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MISS JOSIE SCHNAUBERT

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schnaubert announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Josie LaVerna, to Harold Lewis Brown, son of Linton P. Brown of McCamey.

The wedding will take place December 23, at 6 o'clock p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Russell.

The wedding date is the 50th wedding anniversary of the bride's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schnaubert, Sr., of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Large Crowd Attends Joan Edwards Benefit Show Monday Night

More than 400 persons attended the Joan Edwards Benefit show given by the McCamey Lions Club last Monday night at the high school auditorium. After deductions for expenses, the organization netted \$164.50 to go to the fund for the Rankin girl who has been unconscious for some 22 months.

The Lions expressed their gratitude for the fine attendance, and gave their "thanks" to Tom Fuller and his string band for the music that was furnished without charge for the "West Texas Meller Drammer" that kept the crowd in stitches throughout the evening.

Mrs. A. F. McNamara won the door prize, while Jesse Russell and C. W. Brown won the stage prizes given.

Light Vote Is Cast In Tuesday Ballot

A small turnout of 312 voters went to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in the general election held at the six voting places in Upton County.

Considering that there were no races or issues, the vote turnout was rather large.

The Democrats scored a better than 20 to 1 majority in all the races. Typical of the voting was the race for governor, with Shivers getting 297 votes and Currie getting 13.

There were no write-in votes for any local offices reported in the county.

TWO WEEK CLEAN-UP DRIVE PLANNED

P-TA To Sponsor Book Review Tuesday Night

The Katherine Secrest P-TA will hold its third meeting Tuesday night, November 14 in the new auditorium. The meeting will start with a band concert, directed by Miss Louise Nelson, at 7:15. Mrs. Ross Welch from McCamey is reviewing the book, "Get Thee Behind Me Satan" by Hartzell Spence. The program leader for this meeting is Mrs. R. H. Johnson.

The regular executive meeting was held this week and routine business was in order.

Attend Convention

Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Mrs. J. Q. Russell and Mrs. Walton Harral left Tuesday morning to attend the three-day P-TA State Convention in Mineral Wells.

SEE TEXAS-SMU GAME

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barr and daughters, Nina Gayle and Sheila Rae, of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. James Mims of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Al Owens and daughters, Peggy and Karen of Crane County and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Workman and Darlene of Rankin made up a party which spent the week-end in Austin and attended the SMU-Texas University football game Saturday.

DAUGHTER TO BOZEMANS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bozeman in the Midland Memorial Hospital Sunday, November 5. The baby weighed five pounds and has been named Trellen Sue. The mother and baby are "doing fine" and it is anticipated will remain in the hospital several weeks. Mr. Bozeman is connected with the Elliott-Waldron Abstract Company at Rankin.

VISIT PARENTS

Mrs. Randolph W. Moore and children of San Angelo have been visiting a few days in the home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins. Mr. Moore, Reserve Officer in the U. S. Army, has been called to active duty and is now stationed in San Antonio.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. Hamp Carter and Mrs. R. O. White left Tuesday morning to attend a several days' meeting of a Methodist Church organization in Del Rio.

Congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cogley of McCamey are the parents of a boy, born Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Crane Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and has been named William Thomas. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards of McCamey.

Rankin Study Club Hears Varied Program; Plans Made For "Gentlemen's Night"

Mrs. Carl Keys led the Rankin Study Club in repeating the club's Collect to open their regular meeting held Thursday afternoon, November 2, at the Rankin Park Building.

Reports of committees included those of the beautification art week and library committee chairmen. Mrs. Zack Monroe was voted to membership in the club and the following committees were appointed for the Club's meeting the night of November 16, which will be gentlemen's night with a banquet served in the Park Building dining room. Decoration Committee, Mrs. R. D. McSpadden and Mrs. Tom Mitchell; table arrangements, Mrs. R. L. Yancey, Mrs. Lawrence Holcomb, Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. A. B. McGill, Mrs. Roy R. Priest, and Mrs. Dunn Lowery. The menu for the banquet is in charge of the hostess committee.

Mrs. W. A. Hudson, president, was elected delegate to the State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Rankin is badly in need of a general cleaning to improve the appearance and the sanitation of our city, and

WHEREAS, the Business and Professional Women's Club of our city is sponsoring a Cleanup Campaign in Rankin during the period November 13th, 1950, through November 25th, 1950.

THEREFORE, I, J. P. Rankin, Mayor of the City of Rankin, do hereby proclaim the next two weeks "CLEANUP WEEKS."

This being a much-needed and commendable project, I urge each and every property owner and tenant in Rankin to cooperate to the fullest with the Business and Professional Women's Club in their effort to make Rankin a cleaner, more attractive city in which to live.

J. P. RANKIN, Mayor.

Final Services Held Monday For Charles Cox



CHARLES WILLIAM COX

Funeral services for Charles William Cox, 30, professor of speech at Sul Ross College, and long time resident of McCamey, were conducted at the Presbyterian Church in McCamey Monday afternoon at 3:30, with Rev. Howard Holland officiating.

T. N. Ethridge, dean of the college, assisted in the services in behalf of the large delegation of the faculty and student body that attended the final rites. Burial was made in the McCamey Cemetery under the direction of the Jacobsen Funeral Home.

Mr. Cox died suddenly in his apartment in Alpine Saturday night at 10:40, apparently of a heart attack. He had been ill from what was thought an "upset stomach" since early that day, and had not complained of any heart attack prior to his death. He was reported "feeling better" just prior to his death. He had had a heart ailment since childhood.

Born in Brownwood on Jan. 21, 1920, he moved to McCamey with his parents in 1929. He attended McCamey High School and won honors in the band, as a debater, and headed the annual staff in 1939 when he graduated. He attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton until 1943, and was college photographer for the college annual, All-American publication for the three years, and was active in student activity plays on the campus. He accepted work in a war plant in Houston in 1943, and remained with that position until 1945 when he was forced to quit due to ill health, and returned to McCamey.

Cox operated a photography and art studio in McCamey during 1946-47, and was active in civic affairs of the city. He was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, organized here in 1946, and headed the Geo. B. McCamey celebration committee in 1947. He was staff photographer for The McCamey News.

Enrolling at Sul Ross in 1947, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in the summer of 1948, and his Masters degree in 1949. He had been a professor of speech at Sul Ross since that time. Also, he was coach of the Sul Ross boxing team and took back first place in the novice division for the college last year. He was the coach and trainer of James "Cotton" Fowler of McCamey, the first fighter of the Permian Basin to win a state amateur title.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cox of McCamey, and by two sisters, Mrs. Ellis Pinkerton of McCamey, and Mrs. Agnes Butterick, of Derick, Ark.

Pallbearers were W. W. "Bill" Moore, Royce Burnett, Howell Johnson, all of McCamey; Bill Powell of Alpine, Kenneth "Pappy" Rogers of San Angelo, and Guy Burton of Midland.

GIRL TO COWDENS

Kitty Margaret Cowden, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden of Crane on Monday, November 6. The baby, born in the Midland Memorial Hospital, is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, maternal grandparents, of Rankin. The baby was named for her great-grandmother, the late Mrs. B. S. Taylor, and for her great aunt, Miss Maggie Taylor.

As stated elsewhere in today's issue, the Rankin Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring a general cleanup campaign in Rankin the next two weeks.

It has come to the attention of local citizens that newcomers to our town comment on Rankin being "such a nice little place," but when we look around, we realize what a much NICER place it can be if every property owner, every tenant would THOROUGHLY clean their premises.

Let's get the old dead flowers and shrubbery cut and raked, the trash piled up and everything tidy before the winter months set in.

During the next two weeks the Rankin citizens are urged to get all trash, weeds, rubbish, etc., out of their yards and lots and piled next to the street where trucks can load it and haul it away. The Business and Professional Women will arrange for trucks—watch the paper and watch for handbills to tell you more about this project.

Eastern Star Plans Thanksgiving Banquet For November 20

In the absence of the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron Myrna Holman presided with W. A. Hudson, Worthy Patron, at Monday night's meeting of Rankin Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Committee reports were heard and plans made for the Chapter's annual Thanksgiving banquet to be held in the Rankin Park Building Monday night, November 20.

Miss Holman presented a program on the meaning and usage of the United States and United Nations flags, following presentation of the flags by Mrs. Ted Hogan and Mrs. Winston Holcomb. Mrs. Hogan gave the history, meaning and use of the United States Flag and Mrs. Holcomb presented the same information concerning the United Nations Flag. Miss Holman gave a reading appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Tom Workman sang the National Anthem and Miss Neva Rae Taylor sang The Song of Peace.

Following the meeting Miss Holman was surprised with a birthday cake and a gift. The cake was served with hot chocolate by Mrs. W. A. Hudson and Miss Maggie Taylor. Fall flowers decorated the reception room and chapter hall.

In attendance at Monday night's meeting were Miss Holman, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pippen, Misses Neva Rae and Maggie Taylor, Stella Holcomb, Maude Frazier, Flora Snaw, Estelle Harrel, Grace Zachary, Buanche Mitchell, Bette Holcomb, Lelia Workman and Anita Johnson.

Mrs. Crandell Leads Talk At Study Club

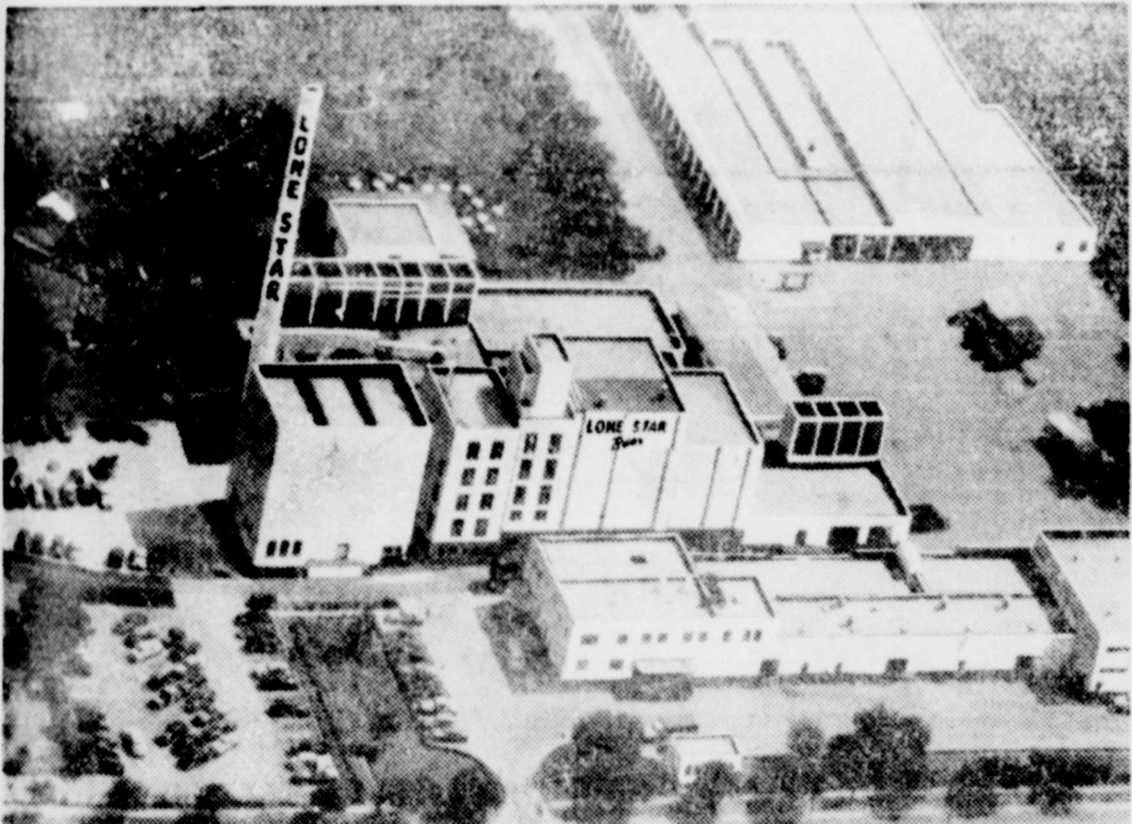
In addition to the scheduled program of the Rankin Study Club, Mrs. Searcy Crandell, Art Committee chairman, gave information regarding the observance of Art Week at Thursday's meeting. The time as designated by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is the last week in October, or any week during the month of November.

It is suggested that Art Week be observed by sponsoring one of the following programs: A home talent art exhibit, hobby show, antique show, ceramics, book review on art, history or program paying tribute to those who have worked so faithfully to promote art and art culture.

Don Still Improved In Dallas Hospital

Don Still, son of Superintendent and Mrs. Hamilton Still, is in a Dallas hospital, where he underwent a spinal operation some ten days ago.

He is reported as recuperating very satisfactorily.



LONE STAR BREWING CO., San Antonio is pictured in this aerial view. Part of the 25-acre tract owned by the brewery is shown, including locations of new buildings now being constructed in the latest expansion program. On the grounds, also, are a lake and a large outdoor amusement area, available to employees and civic groups for various functions.

Lone Star Beer Brings Product To West Texas

Lone Star Beer is now available in Crane, Rankin, McCamey and Iraan, according to an announcement by W. J. Barker, distributor for this area.

At the same time Barker pointed out that the Lone Star Brewing Co. of San Antonio has embarked on its sixth major expansion program, after having increased its production and sales more than ten times in ten years.

The new expansion program was announced recently by Harry Jersig, Lone Star president, coincident with the brewery's observance of its tenth anniversary. The anniversary celebration, held at the brewery's San Antonio plant, was marked by a week-long open house which attracted thousands of visitors from South and Central Texas.

Lone Star started production in 1940 with an annual output of 39,000 barrels. Production and sales are now 400,000 barrels a year, according to Jersig, and the new improvements at the San Antonio plant will increase that figure substantially.

Increasing public demand for Lone Star Beer has resulted in a steadily growing list of distributors. Sixty-six distributors now serve an area of 84 counties.

The brewery's employee roster has grown apace with public demand for its product. Ten years ago there were 50 workers, while the list today includes more than 300.

On beautifully landscaped grounds, Lone Star's gleaming white buildings make up one of the nation's most beautiful industrial sites. There are seven buildings on the 25-acre tract, in addition to a 2 1/2-acre lake which is available to the employees for bathing and boating. There is also a 5-acre picnic area.

New construction at Lone Star Brewery now getting under way will include an additional bottling plant and additional aging and fermenting cellars, the former to be one story and the latter two stories. Each of the two buildings will include an area of approximately 15,000 square feet.

A. W. Matejowsky Dies At Rowena Saturday

A. W. Matejowsky, 80, retired merchant, farmer and postmaster, died in his sleep early last Saturday morning at his residence, five miles south of Rowena.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from Zoar Evangelical Church in Rowena, with the Rev. Frank Lambert, pastor, officiating. Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Matejowsky was born Nov. 4, 1870, in Fayette County, and was married Feb. 17, 1897, to the former Leonda Schuhmann of Hix.

He operated a cotton gin and mercantile establishment and served as postmaster at Hix for several years. In 1901, he moved to Dime Box, where he entered the ginning business for six years. He came to Rannels County in 1907 and settled in the Rowena community, where he farmed until his retirement eight years ago.

Survivors besides his wife, include three sons, Rupert of Odesa, Emmett of McCamey and Clarence of Rowena; three daughters, Mrs. LaStelle Bailey of Lowake, Edna Matejowsky and Mrs. Neoma Brosig, both of Rowena, ten grandchildren; one brother; and a sister.

Walton Harral flew by airplane from Midland Monday to spend a few days in Lubbock on business and to visit his mother, Mrs. Fred Hokit.

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Lady—Have you cleaned all of the brass ornaments?
 Maid—Yes madam, all except your rings and bracelets.

Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me what a waffle is?
 Johnny—It's a pancake with a non-skid tread.

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McCamey Gets 1951 Regional Meeting Of Delta Kappa Gamma

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma, which consists of Crane, Reagan, Pecos and Upton Counties, invited the 1951 Regional meeting to meet in McCamey.

This region is composed of the counties of a large West Texas area.

Mrs. Julia Doris, Miss Ethie Eagleton, Mrs. Frances Wallace and Mrs. Bess W. Moorman of McCamey attended the Regional meeting in Odessa, Saturday, November 4. They met teacher friends from Denver City, Seminole, Big Spring, Stanton, Andrews, Midland, Odessa and other places.

The directors were Miss Miltia Hill, Alpine, and Mrs. Lydia M. Stark, El Paso. Miss Hill a past state president is now state chairman of committee on scholarship, and Mrs. Stark is state chairman of committee on necrology.

The theme of the convention was "Progress Through Understanding."

One very interesting and informative talk was given by Mrs. Birdie Hooks of Andrews, on the subject, "Progress Through a Better Understanding of National and World Problems."

Miss Hill led a group discussion on "Progress Through a Broader Understanding of Each Other's Problems."

Among the other things of interest was a question and answer contest "Growth of Delta Kappa Gamma Through a Better Understanding of the Organization" and a report of the National convention held in Dallas in August.

city will maintain business hours as usual.

Members of the VFW Auxiliary will lend a little flavor to the day with their annual Poppy Sale in downtown McCamey.

With Armistice Day falling on Saturday, the majority of the retail stores... the groceries, dry goods and variety stores... will be open as usual for the convenience of the people of McCamey, and the residents of the Pecos County farming area just south of town.

To the optimist it is a rose bush, but to the pessimist it is a bush of thorns.

Wonder if they speak of the moon as silvery because it comes in quarters and halves?

McCamey residents will find Saturday "just a usual Saturday," as no special services have been planned for Armistice Day, and most of the retail stores of the

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FINDERS KEEPERS . . .

FINDERS KEEPERS, written by Flora Thompson, is one of the most interesting stories ever published in the Junior Historians' Contest. The theme had been chosen by the contest judges. Flora was notified that her story had taken 2nd place in the contest. She had written it for the Junior Historians' Contest. Since that time, **FINDERS KEEPERS** has been published in the **AUSTIN AMERICAN** and the **SAN ANGELO STANDARD TIMES**. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1950 and is now an employee of the Texas Water Company. She plans to attend Texas University in Austin and major in Business Administration.

BY FLORA THOMPSON

S-Cave, located eight miles from Iran, Texas, hold the secret of the Southern Pacific train robbery within her silent walls? Did the earth shake that shook the Trans-Pecos region and cracked gaping holes in the limestone near Iran, Texas, close forever the treasure room of this cave? The golden coins bursting from the canvas bags in some of the caverns? These and many other questions pertaining to the robbery of the robber's loot have captured the imagination of treasure seekers for almost half a century.

The \$80,000 payroll of a major syndicate was placed on a Southern Pacific train on a warm September morning in Paso in the year 1900. The assignment was directed to the company's headquarters at the border town of Langtry. Most secrecy had been maintained surrounding the shipment, but the secret did leak out, as was later revealed.

The lumbering car wheels rumbled over the rails as the train passed Sanderson. Mile after mile of desolate cedar and sagebrush blurred past the car windows. The mail car guards were lulled to a feeling of security as the day wore on. The handful of passengers were dozing in their seats. The train labored up an incline and through a rock-lined cut. Suddenly rifle shot broke through the musings of those aboard. Five masked men, dusted with a white film of alkali, swarmed over the train. The engineer and fireman were quickly overpowered and bound. Working swiftly and methodically, the robber band soon rendered the brakeman and guards helpless in a like manner. The gold shipment was no secret to the robber crew as was evident by their actions. They stalked boldly to its hiding place in the mail car, opened the sliding doors, and calmly tossed the wooden boxes to the road bed below. The two robbers checked swiftly to see that nothing had been overlooked and then joined their companions, who were now busily bursting the wooden boxes and hoisting the canvas bags of loot on waiting horses.

When the train halted in Sanderson to reveal the daring robbery, differences in opinions of the eyewitnesses began. The stories varied in their descriptions of the bandits and their probable destination. However, without exception, all agreed on the description of the sleek, stockingfooted sorrel, ridden by one of the bandit leaders.

A far-flung search began for the fleeing robbers. However, it appears that the "brains" of the robbery had already deduced that a guard would be flung up along the Rio Grande to prevent their escaping into Mexico. It was years before authentic proof was established as to the route taken by the looters.

They traveled due north while the search was at its peak to the South. No trace was found of the renegades and the loss was referred to as another mystery of the cattle country.

Years later, in the fall of 1928, a railroad scout was in Sheffield, Texas, investigating the possibilities of building a branch line railroad from Rankin to Sheffield to accommodate the freight to the newly discovered Yates Oil Field. In the course of his stay in Sheffield, he made acquaintance evening the story of the Southern Pacific train robbery was repeated. The scout revealed himself as one of the guards on the ill-fated train that day, and he expressed his theory as to the manner in which the bandits escaped.

In doing so, he stated that, doubtless, the leader who rode the striking sorrel had changed mounts not far from the scene of the hold-up, and had thereby eluded detection.

To the astonishment of the railroad man, a grizzled veteran of some sixty years spoke up and described the bandit crew and the sorrel. The spokesman entranced his listeners with this story. It seems that a dusty band of horsemen rode into Sheffield about mid-morning in September of the year 1900. Very few loungers were around to observe the travel-stained riders. All saddles bore bulging bags and bedrolls. After purchasing a small amount of staples and tobacco, the horsemen remounted and rode north toward Rankin. Some of the on-lookers observed that if they had been on the move as long as that outfit had, they would have treated themselves to a haircut, shave, and a good, oven meal before riding on.

The bandits were only seen once after this, and then quite by chance. The spokesman related that his younger brother was herding goats along the Pecos. His camp site was at the foot of a peaked mountain near a ford on the river. Due north, the mountains played out into open prairie. To the South, from this point, lay the long, lonely valley where the Pecos River runs its course toward the Rio Grande and Mexico. One evening in the gathering twilight, the herdsman picked up the unmistakable sound of horses' hooves cracking against the stony ground. The goat-herder neither sought to conceal or reveal himself, but waited quietly for the unidentified horsemen to come nearer. A band of five horsemen passed within thirty feet of him. The brooding manner of the men and their dust-covered apparel drew his close scrutiny. In the fast-fading daylight, he noticed the travel-jaded stocking-footed sorrel mount of one of the band. A faint note of regret crept into his mind as he saw the fine quality of the fagged animal. The horsemen did not ford the river, but veered westward, following the stream until the sound of the hooves dimmed in the distance.

A few weeks later, a delayed storm caught the goat-herder some miles from camp. The animals had been grazing in a valley near the foot of a low mountain. Scraggly mountain laurel and cedar grew in a clump near its base. These afforded little protection; yet, some protection was better than none as the icy rain began falling. The young man raced toward the largest growth of trees. To his astonishment there appeared to be a cave-like opening in the hillside just beyond the trees which was not visible from his former position. Refuge from the rain and hail was uppermost in his mind as he pressed toward the rocky cleft. As his eyes grew accustomed to the half light, the outline of an even larger cave took shape. He cautiously peered into its inky depths but decided not to lean too far. This opening appeared to drop abruptly for about fifteen feet. An underground passageway led into the mountain from this entrance room.

The following day brought the goat herder back with lantern and tools to explore the mysteries of this uncharted cave. Securing a lariat on a nearby cedar, he lowered himself down to the floor of the entranceway. Having previously lowered his tools, he picked up his lighted lantern and started forward. Room after room were revealed by the flickering light. Sluggish bats were startled into flight. The explorer was thoroughly enjoying himself in his underground adventure, when a small object on the floor of the cave caused his scalp to tingle with fear. There lay a half-smoked cigarette; its meager contents and twisted brown paper gave positive evidence that the cave was not his secret alone. Who had found this lonely, hidden cavern? Was the smoker lying in wait in the darkness to pounce on his defenseless head? The shepherd inched forward, scarcely daring to breathe. Alert and cautious, the boy moved slowly forward, swinging his lantern around him to illumine the farthest corner. Suddenly he spied a boot heel imprint on the sloping wall. The position and depth of the heelmark indicated that the wearer had used the heel to brace himself. But why

in that position? Holding the lantern aloft, the frightened young man glimpsed bulging canvas bags high overhead on a rocky ledge. What were the contents, and why this lonely cave for the hiding place? He tremblingly set the lantern on the cave floor, fully expecting each moment to hear a command to halt or a shot ring out. Only deadly silence met his ears. Growing bolder, he attempted to scale the wall, but fell back. After three fruitless attempts, he removed his shoes and dug finger and toe holds in the packed earth. This method proved successful and he gained the ledge. Rolling one of the canvas bags toward him, he quickly drew his pocketknife and slit the coarse cloth. Glittering five dollar gold pieces showered into the dust, causing his pulses to race. A fortune! and all his! He made a hasty exit from the

cave, scarcely daring to look over his shoulder lest the stranger who dropped the cigarette should make an unwanted appearance.

The young goat herder almost forgot his shepherd duties as he pondered over his secret treasure. He drew a crude map of the cave site, carefully noting the position of the mountain near his campsite, which lay to the northeast of the cave. A horseshoe bend in the river lay to the north. Shrubs and rocks were penciled in on the soiled scrap of paper with the number of paces shown in detail. Then he sought aid in moving the treasure. He must work in haste for the person or persons might return at any time. By now he had become convinced that some connection lay between the dusty riders of the September dusk and the cave's treasure.

He re-visited the cave once more, removed a leathern pouch of the gold coin and before taking leave, placed twigs and pebbles on the cave floor to detect other callers.

By late December he had drift-

ed southward through the winding valley toward Sheffield with his herd. Securing a Mexican to take over his flock, the young man sought his brother. Revealing the may and telling the thrilling story of thousands of golden coins to be had for the taking, the younger brother poured the contents of the leather bag on the table. **THE DIE WAS CAST.**

The pair secured pack horses and camping equipment and set out with only the Pecos to guide them. But the trip that had seemed so simple at first proved fruitless. Weeks of searching, lengthened into months, and no cave. Where did it lie? Was it only a vagrant dream? No, the gold coins were real enough.

Less than a year later the younger brother was killed while breaking horses on a ranch below Sheffield. As the map was among the boy's possessions, the older brother continued the search.

The cave and its treasure has become an oft-told legend. All land marks on the ancient yellowed map point toward S-Cave as the lost cavern. The older brother found it not long after his brother's untimely death. The line of white pebbles lay undisturbed; the rows of twigs untouched. But the pebbles led through the cave's interior to what appeared to be an avalanche of stone. Futile digging proved fruitless. Did the earth tremor forever seal the treasure from prying eyes? Do the golden coins lay blackened in their mouldering bags awaiting some adventurer to bring them to light?

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Who knows? The aging brother retells the fascinating story. The treasure hunters seek on spurred by the old adage, "Finders Keepers."

Most every family would be improved if the parents would get back on spanking terms with their children.

Some men have to look out for a wife and three kids; others just have to look out for the wife.

Syncopation: Irregular movement from bar to bar.

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John G. Prude Joins Sul Ross Faculty

ALPINE, Texas, Nov. 3.—John G. Prude, who has been with the Fort Davis public schools for the past 11 years, is now associate professor of education at Sul Ross State College. In addition to his teaching duties, he will work in the Office of Public Service, giving special attention to Ex-Stu-

dent Services, according to Dr. R. M. Hawkins, president of Sul Ross. Fort Davis has been the home of the Prudes for many years. John G. is the son of Mrs. Andrew G. Prude, Fort Davis, and the late Andrew Prude, who for years operated a ranch near Fort Davis where John G. now owns a guest ranch. The new college professor holds the Bachelor of Arts degree, 1934.

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Henry-J Winner At Arlington Stock Car Races Last Week

Roy Connor, well known Nash dealer of Corsicana, with Scott Hickey as a Crane representative, bought a Henry-J at an auction for \$1,100 last week and on Sunday the same car, a mere midget among mastodons, captured the winner's share of the \$3,000 South Western U. S. Championship stock car race at Arlington Downs. Orville Mills of Ladonia was the driver selected after the dealer was ribbed into entering the car in the 125 mile event. Mills coaxed an average speed of 58 miles per hour. He also made but one pit stop for fuel, a brief half of 20 seconds, while other cars made as many as seven stops of longer duration.

A Scotsman was stripping the wallpaper from the walls of his house when a friend came to see him.

Well Sandy, said the visitor, are ye going to have new wallpaper?

No, said Sandy, I'm just moving to another house.

Today's style trend seems to be to swap the wedding dress for a divorce suit.

SHEFFIELD NEWS

The Sheffield Community Hall was the scene Friday, Nov. 3, of a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Wayne Aldredge, Jr., of Iraan. Mrs. Aldredge is the former Bettye Jean Lackey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holmes. The hall was decorated with fall flowers and the gifts tastefully displayed on linen covered tables. The guests were entertained with a musical program and refreshments of coffee and a salad plate were served.

Those sending and attending were:

Mmes. C. E. Yates, Walter Dudley, Dudley Ingham, Chas. Wells, H. L. Sandel, Mitchel Sandel, Roy Roundtree, W. C. Knight, J. D. Garner, Ellis Owens, Mamie Holmes, Sam Shaw, Bill McKinley, P. G. Fikes, T. E. Autery, Jr., Buster Elliott, Louis Woodward, L. G. Arledge, A. G. McClure, Therman Cravy, Tommie McNeille, H. C. Noelke, H. C. Collett, Robert Graves, Tom Holmes, Fayette Wise, Henry McGhee, Baker McGilvery, Bill Donowho, D. E. Elmore, Avery Mayes, R. M. Morris, J. F. Poyner, Amos Owens, Rodger Dudley, Dick Collett, N. Morris, John Carson, Bill Maddox, Stanoe Anderson, Grady Knight, Jim Burleson, Earl Bures, Chas. Hale, Marvin Mirike, H. M. Holmes, R. S. Lowrance, E. B. Holland, Jr., O. S. Cauthon, Lee Merck, Jack Cauthon, Lee Donham, Herman Cravy, C. C. Brooks, Will Smith and Misses Bettye Mitchel, Ella Mae Welsh, Dorothy Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hargrave of Miles visited their new granddaughter, little Miss Debora Hargrave, Sunday. Others visiting with the Hargraves Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Glyn McMillan of McCamey.

Robert Allen of Sanderson was a Sheffield visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Barrett of Huntsville spent the weekend visiting their son, Gene Barrett, who attends Iraan High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Owens spent several days in Dallas this week with relatives.

Those attending the Texas U-SMU game in Austin Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Sandel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cauthon and son, Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. O.

O. Cauthon, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Holland, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Chandler were in town Monday from their ranch south of Sheffield.

Bro. Dick Scott, accompanied by his children, made a trip to San Antonio this week to visit his wife, who is ill there. She is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Bill Caveness has as her guests, Mrs. Pat Garnel of Mason and Mrs. Leo Adams of Sonora.

Mrs. Maud Burress entered the Fort Stockton Hospital Sunday for a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McGhee had as their guests Sunday, Mrs. McGhee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards of Iraan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Holland, Jr., have as their guest, Mrs. Holland's mother, Mrs. Worth Odum of Las Vegas, N. M.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Mrs. Marcus Price and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kozimor visited relatives and friends in Lubbock the past weekend.

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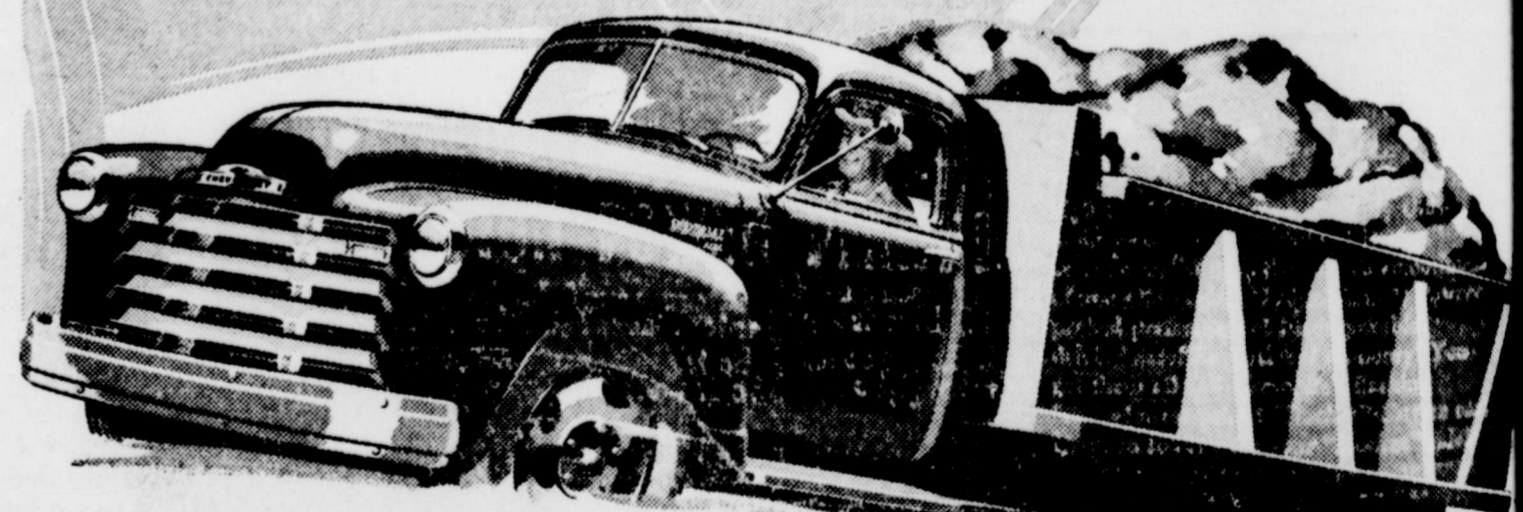
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