Dr. J. M. Nicks. There were about 37 charter members, but space will not permit the listing of their names.

The church from 1907 until 1917 grew, but not until 1917 did the church make any great growth. In 1917 when the oil boom came and along with the boom many members of the church came. In the latter part of 1917 the church had about two hundred members and employed a local preacher, Bro. N. W. Alphin. In September Bro. O. G. Lanier came to Ranger as a teacher in the Ranger Public Schools and during the School year of 1923-24 he preached for them on Sunday and taught school during the week. The following preachers served as ministers of the church from 1924 until 1928: Brethren Homer Davis, Morgan H.

Carter, Lester W. Fisher, Cecil Hill and Brother Lanier was selected to serve as minister during the school year of 1928-29. From 1929 to 1937 Bro. O. K. Alexander, and David Nichol served as ministers. During this period of time the church had grown to where the small frame building built in 1907 became inadequate and during the depression the church launched into a building program and built with great faith and sacrifice a most adequate brick structure. After the building program was finished Bro. David Nichols moved on and Brother Wallace W. Layton served as minister for a short period of time. In March of 1947 the church had the misfortune of losing the building by fire. During the course of constructing a new building, Bro. B. Looney and Lonnie Branah served for about three years and



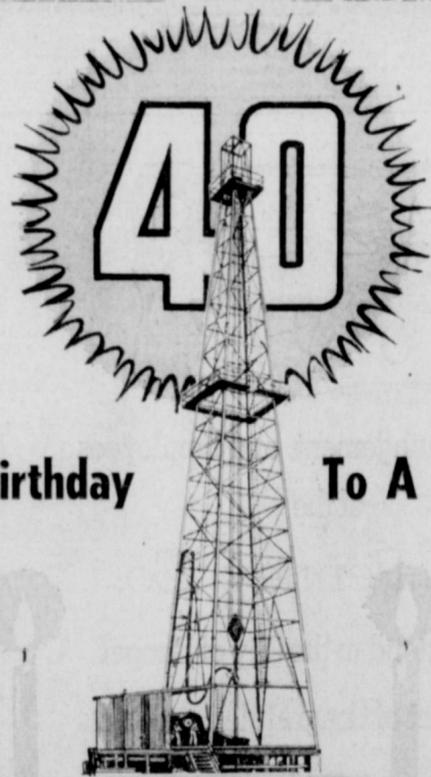
Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ

following him was Bro. Joe W. Crumley and Harry E. Payne. Also Bro. Earl Smith served the ministry for a short period of time. In March of 1947 the church had the misfortune of losing the building by fire. During the course of constructing a new building, Bro. B. Looney and Lonnie Branah served for about three years and

The church is doing more benevolent and missionary work now than at any time in its history. The church is supporting benevolent work at Bales Home, Sunny Glen Home, Tipton Orphan Home and Home for the Aged. In mission fields, the church is supporting workers in Germany, Massachusetts, and possibly other fields.



EVERYTHING FROM PANSIES TO OAK TREES. Here, in Leonard's Garden Center, Fort Worth Shoppers find everything needed for Gardening and Law Care. Adjoining is the Pet Department where many shoppers pause to listen to Leonard's Popular Talking Bird.



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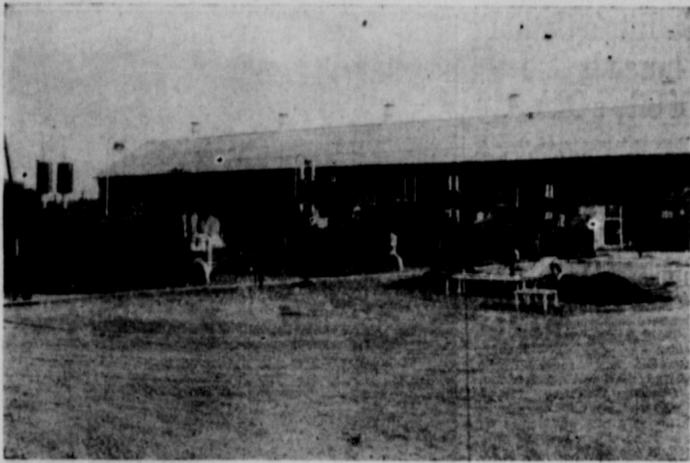
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SERVICE PIPE LINE pump station, located on Highway 80 west, has two eight-inch lines that come in from Koman and Albany and two 10 inch lines that go out to Grafrod and Hufsmith. The pipe line system covers the central part of the nation. Three gaso pumps at the station are powered by Leroy 3,000 hp engines. About 500 barrels per hour is the capacity of each pump. Two of the four tanks have a capacity of 55,000 barrels, one has a capacity of 30,000 and the other is not in use. Station foreman is C. S. Berger, and C. L. Wilson is district superintendent in Mineral Wells. Station engineers are E. B. Polston, and T. F. Melton. R. L. Melton is relief man, and Harold Flowers is delivery man. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Service Pipe Line Co. Has Been Citizen of Ranger for 41 Years

Service Pipe Line Co., for 41 years a citizen of Ranger and Eastland county, is a pioneer transporter of crude oil.

In 1918, when the company first built a line into Eastland county, it was a booming new oil patch. Since then, millions of barrels of sweet crude from West Central Texas have been pumped to refineries.

The company's Ranger pump station was erected in 1918. The attractive station and tanks are important links in the company's chain of main line pump stations

in Texas. During the past 40 years, 12 to 20 Service employees and their families have resided in the Ranger area. Active in community affairs, they have made solid contributions to the vicinity's welfare. The company, as a longtime taxpayer and supporter of many worthwhile projects in Texas, encourages its employees to participate in local affairs.

Service Pipe Line Co. gathers crude oil in many parts of Texas. Ranger station receives oil from Throckmorton, Shackelford, Has-

kell, Stephens and other West Texas counties and moves it into the mainline system for movement to large middle western markets. Its three 235-horsepower engines seldom stopping, Ranger station keeps oil moving northward to refineries in Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and eastern areas.

Ranger station is in the Mineral Wells district of the company's East Texas division and is under the direction of F. M. Willenburg, division manager of Ft. Worth, and C. L. Wilson, district superintendent.

S. R. Berger is station foreman at Ranger. He is assisted by four longtime employees. Working with him at the station are: Howard Flowers, Robert Melton, Frank (Continued on Page Eight)

First Editor of Times Tells Of Early Experiences In Oil Boom

(Editor's Note: Here is the fascinating story of Raager in the midst of the oil boom told by the first managing editor of the Ranger Daily Times—Hamilton Wright, now a staff writer for the Abilene-Reporter-News. Wright recalls his early experiences in Ranger, the first edition of the Times, and the crime and violence of the era. He writes a column, "The Road Runner" for the Abilene newspaper.)

By HAMILTON WRIGHT
In March, 1919, while Examiner for the U. S. Employment Service in Abilene, W. H. Bagley, publisher of the Fort Worth Record, offered me the position of managing editor of a daily newspaper which he proposed establishing in booming Ranger. Bagley's ambition was to copy William Randolph Hearst as a nation-wide newspaper publisher. The second of his chain of papers was to be the Ranger Daily Times and later, the third, the Wichita Falls Record-News. He made me a substantial proposition I could not refuse. So I went to Ranger.

Ranger was throbbing with development. World War I, over only a few months, brought in thousands of discharged military servicemen who had read extensively in foreign countries of the sensational oil strike in Ranger. Trains poured thousands of people into the city daily. Many remained to take high pay jobs, others to invest in promising business, and still others just to "look about."

The only newspaper in Ranger then was "The Record," a weekly, operating on the east side of the railroad and facing present Main St. Bagley purchased it. He acquired a Duplex press, linotype machine and other equipment and moved them into a pastboard building erected a few blocks east of the railroad. Delay in arrival of printing equipment and in recruiting workers, printers, pressmen and others hampered the paper's getting started. However, in the interim, I found plenty to do writing copy for the first edition which was issued in late April or early May. Larry Smith, an ex-soldier fresh from the front, was my oil editor and Hubert Cooper my telegraph editor.

The first few nights I slept in a large room with seven other of our force, two to the bed at \$2 a flop each, a very steep price in those days. Later the publisher erected pastboard rooms at the rear of the plant, assigning one to me "for free."

Hamburger stands and restaurants sprang up everywhere. Patrons waited an hour or two to be served with food. One "hole-in-the-wall" joint on lower Main St. kept open round the clock. Its owner paid \$250 a month rent for its six by eight foot space. Later I discovered a "family meal" cafe in far north Ranger, which served a meal for 50 cents after an interminable wait.

First Newspaper
As I recall—it was 40 years ago—we issued our first paper, about 60 pages, one afternoon,

and newsboys sold 5,000 copies on the streets. It was filled with oil and development news, boosting the "biggest oil field in the world." At the time, new gushers blew in daily producing as high as 20,000 barrels.

A week before the first edition came off the press a nitroglycerin wagon northeast of town en route to service an impending well, exploded on a rattling creek bridge. It was blown to smithereens and the driver to bits. In a field, half a mile away, a man hoeing was prostrated. The detonation rattled windows and shook buildings in Ranger.

Gathering news was foot work, with less than 25 party-line telephones serving the mushrooming Ranger of 16,000 population. News traveled by word of mouth, and rumor of a new well coming in sent us swiftly to the scene.

News broke fast and frequent. It was almost impossible to cover all events with our limited force. But we did a great job under the adverse circumstances. For a time we received a pony telegraph service late State and National news, and later used the telephone to get periods of news service out of Fort Worth. But Ranger was a world by itself and manufactured news enough to swamp any big newspaper.

Big news in Ranger were the almost daily murder or murders, the sensational hijackings, the gigantic oil wells coming in, the celebrities visiting and investing large sums, the torrential rainstorms, the trucks inextricably mired in the muddy business streets, the numerous switch-engines shunting trains in the immense network of tracks that had been laid.

We had peculiar labor troubles too. Linotype operators earning high as \$120 a week, pressmen and other newspaper craftsmen came, worked a week or two, got their paychecks and took French leave, crippling operation of the paper. Once a pressman departed between suns, leaving operation of press to editors, office workers, printers and others. On this occasion, I recall, the paper, usually out about 4 p.m., did not get off the press until 9 a.m. Inexperienced "pressmen" broke the paper, web time and again—and the job of



Hamilton Wright

"rethreading" had to be done over and over again.

We hit the streets of Ranger one day about sunrise with a special edition. The "screamer" headlines recorded many deaths and injuries. About 9 a.m. the night before I was awakened to be tipped that the T&P Oil Belt Special passenger train eastbound had "split a switch" in the north yard. The engine and two coaches went down the main line and the other cars down a siding, through a coaled switch. A partly loaded car of lumber on the siding was smashed and a hobo sleeping in it killed outright. On the scene I found several dead and others fatally injured. I recall a Mexican woman passenger through whose body a coach heater pipe had been thrust by the impact. Others badly injured lay or sat on the ground moaning and groaning.

One night my newspaper sleeping quarters was shaken by a terrific "earthquake." It was a cold night and the moon was shining brightly. I got up and investigated. A block from the plant I discovered a large wooden structure blown to pieces. The front had been a laundry—receiving station and the rear a cot flap house where twenty or thirty men had been asleep. During the night the gas from the surface-laid man had gone off after burning to furnish heat. It came on later again and the fumes aroused a sleeper. He got up to investigate, struck a

match. Bloop! He was burned to a crisp. Fortunately his fellows, forced under the cover by the cold, escaped with few burns.

Ranger, on my arrival, was blighted with typhoid fever. The Spanish influenza epidemic the late fall before had taken a great toll and the number of victims of typhoid as a result of drinking polluted surface water, was staggering. Our force, as a safeguard, was provided with bottled water brought in from Arkansas. In cafes we never touched water unless sure it came from the bottles.

Main Street was a lobbies most of the time until paving came. It was proverbial for a cloudburst to occur every weekend. On my first visit to Ranger I observed women wearing hip boots, saw men riding piggyback across streets at fares, and noticed the flushing waves of thin mud onto the sidewalks as trucks tore up the street. At the foot of Main St., near the old Sandstone T & P depot, a bottomless mudhole had formed in which huge boulders were dropped with resounding plops to futilely provided a wheel purchase. A frequent sight was trucks and mule teams drawing mired vehicles loaded with heavy pipe, oil-field boilers and machinery out of the deep mud.

The post office was overwhelmed. Too few clerks, too little space for the mail. It was an ordinary sight to see queues of people two blocks in length taking their now-and-then step forward, ultimately to get to the general delivery window. No attempt was made to deliver parcel post—heaped ceiling-high in a hodgepodge in the rear of the building. Once we had an important part for our disabled press sent parcel post. Charlie Manuel, mechanical foreman, a n d I went for it. The postmaster, very busy, pointed to the mountain of packages. "Look and see if you can find it," he said. After two hours we gave up and sent a man to Fort Worth to get a needed part.

Rampant Crime
Crime was rampant. It would be incredible to believe what I saw there. Once a big short oil operator, fresh in town from California where he thought he had left his mistress, stepped out of a cafe. She surprised him at the door,

uttered a few words, snatched a small revolver from her satchel, and blazed away. The bullet lodged in his stomach, and three days later he died. One afternoon our paper carried a front-page story of a pitched battle in west Ranger in which many were shot and a few killed. Months later I stood across the street from the Ghoslon Hotel. I was startled by a massive man shouting, "I told you to leave town!" He clutched a vise-like grip round the throat of a small taxi cab driver, drew his 45, pistol, pressed it against the man's immovable forehead, and fired. The taxi cab driver spun round, slumped into the gutter, gulping blood and showing glassy eyes. A policeman came up, demagued the gun. He refused. The two walked toward the police station. A wisp of smoke still issued from the gun in the hands of the slayer.

George Flournoy was the fearless police chief. He came from Stamford where he had been chief for years. He succeeded an officer of state reputation who seemed "tired" of Ranger and its terrors. Flournoy put down gambling. One day I belied him in his usual limp, pistol cocked, driving 25 or 30 gamblers he had ridden before him, up Main Street to the police station. They were too frightened to make a break.

Flournoy was beyond taking a bribe or allowing crime to flourish when he could prevent it. In later years—he is now deceased—he was offered a bribe of thousands of dollars by big crook criminals. Once at the police station I heard him warn one of them: "If you knew me and what I stand for, you'd think twice before asking me. I'd crack your skull with this pistol," he said patting his big revolver.

Well do I remember one recruit to the police force of 60. He had been a special officer for the T & P railroad. It was the "thirtieth" of the month when he signed on the force. I remarked, "It's hoodoo day!" He quipped, "No, the thirtieth's my lucky day!" Maybe so. Less than a week afterward he accosted two businessmen and a woman drunk and cursing loudly. He kindly asked them to lower their voices. One of the men whipped out his gun (Continued on Page Eight)

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Texas Writer Recalls School Days In Ranger

(Editor's Note: Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, who attended Ranger's schools in the early part of this century, has written the following recollections of his experiences here.

Dr. Webb is professor of history at the University of Texas, a position he has held since 1933. He has been connected with the University since 1918, a period of 41 years.

He is the author of "The Great Plains" (1931); "The Texas Rangers" ('35), which was filmed in 1936; "Divided We Stand" and "The Crisis of Frontier Democracy" ('37); "The Great Frontier" ('52); and "More Water for Texas" ('54). He is editor of "The Handbook of Texas," published in two volumes in 1952.

Today, Dr. Webb is generally considered one of the best known writers - historians in Texas and the Southwest.)



Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, writer, historian

By Dr. Walter Prescott Webb

I saw Ranger first just before Christmas, 1898. My father, C. P. Webb, was a school teacher.

It seems we always lived near the county line, first near Breckenridge on the Albany road, then at South Prairie, near the Young County line, and finally nine miles northward of Ranger, near the Eastland county line. My father taught the Veal School in Stephens County where my best friend was Turney McCleskey, now prosperous and retired on the family place. I and my sisters beat out a trail to school across his father's pasture which Turney now owns.

My father also taught the Merriam school and finally a school east of town known as the Hise community.

In September, 1905, we moved to Ranger for one year with the understanding that I would in that

year get enough learning to acquire a second grade teacher's certificate. J. E. Temple Peters was in charge of the school, and he gathered under his charge about as unsophisticated a set of country boys as you could find in a day's ride. It seems that the country was moving to town. Among this new group were several Barnes boys—Ross, Evan, Martin, Fonzo, Homer Danley (better known as Bull Danley, who became the star baseball pitcher), Dick and Eric Bruce, and several others whose names I do not recall.

In town we ran into the sophisticated set, including boys who knew how to wear a white collar and the most charming set of girls with bows on their hair and buckles on their shoes.

Cabe (Dr. C. O.) Terrell had

Truman remained there for one year. Their father was Dr. Charlie Terrell who ran the drug store and exercised more influence over the community, by which I mean an area of ten miles around Ranger, than any other one man.

J. R. (Dutch) Ervin was out teaching, but would come back in the fall for a two month's refresher course. He had a host of brothers strung all the way from Bob—who ran the tin shop across the street from the Terrell drug store—to the smaller fry whose names I do not remember. Dutch and Jol were about half-country boys and half-city boys, but there was another set about which there was not doubt in our minds. Among these were, in addition to those mentioned, Tom Rawls, Joe Sisk, Rex Outlaw, Winston Walker, Ray Newsnam and such small tads as Hall Walker and Leslie Hagaman. In this last category was Oddie Cooper, one of the best.

Somehow I remember the girls in school with great clarity. Lucile Terrell and Hazel Thompson and Ann Bohning were small, prim and pert. More advanced in books were Vera Rawls, Ols and Vic Harrison, Estelle Davenport, Leola Myers and Velma Case, to mention a few.

There was an older set who seemed to have about everything that we younger ones desired. My hero was Mills Davenport who clerked in Bohning's store. Then there was Finis Langston who owned the barber shop, Dick Hodges, and another great favorite of mine—Buck Harrison. Mills Davenport won my heart by giving me a pencil when I was just a kid, and Buck Harrison always treated me as if I were important. Shell McDowell was on his way to making a fortune by buying yearlings when he was not busy in Finis Langston's shop.

As I look back on it, Ranger seemed to me then to be a finished town, and I do not mean this in a flippant sense. The people there had always been there, and always would be. Charlie Terrell was the most permanent fixture, but the Bohnings, C. R. Brock, John and Charlie Ghosston were also permanent. Lee Walker and Mr. Bobo, father of Halford and Charlie, were synonymous with hardware, and Mr. Thompson actually owned the T. & P. railroad station, just as Mr. Rice owned the wagon yard. Such distinguished characters as Mr. Riddell and Mr. Hodges were retired, and it never occurred to me that they had not always enjoyed that state.

The principal amusement of the day was to go down and see the passenger trains go by. It was equally interesting, regardless of whether it was east bound or west bound. For real excitement the young folks would walk the track to the high trestle to the east, and the holder boys would take a ride on the long freights as they made their way up the grade.

The Bryant House stood across the tracks from the main part of town, presided over by Mrs. Bryant who never left any doubt about who was boss. The Bryant House charged 50c for meals which limited the clientele to drummers who had expense accounts. J. E. Temple



IMPOSING AND MAJESTIC—Stands the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Watkins and family. Located on Homer St., the house is surrounded by flowers, trees and shrubs. The house is noted for its unusually interesting roof (with gables) and semi-circular front window. (Photo by Capps Studio.)



ON MAIN ST.—The F. P. Brashier, Sr. home is picturesquely situated, surrounded by trees and shrubs, as shown here. The brick home, with an unusual fire place and front porch, has a triple garage (at right). Photo by Capps Studio.

Peters was the only local citizen who stayed there, and he did it in spite of Mrs. Bryant's caustic observations on his habit of being late for meals.

I thought C. P. Simons put out a masterpiece of the culinary art for 25c at his restaurant in the old rock building facing the depot, but when Peters invited me to eat at the Bryant House I thought I had seen everything.

I need to say a few more words about J. E. Temple Peters. His gifts as a teacher were extraordinary. He exercised an almost hypnotic power over the boys and girls, young men and young women who sat in his classroom. Though a dozen of the boys outweighed him, he managed them with great skill. He assumed that we did not know much, in which he was correct, and he started from there.

He taught us to tip waiters, have our shoes shined, send candy to our dates, wear clean linen, rubber heeled shoes, tailor made clothes (if we could afford it) and to stay at good hotels. Our fathers thought he taught us extravagant habits, and some of them resented a little the power he exercised. On the whole he exercised it for our good, and many of us are still indebted to him. He had one fault which even his students couldn't break; he would say "ain't."

Occasionally I return to Ranger for a brief visit, and perhaps some may like to know what my sensations are, after having been away

Ranger Lumber And Supply Co. Builds Ranger

Ranger 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 interior and exterior decorating, either in remodeling or building new homes. Earl Brown, son of Calvin Brown began working with his father in 1949.

Ranger Lumber and Supply handles a complete line of building materials, insulation, and n d tools. They have furnished materials for the new homes that contractor M. L. Lawson has built here in the past three years.

At this time they are furnishing materials being used in building the new telephone building. The Ranger Lumber and Supply Co., also furnished all materials used in remodeling the boys dormitory at Ranger College, and bricks for all the buildings.

The Catholic congregation of Ranger grew and declined with the boom and decline of the city. During the forty years of its existence, many pastors have served the parish. Among these are Rev. S. E. Byrne, Rev. Michael Collins, Rev. John E. Duesman, and Rev. August J. Merkel.

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St. Rita's Catholic Church Is One Of City's Oldest

Ranger is a city of churches. Some of its most beautiful buildings are its houses of worship. One such building is St. Rita's Catholic Church, the handsome brick structure on Blackwell Road.

The Catholic church had its beginning in Ranger in August, 1918, when Rev. R. A. Gerken pastor of the Catholic Church of Abilene, visited here. Mass was first said in the home of Joseph F. Casey in the Prairie Pipe Line Camp. Beginning in January, 1919, the Ford Agency display room of the Leveille-Maher Motor Company was used for the Sunday services, until one Sunday the congregation was driven out by a flood. Four feet of water stood in the building by the end of the service.



St. Rita's Catholic Church

On May 2, 1919, 4 1/2 lots were bought from Jack Blackwell for a new church. Construction began on July 2, 1919.

While the church was being built, Father Gerken rented a 36 X 72 foot tent, which was erected on the present church grounds; it was used as a meeting place until October 29, 1919, when the group moved into the almost completed new church. The finishing job on the inside of the building was done by R. H. Tadlock. St. Rita's Church, built at the total cost of \$25,000.00, was dedicated by Bishop Lynch of Dallas on March 7, 1920. He was assisted by Rev. Gerken and Joseph M. Keller.

In March, 1920, two buildings were purchased from Phillips Petroleum Company for \$7,500.00, moved to the church grounds, and converted into a school, which was officially opened in September, 1921. The teaching faculty consisted of five Sisters of the Immaculate Word Congregation of San Antonio, under the direction of Mother Berchmans. The school, which soon reached an attendance of over a hundred children and included four years of high school, was in operation until 1951.

The newly completed church was badly damaged by a cyclone on April 8, 1922. The roof was entirely ripped off, the walls were damaged, and heavy rains ruined the interior plastering, the floor, and the church furniture. Bourdieu Brothers, Contractors, rebuilt the church, and it was reopened for services on July 29, 1922. During that time, the Hall of Knights of Columbus was used for the services.

In September, 1923, an addi-

onal two-story school building was commenced, built by day labor, with John Penke as foreman. It was completed in December of the same year. In 1924, an additional block facing the church was purchased for extending the school grounds, and a small school was opened there for the Mexican children. A school bus service to carry children to and from Cisco and Eastland each day was started by the school in September, 1923, and was in operation for many years.

The priests from St. Rita's Church attended different other mission churches, some of which developed into new parishes. Among these are the Holy Rosary Church, founded at Cisco in 1920; St. Francis Church, founded at Eastland in 1922; Sacred Heart Church, founded at Breckenridge in 1922; and Blessed Therese Church, a mission at Pioneer.

Rev. Gerken, pastor-founder of St. Rita's, left Ranger in August, 1926, when he was elected Bishop of Amarillo, Texas. He later became Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he died in 1943.

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who is currently attached to the Immaculate Conception Church at Tyler.

The pastoral care of St. Rita's was entrusted by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman to the Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in June, 1953. This Missionary Society, which counts over 1200 priests in the mission fields, has its headquarters at Missionhurst in Arlington, Virginia.

Father Camil Boesmans was pastor of St. Rita's from 1953 to 1958, when he departed to start missionary work in the Dominican Republic in the West Indies. During his pastorate, the church building was restored and improved considerably.

The present pastor is Rev. M. Van Hemelryck, who was a missionary in China for sixteen years. When missionary activities became impossible under the Communist regime, he came to this country. He was pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church at San Antonio before coming to Ranger in January, 1958, from Missionhurst, Arlington, Virginia.

Eastland County was one of the number of blocks of territory carved from the public domain, before the Civil War by legislative enactment. For many years, the county had no population to justify a county government. It became or-

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.

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In fact, Eastland County was organized from Bosque, Travis and Coryell Counties in 1873—two years after the Texas and Pacific was chartered.

Back in 1870, according to one of the first publications ever issued by the railroad, there were only 88 people in all of Eastland County. Not a town was listed on the official county map of that year.

At that time, Texas was a vast frontierland with only a sparse settlement of pioneers. West Texas, that vast region stretching between the little cotown of Fort Worth and the little gateway settlement of El Paso, was a rugged, panoramic wilderness of rolling hills, flat prairie land and jagged mountain country. It was Indian country . . . and the "bad lands" for hunted desperadoes. Buffalo, antelope, deer, quail and other game abounded in the draws and along the freshets.

Following the Civil War, the need for a transcontinental railroad was realized.

Thus it was that on March 3, 1871, the Congress of the United States in a special act granted the charter to the Texas and Pacific—the only railroad ever granted a charter by the Federal Government.

Construction of the T & P began at Marshall in East Texas. By 1876, the track had been built to Fort Worth. Shortly thereafter, the nation was gripped in one of its most severe depressions and four years went by before construction across West Texas was resumed.

Something like the fabled "knight in shining armor" seeking the Holy Grail came the mighty Iron Horse of the Texas and Pacific—the first railroad to penetrate the expansive territory of this area of West Texas.

Railroad Comes To Ranger
It was early in November of 1880 when the T & P construction forces built the track into what is now Ranger.

The coming of the railroad brought the quickening touches of civilization to this great territory. Communications were established. Industry took root—little businesses to be sure, but industries no less. Farming and ranching, schools and churches were encouraged. In all these funda-

amentals of a free society, the T & P in those early days essayed a prominent role.

In that swaddling period of West Texas, among the first workers of the T & P following the construction gangs were the railroad's Land Agents and Agricultural Agents. The Texas and Pacific still has its Industrial and Agricultural Agents.

The Industrial Agents sought not only to locate business firms, such as dryly needed lumber yards, drug and notions stores, leather goods manufacturers, etc., but also to locate families and establish home sites.

T & P Agricultural Agents made studies of the lands, the soil textures, and advised settlers what crops were adaptable, how to cultivate them and, in some cases, even gave away seed in the effort to get farming and ranching started in the territory. It might be added that in those days there were not any County Agents or Soil Conservation men—that was before the organization of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Ranger of 1915 and 1919
Texas and Pacific's Industrial Directory of 1915 describes Ranger as a banking town with a population of 1,000 people. Description of surrounding area: Two-thirds farming land and balance pasture land; cotton, and enough grain raised for ordinary home consumption. Price of improved land: \$25 per acre. Unimproved: \$5 to \$10 per acre. Water: by private waterworks. Banks, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, First National Bank. Hotels: Bryant House, Ranger Hotel. Schools: one public. Churches: one each, Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Presbyterian. Newspaper: Ranger Record. Theatres: Two, one seats 400 other 500. Principal industries: Cotton gins, grist mills, hide, pelts, wool, produce, live stock shipping.

On the heels of the horrible drought of 1918 which virtually dried up the streams, the cattle and the farms of Ranger—came the great Ranger oil boom in 1919.

At that time, the "old reliable" T & P already had contributed almost 40 years of public service to this region. So tremendous was the economic impact of the oil boom that three other railroads were born of it in Ranger. Yet, this trio of rail lines—like some oil-rich cities which crumbled to ghost



RANGER DEPOT—This is the end of the line for many railroad passengers arriving in town. The brick depot, built in 1922, is the first thing that many passengers see in Ranger. The old depot building, constructed of sand stone, which was located north of Main Street, was dismantled during World War II. It was built in the early part of the century. B. A. Tunnel is local agent for the Texas & Pacific. C. D. Long is telegraph operator-clerk. Other employees include: G. F. Williams, roadmaster; J. R. Hicks, section foreman for the area; E. R. Varner, signal maintainer; and J. W. Calvert, equipment maintainer. Delivery and pick-up service in Ranger is handled by a contract truck operator, Ranger Transfer & Storage.

towns—long have been defunct. The Texas and Pacific alone survived and is going rolling strong.

Its once little 56-lb. iron rail is now massive steel up to 132-lbs. per lineal yard. The little donkey steam engines which brought the first T & P train have been supplanted through the years by ever mightier locomotives, topped by the present-day sleek and powerful Diesel—electric units with their tremendous load-carrying force.

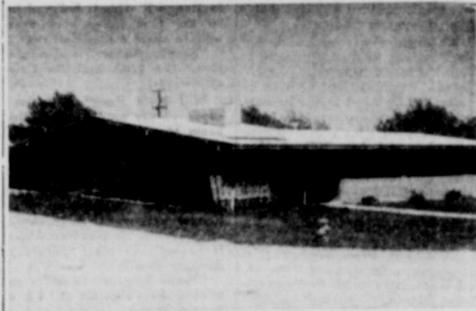
T & P has been famed for its great "name" trains: the old "Cannonball" and the "Sunshine Special" of yesteryear, and currently its glistening streamliners, the "Texas Eagle" and the "Westerner".

Physical improvements along the T & P are constant, not only to motive power and rail, but also includes finer roadbeds; faster, more convenient schedules; radio and short-wave equipment for greater train operating efficiency; specialized freight cars; piggyback service; and safer, more comfortable and attractive coaches, diners and sleeping cars.

Toast of the Texas and Pacific is its employe family. Virtually a third of its several thousand employes have been with the company for a quarter-century or more. In its long and colorful history, T & P has had only seven presidents. The seventh president, J. T. Suggs, took over the chief executive duties on January 1st this year.

In view of T & P's longtime service in the Southwest and in Ranger . . . through depressions, panics and wars . . . President Suggs' recent declaration that "the railroad is here to stay" was heartening but hardly surprising to Ranger.

As one of the nation's major railways and a progressive one, the Texas and Pacific looks to the future—and future progress with Ranger.



LOW AND MODERN—The Dr. M. E. Jolly home is often considered the most modern home in Ranger. Reflecting good taste, both inside and out, the brick house is well planned and solidly constructed. Note the unusual garage, fireplace and front porch. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Frigid Queen Has Sandwiches

The Frigid Queen was opened Nov. 9, 1952, by Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Miller, who still own and operate it.

They have all types of sandwiches, cold drinks and ice cream. They specialize in super dogs, grilled cheese on a stick and banana splits.

The Frigid Queen, located on Highway 80 East, has recently been completely redecorated.

The Texas Rangers, who settled three miles to the East, gave the name to Ranger. They were station on Watson Ranch, near Wyles Canyon.

The American Legion Post was organized in Ranger Nov. 19, 1923, under the name of Carl Barnes Post No. 69.

T & P Boosts Texas In 1873 Brochure

The Texas and Pacific, even prior to completion of its track across the Southwest, sent advertising brochures to the North and East, inviting settlers to the Southwest. The following excerpts are taken from one of its first booklets, published in 1873:

"The coal-bearing rocks of Texas occupy an area of not less than 6,000 square miles, embracing the counties of Eastland, Callahan, Jack, Young, Palo Pinto, Brown, Comanche, Coleman and extending to the Texas territory."

"Land sells in Texas from \$2 to \$25 an acre. Half the land in Texas, or many millions of acres, is still unlocated and remains public land. In the settlements, land can be bought from \$3 to \$5 an acre, upon which a 500-lb. bale of cotton could be raised per acre. The land upon which cattle and horses are raised is generally unfenced, and free to the cattle, horses, and sheep of everybody, so that the poor man, with a few acres for his homestead, can raise or feed any amount of stock."

"Without a doubt, Texas is one of the richest countries in the world. There is no better stock-raising country. The price of stock cattle is from \$4.50 to \$7 a head, taking the whole herd as a 'brand', as it is technically called. Fat beefs command from \$20 to \$30 per head. This beef of the very best quality is marketed throughout Texas at from 5c to 7c a pound, and in the stock-raising counties which comprise a majority of Texas counties, from 2½c to 3c a pound. On the hoof, 1½c to 2c."

"The usual price of butter is about 20c a pound; lard, 15c; bacon, 12c; chickens, 15c to 20c; eggs, 12 to 25c a dozen; corn, 30 to 50c a bushel and wheat (from North Texas) \$1.35 to \$1.50 a bushel."

"No farmer, not even the poorest, need be without an abundant supply of milk and butter; for his milk cows will come up to their calves at night without herding, and his stock cattle will require little herding or handling. It actually costs scarcely more to raise a beef here, worth \$10, than a chicken in Georgia, worth 10 cents."

Ranger General Has Served Area 35 Years

Ranger General Hospital overlooks the city from top of its majestic perch on the hill. For 35 years now the building has stood for service, rendering medical aid to thousands of area people.

Built in 1923, the hospital began operations as the City - County Hospital. Bonds were voted with the city and county paying the expenses of operation. Today the hospital is operated by the County Commissioners, responsible for repairs and other improvements.

Heading the hospital board is W. J. (Bill) Herrington, and other members are Dr. A. W. Brada, Dr. W. P. Watkins, Morris George and Floyd Killingsworth of Ranger; Ira Hanna and Don Parker of Eastland.

Superintendent is Mrs. Clifford Searcy. Bookkeeper is Mrs. Iva

Mae Hooks and Mrs. Avis Jones is assistant bookkeeper. A total of 21 employees work in the hospital building.

William Russell is X-ray and laboratory technician for the newly constructed laboratory (added in 1958). Mrs. Lilly Ogle, R.M., is the floor supervisor and Mrs. Mary Ballinger is the surgical nurse.

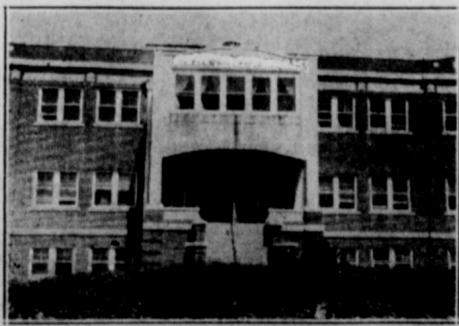
With a complete kitchen on the ground floor, meals are prepared by Mrs. Leona Hill, cook.

Always progressing with Ranger, the hospital has recently added a new sterilizer for surgical instruments in the operating room.

Staff members and board members are looking forward to the future years of service to Ranger and the area.

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"On the Square"

W. K. Gordon Shaped Destiny Of Ranger Boom

W. K. Gordon, often called the "father of the Ranger field", was general manager of the Texas Pacific Coal Co. in Thurbur when a delegation — headed by John M. Gholson — called on him one day in 1917.

The group of Ranger men asked Gordon to consider drilling for oil in the area. And Gordon is reported to have replied, "I have had Ranger in mind right along but I didn't want to have to face a price boom." And then he added, "But if you will give our company a block of 30,000 acres around Ranger, we will drill four deep wells. We are willing to wager \$200,000 that there is oil."

The first test that Gordon made for oil in Central West Texas is an interesting story. He drove a stake marking the location of the McCleskey well, and the test was spudded in July.

But the McCleskey only produced a flow of gas when drilling reached 3,200 feet. Drilling was resumed, however. In August, 1917 the Nannie Walker test brought in 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day, but there was no market for this flow.

The faith of the inhabitants of Ranger ebbed, and many said that nothing would be found. But Warren Wagner, the drilling contractor, was directed to continue.

Then on the afternoon of Oct. 22, 1917, Frank Champion came to work and with the help of his workers brought in the McCleskey well.

Champion rushed to town and notified Charlie Gholson, who sprang into his touring car and drove furiously up and down the two blocks of the business section, shouting, "There's oil in the McCleskey."

And that was the beginning of the Ranger boom.

Then the Walker — which had been gassing for months, unnoticed and all but forgotten by the townspeople — emitted a roar that caused folk to come running. It was gushing at a greater rate than the McCleskey.

Ironically, by bringing in the Ranger field Gordon contributed to the decline of Thurbur.

Born in Virginia during the Civil War, Gordon went to Texas in 1889 to survey a rail route. He was offered the position of mining engineer with the Texas Pacific Coal Co. of Thurbur, and later was promoted to general superintendent.

The company became interested in oil when the railroad, by far the best purchaser of coal produced in the Thurbur mines, warned that it intended to turn to the use of oil.

Gordon surveyed Ranger, Eastland, Breckenridge, Graham and Pecos, only finding one lone derrick. But he was determined to try and he did. Soon, the Texas Pacific held leases on 300,000 acres in the area.

Dry holes came in around Strawn and what little oil was discovered proved insufficient. It was at this point that the committee from Ranger approached Gordon.

Today we can only wonder what would have happened had Gordon been a man of less determination,

Mr. Mac Got Things Done In Midst of Hectic Boom

(Editor's Note: Here is a story of interest to many, reprinted by permission of the author and publisher from "Drilling is Our Business", published by Loffland Brothers Co. of Tulsa, Okla.)

MR. MAC

By Boyce House

The once oil-crazy town of Ranger in West Texas is now quiet and tempered by time. But there are many memories there of times past so it was natural that Mr. Mac would settle down in his retirement years, where places and faces would recall those 46 active years in the oil industry.

It was only a decade ago that this chronicler visited the legendary Mr. Mac and for a short while relived with him those harrowing but exciting days when the oil business was young. This slender, gray-haired figure was still active and far from rocking-chair bound. In fact he forsook his well-earned leisure during World War II to work in a shipyard.

He was not always known as Mr. Mac. He was born James McLaughlin in Pennsylvania where his father was an oil field teaming contractor. The lad, large and sturdy for his age, began to work around wells when he was only 11. By circumstance or by intent, most of his long career was directed toward the pipeline division.

Laying lines in those early days was wrought with difficulties from suspicious landowners. Finesse, an aura of trustworthiness and a reputation for honesty could carry a man in this job a lot farther than roughhouse tactics. Mr. Mac seemed to fill the bill — at least he got the lines laid.

Once he recalled, his work came to a sudden stop when an awesome Indian and his family blocked the way with weapons. The Indian had a record to back up his stony face. Once he had been deputized to bring in three outlawed, which he did — dead in the back of his wagon. He was not the kind of man that is easily persuaded, but Mr. Mac got the job done.

"Of course, we paid him a good amount for the right-of-way," McLaughlin related. The Indian had not understood he was to be paid anything.

Another Oklahoma experience of similar nature started with a big well coming in which, for some reason, could not be shut down. Mr. Mac was rushing a line to the scene, when he was stopped in his tracks by an outraged landowner.

"This was a giant of a man with piercing black eyes that certainly showed he was mad," related Mr. Mac. "I kept my hands in my pockets as he approached so he couldn't see how badly they were trembling. He opened his mouth to speak but I said, 'Before you say anything, let me ask you a question: Suppose a big oil well had been drilled on your land and the oil was running down the creek and a neighbor wouldn't let a pipeline get to your well. How would you feel about it?'"

Apparently it was the right thing to say. The line got through.

You meet all kinds of people and each requires a different treatment. Mr. Mac found through his many years of transactions. On one occasion, a man decided to extract a profit when a line was going to cross the land of some of his neighbors. "You must pay me and I'll take care of my neighbors."

It was an awkward situation but Mr. Mac listened courteously and asked for a little time to think about this.

Meanwhile he ordered a bowl of fruit brought in so the two enjoyed a long social visit while munching apples. After several hours had passed and Mr. Mac said he still had not made up his mind, the fellow left for home. Here he found that a big crew, working at top speed, had already crossed the neighbors' land.

It was rumored that this fellow was plenty mad but Mr. Mac didn't hunt him up to find out.

McLaughlin was active during the rushes at Bristow, Drumwright and Shamrock, Oklahoma, at El Dorado, Arkansas, and at Wichita Falls. But he spent longer in Ranger than anywhere else. He knew Tex Rickard, the great boxing promoter, and Jess Willard, then world's heavyweight champion, when they were drilling for oil in Eastland County. Jake Hamon, Ardmore railroad builder and oil man, was a good friend of Mr. Mac's.

Conditions were difficult then in Ranger, difficult even for an oil boom. Rain, mud, living conditions, shortage of materials and the difficulty of getting men and teams. But Mr. Mac gained the reputation of getting things done. An oil man asked him, "How do you do it?"

"Never count the cost," he replied. "I didn't pay to try to push the blue-eyed Scotch Irishman around or to try to put something over on him. One operator, who found this out, had a sly scheme of borrowing tank cars belonging to Mr. Mac's company, through an arrangement with a railroad employee. Mr. Mac's quick eye soon caught this trick and evaluated it in dollars and cents."

When confronted, the operator stalled with, "Too late, now, I've got 'em loaded."

"Then unload."

"Take as long as you want," said Mr. Mac. "But the law says you have to pay \$50 a day per car."

To avoid this expense and the time of unloading, the operator offered to sell the oil to McLaughlin's company. Certainly Mr. Mac was glad to buy — at about half the regular price for crude. What would this operator do, but chalk it up to the experience of confronting a wiser man than he.

As might be expected in those 46 years of oil dealings, Mr. Mac could not out-figure every scheme he confronted. One such was involved in the biggest deal Mr.

Mac ever handled. This involved thousands of acres of leases in the Ranger area, along with a big gasser and a number of oil wells. One of these wells, it was rumored, was making 5,000 barrels a day.

It was important to Mr. Mac to know if this rumor were true, important enough to dispatch one of his men who was a friend of the owner to verify the output. Sure enough, reported the employee, the well was making 5,000 barrels a day, so the deal went through in short order for a big price. Immediately Mr. Mac's employee resigned, although he seemed to have plenty of money to throw around Ranger without working for it.

The rumor quickly circulated that the brokers had paid this employee \$50,000 to make a false report and thus induce Mr. Mac

Boyce House has written three full books dealing with the Eastland County oil boom and two others which are, in part, about the boom.

His first book was "Were You In Ranger?" This is believed to be the first entire book ever written about a single oil rush.

"Rooving Ranger" is of course about the boom and the time afterwards.

"Oil Field Fury" is an account of the county after the boom was over—the aftermath of the rush.

Six oil booms are described in "Oil Boom" — Smackover, Spindletop, Mexia, Burk Burnett, Ranger and Deadman.

Ranger chapter first appeared as an article, "It Was Fun While It Lasted", in the "Saturday Evening Post."

"Texas Treasure Chest" contains a short account of the Ranger boom.

In addition, House has written a number of magazine articles on Ranger's oil frenzy. Besides the Post, he has had articles in "The Lamp", "Drilling is Our Business", and others. On his column — I Give You Texas — which appears in numerous newspapers, are frequent references to Ranger.

And in his many after-dinner speeches, he often relates incidents and humorous stories about the boom, and has closed about 50 speeches by quoting Will Ferrell's poem about "The Cemetery That Was Not for Sale."

to take on this deal he might otherwise have turned down. The well in question proved far short of expectations but the over-all purchase turned out to be a big money maker for Mr. Mac's company.

Another such episode concerned the labor shortage that plagued Ranger in its boom. Into McLaughlin's office one morning came a man of distinguished bearing and immaculate dress, boasting a mustache and a goatee of a Kentucky "colonel." The caller announced: "I've just arrived with a bunch of teams and I'm looking for work."

Work he got and quickly, for there was far more to do than could be done, anyway. Unbeknown to Mr. Mac, the colonel then approached the owner of a newly arrived bunch of teams, hiring him in the name of the company. Almost every day, the colonel came for an advance until he had overdrawn the payment due for the work "his" teams were hired. Meanwhile the contract hauler went without funds until the scheme was at last discovered.

Mr. Mac sighed, "I guess I'm stuck and will have to pay twice since I have already paid the colonel for the job."

"Oh, no you won't," replied the hauler. "I'll collect from the old goat or pull every whisker out." And, he might well have, for Mr. Mac heard no more about the matter.

Of course, not all memories have happy endings. One night, Mr. Mac recalls, fire destroyed the McCleskey Hotel in Ranger. Several lives were lost and many guests were injured when they leaped from upper story windows. He remembers walking into the large lobby of the Gholson Hotel which was transformed into an emergency hospital. Mangled forms lay around the floor and two operations were in progress.

Then, too, there is that memory of sitting up late with several close friends, all oil men. Two of them were looking forward to a fishing trip early the next day, before the others in this party would arise. When Mr. Mac awoke the next morning, he learned that both friends had drowned when their boat overturned.

"But the happier side of the ledger of life has far more entries than the tragic side," Mr. Mac said.

At the age of 67, he retired as district superintendent of the Ohio Pipe Line Co. Like the town of Ranger, he wanted to settle down to a little of the complacency they both deserved.

Ranger Had Partner In Early Development of Oil Boom



W. K. GORDON "Father of the Ranger Field"

Ranger and the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company grew up together.

The history of development of Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co. is a story that has been blazed in the annals of growth and prosperity in this area.

The discovery of oil in 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 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 size in West Central Texas, although the district was first established as oil-producing territory but 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 venerated 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 Illinois 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 the company continues to afford employment for more than 450 persons, and provides insurance, retirement and other employee benefit plans which compare with the best in the oil industry.



First Methodist Church

Ranger's Methodist Church Makes Much Progress In 78-Year History

The first organized Methodist Church that Ranger had was in 1881. A Rev. Hightower organized the church that year in a tent. In about 1894, the church was transferred from the Abilene district to the Cisco District.

The First Methodist Church occupied a wooden structure until 1929, when the present brick building was erected. The first building was valued at \$1,250.00 in 1895. The new church, built at a cost of \$100,000.00, was the third and most elaborate in Ranger.

The church membership was 289 in 1915, 559 in 1924, and 564 in 1934. At the present date the membership of the church stands at 561.

Since 1894, the church has had a total of thirty-seven pastors. Pastor at the present time is Rev. Lively Brown. Rev. and Mrs. Brown have three children, Rebecca Lou, 13; Patricia Lynn, 11; and Randall Jolly, 4.

Officers of the church are as follows: Gaston Dixon, chairman of the official board; Jess Weaver, superintendent of the church school; Beverly Dudley, Jr., membership cultivation superintendent; J. Floyd Killingsworth, president of the Methodist Men's Club.

Mrs. J. T. Roberson, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service; Joe Scott, chairman of the commission on missions; W. A. Robinson, chairman of the commission on membership and evangelism; J. A. Bates, chairman of the commission on finance; and C. L. Garrett, chairman of the commission on education.

The church has recently completed an extensive remodeling project of the sanctuary. This

included completely new furnishings, pulpit furniture, altar, communion table, baptismal font, cushioned pews, choir chairs, lighting fixtures, dossal curtains, and carpets. The floor was refinished and walls were painted a light beige color.

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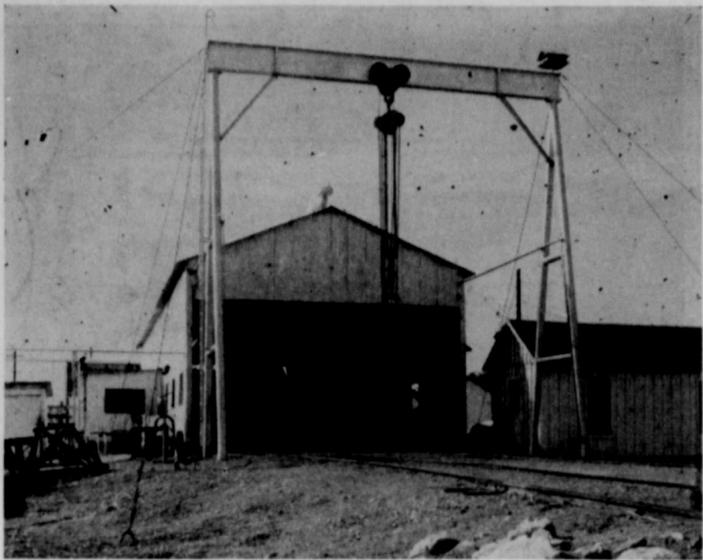
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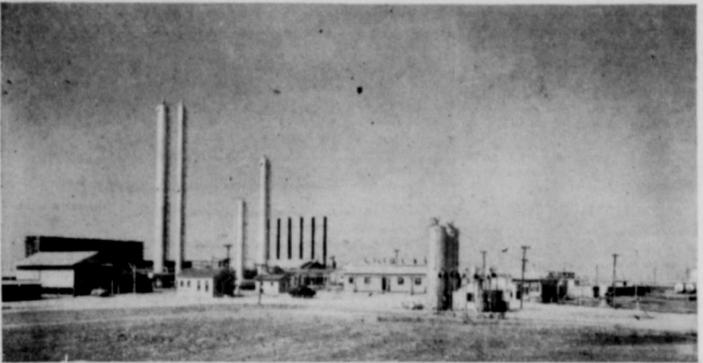
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John M. Gholson Was A Progressive Rangerite

(Editor's Note: The following story was taken, in part, from the Ranger Daily Times Progress Edition (June 17, 1925) and from information in "Roaring Ranger" by Boyce House, published by The Naylor Company of San Antonio (Copyright 1951).

A Progressive Rangerite of his time — John M. Gholson probably contributed more to the growth and development of Ranger than any other person, except possibly M. H. Hagaman (whose story is also told here).

He was one of five men who helped induce the T & P Coal and Oil Co. to drill the McCleskey well which opened up the great oil field and resultant boom of Ranger.

Gholson was also one of the 10 men who secured the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth Railroad, popularly known as the "Ranger road."

While still a young man he formed a partnership with the late Dr. C. E. Terrell, and established the Terrell & Gholson General Mercantile Co., which continued operations until 1918 when Mr. Gholson entered the oil business.

Second mayor of Ranger, president of the school board, chairman of the Methodist board of stewards, president of the Chamber of Commerce — these were some of the offices held by the Ranger pioneer.

Active in civic organizations, Gholson was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine, Rotary Club and Country Club.

Born in Kentucky in 1876, Gholson came to Texas with his family in 1884 (when eight years old). In manner he was very quiet, and in appearance he was slender-built.

At 17 he married Mollie Rawls and they were the parents of four children—Howard, John D., Helen and Charles B.

Following the discovery of oil, Gholson became one of the leading figures in oil activities. The firm of Gholson, Moorman and Dorsey brought in one well after another — one producing around 9,000 barrels a day.

Mayor of Ranger when the boom

rush collapsed, Gholson faced many problems while in office. At one time, he personally advanced about \$25,000 for teachers' salaries.

The scene of many transactions during the boom, the Gholson Hotel stands on the site owned by John M. Gholson. He subordinated his lease contract to the claims of the lien-holders, helping to make possible the present hotel. In 1932, the city builder and benefactor died.

A giant among men, Ranger can still be thankful to Gholson for all he did.

Rebekah Lodge Organized Here By Ella Goff

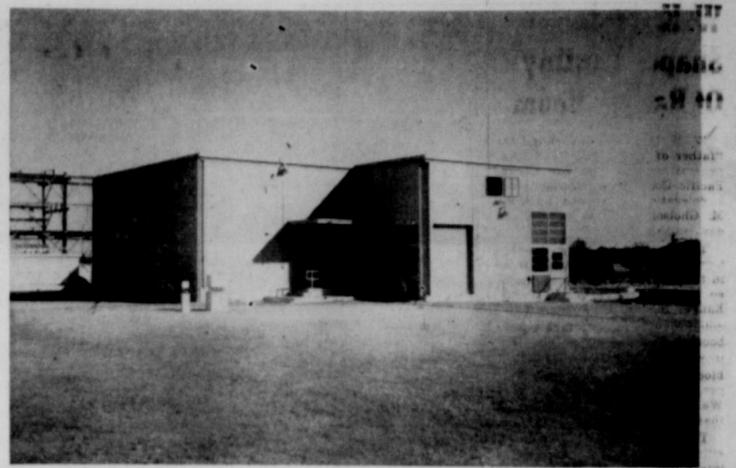
The Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 was organized on February 28, 1921, by the Assembly president, the late Mrs. Ella Goff of Taylor, Texas. Mrs. Dollie Taylor was the first Noble Grand. Mrs. Tillie Kelly of Houston and A. H. Blackwell of Ranger are the only charter members who are still members of the lodge.

The group holds regular meetings each Tuesday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Membership of the lodge now stands at 96. Mrs. Clara Ivy is Noble Grand.

The Rebekah Degree dates back before 1851, when the desire for some method by which the wives of Odd Fellows could participate in that organization led to its establishment. Schuyler Colfax of Indiana formulated the Rebekah Degree and secured its adoption by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1851. Organizations sprang up in many states. In 1886, unmarried women with affiliations of fathers and brothers were made eligible. Rebekah Assemblies developed from the conventions which were held in different states. The first Rebekah Lodge organized in Texas was in Houston.

The purpose of the Rebekah Lodge is to "care for the sick, educate the orphans, and bury the dead." The local lodge helps to maintain a home for aged members at Ennis, Texas, and a home for

orphans at Corsicana. Donations are also made to various other funds within the lodge and without, according to Mrs. Ruby Greer, lodge secretary.



PUMP STATION of the West Texas Gulf Pipe Line, located near Ranger, lies on the Big Inch system, a 26-inch pipe extending from near Colorado City to a point outside Beaumont, near the Louisiana border. Many employees of the station have 30 years of service or more. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Gulf Pump Station is Located on Big Inch

Ranger's Gulf pump station is located on the Big Inch system of the West Texas Gulf Pipe Line.

The 26-inch pipe is the largest ever used to transport crude in North America. Moreover, its 301,000-barrel-per-day capacity makes it the largest single carrier of crude oil in this country.

Currently the capacity of the line is being increased to 381,000 barrels per day by the addition of three partial intermediate pumping stations. Ultimately, the capacity of the line can be increased to 440,000 barrels per day.

The line is 465 miles long. It begins near Colorado City in West Texas and runs almost due east to Ranger where it begins a gentle arc to the South and east to

Wortham and then to a terminal point just outside of Beaumont—almost at the Louisiana border.

At the Ranger Station is a prime mover consisting of one 1,000 horsepower and three 2,000 HP forced draft ventilated motors driving a single stage, double suction centrifugal pump and three 16-inch, two stage pumps.

Tankage in Ranger consists of three 55,000 barrel tanks (165,000 bbl. total). Two of these are for North Central Texas crude injection and one is for use in the relief system. The injection tanks are fitted with Varec automatic electronic gauges.

Tankage is for injection of North Central Texas crude into Scurry-grade crude. This is done at a rate of 900 barrels per hour by a motor-driven centrifugal injection pump connected with the tanks by 10-inch underground suction lines. The injection pump

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El Rancho and Porkey Pig Are Popular Places

El Rancho Coffee Shop and Porkey Pig, both located on Highway 80, are popular eating places for Ranger and area residents.

The El Rancho was built in 1954 by the motel. Owners are Raymon and L. N. Bryan. The cafe is noted for its plate lunches, steaks and short orders. And many travelers, on Highway 80, return to the well known establishment.

Bought in 1948 and owned by Raymon Bryan, the Porkey Pig attracts large crowds through its curb service. The building was remodeled in 1958. Sandwiches, short orders and soft drinks are served.

About 20 carloads of light-weight aggregate are shipped daily from the American Aggregate and Featherlite Corporations in Ranger.

District superintendent is E. E. McEntire, located in the Roscoe office. C. S. Entler is chief engineer for the Ranger District.

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The "March of Time" since the opening of our store in 1921 has brought many changes, but each year has recorded ever-increasing progress.

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HOME OF RAYMON BRYAN'S located on Highway 80 West, reflects the modern trend in home building in Ranger. Low and long, the house is set off by wrought iron and Austin stone. Note the unusual car port. Bryan is owner of the El Rancho Coffee Shop and Porkey Pig. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

First county seat of Eastland County was located at Merriman which also had a race track at one time. The only train robbery in the history of Eastland County occurred in Ranger in 1882.

Co-Owners of Ranger Furniture Exchange



F. P. BRASHIER, SR.



F. P. (Pete) BRASHIER, JR.

Furniture Store Had Humble Beginning Here

Established in February of 1921, the Ranger Furniture Exchange started out in a little building, 20 by 40 feet, on North Rusk St. with a capital of about \$300. The original stock consisted of a limited amount of second hand furniture. And from this humble beginning has developed one of the city's foremost businesses. Over a period of 38 years, the furniture store has expanded to its present size — occupying half a city block. Established by the late Col. L. W. Brashier, the store got its start in part of the present building.

F. P. Brashier, Sr., came in as a partner in 1925 and F. P. (Pete) Brashier, Jr., became a partner with his father in 1948. Today the Brashiers are noted for being civic leaders in Ranger, and through their efforts much progress has been brought about. Today modern furniture and appliances are displayed in the building last remodeled in 1953. A warehouse and second-hand store displays used furniture. Modern appliances include Westinghouse television sets, electric stoves and radios. Tappan ranges and Dearborn heaters and air conditioners are on display. National Knobler and Flexsteel living room suites can be seen, always reflecting good taste. Bassett and Unagusta bedroom suites are also sold. Dinettes are made by Virtue Brothers. Name-brand carpets and floor covering is also on display. The Lee and Armstrong line are handled by the Brashiers. Mattresses and bedding are made by Simmons, Royal and Englander. Serving the area for 38 years, Ranger Furniture Exchange and its partners are looking forward to serving many more.

Art's Tool and Supply Co. Is One of Largest

Art's Tool and Supply Company has been operating under this name since Feb. 1, 1947 when E. F. Arterburn and sons bought out the Eureka Tool Company of which E. F. Arterburn was manager. Art's Tool and Supply Co., operates one of the largest machine shops to be found in this part of Texas. It draws business from a large number of counties in Central West Texas. Equipped to do almost any kind of machine work, oil field repair, pipe fittings, and all kinds of welding, they also have a portable welding machine and two big fishing tools for oil field work, and do cylinder re-boring. They are well known over this large territory for the fine quality of work they do. E. F. Arterburn is president of the company. Walter Arterburn, vice-president, is now with the National Coin Machine Co. in Bryan. Secretary is D. C. Arterburn. Three other sons are also stockholders in the company — Earnest Arterburn of Albuquerque, N. M., who is shop foreman at Sandia Base; Junior Arterburn is a coach at Texas Tech in Lubbock and Leonard Arterburn is head welder in the Ranger shop. Many local and area people are named after Dr. A. K. (Kenneth) Wier, pioneer physician.



Eastside Baptist Church

Eastside Baptist Church Doubles Membership Since Organization Less Than Two Years Ago

Since the brush arbor days, Ranger's religious life has grown and progressed until now the city boasts many fine church buildings and large congregations. One of Ranger's newest churches is the Eastside Baptist Church, which was organized August 11, 1957, with seventy charter members. In less than two years, the congregation has increased to a membership of 140. Many improvements and additions have been made on the church property, which is located at 815 Young Street. The church now has an educational building, a fully equipped nursery, and a total of twelve Sunday school rooms. The new kitchen is completely furnished. The church has purchased the materials for more building and expansion which will begin in the near future. The present pastor, Rev. K. C. Edmonds, was also the church's first pastor. First Sunday School superintendent was Joe Harper, now, and Willie D. Sutton is superintendent. Fred Matthews was the first Training Union director. Jack Williams is Sunday school superintendent.



THIS IS the W. A. Lewis' home, located at 708 Cherry. Note the unusual entrance with brick planters holding flowers on each side. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

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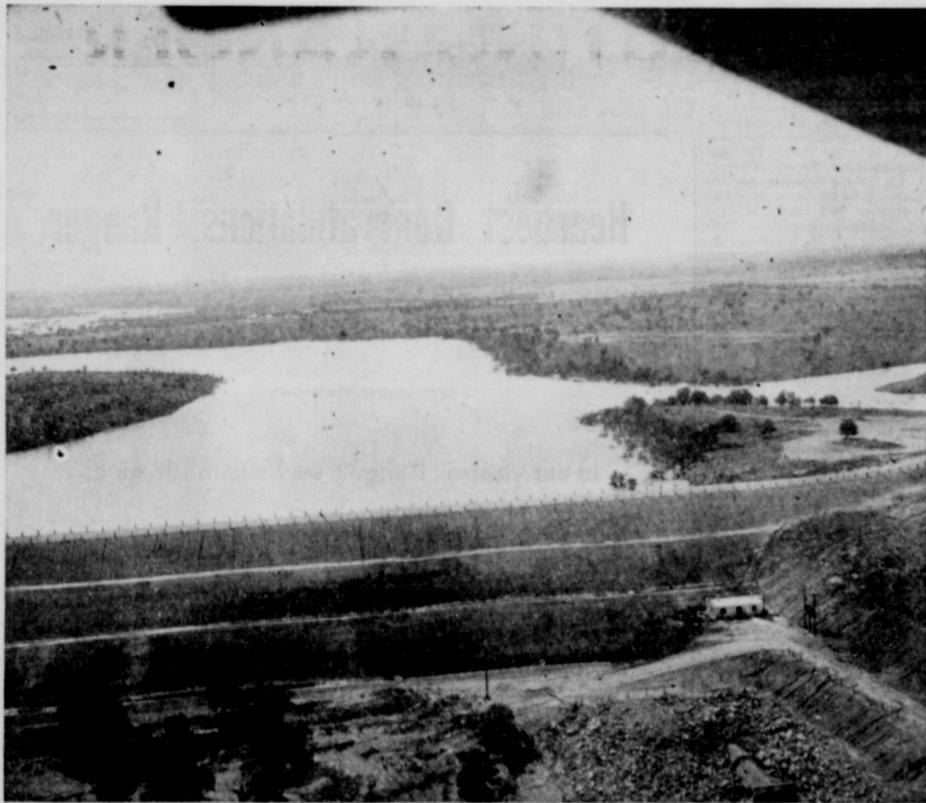


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First County Couple Married At Blair's Fort

(Editor's Note: This story was written by Michael Herrington, son of Mrs. Doris Herrington, who is a great-grandchild of the first couple to be married at the wedding taken from family and county records, as well as the Aug. 20, 1957 edition of the Times, follows.)

By Michael Herrington
In 1863, Sarah Jane Blair was happily looking forward to the big event of any young girl's life—her wedding. Sarah Jane was the daughter of Charles C. and Meekie Reeves Blair, who were among the first settlers of Eastland County.

Her home was at Blair's Fort, along with seven other families. (It is now known as Deadmound.) Sarah Jane was born in Alabama on March 27, 1846.

Her husband-to-be was Henry Moore Keith, the son of Gabriel Moore and Jane Keith. He was born in Coleman County, near Santa Anna. His mother is buried there.

B. M. Keith and Jim McGough rode to Comanche, the closest town, to procure marriage licenses. On the wedding day, Joe Smith was chosen to bring the preacher, Rev. Coker. The reverend came from Comanche to the home of Albert Swales on the Sabanna where he was met by Smith. (The two men came upon an Indian trail and shortly discovered a freshly slaughtered cow and a still warm fire. Both of them proceeded with caution until the trail veered westward. Then they quickly sped on to the Fort.)

Broken sunlight fell through the shady Oaks onto an excited group of friends and relatives gathered about laden tables and the patiently awaiting preacher. At four o'clock on a July afternoon in 1863, Eastland County's first bride and groom stepped into the yard. (In the same Fort, the county's first white child was born on Aug. 17, 1861).

B. M. Keith was 18 years old. He had black hair, a ruddy complexion, and was dressed in blue pants with two big six shooters

buckled around him. Sarah Jane, clutching timidly to his arm, looked very pretty in her wedding dress. It was white embroidered mainoak with a low neck and short sleeves. On her tiny feet were not the glass slipper of Cinderella, but new shoes—hand made by Bill McGough—to look like real "store-bought" ones. Deep blue were her eyes and her skin was flawless without shade of color. Her long, blood tinged hair was combed loosely back and tied with a white ribbon.

Before the ceremony began, Keith removed his guns and laid them on a nearby stump. After kissing his new wife, he replaced his guns in their ever-ready position.

Miss Lizzie Keith, maid of honor, and Joe Smith, best man, both wore white.

The wedding dinner included turkey with dressing, sliced eggs venison, bread, butter, coffee milk and honey cakes. The honey cakes had been provided by a bee tree which Blair luckily found. (Honey was the only means of sweetening.)

After performing his matrimonial duties, the preacher wanted to preach, but no one would permit it on this wedding day.

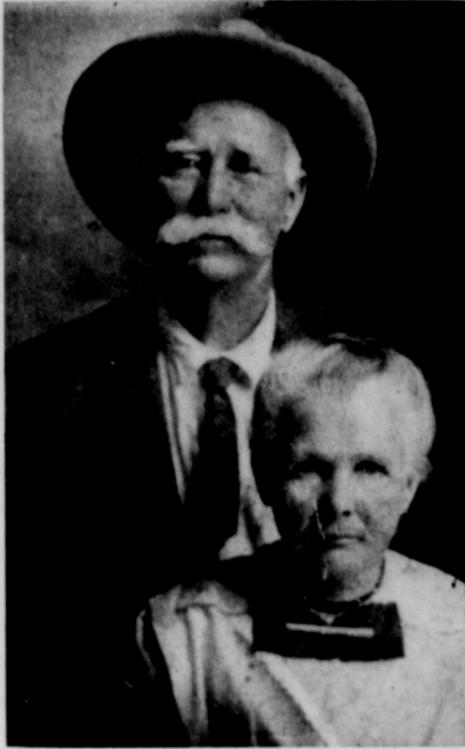
The entire night was spent playing games until the yard was dancing to "Weavely Wheat" and beaten into a powder.

B. M. Keith took his wife to the wilderness, near what is now Deadmound, and pre-empted 160 acres of land and built a log cabin. Here he lived the rest of his life as he increased his original land holdings.

He was a charter member of the Texas Cattleman's Association and the Texas Rangers. Keith also served in the Confederate Army.

He and his wife had 16 children, including one set of twin boys. Two children survive—Mrs. Middle Eoff of Dublin and Alf Keith of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith were Baptist Church members. B. M. Keith died at Victor (in



FIRST MARRIED COUPLE of Eastland County are pictured above in a pose taken about 1915. They are Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Keith who were married at Blair's Fort (Deadmound). Many relatives now live in the county. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Mae Jacoby of Ranger—a niece).

Erath County on May 5, 1917, his first-born son's birthday.

Sarah Jane died at the home of a daughter in Dublin, on April 17, 1937.

Great-great-grandchildren are Jerry, Rita and Jessie Underwood and Michael, Eddie Ray and Meekie Ruth Herrington.

Many nieces and nephews and their families also live in Ranger. Countless relatives live in the county, in Texas, all over the Union, in Europe and Japan.

Many direct descendants of this couple now live in Ranger. These include granddaughters—Mrs. Froun Carr Ames, Mrs. Mary Carr Cheney and Mrs. Evelyn Keith

Gore. Great grand-children are Mrs. Joyce Louis Underwood, Mrs. Doris Rice Herrington and Winona, Roberta, Tommy and Patricia Gore.

Jack Rapp, called the "world's greatest oilwell shooter", is still living in Ranger today.

Superintendent of Schools G. B. Rush came to Ranger in 1946 as a principal and relieved Dr. G. C. Roswell as superintendent in 1950.

Tiffin Canyon, near Ranger, was a hideout for the Comanche Indians at one time.

First Editor-

(Continued from Page One) and shot the affeer dead. Accounts like the foregoing could be multiplied in this article, but space forbids.

Every Saturday I checked the building permits at the city hall. It revealed the astonishing amount of construction under way. Almost every week permits reached \$1,000,000. Forty years ago that was an enviable record in any big Texas city.

And Ranger drowned in wealth. Jake Hamon, Oklahoma oil man and rail builder, made a proposition to give Ranger another railroad. In an old opera house, still standing near the present Times building, a mass meeting was held. Hamon wanted, as I recall, a \$250,000 cash bonus. In 20 minutes the amount was subscribed. The Jake Hamon Railroad was built from Dublin, Crough Deadmound, to Ranger and on to Breckenridge. General offices, roundhouse and shops were established in Ranger. A through passenger train each way was operated between Fort Worth and Ranger, via Dublin.

Both the T & P and the Hamon roads were cluttered with traffic. Once Hamon warned Ranger City officials if they did not put a stop to the nightly hijacking of employees in the Ranger yards he would move shops and headquarters away from Ranger.

A battle royal took place when Hamon's line effected a grade crossing with the T & P, which had registered strong-arm protest against it. In the darkness of an early morning a Hamon construction crew tore out the T & P track, hastily installed a crossing frog amid a stiff battle with the crew of the T & P, and defended the crossing until the controversy was settled.

It was a common sight in the heyday of Ranger for arriving passenger trains of 8 to 12 coaches to let off hundreds of persons, emptying the whole train. Immediately outgoing passengers refilled the depleted cars. The T & P in 1919 operated five passenger trains each way daily—all filled. All of them were from one to four hours late. It was the day of the steam locomotive and the unstable track was light and dirt ballasted.

Late 1919 I had a hunch the big boom was petering out—too many oil wells belching out the subterranean store of liquid wealth to early depletion. This, coupled with the hectic strain on my jagged nerves from threats of death and from a too "unnatural" way of living, led me to resign to take the position of Publicity Manager of the young West Texas Chamber of Commerce at its headquarters then in Stamford—a quiet, peaceful, home-like town. But 40 years later I'm still newspapering at the age of nearly 75. I'm roving reporter for the Abilene Reporter-News, traveling 15 counties, and known in the area, including Ranger, as "The Road Runner," the name of my column.

In the years between I have looked back on my Ranger newspaper career. I've asserted many a time, "I'd not live it over for a million dollars; neither would I take a million for my experience."

One who "went through" the Ranger boom can never forget it. There never was another like it, and there never will be.

Oil by the tens of thousands of barrels, coupled with the rushing ingress of thousands of discharged World War I servicemen in quest of fortune and adventure, set the stage for the most memorable boom—gold or oil—in all the World's History. Many were made rich—many were made wise. All in all, it was a great episode in West Texas that history books will be telling about for many decades to come.

Service Pipeline-

(Continued from Page One) Polsten and Ted Williams.

The company also has a connection crew at Ranger under the direction of R. D. Roff, pipeline maintenance foreman. Under his supervision the following men maintain about 206 miles of pipeline: E. P. Caldwell, C. A. Carrell, J. B. Frank, J. J. Green, J. C. Grissom, L. A. Hinds, C. G. Prather, W. L. Pugh, O. B. Ramsey, Glen Reeves, L. C. Storey, and J. C. Swinney.

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The company operates about 15,000 miles of crude oil pipelines in 15 states. Currently on an average day, it moves about 850,000 barrels of oil. Ranger station and the maintenance crew are vital links in this operation.

Wyles Canyon, located on the Haganman Ranch, is the site of the original Ranger Camp from which Ranger got its start. For many years, Haganman Lake was the chief water supply for the city.

First Baptist Church Was Organized In 1882; Early Meetings Were Held In School Building



First Baptist Church

In the year 1880 the Texas Pacific Company purchased 160 acres of land which was surveyed in 1881 and became the original townsite of Ranger.

In 1881, a Reverend Hilliard held a revival meeting in Merriam community. There were some 20 professions of faith and baptisms. There being no church with which to unite, the preacher gave them certificates of baptism.

In the summer of 1882 a number of these converts of 1881 met in a school building and organized the First Baptist Church of Ranger. Rev. Robertson was called as pastor, and the church met in the school for three years. They had no hymnals and sat on homemade benches without backs.

(This information has been confirmed by the late Mr. Hayden Neal and Mrs. Mattie Gullat (Pitcock) Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Ab Gullat (parents of Mrs. Pitcock), Mr. and Mrs. George Whittington (parents of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman), Mrs. Tillie Allison, Mrs. Bill Debsom, Dr. and Mrs. Westlake, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders. Approximately a month later Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Barnes and Doc Scarborough united with the new church; Doc Scarborough became the first Sunday School superintendent.

In 1885 the lot was purchased at the corner of Austin and Walnut where the Texas Electric Company is currently located. Here they had hymnals but no musical instruments, and they added backs to the seats. In 1885 the church was pastorless except for a short time when Rev. Hilliard returned and served as pastor. The Lord's Supper was observed twice each year, and baptizings were held in the tank located at the north end of North Hodges Street.

Sometime in the 90's, the property at Austin and Walnut was sold, and the members moved to the Academy headed by Brother Ray and located at Mesquite and Harston. Brother Rhodes Duncan was the pastor of the church. After much confusion, Brother Duncan and the original church group moved to another building. When this building burned, they met in the Methodist and Presbyterian buildings. In 1897, the church purchased from the T & P Railway for some \$25.00 the lot just back of John Tibbels' Farm Store on Pine Street. During this time, Rev. John Carney, a famous temperance lecturer, was a member of the church and had a great influence on the people. A new building was erected on Pine Street. Each year the ladies would serve meals for twenty-five cents in the building located where the

Rexall Drug is now. Bake sales and other means were used to pay the expenses of the church.

During 1898 and 99, members from Ray's Academy asked membership in the church, and a peaceful fellowship was established. Because the Pine Street location had a livery stable on one side and a gin on the other, a new location was sought. In 1915, two lots, 7 and 8 of Block 12, of Ranger townsite were selected, and Dr. John Tibbels, Sr. put up \$10.00 as an option to secure the purchase of the lots from Dr. Earnest for \$250.00. Before the transaction was complete, the oil boom came, and the Pine street property and these lots were sold for some fifty thousand dollars. This sale enabled the church to purchase from Doc Duffer in 1918 the present location on Walnut Street. The corner lot in front, to the east of the present building was given to the church by Mrs. Nanvie Walker. While worshipping in a tabernacle, a building was started immediately. The present auditorium was dedicated in 1920 by the late Dr. George W. Truett.

During the past forty years the present building has been finished, remodeled, redecorated, and central heat and cooling has been added. An organ and Carolytic Bells have been installed. A huge parking lot of some 300 x 120 feet is being completed. An East-side Baptist Mission was established and is now a church. The Mexican Mission is maintained and has two buildings, one of which is a new auditorium Dr. Marie Benitez is the pastor there.

Sustaining a music and educational program that meets the needs and requirements of the present membership, the church is also active in evangelism, stewardship, and B.S.U. on the college campus. Some 20 percent of the total budget offering is given

through the Cooperative Program, with a total of more than 30 percent being given to all mission causes each year. Approximately 50 members have surrendered for special services in the Lord's work.

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Ranger's History Told in Mud, Blood and Oil

Early Stories Recall Oil Boom

Ranger Begins From Texas Ranger Camp

Forty years ago, Ranger was in the midst of turmoil, as the oil boom brought thousands to the expanding city and lawlessness was common.

With a bulging population of about 30,000 — the city lived in shacks and mud, amidst crowded conditions.

To give a better insight into the life of these times, stories have been selected from the earliest edition of the Ranger Daily Times in our files. And from December, 1919, and January, 1920, newspapers were found the following stories. Excerpts are given below. They tell of booming wells, of crime and violence, of the problems of the first City Commissioners, and efforts at progress. It was during this time that the Chamber of Commerce was reorganized and Dr. R. H. Hodges became its first president. The first banquet of the Chamber drew notables into town. And Ranger was making a name for itself.

National news, of this period, mainly concerned the aftermath of World War I, the problems of prohibition and trouble in Mexico. A few stories of this type are included.

Fire twice swept Desdemona, causing considerable damage. In February, fire also wrecked havoc in Ranger and burned down Olden's Postoffice. February, 1920, also saw an influenza epidemic hit hard in Ranger.

Reported here is a dramatic episode concerning the clash between the City Editor of the Times and the Chief of Police. Advertising of this era is also interesting, as can be seen elsewhere in this edition.

Dec. 9, 1919 — Three alleged horse thieves have been captured by members of the local police force. Charges were filed against the men yesterday by Justice of the Peace J. E. T. Peters and bond was set at \$1,000 in each case.

Dec. 14, 1919 — Great excitement has been caused . . . as a re-

sult of predictions of the world's end on December 17.

Dec. 15, 1919 — The wartime prohibition act was held constitutional by the supreme court deciding appeals from Kentucky and New York.

In deciding the question the supreme court also dissolved injunctions restraining revenue officials from interfering with the removal from bond of about 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey valued at approximately \$75,000,000 by Kentucky distillers and warehouse companies at Louisville.

Ranger Field Extended Again Northwest of Pleasant Grove.

Dec. 15, 1919 — States Oil Corporation takes the credit this time for another extension of the Ranger field, three-quarters of a mile to the northwest of the Brooks heirs tracts. States hit Sunday, with a 1,000 barrel producer from the top of the sand, on the W. I. Dooley farm, eight miles west and a little north of Ranger. Top of sand was found at 3,413 feet.

Dec. 18, 1919 — Ranger's momentary lapse from virtue now is a matter of history and the gentry that found their trade on the profitable side of the green baize during the city's experiment with open gambling are folding their tents and fading — not as they have been fading, with currency and stocks of silver, but fading as the group in the last few feet of the movie film.

Chief of Police Byron B. Parish this morning announced his stand for a closed town.

"I am going to clean up this town," was the chief's assertion to a Times reporter. "There is no argument to it. Vags, gamblers, questionable women and bootleggers will have to step high and look wild around here. Their life won't be pleasant."

"I will give any man or any vigilance committee a \$20 bill who will show me a professional game, house of ill-fame, or bootlegging

joint. This offer goes until Jan. 1, 1921, if I am in office that long."

The word has not been long in spreading. They are going out in trainload lots.

Last night's harvest of vags, gamblers and women netted \$277.

Dec. 22, 1919 — Headlines screamed: "Three Men Killed In Gun Battle — Starting Over Laundry Bill At Noon Today On Mesquite Street."

With a sub-head: "Buck Roberts, His Son And W. G. Williams Dead From Shooting."

A shooting about noon today resulted in the death of three men — Buck Roberts, "Little Buck" Roberts, his son, and W. G. Williams. The tragedy took place near Mesquite street, two blocks west of Marten. The Roberts lived in a small house near the scene of the shooting and Williams ran a drug store about a block south and west, in the Moore Investment Company's addition.

Both the Roberts, father and son, died immediately after the shooting. Williams was taken to a hotel a block west, where he died, possibly fifteen minutes after being shot.

The trouble is said to have started in a dispute between Williams and the elder Roberts over a laundry bill.

Williams and the elder Roberts first engaged in an altercation. Roberts fell, mortally wounded, and the younger Roberts walked around the corner of the house and he and Williams opened fire on each other, according to persons living close to the scene. Roberts shot twice and Williams emptied his gun.

The bodies of the two Roberts were left lying in the yard until the arrival of Judge Peters to hold an inquest. The rumor of the tragedy, following close on two shooting affairs yesterday, spread like wildfire and hundreds of per-

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Ranger of Yesterday

FERRY BOATING—In the midst of the hectic, mad oil boom in Ranger, this mud sled was a famous means of transportation—from one side of the street to the other. Located on Main St., this sled is often referred to in books, stories and early recollections of Ranger. The driver is said to have earned a good living, carrying passengers back and forth. Much has been written and said about Ranger's oil, usually mentioned in the same breath as mud. (Copy by Capps Studio).

Starting Ranger's oil boom was in 1868 the federal census enumerated 99 inhabitants in Eastland County. In 1870, this number had decreased to 88.

About 1,929 farms are situated in Eastland County with 74 percent have full owners and 15 percent, part-owners.

(Editor's Note: Here is an early history of Ranger, particularly emphasizing the boom days, taken from several sources — by permission of the authors or publisher. Information, here, was gained from back copies of the Ranger Times, from "Were You in Ranger?" by Boyce House, from an article written by Mrs. M. H. (Emma Whittington) Hagaman in the 10th and 15th anniversary editions, and from "The One and Only Ranger" by Leonard M. Fanning, published in the American Petroleum Institute "Quarterly.")

Little did the Texas Rangers dream of what would follow when they pitched their tents in the valley, several miles east of Ranger on land then known as the Watson Ranch (near Wiles Canyon).

Ranger camp, a tent town, came into existence. But it was soon to move to the present site, with the advent of the railroad. Many of the early business houses were built of native stone, from a quarry about a mile and a half north of Ranger.

A tent store was the first store in Ranger, conducted by A. J. Sims and A. Griffin. Griffin also conducted the first hotel in Ranger. A little later, the Bryant House became Ranger's foremost hotel. It was supplanted by the McCleskey.

Community house for Ranger, in those days, was an old rock saloon built on the southwest corner of Main and Commerce, facing the depot. It provided a place of entertainment for cowboys, ranchmen, soldiers, settlers and all who could pay for their entertainment.

In the early 90's, Ranger voted local option and the famous old saloon became a restaurant.

From the very first, Ranger was a strategic location as a business place. It was the shipping point for cattle, cotton, wheat and oats from this territory both to the north and to the south.

Leading stores included the G. H. and William Bohning, general merchants, the Hagaman Hardware and Farm Implement Co. and the John M. Gholson Co.

Oil In 1917 It was in 1917 that John M. Gholson and a group of other far-sighted citizens interested W. K. Gordon of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. to drill two test wells in the vicinity of Ranger — the Nanette Walker on the north and the McCleskey on the south.

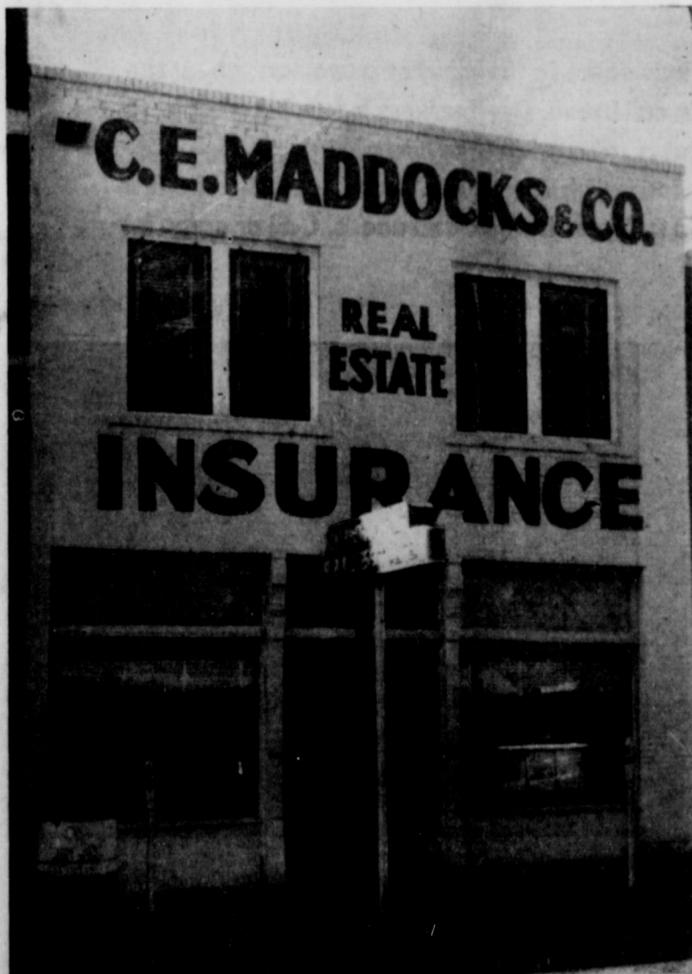
Drilling on the McCleskey well, one and one-half miles south of Ranger, proved successful. And on Oct. 21, 1917, Driller Frank Champion rushed to town to tell Gordon that his faith had paid off. The one and only Ranger was born.

The news spread rapidly and people began flocking to Ranger in great hordes. Every available room in Ranger was rented. Every available spot in town was leased either for drilling or for throwing up a shack in which to carry some kind of business.

Any skepticism that may have arisen over the start of oil in the area quickly subsided when the Davenport well came in flowing at 1,000 barrels and later increased to 2,200; the Hagaman well came in on the next day (March 14, 1917), producing 200 barrels a day.

1918 The year 1918 was a year of feverish activity. People continued to come to Ranger, and some substantial buildings were begun and some completed. The McCleskey Hotel was opened in the spring, and the Commercial State Bank (then the Farmers' and Merchants Bank building) and Masonic building were completed.

Pump stations were built, and the Texas Co. and others constructed tank farms. Chestnut & Smith built a small natural gasoline plant in this field. (Continued on Page Five)



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10th Anniversary Of Boom Was Exciting

Perhaps the most exciting and colorful period that Ranger has experienced since the oil rush itself was the celebration, in 1927, of the tenth anniversary of the boom.

A fund of more than \$10,000 was raised to put on the show. Streets were thronged by thousands, many of whom had not been in Ranger since the end of the boom in the early part of 1921.

There was a picturesque parade, with buggies, wagons and floats. Mrs. Nannie Walker, a Ranger pioneer, rode a horse, side-saddle (it was on the Walker farm that the first test for oil was drilled, the result being a gusher which later blew itself into a big oil producer).

The prize-winning decorated entry was a car, "San Angelo—Rainbow's End", adorned with flowers. (San Angelo was then witnessing the oil development in its region which has continued ever since.) The car, decorations and all, was driven from San Angelo to Ranger, and in the parade by a young member of the San Angelo Standard News department—Millard Cope, now publisher of the Marshall Messenger and president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

One of the parade judges was the late General John W. Naylor, noted oil man and veteran of both World Wars, who was then oil editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Along Main Street, there were barrels of lemonade, you helped yourself—it was free.

There was a truck in front of the Chelson Hotel and on this platform fiddle music and speciosa were presented. Other attractions during the three-day celebration included boxing exhibitions, barbecue, golf contests and a football game between those rivals—the Ranger Bulldogs and the Eastland Mavericks. Ranger was coached by Blair Cherry and, the week before, had given the TCU

freshman team (coached by Dutch Meyer) a great battle before losing 14 to 0. So, of course, the Mavericks, coached by Dave Peno, dampened Ranger's celebration by winning 7-0.

In order to give an oil field touch to the business district, a derrick was erected at the foot of Main St. It attracted so much attention that the people let it remain after the celebration.

For years the derrick was a familiar sight—setting out in the middle of the street—viewed by all passengers on the Texas Pacific trains and by tourists as they drove along the highway.

Another feature was a "gambling hall"—make believe, of course—as a reminder of the genuine article of the boom-days. The visitor was given a supply of stage money to use in playing faro, Klondike and other pastimes.

Yes, the three days—and nights of the tenth anniversary celebration recaptured the excitement of the boom itself.

Ranger's Rotary Club was organized April 24, 1929. First president was Major H. S. Cole, and R. B. Waggoner was first secretary.

Lake Leon, with a capacity of 28,000 acre feet can furnish 10,000,000 gallons of water per day.

Ranger is located on the main line of the Texas & Pacific railway, which runs from 10 to 20 trains daily.

Ranger is the center of one of the oldest and most reliable gas fields in Texas; it is located on the Lone Star Transmission Line which gathers gas from the West Texas fields. An inexhaustible supply of gas is available for industries.

Ranger's population in 1950 listed 3,950 people. Of this number, 97 percent are white, 2 percent Negro and 1 percent Mexican.



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First Federal Savings & Loan Serves Area

Helping people in this area to buy and own their homes is the First Federal Savings & Loan Association, located in the Joseph Building.

Lester Crossley is the third secretary-treasurer of the organization since it was organized in Ranger. He was preceded by C. E. May, Jr., who followed C. E. May, Sr., one of the original founders.

Today the association has about 295 shareholders. Total assets and liabilities, April 30, were \$969,280.42. Four percent is the current dividend rate.

Officers and directors are: L. R. Pearson, president; C. B. Pruet and F. P. Brasher, Sr., vice presidents; Crossley, secretary-treasurer; Willard Swaney, Joe Harness and J. E. Matthews, directors.

Mrs. Alton (Barbara) Rushing is bookkeeper and teller.

The association moved into its modern office building in December of 1958, formerly being situated in the C. E. May Insurance office.

Limestone is abundant in the Ranger area.

Ranger Oil Boom Aids Fort Worth

Ranger's oil boom effected the growth and development of Fort Worth, as even the informed Cottonworth citizens will admit.

Situated at the entrance to the oil fields, Fort Worth was gaining population at the rate of 5,000 a month at the same time Ranger was experiencing its boom.

With a little more than 100,000 people, Fort Worth ranked seventh in the nation in construction. This was development that "overflowed," in a large degree from the oil fields.

Fort Worth also benefited from the Burkburnett boom, at the same time.

In the centennial souvenir program, published by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, is the following information:

One of the most important events in the history of Fort Worth occurred 90 miles away. Ranger was a small town on the T & P Railroad. W. K. Gordon, superintendent of the Texas Pacific Coal Company of Thurber, believed there was oil at Ranger; so, when the citizens got together 30,000 acres, he started a test. When a message came from the company's New York headquarters, "Believe have made mistake; suggest you stop drilling," Gordon persuaded the president to let him go a little deeper and on an October day in 1917, a gusher roared in on the McCleskey farm.

Ranger was transformed into a boom city of 30,000. Then came the discovery at Desdemona, south of Ranger, and "Hogtown," as the little community on Hog Creek originally was called, soon had 16,000 inhabitants. Then Breckenridge, 30 miles northwest of Ranger, scored with big wells.

While all these things were happening, a test was going down just outside Burkburnett, 135 miles northwest of Fort Worth, and a sensational well came in on the Fowler farm, touching off a boom. Hundreds of wells were drilled in months, 1958-479.

Wildcats drilled in first eight months, 1957-597.

Number of refineries—five; combined capacity, 117,400 barrels per day (4.8 per cent of state).

Number of natural gasoline plants—52; total liquid production capacity, 7,361,564 gallons per day.

Eastland County has a population exceeding 23,942 persons.

Ranger Strike First Discovery In West Central

First major oil discovery in West Central Texas was at Ranger in 1917, a thumbnail sketch by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association on Railroad Commission districts 7-C and 8 points out.

Other facts include:
Accumulative production 1 to Jan. 1, 1958—5,758,466,144 barrels.
Crude production, 1957—458,045,001 barrels; 43.4 per cent of state total.
Natural gas production, 1957—1,034,000,000,000 cubic feet.
Total tests drilled, 1957—6,072 (28.4 per cent of state); dry, 1,217.
Number of wildcats drilled, 1957—872; number dry, 738.
Total tests drilled in first eight months, 1958—3,429.
Total tests drilled in first eight months, 1957—4,136.
Wildcats drilled in first eight months, 1958—479.
Wildcats drilled in first eight months, 1957—597.

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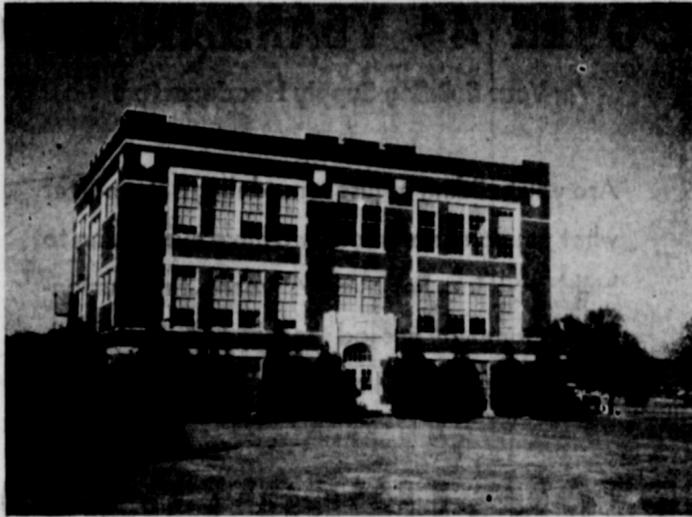
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It is the sincere desire and aim of Ranger College to be a functional institution serving the needs of the people of Eastland County and neighboring counties. In addition to instructional course offerings, the College also desires to promote such activities as lecture series, musical and stage productions, athletic events, and other similar activities for the people in this area of West Texas. Its course of study is especially designed for the following types of students:

- A. Those who plan to complete the academic requirements for a degree in a reputable liberal arts college.
- B. Those who must have pre-professional training for the professional schools such as law, medicine, and engineering.
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First Shop Foreman of Times Recalls Experiences in Ranger

(Editor's Note: The following story, recalling his experiences in Ranger and with the Ranger Times, was written by F. D. "Whitie" Hicks, first shop foreman who came to work about 40 years ago. Today, Hicks and his wife live in Stephenville.)

Early Recollections of Ranger

By F. D. Hicks
I shall never forget May 15, 1919. It was on this day that I arrived in the city of "flowing gold" to take a job with the Ranger Times.

Having talked to R. B. Waggoman from Hico, where I was employed, he said, "come on out and we can make a deal." I came—and we made a deal, and it lasted almost a quarter century. Through the years to follow, amidst droughts, threats from the lawless element and dishonest officials, deaths in the family of the Times, it was our privilege to see the town at 41,000 in the early days to its present population of around 4,500.

Landing in Ranger around noon, after having ridden the T&P special from Claco, I walked up town to see how to get to the Times building. As you "old timers" recall—it was located in the eastern part of town in a huge box-like building of 1 x 12 boxing plank. The man I asked how to get to the Times was none other than John M. Gholson. He happened to be in one of the banks—on the north side across the street from the Commercial State Bank.

Employees of the Times were housed in the north end of the building, and our bedding consisted of baling hay to be covered with white newspaper. There must have been ten of us housed here at the time. Overtime work was plentiful. Many times the men would work 20 hours, then rest a few hours

and come back on the job. Wages were high—not as high as they were later. At one time printer's wages at the Times were the highest in the United States—only New York City could boast of as good wages as did the Ranger Times.

The first edition was to have been published around the middle of May (not later than the 20th), but on account of the parts of the big press not arriving it had to be postponed until June 1, 1919. The first edition consisted of 56 pages. That has been 40 years ago—I do not know of any other living employee of the Times at that date.

The next edition of the paper, to be published in extra pages, was the Thanksgiving paper of the same year. As I recall it contained 48 pages. This was the first paper under my direct supervision—it was very cold on the night before Thanksgiving. The trees and shrubs were all covered with ice. The power lines went down part of the time. Employees of the paper worked all night and until nearly noon the next day to get the paper on the press. It was a grand success from every standpoint—oil news, the huge building program and the sky line that was in the making.

How many remember when the bank building opposite the Paramount Hotel was either four or five stories—one or two stories were removed to save taxes—these figures are written from memory. Terrell and Lauderdale Hospital was located on the top floor of the building in the early 1920's.

In the early days at the old Times building, it was difficult to get the paper to press on time—2:30 p.m. was the deadline. It was my responsibility to see that the type forms were ready for the

pressman. On this particular afternoon it seemed everything possible to imagine was helping to keep the paper from being made ready. There had been a nice-looking man standing around in the composing room with a white suit on. One could tell he had some business in this particular department, but to me—my job was to get the paper on the press. Finally, after having walked around this man a half dozen times, and dodged him at other times, I felt like it was necessary to say something. Here is the gist of the conversation—or my blowing off steam:

"Say, Mister, if you get the h--- out of the way I will try and get the paper to press." Looking back now I recall how this fine looking man seemed to be hurt. He turned red around the collar, stammered a bit trying to find a few words to say, and then walked hastily out of the composing room and from under my jurisdiction. In about two hours, after the paper had been printed, R. B. Waggoman, my boss, came back to where I was working and said, "Whitie" you have played Hell." Then he told me the man I had ordered out of the composing room was none other than Mr. Bagley, owner and publisher of the paper. He was also publisher of the Fort Worth Record. It was too late for me to apologize. Mr. Bagley had returned to Fort Worth.

This is not the end of the story. About six months later and just before the plant was moved to its present location I was sent to Wichita Falls to help untangle some labor troubles on the Record News there. This paper was also owned by Bagley and Jim Allison of Midland. On my way back home from Wichita Falls, "R. B." told me to stop in in Fort Worth to spend a few nights on the Record to pick up a few pointers from the

city printers. While there I was instructed to come to the office of Mr. Bagley. I did not know at the time just where I was going and what was to happen. Imagine my surprise when Mr. Bagley said something like this: "Whitie, glad to see you. Here is a little present for you. Believe you really try to get the paper to press on time." When I looked to see what had happened—it was a \$100 bill for me.

Those days are gone forever, most of the old timers are gone. But in Ranger of today—there is a spirit of never-say-quit. I always admired that spirit. It seems to this writer that the merchants stick together better than most places. It seems the Chamber of Commerce has greater cooperation. It looks like the cultural and spiritual life of Ranger is unsurpassed. The schools are always moving upward and onward. The industrial life, the building programs of both homes and highways are moving. From here it looks like Ranger and the good people of Ranger are on the march to more people, more and better opportunities and a more stable economy. Our hats are off to Ranger and this 40th anniversary edition.

Since retiring to my home in Stephenville four years ago, many things have come into my life to alter plans and change things a great deal. My plans now are to return to the publishing business at Jefferson, Texas, to be connected with my son—Tom—and his lovely wife, Polly. Tom and Polly are no strangers in Ranger. They were married there, and their two children were born there. Tom started on the Times 25 years ago. I am throwing in with them. I know I will be happy there. I also know the publishers of the Times, Joe Dennis and Onous Dick, are

doing a great job for that entire their families and their employees. West Texas area. Many more happy days for these two fine men, published by the Ranger Times.

Ranger's High School Band was organized in September, 1924, by Leo Underwood.

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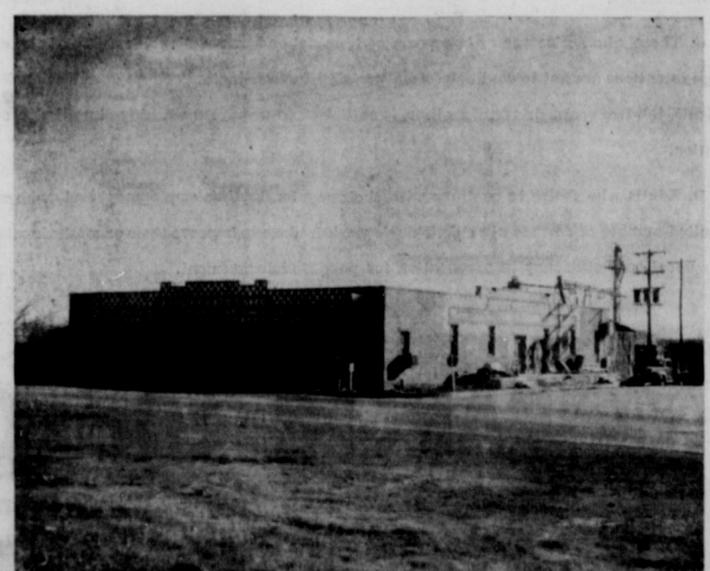
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Ranger's History Told in Mud and Blood

(Continued from Page One) Other gasoline companies followed later.

Ranger was topping 2,500 people in March of 1918, a population increase of nearly 2,000. This figure was soon to reach 30,000—at the crest of the boom—and never the same 30,000 from one day to the next.

Center of the oil rush (that was beginning to gain real momentum) was the McCleskey Hotel. Soon after the hotel opened, however, the owner—John McCleskey—became ill with typhoid fever. He died on July 19, 1918.

McCleskey rests in the Merriman Cemetery, and no more appropriate spot could have been chosen, for the cemetery itself was the center of a dramatic episode.

Among the wells that the Texas and Pacific began to drill soon after the discovery of oil was a test on the Floyd Brewer farm in the Merriman community, four miles south of Ranger.

In June, 1918, the Brewer hit the sand and began producing \$4,000 worth of oil each twenty-four hours.

When leases were obtained, Texas Pacific had signed up all the farms in the Merriman community but no thought had been given to the Merriman school grounds. So Warren Wagner, who had been contractor on the McCleskey well, obtained a lease on this precious acre, adjoining the Brewer farm.

On the school grounds, he brought in a well which produced 5,000 barrels of oil a day.

The one-eighth royalty that the Merriman School received from the gusher made it so rich that it was hailed as the wealthiest school district, per capita, in the world.

Meanwhile the eyes of oil operators were drawn to the shady grounds of the Merriman Baptist Church. The congregation had been organized 30 years before, but at the time there were only 29 members.

When the well proved to be a gusher, everyone expected the church members to divide the new wealth among themselves. But the flock decided to give every cent of the royalty to God's cause. Oil operators dangled an offer of \$100,000 before the church trustees, but as Will Ferrell said, "All 7 oldom knows the answer... Merriman Cemetery is not for sale."

On Sept. 2, 1918, the Duke well came in, and in the same week the field was extended 15 miles north by a producer in Stephens County—thus opening up a magnificent sweep of territory.

Almost simultaneously, the rains came and the first pipe line reached Ranger to find \$5,000,000 worth of oil in storage.

Cars bogged down on the muddy streets of Ranger. Now with a population of 10,000 living in tents and cardboard shacks, it was a common sight to see a woman wearing diamonds, furs and rubber boots. Crowds, idle because of the weather, stood on street corners and laughed as pedestrians fell in the mud at the crossings.

One of Ranger's most famous "institutions" came into existence—a sled drawn by a gray horse at the crossing from the T & P station to the sidewalk. The proprietor hauled four or five persons across at a time for a fare of ten cents. The ferry man's income was greater than that of many bank presidents.

On November 11 the Armistice was signed. Soon after, the First World War's "big inch" pipeline was cancelled.

The crisis was over—that is, the war crisis. Enter the postwar crisis: an oil shortage scare of really terrifying proportions. America's expanding industrialized economy demanded petroleum products.

Ranger as a boom town really began to hit its stride. Discharged soldiers came to town and Ranger continued to grow.

City is Chartered
Violence and murder crowded the gusher news off the front page, with questionable men and women giving officers all sorts of trouble.

And then the town incorporated—on Feb. 4, 1919. M. H. Hagaman became its first mayor, serving for two years. City officials were: M. R. Newnam, street commissioner; T. G. Deffebach, finance commissioner; R. M. Davenport, sanitary commissioner; and A. Davenport, police and fire commissioner. First city attorney was A. E. Firmin who wrote the city charter.

The new city government was confronted with many problems—sanitation, paving and sewage, a need for new public schools (with 800 students out of school because of lack of space), and utilities.

Lawlessness grew to organized vice and hoodlumism developed into a crime wave. Citizen groups moved to battle for their town's safety and reputation.

It was fitting that the Texas Rangers under Captain R. W. Aldrich, at the citizens' call, broke up the vice ring. In 1922 the aroused citizenship liquidated the crime wave by pouring \$16,000 worth

of liquor seized in raids on illicit bars and gambling dens into the streets as the Texas Rangers closed up assignation houses and ran undesirables out of town.

A franchise was granted to the Ranger Water Work Co. to build a pump station and a contract was made with the Texas & Pacific railroad to use its pipe line to bring water from Haganan Lake into the city limits.

One of the first problems of the newly chartered city was to secure fire equipment and fire protection. In the spring of 1919, a fire swept the town, destroying the shacks between Rusk and Marston Sts. Before the ashes of the fire had cooled, permits were being granted for the erection of permanent fire-proof buildings now on Main St.

On June 1, 1919, the Ranger Times sent out its first issue. It was Ranger's first daily newspaper.

Ranger of Yesterday
Ranger was building and growing, with a population of about 30,000. Building permits were higher than Dallas' or Houston's.

Fate conspired to make every circumstance contribute to the fashioning of an epic at Ranger. No detail was missing to make the oil town the scene of the biggest boom in history.

In the Ranger area in 1919, oil production reached a volume estimated at \$90,000,000 and an excess of \$100,000,000 was produced the year following.

Hundreds of derricks spread out over the area, gas flares lighted up the scene by night, crowds jammed the main streets. Real estate became as valuable as a rich oil lease.

Dick Hodges acquired a lease with a "hot check" for \$150 and gained a fortune of \$322,000. An ex soldier acquired a "condemned" lease for \$75 and sold it for \$50,000.

The world came to the Ranger field—James E. Ferguson, governor; John Ringling, circus owner; former President William H. Taft; Billy Sunday, famous evangelist; and General Obregon of Mexico. In one day, 16 States and two foreign countries were represented on a hotel register.

By 1921, the town was assuming an air of permanency. Out of the business and bank failures of that year, a new and determined Ranger emerged.

But the oil impetus given by Ranger created a surplus which drove crude-oil prices down, precipitating the conservation move-

ment and the calling of a halt on economic waste through overproduction. John Gholson was one of the first oil men to head a voluntary proration effort.

The lucky strikes of the early days ceased. The leasebrokers got their fill—too much of a fill—of dry holes. High optimism, feverish activity, and easy money changed to concern, dull days and not-so-easy money.

Ranger's population shrunk. But Ranger didn't become a ghost town, and that is perhaps the biggest miracle of all. The sound planning of Gholson, Haganan, Davenport and others like them—those who had stuck with it through the distress of drought and the violence of the boom—had built the foundations of a solid city. The tent city vanished. The rubble of shacks was removed.

A program of diversified farming—cattle, poultry, grain, cotton, peanuts—was launched that still pays dividends.

Ranger today is a modern, progressive city of fine schools, churches, industries, and friendly people. Perhaps its greatest asset is its determined people who are boosting the city towards greater progress—with the spirit, "Keep on keeping on."

Letters To Editor

Dear Sir:
I was in Ranger 40 years ago working in the Fire Department. I was first driver on the pumper, an American La France, with solid tires and chain drive.

Many times we would be going to a fire or coming back from one when we got stuck in the mud which was so sticky you couldn't wash it off with a water hose. You had to pull it off with your hands, and it would take hours to get the trucks clean.

Ranger had several costly fires while I was working in the Fire Department. But the fire I will always remember occurred when the McCleskey Hotel burned to death a little boy and his dog.

One more thing about the mud. A man wearing rubber hip boots had a mule hitched to a sled and charged people to take them across the street from the T & P Depot to Main St.

I wish that I could be with all of you on the 24th to celebrate Ranger's 40th anniversary. But I can't. I will be thinking of all of you.

Sincerely,
Charlie Bond
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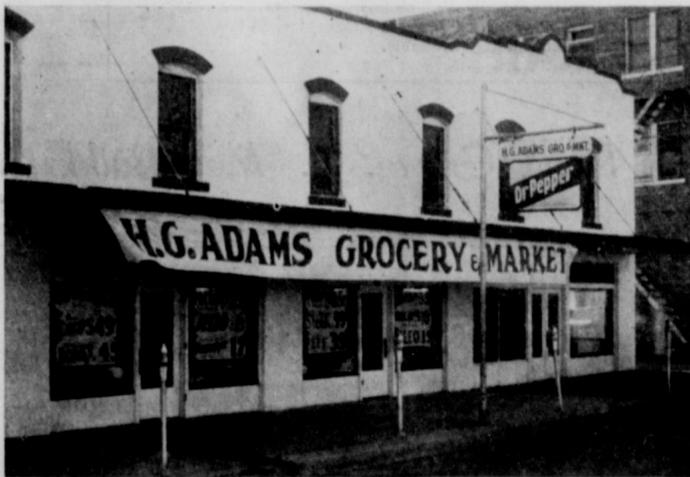
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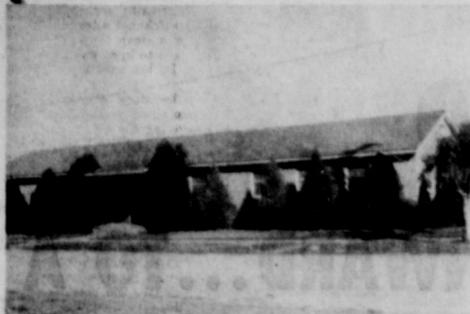
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Ranger College Expands During 34-Year Period



COOPER LIBRARY—Built in 1950, when Dr. G. C. Boswell was president of Ranger College, the library was constructed in memory of Lula Reddel Cooper and Carrie Power Cooper by O. R. Cooper. Today the modern structure houses books on all subjects for use of the college students. A large reading room, reference books and magazines are also available. (Photo by Capps Studio).

Ranger has an elevation of 1,429 feet. Mean temperature in January is 44; in July, 83. Annual mean is 64. Climate is considered excellent.

In 1891, an attempt was made to incorporate Ranger, but the move was defeated by a vote of 28 to 12. No other effort was made until Feb. 4, 1919, when an election was held which resulted in a vote of 336 for and 8 against.

Paul C. Yates was first reporter on the Ranger Times. First City Editor was Larry Smits, and first society editor was Rena B. Conway.

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.

The area of Eastland County, 925 square miles, is three-fourths the size of Rhode Island.



DR. THEODORE NICKSICK, JR. . . . college president

Ranger was called the "City of Flowing Gold" and referred to as the "End of the Rainbow" in the boom days.

Ranger College can look back on almost 34 years of expansion, and with the new president—Dr. Theodore Nicksick, Jr., who comes to Ranger from Austin College—can look ahead to many more years of progress.

For over one-third of a century now, the college has provided educational opportunities for the young people of Central and West Texas.

During that time it has gained national recognition for its rapid growth, its constant improvement of academic standards, and its increase in plant valuations from \$400,000 in 1953 to over \$710,000 in 1959.

Facilities have been improved and expanded in Ranger — the smallest town in the state with a junior college. Tuition rates are among the lowest and the faculty among the finest.

Graduates have established themselves over the state and the nation, after getting a good start towards success here.

Courses lead to degrees in agriculture, business administration, secretarial studies, accounting, education, English, foreign languages, industrial arts, journalism, mathematics, physical education, science, social science, speech and music education.

A special curricula prepares students for the various professional schools in pre-dental, pre-engineering, pre-law, pre-medicine, technologist, pre-nursing and pre-pharmacy.

Organized in 1926 Under the leadership of a group of public-spirited citizens of Ranger, the college was organized in the summer of 1926. The school began its work under a College Council composed of three mem-

bers of the public school board and nine other citizens.

R. F. Holloway then superintendent of Ranger schools was zealous, energetic and untiring in his efforts to make the college a reality. The College Council conducted a financial drive on Aug. 23, 1926, and the school opened its doors on Sept. 13, 1926. Located on the third floor of the high school building, the school enrolled 30 students on the first day.

The college was made possible through the efforts of local citizens cooperating with neighboring towns, through the hard work, careful planning and preparations of many.

Members of the Board of Education and faculty members worked to bring the college up to the standards of the Texas Association of Colleges. The school was accredited in 1933.

Ranger Junior College grew steadily, and an increase in enrollment resulted from the recruiting efforts of Dean H. S. Von Roeder and Mrs. Mae Heiler in 1934-35.

Most of the maintenance fund came from tuition and fees with the balance coming from local taxes.

Holloway served as superintendent of schools and president of the junior college from 1926 through 1935, also teaching mathematics. He was followed by W. T. Walton (1935-41) who is now connected with Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

College Moves The move to the present campus was made in 1948, under Dr. Grover Boswell, who followed Walton as head of the college. The old Cooper School, not in use at the time, was utilized as the first building of the College.

During Boswell's administration, government buildings were moved in to house the science laboratory, the Music Hall, Student Union Building, and cafeteria. Boswell Hall was also added. Cooper library was completed in 1950.

Boswell went to the State Land Office in Austin in 1952. W. W. Smith was acting president from the time Boswell resigned in January until June of 1953. He was followed by R. N. Cluck, former superintendent of schools at Cisco, who soon resigned due to ill health. Cluck was replaced in July, 1953 by Dr. Pricie R. Ashton who served until recently.

During the administration of Dr. Ashton, the college witnessed much progress, completion of the Theta Tau House, a brick dormitory for girls; construction of W. P. Newell Hall, a two-story brick dormitory to house 80 men students, completed in 1956 with the brick cafeteria and banquet hall known as Ranger Hall.

These buildings were built from retired bonds by the room rent collected from the students.

Other buildings on the campus include the athletic dormitory (re-modeled for the 1958-59 Session), the shop and maintenance building, athletic building and bookstore.

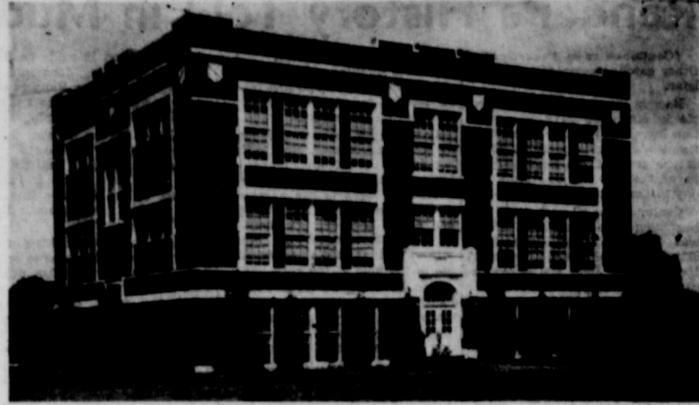
In addition to rental units on the campus for married students, the college also owns and operates three apartment houses in the business district of Ranger.

Ranger College, the only junior college located on Highway 80, has a quarter of a million dollars income.

Today it is a member of the Texas Association of Colleges, the American Association of Junior Colleges and the Southern Association of Junior Colleges. It is approved by the Texas Education Agency and the National Commission on Accrediting.

An Aug. 8, 1957, the Board of Regents voted to change the name of Ranger Junior College to Ranger College.

The college has greatly expanded its administrative organization, faculty, physical plant, and program to meet the needs of a growing student body and the increased demands upon a trained citizenship.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—Now utilized as the main building of Ranger College it houses the administrative offices and the auditorium. The college first moved to this building in 1948. (Photo by Capps Studio)

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Early Stories Recall Hectic Oil Boom

(Continued from Page One)

In the same issue:
Winfred James Struck Down by Three Shots; R. F. Nichols On Bond . . .

Three shots, all of which found their mark, shattered the calm of early Sunday afternoon on Main Street and added their punctuation to a story of domestic trouble based on the eternal triangle.
Winfred James, 43 years old, formerly of Darlington, Mo., is at the Ranger General Hospital, probably mortally wounded. Three bullets are in his lungs, one entering through the right breast and two more, as he whirled and fell, entering through the back.

R. F. "Bob" Echols, bricklayer and musician, 452 Pine Street, waived preliminary hearing when brought before Justice J. E. Peters, and was released on \$5,000 bond. Echols was arrested just after the shooting by Mr. Edmondson, former member of the Ranger Police force.

Also in the same issue:
Bertrand Atwood, aged 22, was shot through the head by a highwayman who was attempting to rob him, about 9 o'clock last night. The shooting took place near the Eureka Tool Company on West Main Street. Atwood is a tool dresser, working for his father, who owns land in the West Ranger district and is drilling his own wells . . .

And this:
R. E. Ivey, who runs a restaurant on South Rusk Street, was struck on the head with a heavy glass bottle about 5 o'clock this morning. He suffered painful cuts and injuries on the head.

Dec. 27, 1919—Federal agents, health authorities and the police of many cities of the East were stirred into action today against the traffic in whiskey made from wood alcohol following a wave of death and blindness from this cause in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The death list of victims of Christmas cheer in these states totals over forty-one.
Officials declared that probably scores of unreported cases exist from coast to coast.

Dec. 31, 1919
Vulcan Oil Company attracted attention to the field north of Ranger when the J. T. Fletcher No. 1, twelve miles north of Ranger and just northwest of the new town of Frankell, was shot into 2,000 barrel production with a 260 quart jolt from 3,250 to 3,314 feet.

Speeding on Main Street must be stopped, according to Chief of Police Byron B. Parrish, who last night issued orders to the night officers to be on the lookout for those who are using the paved blocks on Main and Commerce as a race track.
"Shoot their tires if they don't stop when halted," are Chief Parrish instructions.

Jan. 2, 1920 — The J. C. Dyzart horse and mule barn, located at 334 Hunt Street, is being dismantled today, to make room for the passenger terminal of the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railroad.

Jan. 3, 1920 — New vitality in the Chamber of Commerce is the object of a reorganization of the board of directors, considered at the first meeting of the year yesterday afternoon, and with the men of force that are considered for the board, the board will reconvene at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The men considered for the board are bound to put pep into the organization, which has largely been inoperative through lack of interest.

Jan. 5, 1920
TULSA, Okla. — The Sinclair Oil and Gas Company today announced a new price of \$3 a barrel for Mid-Continent, Burkhardt and Ranger crude oil.

This is a record price for Mid-Continent crude.
CISCO — Sheriff N. M. Lawrence and County Attorney Hazel of Eastland spent Saturday in this city investigating the finding of a "moonshine" still a few days ago at one of the dormitories of the Britton training school, just north from this city.

The United States Supreme Court today declared constitutional sections of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act prohibiting the manufacture or sale of beer, wine or other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors, containing one-half of one per cent or more alcohol.
Beer containing 2.74 per cent alcohol cannot be legally sold under the war-time prohibition act, the supreme court ruled today.

Jan. 6, 1920
With a representative board of directors made up of active men, the Ranger Chamber of Commerce was reorganized at the meeting Monday afternoon with the idea of giving the city a virile commercial club such as has been needed.
The new officers are: Dr. R. H.

Hodges, president; Capt. H. F. McFarland, first vice president; F. D. Bestaph, second vice president; L. H. Hagaman, treasurer.

The board of directors is composed of C. S. Hoffern, C. C. Chenoweth, M. H. Hagaman, H. E. Ghoslen, Edward R. Maher, Ralph G. Stockman, William E. Burke, Judge G. L. Davenport, Larry Smith, R. J. Richardson, John Corp, John E. Milford, E. McMoore, A. J. Sandeford, J. E. T. Peters, and Col. H. A. Cole.

In spite of the scarcity of skilled labor and the shortage of building materials in this city, the lack of crushed rock and cement, the embargo on carload shipments and the continued rains which have held up operations, home building is very active. A survey of the principal residence additions to the city shows an astonishing amount of progress along home building lines.

The days of the shack and the cheap rooming house are about over. People are going to make Ranger a residence city as well as the business center of the West Texas oil fields.

Jan. 9, 1920 — The contract for a postoffice building has been awarded to George J. McManus and George A. Parton, both of Dallas. The building will be located at the corner of Elm and Rusk Streets, where the proposed Natatorium was to be built.

They offered to put up a permanent building with at least 7,000 feet of floor space, for use of the postoffice, and to lease the building to the department for a consideration of \$12 a year. Other property owners on South Rusk St. are financially interested in the project, it is understood, and will help bear the expense of putting up the building.

Work on the structure will begin at once.

Jan. 13, 1920 — Six officers of the Ranger Police Department, forcing their way into a house less than three blocks from one of the busiest corners in Ranger, lifted the trap door leading into an improvised basement and with their flashlights revealed an 80-gallon moonshine still, at 11 o'clock last night.
"It is our intention to stop the making and sale of the poison that has been put out by moonshiners and bootleggers in Ranger," Chief Parrish said today.

Jan. 14, 1920 — A conservative estimate of the population of the city of Ranger, made by local postoffice authorities indicates that

there are between 25,000 and 30,000 people in the city limits. This does not include a number of additions outside the city limits and centers of trade adjacent to the city.

Jan. 17, 1920 — Vulcan Oil Company's Nannie Walker No. 1, coming in with natural production of 500 barrels from the line without a shot, this morning "went wild" and is making a flow estimated at upwards of 1,500 barrels.

Attendance at the city schools is now above 2,200. Superintendent McDonald stated today.

January 19, 1920
Reports from the Cotton Plant district today give the Mock Texas Oil Company's G. E. Williams No. 1 production which runs between 3000 and 3,500 barrels after a jolt Sunday.

DESDÉMONA — Fire of undetermined origin, starting in the Restwell Hotel at 9:35 a.m. this morning, destroyed six places of business in the Genoway addition, two blocks east of the main part of Desdemona.

Jan. 21, 1920 — Excerpts from speeches given at the first Chamber of Commerce Banquet are quoted:

"The basis of our future prosperity is not oil, or any material gain, but our citizenship — in its indomitable courage, its integrity, its far-sightedness." — Judge C. R. Starnes.

"Every city has its borrowers and lenders. The lenders, those who are willing to make personal sacrifices, are the city builders." — Mayor M. H. Hagaman.

"Ranger has no time for cliques. The Chamber of Commerce needs everyone's interest and support." — Dr. R. H. Hodges.

"There are three cities to which the world is looking — New York, London, and Ranger." — J. W. Jennings.

Jan. 23, 1920
Oil City-ites Score Heavily At Convention
By Larry Smith

Ranger got what it went after. Back from the second annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, at noon today, instead of 2:55 a.m., the Ranger-ites composing the first delegation that was organized to represent the Oil City, brought home the bacon they went after—the 1921 convention.
Waco Lauds Old Ranger

"They say that old Ranger, She ain't got not style— She's style all the while— Style all the while."

So sang the Waco crew.
(Editor's Note: An invitation to the Ranger Times, distributed in Abilene at the meeting, helped to gain the convention site for Ranger.)

Jan. 26, 1920 — In an Extra edition of the Ranger Times (got out in such a hurry that Ranger is spelled Ranger) — large eight-column headlines screamed: "Desdemona Ablaze — Flames Sweep Away Block of Oil Town's Business Center."

The story was also set in eight columns, reading in part:
Fire starting at 2 o'clock raged unchecked for more than two hours and destroyed an entire block in the main business district of Desdemona.

The conflagration started in an office in the rear of a drug store on Main Street. When discovered it was too large to be downed by extinguishers and other emergency apparatus at hand. All the buildings in this block were of wood and because of insufficient fire fighting equipment little effort to check the flames could be made.
No one was injured, so far as can be ascertained.

Business places destroyed include: Two grocery stores, two meat markets, an auto accessory store, two theatres, the Liberty and Majestic, two hotels, three cafes, a pool hall, drug store, garage, a large dry goods store and a barber shop.

Jan. 27, 1920 — Desdemona this morning surveys the ruins of a burned out block of frame buildings representing a fire loss estimated at upwards of \$100,000. It is the result of the second disastrous fire in the last two weeks.

Jan. 28, 1920 — Chief of Police Byron B. Parrish appeared before a full meeting of the board of commissioners in the city office Tuesday afternoon and was called on to explain open gambling in Ranger.

In responding, Chief Parrish ad-

mitted that gambling houses had opened last week and said that he had knowledge of one open Thursday and learned of two Saturday.

He said that he had closed them Sunday night . . . and that the open cabaret had complicated his problem.

"Close the cabaret and I'll close gambling," he offered.
"It is getting so rotten, so vile, so stinking in Ranger that I would be ashamed to have a friend visit the city and know that I was of the commissioners," said another of the body.

Jan. 29, 1920
The story printed above had repercussions reported in the headlines, with an eight-column spread: "Newspaper Man Is Locked Up When Clean Town Is Pleased."

The story read in part:
Following the account printed in yesterday's issue of the Daily Times concerning the investigation of Chief of Police Parrish by the City Commission, Larry Smith, editor of the Ranger Daily Times, was arrested by Chief of Police Parrish, as he left the hall where the city commission had been investigating open gambling and debating the suggested resignation of Parrish.

Two members of the Daily Times force who tried to see him, were denied the right to talk to him.

Today he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and paid a fine.

Byron Parrish called the manager of the Times yesterday afternoon and stated that if the account of the session of the city commission was published he would "lock horns with the Times force and get even."

Mr. Smith is not the first newspaper editor who has been subject to arrest on account of his stand for a clean town. The Daily Times stands for a clean town and clean officials. It stands for suppression of open gambling . . . for the suppression of rampant prostitution, the enforcement of the law, and the removal of all officials who are unable to enforce the laws they swear to uphold.

In a front page editorial, with

the simple head: Why? the Times protested again with:
Why has open gambling persisted in spite of general knowledge of it?

Why did Chief of Police Parrish wait until Sunday night to close the open games, in the most recent siege of gambling, when he admitted knowledge of them as early as Thursday?

Why does Parrish claim he wants the cabarets closed, when he called a meeting of several cabaret owners in his home and suggested that they secure an attorney to obtain an injunction restraining county officials from closing cabarets, and offered to help them secure this injunction?

And we see that a libel suit followed (reported in the same edition).
A libel suit for damages in the sum of \$5,000 was filed here today by Paul C. Yates of the Ranger Daily Times against Byron B. Parrish, chief of police of Ranger.

The suit was filed on accusations, which the petition states, Chief Parrish made against Yates, alleging that he accepted bribes from alleged gamblers of Ranger.

In another story we see: Chief of Police Byron B. Parrish was placed on fifteen days' probation at continuation of the city commission's investigation into open gambling Wednesday afternoon. A Davenport, police and fire commissioner, said that he would be willing to give up his responsibility for the police department if gambling was not closed that time.

Jan. 29, 1920 — From a story headed: WHY, Unanswered:
It is to be assumed, however, that he (Parrish) has acted as directed by the city commission . . . for search of the city in every quarter Thursday night failed to reveal any game in progress.

It is reported that while the police have repeatedly stopped open gambling they have arrested few gamblers, have destroyed no gambling paraphernalia, have made no complaints against owners of

property in which such violations of the law have taken place.

Jan. 31, 1920 — Headlines said: Issue in Fight for Close of Gambling Remains Unchanged. And: the issue remains unchanged. Personal attacks cannot alter it. The Times is for a clean town. The Times is opposed to open gambling. Is Parrish, Do his actions in office prove it?

(The story discussed handbills supposedly written by Parrish answering the questions thrown at him in the WHY? editorial. The answers, given by Parrish, are discredited by the Times.)

(Editor's Note: A complete story of Byron Parrish, the marksman who got rid of the notorious Bob Quantrell is told in "Were You In Ranger?" by Boyce House. Parrish made no secret of the fact that he did not intend to permit the City Commission to "fire" him. The officer had struck back at the bold-face stories and front page editorials of the Ranger Daily Times with a four-page newspaper of his own.

He stated publicly more than once, "I'll throw the man out the window who tries to make the motion." And no one offered the resolution to discharge the chief of police.

But opposition mounted and three deputies from the sheriff's department came over from Eastland and placed Parrish under arrest, claiming that he was connected with the ownership of a whiskey still that had been found a few days before.

Following his release on bond, Parrish returned to Ranger and whipped a prisoner (said to have charged the chief in connection with the still) with a wet lash. Amidst the public indignation — Parrish announced his resignation.

The Times generously put away its cherished enmity to pay tribute to the chief.

Parrish withdrew his resignation, however, and the commission ousted him. Following a dramatic encounter with his successor — Gene Reynolds — the chief finally bid goodby to Ranger.)

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