

Thought For Today  
Nothing can stop the progress of Sweetwater if everyone pays the debt they owe the community.

# SWEETWATER DAILY REPORTER

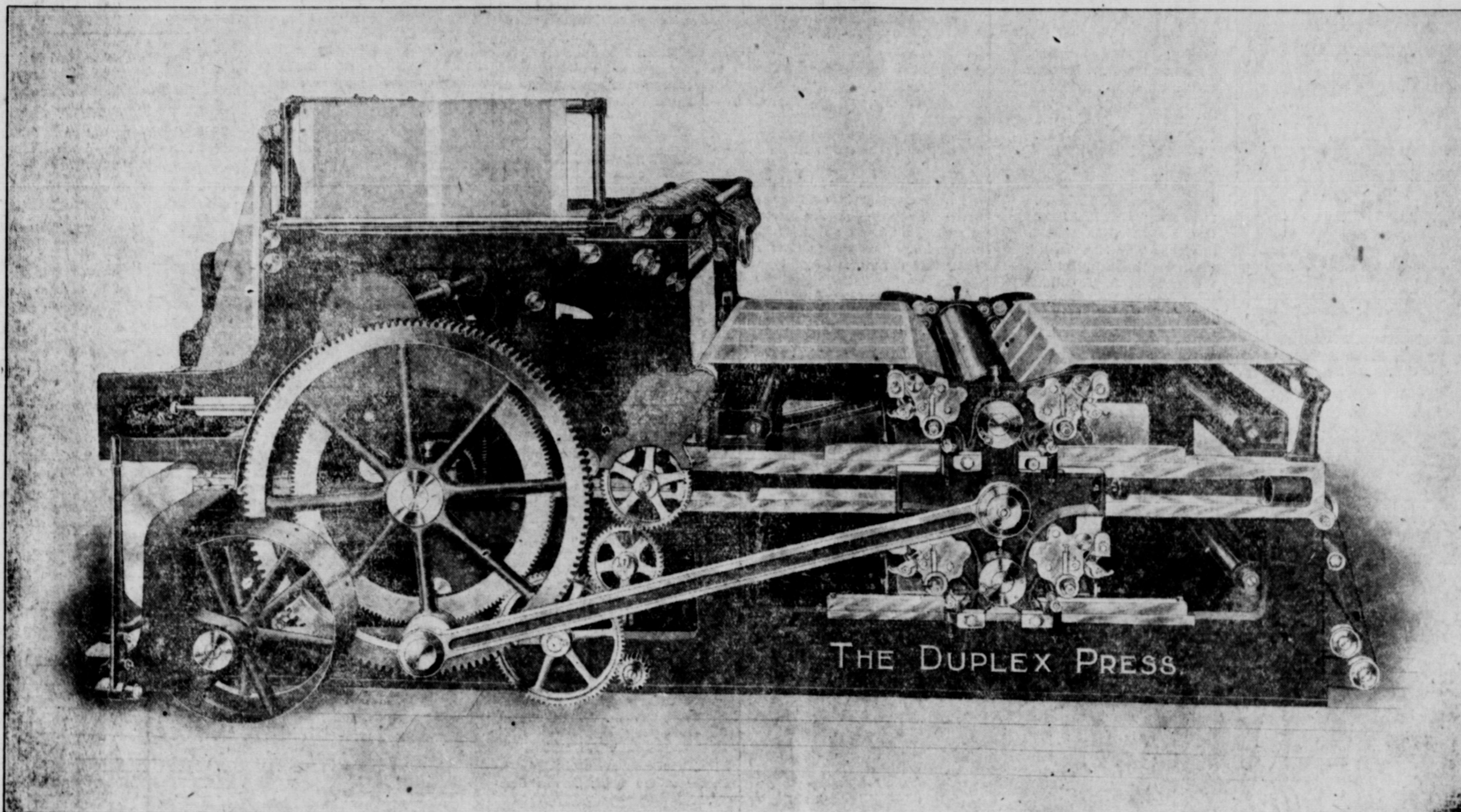
The Weather.  
Tonight and Monday generally fair and colder, light north winds; colder Monday.

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## THE SWEETWATER REPORTER'S NEW DUPLEX WEB PERFECTING PRESS



THE DUPLEX PRESS

Today's issue of The Sweetwater Reporter is being printed from the big press recently purchased from the Duplex Printing Press Company of Battle Creek, Mich. This is the company which is now engaged in building the largest newspaper presses in the world, for the Boston Post and the New York World.

The Reporter's new press will print and fold a four, six or eight page newspaper at a speed of 6,000 per hour. It prints from a large roll of paper, and the entire operation is automatic from beginning to end. The paper does not have to be touched from the time the type is placed on the press until the printed newspaper is delivered already folded.

Sweetwater is among the very few West Texas cities that have such large and expensive printing equipment for their newspapers.

The press arrived in Sweetwater Saturday, December 27. Monday afternoon Paul Drake arrived from the factory to install the big machine. He had it in operation Saturday, January 3. An entire freight car was required for its transportation. One hundred pounds of ink are required to fill the ink fountains while the big roll of paper used weighs from 700 to 900 pounds each.

## REPORTER IS NOW IN NEW HOME

Plant and Equipment Now Housed in Former Texas Bank Building on W. N. 3rd Street.

MOVING IS STRENUOUS

Several Days Will Be Required Before Equipment is Completely Organized For Work.

After four days of strenuous tearing-down, moving and erecting, The Sweetwater Daily Reporter is at last fully and firmly established in its new home, formerly the old Texas Bank Building, but from now on out, The Sweetwater Reporter Building. All the equipment and supplies of The Reporter were moved from the old building on Oak street and are now set up in the new building, ready for years of uninterrupted operation.

Naturally dis-arranged after moving, the equipment of The Reporter will require several days of straightening and arranging, but by the middle of the week it is expected to have the entire building and its contents in good shape. It was necessary to halt publication Thursday and Friday while the equipment of the plant was moved to the new building.

The moving was done by the Sweetwater Transfer Company who handled the massive machinery easily and quickly. Otto Carter had a lot of fun unscrambling a frozen heating system, and the Sweetwater Battery Co. enjoyed life finding time to run wiring for the various motors, including the big one to the press. Jesse Hemby is doing the carpenter work.

A host of improvements have been completed for the plant, which will enable a bigger and better newspaper to be published. The new home of the paper is considered the greatest asset besides the new Duplex press.

The Reporter's new home is built of yellow brick and is 90 feet long by 30 feet wide. The building faces south on the paved W. N. 3rd street. A roomy news and business office is located in the front of the building, while the remainder of the structure is given to the printing plant.

The building is well lighted by massive windows during the day, and big dome lights in the ceiling at night, as well as numerous wall and drop lights. A basement houses the heating plant and the building is heated throughout with a hot water heating system.

The business office is situated on the left of the building upon entering, the business office handles accounts, classified advertisements and circulation. To the right of the building upon entering, is the editorial and news office. The business telephone is 105 and the news department telephone is 46.

New improvements will be added from time to time in order to keep step with the constantly developing city and every effort will be made by the entire personnel of The Reporter to give Sweetwater a modern and complete newspaper.

The Reporter is not yet in shape to receive callers but expects to have a "house warming" shortly when everyone will be invited to inspect the new plant.

### FAREWELL VISIT

Whitey Kaufman to Play For Elks Dance Tuesday Night.

Whitey Kaufman will make his farewell trip to Sweetwater for this season when his popular orchestra plays for the Elks dance Tuesday night. The dance will be held at the Elks Clubrooms and is for Elks and Juniors. This promises to be one of the most successful of the many successful social affairs sponsored by the local lodge of Elk this season.

### MEN ARE JAILED

Believed To Have Stolen Clothing From Lines Over the City.

Officers picked up two men Friday night and lodged them in the city jail in connection with a wave of house prowling that is believed to be going on over the city. The men had a quantity of clothing in their possession and it is believed that the clothing was stolen from clothes-lines over town.

The men are being held pending investigation.

### Patterson Returns

Claude Patterson has returned to Dallas after spending the holidays in Sweetwater with his parents. Mr. Patterson is foreman of the night advertising force on the Dallas Times-Herald.

### Secretary Seeks \$70,000



Claims aggregating \$70,000 have been made against the estate of Dr. John W. Perkins of Kansas City, Mo., by Mary E. Hook, 20 years his confidential secretary. Shortly before his death the doctor, who was one of the best known surgeons in the middle west, signed two notes for \$25,000 each payable to her, Miss Hook alleges. Trial of her suit has just brought out that during all the years of her employment, the plain-

### Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ in Sweetwater, extends to all a hearty wish for a happy and prosperous New Year. We are thankful for the hearty co-operation and encouragement received from all, and extend to all an invitation to attend our services throughout the year 1925. Program for Sunday, January 4, 1925: Bible study, 10 a. m.; Communion Service, 10:50; Preaching, 11:15 a. m.; Preaching at Gannon, 3 p. m.; Young People's Bible class at 6 p. m.; Little Folks Bible Drill at 7 p. m.; Preaching at 7:30 p. m.; Ladies' Bible Class Monday, 3 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday night, and Song Service Friday night. Subject, evening service, "Something New."

### Married Saturday.

Robert E. Lee and Miss Bertha Lloyd, both of Sweetwater, were married by Elder W. D. Black of Christian Church, Saturday.

### Christian Science.

Christian Science Services at I. O. O. F. Hall, Sunday, 11 a. m., subject, "God."

### Church of Christ.

Bible School at 9:45 a. m., C. S. Perkins, superintendent. Preaching morning and evening by the regular minister. Officers meeting at 2 p. m. Special music, all cordially invited. J. T. McKissick, Minister.

### Chitwood to Austin.

R. M. Chitwood left last week for Austin where he will remain during the copying session of the legislature. Mr. Chitwood is representative from the 117th District, which includes Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan Counties. Mrs. Chitwood and son, Ben, drove through by way of Brady earlier in the week, Mr. Chitwood making the trip by rail.

## POSTOFFICE NOW CITY WILL PAVE IN FIRST CLASS THREE STREETS

Breaking All Records with An Increase of 21 Per Cent Over Last Year in Postage Sale.

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$10,766.77

Sweetwater Now One of Few West Texas Cities With Postoffice of First Class.

With an increase of more than \$7,000 in postage receipts, the Sweetwater postoffice not only closed the greatest year in its history, but also successfully passed the \$10,000 margin and becomes an office of the first class, ranking with San Angelo, Abilene, Amarillo, and the one or two other first class postoffices in West Texas.

The new rating will take effect July 1.

The year 1924 registered a gain of 21 per cent over 1923. The receipts for the past four years are:

Year ending December 31, 1921, \$28,955.79; year ending December 31, 1922, \$31,388.74; year ending December 31, 1923, \$33,708.78; year ending December 31, 1924, \$40,766.77.

Nothing could more clearly indicate the steady growth and continual increase in the town than the figures indicated above. There has been no sudden boom, only gradual growth.

Other activities of the local office also show a gratifying increase. The money orders sent out for the past three months total \$45,000. Parcel post and other business increased steadily.

A new motor driven canceling machine for canceling the stamps on letters is, among the new equipment that a first class rating will entitle the local office. Postmaster Howard will be entitled to an increase in salary and there will be correspondingly greater chance for this town to secure a new Federal postoffice building.

At least 100 more boxes are needed. Every one of the 640 boxes at the office are in use and there is a long waiting list. Mr. Howard is taking up the matter with Washington relative to securing the needed equipment.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our darling baby.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Rogers and relatives.

City Commission Passes Ordinance to Pave Streets Leading to Railroad Subway.

PART OF AGREEMENT

Paving Ordinance Result of Conference With T-P Officials—To Enforce Permit Law.

An ordinance for paving eleven blocks of streets including parts of North and South 1st streets, and Crane street from 1st street to 2nd street, was passed at the first reading by the City Commission as a part of an agreement reached at the conference held earlier in the week with Texas and Pacific officials. The ordinance will be finally passed at one more reading to be held January 15.

The paving is for the purpose of providing adequate routes to the subway under the Texas and Pacific tracks, giving both the north and south sides of town paved streets thru to the subway.

North 1st street will be paved from Lamar street east to the subway on Musgrove street. South 1st street will be paved from Lamar east to Musgrove street and the subway, as well as from Lamar street west to Orange street. One block on Crane street, from 1st street to 2nd street will be paved. Crane street from 2nd street to 3rd street is already paved, and by paving the next block, a paved street will reach from 3rd street clear to the subway.

Besides passing the paving ordinance at the commission session, the Mayor and Commissioners spent a considerable length of time on discussing the building permit situation in the city. It was pointed out that a very small majority of residences and business house builders ever obtained the building permit as specified in the ordinance. Thousands of dollars of building is done in Sweetwater each year for which no permits are issued, according to the commissioners.

The commission went on record as strongly condemning the practice of builders evading the building permit requirement. In the future, the commission has announced, that permit ordinance will be strictly enforced and any one who builds a house or building of any kind in the city and fails to obtain a permit will be fined according to law. The commission stat-

### Weds Drinkwater



John Drinkwater (in inset), the English playwright who wrote the drama "Abraham Lincoln," has a new wife. She is Daisy Kennedy (above), the violinist. It is Drinkwater's second marriage.

ed that they would strictly enforce that law from now on out and violators would receive a severe penalty.

We wish to thank neighbors and friends, and especially the members of the K. K. K., who so kindly assisted in the death and burial of our father and uncle.—Card of thanks in the New Castle (Pa.) News.

Sam Parker left to re-enter college at Johnson City, Tenn. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Sam Parker as far as Shreveport, where she will visit her parents a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ramsey have moved into their new cottage at 503 Bowie street, following the recent sale of their old home.

## We Welcome The Sweetwater Reporter As Good Neighbors

In their fine building with their big press. They will sure give Sweetwater a bang-up newspaper.

And remember that next door to The Reporter you will find the newest barbershop in town.

**Scudday Barber Shop**

### COMMUNITY SING

Roscoe to Have Big Singing Today—Many Hundreds Expected to Come

Sunday is Roscoe singing day and plans are for a real singing. Singing classes from several of the neighboring communities are expected and each bring all the books possible. There are seven hundred seats in the school auditorium and would be glad to have every seat occupied. The following is the program:

Opening song by President Jowell.  
Prayer by Chaplain Bourland.  
Class song by Chas. Hastings.  
Class song by Jas. Holmes.  
Class song by S. A. Smith.  
Special song by S. A. Smith.  
Class song by G. A. Adams.  
Class song by Walter Nix.  
Class song by M. L. H. Baze.  
Special song by M. L. H. Baze.  
Class song by R. M. Daily.  
Class song by W. L. Adams.  
Class song by John Allgood.  
Special song by John Allgood.  
Class song by S. L. Smith.  
Class song by A. M. Coleman.  
Class song by Mrs. Frost.  
Class song by Morgan Barrett.  
Class song by I. L. Bourland.

Special song by I. L. Bourland. Other items of interest will be added to the program as the singing progresses, so if those not on the program will lead a class song or arrange a special or help in any other way please let the secretary know. If you can't sing at all come and listen.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

W. R. (Buck) Johnson Asks Voters to Consider His Candidacy.

Chief of Police W. R. (Buck) Johnson announces his candidacy for Chief of Police subject to the action of the voters of the city at the coming city election to be held April 7.

Buck Johnson is an experienced police officer, who works in close harmony with county officials as well as those of other cities. He mixes brains and common sense in his activities and has a wide reputation for courtesy as well as a fearless and scrupulous performance of the many and varied duties that fall to the police department.

He asks for a fair consideration at the hands of the voters of the city. (Adv.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

W. H. Bartlett is Candidate for City Secretary of Sweetwater.

W. H. Bartlett announces his candidacy for the office of City Secretary, Tax Assessor and Collector, for the ensuing two year term, subject to the action of the voters at the coming city election, April 7, 1925.

Mr. Bartlett is the present city secretary and is basing his campaign for re-election on the basis of efficiency in office, careful safeguarding of the city's interests and courteous dealing with the public.

He asks for a fair consideration of his candidacy at the hands of the voters of the city. (Adv.)

### VISIT BY AIRPLANE

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Leach Fly to Sweetwater Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Leach came in Friday afternoon in a Curtiss JN4 airplane to visit the Taylors at the Texas Cafe—kinfolk of Mrs. Leach. Mr. Leach is a linotype operator on the Dallas Times-Herald and the plane is his own. The trip from Dallas required five hours, owing to some motor trouble. The Leaches plan to return Monday.

### Report On Drive.

During the Red Cross sale of Christmas seals in the field drive here, a total of \$180.57 of seals were sold. This report was made Saturday by Mrs. A. Brann and Mrs. Hubert Toller, who directed the sale.

Mrs. George Truitt and little daughter returned Friday night to Lockney, following a month's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kendrick, on Locust street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cunningham and children have returned to their home at Cross Plains, after spending New Year's Day here with her mother, Mrs. George Outlaw.

Bud Brown is again behind the counter at the Quick Service Grocery.

Mrs. Robert Andrews is visiting her son, Joe Steele and family and other relatives at San Angelo.

Miss Mickey Cutbirth has accepted a position at the Dr. Quast Music Store in its new location on W. N. 3rd street.

### G. O. O. D. Club Entertained.

Miss Margaret Morrow was hostess Friday evening at a meeting of the "G. O. O. D. Club," an aggregation of school girls who enjoy music and games at their meetings.

Miss Morrow's program called for an all-music program, with Thelma Lee Carter pianist, Irene Harris, violinist and Merle Patterson and Margaret Morrow ukele artist. Ona Lee Manley of Abilene and Irene Harris were special guests.

A lovely Christmas tree was a feature of the decorations and held red lunch baskets which were distributed at the proper time, one for each guest, holding an individual lunch, with which was served hot chocolate. Others not mentioned who were present were Fanny Levy, and Thelma Gordon.

Miss Ina Lee Ely will sing Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shearn left Friday on their return to Houston following a visit of two weeks here guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Descher and family.

Miss Hazel Hope returned Saturday to Denton, where she will re-enter C. I. A. for the completion of her second year's work.

Now that the smcker and barber shop are invaded, there's no place for risque stories except in the magazines.

Nobody really needs a sixth sense, except to warn them when there's wood alcohol in the stuff.



## Prices Reduced

on

## Winter Coats Winter Hats

All winter coats are reduced in price from \$10 to \$15.

All winter hats, formerly priced from \$5 to \$25, now priced \$1.95 to \$5.00

Nothing priced over \$5.00  
Now is the time to save money

**Max Berman**  
WHERE STYLE PREDOMINATES

## Hills Bros Coffee— the pride of the West

WHAT a treat to the senses awaits the visitor to this great empire of the West—the sight of our scenic glories; the touch of a western handshake; the taste of our marvelous western coffee, and, yes, even hearing what the West thinks of Hills Bros.!

No wonder this great country is known as the home of wonderful coffee. It is! Break the vacuum seal of a tin of Hills Bros. Coffee and inhale that rare aroma. Brew a cup and lift it to your lips! In all the world, no coffee like this!

Because—there is no finer coffee to be had. It is the cream of the crop—not of one plantation, but of the plantations of the entire coffee-

producing world. Blended with rare skill, roasted to a turn, ground with special machinery and packed in a special way. In all truth, The Recognized Standard. Hills Bros. Coffee is economical to use.



In the original Vacuum Pack which keeps the coffee fresh

## HILLS BROS COFFEE



## Extending Congratulations

To The Sweetwater Daily Reporter In Its Big Program For Better Service To This Town and This Community

If it be true that a community may be measured by its newspaper, then Sweetwater is certainly a first class town. There are few cities the size of Sweetwater that have better equipped newspaper plants than The Reporter now has with its new press and in its new plant.

### New Quarters For Costephens Soon

Some time this coming month this hardware store will occupy its new quarters on the West Side of the Square. New fixtures are coming to make this new location more attractive. A larger—and more varied stock will be carried. Our present plans include a retention of our old location where our farm implements and heavy hardware will be handled in addition to—our plumbing and sheet metal work.

### Better Service in 1925

As you can see from the above plans, you can expect an even better hardware store service from us during 1925 than you have received in the past. Progressively planning for the future, this store is right in line with the spirit of progress manifest today and every day in Sweetwater.

## Costephens Hardware Co.

Mrs. Jess Robertson has returned she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. from a visit to Breckenridge, where George Whaler.

**ROBERTSON CAFE**

*Special For Sunday  
CHICKEN DINNER*

*11:30 a. m. to 2 p. m.*

*Tables Reserved*

**ROBERTSON CAFE**



DEACON, JUNIOR HEREFORD COW, OWNED BY JOHN C. SHAFER AND BRED ON HIS KEN-CARYL RANCH AT LITTLETON, COLO. IS THE GRAND CHAMPION FOR THIS YEAR. DEACON BROUGHT BACK THIS HONOR TO HEREFORDS AT THE LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION IN CHICAGO. SHAFER IS SHOWN WITH DEACON.

**Sweetwater Dry Goods Co.**

LADIES AND MEN'S WEAR

THE STORE AHEAD

Shopping Center of Sweetwater

**On the Threshold  
Of a New Year**

*The books are closed upon the year 1924 and the fresh pages of 1925 await us. It's a new story and yet ever old—the policy upon which this business is founded. A policy so well known that an ever-widening circle of friends and patrons is reached by it.*

*Extensive improvements were made to our store in 1924 along the lines of our policy of better service. And in the years to come, our patrons can depend upon ever better attention, as time gives us knowledge and experience.*

*Have you protected your family?*

*If Not*

*See—*

**W. W. DAVIS, Sec.-Treas.**

**Sweetwater Local Mutual  
Life Insurance Association**

**BUILDING VOLUME  
RECORDS BROKEN**

Total Building in City During 1924  
Total Over One and One-Half  
Million Dollars.

MANY FINE STRUCTURES

Million Dollar Gypsum Plant Completed  
During Year Adds to Vast Total  
Registered.

Sweetwater's steady growth and development during a prosperous year is partially reflected in the record of building permits issued during 1924, and the completion of several massive projects that were started in the preceding year. The grand total of business houses built, residences, churches completed, industrial improvements, municipal construction and the Gypsum plant is approximately \$1,650,848.00. Business houses, churches and residences were constructed on a large scale throughout the year. The residences built in the city during 1924 averaged, approximately, a completed home every third day the year through. Two new churches were completed during the year, and one remodeled and improved. Building permits issued during the past 12 months totaled \$313,848, according to records compiled in the E. C. D. office. It is estimated, however, that a great number of residences, and some dozen business buildings were constructed without the contractors or owners obtaining the permit. Permits of \$46,000 were issued for business houses, and a conservative checking up of the buildings constructed without permits showed an additional \$80,000, bringing the total for such buildings to \$126,000. Churches completed and remodeled during the year totaled well over \$100,000. Municipal improvements such as water and sewer lines, reached \$57,000, and industrial building and improvements, including the U. S. Gypsum plant and improvements to other industrial plants totaled \$1,100,000.

The permits, as issued, follow:

January.

BUSINESS—  
J. H. Meyer and Guy Morris, \$22,000; W. E. Henderson, \$4,500; J. E. Rasberry, \$1,500; C. W. Bryant, \$2,000; G. A. Lackey, \$1,000. Total \$30,100.  
RESIDENCE—  
W. E. Davis, \$500; Harry Howell, \$650; Dr. A. J. Wimberly, \$3,000; Mrs. R. F. Hemby, \$1,100; W. F. Reynolds, \$5,500; Z. T. Brook, \$1,000; Mrs. S. B. Bullard, \$2,500; R. Mays, \$4,400; J. P. Aylor, \$3,500; Homer Bradford, \$7,600; Thompson & Hampton, \$375; J. R. Cornelius, \$1,800; G. W. Eley, \$2,400; W. W. Beall, \$2,750. Total \$32,075.

February.

BUSINESS—  
Henry Malphette, \$1,700; John H. Meyer, \$4,000. Total \$5,700.  
RESIDENCE—  
John Bryan, \$1,500; W. Sayles, \$650; J. J. Robbin, \$2,200; J. A. Ellis, \$1,000; C. A. McCorkle, \$3,550; Geo. Gray Jr., \$4,000; W. M. Flennigan, \$2,500; A. B. Chambers, \$4,350. Total, 19,810.

March.

RESIDENCE—  
Wade Bartlett, \$1,750; J. R. Brannon, \$500; J. W. Herndon, \$300; J. M. Johnson, \$1,750; R. L. Derrick, \$1,750; John H. Gaff, \$1,150; I. Lee Lusk, \$1,500; Bryan Buck, \$1,850; D. M. Mizell, \$1,500; Dr. C. D. Lindley, \$3,250; R. D. Cox, \$3,743; Mrs. Gus Laney, \$450; R. A. Stewart, \$2,500. Total \$21,993.  
April.  
RESIDENCE—  
Rufus Wright, \$10,000.  
RESIDENCE—  
Homer Williams, \$2,500; R. H. Seale, \$2,250; C. R. Day, \$2,500; D. W. Bledsoe, \$2,500; Mabel Spann, \$2,500; E. B. Hull, \$3,800; Walter Carter, \$5,000; Hudson Taylor, \$2,500; L. D. Terry, \$3,500; J. F. Otey, \$4,000. Total \$31,050.  
May.  
RESIDENCE—  
W. H. Bartlett, \$4,250; O. L. Stamps, \$2,650; L. R. Thammish, \$1,500; J. L. Alexander, \$1,600; O. L. Stamps, \$2,900. Total \$12,900.  
June.  
RESIDENCE—  
J. R. McMullen, \$750; Dora Alldredge, \$1,500; Roy C. Scudday, \$2,750; Dr. W. E. P'Pool, \$4,500; W. W. Beall, \$2,200; Joe H. Boothe, \$1,800. Total \$14,500.  
July.  
RESIDENCE—  
Hampton Bruce, \$525; B. C. McCall, \$2,000; F. B. Slater, \$4,000; J.

C. Dennis, \$450; J. R. Dennis, \$1,000; W. N. Cathey, \$700; Dalton Moore, \$4,200; Mark Haddock, \$2,500. Total \$15,375.  
August.  
J. W. Bandy, \$2,100; E. E. Shaw, \$2,750; Joe H. Foy, \$2,250; J. D. Dulaney, \$3,500; J. D. Dulaney, \$3,500. Total \$14,100.  
September.  
Leo Dressler, \$5,000; L. R. Thammish, \$2,500; J. F. Pruett, \$2,000; Chas. Streener, \$1,500; R. E. Withers, \$2,500; Buck Moore, \$1,500; J. R. Thornton, \$600; C. C. Williams, \$2,500; Clyde B. Payne, \$2,500; J. C. Davis, \$420; W. M. Alldredge, \$850. Total \$21,870.  
October.  
RESIDENCE—  
Mrs. E. S. Jones, \$1,000; H. V. Freedman, \$4,000; J. L. Stracener, \$800; Guy E. Morris, \$5,000; J. L. Hemby, \$4,000; W. E. Otey, \$3,250; R. L. Rinker, \$3,000. Total \$21,050.  
November.  
RESIDENCE—  
Titus Blackshire, \$2,000; O. C. Cooper, \$2,500; S. A. Cole, \$1,750; W. N. Parkhill, \$3,600; Dr. A. A. Chapman, \$2,500; W. M. Mullen, \$2,000; Mrs. J. F. Newmag, \$20,000; J. M. Green, \$2,750; S. E. Jones, \$400; M. D. Willis, \$8,500; J. H. Armstrong, \$3,000; Dan Herndon, \$400; Mrs. Myrtle Bennett, \$675; S. H. Kelsey, \$3,000; J. T. Box, \$750; United States Gypsum Co., \$400. Total \$54,225.  
November.  
BUSINESS—  
W. J. McKee, \$200.  
December.  
RESIDENCE—  
J. C. Dennis, \$1,800; O. B. Mays, \$4,400; A. L. Egerton, \$700; W. P. Curtis, \$2,000. Total, \$8,900.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announce their candidacy for election to the various city offices for the ensuing two year terms, subject to the action of voters at the city election to be held April 7, 1925:  
For Mayor:  
For Street Commissioner:  
For Water Commissioner:  
For City Secretary:  
For Chief of Police:

L. E. Musgrove (re-election).  
W. H. Bartlett (re-election).  
W. R. (Buck) Johnson (re-election).

"But this portrait makes me look so much older," objected Mrs. B Jones. "That's the beauty of it, Madam," replied the artist. "Ten years from now it will be an even better likeness of you than it is today."

"Why don't you bob your hair?" "I can't decide on the style," answered Miss Cayenne. "I don't know whether to have it look like a whisk-broom or a feather-duster."

Who cares whether Helen of Troy was a blonde or not? The reason she is famous is because she was the first woman to get her gowns from Paris.

**The Wiring and  
Motor Instalation**

**ON THE BIG NEW PRESS**

*For The Sweetwater Reporter Was Done By Us*

*No Job Too Big For Us To Handle*

*No Job Too Small To Be Appreciated*

**Sweetwater Battery and  
Electrical Service Co.**

Phone 346

Willard Service Station

**In 1925  
As In 1924**

Sweetwater's Leading Drug Store

**BOWENS**

Phone 22 — Free Delivery!

**Aged Man Hurt.**

J. C. King, aged 86 years, father of Mrs. Ed Sinnott and Mrs. Myrtle Bennett, is suffering from a broken hip joint, since Friday morning about 5 o'clock when he fell off the porch at his home on Ash street. While he is suffering a great deal from the accident, he is resting well as could be expected.

**Rowe Dies.**

G. H. Rowe, age 45, died at the family home near Longworth this week. The funeral was held at the funeral home near Longworth this week. The funeral was held at the funeral home near Longworth this week. The funeral was held at the funeral home near Longworth this week.

Diner (who had found a piece of wood in his sausage)—"Waiter, I don't mind the dog, but I bar the kennel."

Up in Watertown the other day one of the "test" questions in a class at school was "What is Mars?" "One of the answers was "Mars is the scratches you get on the parlor furniture."



Above—Left to right, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. George B. Ford. Below—left, Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, (right) Miss Belle Sherwin.

**WASHINGTON.** —What causes war?  
How can these causes be removed and cures instituted to bring about world and community peace?  
Eight of the largest national women's organizations in the United States have decided that world peace is a far more complicated thing than can be obtained by the simple expedient of adopting slogans and establishing "no more war days."  
So delegates from what is perhaps the largest electorate of American women that has ever united on a single issue will meet in Washington Jan. 18 to 24, at a national conference on the cause and cure of war.  
**Seek Causes.**  
They still believe in slogans but they realize that there are causes of war which remain untouched by them.  
Such subjects as over-population, armament competition, economic rivalries, and the mass psychology for war as causes of conflict will be explained by experts and specialists.  
After the course in "causes," there will be a course in possible



"cures" and at the end of the week a definite program of work for the future will be formed. Delegates will then be expected to carry to their communities a practical education for peace.  
**Mrs. Catt to Preside.**  
Among the women who will be prominent in perfecting the organization are Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who will act as general chairman of the conference; Miss Belle Sherwin of Cleveland, president of the National League of Women Voters; Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt of Oakland, Calif., president of the American Association of University Women; Mrs. George B. Ford of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. John Ferguson of New York, of the Council of Women for Home Missions.  
Delegates will attend from the American Association of University Women, the National League of Women Voters, Council of Jewish Women, the National Y. W. C. A., the W. C. T. U., the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in North America.

# Report of the Condition of The First National Bank

Of Sweetwater, Texas, at the close of business  
December 31, 1924.

—Resources—

Loans and Discounts .....	\$382,506.80
Overdrafts .....	2,518.88
U. S. Bonds and Securities .....	31,300.00
Other Stocks and Bonds .....	1,000.00
Banking House, furniture & fixtures	25,000.00
Other Real Estate .....	3,250.00
Cash, Exchange and Cotton .....	917,348.53
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,362,924.21</b>

—Liabilities—

Capital Stock .....	\$80,000.00
Surplus Earned .....	30,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	962.53
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>\$1,251,961.68</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,362,924.21</b>

The above statement is correct

R. K. McAdams, President  
Clyde B. Payne, Cashier

—Directors—

J. H. Beall      R. K. McAdams      W. L. Boothe  
R. H. Fitzgerald      Clyde B. Payne

# Report of the Condition of THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Of Sweetwater, Texas, at Close of Business December 31, 1924.

—Resources—

Loans and Discounts .....	\$202,459.89
Overdrafts .....	617.96
Furniture and Fixtures .....	19,000.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock .....	3,200.00
Stocks and Bonds .....	1,107.60
Real Estate .....	9,815.45
Liberty Bonds Held in Trust .....	29,750.00
<b>Quick Assets:—</b>	
Cash and Exchange .....	\$812,717.25
Liberty Bonds .....	65,680.04
Bills of Exchange & Cotton .....	119,922.55
	998,319.84
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,264,270.74</b>

—Liabilities—

Capital Stock .....	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits (Taxes paid) .....	7,522.73
Dividends Unpaid .....	6,000.00
Liberty Bonds Held for Customers ...	29,750.00
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>1,120,998.01</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,264,270.74</b>

"The Bank For Everybody"  
Where Your Business is Cordially Appreciated

IN 1925 AS IN 1924

## Wade Quality Ever Dependable Supremacy In Fine Meats

*The famous quality of the products handled by this market have required great effort to keep up with the demand. Year by year there has been a steady increase in our meat tonnage. Nineteen hundred twenty-four was no exception. Our business was greatly enlarged over the preceding year. Of course we appreciate this increase. We welcome all new customers and try to give them and our old patrons just one grade of service—and that is the best. But the reason for this increase as we see it is that people demand highest quality—and we give it.*

### Wilson's Products Increase In Popularity

*Every day more people are learning the distinctive flavor of Wilson's fine hams and bacon. Once used, no other will prove so appetizingly attractive. There is a zesty flavor all their own. Only the choicest meats are permitted to bear the Wilson label. They are carefully selected by experts. Then there is the Wilson method of curing and flavoring. In their own inimitable manner, with recipes perfected by years of experience and ambitious striving for superiority, Wilson has perfected his packing methods so you will be satisfied. Your grocer or meat dealer has Wilson products on sale and will gladly supply you—or you can order them direct from us.*

### Pure Sausage Made In Sweetwater

*We have had to enlarge our sausage making capacity in order to keep up with the demand for Wade sausage, bologna, pure pork sausage and other products of our own sausage making department. The high standard of Wade quality, coupled with skilled operatives, and a most appetizing flavor of distinctive merit, have won popular approval to an unusual degree. Once try Wade sausage and you will be satisfied with no other.*

### Depend Upon Us In 1925

*There will be no change in our program for 1925. As in previous years, Wade standards of quality will be rigidly maintained. And we certainly appreciate the ever increasing patronage which has been given us in the past and which proves to us conclusively that our policy is right.*

# Wade Market

NOT BECAUSE BUT BECAUSE **B** EST BIGGEST EST

## INSTALL RADIOS

### Government Lets Contracts For Receiving Sets For Veterans in Army Hospitals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Radio will bring added comfort to thousands of war veterans being cared for in all hospitals under the direction of the Veterans' Bureau.

General Frank T. Hines, director of the bureau has announced that contracts for the installation of radio receiving sets in thirty of the forty-nine hospitals operated by the bureau have been awarded, while the remaining 19 are at the present time either partially or completely equipped.

In all hospitals now under construction or being designed, conduits and wiring are being included as part of the regular electrical systems so that radio sets can be installed as soon as each hospital is opened. In the tuberculosis and general hospital a head set will be provided at each bed and loud speakers in the assembly rooms. In neuro-psychiatric hospitals only loud speakers are being installed in wards and assembly rooms, head sets being inappropriate for this class of patients.

Adoption of the radio installation plan in veterans' hospitals followed an investigation of a board appointed by the Director which considered the question from every angle. After determination of the legality of such procedure, the board submitted tentative specifications for such equipment which were placed in the hands of leading radio apparatus manufacturers.

Tests made in different hospitals where radio equipment was installed for experimental purposes left no possible doubt that the equipment is well worth its cost as no single element in the recreational facilities of the hospitals has been productive of greater entertainment and comfort to the disabled men according to Director Hines.

### Self Culture Club Gives Party.

The ladies of the Self Culture Club entertained their husbands Thursday evening with a progressive forty-two party, in the banquet hall of the Hotel Wright. The hall had been previously decorated with Christmas colors and wreaths of holly and other evergreens and with the brilliant lights created an environment in keeping with the holiday season.

Eight tables were in play. When nine games had been played the refreshment hour was announced. Plates of mince pie, whipped cream, cheese, hot chocolate and coffee was served on the game tables. Each table held small bowls of Christmas candies.

This being the last of the old year some one had been thoughtful enough to provide a complete set of New Year's Resolutions, which were read by the guests, amid peals of laughter from the others. Some of them embodied astounding sentiments, but were intended to have been for "the good of the soul," to those able to live up to them.

The club and their guests gave rising vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wright for their delightful hospitality in lending the club the use of their commodious hall for the evening's entertainment.

### Bridge Luncheon.

Mrs. A. J. Wimberly and Mrs. Jim Dulaney entertained with a large bridge party Wednesday afternoon naming Mrs. Charles Kirtley of Colorado and Mrs. C. P. Shearn of Houston their honorees. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Wimberly and her rooms were lovely with Southern smile and red carnation adornment, suitable to a joyous farewell to the old year.

Twelve tables had been placed in readiness for the games, which claimed attention for several hours. At the close it was found that Mrs. J. M. Slade had won high score, and was rewarded with a beautiful lavender case; Mrs. Poffenbach, second high score, was given a perfume bottle; while to Mrs. Henry Rogers fell the booby prize a lovely little satin vanity bag.

Beautiful perfume bottles were presented to each of the honor guests. Members of the house party were Mrs. J. H. Doscher, Mrs. Frank Murchison, Mrs. L. B. Allen, Mrs. Will Corbett, Mrs. Jim Dulaney and the guests of honor.

The hostesses gave kewpie 1925 dolls as favors. A lovely salad plate was served as a concluding pleasure. Mrs. Lester Mays of Waco and Mrs. Fred Shugart of Tulsa were other out of town guests.

Miss Lucile McElrath has returned to her studies at Texas Women's College after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Carter. Miss McElrath has been honored among the student body by election as secretary of the Thespian Club and has been chosen heroine of the annual club play.

### Delphian Chapter.

The Sweetwater Delphian Chapter held their meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Hubert Toler, Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Walter Boothe in the chair. The lesson subject was "The Merchant of Venice", which was turned into a general round table discussion. Each contributed interesting interpretations of the text of the lesson, forming one of the most attractive meetings of the year. The chief feature of the meeting was a concise story of "The Merchant of Venice", read by Mrs. Robert Henthorne. A delicious salad course was served at the close of the program.

### Six O'Clock Dinner Party.

Judge and Mrs. J. H. Beall were host and hostess Friday evening at a beautifully appointed six o'clock dinner party, naming their daughter, Mrs. Lester May of Waco and Miss Rozelle Brand their honor guests. Plates were laid for about fifteen guests. Lovely cut flowers adorned the center of the table.

Mrs. Fred Sugart and daughter, Miss Fritzie, returned Saturday to their home at Tulsa, Ok., following a ten day visit here at the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crutcher, and sister, Mrs. Carl Williams.

## Kansas City Life Does 20 Million Business In Texas During 1924

We take this opportunity to thank our more than 35,000 policy holders for their patronage and wish them and all our Texas friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We direct your attention to the following statement of business in force in Texas and the amount written during 1924, which we feel is ample evidence of the confidence which Texas citizens have in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Many of our old policy holders have given special evidence of their faith by applying for additional insurance during the past year.

Total New Business Written In 1924 In **TEXAS** over 20 MILLIONS  
Total Insurance In Force Jan. 1, 1925 In **TEXAS** over 75 MILLIONS

### A LIVE AGENT WANTED

We are desirous of making contracts with a high grade salesman for this vicinity. Previous life insurance experience unnecessary. A free training course is offered as one of the lines of special service available to Kansas City Life representatives. For full particulars address:

### The Orville Thorp Agency

Orville Thorp Jas. F. Rodgers O. Sam Cummings  
State Managers For Texas

MAGNOLIA BUILDING, DALLAS  
Over \$75,000,000.00 In Force In Texas  
Among Over 35,000 Policy Holders

## A Fifty Per Cent Increase In Our Business During 1924

*Shows that people appreciate our service and equipment. And we want to say right here that we certainly appreciate this business that is coming our way. More than ever from the bottom of our heart,*

MAY 1925 BE HAPPY AND

PROSPEROUS

## Galbraith

Phone 97

Cleaning - Dyeing - Pressing  
East Side of Square Since 1913

### CAMPAIGN OPENS

Three Candidates Announce For Re-Election at City Election April 7—Have Good Records.

Three hats were tossed in the city's political ring Saturday when Buck Johnson, chief of police, L. E. Musgrove, water commissioner, and W. H. Bartlett, city secretary, announced their candidacy for re-election to their respective offices at the city election

in April. The campaign just started for the coming election was opened by the three city officials named. More announcements, however, are expected to be made as the campaign goes along. W. R. Johnson, big, friendly, chief of police known to his many friends as simply "Buck," is in the race for re-election and so far has no opponents. For 14 years Buck has held the office and has made Sweetwater a town with an enviable record for cleanliness, law and order. L. E. Musgrove has held the office

of water commissioner two terms of two years each, and is also running for re-election. During his administration of four years, a great growth and expansion in all phases of the city water works has taken place. After 12 years in the office of City Secretary, W. H. Bartlett is announcing his candidacy for re-election. During the 12 years in which Henry Bartlett has held this office, efficiency and care has marked the handling of all city books, papers and official business. Other officers to be elected at the city election April 7, are street commissioner and mayor. There have been no announcements made so far by any candidates for either office. Mayor Joe H. Bothe stated definitely Saturday that he would not be a candidate for re-election April 7. There have been various rumors about town of possible candidates, but nothing official has been given out in connection with a candidate for the office of Mayor of Sweetwater.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

L. E. Musgrove is Candidate Re-Election Water Commissioner.

L. E. Musgrove announces his candidacy for the office of Water Commissioner of Sweetwater for the coming two year term, subject to the action of the voters at the election to be held April 7, 1925.

Mr. Musgrove has served as both Water Commissioner and Superintendent of the Water Works and is experienced in the proper supervision of these important municipal activities. Efficiency and courtesy and proper safe-guarding of the city's interests in all matters are his platform. A careful consideration of his candidacy for office is requested from all voters by Mr. Musgrove. (Adv.)

### SHOES REPAIRED

When you bring your shoe repair work to us, you can be certain of having a good job done. We know shoes, and we take pains to make our work neat and lasting. You will find modern machinery and modern methods used in this shop so that our service may be the best we can make it. Chesney Shoe Shop, North West 3rd Street. (Adv.)

### COAL

When you buy coal you are in fact exchanging your money for HEAT. Then you should not buy coal because its coal, but investigate the relative merits of the different coals offered you. We believe when you do this you will use



"Most heat for your money"

For sale in Sweetwater by

Simpson Fuel Co.

Phone 239 Phone 239

Alabama Smithing Coal.

An occasional woman thinks it sex equality if he works for her and she works him.

A village is a place where a bachelor with \$1,000,000 wonders if he is loved for himself alone.

Radicalism: "He's rich; swat him." Reactionaryism: "He may grab some of it; swat him."

Sinbad struggled to shake off the old man of the sea. "Damn these snoopers," he said.

A born strategist is a small boy with long curls who gets gum in his hair.

McGinty Grocery, now located in new Cowan Building opposite Sweetwater Reporter. Featuring Gold Plume Coffee and Blue Ribbon Flour. 28614de

### GROWTH RURAL SCHOOLS GREAT

Scholastics Increase From 1,100 in 1918 to 3,377 in 1924, Miss Fowler's Report Shows.

### BUILD NEW SCHOOLS

Many Districts Have New School Buildings—Increased Taxes For Maintenance Voted.

Since 1918 until January 1 of this year, during which time Miss Minnie Fowler has been superintendent of public education in Nolan County, the rural schools of the county have registered a development and growth that has not only been gratifying, but in many instances phenomenal.

In 1918 there were no rural schools in the county with a tax rate above 50 cents on the \$100 valuation, according to records in the superintendent's office, and some districts had even less than that rate. Since that year, 22 out of 28 schools have raised their tax rates to \$1.00, and two schools have increased their rates to 75 cents.

During the administration of Miss Fowler 11 new school buildings were constructed in the county, and two remodeled. Twenty-five of the schools in the rural districts are equipped with sanitary drinking fountains and have well filled libraries.

In her report, Miss Fowler says that in 1918 there were 20 permanent and permanent primary certificates among the rural teachers. In 1924 there were 40, not including Sweetwater and Roscoe, which are independent. In 1918, the report continues, there were 24 first grade certificates among the teachers in the rural schools and at the close of the year 1924 there was a total of 49. In 1918, there were 19 second grade certificates, and in 1924 this number had so decreased until there were only three holders of second grade certificates in the rural schools.

During the last three years, nine schools have voted bonds for buildings and improvements. They are Barnett, Valley Creek, Brownlee, Brooks, Stamper, Wastella, Mesquite, Fairview, and Cottonwood. Among the nine buildings, two are to be of concrete and one of brick.

Practically all the schools of the county are in line for State aid this year, according to the report, and if the state examiner approves the condition of the various schools, it is practically certain that the schools

will receive State aid. The schools who are requesting the aid and the amounts to be obtained are: Bittercreek, \$500; Cottonwood, \$500; Blackland, \$235; Barnett, \$150; Nolan, \$500; Dora, \$750; Hylton, \$500; Plumcreek, \$500; Valley Creek, \$600; Ada, \$500; Whiteflat, \$500; Brownlee, \$500; Brooks, \$400; Champion, \$600; Goode, \$400; Stamper, \$500; Rocky Crossing, \$350; Wastella, \$500; Mesquite, \$400; Blackwell, \$750; Fairview, \$450; Decker, \$100; Collins, \$500.

In concluding her report, Miss Fowler stated that the increase in scholastics during the six days was from

1,100 students in rural schools in 1918 to 3,377 in 1924.

It's a funny language. Cat gut comes from sheep, and Wall Street makes goats out of lambs.

If he's a road hog, it's only a question of time until an ambulance will gather up the litter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fletcher and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sargent, of San Angelo, are visiting Mrs. Fletcher's sister, Mrs. Ed Sinnott.

## GROCERIES

Here you will find all standard brands of groceries, such as:

- Del Monte, Sun Kist and Gold Bar canned goods.
- White Swan, Schilling's, Folger's, and Maxwell House coffees.
- White Face flour.
- Golden State butter.

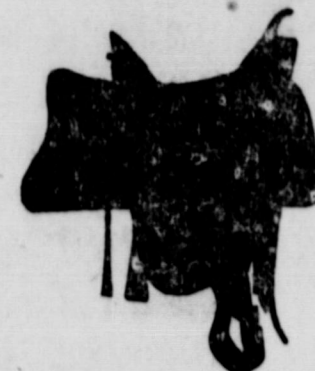
Other standard brands too numerous to mention. Fresh meats all the time. We have a well equipped market and are always ready to serve you with choice, fresh, meat. We sell only the VERY BEST meats.

We Invite Your Patronage

**Quick Service Grocery and Market**

Phones 10 and 497

Moved To 407 Oak Street



Moved To 407 Oak Street

**RIDE THE BEST MOVED!**

We are now in our new location and are ready to meet your demands for

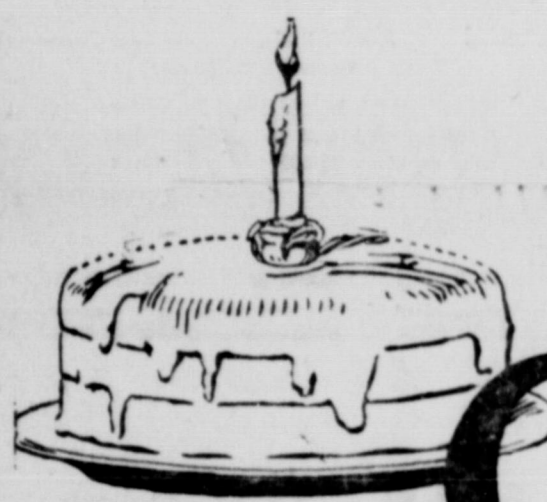
**ALL LEATHER GOODS**  
We have on hand a big assortment of COLLARS that, beginning Monday, we will close out at a SPECIAL PRICE.

We Repair Leather Goods

## S. D. MYRES

### SADDLE CO.

407 Oak St.



# A Great Success for Chrysler

One year has elapsed since the Chrysler Six was first introduced to the American public. In the span of that year, the Chrysler has grown from a mere name to a success the like of which has never been known before.

One year ago, Walter P. Chrysler promised a car that would yield new and revolutionary results. Since then, the Chrysler has more than redeemed its pledge.

In compactness and beauty of design, in quickness of response and flexibility of performance, in economy and facility of operation, in power and in stamina, it has satisfied the long-cherished wants of a critical motoring public.

\$50,000,000 and upwards has been paid by Chrysler-wild American motor car buyers for the privilege of enjoying these revolutionary results. 32,000 cars have been built and shipped in an effort to fill the demand.

It is therefore fitting that Monday, January 5th, the Chrysler's first birthday, should be a day of celebration—for the Chrysler organization because of the unparalleled success attained in one year's time—for owners and admirers because of the Chrysler's revolutionary achievements.

You are cordially invited to attend our birthday party.



The Touring Car, \$1395; The Phaeton, \$1495; The Roadster, \$1625; The Sedan, \$1825; The Brougham, \$1965; The Imperial, \$2065; The Crown Imperial, \$2195; The Royal Coupe, \$1895. All prices f. o. b. Detroit subject to current government tax.

We are pleased to extend the convenience of time-payments. Ask about Chrysler's attractive plan. Dealers everywhere.

**HUBERT TOLER**  
Distributor

# CHRYSLER SIX

## A Happy New Year!

Since coming to Sweetwater we have done our utmost to please our customers and friends. We have carried on our business strictly "as advertised." Our goods are guaranteed and if a customer is not satisfied with a purchase made here we cheerfully refund the money. We appreciate you and your patronage. We want your business and friendship. Therefore, at this time of the year, we pause to thank our friends and customers for their business during a successful year. And for the year of

## 1925

we hope to serve you in more ways and better ways than in the preceding year. It is our aim to please and satisfy every single one who does business with us. In line with our growth and expansion, we have just moved to our new location in the old Payne building, north side square. Here we are better able to take care of our patrons and our business. We have more room, a larger and better stock, and are ready for your business. You will find service, cheerfulness and value a reality in our business. We invite you to visit us and inspect our new building and stock of furniture, which is

**Andrews Furniture Company**

"THE BEST IN TOWN"

North Side The Square

Husband—"Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you?"  
 Wife—"That's what she wants to see you about."  
 "Do you ever invest money in Wall Street?"  
 "No," answered Senator Sorghum.  
 "If the market went wrong I'd lose my savings, and if it went right I'd lose my reputation."—Washington Star.  
 "Now, what's your opinion of my painting?"  
 "Well, if you really want my candid opinion—"  
 "Thanks. In that case I don't."—Punch (London).

"Clarence," she called. He stopt the car and looked around.  
 "I am not accustomed to call my chauffeurs by their first name, Clarence. What is your surname?"  
 "Darling, madam."  
 "Drive on, Clarence."  
 Princeton Eleven Will Lose 13 Men—Headline in New York Times.  
 A New York judge let a wife take the bench and sentence her husband. Asked by her if he had anything to say, he replied, "No, never."  
 Foolish is the fellow who believes all he hears, but not nearly so foolish as he who believes nothing.

### GRADE CROSSING SITUATION ENDS

Texas-Pacific Agrees to Widen Present Underpass if City Will Help Pave Approach.  
 ESTIMATED COST \$100,000  
 T-P to Spend Nearly \$100,000 in Remedying Grade Crossing Situation—To Remove Tracks.

Effective remedy of the grade crossing situation in Sweetwater at an estimated cost to the Texas-Pacific railway of nearly \$100,000 was effected in the closing days of the year at a conference between President J. L. Lancaster of the T-P and Mayor Joe H. Bothe and members of the City Commission last week.

The basis of the agreement is that the railway company will widen and otherwise improve the present underpass at the foot of Crane Street on condition that the city pave approaches to it on both the north and south sides of the railway right of way, and the railway company will bear part of the expense of the paving. The estimated cost of the improvements to the underpass on the railway right of way is in the neighborhood of \$75,000 with the railway company's share of the paving bringing the cost above that figure. Two grade crossings east of the underpass are to be closed when the work is completed.

Work is to be started at once according to Mr. Lancaster. Other T-P officials present included J. A. Somerville, vice president and general manager; R. H. Gaines, maintenance of way; and A. E. Pistole, division superintendent. The party stopped here enroute east following an inspection trip to the west end.

Sidewalks will also be provided on the new underpass. This will make it unnecessary for anyone to use the Lamar or Bowie or any of the other grade crossings in that section of town, although it is too far east to materially aid the Galveston Street crossing.

Utmost cordiality marked the conference. Mr. Lancaster said that the interests of Sweetwater were the interests of the Texas-Pacific railway and that anything his company could do to further the interests of this city would be done.

"I feel sure that some day in the not distant future Sweetwater will be much larger than it is now. I have great confidence in the future of West Texas.

The Texas-Pacific also agreed to remove as many switch tracks from the center of the city as possible and as soon as possible. Just when this will be done is not known at the present time but presumably as soon as the railway can get to it. Tracks to warehouses, freight houses, etc., must from necessity remain. It will be recalled, however, that a long passing track beginning just east of the present yard limits was begun a short time ago, and then halted at the request of city officials until the grade crossing matter could be disposed of.

As outlined by Superintendent Pistole of the T-P, this passing track would permit long freight trains to remain outside the city limits while their locomotives came up into town, performed necessary switching operations, etc., and then return to their train. With this new track, and with present crossings east of the underpass eliminated, there will be no long waits while the said locomotive pumps up the air line into the train.

It is believed that some day the T-P will be forced to enlarge their present yards in Sweetwater. Just when and how is not known at this time. But outside observers, who note the congested condition of their trackage here, and who remember that this road is using four switch engines in Sweetwater—more than in any other city west of Fort Worth—believe that the time is coming when considerable development of this character will be in line. Texas-Pacific officials haven't outlined anything like this, however.

The tightest man in the world  
 The tightest man in the world is the Scotchman who shot off a pistol out side his house on Christmas Eve and then came in and told the children that Santa Claus had committed suicide.

The customer had waited half an hour for the fish he had ordered. At last the waiter appeared.

"Your fish will be here in five minutes," he said.

Another quarter of an hour passed, and then the customer summoned the waiter. "Say," he inquired, "what kind of bait are you using?"

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnson spent Saturday at Abilene visiting her sister, Mrs. Duke Sales and niece, Mrs. L. S. Munger. They were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Treason and Miss Margaret Morrow.

# Keeping Pace With Sweetwater's Progress

*It is no small task to keep pace with Sweetwater's progress. The Sweetwater Reporter is among the Sweetwater institutions that is doing that very thing. And Sweetwater is to be congratulated upon having its newspaper located in so handsome a building. Together with its new press, The Reporter is giving Sweetwater a newspaper plant second to none in any city the size of this town.*

**THE REPORTER USES ELECTRICITY**  
*It is noteworthy that in its new quarters and with its new equipment The Reporter is depending upon this company to supply the power for its big new press, for its typesetting machinery, heat for its metal pots and light for all purposes. The Reporter knows that this company is prepared to render dependable never-failing service under the most exacting circumstances. The Reporter feels safe in depending upon us—or it would install its own power plant. For there must be no failure of current in a newspaper office.*

**CURRENT ALWAYS READY**  
*This company prides itself upon its ability to have current always ready "at the snap of your switch." It requires a heavy investment in machinery and lines to do that. In addition to our own equipment here in Sweetwater, this company the past year, tied in with other power plants to the east, whereby protection is assured at all times. Our Sweetwater plant could be destroyed by fire and our patrons never know it. It is our business to have ample current ready at all times, so that the growth of the town will not find us unprepared. And 1925 will be no exception. As in the years that have passed, your West Texas Electric Company will be on the job, 24 hours of the day, 365 days in the year, ready to render you service plus.*

**POWER FOR ALL PURPOSES**  
*During the past year this company has closed contracts with several large industrial concerns who found that current from us was more satisfactory and more economical than they could make themselves. We can take care of any power requirements up to 3,000 horsepower on a minimum of notice. Whatever development of this town is dependent upon us will be met promptly and satisfactorily.*

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE**  
*The confidence of our patrons in us and our ability to serve has enabled us to grow throughout the year. We would be ungrateful indeed if we did not appreciate this phase of the situation. In fact the pleasant relationship that exists between us and our patrons is one of our most cherished assets. And may 1925 serve to strengthen it, and bring to you and yours fullest measure of prosperity and happiness.*

## West Texas Electric Company

## New Year Greetings

To All Friends and Customers

We wish to announce that our dairy business has increased from year to year. Its volume in 1924 was 25 per cent larger than in 1923, three times as large as in 1922 and many times larger than in 1921.

This increase in business is due not to accident nor to any great amount of soliciting, but rather to the quality of products, and service we have been giving our customers, and the resulting recommendations they have been giving their friends.

Our dairy has always stood complimentary inspection. Dr. Steele, state inspector, while in Sweetwater investigating the cause of typhoid fever, expressed himself as being pleased with conditions at our dairy, and when asked by a friend of his and customer of ours about the dairy, said:

"The Glass Dairy is A One."

During the New Year we are happy to be able to assure you of continued satisfaction, especially since we have been fortunate enough to secure as help, experienced hands from the north who show skill in the management of the dairy.

We don't expect to increase our production in 1925 but we do expect to add equipment that will make it easier to keep things in a sanitary condition.

Owing to the fact that we bought more cows to accommodate our customers during the Christmas rush, we now under normal conditions, are in a position to take on a few more customers, for sweet milk, cream and buttermilk.

### The Glass Dairy

Quality — Service — Phone 293

## The Sweetwater Reporter Believes In Service So Do We!

The Sweetwater Reporter Believes in Progress So Do We!

And just as The Reporter will be on the job in 1925 so you will find us ever ready to meet your requirements in

## Dunlop Tires

(They are the best tire)  
 ALEMITE SERVICE

(We are the only authorized Alemite service Station)

MOTOR ACCESSORIES  
 (Boys, we've got 'em, including full stock Ford parts)

We wish you, one and all, a happy and prosperous 1925.

## Sweetwater Motor Co.

At Your Service  
 Phone 578

**Bible Class Gives Supper.**  
The Men's Bible Class put themselves in the class of first class hosts Thursday evening when they gave a "Father and Son" turkey dinner, with the lady Sunday School teachers as their guests of honor. Those of the class and invited guests who did not

possess a son borrowed one for the occasion, until the three long tables were well filled and there were plenty of the boys in the city to go around. The menu of roast turkey and a full line of accessories left nothing to be desired. Dr. McKissick, teacher of the men's class acted in the capacity

of master of ceremonies. C. A. Jones offered thanks and Dr. McKissick closed the program with a short prayer. He introduced the various speakers of the evening, who were C. S. Perkins, Sunday School superintendent; R. S. Calvert, Ed Bradford, Judge R. A. Ragland, and Major Lockwood, who gave a much appreciated talk on "Concentration of Your Mind on Your Job." The crowning pleasure of the evening was the splendid musical program given by Henry Rose and an impromptu orchestra, consisting of Misses Lucy, Mickey and Lady Btely Cutbirth, Sarah Steele, Wayman Rose, Earl Carter and Jack Roberts.

They gave a choice selection of numbers and continued after supper, with accompaniments for a regular glee club led by Dr. McKissick and Major Lockwood. Mr. Rose received many compliments on the work of his musical aggregation.

**SUIT IN DOTHAN WRECK**

**Mother of Victim Asks Damages For Death and Burial by Son.**

Growing out of the disastrous wreck which occurred near Dothan on the morning of May 24, 1923, the Texas & Pacific Railroad Co., is made defendant in a suit filed in the 91st district court at Eastland by Mrs. Mary Lemonte of Corsicana, in which she alleges that agents of the defendant permitted the body of her son to become burned and mutilated in a train wreck near Dothan, asking \$10,000 damages.

Plaintiff's petition alleges among other things that on or about May 24, 1923, the body of her son, Joseph Lemonte, was burned and badly mutilated in a train wreck on defendant's road and while in charge of the defendant's agents and that because of this plaintiff was deprived of the privilege of burying the body in the manner and in a grave of her own choosing. She asks \$5,000 actual and \$5,000 exemplary damages.

**Inspect T-P.**

Texas and Pacific railway officials made a trip of inspection over the Rio Grande division this week.

J. L. Lancaster, president of the Texas & Pacific, states that this has been the best year in the history of the system, and that he expects 1925 to be even better.

He said it was planned to complete the laying of 10 0miles of new steel westward from Big Spring during 1925 and to complete the 325 miles to El Paso by the end of 1926. They will continue the rock ballasting of the roadbed westward from Big Spring.—Big Spring Herald.

**Oil Man Hurt.**

A. W. Warren, oil field man, is in the Graham sanitarium suffering with burns to both of his eyes, caused by an explosion at the well where he was at work. It is stated that in shooting a well the shot was a little slow, and getting too near the well the explosion rather severely burned him about the face and injured both eyes.—Cisco Daily News.

**SAXOPHONE CONCERT**

The Sweetwater Saxophone orchestra will give a thirty minute concert Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church, beginning at 7:15. This will be in addition to the regular services.

At the morning hour the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 9:45; Christian Endeavor at 6:15 at the home of Miss Mary Wight.

**Makes Autos Go 49 Miles on 1 Gallon Gas**

SIoux Falls, S. D.—James A. May of 1397 Lacotah Bldg., has perfected an amazing new device that cuts down gas consumption, removes all carbon, prevents spark plug trouble and overheating. Many cars have made over 49 miles on a gallon. Any one can install it in five minutes. Mr. May wants agents, and is offering to send one free to one auto owner in each locality. Write him today. (Adv.)

**AMUSEMENTS**

**At The Palace.**

It is safe to assume that there isn't a man, woman or child in these United States who would be unable to give the correct answer to the question: Which is "the city that never sleeps?" And because everyone does know the answer, James Cruze's latest Paramount picture that bears the saluting title, is awaited with more than ordinary interest by local film fans. This production will be shown at the Palace Theater for two days, beginning next Monday.

New Yorkwonder city of the world—in the good "old days" before the war and before prohibition, with its notorious Bowery, East Side gangsters, cheap saloons and free lunch; and New York in 1924, with its jazz-mad Broadway, its gay White aWay, its glittering night life and its fast set—against these two contrasting backgrounds "The City That Never Sleeps" unfolds its poignant story of mother-love and sacrifice.

The picture is an adaptation by Walter Woods and Anthony Coldey of Leroy Scott's famous story, "Mother O'Day." The action centers about two women, mother and daughter. The mother keeps a cafe and dance hall in the Bowery section of New York. To make sure that her little baby girl will get the proper care and attention, she arranges to have the child adopted by an impoverished but socially prominent society woman to educate and bring up as her own.

**At The Lyric.**

A picture that has been made at the direct request of thousands of picture patrons is coming to the Lyric Theater on Monday for two days, when Hugo Ballin's picturization of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," a Goldwyn picture starring Mabel Ballin, will be screened. Mr. and Mrs. Ballin asked "fans" who watched their previous productions to write in and tell them

what picture they would like to have for the next—Hugo Ballin production.

Where they had expected but hundreds of replies they got them by the thousand. The greatest variety of answers were received, but the majority of those writing in asked that they film Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" with Mabel Ballin in the role of Becky Sharp. This was accordingly done, at the Goldwyn studios, where every facility of that vast organization was placed at Mr. Ballin's disposal.

The result is one of the year's big pictures, done in a big way. In the cast, aside from Miss Ballin, are Ho-

bart Bosworth, Eleanor Boardman, Ford, Willard Louis, Robert Mack Earle Foxe, George Walsh, Harrison and others.

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The Weather  
Tonight and Monday, generally fair and colder, light north winds; colder Monday.

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## MANY NEW FACES IN LEGISLATURE

Only 50 Old Members to 91 New Law-Makers in Coming Session of House of Representatives.

### R. M. CHITWOOD REPORTS

Sweetwater Representative Predicts 90 Days Session at Least—Other Members Arrive.

Many new faces By The United Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 3.—New faces in the ranks of the Legislature will be the outstanding feature of the 39th session scheduled to get under way here January 13, in advance of the inauguration of the state's first woman chief executive.

More than 70 per cent of the legislators are either serving their first term as lawmakers or are returning fresh from a vacation during the preceding session.

The change will be most noticeable in the House where 91 new representatives will take their seats with only 50 veterans. The Senate will have a majority of one in the veteran class, showing 16 old members as compared with 15 new comers.

What effect the fusion of new blood will have is a matter of conjecture, but some experienced legislators have indicated belief that the session will last well over the 60-day limit set for the opening meeting.

Representative R. M. Chitwood of Sweetwater who has been through several sessions, predicted a three months' grind. He reported here for duty today.

"It has been my observation that the wheels are slow in comparison to the number of new legislators. I am looking for at least a 90 day session," he said. Chitwood is primarily interested in the State Educational system.

Other solons pointed out, however, that many legislators are coming to Austin with empty hands to act as supporters of the administration and in a critical capacity.

Senator J. D. Parnell of Wichita Falls said he would have no bills at the opening of the session. Homer Maxwell indicated that he had nothing in mind at present. A. H. King, veteran representative from Throckmorton, said he would support the Administration.

A stiff increase in the gasoline tax was foreshadowed at the Dallas conference and a bill to modify the cattle law will probably be introduced early in the session.

Former Governor J. E. Ferguson indicated that some measure will be placed in the legislative hopper by the Administration such as measures deemed necessary for the improvement of the state prison system and enlargement of the facilities for the 110,000 wards of the state.

## Hight - Sweetin Love Pact Ended By Judge Kerns

MT. VERNON, Ill., Jan. 3.—Rev. Lawrence Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin were sentenced today for the murder of Wilford Sweetin. An appeal for a new trial was overruled by Judge Kerns.

Hight must spend the rest of his life at Southern Illinois penitentiary, while Mrs. Sweetin will spend 35 years in the penitentiary at Joliet.

Mrs. Sweetin said she would still fight for her freedom, declaring that she is innocent. She said she had received offers of financial assistance from every state in the union.

## EXPECT CROWD

Thirty-Nine Posts to be Represented at District Convention of Legion Sunday.

All indications point to a large attendance at the 17th District American Legion Convention which will be held here next Sunday, January 11. There are 39 posts in the district and one or more delegates from each district is expected.

There will be union services at the First Baptist Church at 11 o'clock with special music. State Commander Mark McGee of Brownwood will deliver an address on "God and Country," stressing religion and patriotism.

The delegates will be guests of the Sweetwater Club at a luncheon at the Hotel Wright. The convention proper will get under way at the court house at 2 o'clock. Many women from the Legion Auxiliaries have announced that they will attend.

## Engaged



Miss Mary Jane Harbour of Louisville, Ky., now engaged in advertising in New York is engaged to marry John R. Drexel, Jr., of the wealthy Philadelphia family.

## Freak Weather Features 1924 In This Section

The year 1924 just passed, was a dry one so far as rainfall was concerned, according to the record of weather for 1924 kept by the Sweetwater Vulcanizing Co. The total moisture for the year brought by rain and snow was 20.88 inches.

The preceding year of 1923 had a total rainfall of 37.25 inches, according to records, an increase of nearly 17 inches over 1924.

Rain during 1924 averaged less than one and a quarter inch per month. The snowfall during the year was over six inches.

An erratic temperature featured 1924, with the mercury traversing the thermometer from top to bottom, almost, during the 12 months. The hottest day during the year was recorded on June 15. On that day, the mercury stood at about 90 degrees at 8 a. m., and went to the 106 degree mark by early afternoon. The 106 degree mark was not beaten during the usually hot months of July and August, although the temperature reached slightly over 100 degrees two or three times in each month.

The coldest day recorded in 1924 was December 19, when the mercury dropped to 3 degrees at 8 a. m., although the mercury went under the zero mark the night before, breaking all cold weather records for Sweetwater. An unusual freak in the cold weather was noted when on the 4th of July, 1924, many folks found overcoats very comfortable while attending the Legion picnic here.

The coldest day in 1923 was December 31, when the temperature was 16 degrees. The hottest day in 1923 was July 18, when the mercury stood at 100 degrees.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Toler Motor Company Issues Invitations to Chrysler Party.

Invitations have been issued by the Toler Motor Company to a reception to be held in the Toler building to celebrate the first anniversary of the Chrysler Six.

Advance indications point to a very interesting entertainment.

## TAKE OFFICE

County Officials, Both New and Re-Elected, Take Oath of Office January First.

County officials, both newly elected and re-elected, took the oath of office January 1, and are now settled down to their work at the court house for the coming term.

Besides the constables, justices and other officers over the county, there were 12 important offices filled here January 1 when that many old and new officials took oath.

Old officials who are back for another term after being re-elected are A. S. Mauzey, county judge; Gus Farrar, county clerk; Jack Yarborough, sheriff; Miss Willie Elliott, county tax collector; R. D. Cox, Jr., county attorney; W. T. Hightower, county treasurer; H. P. Harkins, tax assessor; I. W. Brashear, Justice of Peace. New county officials who have taken office are W. H. Scott, superintendent of county schools and Cy Dennis, county commissioner.

## FRANCE DELAYS PLAN FOR DEBT

French Plan Unacceptable to America—Plans Acceptable to U. S. Opposed in France.

### SPARRING FOR TIME

Opposition to Premier Herriot Jockeying to Get Him in Unfavorable Position.

By The United Press.  
PARIS, France, Jan. 3.—Ambassador Herriot is advising the French government that certain features of the debt settlement proposal of Premier Herriot and Finance Minister Clementel are unacceptable to America, the United Press learned tonight on good authority.

This, it is said, is the real reason behind the delay in submitting the official and open offer to Washington.

France, in the language of the fighting ring, is "sparring for time" and this accounts for contradictory statements issued to the press this week.

Opposition newspapers there are anxious to jockey Premier Herriot into an unsatisfactory position by the time the Chamber of Deputies convenes.

It appears that any offer that Herriot could make that would be satisfactory to the United States would arouse a storm of opposition.

## MANY PRISONERS TO BE PARDONED

Former Governor Ferguson Declares Number Pardons He Issued Small As Possible.

### CALL MEETING OF BOARD

Special Joint Session Prison Committee and Advisory Board Called For Monday.

By The United Press.  
HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 3.—A special joint session of the Prison Commission and the Prison Advisory Board has been called to meet Monday by the State Prison Commission Chairman Herring, late today.

Special significance is attached to the meeting in view of the fact that former Governor J. E. Ferguson and Commissioner Herring have just completed a tour of the prison farms and state prisons.

Chairman Herring declined to reveal the nature of the session.

Pardoning of prisoners will be resumed with the advent of the Ferguson administration, the former Governor said today.

"There are a number of convicts in the prisons and on the farms who should be freed and my wife will give them freedom as soon as she can get around to it," Ferguson said.

Although he announced that one change would be made in the personnel of the Texas Prison Commission, Ferguson declined to say who would be affected.

## Negroes Celebrate With Alcohol-Rub, Get Kick and Fine

Colored celebrators of New Year have taken to the well known "alcohol rub" to boost their spirits skyward, according to local officers. In fact, the sale of this rubbing solution that is almost pure alcohol, if there is such a thing, has advanced considerably since the city commission put the ban on "jake." Several negroes have been relieved of half-emptied bottles of the "rub" as they were dragged to the city jail to sober up a bit.

During New Year, two negro women became tanked up on the latest hit and started a rough house in the colored section. A battle in which a case knife was the chief weapon of attack and defense followed and officers were called out to quell the fray. Alcohol-rub and two colored women were the results of the raid. The drinks were destroyed and the women paid off in Corporation Court.

A negro man also paid a fine of \$12.70 in Judge Yantis' court Friday on a charge of drunkenness after he had used the alcohol rubbing mixture internally instead of as per direction.

Income Doubles  
By The United Press  
AUSTIN, Jan. 3.—Operating incomes from Texas railroads during the first ten months of 1924 is nearly double that of 1923.

## Goes to Jail to Spite Hubby—Fl. Worth Druggist

By The United Press.  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Peggy Kennon, wife of Clyde Kennon, Fort Worth druggist, is in jail here today charged with shoplifting.

"I did it to humiliate my husband," the comely 24-year-old matron explained.

"I want him to have some of the misery he caused me. He has had detectives watching me for months and has persecuted me in every way."

Mrs. Kennon is the step-daughter of Jaun Bandini of San Diego, an old California family.

## TO APPORTION PECOS WATERS

Report of Compact Between Texas and New Mexico Received by Governor Neff Saturday.

### TO DEVELOP VALLEY

Flood Waters of Pecos River to be Economically Apportioned Between Two States.

By The United Press.  
AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 3.—Report of the compact between the States of Texas and New Mexico as to the rights to use of water from the Pecos river and its tributaries has been made to Governor Neff who will transmit it to the legislature.

The purpose of the compact is to provide for the equitable distribution and apportionment of the unappropriated flood waters of the Pecos river system to remove the causes of present and future controversies. The compact promises the development of the Pecos valley by an economical distribution of water.

The compact was prepared by R. E. Thomson and Richard H. Hanna of the two states and by C. T. Tease, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior representing the U. S. Government.

The compact contains 16 articles. It will become binding when it has been approved by the legislatures of the two states and by the congress of the United States.

## World May Expect Dry Weather in 1925 Declare Scientists

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The year 1925 will be the driest the universe has experienced this century, an official of British Meteorological Department told the Associated Press in explaining a new discovery which departmental experts here made and which, it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.

St. Swithin will have 12 months of large scale unemployment after Christmas, the department has empirically predicted and the drought to come will not only dry up these soggy islands, but extend to the rest of the world.

This statement was made after much study on the part of weather scientists and as the result of the discovery that a close connection exists between rainfall, particularly in Great Britain, and the frequency of solar prominences. The latter are explained to be the tongues of flaming gas that dart out from the sun's surface, sometimes to a height of 250,000 miles and at a speed of more than 150 miles an hour.

Experts have spent three years studying the relation of this phenomenon with the fall of rain and have learned that the interval between the dates when these giant fireworks are most active has grown progressively shorter during the last half century, while the periodicity of wet years in England has shown a corresponding change. The mathematical curves indicate a relationship that is too definite to be overlooked, say the department chiefs.

This relativity is nothing new. It was noticed about 1865, and for the next 25 years, every fifth year in England was wet, the other four being dry or normal. All this time the solar prominences were appearing regularly and normally. At the end of the 25 years the flames appeared off-center and continued to appear at regular periods for 25 years when every third year was wet. From 1910 to 1921 the flames were more active and alternate years were wet and dry.

The droughty year of 1921 appears to have been the turning point. For now the department experts have figured out that for the next period of increased solar activity the years will be in cycles of three, two wet years and one dry one. The year 1922 is reckoned as the last year on the late period, therefore the years 1923 and 1924 have been the wet ones and 1925, if any fact can be placed in the constancy of the solar prominences of the sun, should be a dry one in England and a droughty one for the rest of the world.

## BOSTON SUBWAY SCENE OF PANIC

Explosion Under Seat of Car Followed by Flames Excites Large Crowds in Cars.

### MANY ARE TRAMPLED

Others Suffer From Burns—Car Door Stuck—Passengers Smashed Windows To Get Out.

By The United Press.  
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 3.—Thirty persons were injured by burns in a subway car at the underground Park Street station today with a panic in which 200 were injured following the discovery of the blaze.

An explosion took place under the seat of the car, followed by a sheet of flame which set fire to the upholstery and woodwork. Passengers fought frantically to escape but the doors stuck. Windows were smashed by many who were anxious to get away from the flames. The car and station platform were crowded and many passengers were trampled under foot in the panic.

Investigations revealed pieces of motion picture film near where the explosion occurred, and police believe the film, accidentally ignited, caused the fire.

None of the injured are thought to be in a serious condition.

## ORANGE TRAPPER IN LAWS HANDS

Man Wanted in Connection Killing Two Officials Fur Company Surrenders at Orange.

### POSSES SEARCHED BAYOUS

Long Hunt Conducted For Fugitive—Claims Self Defense and Exhibits Wounds on Self.

By The United Press.  
ORANGE, Texas, Jan. 3.—Surrendering himself to officers here late today, Ned Harvey, Orange trapper, is being held here in connection with the slaying of two men, Archie Byrd and John Springer, both officials of the Johnson Brown Fur Co., with headquarters at Johnson Bayou, La. Harvey surrendered to officers here shortly after arriving at the home of his brother.

Harvey declared that he shot in self defense, and exhibited several minor wounds and bullet holes in his clothing.

"Springer and Byrd were slain as they ate their New Year supper in the mess hall of the fur company's headquarters. Witnesses to the shooting declared Harvey entered the building and started firing. He had been employed by the company until discharged recently.

Posses and officers of Texas and Louisiana searched the marshes near Johnson Bayou on foot and by boat through last night and today seeking Harvey without success.

Harvey will fight extradition when officers arrive from Leesburg, La., to take him into custody.

## Boy Babies Haven't Same Chance to Live As Have Girl Infants

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Boy babies have not the same chance of living as girl babies, they are the weaker sex, according to Prof. S. J. Holmes, zoologist of the University of California, speaking here today before the American Statistical Association.

"In the first year of life many more boys die than girls, the proportion of boy deaths being greater in the first month and gradually decreasing through the rest of the year. Studies made in places, periods and social strata where the infant death rate is low, show the ratio of boy deaths to girls is high. As we go back in embryonic life this ratio steadily increases. The male, apparently is the weaker animal, at least at the start of life."

## GREATER THINGS

Few folks have realized just what important strides this city was making during the year that has gone. We did not really grasp them until we started summing things up. And when you read the total amount of building permits, when you learn that the Sweetwater postoffice has become an office of the first class and recall just a few of the other splendid things this city has accomplished this year, then you will begin to grasp the real importance of this town. And even greater things are in store for 1925. Just wait and see.

## Visits U. S.



Dr. Oscar Hartmann, prominent German banker, now in this country, receives his European colleagues frequently come to the United States with mistaken notions. He says most of them seem to think America has unlimited funds.

## Mother Dies Soon After Birth Of Son - Santa Fails

Dying from pneumonia a scant 12 hours after her infant son was born, Mrs. Frances C. Kline was buried at Palava Friday afternoon, Rev. J. R. Henson officiating.

Surviving besides the husband, is a daughter, aged 8, and two sons, aged five and three years respectively, also an aged father, J. W. Berry and several brothers.

A brother, J. G. Berry, died a day or so before Christmas and Mr. Kline was one of the members of the funeral party that accompanied the body to Grand Saline for burial on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Kline and her eight year old daughter had been picking cotton at Memphis, Texas, during the fall. They came to Sweetwater a day or so before Christmas. The little eight year old girl never had had a doll. She hoped that Santa Claus would bring her one this Christmas. But he didn't.

There was only a small oil stove to keep out the biting cold of the Christmas season. Santa Claus didn't come at all, either to the eight year old girl or to the two younger brothers. Instead, came the dread figure of pneumonia to claim the mother. And the Angels of Birth and Death well nigh passed on the way. Neighbor women learned of the circumstances. A doll found its way to the little eight year old girl. Some playthings were brought to the little tots. Clothing for the wee stranger arrived. Other folks brought a stove and some coal. Dr. Chapman was in attendance and all that medical science could do to ease the way into the Valley of Shadow was done. The husband returned from Grand Saline in time to be at his wife's bedside as she died. The family lived in a small house just north of Oak street.

## FIND SIX DEAD

Entire Family Found Dead in Home From Poison Gas.

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## GALES TERRIFIC

English Isles and Norway and Denmark Swept by Storm—Fish Soar in Market Price.

## Fireman Killed

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—One fireman was killed, two others injured and more than two hundred people were driven from their homes here today in a blaze which did \$750,000 damage.

## REVISE POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Postage on Second Class Under Revision Lower Than at Present—Religious Papers Pay.

### COOLIDGE TO APPROVE

President Declares Will Approve Salary Increase Postal Employees if Money in Sight.

By The United Press.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The Postal Rate Bill as amended by the Senate Committee and presented yesterday is acceptable to President Coolidge, Senator Moses of New Hampshire, Republican, said today following a conference at the White House.

It was the President's view, Moses said, that the origin Postal Department Bill presented to Congress was for the information of that body and the duty to work the full bill. If the funds to provide for salary increase for postal employes are scientifically arranged for, the increase will meet the approval of the White House.

The revised bill would raise postal revenues about \$60,000,000 and the amount of this increase from second class postal service decreased from \$9,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Rates on newspapers and periodicals is set at 1 3/4c a pound, a decrease of 3/4c from existing rates but religious and educational publications, now carried free, would be required to pay postage, thereby increasing the gross revenue.

A large portion of the increased revenue will come from a 25c special delivery charge levied on parcel post packages. The revised bill is designed as a temporary measure only, in effect from Feb. 15, 1925 to Feb. 15, 1926.

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## CLEAR MURDER

Find Body of Tong Man Dead Six Days in Cellar.

By The United Press.  
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—Police tonight thought to clear up the murder of Tim Lim, On Leong gunman whose mutilated corpse was found today in the cellar of a Chinese merchant here. Lim was the victim of the Hip Sing hatchetmen, according to police.

Records show that Lim was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a white man and a Chinese, in Uniontown, Oregon, in 1917. He served 5 years in the Oregon penitentiary and was then pardoned.

Police believed Lim was involved in a majority of tong war atrocities, and may be guilty of several hundred murders during the past five years. A plumber searching for a leaky water pipe tumbled over the body of the terrorist today. Lim had been dead for a week.

## Couple Starts New Year With Auto Wedding De Luxe

A 20th century wedding de luxe in which a merry "honk-honk" was substituted for the wedding bells, a humming motor supplanted the strains of "Mendelssohn," and the bride and groom joined hands at the steering-wheel-altar was solemnized in Sweetwater just a few hours before the old year of 1924 passed out.

It was just a case of "Ray and His Little Chevrolet," as it were, and sets a new example in the list of uses for an automobile.

Prentice Sikes, an employe of a Roscoe drug store, and Miss Charlie Fay Hopkins, both popular and well known young couple of that thriving Nolan county metropolis, slid the wheels of Prentice's Chevrolet roadster to a stop before the parsonage of the minister here and a long wail issued from the Klaxon. Elder W. D. Black, close friend of the couple, marched out to the car with Bible in hand, having been notified beforehand of the event.

In a few minutes it was all over, and with the best wishes of the preacher ringing in their ears, the happy couple chug-chugged away towards Abilene and the New Year.

A 21 per cent increase in postal receipts is some gain when you stop and think about it. But that is what the Sweetwater postoffice registered this past year. And not only that, it now becomes an office of the first class, which is a distinction worth while. Among the changes will be an increase in salary for Postmaster Howard. There are few postoffices more efficiently managed nor with better records for courteous service to the public.

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Settlement of the vexatious grade crossing situation in Sweetwater, the basis for which has been agreed upon by T-P and city officials, is a credit alike to both parties.

By this agreement, the present underpass will be widened and paved, with approaches, so that no one need use the Lamar or Bowie street crossings. Crossings east of the underpass will be closed to traffic altogether. While one of these is the main Bankhead Highway crossing, plans for the improvement of this highway call for an overhead crossing east of the Sweetwater city limits, so that traffic will not be inconvenienced in the slightest.

It was found that the cost of putting an underpass at Lamar or Bowie would be prohibitive, not only from a construction standpoint but also from the damage to abutting property. As many switch tracks as possible however will be removed from these two crossings.

The cost of the improvements will be \$100,000 to the Texas-Pacific, and will also cost the city an amount to be determined, but not nearly as expensive of course. The city's portion of the expenditure will be confined to part of the cost of paving approaches.

It must be remembered that the grade crossing evil in Sweetwater is just one of hundreds that exist in every city traversed by the Texas-Pacific, as well as the countless number of such crossings in rural sections. The action of this corporation is all the more a credit to it on that account. It shows conclusively that Sweetwater stands high in the regard of this company—an opinion that a little fostering would not hurt in the least.

The successful ending of the negotiations are also a high point in the list of achievements of the present city administration. One of the most serious menaces to the development of the South Side has been eliminated as well as an important safeguard to life of citizens of the entire town provided.

IN NEW HOME

The Reporter is grateful indeed for the many congratulations that it has received on account of its new home and its new press. Both are in use for the first—time Sunday, January 4, 1925.

The Reporter is your newspaper. It is dedicated to the upbuilding and development of this section in particular and West Texas in general. It has reached its present state of efficiency due solely to the co-operation received from advertisers and from subscribers. Its continued growth is entirely in your hands. The publication of a daily newspaper is very expensive—the better the newspaper the larger its daily expense account.

With the new equipment, naturally The Reporter expects to be of greater service to its patrons and to the community generally. And here and now, we re-dedicate ourselves to greater efforts on your behalf during 1925 and the years to come—that Sweetwater's newspaper may be truly representative of the great section it serves.

We are not ready to receive company. Carpenters, electricians and machinists have not yet finished. But just as soon as we get settled in our new quarters and get organized, we'll have a housewarming to which everyone will be invited to in epets!! one will be invited to inspect our new equipment. And we'll have it just as soon as possible.

THE TAX RATE

The ordinary—discussion of taxes on the street and on the political stump contains more complaint and less information than is conducive to logical examination of the interests and issues—involved. The confirmed attitude of the Dallas property owner about the Dallas rate of taxation is that "it is simply terrible." At least that is what you tell your neighbor and what your neighbor tells you. But both of you tell a different story to your visiting "prospect" from the North who is intending to open a factory and wants advice—about it. In which of your statements are you right?

The Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, Inc., undertakes from year to year to find out the taxation facts of a large number of American cities. In the National Municipal Review for December 174 cities in the United States and ten in Canada are listed with a table which includes, for each, figures to cover population, assessment values, true-value ratios, and tax rate on the basis of the true value of property. This table gives Dallas as having a combined city, school, county and State tax nominally at the rate of \$4.04 out of the \$100, and actually \$1.85 on the \$100 of true value. On a true-value basis the highest taxed city in the country, this table shows, is Hoboken, which pays \$4.27, and the lowest is Little Rock, where the real rate is \$1.14. The average for the American cities is found to be \$3.21. From this it will be seen that Dallas pays a little more than one-half the average rate for the American cities shown. Of course not all the cities are represented. Comparison with San Antonio, however, shows Dallas to be getting off with \$1.85, where as it costs the Alamo City \$3.08 per \$100 to satisfy all governmental claims at the tax window. Galveston pays \$2.88, Wichita Falls \$2.52 and Waco \$2.53.

The basis of the estimate that Dallas pays but \$1.85 per \$100 for taxes is on the calculation that we render property at about 46 per cent of its true value, although the law contemplates 100 per cent rendition. Our nominal combined rate of \$4.04 is thus reduced to \$1.85.

It is interesting to note that many cities have discarded the personal property tax, altogether, relying upon realty alone. Many other variations in the methods of levying taxes are encountered. These are taken into account in the endeavor to make the comparison on as—even a footing as possible. The conclusion arrived at is that, on the whole, taxation figures continue to advance from year to year, but the increase is now much more gradual than formerly was the case. The—prediction for the future is that the rate will still climb in the average American city.

The usual division of the tax dollar is as follows: The city gets 40c, the schools get 30c, the county 20c, the State 10c. This is referred to as the 4-2-3-1 basis. This is taken to be the natural ratio of interest based on the services rendered and the jurisdiction covered by the tax-receiving sovereignty. The need for uniformity of assessment is stressed by C. E. Rigler in his comment on the figures.—The Dallas News.

The above editorial, which appeared in the December 27th issue of the Dallas News, has so much common sense in it that it is worthy of some comment. It is a fact that the subject of taxes is one of the subjects most discussed and least understood. —Folks ordinarily do not stop to analyze what the real tax rate is. We have gotten into the habit of stating to ourselves and almost every one we meet that our rate "is simply terrible." When we add our state rate of 75c, county rate of \$1.75, city rate of \$1.90 and school rate of 80c all together, we have a total in Sweetwater of \$5.20, and this does sound terrible. But when we apply the same yard stick to our tax rate that the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research has applied to 174 cities in the United States, we find that that our rate is not terrible; it just sounds terrible. If Sweetwater property were valued on the rolls at its real value, our real rate would be \$1.90. In other words, our total real rate would be about what our city rate alone is on our present system of valuation.

It would sound better to a prospective citizen if Sweetwater's valuations were higher and the tax rate correspondingly lower. One of the first questions a prospector asks is, "What is your tax rate?" He does not ask what per cent of a real value you place your property on the rolls. The tax problem is a big problem for any city, and the valuation problem is the biggest part of the problem. When all angles are considered, the major problem of valuation in equalization. If a thinking citizen owns \$10,000 worth of property he doesn't really care whether he pays a \$1.00 tax on a \$5,000 valuation or a 50c tax of a \$10,000 valuation.

In our opinion the equalization problem is one of the major problems confronting our city and schools during this coming New Year. Many

cities have successfully solved this problem by employing tax valuation experts who scientifically value the city on the Unit Foot Plan.

Let's try to understand our taxes better, and work together to devise some plan whereby our real tax rate and our apparent tax rate are not so far apart.

A TEXAS COMMISSIONER

It seems certain that Commissioner Potter of the Interstate Commerce Commission will resign Jan. 15, making it necessary for the President to appoint a Democratic member of this important commission, it behooves Texas and the whole Southwest to exert all its influence in getting a man from this section on this important board.

The South and the Southwest have never had a member on this commission. It is certain that the President will not longer neglect this part of the country and will look to some section west of the Mississippi for a man to fill this vacancy.

Texas has a man that she should urge for the place—the present chair of the Railroad Commission, Clarence E. Gilmore.

Mr. Gilmore, experienced on the Texas commission, would be of infinite benefit to the I. C. C., as he, having been on a State commission, would take to the commission the viewpoint of the States, and would be of aid in preventing friction between State and national rail governing bodies.

WHAT WILL 1925 BRING YOU?

Was 1924 a good year for you? Do you look back over it with pleasure? Or are you glad it has gone into eternity forever, and a new year is at hand that may bring better things?

Many will contemplate 1924 with satisfaction. It brought to them, increased money or wisdom or happiness. Others were less fortunate. An admirable institution is New Year's Day, on which we take stock of our condition and, tearing the old calendar down, start anew with fresh enthusiasm and ambition. It is the time to forget, as well as the time to make good resolutions.

We can profit by experience—especially by our mistakes. Errors teach us what not to do again. They pilot us safely through the future if we have learned our lesson. Experience is to the individual what capital is to a business. Experience also teaches us what NOT to do. That is quite as important as knowing what TO do.

It is unfortunate that so many people see in New Year's Day only a reminder of errors. There is too much "resolving not to do," too little "resolving to do." Ideal is the combination of both. Good resolutions need not all be negative. New Year's Day is quite as much a time to start as a time to quit.

What a man is today compared with a year ago is far less important than what he will be a year from now. And his condition Jan. 1, 1925, will depend largely on himself—on his ambition, his efforts, his determination. Some will resolve to increase their income in 1925. Others will resolve to improve their knowledge and wisdom. Still others will primarily seek greater happiness, and a few will realize that it is found in greatest abundance by making others happy. Let mistakes and weaknesses die with the old year. Let renewed ambition, determination and kindness arrive with 1925. Ahead into the unknown!

Honors Her Mother.

Mrs. J. H. Doscher gave a delightful tea party Tuesday afternoon to about eighty of her friends in the city, honoring her mother, Mrs. C. P. Shearn of Houston, who has spent the holiday season with her and has been the recipient of a number of other social courtesies.

Mrs. Doscher's home was especially attractive with its tracery of Southern Smilax and baskets of gorgeous carnations. Mrs. C. A. Rosebrough and Mrs. A. J. Wimberly met the guests at the door and introduced them to Mrs. Doscher. Mrs. Shearn, Mrs. A. J. Hamner and Mrs. R. A. Ragland.

Mrs. Paul B. Sorenson, Mrs. Charles Kirtley, Mrs. Jim Dulaney, Mrs. R. S. Malone and Mrs. Mose Newman assisted in entertaining and serving tea from a beautifully laid table in the dining room. The handsome Madeira cloth was in keeping with the polished silver and sparkling cut glass appointments of the table.

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DAWES PLAN HELPS

Marked Improvement in European Exchange Credited to New Economic Scheme.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The marked improvement in foreign exchanges this year was generally construed by bankers as a reflection of the progress made in the economic rehabilitation of Europe through the adoption of the Dawes plan.

Three European currencies, Swedish crowns, Swiss francs and Dutch guilders, returned to parity, and were occasionally quoted at a small premium. The Canadian dollar was also quoted at a premium for the first time since 1922. Starting exchange which had been quoted as low as \$4.24 1/2 last January, rose above \$4.70 this month to within a couple of cents of the peak price established in 1922-23, which was the nearest approach to parity since the war. The final stage of this advance, coming at a time when the normal course of exchange is downward, due to unusually heavy grain and cotton shipments, represented the return of British capital, which had migrated to America when the Labor government came into power in England through the passage of adverse legislation on money capital and during the numerous crises that developed over the reparations problem, prior to the adoption of the Dawes report. Shifting of funds from New York to London to take advantage of the higher interest rates in the British capital also was a factor in the advance.

French exchange, which touched 3.42 cents in March, the lowest price in recent history, rallied to 4.85 cents in the next six weeks, following the announcement that J. P. Morgan & Co. had placed a credit of \$100,000,000 at the disposal of the Bank of France in order to permit it to combat the offensive against the franc, which had been launched by speculative interests, taking advantage of France's vulnerable financial position. So rapid was the advance in this currency that the Bank of France found it necessary to sell francs and go short of its own currency in order to prevent the disruption of French export business. Towards the close of the year the rate seemed to stabilize between 5 1/4 and 5 1/2 cents.

The only important new coin to make its appearance in international trading was the Polish zloty, quoted around 19 1/5 cents. Germany has adopted a new coin known as the reichsmark for domestic purposes, but local dealers continued to quote the old paper marks, which were stabilized at 234 5/8 cents a trillion, although there was little actual business in that currency, the bulk of the business with Germany being done in dollars, sterling, Swiss francs or the Scandinavian currencies.

Bridge Party For Guests.

Miss Bessie Beall entertained with four tables of bridge. Friday afternoon, complimentary to Miss Rozelle Brand of Hamlin and her sister, Mrs. Lester Mays of Waco. Mrs. A. H. Fortner made the highest and Mrs. J. H. Doscher low score, both received lovely prizes. Both guests were made happy over lovely New Year gifts. Miss Beall served a salad plate at the close of the games.

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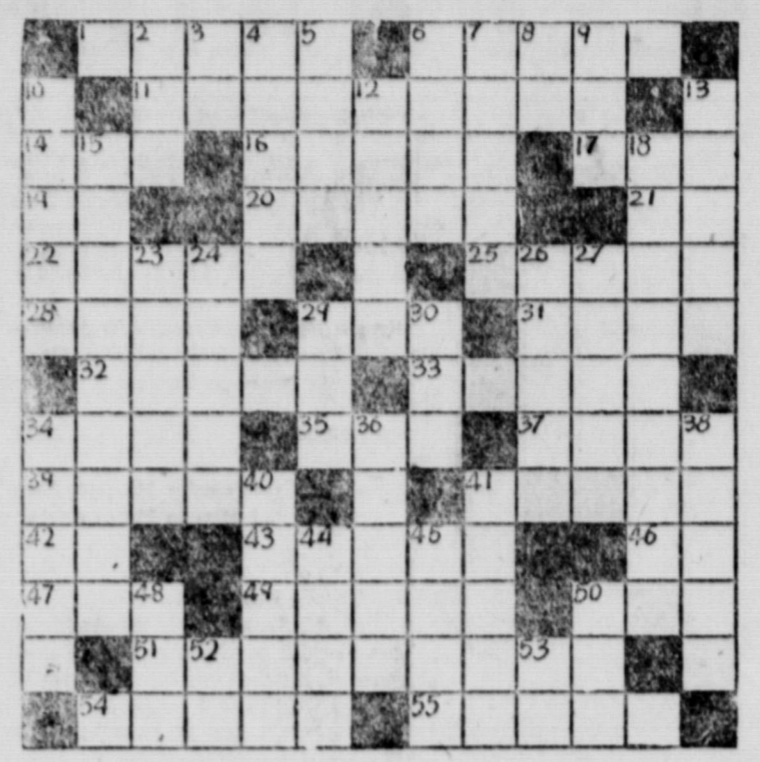
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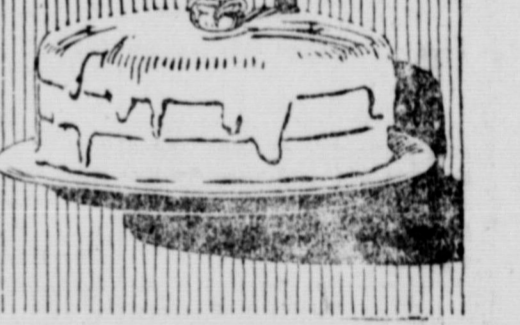
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*Wool dresses that were \$39.75, now \$26.25*

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## Self Culture Club.

Mrs. C. W. Breeding was hostess Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Self Culture Club at the home of Mrs. Roy Scudday. Mrs. Scudday's living rooms were abloom with lovely roses and fragrant carnations. Mrs. I. S. Pocht led the program on "Immigration," which is a subject much discussed these days, and promises to be one of more importance during the coming year.

Mrs. G. E. Ramsey, Mrs. C. W. Bryant, Mrs. E. D. Cox, and Mrs. W. W. Davis told of different phases in the immigration problem facing the United States.

Miss Verna Sheppard of T. C. U., gave pleasure with a piano solo. A course of delightful refreshments was served during the social hour. Others



enjoying Mrs. Breeding's hospitality with the club, were: Mrs. E. B. Hull, Mrs. George Sheppard, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. O. S. Stephenson, Mrs. Ace Henson and Mrs. James McNamara of Dallas.

## Back Broken

By the United Press. HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 3.—His back broken when struck by a train at a grade crossing, Thos. Tea, 27, is dying in a local hospital.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

By HARRY B. HUNT, N.E.A. Service Writer. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Filipinos' hint, through the Department of Labor and communications at Manila, that they would like to join the League of Nations if they could, is taken in rather unexpected fashion in Washington, considering the general policy of the dominant political party of today.

"Oh, if the islands only could be unloaded on the league!" That's the tone of a great deal of the common heard from men high enough in administration councils to know how the government really feels.

The truth is, the Philippines are embarrassing President Coolidge seriously. American business interests in the archipelago are considerable, but they are in the hands of a comparatively small group, which the president knows the vast majority of people in the United States have small inclination to give money and blood to protect.

So long as there seemed to be no prospect that such expenditures were going to be required, it was all very well for the Washington government to indorse the group's contention that America is morally responsible to keep the flag flying over the islands.

Now, however, with the whole American people at home clamoring for economy, comes the Japanese threat, meaning huge naval expendi-

tures for the islands' safety—and for nothing else. The Philippines are America's weak spot.

They're a liability rather than an asset, but the United States couldn't afford to have them taken away from her forcibly, even if it could be a relief.

By grabbing them, Japan, at any time, could compel this country to go to war with her.

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