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Sonora Fire Record Gets Removal of 15 Pct. Penalty

Insured Property Loss Only \$45 in 1931, \$4480 in 1930

Reduced insurance rates will save hundreds of dollars for Sonora property owners in 1932 and coming years due to removal of the 15 per cent penalty which had been assessed here following the disastrous fire three years ago on the south side of the principal business block.

An excellent record for three years was climaxed in 1931 with a fire loss of insured property of only \$45, an unusual record for a town of Sonora's size. In 1930 the loss was \$4480, all of which was incurred in the destruction of a house owned by Mrs. R. Watkin.

Penalties for bad record are based on a percentage of the key rate. The new basis in Sonora will mean that insurance will cost approximately 10 cents less on a hundred dollars' evaluation.

The Sonora Volunteer fire company, organized in September, was instrumental in preventing the \$45 fire from being more serious. It caught from a defective flue in the John A. Martin house in south Sonora.

K. V. E. Scott Dies at Sonora Home Following Stroke

Body of Contractor Shipped to Pennsylvania Wednesday for Burial

K. V. E. Scott, 64, a resident of Sonora for 20 years and widely known in this part of West Texas, died Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis the night before at midnight. "Scotty," as he was known in Sonora, was for many years a contractor and carpenter here, later building and operating the La Vista theatre.

His body was taken to San Angelo Wednesday, and prepared for shipment to his boyhood home in McKeesport, Pa. He was unmarried, but is survived by a brother, I. Masten Scott, and by two sisters, who also live in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Scott built many residences in this country, and was hurt in repairing a home here several years ago. His leg was broken in a fall and later amputated.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and in addition to a pension received as a veteran, had considerable other income.

COUNTY HEALTH BOARD HAS CALLED MEETING

The campaign for immunization to diphtheria begun by the Parent-Teacher Association last summer and renewed within recent weeks by the Adult Health Club, has resulted in a total of 258 inoculations to date, members of the county health board were told Monday evening at a called meeting with Miss Lucille Stone, district nurse. Mrs. Ira Shurley announced that 200 shots of serum have been ordered to be used in follow-up work among children who have already received the first treatment.

Excellent work in cleanliness at the Mexican school was reported, and also the filling of teeth for several Mexican children was recorded. Plans are being made for a cleanliness and health inspection of the Mexican school soon.

The Junior Health club has 45 members, and the Adult Health club reports donations of layettes and proper food to several new babies.

Matters discussed were: a study course for members of the board, a full time county unit, ideal sanitation program for a county health unit, testing of the water supply, and inspection of dairies. Mrs. Ira Shurley was appointed chairman of a committee to go before the city council and request inspection of dairies.

Troy White Taken to Christoval
Troy White, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken to Christoval the first of the week for treatment in a sanitarium there. It was erroneously stated last week in The News that he had made a trip to San Angelo for observation. The trip was to Del Rio, where his case was diagnosed as a type of poisoning.

D. R. & N. Head



T. N. PICNOT

T. N. Picnot, Carrizo Springs engineer, is president of the Del Rio and Northern Railway Company, which is planning to build the line from Sonora south 132 miles to Del Rio and Quemado.

Thomason Asks for Bitterweed Funds

Appropriation Sought to Bring Federal Experts Here

R. E. Thomason, Congressman representing the 16th district of Texas in the United States Congress, presented a bill Thursday asking for an appropriation sufficient to send Federal agricultural men here to work at the Ranch Experiment Station in investigating the weed. The bill went to the Appropriations committee, according to announcement from Mr. Thomason in Washington.

His wire follows:
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
JAN. 7, 3 P. M.
THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS
SONORA, TEXAS
PRESENTED MY APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO FIGHT BITTERWEED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY ASKING AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW FEDERAL EXPERT TO BE PLACED AT RANCH EXPERIMENT STATION FOR THORO INVESTIGATION.

R. E. THOMASON.
At the present time building arrangements have been completed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here, but Federal men, expected here to aid in the bitterweed fight, are not available, due to a shortage in funds in their bureau of the Department of Agriculture. The result of Mr. Thomason's application should be known within a few days.

Personals

Miss Mary Schweining was in San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlaw were in town from the ranch Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert were in town from the ranch Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken were San Angelo visitors Tuesday.

B. W. Hutcherson and Ira Green were San Angelo visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and little son, Frankie, spent Wednesday night in Sonora.

The Misses Margaret Barton and Marie Harrison were in Junction Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby McMullan, of Ozona, were in Sonora Wednesday afternoon, en route from San Angelo.

J. D. Lowrey drove to San Angelo Wednesday to meet Mrs. Lowrey, who was returning from a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. B. Awalt, at Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Long and little son, Joe Richard, returned this week from Concord, where they spent the holidays.

Miss Marietta Sessions, of Brady, left Thursday for her home, after spending the holidays visiting her cousin, Miss Harva Jones, at the Cleve Jones ranch home.

Misses Jessie Louise Evans and Faye James were Ozona visitors Sunday afternoon, at which place they were joined by Mrs. B. B. Kelly and baby son, James Britton, who accompanied the young ladies

D. R. & N. Work Progresses

George J. Trainer First Candidate to Announce, 1932

Seeks Re-election to Assessor's Office; Hutcherson and Adams Out for Sheriff-Collector

George J. Trainer, sr., for forty-seven years a resident of Sutton county, was the first citizen in the county to formally file political announcement, seeking a return to the office of tax assessor. Mr. Trainer is serving his eleventh term in the office at present.

B. W. Hutcherson, for several terms sheriff and tax collector of the county, announced Thursday morning for re-election. He won an interesting race in 1930 to be returned to office.

Virtually all incumbents in county offices at present have signified their intention of running, but only the two have made formal announcement. Statements of the two candidates are being run elsewhere in this issue.

According to present indications a majority of the county offices will not be contested. Just what is to be the situation of the 112th judicial district is uncertain. Incumbents are expected by local political observers to run again.

D. Q. Adams, Camp Allison ranchman, Thursday announced he would be a candidate for sheriff and tax collector. Mr. Adams has lived in Sutton county all of his life, and had seven terms experience as an office holder, having represented Precinct 3 as county commissioner for 14 years, without opposition.

High School Loop Team to Play 16th

Eldorado First Opponent; Place for Game Not Decided

Coch A. L. Smith's Sonora High School basketball squad will open the season Friday, Jan. 15, with Eldorado as its opponent. The scene of the battle has not been decided, although Smith hopes to have the game played here.

The following Saturday, Jan. 23, the Bronchos will journey to Ozona, to get a taste of indoor playing in the new school gymnasium there.

Smith is developing a strong team, with three veterans out, and with a number of likely candidates. Ory and Archer are forwards, with Ory showing unusual form in practice. Kring is a veteran center. Jesse Green Barton and Ernest Smith are being developed into guards. A total of 12 men is reporting for practice.

CAR REGISTRATION IS PROGRESSING SLOWLY

Car registration is progressing slowly in Sutton county, says J. E. Grimland, deputy collector of taxes. Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock only 74 cars had been registered.

Ten truck owners have completed the requirements necessary to secure truck license plates for the coming year. January 31 is the last day for registering.

To Manage Andrus Hotel

Mrs. Ethel Gregory, who formerly ran the Kirkland Hotel here, was in Sonora Friday, and stated that she was moving from Ozona to San Angelo, where she will take charge of the Andrus Hotel.

to Sonora for a visit in the home of Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James.

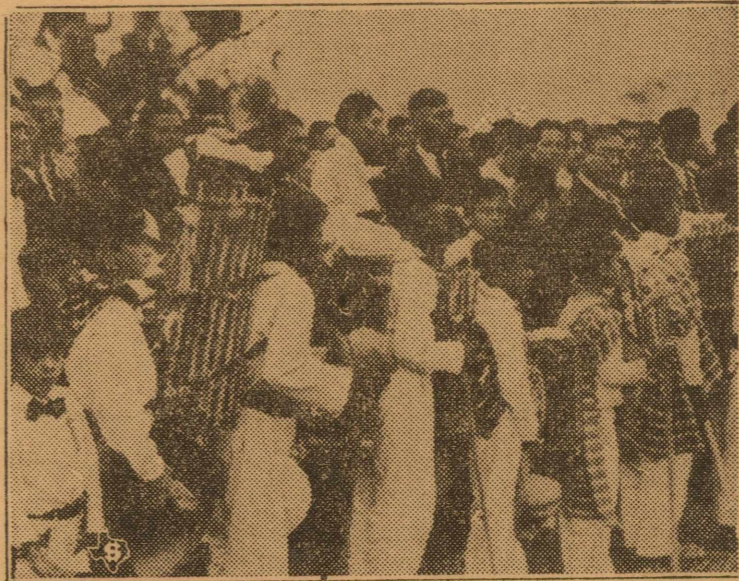
Justin Ramsey, of Big Spring, spent the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Edna Ramsey. He returned to Big Spring the first of the week.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. O. McMillon and little son, Jerald, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis and Miss Ruth Lee Hoggett at the Davis ranch home Tuesday evening.

J. L. Corder, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Mike Moore, and Mr. Moore, and also by his daughter, Miss Juanita, spent Friday night and Saturday in Junction, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Pearl Thomas, of Ojai, Cal., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees, who has been visiting here for several weeks, left shortly after Christmas for San Antonio, with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rees and daughters, who were here on a visit. She will remain with them for some time, after which she will visit elsewhere before returning.

Mexicans in Festival at San Benito



These boys, with hundreds of others, carrying baskets on their backs containing chickens, pigeons, and household utensils, paraded as a feature of the San Benito Mexicans' observance of the 400th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The boys represented the annual trek of the Tepellac Indians to the basilica in the town of Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Mexico.

DR. CONNER ON VISIT TO EXPERIMENT STATION - BUILDING ACCEPTED

Dr. A. B. Conner, College Station, head of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, arrived Monday to spend the week at the Ranch Experiment Station, which is No. 14 in the state chain.

Tuesday Dr. Conner went to San Angelo, together with L. J. McCrea, also of College Station, and who was in charge of construction on recently erected buildings, at the station to complete formal acceptance of the buildings from J. D. Westbrook, San Angelo contractor who erected them.

Dr. Conner is also looking over the other work at the station, with particular attention being given to bitter weed experimentation.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS IN FIRE CO.; 1 HONORARY

Four new active members were voted into the Sonora Fire company Wednesday night at its monthly business meeting. O. K. Rankbom, Frank Knapton, Bill Mittel, and Ocie Williams were chosen. W. C. Gilmore, member of the Sonora city commission, was voted an honorary member.

Routine matters of business were discussed. The meeting was held in the office of George E. Smith, city manager and fire marshal.

It was decided to divide the town into zones, and let the fire alarm denote the zone. One long blast will announce a fire. The long blast will be followed by one short for zone 1, comprised of the business district and the part of the residential district lying between the Dry Devil's River and Lowrey Draw. Two blasts will indicate fire in south Sonora, the entire area south of Lowrey Draw, and three short signals will announce a blaze in west Sonora, the area west of the Devil's River.

TWO NEW YEAR BABIES ARRIVE HERE MONDAY

Two New Year babies arrived in Sonora Monday afternoon and evening, and a third made an appearance Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Drennan was born the first American child, a boy, at 9 o'clock Monday night. The first baby in the year, though, was born at 2 in the afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Marcianas Hernandez. He has been named Ceberiano. The third baby, which arrived Tuesday morning, was likewise a boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Luciana Sanchez.

DRAMATIC CLUB CASTS TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS

Tentative casts for two one-act plays, which, with one other not yet selected, will be given sometime in February, at a performance for the benefit of the Mexican School, were chosen by the members of the Thirteen Dramatic Club at the regular meeting Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore. Mrs. George Baker, who will direct the plays, was a guest at the meeting.

Refreshments were served by John Eaton and Houston Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker and their daughter, Miss Dorothy, were in Junction Saturday visiting Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Martin.

Picnot Says Any Big Line Welcome to Project

The Del Rio & Northern Railway, proposed line to be started in Sonora and run south to Del Rio, on to Quemado and Eagle Pass, and connecting there with the proposed line of the Winter Garden Belt Railway, ending at Asherton, was given the endorsement of the railway committee of the San Angelo Board of City Development following a meeting held there Monday afternoon at which Mr. Picnot outlined plans for the route.

Mr. Picnot stated emphatically that the men who are working on the project are not doing so as a promotion scheme, as has been charged in some quarters, but that they are interested only in the development of the country and the securing of rail facilities. Mr. Picnot stated further that at any time a major rail line, preferable one operating in this area at present, desired to take over the project, its promoters would gladly turn over the work done, expecting only remuneration for what had been invested in preparing surveys and complying with legal requirements.

Mr. Picnot left San Angelo Monday night for Washington, where he will spend the next several weeks in working for the interests

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Dr. I. B. Boughton New Veterinarian at Exp. Station

Comes Here From Ohio; Was Formerly Stationed on Island of Hayti for Seven Years

Dr. I. B. Boughton arrived in Sonora Monday to assume his duties as veterinarian in research work at the Ranch Experiment Station 25 miles south of town. He will be associated with Dr. W. C. Hardy, who has been at the station for the last few years.

Dr. Boughton came here from Columbus, Ohio, where he had been doing work in the University of Ohio. Prior to that time he was for seven years engaged in work on the Island of Hayti. He is now connected with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations.

His work at the station will consist largely of experimentation in cases of soremouth, sheep fever, swell head in sheep, parasitic troubles, and the effects of bitterweed poisoning.

Dr. Boughton is married and has three children. His family is now in France, but is expected to join him here in April.

CLAKSON SHIPS EWES TO TANKERSLEY FIELD

A. F. Clarkson, Sutton county ranchman, Monday shipped 500 head of aged ewes to winter pasturage in wheat fields near Tankersley.

No other stock has been shipped from the local Santa Fe pens this week.

Woman Unhurt in Wreck

Two women, sisters, traveling Nuevo Laredo toward Sonora 15 miles south on the Del Rio road Monday night, were unhurt when a wheel ran off their car, causing it to go in the ditch. They were brought to Sonora that night.

Are Entertained in San Angelo

Mrs. Frank Findlater spent Sunday in Sonora visiting Mrs. Edith Bond, who accompanied her to her home in San Angelo Sunday evening. Mrs. Bond was entertained at a dinner Wednesday evening by Messdames Findlater and Brown King, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond who drove to San Angelo Wednesday to accompany Mrs. Edith Bond home. They were accompanied to San Angelo and back by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken.

Bitterweed Tests Retarded

Recent weather has been unfavorable to experimentation work on the bitterweed tests at the Ranch Experiment Station. W. H. Dameron, superintendent, said that results of spraying could not be accurately determined because of excessive rainfall. It is Mr. Dameron's opinion, at this stage of experimentation, that proper grazing of land will be the key to bitterweed control. Later work may bring other theories, however.

Holiday Ends for College Students

Gay Season Terminates With Return of Young People

The post-holiday exodus to various schools and colleges occurred last week-end, following a brilliant season of social events in honor of the young people who were at home for the Christmas and New Year vacation in Sonora. Hillman Brown, returning on Friday to Texas College of Technology at Lubbock, after a visit here with his mother, Mrs. Maysie Brown, was the first to leave, with the remainder of the college group following quickly—most of them on Sunday.

To the University of Texas

Miss Harva Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jones, and Billy Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, left Sunday afternoon by bus for Austin, where they will resume work at the University of Texas. They were accompanied to Austin by Pat Cooper, who went from there to College Station, where he is a student in the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

To Southwestern University

The Misses Zella Lee Thorp, daughter of Mrs. Rose Thorp, and Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, returned Monday morning to Georgetown, where they are students at Southwestern University. They were accompanied by Miss Sue Simpson, an assistant in the business office at Southwestern, who spent the holidays here with Mrs. J. M.

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Local Briefs

Are New Year's Guests at Ranch

The Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Neal and their daughter, Clovis, and son, Carmon, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Davis at their ranch home Friday, at a New Year's Day dinner.

Caldwell with Accounting Firm

James Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Sonora, on the first of the month entered the offices of the Rodgers-Smith Company, Texas firm of accountants, in its San Angelo office. He will work in their accounting department, in which he has had special training.

Little Nephew Has Diphtheria

Mrs. J. D. Lowrey returned Wednesday from Mason, where she has been with her sister, Mrs. Ed Harris, whose little son suffered with a light case of diphtheria last week, but who has improved steadily since receiving serum at a Brady sanitarium. The boy was improving when Mrs. Lowrey left.

Bankers Attend Opening

E. F. Vander Stucken, chairman of the board of directors, and Roy E. Aldwell, president of the First National Bank of Sonora, were among the West Texas bankers who attended the opening of the reorganized San Angelo National Bank in that city Monday. The bank opened strongly financed, and backed liberally by West Texas citizens. Sol Mayer, holder of ranch interests in Sutton county, is president.

Big Decision For Small Boy



Carson McPherson, aged 11, had both a puppy and a desire to buy gifts for his brothers and sisters last week. Now his little dog is gone, but his sisters and brothers are happy with \$10 worth of gifts, bought by Carson with money gained from selling his beloved dog. Tony Chisum, who bought the dog, says that although it is a mongrel, it was the cheapest thing he ever bought, because it was worth ten times the price to its youthful owner. Carson, who lives in Amarillo, Texas, and the puppy are pictured.

With the Churches

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45.
Morning worship 11:00.
Evening worship 7:30.
Young People's meeting 6:45.
Choir practice 7:15 p. m. Wednesday.
Woman's Missionary Society, 3 p. m. Wednesday.
Stewards meet every first Sunday.
Workers' Council each first Sunday at 2 p. m.

Our attendance increased last Sunday over what it was during the holidays. We were glad to see some faces that had not been present for sometime. The sermon next Sunday morning will be along the line of law enforcement and the church's duty to the country. At 7:30 the subject will be "A Donkey Rider." An invitation is extended to everyone.

E. P. NEAL, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, Jan. 10, at 11 o'clock, the rector, the Rev. Frederic M. Brasier, Kerrville, will conduct morning prayer and preaching. We want to see a good congregation of people present with us. May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FREDERIC M. BRASIER

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Covey Return
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Covey returned Saturday night from Vernon, where they visited Mrs. Covey's parents during the holidays. Mr. Covey enjoyed a quail hunt on the Red River near Memphis during the vacation.

TRESPASSING FORBIDDEN

My ranch 25 miles southeast of Sonora in Sutton and Edwards counties is posted according to law. All trespassing is absolutely forbidden — hunting, wood-hauling, trapping, etc.—Officer in charge. (47-1-22-32) OSCAR APPELT.

We, the subscribers hereto, have this day entered into a limited partnership, agreeable to the provisions of the laws of the state of Texas relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is J. D. JONES; that the general nature of the business to be transacted by said partnership is conducting, operating and managing a picture show and theater business at what is known as "La Vista Theater" in Sonora, Sutton county, Texas; that the name of the general partner of said firm is J. D. Jones, of Eldorado, Schleicher county, Texas, and the special partner is D. F. Luckie, of San Angelo, Tom Green county, Texas; that the capital contributed by D. F. Luckie, the special partner, is \$150.00 in cash; that the period in which said partnership is to commence is the 2nd day of December, 1931, and that it will terminate on the 1st day of January, 1937.

J. D. JONES,
General Partner.
D. F. LUCKIE,
Special Partner.

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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. W. D. BARTON

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ozona, for Mrs. W. D. Barton, 72-year-old pioneer resident of West Texas, who died at her home in Ozona on the afternoon of Christmas Day, following an illness of approximately six months' duration. Services were conducted at the grave by the Rev. J. H. Meredith, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton had lived in Ozona 29 years, and Mr. Barton was county judge of Crockett county one term in the years 1913 and 1914.

The only surviving members of the immediate family are the husband, one son, John; an adopted

Hospital May Be Placed at Marfa

Institution for Veterans at Former Army Post Recommended

Additional care for World War disabled veterans recommended by American Legion officials to President Hoover can be provided at the army posts to be abandoned at

son, Clark, of Austin; and two sisters, Mrs. S. Ligon, of Fort Stockton, and Mrs. Elam Dudley, of Ft. Worth. Mrs. Barton also leaves a large number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Puckett were at the funeral, among a large number of out-of-town attendants.

Marfa and Fort Huachuca and Nogales, Ariz., according to the recommendation forwarded by Colonel T. A. Pearce, eighth corps area co-ordinator, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, to the chief co-ordinator at Washington, recently.

The recommendation pointed out that millions of dollars could be saved for the government and thousands of patients could be cared for immediately after the posts are abandoned without the delay of enacting legislation and erecting huge new hospital plants.

Permanent buildings, lighting and sewage systems, render all three posts readily adaptable to conversion into hospitals. The climate, especially at Marfa and Huachuca, is considered ideal for treatment of tubercular patients, he stated.

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The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Camp Allison

(Essie Rode, Reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker, of Segovia, visited Mrs. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thiers, Friday.

Burt and Ben Rode made a business trip to Kerrville Tuesday.

Miss Lotia Cozby spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Rosa Williams, of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sibe McKee and Oscar Adams ate Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shroyer and children were visitors in Sonora Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams, of Christoval, visited Mr. Adams' mother, Mrs. W. B. Adams, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Poteet and son, Wesley, and Mrs. Russell Franks and sons, Frank and Russell, enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Rode.

Harold and Lester Garrett returned to school in Junction Monday, after enjoying the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Garrett.

Miss Maudie Shroyer, who has been sick with the flu the past week, is much better now.

The Cedar Hill Basketball Girls will return the Segovia game Friday. The Cedar Hill team was the winner in the last game played with Segovia.

W. M. U. ADDS SUM TO CHURCH BUILDING FUND

The sum of twenty-five dollars was added to the church building fund by the Woman's Missionary Union Wednesday afternoon at a business meeting at the home of Mrs. W. R. Nisbet, president of the society.

The finance committee of the organization has been instructed to work out a program of work for the ensuing year, aimed to increase funds in the treasury.

The next meeting of the group will be Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ban Odom. Study work will be taken up at that time.

Levelland—County poultry show held here recently.

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Figures in Mystery Trinity Bay Death



Two men are under arrest and other arrests are expected by officers investigating the death of J. L. McElrath, Houston railroad conductor, whose body was found floating in Trinity Bay, near Umbrella Point. Inset is McElrath; upper photo shows Justice of Peace J. N. Gourlay of Mont Belvieu, Texas, as he takes the statement of A. W. Newton, who found McElrath's body. Harris County Assessor F. C. Bonham, who went hunting with McElrath, has not yet been found.

PECOS RIVER BIDS FAIR TO CHANGE STREAM PATTERN MID-CONTINENT AREA OF AMERICA THROUGH PIRACY

The Pecos river of West Texas and New Mexico has been termed an arch pirate by Robert B. Campbell, San Antonio petroleum geologist, formerly of San Angelo, who believes that the river, in a short time, as geologic time is reckoned, will change the stream pattern of the entire mid-continent area of America.

The Pecos has already beheaded the Colorado and Brazos rivers and has advanced within a mile of the tributaries of the Canadian River. In ages to come it will probably extend northward to take over the headwaters of the Arkansas and South Platte rivers and thereby divert drainage from the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains from the Mississippi River down through the Pecos and the Rio Grande.

The Pecos river is believed to be the only river which has ever given rise to a verb. The West Texas underworld term for "putting a man on the spot," is "Pecosing" him. It means to kill a man and throw his body into the river.

Mr. Campbell recently explained a number of his views concerning the river, which winds through some of the most desolate areas of the Southwest. "The Pecos river is the arch pirate of the western world," he said.

He explained that in developing its new work headward, the Pecos encountered the headwaters of the Colorado River in the vicinity of Rosewell, N. M., where the Colorado was beheaded and there was left only the skeleton of the upper Colorado which is now known as Sulphur draw. This dry gulch extends through Gaines, Dawson, and Martin counties in West Texas to a point near Big Spring which now marks the headwaters of the Colorado.

Further north, the Pecos encountered and beheaded the Brazos river at a point near Portales, N. M., leaving another dry gulch in the western plains country: Yellow House draw, extending through Bailey, Hockley, Llano and Lubbock counties in West Texas. This second skeleton of a river nearly parallels the Santa Fe railroad from Clovis, N. M., to Sweetwater,

Texas. The Red river suffered next from the piracy of the Pecos. Though the Pecos has never encountered and beheaded any of the Red river tributaries, Campbell points out that the Pecos lowered the water table and starved out the upper stretches of the Red river, after which "the Red river capitulated to a siege by assault such as had vanquished its neighbor, the Colorado, and the Brazos to the south."

The Pecos, according to Campbell, has already advanced within a mile of some of the tributaries of the Canadian River, which, when it is inevitably beheaded, will be another river skeleton stretching across the Texas Panhandle, north of Amarillo.

In imagination one can picture the insatiably thirsty Pecos extending the picture of slaughter northward, where, during ages to come, it may behead the Arkansas and South Platte rivers, and thus rob the Mississippi of some of its contribution from the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

Arms Permits Are Cancelled, Mexico

Villa Acuna Receives Order to Stop All Traffic in Its Area

Advice has been received by Villa Acuna authorities from General Arturo Bernal, chief of staff of the Mexican war department, to cancel all permits for traffic in arms or the carrying of arms by civilians.

The order, which became effective Jan. 1, applies to all civilians, exempting only military arms for the army. The general order revokes all permits for the importation, buying, selling, or carrying of arms, ammunition, and all kinds of explosives.

Miss Baker Attends Angelo Dance

Miss Dorothy Baker attended a dance at the San Angelo Country Club on New Year's Eve, being a visitor at several private parties in the city preceding the dance.

Freight Rates Up Between States

New Tariffs Went Into Effect Jan. 4; Many Exemptions

Increased freight rates ranging from \$3 to \$7.50 a car went into effect on January 4th and will continue until March 1, 1933, for the purpose of creating a fund to go to a railway credit corporation, out of funds of which will be paid interest on the bonds of roads not earning the money to pay interest.

Exemptions to the new tariffs include wheat, flour, oats, barley, hay, alfalfa, cotton, hogs, horses, mules, cattle, sheep and goats.

Wool and mohair are not exempted, but must pay two cents a hundred pounds more. Cottonseed meal and cake are raised 1c per hundred pounds, coal 6c per ton, gravel and sand 6c per ton, fence posts, poles, 12c per ton, petroleum and its products, gas, lubricating oil, greases, 1c a hundred extra. Grapefruit, lemons, and limes also draw increases.

The tariffs, announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission, thus far apply only to shipments between states, but it is generally believed that the same rates or similar rulings will be made by the Texas railroad commission. Objections have been interposed by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the San Angelo Board of City Development.

Freight shipments in and out of Sonora over the Santa Fe will be affected by the increase as well as other state railroads.

AUTHORITY SAYS DEER HEARS THROUGH HOOFS

A deer has four "legs-ears" and two "hear-ears" bringing in sound, according to an authority who recently revealed the fact that there are in the legs of deer just above the hoofs and between two big

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Scrivenor Charged with Murder of Three



Pictured center is W. S. "Shilo" Scrivenor as he appeared with T. Binford, Harris county sheriff, and Percy Heard, Houston chief of police, after his capture in Des Moines, Iowa. Scrivenor was brought back to stand trial January 18 for the murder of Keggy Jones, and his wife, Jane Jones. He has since been charged with three other men with the murder of Austin Preston, prominent Victoria, Texas, cattleman, whose murder in a Hot Springs, Ark., hotel has been a mystery for two years.

bones small slits which serve as "ears" through which the animal receives sounds from a long distance, using the ground as a wire. Dampness on the ground interferes somewhat with his "wires."

This extreme sense of hearing may explain the reason why the deer family increases so rapidly.

A scent killer is the invention of one hunter who claims that if the preparation is rubbed on the shoes of the hunter it will prevent a deer from receiving any scent.

San Antonio — Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company reopened for business.

Charter No. 5466 Reserve District Number 11 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF SONORA IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1931 RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	\$508,744.84
2. Overdrafts	1,666.56
3. United States Government securities owned	100,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	46,000.00
5. Banking house, \$22,700.00. Fur. and fixt. \$13,300.00	36,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	4,800.00
7. Reserved with Federal Reserve Bank	37,110.81
8. Cash and due from banks	41,283.46
9. Outside checks and other cash items	751.89
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$781,357.06

LIABILITIES

15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
16. Surplus	100,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	25,785.72
18. Reserves for interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	4,881.09
19. Circulating notes outstanding	100,000.00
20. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	8,874.79
21. Demand deposits	285,749.97
22. Time deposits	66,536.49
23. Bills payable and rediscounts	89,529.00
TOTAL	\$781,357.06

State of Texas
County of Sutton—ss
I, Geo. H. Neill, cashier, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier.
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PAY YOUR POLLTAX!

The 30th day of January, just three weeks hence, is the last day on which polltaxes may be paid. This is an election year, and it promises to be an important one. Now is the time...today...to secure your polltax and the right to vote in 1932 elections.

Not only will there be an unusual amount of interest in local politics, but many important issues hinge on state offices, and of still greater importance will be the national elections.

The Democrats believe it will be their year, and present indications are very favorable. We, in a land almost entirely Democratic, will all want to have a part in giving the party a chance that it has wanted since the end of the World War period.

Get ready to vote. Pay your polltax.

"Devil's Dream"

(By W. E. James)



SONORA LIONS MAKE RESOLUTION

As the feature speaker of the Lions luncheon Monday noon, Lion H. V. ("Buzzy") Stokes proposed as a New Year's resolution that each member of the Sonora club resolve to attend all luncheons during 1932. He stated that the club had done good work in the past and that ahead lies a year full of hope and big things to be accomplished. His resolution also advocated becoming better Lions. Twenty-eight members, by their silence gave consent to the measure, and woe betide the ones who break the resolution for the Taitwister'll fine you if you don't watch out.

The resignation of Miss Elizabeth Francis, as club pianist, was read, and regretfully accepted. Miss Marie Watkins was elected to fill the place vacated by Miss Francis.

Lion George E. Smith made an interesting report of the expenditure of the Christmas Cheer Fund, after which the club voted to give the committees in charge a rising vote of thanks. Smith also reported a balance of \$14.71 in the Will Rogers charity fund, and gave an itemized list of expenditures from this fund.

Another good work being done by Lion Smith, in the capacity of city manager, and for which the Lions club gave due recognition, is that of cleaning up the dump ground. He stated that the work was being done by Mexican taxpayers, who receive one-half their wages in cash the other half being credited upon the amount of taxes each one owes the city. The club was entertained by Henri Rogers and his high school orchestra.

Program committee: George E. Smith, Paul Smith and A. B. Shoemaker.

MISS MARIE WATKINS SUCCEEDS MISS FRANCIS

Miss Marie Watkins, of San Antonio, arrived in Sonora last weekend in company with Miss Elizabeth Francis, to take over the latter's work as music teacher in the schools here.

Miss Francis, who has made an esteemed place for herself in the community through her music work here for the last three years, left Sunday morning for San Antonio, where she will do work toward a degree in music at the San Antonio College of Music. She will also be connected with the San Antonio Music Company.

Miss Watkins comes to Sonora highly recommended as a pianist and contralto soloist. She is a graduate of the San Antonio College of Music, having done her piano work under John M. Steinfeldt, pianist, composer, and president of the college; and her voice work under Oscar J. Fox, who is becoming internationally known as a composer of cowboy songs; and Henry Jacobson, formerly of New York City.

Miss Watkins' experience includes two years as a teacher of music in the Thomas School for Girls, San Antonio, and three years, just past, as teacher at the San Antonio College of Music. She is a member of the San Antonio Music Teachers' Association and has for several years been contralto soloist for the choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio.

Miss Watkins took over the majority of Miss Francis' former piano pupils this week, and is planning to take pupils in voice.

MILLER-ALLISON WEDDING SOLEMNIZED MONDAY EVE

The marriage of Miss Billie Jane Miller and Herman Allison was solemnized at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening in the lobby of the Kirkland Hotel, with the Rev. J. O. McMillon officiating. Charley Bruce acted as the groom's best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who have both lived in Sonora for some time, will continue to make their home here, and are at present residing at the Kirkland Hotel.

Mrs. T. A. Williams Here for Stay
Mrs. T. A. Williams, of Rock-springs, who, with Mr. Williams and their little daughter, Winnie Lee, and son, T. A. jr., has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell, and her brother, Roy E. Aldwell, during the holidays, will remain here for some time with Mrs. Aldwell. She has put the children in school here. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nisbet, who have been making an extended stay here with Mrs. Aldwell, left Sunday for their home in Plainview, where they will remain for some weeks while Mrs. Williams is here.

Classified ads will get a buyer.

Couple United In High Noon Wedding

Alton L. Smith and Miss Imogene Sutton Marry in Georgetown

The marriage of Miss Imogene Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sutton, of Georgetown, and Alton L. Smith, athletic coach of the Sonora High School, was solemnized at a lovely home wedding in Georgetown at high noon on Saturday, December 26, with the Rev. D. E. Heinsohn, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lorraine Sutton, as made of honor, and Miss Edith Foster, as bridesmaid. George B. Sutton, jr., brother of the bride, acted as best man. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. R. L. Hiles, accompanied by Miss Lois Butler, sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." Miss Butler softly played "Ave Marie" throughout the ceremony. The bridal party entered to the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin."

The bride, who entered upon the arm of the groom, was becomingly gowned in an original model of fuchsia flat crepe with black accessories, and carried an arm bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

Immediately following the ceremony, an informal reception was held. The bride and groom left for a short wedding trip to South Texas and Old Mexico, returning on Monday, Dec. 28, to Sonora where they will make their home.

PERSONALS

T. L. Benson, of San Angelo, was in Sonora Wednesday.

Mesdames Tom White and Jack Earhart, and Miss Lois Thomas spent Monday in San Angelo.

Miss Lena V. Stokes spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week visiting Miss Harva Jones at the latter's ranch home.

The Misses Sally Wardlaw and Clara Allison spent Tuesday afternoon and night in San Angelo, the guests of Mrs. Lillian Allison.

Mrs. R. E. Duncan had as her holiday guests last week her mother, Mrs. W. A. West, of Miles, and her brother, Jack West, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge drove to Ozona Tuesday afternoon, for a brief visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Russell, returning Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both graduates of Southwestern University, Georgetown, where Mr. Smith was assistant football coach last year. Mrs. Smith is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, national social sorority, and is accomplished in the art of Expression. She has been elected by the Sonora school board to teach Expression in the schools, and is ready to enroll pupils this week.

M. E. Zone Meeting to Be Here Thursday

Missionary Societies From Five Towns to Be Here

Zone No. 1 of the San Angelo District of Methodist missionary societies, of which Mrs. W. E. Caldwell is vice president, will hold an all-day meeting at the Sonora Methodist Church next Thursday. Towns included in the zone are Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, Christoval, and Mertzon, from all of which towns representatives are expected.

The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock Thursday with quiet music by Mrs. Vic Pierce, of Ozona, followed by a devotional period conducted by the Rev. E. P. Neal, who will offer prayer, and the Rev. J. H. Meredith, of Ozona, who will read the scripture.

Mrs. F. J. Taylor will give a welcome address from the Sonora church, which will be followed by a response by a Christoval representative, and an address, "Peace and the Home," by Mrs. Capes, Eldorado.

Lunch will be served in the basement of the church from 12 to 1 o'clock.

The afternoon session will be called to order at 1:00 o'clock and opened with a song, and prayer by the Rev. J. D. McWhorter, of Eldorado. Mrs. George Baker will represent Sonora with a reading. Mrs. S. S. Davis, of Mertzon, will speak on "Every Woman and World Peace." Short talks will be given on the question, "What Can I Do for Peace?"

The meeting will close with the taking of a missionary offering, a song, and the benediction, by the Rev. S. S. Davis, of Mertzon.

Newcastle—Contract to be let in near future for construction of Brazos River bridge on Highway No. 120 near this place.

College—

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Puckett.

To A. & M. College

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aldwell accompanied their son, Lea Roy; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer and daughter, Alice, and son, Wesley, accompanied Edwin Sawyer; and Mesdames Fred Hull and C. C. Smith accompanied John Hull—to San Angelo Sunday, where the boys took the train for College Station, where they are all students at A. & M. College. Sam Logan, also an A. & M. student, accompanied the Misses Elizabeth Francis, Irene Francis, and Mary Lawrence to San Antonio Sunday morning, going from there to College Station. Miss Margaret Hull was also accompanied by her mother and sister on Sunday to San Angelo, where she took the train for Brownwood, where she attends Howard Payne College.

To T. C. U.

Miss Dorothy Baker returned Sunday night to Fort Worth, where she will resume work at Texas Christian University. She was accompanied to San Angelo Sunday evening by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker. Louie Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trainer, left Saturday afternoon for Fort Worth, where he also attends T. C. U.

To John Tarleton

Dr. A. G. Blanton drove to Stephenville Sunday to take his son, Dewitt, and Woodrow Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norris, and Rook Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Baxter of the Ranch Experiment Station, to John Tarleton College, where they are all students.

Miss Mae Cauthorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn, left Saturday by bus for Waco, where she is a sophomore at Baylor University.

Miss Allie Halbert, who is a student at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, left Monday afternoon for San Angelo, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert. She was joined in Eldorado by Miss Victoria Jones, and in San Angelo by Miss Mamie Wendland, both of whom are also students at S. M. U., and the three young ladies completed the trip to Dallas together.

Miss Era Turbiville left Sunday on the bus for San Marcos, where she is a student at the San Marcos Baptist Academy, after spending the holidays here with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Driskell.

Miss Gertrude Babcock, who is a student at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, left Sunday afternoon, being accompanied to San Angelo by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, and her sister, Edith Mae, and brother, Kenneth.

Miss Annella Stites, who is a student at Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville, was accompanied back to school by her father, C. E. Stites, leaving Sunday. Jim Howard King, of San Angelo, also a student at S. H. S. T., joined them in San Angelo and completed the trip from there with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reilly, and family, accompanied Miss Beavely Reilly to San Antonio the first of the week, when she reentered Incarnate Word College.

Aldwell Nisbet, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nisbet, who spent the holidays with them here at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell, left Sunday for Plainview with his parents for a brief visit with his friends there before returning to New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, N. M., where he is a student.

Woman's Club to Sponsor Benefit

Affair Will Be Given Friday Night, January 15, at Club House

The Sonora Woman's Club will give a benefit bridge and "42" party at the club house next Friday evening, it was announced this week. Proceeds will go to the club's general fund.

Reservations will be on sale throughout next week, at 50c per person. Anyone desiring them is asked to notify Mrs. C. H. Evans, who is in charge of reservations.

Gilmore on Hardware Committee

W. C. Gilmore, member of the firm of the Gilmore Hardware Co., has been appointed on the membership committee of the Texas Hardware and Implement Association for the coming convention meeting in San Antonio, to be held on Jan. 19 to 21, in San Antonio. Mr. Gilmore will attend a banquet and conference of the committee on the night prior to the opening of the convention.

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Plumbs, GG, gal. can **38c** Chill No. 2 can, 2 for **31c**

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Meal, 5-lb. sack **11c** Cocoa, Mother's, 2-lb. pk. **28c**

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WOMAN'S PAGE



SOCIETY

Mrs. George Baker, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Give Lovely Supper-Dance for Their Son

One of the most charming affairs of the holiday social season in Sonora was the delightful buffet supper and dance given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell at their home in honor of their son, Lea Roy, who was at home from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, at College, Station.

Eight-o'clock supper was served in the dining room, from a beautifully decorated table, which was centered with a bowl of colorful fruit, circled by a ring of ferns from which baby dolls, symbolizing the New Year, peered out. Tall green candles illuminated the festive board around which the young guests moved in a single line while they were served by Mesdames J. L. Nisbet and George Baker, who were seated at opposite ends of the table. Mrs. Aldwell was assisted in supplying the table by Mrs. T. A. Williams, of Rocksprings.

The delicious menu consisted of baked ham slices topped with cranberry jelly, stuffed potatoes, peas in timbales, molded fruit salad, hot rolls, and "New Year pudding" with sauce. Coffee a la demi-tasse was served in the living room.

Following supper, the party enjoyed dancing, pool, and card games in the recreation room on the second floor of the house, to which both radio and victrola music was relayed from downstairs during the evening.

At an appropriate hour, attractive favors of crepe paper fancy hats and doll wands were distributed to the young ladies, and fantastic hats and noise makers were given to the boys, while serpentine was flung about the dancers—the evening ending in a joyous hub-bub of New Year hilarity and good wishes.

Supper guests were Mesdames J. L. Nisbet, T. A. Williams, of Rocksprings, Lillian Watson, of Alpine, and George Baker; the Misses Harva Jones, Allie Halbert, Annela Stites, Elizabeth Caldwell, Lena V. Stokes, Jessie Louise Evans, Margaret Hull, Mae Cauthorn, Ealen White, Zella Lee Thorp, and Faye James; and Messrs. Edwin Sawyer, Pete Taylor, John Hull, Pat Cooper, Louie Trainer, Woodrow Norris, Preston Praetor, Dewitt Blanton, Sam Logan, Charles Harold Evans, Dewitt Lancaster, Hillman Brown, George Brockman, of San Angelo, Aldwell Nisbet, of Plainview, and George Baker.

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and Messrs. J. L. Nisbet and T. A. Williams came in during the evening.

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Watch Party Enjoyed At Roy Baker Ranch Home Thursday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker entertained with an informal dance and watch party at their ranch home New Year's Eve for a large group of friends.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of date cakes with whipped cream and hot chocolate.

Those present for either the entire evening or a part of it were Messrs. and Mesdames Sam Karnes, Bustie Halbert, Ernest McClelland, W. C. Gilmore, Miers Savell, Marshall Huling, Sam Thomas, and Dr. and Mrs. Tom White; Mrs. Gladys Kothmann, the Misses Hazel Edwards, Faye James, and Jessie Louise Evans; and Messrs. H. V. Stokes, Houston Stokes, Jodie Trainer, Bill Fields, George Allison, John Eaton, John McClelland, George B. Hamilton, and Cecil Allen.

Miss Faye James Entertains With Breakfast Party

Miss Faye James entertained five friends at her home Thursday morning at 9-o'clock breakfast, assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. E. James.

The delicious two-course meal was served to the Misses Harva Jones, Lena V. Stokes, Allie Halbert, Jessie Louise Evans, and Annela Stites.

The Misses Jamie Gardner and Nan Karnes spent Sunday afternoon in San Angelo.

Social Calendar

Friday, Jan. 8
JUST US CLUB at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. P. J. Taylor.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB at 7:30 p. m., with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

Monday, Jan. 11
THIRTEEN DRAMATIC CLUB at 7:30 p. m., with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore.

Friday, Jan. 15
WOMAN'S CLUB BENEFIT PARTY at 8:00 p. m. at the club house.

Saturday, Jan. 16
PASTIME CLUB at 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

C. S. C. Has New Year Party at the Perry Mittel Home

The Community Social Club was cleverly entertained New Year's eve by Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mittel at their ranch home with a "watch" party, at which tallies consisted of imitation watches, upon which the time on the face indicated each guest's table and partner. An alarm clock sounded as the signal for changing tables, while refreshments further carried out the novel idea, in muffins upon which were iced clock faces. These were served with chicken sandwiches.

Following the bridge, an amusing clock question contest, entitled "What Points Have a Watch and a Football Game in Common?" was conducted.

The club enjoyed a delightful night, watching the New Year in. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Archie Mittel, Gene Lightfoot, and Sam Thomas—all club members; and Messrs. and Mesdames Haynie Davis, and daughter, Marjie, and Marshall Huling—guests.

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer Hostess to Party For Her Daughter

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer entertained with a New Year's Eve party for her daughter, Miss Alice, Thursday night, with six tables of various games which were played till a late hour, after which several novel features of entertainment were introduced.

High scores at the table games went to Miss Dee Trainer and Harold Friess. Cut prizes at each table were also given.

A color scheme of green and white was carried out, largely in mistletoe, and in the delicious refreshments of fruit salad, sandwiches, potato chips, olives, and cocoa which were served. Nut cups containing fortunes for the coming year for each guest constituted attractive favors.

Following the serving of refreshments, the floor was cleared of tables and chairs and an amusing contest in keeping inflated balloons in the air, was enjoyed by the group. Other active games followed. Wesley Sawyer, impersonating the Old Year and little Miss Sue Glasscock, as the New Year, flung serpentine among the guests at the height of the merriment. Horns were distributed as appropriate noise-makers, and as the hour of midnight arrived, the group went outside of the house and "wakened" the New Year with fireworks and a din of horns and other noise.

Miss Alice's guests were the Misses Nina Rouche, Era Turbiville, Ches Thorp, Stella Archer, Ora Altizer, Pauline Turney, Clovis Neal, Dee Trainer, Doris Ray, Ruth Freeman, and Juanita Corder; and Messrs. Cleve Jones, Edgar Glasscock, Vincent Rouche, V. J. Glasscock, Alvis Johnson, jr., G. W. Archer, Harold Friess, Troy White, Billy Penick, Herbert Fields, and Lem Erial Johnson.

Miss Babe White Is Hostess at Charming Old-Fashioned Party

Miss Babe White entertained a number of young people at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKnight Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, with an unusual party in which old-fashioned ideas were carried out in a number of the forms of entertainment.

"Paul Jones" dancing occupied a portion of the evening, and a great deal of amusement was derived from the playing of an old game, "Drop the Pillow," in which prize winners were Miss Edythe Carson and Louie Trainer. Miss Zella Lee Thorp and Preston Praetor captured first honors and prizes in an old-fashioned "spelling bee." A take-off, entitled "Murder," was greatly enjoyed, with Aldwell Nisbet acting as judge, Miss Thorp posing as the victim, Miss White

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Mesdames Halbert And Cauthorn Give Party for Daughters

Mesdames R. A. Halbert and J. A. Cauthorn entertained at the former's home Friday afternoon with a delightful bridge party honoring their daughters, the Misses Allie Halbert and Mae Cauthorn, who were at home from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and Baylor University, Waco, respectively.

High score at bridge was won by Miss Jessie Louise Evans and low by Miss Babe White.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream, and cocoa, to the following guests: Mesdames Bustie Halbert and A. L. Smith, and the Misses Lena V. Stokes, Faye James, Jessie Louise Evans, Ruth Lee Hoggett, Zella Lee Thorp, Pauline Turney, Harva Jones, Dorothy Baker, Jamie Gardner, Annela Stites, Babe White, and Margaret Hull.

Pastime Club Has Annual 'Pay-Off' Party Thursday

The members of the Pastime "42" Club and their guests enjoyed their annual "pay-off" party at the club house New Year's Eve, when the half of the members having low scores for the year's play entertained the high scoring half with an annual party.

Hostesses for the evening—Mesdames L. E. Johnson, Maysie Brown, Rose Thorp, and Orion Brown—served delicious refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, cookies, and cocoa, following the playing of "42" till about 11:30. After the refreshments, the group played again, remaining until the witching hour when the New Year came in.

Much merriment was afforded by the distribution of comical caps to the guests on their entrance, as favors. These were worn throughout the evening.

Guests of the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Halbert, B. W. Hutcherson, M. M. Stokes, W. P. McConnell, jr., A. L. Smith, Ralph Trainer, and Collier Shurley, Mrs. Clyde Gardner; and Messrs. J. D. Lowrey and A. W. Await.

Those connected with the club were Messrs. and Mesdames O. G. Babcock, W. E. Caldwell, C. E. Stites, W. D. Wallace, L. E. Johnson, C. H. Evans, and Orion Brown; and Mesdames Maysie Brown, J. A. Cauthorn, and Rose Thorp.

Mrs. A. C. Elliott Entertains Tuesday With Three Tables

Mrs. A. C. Elliott was hostess at her home Tuesday evening with three tables of bridge, at which Miss Vivian Ball and Gene Bailey won ladies' and men's scores, respectively.

The hostess served a delicious salad course to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Paul Smith, Jack Earhart, and W. C. Gilmore; the Misses Dora Petmecky, Vivian Ball, and Lucille Dubois; and Messrs. Gene Bailey, George B. Hamilton, Lawrence Grimland, and A. C. Elliott.

Social Leader



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Mrs. Robert Rees And Miss Thelma Entertain at "42"

Mrs. Robert Rees and her daughter, Miss Thelma, were hostesses at their home Friday evening to three tables of "42." Decorations reminiscent of Christmas were used, in accordance with the season.

The hostesses served refreshments of cocoa and cake at the end of the evening to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Collier Shurley, and P. J. Taylor; the Misses Gretta Cawyer and Loula Belle Caldwell; and Messrs. George E. Smith, Charley Bruce and W. C. Warren. Mr. Rees also played.

Family Dinner Is Enjoyed at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jones were host and hostess at their ranch home Wednesday evening at a family dinner party, which also included several friends. Christmas decorations, including a tree, which had been left over the New Year, added color and pleasure to the occasion.

Guests participating in the affair were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King, of Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Espy, and their nephew, Sam Hill Sessions, of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Deeton and Miss Marietta Sessions, of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and their son, S. E., and grandson, Hal Whitten, of Eldorado; Tom Jones and his daughter, Victoria, of Eldorado; nd Miss Ealen White, and Pat Cooper, of Sonora.

Mrs. Edith Bond to California

Mrs. Edith Bond will leave for Del Rio Sunday, going from there to San Diego, Calif., where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Duncan, after a sojourn of several months here, during which she has divided her time between Sonora and the ranches of her two sons, Tom and Frank Bond.

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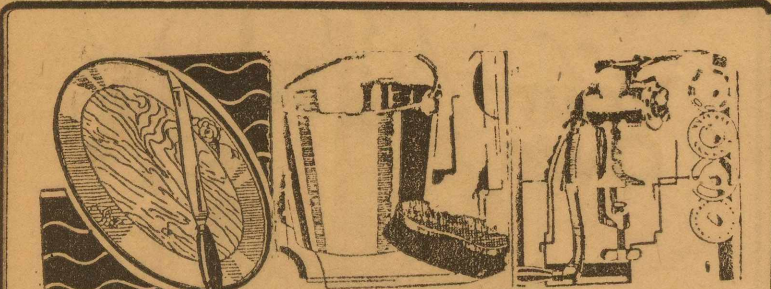
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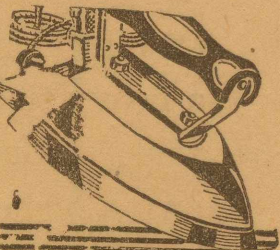
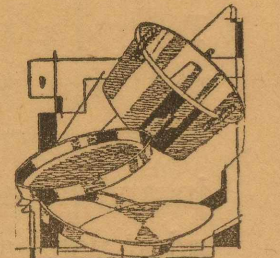
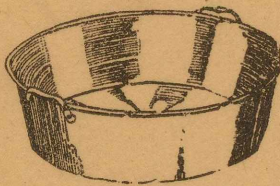
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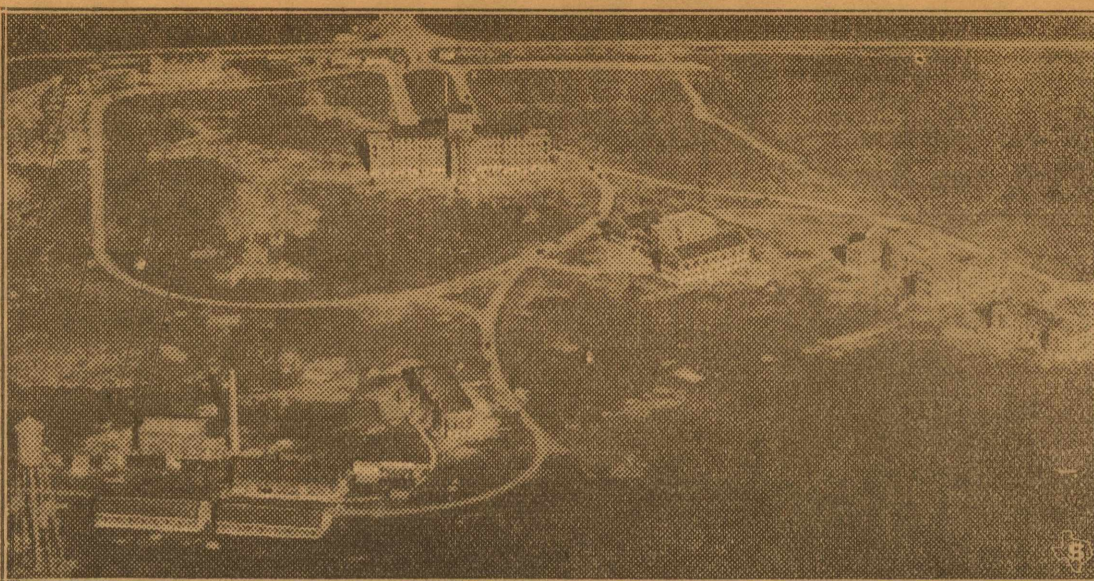
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Million Dollar Veterans' Hospital Nearly Finished at Waco



More than 80 per cent completed, the new veterans' hospital at Waco, Texas, which will employ 208 people, will be ready for occupancy around March, 1932, officials of the veterans' administration at Washington announced recently. The hospital, which will be devoted exclusively to neuro-psychiatric cases, is entirely fireproof, and is equipped as well as any institution of its kind in America, according to the administration. Pictured above is an air view of the buildings and grounds, taken last week.

Railroad—

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of the Winter Garden Belt Railway before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He has necessary data prepared to apply for a permit to build the line.

Total mileage of the two lines, which would shorten mileages between all sections of northwest and West Texas and South Texas the Gulf port at Corpus Christi, is about 212 miles. The Del Rio & Northern, from Sonora to Quemado, in the northern end of the gigantic Maverick county irrigation district of 66,800 acres, would be 132 miles in length. The Winter Garden Belt, from Quemado to Eagle Pass to Carrizo Springs and on to Asherton, would be about 80 miles long.

A saving of \$300,000 a year could be effected to Winter Garden farmers on fresh vegetables and produce. Cattle and sheep from the West Texas areas could be economically shipped to the irrigated district to be fattened for market, and to be used for breeding purposes on South Texas ranges.

Mr. Picnot, in his San Angelo talk, brought out in detail the purposes behind the road, the benefits not only to the two areas immediately affected, but to other parts of the state and nation as well. His talk gave a brief outline of present economic conditions in other portions of the United States, all of which point to a great development in the decade. Mr. Picnot's talk follows:

"Every part of the country has been affected by the so-called business depression in the United States. You have heard many suggestions of relief. As to the causes there are many. Take all of the suggested causes, study them carefully, and you will probably find that one of the contributing causes of the depression, which originated primarily in the eastern and northern states and in our financial centers, is based upon the fact that that part of our country is over-bonded, highly developed or in fact over-developed and has reached a standstill in manufacturing production and is what you might term a finished picture. They cannot go forward to any appreciable extent, and in industry and progress if communities cannot go forward the trend is backward as there can be no standing still.

"This is not a talk on the causes of the depression nor on suggestions of relief. I am simply mentioning this in order to illustrate the future effect this depression will have upon West Texas. Here we have the last frontier of the United States; we are fortunate in having a wonderful climate, great natural resources and above all, an

energetic citizenship. The eyes of the eastern and northern part of United States are now on Texas. Many of their business men find that the communities in which they live are not susceptible to further development and they are, therefore, looking to other fields for individual endeavor.

"The investors of the East who have suffered great financial loss are turning their minds to something more stable than stocks and bonds and are fastly becoming land minded. The fluctuations of values do not affect land investment as they do industrial investments.

"We all have no doubt given deep thought to the causes of depression, and each one of us has probably arrived at what we may think is a solution, but I will not burden you with talk on this subject as it is better to forget all about it. But in touching it, I want to state a few facts that are pertinent to both the depression and to the discussion of a back to the farm movement.

"In 1916, when the warring powers of Europe were purchasing supplies from the United States, factories were busy throughout the East and the demand for labor became greater day by day. This labor was largely drawn from the farms, where man power was attracted by the high wages to be earned in the Eastern cities. During the war enlistments and the draft drained the farms of man power. After the war, with something like three million men being demobilized, a serious question arose as to employment of such a large body. The nations of Europe after four years of warfare were destitute of supplies of every nature, principally manufactured articles and their industries were practically wiped out. The banks of this country began to lend large sums of money to these nations but that money was not paid in cash; it was paid in manufactured articles shipped from the United States. This started an era of industrial activity beginning with the first year of the past decade, during which time factories worked overtime and a further demand was made upon man power from the farms, and agriculture suffered in consequence. During this time the nations of Europe buying supplies from the United States completed their purchases and recovered their ability to manufacture their own goods at home. The greatest customer the world has ever seen then stopped buying. Our factories in the East, necessarily were forced to stop their activities. As a consequence, large numbers of men, the majority of whom came from the farm, became idle. The buying power of this great army of industrial employees suffered thereby. This started the bad years of 1929 and 1930. These are fundamental facts.

"In my estimation the only sensible solution for relieving unemployment, before the country today, is a movement to send these people back home on work they are all familiar with; but not for the purpose of making agricultural records, to grow more onions than any other man, or to grow more corn per acre, but to re-occupy the agricultural lands of the United States for the purpose of finding a home and making a living; to recover their independence and to prevent their being victims of the dole and becoming public charges.

"The attention of the keenest minds of the country will eventually hit upon a solution similar to what I have expressed and from present indications, whether based upon the reasons mentioned, there is no doubt a distinct back to the farm movement already under way in this country.

"When this move starts old worn out clay lands of the eastern and southern states will not be chosen. Their eyes will be turned to the west and southwest, preferably the southwest where climatic conditions are favorable and the land not over burdened with taxes.

"This brings us down to the question. are we ready to take advantage of a back to the farm movement, or industrial moments of any kind? The answer is that those of your cities and communities that now enjoy adequate rail transportation will have the preferred opportunity to take advan-

tage of this future economic move.

"Now, let us see what has built up the communities of West Texas. I would not say that San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo, Sweetwater, and other large cities of the southwestern plains would enjoy their present development if it were not for the fact that in their pioneer state they grew because they were adequately served by the early rail transportation systems of West Texas. To the Santa Fe Railway Company largely belongs the credit for building up and making possible the development of your own city here, as well as Amarillo, Lubbock, Sweetwater and a large number of others that have the makings of large, healthy cities. We of South Texas have looked with envy upon the rapid strides made in developing this great western country.

"While you people of West Texas know in a general way what we have in South Texas, you are not connected by rail transportation or by trade association with us. It has often been said that you of West Texas were an empire within yourselves, and we feel that we of

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M. E. YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTY AS GOAL

If the Methodist Young People's Organization succeeds in having an attendance of 25 at two successive meetings, its sponsor, Mrs. E. P. Neal, will give the members a party, according to an announcement at the regular weekly meeting last Sunday evening at the church.

The program, led by Miss Frances Trainer, opened with songs and a sentence prayer and consisted of several discussions of topics, as follows: "Are You Perfect?" by V. J. Glascock; "Only Part of the Truth," by Miss Ches Thorp; "Mae Need Not Stand Alone," G. W. Archer; "Strength in Prayer," Miss Clovis Neal.

Next Sunday's program will deal with Christian leadership, and persons taking part will be the Misses Pauline Turney and Ruth Freeman, and W. C. Warren and J. T. Shurley.

Paving work on three streets, and the placing of a coat of tar around the square was finished last week at Rocksprings.

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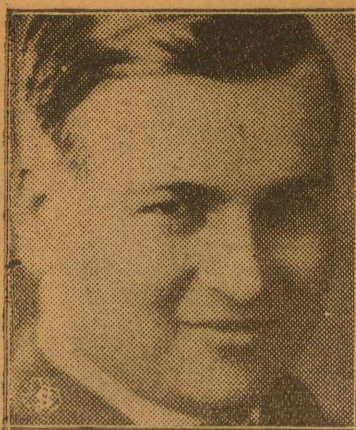


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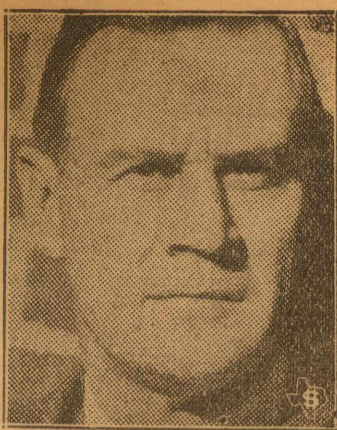
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Antagonists in Cotton Reduction Fight

Thomas L. Tyson

Thomas L. Tyson, county attorney of Robertson County, Monday filed an injunction suit at Franklin, Texas, seeking to restrain J. R. McCrary of Calvert, from planting more than 30 per cent of his land in cotton. W. E. Terrell, as counsel for the defendant, seeks to have the new Texas cotton acreage reduction law declared unconstitutional. Whatever the outcome, the suit will be appealed in the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals at Waco, and thence to the supreme court for swift and final adjudication.



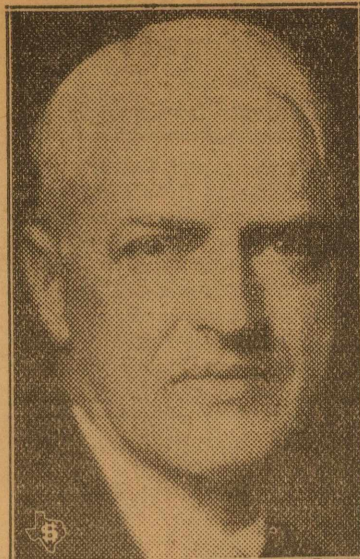
W. E. Terrell

development of South and West Texas.

"The Winter Garden District has been built up through the untiring efforts of our public spirited citizens. Our regional chamber of commerce, known as the Winter Garden Chamber of Commerce, consisting of eight cities, has done valiant work bettering conditions and building up the country. Among the things that they are responsible for has been the water investigation now being carried on by the United States Geological Survey, the passing of needed legislation, bettering the conditions of all of Texas, among which may be mentioned the Labor Bill, and in this we are indebted to Hon. A. P. Johnson, who is one of our foremost citizens and who himself is one of our untiring workers, and the securing of the agricultural experimental station.

"Three years ago our rate situation commanded our attention. The cities of the Winter Garden District, including Eagle Pass, were so situated geographically that it was impossible for us to secure beneficial railroad rates unless further railroad extensions were had, and those we have adequately connected up. We attempted to enlist the interest of the railroads serving us in that district in building connecting lines. In this we failed.

"Then was born the movement that brought forth the formation of the Winter Garden Belt Railway, a small line of 70 miles in length but an important connecting link. This line connects up Asherton with Carrizo Springs and Carrizo Springs with Eagle Pass and from there to Quemado, which is the center of the northern part of the great Maverick County Irrigation District. The application for per-

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Wallace R. Clark of Canyon, Texas, who has been appointed on the United States Chamber of Commerce committee, and will represent the entire Southwest in studying and reporting the scope and value of chambers of commerce. Silas H. Strawn, president of the national chamber, appointed only 11 men in the country on this committee. Clark is a professor at West Texas State Teachers' College.

mission to build is now before the Interstate Commerce Commission and will be decided after final oral argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission on Jan. 14.

"This was the first step toward securing relief and better transportation. The next step was the formation of the Del Rio and Northern Railway Company, which was organized to build from Del Rio to Sonora and from Del Rio to

Quemado. In these plans you will see the connection we desire to attain, that is, a rail line from the heart of the Winter Garden District serving the entire Maverick County Water District, which is destined to be one of the greatest projects in the state of Texas and connecting up South and Southeast Texas with North and Northwest Texas by building between Del Rio and Sonora.

"This will place the Port of Corpus Christi at the side door of West Texas. It will permit closer communication with West Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley and will lower the rates between that section, West Texas and the Northwestern states. It will give the Winter Garden District a better outlet for its agricultural products into West Texas, North Texas and the Northwestern states and will furnish the Maverick County Irrigation District with a similar outlet. In addition to this it will permit the cattle breeders of West Texas to ship to the great ranges of South Texas highbred cattle which are now in demand for breeding purposes. It will give the West Texas sheep, goat and cattle raisers a cheaper rate on forage crops for feeding purposes which are raised in abundance in the territory to the south of you. The questionnaire on the Del Rio and Northern, which I will file with the Interstate Commerce Commission next week in Washington, shows that this line directly and indirectly affects over two and one-half millions of population in Southwest, West and Northwest Texas, and over 145,000 square miles of territory. It shows further that it will change the rate structure and lower the rates on products from and to the districts men-

Changes His Mind

A. M. Barnes, picture above, of Athens, Texas, warned by his daughter, State Senator J. J. Lusk and Joel Luck that they had all dreamed he had been shot while hunting, went hunting anyway. He got about half a load of buckshot in the calf of his leg, accidentally. Barnes is now a firm believer in dreams. He is business manager of the Athens Review.

tioned. It will furnish an outlet from West Texas to the Gulf for its cotton."

Editor's Note—The foregoing statement by Mr. Pienof is the first half of his address. Next week The News will carry the remainder of the talk, outlining still further angles on the rail situation, and detailing other advantages which the line would bring to West Texas.

Railroad—

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South Texas are also an empire, and for lack of intra-trade association we each might live in a foreign country. Down to the south there exist the garden spots of the United States. Given an equal chance with California, both the Winter Garden District and the Lower Rio Grande Valley will forge ahead of California. In passing, I might state it is not the land of Southern California that has been the cause of their rapid development but it has been the energy of its people aided by highly developed rail transportation, and with the aid of the federal government, which has favored the West Coast to the detriment of the Southwest.

"I hold in my hand here, and I am going to read, a statement made by one of our large railroad systems now operating in the Rio Grande Valley. This goes on to state that were it not for the rail transportation offered by this particular road, the Rio Grande Valley would be still in brush and be the hinterland of the United States. It gives full credit to itself, and justly so, for the development of that region. I can personally testify to this being a fact, for I knew the Lower Rio Grande Valley twenty-five years ago when the first railroad went into that section and I know the Valley as it is today, and many of you will bear this out when I state that it has developed faster than any other portion of the United States in the past ten years. Why is this? The answer is plainly, adequate rail transportation for in this section no farm is farther than five miles from a railroad station. The county of Hidalgo has 169 miles of railway and the county of Cameron has 94 miles of railroad. The combined two counties have 95 railroad stations. Compare this with what we have in other parts of Texas and especially in the Winter Garden District and the Maverick County Water Improvement District. In the county of Dimmit we have 65 miles of railroad. We have 34 miles of railroad in Zavala county and we have 28 miles of railroad in Maverick county.

"First discussing the railroad situation in Dimmit and Zavala counties, which comprise the main area of the famous Winter Garden District, this section alone received and shipped over 30,000 carloads last year. This section enjoys the reputation as being the largest spinach shipping area in the world. In addition to this, it is fast becoming one of the great citrus fruit growing areas of the United States and in support of this, it is a known fact that for the past six years the Winter Garden District has taken first prizes at the Dallas State Fair, as well as at many other agricultural expositions, for the best grapefruit and oranges grown in the United States, the test being based upon sugar content, color and juice. Next moving to the Maverick County District, which while a part of the new Maverick County Water District is a gravity irrigation project and the Winter Garden District to the east takes its irrigation water from wells. The Maverick County Irrigation District takes its water from the Rio Grande River by gravity, through its huge canals, costing \$6,600,000, of which over \$4,500,000 has been spent, feeding a great hydro-electric plant, which pays an annual rental for the use of the canal water of \$240,000 per year, and irrigates by gravity over 60,000 acres of land with a potential first lift area of 30,000 acres in addition. The taxes on this irrigated land including district, county, state and water, is only \$5.00 per acre.

"To save time I will only speak briefly on the outstanding features of our South Texas district. In this connection, it is well to mention the chief and most important industry of South Texas, and that is stock raising. The extensive ranges of South Texas are only just beginning to breed better livestock. They are not as far advanced as you people of West Texas, where you have for a number of years bred the finest cattle produced in the United States. Mr. McKnight, of Sonora,

one of the outstanding cattle men of West Texas, is teaching us in South Texas to breed a better grade of cattle. We of South Texas must therefore look to West Texas breeders for breeding stock.

"Another feature that is of great importance to the prosperity of West Texas is the Port of Corpus Christi. A number of years ago, through the vision of prominent men of Nueces county, a movement to establish this port was started. The port was placed in operation in 1926 and is today, one of the leading Gulf ports.

"I have mentioned these facts merely as a prelude upon which to base our needs for more adequate rail communication and service, which is necessary to the further

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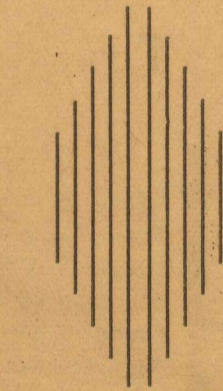
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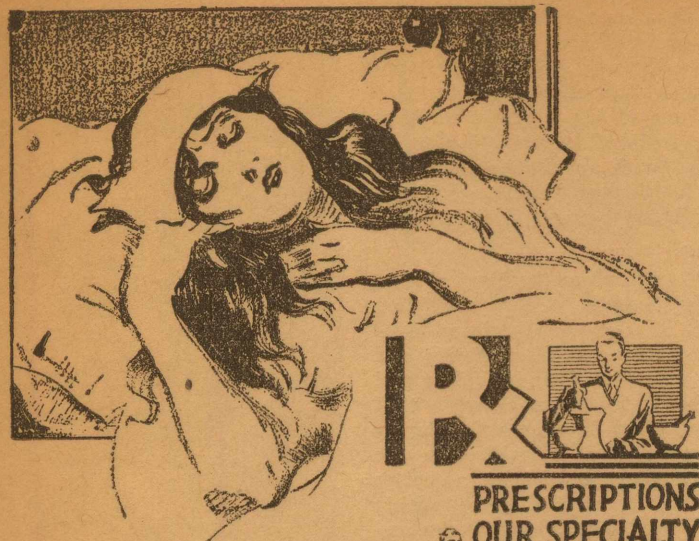
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Old-Fashioned Party

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being the clerk, and Lea Roy Aldwell and Hillman Brown impersonating the defendant and the prosecuting attorney, respectively. In "Postoffice," Miss Lena V. Stokes and Carroll White acted as postmistress and postmaster.

Following the playing of these games, the group danced till a late hour, when delicious refreshments of hot chocolate, chicken and pimento sandwiches, and butterscotch cookies, were served.

Those present were Mesdames Mary Briscoe, of San Angelo, S. E. McKnight, Lillian Watson, of Alpiro, and Edna Ramsey; the Misses Lena V. Stokes, Annella Stites, Edythe Carson, Faye James, Gertrude Babcock, Zella Lee Thorp, Blanche Wright, Mora Lee Meckel, Bonnie Camp, of Stamford, and Babe White; and Messrs. Preston Praetor, Louie Trainer, Edwin Sawyer, Aldwell Nisbet, Woodrow Norris, Jack Pfister, Lea Roy Aldwell, Sam Logan, Hillman Brown, Jackson Ramsey, of Big Spring, Carroll White, and O. H. Wright.

Misses Faye James
And Jessie Louise
Evans Give Bridge

The end of two weeks of delightful social affairs in honor of college students home for the vacation, came Saturday evening with the lovely twelve-table bridge party at the Woman's Club House given by the Misses Faye James and Jessie Louise Evans, as joint hostesses, as a farewell festivity honoring their departing friends.

An attractive color scheme of pink and green was employed in decorations and cleverly carried out in the salad course served by the hostesses assisted by their mothers, Mesdames W. E. James and C. H. Evans.

High scores at bridge went to Miss Jamie Gardner and William Fields.

The young ladies' guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith, Mesdames R. A. Halbert, and Gladys Kothmann, the Misses Elizabeth Caldwell, Jamie Gardner, Allie Halbert, Edythe Carson, Babe White, Dorothy Baker, Frances Trainer, Nan Karnes, Hazel Edwards, Greta Cawyer, Annella Stites, Lena V. Stokes, Zella Lee Thorp, Ruth Lee Hoggett, Alice Sawyer, Nan Casbeer Margaret Hull, Joanna Stokes, and Dora Petmecky; and Messrs. Gomer Mennick, Jim Howard King, of San Angelo; John McElroy, of Eldorado; Seth Lancaster, William Fields, John Aldwell Nisbet, Edwin Sawyer, Charles Harold Evans, Jack Pfister, John McClelland, Houston Stokes, George Edward Allison, George E. Smith, Jodie Trainer, Preston Praetor, Dewitt Blanton, Cecil Allen, John Eaton, Carlton Leatherwood, Lea Roy Aldwell, H. V. Stokes, John Hull, and C. H. Evans.

Mrs. Jack Neill Is
Hostess to Queen
Of Clubs Thursday

Mrs. Jack Neill entertained members and guests of the Queen of Clubs at her home Thursday afternoon, with four tables of bridge. Winners of high scores for the afternoon were Mrs. Tom White, high club, and Miss Nan Karnes, high guest. Low club score went to Miss Alice Karnes.

The hostess served a delicious salad course to the following: Mesdames Henry Decker, Lloyd Earwood, John Fields, Johnnie Hamby, Sam Karnes, W. P. McConnell, jr., Joe Brown Ross, R. C. Vicars, and Tom White; and the Misses Bonnie Glasscock, Ada Steen, and Alice Karnes—all members; and Mesdames Carl Morrow, of Burnet, Ben Martin, of Eagle Pass, and C. S. Keene, and Miss Nan Karnes—guests.

BETTER TIMES COMING

Be an optimist, but you can't be optimistic if you have misty optics. See the bright future with Baker's glasses, and at one-third less cost.

DR. FRED R. BAKER,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL

(Editor's Note—Candidates will be listed in the order received. Rates will be as follows, payable in advance: Precinct offices, \$5; county offices, \$10; district offices, \$15. Announcement will be carried throughout entire year until time of final election. Payment of fee entitles candidate to a statement not exceeding 100 words. Portions of statements over 100 words will be charged for at 10 cents a line.)

The following candidates announce for the offices designated, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 26, 1932:

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
B. W. HUTCHERSON
D. Q. ADAMS

For Tax Assessor:
GEO. J. TRAINER, SR.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

I am a candidate for re-election to the offices of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county, subject to the Democratic Primary. Your support is solicited on the record of office, and your influence will be greatly appreciated.

B. W. HUTCHERSON.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

In re-announcing for the office of county tax assessor, I do so expecting to be able to perform the duties of the office. My health is gradually improving and I expect to be able to see all of you personally and solicit your vote before the Democratic primary. Your support will be appreciated.

GEORGE J. TRAINER, SR.

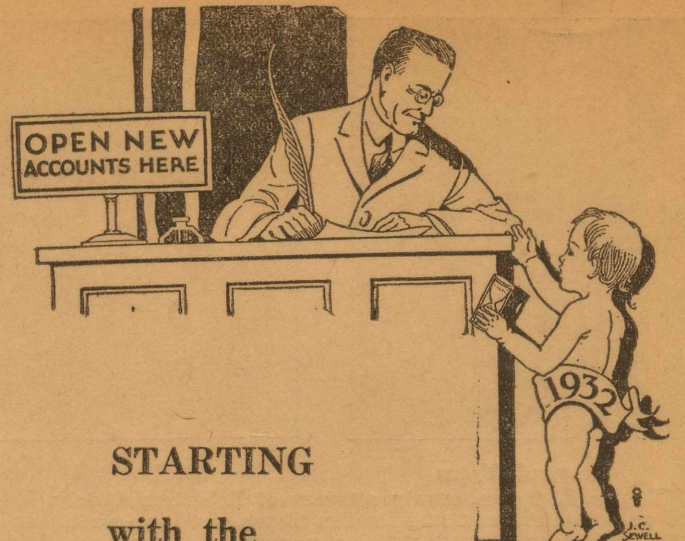
NOTICE TO VOTERS

I am announcing as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county, subject to the approval of the voters in the Democratic Primary. I request that you check my record, both as a life-long citizen of Sutton county and as a former county official—commissioner of precinct 3 for 14 years without opposition. If elected to the office I shall endeavor to carry out all its duties to the fullest extent, without partiality and without malice. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

D. Q. ADAMS.

Phone 72 for fresh Jersey milk. Fields' Dairy.

Pecos—Buford refinery resumed full operations recently.



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with the
NEW YEAR

You could not start the new year in a better way. It at once starts you on the path of right thinking and right action, namely the consideration of all the other years to follow. A bank account started today will be just that much "velvet" next year, increasing as the years go by, until you are ready to enjoy the age of mental and physical repose, secure in the knowledge that you have saved.

First National Bank
Capital and Surplus \$237,800.00

ADULT HEALTH CLUB HAS
INTERESTING PROGRAM

"Temperature, Pulse, and Respiration," was the topic presented for discussion at the regular meeting of the Adult Health Club Monday afternoon at the high school, by Miss Lucille Stone, district nurse. Though the attendance was small, due to the weather, the group present thoroughly enjoyed the round-table discussion of points introduced.

At the next meeting, Monday, January 18, Miss Stone will conduct

a study of "Communicable Diseases; Care and Treatment in the Home." Visitors are urged to attend this discussion, since it is along a direct line with the work in immunization being sponsored just now by the club, which has produced such outstanding results in the community.

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SPECIALS

Friday--Saturday, Jan. 8--9

- BACON—Sugar cured, special for Friday and Saturday, per pound 14c
- SALT PORK JOWLS—Special for Friday and Saturday, per pound 8c
- BUTTER—Golden Valley, fresh and sweet, per pound 29c
- ORANGES—Small size—new crop, sweet and juicy, per dozen 15c
- BAKING POWDER—Calumet, special for Friday and Saturday, 1-lb. can 28c
- PEAS—Small can, excellent quality, Special for Friday and Saturday, 2 for 23c
- PEP BRAN FLAKES—Kellogg's, fresh stock, per package 10c
- BLACK-EYE PEAS—Fresh, medium sized cans, Friday and Saturday Special, 2 for 23c

MR. AWALT HERE

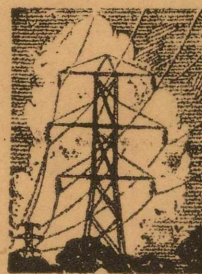
We are pleased to announce that A. W. Awalt, experienced Sonora grocery clerk, is now connected with Piggly Wiggly as assistant manager. His friends are invited to call on him here.

- YAMS—Nice size for baking, special for Friday and Saturday, 10 pounds 25c
- TOMATOES—No 2 can, good grade—special for Friday and Saturday, 3 for 25c
- SOAP—Crystal White Laundry, special for Friday and Saturday, 7 bars 25c
- SUPER SUDS—Washing Powders, special for Friday and Saturday, 3 for 23c
- CRISCO—6-lb. can, fresh stock, Special for Friday and Saturday, each 1.24
- SAUER KRAUT—Good grade—No. 2 1/2 cans, week-end special, 2 for 19c
- VIENNA SAUSAGE—Armour's Veribest, special for Friday and Saturday, 3 for 21c
- SAUSAGE—Pure pork—excellent for cold weather meals, special per pound 19c
- OATS—White Swan—Small package, special for Friday and Saturday, 2 packages 15c
- EGGS—Guaranteed to be fresh, special for the week-end, dozen 25c

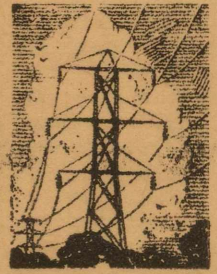
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Of course you can't—neither can other thousands of loyal and enthusiastic West Texans! That's why the rapid development of our land has astounded the world—we have a boundless, and justified, faith in West Texas!

This company, rendering dependable and efficient electric service to 125 prosperous cities and towns, has displayed its confidence in this territory's future by the investment of approximately fifty millions of dollars and the creation of an annual payroll that has averaged over \$2,000,000.00 for the past three years. Our firm faith further is exemplified by the reduction of electric rates for service to the home to the low average of only 6.3 cents per kilowatt-hour . . . by the construction of three major generating stations, nineteen auxiliary plants, and more than 2,500 miles of transmission lines . . . through the building of fifty-five local office buildings and warehouses, and the erection of the many additional permanent facilities necessary so that West Texas can offer to industries and home-makers that dependable and inexpensive power supply available only from a widespread transmission line electric system.

The future of West Texas is assured! Present fundamental conditions are sound, and West Texas' wealth of natural resources—unsurpassed by any other section of the country—give every indication of progress that will dwarf in magnitude that sensational development which a few short years ago riveted on us the attention of the entire nation! Let us take advantage of this encouraging situation—and march through to a greater prosperity than ever before! Let us assume our rightful eminence in the great Southwest!

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