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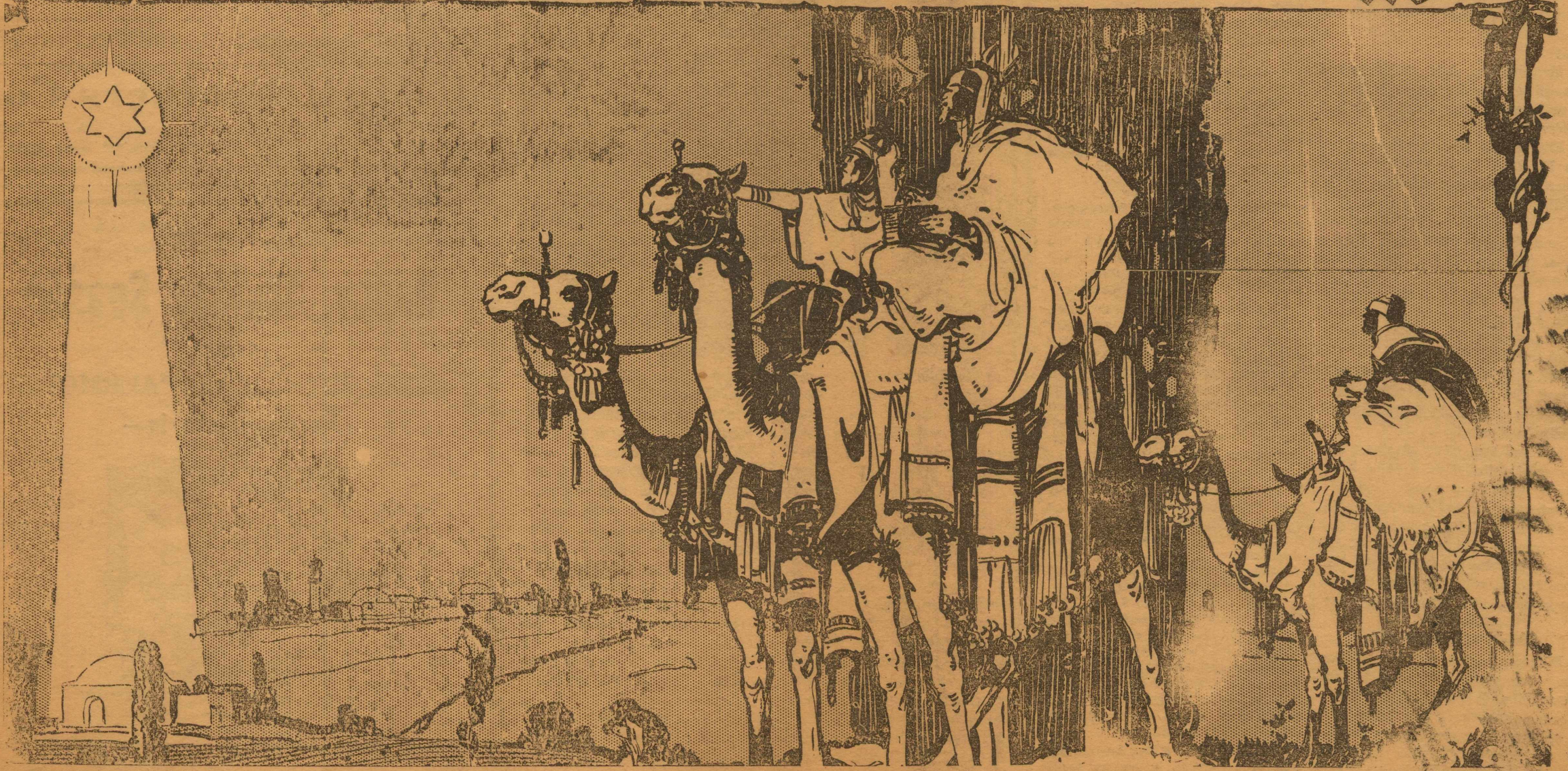
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Peace on Earth -- Good Will toward Men.



---From Classroom to Spend the HOLIDAYS with Sutton County Home Folk

Marvin Smith, Texas A. and M. student, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley.

Tommy Barrow, who is a student at Sul Ross College, Alpine, is visiting here during the holidays.

Lem Eriel Johnson, a Texas A. and M. student, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson.

Willie B. Wilson, a senior law student at the University of Texas, will spend the holidays in Mexico City.

G. W. Archer, Sul Ross College student, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Archer.

Miss Nora E. Hill who attends business school in San Antonio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hill.

J. O. Mills who is attending the University of Texas at Austin is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Sewell.

Joseph Logan, a John Tarleton College student at Stephenville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan.

Miss Marjorie Chadwick who attends the University of Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chadwick.

Kenneth Babcock is another University of Texas student who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Miss Ella Barnes, a beauty college student in San Angelo, will spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnes.

Stanley Mayfield, who attends Texas Military Institute at San Antonio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Mayfield.

Miss Ida Belle Sykes who attends beauty school in San Antonio will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sykes.

Herbert Fields, a junior student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields.

Billy Penick who is attending College of Mines at El Paso is

spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penick.

Armer Earwood, a student at Texas Military Institute at San Antonio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Earwood.

Miss Lunetta Marion, a student at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Marion.

Miss Bobbie Halbert who attends Southern Methodist University in Dallas came Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert.

Miss Ealen White, University of Texas student, will spend part of the holidays here with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Hull.

Billy Penick, a student at the state school in El Paso, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penick, in Sonora.

Miss Lillie Marie Smith, who is a student at the University of Texas is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley.

Alvis Johnson, Jr., who is a student at the University of Texas at Austin will spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Johnson.

Raymon Morgan, a business college student in Fort Worth arrived here Sunday for a holiday visit with his sister, Mrs. Earl Merck, and Mr. Merck.

Miss Wilma Hutcherson came Saturday from Denton, where she attends Texas State College for Women, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson.

Miss Alice Sawyer and her brother, Wesley, students at the University of Texas, came Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer.

Lea Roy Aldwell, who is studying for his master's degree and also doing teaching work at Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., arrived Tuesday night for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell.

Fields Ranch House Destroyed Saturday

Crowells Lose Heavily in Fire Early in Evening

Fire of undetermined origin early Saturday evening destroyed the ranch house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Munroe (Pedro) Crowell, on the 4-Mile Fields Ranch, south east of Sonora.

The Crowells, who have lived on the place five months, lost nearly all of their household furnishings and personal effects. The first to reach the blazing structure, a five-room house about thirty-four years old, took a mattress, three pillows, a chest of drawers and a living room chair from the house. Mrs. Crowell said Monday that she had all of these except the chest of drawers which burned in the yard of the home.

The Crowells were away from home at the time, Mrs. Crowell having left about 3:30 and her husband and son having gone to a pasture to dope sheep. A Mexican, Jesus Quirio, saw the fire from the road, ran to the house and turned in the alarm from the telephone there.

Margie Crowell, small daughter of the Crowells, was to dance in a program at the high school that evening and her mother had gone there with her. The child was not told of the fire until after she had taken part in her dance numbers.

Mrs. Crowell said Monday that they had a radio, washing machine and electric refrigerator in a house in town which they have rented. These, too, were at the ranch house for a time but had been taken back to town.

Mrs. W. J. Fields said Monday afternoon that Mr. Fields had not yet arrived from Austin and that she did not know whether they would build there again.

ROCK-CONCRETE BUILDING BEING BUILT IN SONORA

Construction work is well under way on a business building being erected by Castillo Brothers in the Mexican business district.

The structure, containing 1500 square feet of floor space, is of concrete and rock construction. An inner wall is of concrete with rock being used for an outer wall. The floor is to be concrete.

The building will cost about \$2,000. Victor Castillo said this week that it is likely he will put partitions in it but that he could not say at this time as to the use to which the building will be put.

More Sutton People Using "Split Tax" Payment Method

Total of "Full Payments" of 1936 Taxes Greater Than 1935

B- Almost \$2,200

Although more Sutton County taxpayers took advantage of the split payment plan of paying taxes this year than last the total amount of such payments collected before November 30, the "deadline" for the first payment, was smaller than in 1935.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson, deputy in the office of B. W. Hutcherson, said Wednesday that this year the office collected \$12,454.01 in split payments as compared with \$12,746.90 last year when split payment privilege was in effect. The other payment of taxes may be made any time before June 30, 1937.

More Make Complete Payments

Taxpayers who paid their 1936 taxes in full before December 1 paid into the county treasury a total of \$6,227.83, more than \$2,000 in excess of the amount paid in "full payments" before that date last year. The 1935 figure was \$4,071.42.

Taxes of payers who did not pay one-half before November 30 became due by January 31, 1937, and are delinquent, with penalty added, after that time.

Eighty-four people have paid poll taxes although it is doubtful that there will be an election this year when their ballot privilege may be exercised. It is required of those who pay by the split payment plan that their poll taxes be paid at the time of the first payment as the "deadline" on poll taxes is January 31, several months before they will be expected to make their final tax payments.

Auto Licenses Due April 1

Automobile license plates have not been received in the collector's office for the 1937 license year. It is expected that they will be received soon but will not be placed on sale until about March 1. They must appear on automobiles and other motor vehicles by April 1.

Drivers' licenses, issued last year for the first time, were for a period of three years so it will not be necessary for Texas motor vehicle drivers to go through the procedure of securing new ones this year or next.

Miss Hattie Taylor, a nurse at North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Baby For Former Sonorans "Donald Leroy" is the name that has been given the son born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baker of Gonzales. Mr. Baker was principal last year of the L. W. Elliott School here. Their baby weighed eight and three-fourths pounds.

Basketball Players In Action January 2

Edward Archer Winner of Contest at Iraan Saturday

Basketball competition by the high school team is to be resumed Saturday of next week, according to O. P. Adams, coach, who said this week that both the boys and girls would play at Barnhart that day—January 2.

Entering boys of junior age only Coach Adams' Sonora quintet Saturday was defeated, and eliminated, by the Big Spring younger boys in an invitation tournament at Iraan. The score was 20 to 12.

Sonora High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 2 at Barnhart (Boys and Girls)
January 4 ... Big Lake (here) (Boys and Girls)
January 6 ... Christoval (here)
January 8 ... Barnhart (here) (Boys and Girls)
January 9 ... Eldorado (tour.)
January 13 ... Eldorado (here)
January 15-16 ... Ozona (tour.)
January 20 ... Eldorado (here)
January 25 ... Mertzon (here)
January 25 at Big Lake (Boys and Girls)
January 27 Christoval (here)
January 29 at Ozona
January 30 Ozona (here)

Boys who made the trip were: Jack Shurley, Dock Simmons, Robert Kelley, Basil Taylor, Edward Archer, Claude Thomas Driskell, James D. Trainer, Tommie Thorp.

Edward Archer was declared winner of the free throwing contest after he had tied with Warren and Barbour, Fort Stockton boys. Each of the three made nine goals out of the ten trials allowed. The other two boys did not care to compete in a tie-breaking contest so Archer was declared winner.

A margin of five points was Eldorado's victory mark Wednesday of last week when the Sonora team played in the gymnasium in the Schleicher county town. Sonora led until the last quarter and at the end of the half was five points ahead of Eldorado. Jim Taylor, F. Archer, W. Elliott, Robert Allen Simmons, Reginald Trainer and L. M. Roueche played.

Funeral Service in San Angelo Monday For J. M. Puckett

Death Saturday After Few Days Illness in San Antonio

A ranchman in Sutton County from September, 1916, until last summer, J. M. Puckett, sixty-six years old, died in a San Antonio hospital Saturday afternoon after an illness of about a week.

Mr. Puckett and his son, Dow, a Pecos County ranchman now, disposed of their Sutton interests last summer to the Shurley Brothers so that Mr. Puckett might aid his wife in regaining her health which had been bad for some time. They spent some time in San Diego, Cal., but recently have been living in San Antonio.

Welfare Work Pleas Him

An active worker in the Lions Club while he was living here, Mr. Puckett was well known for his welfare work for that organization. He was in charge of the club's hot luncheons work for the benefit of school children, attended to a number of cases of poor eyesight on behalf of the club and was usually looked to by the club to handle a great deal of its charitable work of several types.

A Methodist in religious faith, Mr. Puckett was one of the trustees of the Sonora church of that denomination. He was also one of the Sutton County Welfare Board group and as such found an outlet for his interest in humanitarian work in the county in which he made his home until shortly before his death.

Father Was "Trail Driver"

Mr. Puckett was a native of Karnes County. His grandfather, who came from Indiana, was a surveyor and is credited with laying out much of the townsite of Austin. The elder Puckett was an early "trail driver." Mr. Puckett's mother was a Mississippian by birth.

When J. M. Puckett was only eleven his family moved from Williamson County to Ben Ficklin where the elder Puckett was in the ranching business, specializing in the raising of cattle. J. M. Puckett has told friends of the time when he drove an ox team from Abilene to San Angelo with materials for building the first Tom Green County courthouse. His work of hauling the courthouse stone was as a part of his "freighting" between Abilene and San Angelo, a business he followed for some (Continued on page 4)

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith will spend Christmas in Gonzales.

Mrs. Cathryn Webb of Rondo Beach, California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wirt Stephenson.

Miss Annella Stites of Houston will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stites.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Shelton and daughter, Alyce Claire, left Tuesday for a holiday visit in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Stephenson and daughter, Mary Ellen, will visit in San Antonio during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moore and daughter, Martha Jo, will visit in Austin and Lufkin during the holidays.

Miss Kaida Bloodworth returned to El Paso Monday after a visit here with her grandfather, B. M. Halbert.

L. W. Elliott and daughter, Elizabeth, and Katherine Brown spent this week in Del Rio and San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glasscock of San Angelo are visiting Mr. Glasscock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Glasscock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James will spend Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. B. B. Kelly, and Mr. Kelly in Texon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seale of San Antonio visited Mrs. Seale's sister, Mrs. Wirt Stephenson, and Mr. Stephenson several days this week.

Mrs. B. B. Kelly of Texon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James, Sunday and Monday. Her son, Jamie, who has been visiting his grandparents returned with her.

Couple Married Sunday

Eleodora Virgen and Victor Garcia were married Sunday by the Rev. John J. Neff of St. Ann's Church, Sonora. The bride is a daughter of Leonard Virgen, brother of Theodore Virgen, business man in the Mexican district. Recently a daughter of Theodore and Mrs. Virgen was married to Alfred Brown, young business man who operates a package liquor store in the Mexico Cafe building.

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OPEN NEW SEGMENT OF SKYLINE DRIVE

Along Crest of Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia.

Washington, D. C.—Along the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains, once the haunt of wild game or an occasional mountaineer, a second segment of Virginia's skyline drive was opened, and motorists now may glide over the summits on 65 miles of scenic highway.

"Mountaineering, to those who prefer it thus, becomes a spectator sport in the Shenandoah National park along the Blue Ridge summits," says the National Geographic society. "Over 30,000 in a day may watch the autumn coloring of the trees from a moving ringside seat along the highway."

"For those who prefer nature undiluted, there are miles of trails for hikers from height to height, with numerous creeks between to cross on fallen logs."

Colorful Views.

"Two main Virginia highways connect with Skyline drive. Picnic grounds and parking spaces are found overlooking colorful valley views, their rustic fittings made of wood and stone found on the spot."

"The Shenandoah National park's 176,429 acres embrace scenery which is the happy medium for mountains. Higher, they would be less accessible, lower, they would be less picturesque. The average altitude, somewhat higher than 3,000 feet, is just sufficient to catch the shimmering blue haze which named the Blue Ridge."

"A color equally as characteristic is the gray-green of many a wind-bent 'lonesome pine' near the ridge crests, or the deep green gloss of mountain laurel. Gray skeletons of chestnut trees, bleaching casualties of the blight years ago, stand against the green background."

"Skyline drive follows the Blue Ridge crest, with gently sloping foothills on the east and a sharp drop on the west into the field-checked and town-dotted Shenandoah valley. Beyond the blue band of Massanutten Ridge, bisecting the valley, rise faint blue scallops of the Allegheny mountains."

"From the Blue Ridge branch numerous mountain spurs to form shadowy pockets, or 'coves.' In winter they are drifted deep with snow that lingers for weeks. In summer their shady thickets are sprinkled with little waterfalls and rushing creeks."

Ruled With His Gun.

"Tucked away here have lived generations of mountaineers, isolated because they asked nothing of life except their mountains, and hence needed to seek nothing beyond. They lived long and lustily, despite the rarity of doctors' visits. There was the bearded, barefooted patriarch who ruled Free State Hollow with his own gun, recognizing no outside authority, not even revenue men. There were unkillable mountain dames, like the one who could spin yarns about the Seventeenth century for her great-grandchildren."

"Four hundred mountain families were moved from their log cabins to less primitive homes, to make way for the park."

"The high, wide expanse of Big meadows, famous as site for experiments with gliders, lies near the park's center. Rapidan camp, the rustic playground of a President, is nearby."

"The Shenandoah National park contains the highest spots in northern Virginia, Hawksbill and Stony Man peaks, both over 4,000 feet."

Bird Flies 4,000 Miles in Month, Record Shows

Washington. — Among the most amazing instances of the speed with which some species of birds accomplish their migratory flights cited by Frederick C. Lincoln of the bureau of biological survey in his pamphlet, "The Migration of North American Birds," is that of the gray-cheeked thrush.

"This bird," Lincoln says, "winters in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and British Guiana and does not start its northward journey until many other species are well on their way. It does not appear in the United States until the last of April — April 25, near the mouth of the Mississippi, and April 30 in northern Florida."

"A month later, or by the last week in May, the bird is seen in northwestern Alaska, the 4,000-mile trip from Louisiana having been made at an average speed of about 130 miles a day."

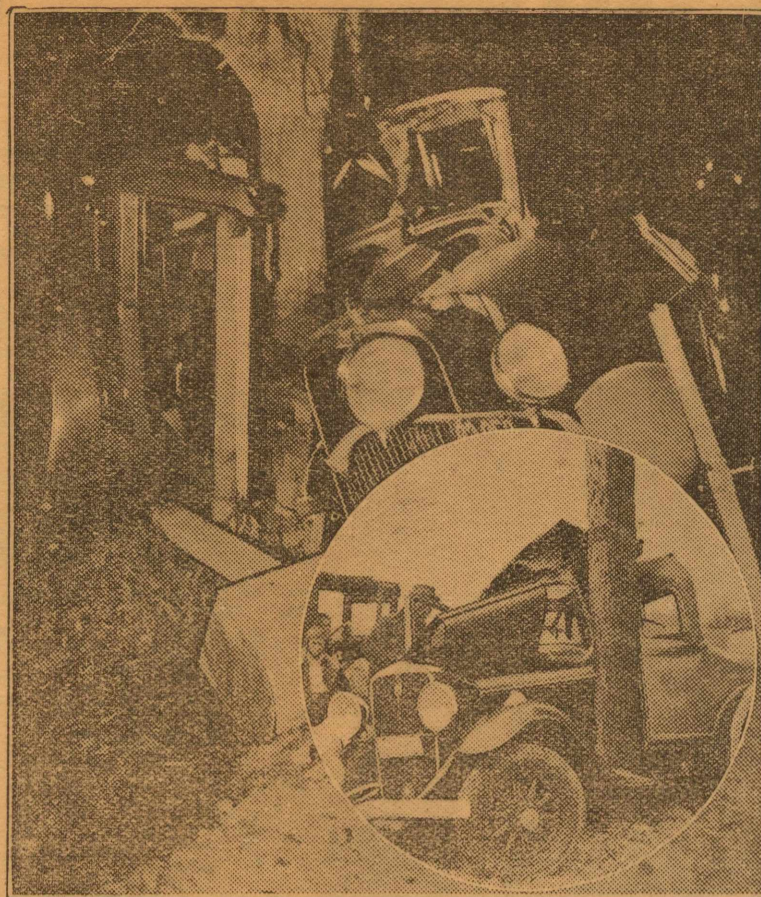
Blind Men Meet After 20 Years; Recognize Voices

Medway, Mass.—A door opened in the home of Dennis Reardon, ninety-four, and a voice said, "How are you, Denny?" Blind, Reardon replied, "How are you, Jack?" and was led to the arms of George W. Bartlett, ninety-two, of Brockton, also blind. The meeting was the first in twenty years. They were tentmates in the Civil war.

In Safe Keeping

Whitehall, N. Y.—David Nichols hid \$2.45 in a tin can under a bridge here nearly 23 years ago. When he recently returned to the village his curiosity took him to the bridge to see if the money was still there. It was.

Motor Cars No Respector of Time of Day As Wrap Selves Around Nearby Obstacles



By the light of the moon or by the noon-day sun they actually do twine themselves snugly and oft-times fatally around trees and telephone poles. Blinding lights, wet pavement, bad brakes, speed and negligence inspired by romance—all of these are common causes and all of them avoidable.

The hazards of nature are permanent and eternal, but the hazards of man's own indifference to the most fundamental of instincts, self-preservation, can be controlled. By his own imagination man created the automobile; by his own neglect he defeats its purpose. And by his own sanity,

his own increased concern for his life and his property and the property of others, he can continue to enjoy the fruits of his inventive genius.

Stop accidents like this one and many others and help save at least 38,000 lives by the end of 1940. This is the call to arms and to battle that has been broadcast over the nation by the National Safety Council in its announced country-wide five-year program for taking the stamp of death and ruin from our streets and highways. This is the call that every man, woman and child must heed if the goal is to be reached. And it certainly can be attained!

PRESTO! BUREAU OFFICIAL LOCATES ONE-ACT DRAMA

Austin, Dec. 23.—Whimsical testimony to the efficiency of the drama service afforded by the Package Loan Library at the University of Texas, an extension service, is given in the following letter received by Morton Brown, director of the one-act play division of the library:

"You're a genius! I tell you I want a play. I tell you the name of it is 'Two Men of Affairs.' I tell you the name of the book it is in is 'Six One-Act Plays.' I tell you the book is in a red cover."

"The play is not called 'Two Men of Affairs.' It is not in a book called 'Six One-Act Plays,' and it is not in a book with a red cover! And still you send me the very play I wanted out of 2,300 you have in stock! If Robert L. Ripley knew that he'd put you in 'Attraction No. 1' at the 'Believe it or not' auditorium."

"Thank you lots. You saved the day for us."

Sonorans' Grandson Ill

Hi Eastland Newby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Newby of Brackettville, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland, has been ill of pneumonia in Del Rio for several days. He is better this week.

Joseph Tipoldo, the Brooklyn laundryman who brought the suit which upset the New York minimum-wage law, has had to go out of business. The state government stopped annoying him, but so did the customers.—New Yorker.

SONORA GIRL MEMBER OF HONORARY ORGANIZATION

Austin, Dec. 23.—The local chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, honorary education fraternity for women at the University of Texas, recently held a banquet in honor of its new members.

Preceding the banquet, initiation services were held for Margaret Berry of Dawson, Ruby Esther George of Plano, Elayne Larsen of Paris, Marjorie Rosen of San Antonio, Alice Sawyer of Sonora, Dorothy Louise Schneider of Galveston, Frances Ann Stuckert of Fort Worth and Loraine Thrift of San Antonio. Decorations were in blue and gold, the fraternity colors.

Miss Sawyer, a senior at the university, is enjoying the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, in Sonora.

Influenza Victim Better
J. W. Trainer who has been ill of influenza this week is better. He came downtown Tuesday, but was unable to work.

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Miss Audrey Rankhorn, Miss Joyce McGilvray and Miss Nina Roueche went to San Angelo Tuesday.

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Week by Week in TEXAS HISTORY

Week of December 20

1820—Moses Austin reached Bexar (San Antonio) on Dec. 23 accompanied by his servant, Richmond, and two white men who had joined him at Natchitoches.

1835—A declaration of independence was signed by about 92 men on Dec. 20, and was published at Goliad.

1836—The first Congress of the Republic of Texas adjourned on Dec. 21 after being in session about two and one-half months.

1838—On Dec. 21 the establishment of a national bank was advocated by President Lamar in his message to Congress.

1859—The inauguration of Sam Houston as Governor of Texas took place on Dec. 21.

(By T. S. College for Women)

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ADVERTISING CHIEF



Being wounded in the World War proved a bit lucky for Roger W. Birdseye. Going to New Mexico and Arizona to recuperate, his writings attracted the attention of the Santa Fe Railway which found a place for him in its advertising department. This month he was promoted to general advertising manager of the Santa Fe System Lines with headquarters in Chicago.

MANY GIRLS USE POOL AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Austin, Dec. 23.—A total of 16,944 women took advantage of the swimming facilities at the Women's Gymnasium at the University of Texas last year.

"Registration is opened to the women and children of Austin as well as university students and age has nothing to do with the matter if the applicant can stand in the shallow end of the pool and keep her chin above the water line," Miss Anna Hiss, director of physical training for women, said.

Freshmen women at the university are introduced to the pool during fall registration. All those who can swim are asked to take a safety swimming test. This consists in staying up in deep water for ten minutes. Those failing the test are required to take eight weeks of swimming lessons which are given three times a week. Between four and five hundred of these tests are given each fall.

Episcopal Rector Will Speak To Men

St. John's Pastor Accepts Men's Invitation For Sunday

Guest speaker to men who attend the Men's Bible Class Sunday morning at La Vista Theater will be the Rev. Frederic M. Brasier of Kerrville, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church here.

The acceptance of the invitation to address Sutton men was announced Sunday morning by the Rev. R. C. Brinkley, class teacher, when forty-three men attended the session Sunday morning. H. V. Stokes, president of the men's brotherhood, was in charge of the class program Sunday morning.

It was decided that Roy E. Aldwell, a member of the Reverend Mr. Brasier's church, would be in charge at the class period Sunday morning.

E. S. Long has been chosen secretary-treasurer of the men's organization to succeed G. B. Rankhorn who is teaching a class of boys at the Baptist Church. Sunday Mr. Long, Joe F. Logan and Roy E. Aldwell were named by Mr. Stokes to assume charge of the finances of the class. It was decided that a portion of the class collections for each month would be given the teacher in appreciation of his services as instructor each Sunday.

The Reverend Mr. Brinkley told of the purchase of an electric coffee urn which will be used in supplying the men with coffee each Sunday morning.

Victorious Chairman Returns

New York, Dec. 23.—Returning from a month's vacation in Ireland, Postmaster General James A. Farley immediately began the task, as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, of personally thanking 30,000 party leaders throughout the nation for their help in the last election. Informed that Governor Landon had poor luck fishing in Florida, the P. M. G. shook his head sadly and said, "That's too bad. He was at least entitled to a few fish."

Karnes Baby Ill This Week

Ann Marie Karnes, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Karnes, who has been ill of pneumonia for a week is better. The baby was taken to a San Angelo hospital Wednesday night of last week. Monday she was moved to the home of Mrs. Karnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Drake.

Monday Contract Entertained

Mrs. Joe M. Vander Stucken was hostess Monday afternoon to the Contract Club. Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken held high score. Others present were Mrs. Mike Murphy, Mrs. Sam R. Hull, Mrs. John L. Nisbet.

Cusenbary Child Improving

Charles Lee Cusenbary, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, who has been ill for several days is improving. The boy was in a hospital in San Antonio for several days after being taken there Friday night.

Bonds' Son Recovering

Frankie Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond, who has been ill in San Antonio for a week is somewhat improved this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rape and daughters, Wanda E. and Mary Jo, left Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Dutton, and Mr. Dutton near Junction.

EL PASO BAND TO WEAR NEW SUITS FOR CARNIVAL

El Paso, Dec. 23.—New orange and white uniforms have been ordered for the forty members of the University of Texas College of Mines band, official musical organization for the Southwestern Sun Carnival to be held here January 1. Announcement of the purchase was made by T. E. Morris, conductor.

Miner musicians who have been parading in summer uniforms of light shirts and white cotton pants during the fall, will receive their new wearing apparel in plenty of time for the Sun Carnival and the Sun Bowl football game between the Muckers and Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, it was stated.

The new uniforms will consist of Texas orange and white military caps. The coats are of gaberdine and the trousers whipcord.

AUTOMOBILES LICENSED SHOW EXCELLENT INCREASE

Austin, Dec. 23.—Registrations of new automobiles in fifteen representative counties during November totaled 6,284 cars, 52.3 per cent over October and 11.1 per cent over November, 1935, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has reported. Aggregate registrations during the eleven months of this year were 62,673 cars, against 54,630 cars during the corresponding period last year, an increase of 14.7 per cent.

In comparison with the preceding month, sales in the two lower price brackets made the sharpest gains, but in comparison with November and the year to date last year this year's sales gains were considerably greater in the upper than in the lower price brackets, the bureau's report said.

Mr. Poindexter To Return Here

Improvement in the condition of N. T. Poindexter, manager of the Sonora office of West Texas Utilities Co., is such that he expects to return here from San Angelo Saturday with Mrs. Poindexter who went there yesterday to spend Christmas with him and other relatives.

Mrs. Patton Some Better Stanley Patton and Mrs. Lee Labenske took Mrs. Patton to San Antonio last week-end. Mrs. Patton has been seriously ill, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones and children, Harva and Cleveland, went to San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Archer and daughter, Mrs. Cliff Johnson, and Mr. Johnson and their baby were in San Angelo Tuesday.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that R. L. Hallum has made application to the Texas Liquor Control Board for Package Store permit to sell intoxicating liquors at the premises located and being lot 8, in block 12, in the city of Sonora, Texas, subject to the laws of the State of Texas and the lawful rules and regulations of the Texas Liquor Control Board.

R. L. Hallum.

POSTED LAND

The ranch operated by Espy & Vander Stucken, 9 miles northeast of Sonora, is POSTED. Trespassers and hunters will be prosecuted.

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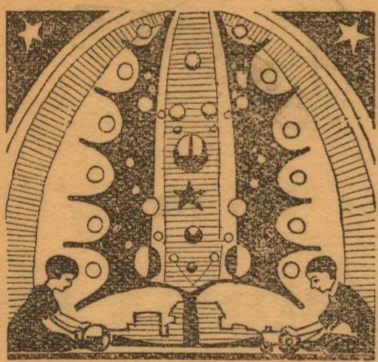


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"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
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As Christmas time rolls around the NEWS reiterates its appreciation to Sutton County people for the privilege of doing business with them the year 'round, year after year.

The saying of "Merry Christmas," sincere as it is, once a year, hardly "does the job" of expressing a firm's appreciation the patronage given it twelve months of the calendar year. Far better can it be expressed with careful service in the handling of each relationship with the public. It is in that manner that the NEWS hopes that it shows appreciation daily for consideration as a business institution.

The holiday season is one in which everyone should find utmost pleasure in living but should temper that pleasure with a grain of reasonable judgment. The joy of Christmas will then be of such character that it may do individuals most good.

It is with a real sense of pleasure in associating with people of Sonora and all Sutton County that the NEWS says, simply yet sincerely, "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Neill and daughters, Jane and Nancy, are visiting Mrs. Neill's mother, Mrs. W. F. Harris, in Cuero.

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**Sonora Boy Scout
 Quota Will Be \$300**

Boy Scout Movement in West Texas Shows Progress in 1936

Three hundred dollars was set this week as the Sonora quota for its 1937 share in the Concho Valley Council Boy Scout work which affects directly the lives of 1,465 boys in sixty-four troops in twenty-five and a half counties of West and Southwest Texas.

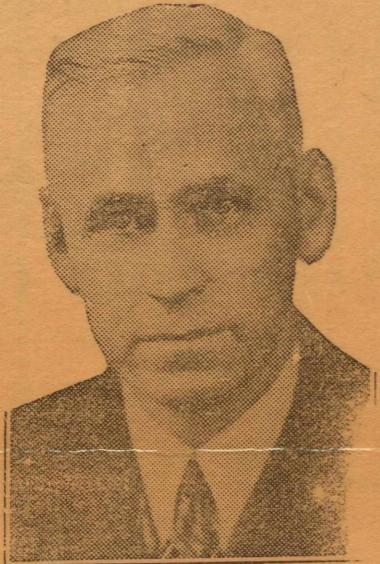
At a meeting of the executive board of the Concho Valley Council the 1937 budget was set at \$14,063 instead of \$11,206 as in 1935. Sonora paid into the Council budget \$300 this year.

A slight reduction, fifty cents, in the cost of a boy's attendance at Camp Louis Farr was decided upon and the summer camp fee set at \$5.50. There were 416 attended for a week or more last summer. It is expected that this number will be increased in 1937 as a result of the lower rate. To secure the \$5.50 rate Scout's must register by May 15.

Plans are being made now for the annual meeting of the Council in San Angelo January 22 when "Scouters" from all over the section served meet for conferences in the afternoon and in the evening enjoy the annual banquet. Council officers are elected at that time.

Audus R. Smith, field executive of the Council who serves districts in this section, was here this week and distributed copies of "West Texas Scout News," monthly Council paper.

**NEW KANSAS GOVERNOR
 MAN OF FIRM IDEALS**



Born of German parents, Walter A. Huxman, Hutchinson, Kansas, attorney who will succeed Alfred M. Landon as Governor of the Sunflower State, is described in the following manner by the Kansas City Star, most ardent champion of Mr. Landon for the presidency:

"His aims seem as clear as a logical mind and a talented tongue can frame in these times of sharp economic and social change. . . For his political stripe is a part of Huxman's character. He is a man of one piece formed out of positive influences and convictions which he long has upheld freely in private and public."

A Democrat, Huxman is a friend of Governor Landon and during the campaign admitted that his friend had made a good governor but that he was unwilling to credit him with all of the economy record he claimed or for what he termed "the budget-balancing myth."

The Huxmans have 19-year-old daughter who will go with them to Topeka to live.

**FORK IS NEWCOMER
 IN EATING TOOLS**

Spoon, Knife Were First Among Food Utensils.

Washington, D. C. — Spoons that scooped up walrus strew from a common pot, and knives that sliced off mouthfuls of raw blubber for hungry Eskimos 1,000 years ago were found in Alaska this summer by a joint expedition of the National Geographic society and the Smithsonian institution.

"These ancient utensils give a vivid picture of the life of ten centuries ago, but they also are reminders that although table manners have changed, eating implements of today are essentially the same as in prehistoric times," says the National Geographic society.

"The spoon is as old as man himself, or at least, as a wit remarked, as old as soup, while the knife dates back equally far. Even the fork, though only a few hundred years old in its present form, developed from skewers or broiling sticks, which were stuck in the ashes with fish 'spitted' on them for cooking. The first forks had only a single prong.

First Spoons Were Shells.

"The prehistoric Eskimo spoons found in Alaska are of wood, ivory or the horns or bones of caribou. The knives have wooden, ivory or bone handles with slate blades ground to a sharpness comparable to the table knife of today.

"The earliest spoons, however, probably were clam or oyster shells, or small gourds. Later someone thought of inserting the shell or gourd in the split end of a stick, thus making a handle.

"The spoon, knife and many other utensils also had a common origin in the wooden 'throwing board' used by some primitive peoples for gaining greater leverage in throwing a spear. Flat and slightly hollowed, the throwing board was used also for a fire-making tool, for catching blood from a slain animal, and had a sharpened edge for use as a skinning knife or a weapon. It could be used as a combined knife, spoon and platter.

"The spoon served from earliest times not only for eating soups, stews, berries and other foods not easily picked up with the fingers, but also as a record of family and tribal genealogy. All over the world primitive man carved tribal ornaments and totems of his ancestors—many of them mythical—on the handles of his spoons, often with amazing artistry and extremely delicate detail.

"Spoons of later date, too, had elaborately carved handles, for example the 'Apostle spoons' in sets of 13, each bearing the figure of a different one of the 12 Apostles, and the thirteenth the figure of Christ. They were popular as gifts to newborn babies. Some ancient spoon handles had sharp points for puncturing eggs.

"Spoons have been made of many materials, wood, ivory, stone, porcelain, even the horns of mountain sheep, steamed until they could be bent into an open spoon shape. Some American Indians had spoons of coils of basketry sewn into spoon shape, but used of course only for dry foods.

Carried Own Tools.

"In the Thirteenth century a guest used the same spoon throughout his meal, and was expected to bring his own knife. Even as much as 400 years later people of the more prosperous classes, when traveling, carried their own knives, forks, and spoons with them, for inns of those days seldom provided eating utensils. Fashionable people had elaborate folding sets of knives, forks and spoons for traveling.

"Next to the spoon the knife was the oldest eating utensil, and 'eating with one's knife' was far from bad manners until very recent times. The Eskimo of 1,000 years ago, and today, stuffs the end of a strip of meat into his mouth until it will hold no more, then cuts off the remainder with a swift knife stroke that barely misses, but never touches, his nose.

"Old knives were pointed, for spearing fragments of meat, and had round ends, for table knives came into use only after forks became popular. In the Eighteenth century, many knives had their blades curved and widened at the ends for scooping up peas and other small-sized foods.

"The first knives of course were chipped flints or the sharp edges of shells. Originally every man carried a knife which served all purposes, from fighting to eating.

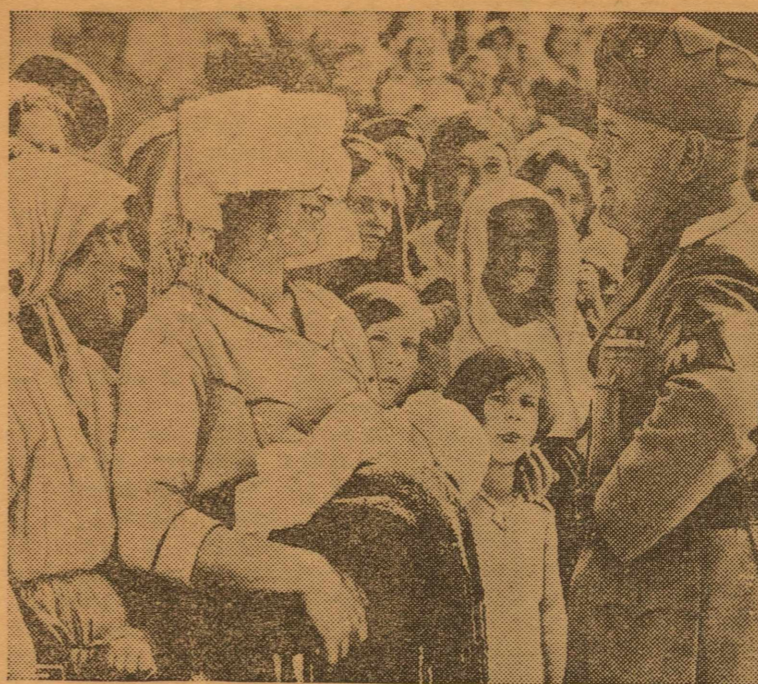
"Not until the Seventeenth century did forks come into general use in Europe, replacing the time-honored method of picking up food with the thumb and first two fingers. Use of more fingers was considered bad manners."

**Walls of Canadian Mint
 to Be Searched for Gold**

Ottawa, Ont.—Royal Mint officials will stage a "gold hunt" after they move into their new quarters. They believe that many thousands of dollars' worth of gold dust have been carried off by smoke and gasses from the huge smelting furnaces and deposited on the walls and floors of the old quarters.

The vacated rooms will be cleaned thoroughly, the dust sifted and the tiny particles of gold reclaimed.

Bring Their Tots for Il Duce to See



Fecundity being the most desirable feminine virtue, in the eyes of Premier Mussolini, these Italian mothers at Potenza brought their offspring with them when they gathered to meet Il Duce. Premier Mussolini is here shown chatting with a group of mothers, during his visit to Potenza.

Funeral Service in—
 (Continued from page 1)

time when he was a young man. Lived in Crockett Long Time.

In 1893 Mr. Puckett married Miss Sally Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Payne of Ozona. Then the Crockett County town was only a settlement. Interested in the welfare of the community wherever he lived, he served as school trustee in Ozona and for a year and a half, until his health failed, was postmaster there. In 1907 he and the late Robert Massie of San Angelo went into the sheep business, which engaged his attention until 1914. After that he was in ranching business for himself.

Sam H. Stokes, early day Sutton resident, sold Mr. Puckett a Sutton ranch in September, 1916, and since that time he has lived here on the place fifteen miles southwest of Sonora.

The Rev. Grady Timmons, San Antonio Methodist pastor, and the Rev. K. P. Barton, San Angelo, conducted the funeral service Monday afternoon in San Angelo. He was formerly pastor of the San Angelo Methodist church.

Besides Mrs. Puckett, he is survived by two sons and a daughter—M. C. (Clayton), former Sonora resident who lives in San Angelo but who operates a large Pecos County ranch; Dow, also a Pecos County ranchman; Mrs. John L. Martin of Ozona. There are a number of grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the funeral were: Joe Berger, Pat Cooper, W. C. Gilmore, Vernon Hamilton, of Sonora; Joe North and Wayne West, Ozona; Carroll Bates and Louis Hall, San Angelo.

Mr. Puckett was buried in Fairmount Cemetery, near San Angelo.

San Saba Men Sell Many Furs

Information given the NEWS Wednesday by R. B. Bagley was to the effect that he and his associate, Mr. Hugley, both of San Saba had sold \$16,000 worth of furs that day to J. W. Mercer, buyer for S. Steinberg and Co., Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Bagley declared that the size of the sale was unusually large. The sale was made in Sonora and delivery made here.

Miss Nola Draper will spend Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Draper, in Pontotoc.

Typewriter Ribbons.....at the NEWS.—adv.

Young Man Changes Employment
 An employee of the Gulf Service Station about four years, Henry Greenhill was succeeded there this week by Robert Collier, formerly of Junction. Mr. Greenhill is working this week at the D. L. Duke station.

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NINA ROUECHE, Society Editor

Miss Allen Announces Marriage To Warner E. Colvin

Miss Mary Emily Allen announced Friday her wedding to Warner E. Colvin on August 5 in Houston.

Miss Allen is Homemaking instructor here and formerly taught at Hamlin and Woodlake. She was graduated from Texas State College for Women, Denton, and did graduate work at Iowa State College. Miss Allen is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George T. Allen, who were ranch people of Austin and Leander.

Mr. Colvin, a Texas A. and M. graduate in horticulture, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Colvin of Stamford. He was reared in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he finished high school. At the time Mrs. Colvin was homemaking teacher in Woodlake, Mr. Colvin was agricultural advisor for the Federal Rehabilitation Project there.

The couple is spending Christmas Day in Austin, and will then visit in Dallas, Fort Worth, Stamford and Abilene. Mrs. Colvin will return here to complete the semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Colvin will be at home at Springbrook Farm, formerly known as Crockett Gardens, near Georgetown, where Mr. Colvin is engaged in pecan stock farming.

Mrs. Briscoe Party Hostess Saturday Night

Honoring her son, Harold, who is visiting here from Weslaco, Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, was hostess at a surprise birthday party Saturday evening.

Various games provided entertainment for the children.

Ice cream and cake was served by Robby Jo Wyatt, Wanda B.

Christmas Program Given At Woman's Club

Mrs. J. Franklin Howell, vice-president, presided at the Sonora Woman's Club Thursday when it met at the clubhouse. Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson, president, was unable to attend.

Mrs. O. G. Babcock opened the Christmas program by reading "Christmas In Other Lands." The following quotation is taken from the Sonora Woman's Club yearbook page telling of the December 17 meeting:

"Above the eastern hills a white star swings
There is an ancient story to be told;

There are kind words and cheering words to say
Let us be happy on the Christ Child's Day."

Mrs. Lloyd Earwood read "Christmas Stories" for Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

A Christmas wish, made by Mrs. Hutcherson was read by Miss Nann Karnes, who also led a round table discussion of current events.

Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson was unable to attend the meeting but she presented the club several leaflets of Christmas carols.

Members present were: Mesdames I. B. Boughton, O. G. Babcock, J. H. Brasher, W. R. Cusenbary, Lloyd Earwood, J. Franklin Howell, F. T. Jones, R. F. Davis, Miss Nann Karnes.

Rape, Louise Briscoe, Ina Archer.

Others who helped Harold celebrate his thirteenth birthday were:

Billy Jo Henderson, Mary Jo Rape, Doris Meckel, Leon Muckleroy, J. L. Barnes, R. W. Johnson.

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Talent of Both Women and Men Shown in Recent Play, 'The Fool'

In the NEWS story last week regarding the production, "The Fool," presented Monday night of last week, the names of five women who were players were omitted.

Mrs. Joel Shelton played the part of "Mrs. Tice," a church member who appeared in the opening scene when a Christmas tree was being decorated in the Church of the Nativity, New York city;

Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, who appeared as "Pearl Henning," wife of the leader of the striking mine workers;

Miss Nann Karnes, who played the part of "Mrs. Mulligan," one of the women taking advantage of the shelter afforded by "Overcoat Hall," humanitarian agency sponsored by Gilchrist, former assistant rector;

Mrs. Edmond Heinze, who appeared as "Mrs. Henchley," and Mrs. Tom Bond, who as "Mrs. Levinson," took parts of a neighborhood woman and a friend of Gilchrist, respectively, and were seen in the "Overcoat Hall," operated by Gilchrist.

Other women in the cast whose parts were described in the story of the play last week were: Miss Edythe Carson, Miss Velma Chadwick, Miss Pauline Davis, Miss Dorothy Penick.

Sutton county men who had parts in the play included:

Dr. Joel Shelton, who as "Daniel Gilchrist," was the central character around which the play was written;

Jodie Trainer, who as "Jerry Goodkind," son of the influential church member and coal mine operator, married the girl, Clare Jewett who was in love with Gilchrist; his health failed and his appearance as a worn-out, physical wreck near the end of the play provided a dramatic moment in the production;

Howard Willis, who as "Mr. Barnaby," represented an employee, or sexton, of the Church of the Nativity;

The Rev. R. F. Davis, who as "Rev. Everett Wadham," rector of the church, recognized the problems of his position and did his best to act as a restraining influence on his impetuous assistant, Gilchrist;

Boyd Caffey, Sonora school principal, who as "George F. Goodkind," took the part of a coal mine owner and an influential, wealthy parishioner in Wadham's New York church;

The Rev. R. C. Brinkley, Sonora pastor, acting as "Charley Benfield," sleek, well-groomed coal mine operator who thought little of Gilchrist's efforts as an arbitrator of labor troubles;

Edwin Sawyer, who as "Riggs," butler in the Goodkind home;

John Eaton, who as "Max Stedman," florid, blustery employee of the coal mine operators, tried to bring about settlement of labor troubles according to the desires of the operators;

H. F. Gilley, the excitable "Joe Henning," a mine worker, who was leader of his fellows and of the mob of men who staged the riot scene in "Overcoat Hall";

W. E. James, who as "Grubby," stubby, tattered hanger-on at "Overcoat Hall" failed to see any sense whatever in Gilchrist's support of the agency but was content around and enjoy living there; the speech difficulties of "Grubby" provided much humor in the four-act production;

O. C. Ogden, playing the part of "Mack," lanky down-and-outer who "managed" for an overcoat easily after he was caught by Gilchrist in the act of appropriating his for his own use;

W. C. Gilmore, Sonora mayor, who portrayed "Umanski," mine worker who became disgusted with working conditions and was finally befriended by Gilchrist who found him work and time for self-improvement in the city; Mr. Gilmore was also the one who played the part of "The Poor Man," speaking from off-stage;

Edmond Heinze, the husband of a neighborhood woman, "Mrs. Henchley," who appeared in the "Overcoat Hall" scene of the play;

Members of the mob which stormed "Overcoat Hall" after being urged to violent action by the mine operators were listed on the program as the following:

Tom Bond, Louie Trainer, Alton Cobern, Alfred Schwiening, Junior Schwiening, Claude Prater, W. D. Martin, Beamon Speed, O. K. Rankhorn, F. T. Jones, Howard Kirby, J. C. Stephen, Richard Vehle, Edwin Sawyer, A. W. Awalt, M. M. Stokes.

Rehearsals for the play were held over a period of six weeks. Lighting effects were arranged and directed by John Eaton. Twenty-seven Sonora business firms contributed the programs which were used the night of the play.

Bridge Club Entertained By Mr. and Mrs. Allison

Outstanding among the social affairs of the Christmas holidays was the dinner party given Thursday night of last week when Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Allison were hosts to the Sonora Night Club.

Miniature Christmas trees placed at vantage points added to the seasonal atmosphere. A Christmas dinner was served buffet style at seven o'clock.

High club score was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Earwood, and second high to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes. Mr. and Mrs. Decker won high cut.

Club members present for the night courtesy were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Lloyd Earwood, Bryan Hunt, Henry Decker, H. V. Stokes, Joe M. Vander Stucken, George H. Neill.

Mrs. Stella Keene, and Jack McDermitt were club guests.

If it's printing, see the NEWS.

Miss Wallace Married Monday To Wesley E. Hill

Miss Estelle Wallace and Wesley E. Hill were married Monday afternoon in San Angelo. Miss Nora B. Hill, sister of the bridegroom, was the only attendant.

Mrs. Hill is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace of Pottsville, and the niece of Mrs. Rena Mayfield of Sonora, with whom she had made her home for a year.

The bride wore a wine colored suit with brown accessories.

The couple was married by J. T. Mathison, a San Angelo justice of the peace.

Wesley Hill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles P. Hill, Sonora ranch people. The young couple attended high school here.

They will be at home on the G. P. Hill-Seahorn ranch, west of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beard left Friday for a holiday visit in Waco.

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If MRS. DEWEY WORD will present this program at the box office she will be given a week's pass for one (1) person. Watch for your name; YOU may be next! See next week's program in The Devil's River News.

Mrs. Joe Berger Back Home

Doing very well, Mrs. Joe Berger, who was operated upon in San Antonio recently, was brought home Sunday by Mr. Berger. Although she will be confined to bed for some time Mrs. Berger is improving satisfactorily, her husband said Wednesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We are sincerely grateful to all for their kind acts and floral gifts at the time of the death of J. M. Puckett.

Mrs. J. M. Puckett and Children

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HERE AND THERE AT STATION A

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ohlenburg spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

Paul McLeod is receiving medical treatment at a hospital in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. McDaniel left Tuesday for Dublin, Texas, where they will visit until January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Taylor and daughter, Jo, left Tuesday for a holiday visit with friends and relatives in Trent.

Miss Pauline Jones of Eldorado, a sister of Mrs. A. H. Ohlenburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ohlenburg.

Mrs. Dale L. Kimball and the Kimballs' daughter are expected here from Ferris this week to spend the holidays with Mr. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Campbell, Jr. of Brady were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allen Sunday. Mrs. Campbell is Mrs. Allen's sister.

Miss Janette Wakefield, sister of Mrs. L. R. Hudson, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson. Miss Wakefield attends college in Amarillo.

Cosden Gasoline is spreading over West Texas like fire.—adv.

FEWER NEW BUSINESSES IN TEXAS, REPORT REVEALS

Austin, Dec. 23.—Charters were granted by the Secretary of State to 102 new corporations in Texas during November, a decline of 17.7 per cent from the preceding month and 23.9 per cent from the corresponding month last year, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has reported. The drop in total capitalization was even sharper than the decline in number of charters.

Capitalization, \$950,000, represented declines of 64.7 per cent and 85.2 per cent for the two comparable periods. The number of out of state firms receiving Texas charters increased substantially over the preceding month and November of last year.

Nazi Books Stir Trouble

Denver, Col., Dec. 23.—To stock the University of Denver's new \$450,000 library, Librarian Joseph Hare induced local consuls of Switzerland, Spain, Mexico, France, Belgium and Germany to have their governments donate books of their native writers. Germany sent 500 volumes, among them some by Hitler, Goebbels and other Nazi authors. Simon Bloom, local attorney, promptly organized a mass-meeting to demand that books of Russian, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish origin be given equal shelf-space. The university daily praises the institution's "broad-minded superiority."

Buy old newspapers at the NEWS office.—adv.

BRITAIN BUILDS UP ITS AERIAL FORCE

26 New Squadrons Added to Royal Air Army.

London.—Twenty-six new squadrons—twenty-three in the regular service and three auxiliary ones—have been added to the strength of the royal air force under provisions of the expansion plan announced by the government last May. Forty-five more units must be added to bring the metropolitan air force up to the strength of 123 squadrons then proposed. A further expansion to 129 squadrons, backed by full war reserves and representing a vast increase in the R. A. F.'s striking power was outlined in the government's so-called White Paper on Defense which was published last March.

Bombing squadrons predominate among the units formed up to the present. Eighteen new squadrons—fifteen regular and three auxiliary—are equipped with bombing aircraft and five regular squadrons with fighters. There are now three squadrons of the new "general reconnaissance" category. Seven of them, flying twin-engine land planes, will be employed ultimately on coastal patrol and reconnaissance at distances up to several hundreds of miles from the shores of Britain, thus, in effect, pushing out Britain's frontier in the air much farther than her coast line, which is perilously near the capital and other vital centers of the national life.

Sites for forty new Royal Air Force stations have been acquired. On thirty-two of them, erection of buildings and site leveling is already well under way.

Sheriff's Fancy Turns to Flowers and Mules

Decatur, Ga.—When Burly Sheriff Jake Hall isn't chasing criminals, he is more than likely on the trail of an antique—or admiring flowers, or fancying mules.

"Flowers," he says, "should be appreciated by everyone—especially in the present mechanical age. They soothe and have an uplifting influence."

"Collecting antiques and oddities is fun and an interest in them is stimulating to the imagination."

"Imagination helps us to understand the past and that is helpful to one in the present."

Of mules, Sheriff Hall says he just likes them and that keeping the animals is a hobby. Sometimes he has 100 or more in his stables.

The veteran officer lives in the sheriff's apartment at the De Kalb County jail, but spends most of his off-duty time on his 40-acre flower farm, "Dogwood." Thousands visit the farm annually.

Everything in the five-room sandstone house is unusual. It is furnished elaborately with silk-topped colonial beds, hand-carved mahogany tables, chairs and scores of fineries of the past, but the house is unoccupied, at least for the present. It is open to the public Sundays.

"I spend about everything I earn on the purchase of flowers, antiques and mules," says Hall. "I guess I'm just different."

Small Radio Is Invented to Aid Trapped Miners

London.—A small portable radio set may save the lives of many miners in future mine disasters. The set is the invention of L. W. and C. E. Hermes, father and son. No technical knowledge is required to operate the transmitter, which weighs only 15 pounds and may be situated at various points along the workings to permit trapped workers to speak to rescuers above. The inventors have completed successful tests from a remote part of a mine 2,200 feet below ground.

Club Gets Grand Piano Owned by Mark Twain

Middletown, Conn.—The grand piano which Mark Twain owned and which he played many years ago has been given to the Middletown Yacht club by William Davis, of Saybrook Point, singing teacher in the Middletown high school.

The club lost its piano during the floods last March when the entire first floor of the building was inundated.

Pasadena, Cal., Organizes Force of Super-Sleuths

Pasadena, Cal.—Following the example of Berlin, Vienna and other continental cities, Pasadena has just installed an organization of "super sleuths" to adapt a scientific knowledge to ordinary police problems. Police officials believe they are the first to endow any American city with this new organization and technique for the detection of crime.

Kangaroo Takes On Cow for His Buddy

Sydney.—On a farm at Tynedale, a kangaroo has developed a remarkable affection for a Jersey cow. The kangaroo accompanies the cow to the pasture, feeds with her, lies down with her at night, and goes to the milking yard and "stands by" while the cow is being milked. If the cow is threatened by a hostile dog, the kangaroo will leap to her rescue and drive off the aggressor.

ROBOT CHARTS HOT BELT HIGH IN AIR

See New Possibilities for Speed Plane Route.

Sydney, Australia.—Radio experiments just completed by Dr. D. F. Martyn and Dr. O. O. Pulley of Sydney university have demonstrated the possibility of exploring the entire stratosphere for a distance of 150 miles above the earth without the necessity of further dangerous ascensions.

Except for the possibility of ascertaining whether the stratosphere constitutes a medium for speedy aerial travel, the two Sydney scientists are convinced that all necessary information about the earth's upper atmosphere can now be obtained from the earth itself.

Under the system invented and thoroughly demonstrated by Doctor Martyn, the upper air can now be probed by radio signals.

His new method gives accurate data on the amount of electrification, the amount of ozone and the temperature throughout the whole thickness of the upper air from 22 up to 150 miles.

Robot Does All Work.

The new type apparatus which Doctor Martyn has perfected consists of a robot that sends out signals, catches the echoes, varies the wave lengths and plots all the information obtained on a tiny chart.

One of the first discoveries made by Doctor Martyn with his new invention was that there is still another cold layer of air far above the stratosphere cold layer recently reached by Russian and American balloonists. Between the two cold layers there lies sandwiched a warm layer and it is in this latter that Doctor Martyn thinks that stratosphere flying might become a possibility.

According to the radio records made by Doctor Martyn, temperatures again dip in the second stratosphere above the warm-zone layer, reaching a minimum at 50 miles above the earth's surface.

From these upward the temperatures increase till they end in a torrid zone at 150 miles of altitude.

Former Theory Upset.

On this latter heated zone Doctor Martyn's radio reports contradict the belief of Professor Appleton, who was convinced this zone was hot only in summer. Martyn's experiments show that the seasonal drop is only from 1,300 to 1,000 degrees.

As a consequence, Doctor Martyn declares, that the earth is perpetually girdled by a fiery ring of inconceivably rarefied air, in which, necessarily, no human activity could ever be hoped for.

Measurements of the upper ozone show fluctuations exactly corresponding to barometric measures on the ground, but antedating them. As a consequence weather forecasts, Doctor Martyn declares, can be made from these radio probes of the air.

Australian authorities are so impressed with Doctor Martyn's findings that modern ozone measures are now being installed at the commonwealth weather bureau, the solar observatory at Canberra and at the installation of the council for scientific and industrial research.

Typewriter Ribbon Dim? The NEWS has ribbons for any machine. Your typing will show much better.—adv.

WANT ADS

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Sonora Children In Program of Dances

Saturday Night Entertainment Pleases Friends

Featuring attractive costumes, cleverly designed and executed, dance pupils of Mrs. Ben Deason of San Angelo entertained Sonora friends with a program of dance numbers Saturday night in the high school auditorium.

A part of the children were San Angelo pupils and the remainder those whom Mrs. Deason instructed here.

Sonora children who appeared on the program were:

Willie Nell Hale, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Peggy Reming, Elizabeth Taylor, Mary Gwendolyn Wyatt, Wirt Ellis Stephenson, Margie Crowell, Peggy Gilmore, James Theodore Hunt, Jane Neill, Marjolin Powell, Madolyn Powell, Martha Jo Moore, Marjorie Dameron, Kathleen Schwenning.

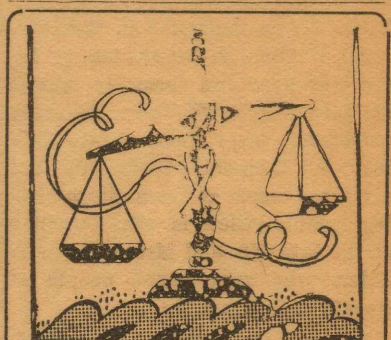
The Sonora children were in a song-and-dance number, a ballet, a tap dance participated in by the very small ones and a gypsy dance in which the older children of the group took part.

Causing a great deal of favorable comment were the two dances by Maurice Deason, son of Mrs. Deason, who pleased with "Rhythm Flash" and "Organ Grinder's Swing."

Mrs. Rip Ward Here Sunday

An overnight visitor in Sonora Saturday was Mrs. Rip Ward who is living in San Angelo temporarily while her husband, Sutton county ranchman, is ill. Mrs. Ward returned to San Angelo Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ward is still in the hospital but is greatly improved.

Dance Dec. 26 and 31. Sponsored by Young Woman's Guild. Music by Jimmie Cline and Tommy Brooks.—adv.



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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
PLANNED BY METHODISTS**

"Forgetting By Remembering," was announced this week by the Rev. R. F. Davis, Methodist pastor, as his subject for the morning service at the Sonora church Sunday morning.

The Reverend Mr. Davis and Mrs. Davis spent several days this week with their daughter and family in Austin.

A "social get together" for New Year's Eve, December 31, has been arranged for that date. Short talks will be made and group singing will be a part of the program. Refreshments will be served. Both church members and their friends are invited to the "Watch Night" service. Mrs. W. E. Caldwell is in charge of arrangements for the end-of-the-year-1936 church program.

Sunday night the Reverend Mr. Davis will speak, at 7:15, on the subject, "When the End Comes."

**BAPTIST MINISTER WILL
BE IN PULPIT SUNDAY**

Services are to be held Sunday as usual at the Baptist Church, the Rev. R. C. Brinkley, pastor, having returned yesterday from a holiday visit with relatives and friends in Megargel, Archer county. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brinkley and children, Kathleen, Reuben and Norma Jean. Their son, Reuben, a soldier in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, returned to San Antonio today after enjoying almost a month's furlough with his parents here.

"Make" BOTH holiday dances—Dec. 26 and 31. Guild sponsorship. Scout Hall, Sonora.—adv.

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More reading is done during the fall and winter months than any other time of the year. Encouraging all boys to form sound reading habits is part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting realizes that reading occupies a large share of a boy's leisure time and that through reading most boys obtain their viewpoint toward life.

The Boy Scouts of America has played an important part in the development and encouragement of good reading. For many years it has cooperated with parents, educators, librarians and publishers in an effort to direct youthful minds in sound reading habits.

Each year publishers send to the Boy Scouts for advance review hundreds of the latest books for boys of Scout age. Each year the reading program service of the organization compiles a list of "Fifty Outstanding books for Boy Scouts," covering exploration and research, sea and aircraft, adventure, crafts and sports, mystery, birds and animals, and America and its traditions.

Librarians find this list a helpful guide when they are buying books for their juvenile shelves. In addition, many librarians have special shelves and racks where volumes of particular interest for Scouts may be found.

The Scout organization itself is a publisher. More than 5,300,000 copies of its "Handbook for Boys," first printed in 1910, have been sold, thus making it a best seller second only to the Bible. The average life of the "Handbook" is estimated at two years and between its covers the reader finds a mine of information on woodcraft, campercraft, nature and other Scout interests.

A principal publication of the Scout organization is "Boys' Life," a monthly magazine designed for Scouts and non-Scouts alike. The movement's leadership feel that through the magazine it is doing much to stimulate boys through high grade fiction, news of current achievement of significant character, inspiring editorials and articles dealing with activities, crafts and hobbies, all of which satisfy boys' natural interests.

The organization also publishes merit badge pamphlets on 100 vocations and hobbies (including reading). In addition there are special books and pamphlets dealing with all the diverse branches of Scout work, training, skills, songs and amusement.

Cosden Higher Octane contains no poisonous lead.—adv.

**GIRL'S GOLD SEARCH
STIRS PROSPECTORS**

Old Stories of Lost Mines Revived in California.

Nevada City, Calif.—The treasure hunt conducted in this mountain country by sixteen-year-old Jean Kuster of San Francisco has set old prospectors' tongues wagging all along the Mother Lode on a subject of which they never tire—lost bonanzas and hidden treasure.

The objective of young Miss Kuster is a spot pointed out to her several years ago by her grandfather, Jefferson A. Casserly, a miner who died last month and named her his heir.

Gold Nugget Legacy.
"Remember this spot, child, it will make you rich," Casserly was quoted as saying. And in support of his promise, he left a legacy in his strongbox for Jean—a single gold nugget worth \$5,000.

But whatever the girl may uncover at the mysterious site can be no more dazzling or romantic than the other lost caches of gold with which legend so liberally endows the Southwest.

Several hundred miles south of Nevada City, another woman treasure hunter, Rose White, pursued a long and fruitless quest for the lost Padre mine. She received the secret from E. H. (Doc) Bragg, a friend of her father's, as he lay dying. Bragg claimed to have bought the mine from Indians and to have taken out \$800,000 in gold before he was driven away by an early-day racketeer.

More widely known is the Breyfogle mine, on the rim of Death valley. Breyfogle, sole survivor of a prospecting party that tried to cross the valley in 1862, found the lode while wandering about half-crazed by thirst. The ore samples he carried back to civilization made mining men gasp. Although he made several trips back to the valley he never could get his correct bearings. Many parties have searched for Breyfogle's mine.

Famous Gunsight Mine.
In the same region is the gunsight mine. A man straying from an emigrant train broke off a piece of rock to hammer his gunsight into position and was astonished to find the rock almost pure silver. He kept his secret to himself for the time being and stayed with the party. Later he was unable to find his way back to the vein.

There is said to be a treasure of Mexican gold and jewels buried near the summit of Cahuenga pass, a heavily traveled thoroughfare in Los Angeles. It had been sent to this country from Mazatlan to buy munitions for the revolt against Maximilian, and was stolen. The authority for this legend is Major Horace Bell, a Los Angeles pioneer.

**Mealy Bugs Are Studied
as Ragweed Eradicator**

Cincinnati.—Hay fever and asthma sufferers should surround themselves with mealy bugs, says Dr. Joseph Biederman, allergy specialist, who says hordes of the tiny white insects apparently have centered their attack this year upon ragweed.

The mealy bug and the drought, Dr. Biederman says, have combined to reduce pollen in Cincinnati air—often called the worst hay fever ozone in the world—to one-sixth its normal amount this year.

Known to the medical profession as pseudococcus, the mealy also is fond of catalpa trees, apple trees and other useful plants, so Dr. Biederman and his colleagues are attempting to develop a strain that will feed only upon ragweed.

**Calls Fire Department
When His Tooth Aches**

Cleveland.—Alex Butkin's tooth ached so badly at 3:30 the other morning he ran from his dwelling and turned in a fire alarm.

When a fire engine responded, he begged to be taken to the city hospital. He landed in jail instead.

Later brought before Police Judge Louis Petrash for turning in a false alarm, Butkin, Thirty years old, was ordered to county jail. Meanwhile he still has that toothache.

Admires Groundhog

Quebec, Que.—The groundhog, considered a nuisance on the North American continent, is coveted as a rare specimen of animal life by European zoos. Six pairs of the rodents, born this spring at the Charlesbough zoo, near here, have been shipped to Brussels at the request of zoo officials.

**Freak Tomato Plant
Also Bears Potatoes**

Millport, Ala.—Potatoes on a tomato plant?

They're growing that way down on the farm of W. W. Waldrop, Millport automobile dealer.

Stories of the freak plants have been in circulation several weeks, and to substantiate them Mr. Waldrop has placed on display a plant bearing nine well-formed tomatoes and eight potatoes.

Examination of Waldrop's tomato patch is reported to have revealed several such plants.

35 YEARS AGO

Ed Jackson the stockman was in Sonora Thursday from Mart Tankersley's ranch where he has his sheep.

W. L. Locklin left for Sherwood Monday where he will spend Christmas with his family.

Chris Wyatt the young stockman from Bee Hollow on the Llano was in Sonora Saturday.

Alf Sykes the well known stockman from Copperas Creek was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

John T. Brown the fine goat raiser was in Sonora Thursday. It is always a pleasure to meet Uncle John.

Peter Rouche will run a buck herd again this winter. Parties having bucks will do well to see Pete.

H. W. Skidmore and his aunt, Mrs. Patterson, were in Sonora this week shopping.

John S. Allison and Jim Barton were in town for Christmas.

W. A. Glascock the well known stockman returned Monday from a business trip to Mason.

R. S. Cauthorn & Co. sold for Geo. S. Allison to G. P. Hill 1750 dry sheep at \$2.30 per head.

Wm. Adams the well known stockman from Edwards county was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies. Bill says things are all right down his way.

Mrs. W. H. Cusenbary is assisting in the Christmas and dry goods department at Hagerlund Bros. & Co., during the rush.

John Riley the well known ranchman was in Sonora this week enjoying Christmas.

Fred Koenig arrived home last Thursday from a visit to his folks in St. Louis.

James Robson was in from his ranch on Buffalo Draw on the Llano Thursday for supplies.

B. M. Halbert the young stockman was in from the ranch Wednesday for a few tricks.

Geo. S. Allison and son, Curt, left for San Antonio Saturday to take in the fair. Curt will go to school there.

Sam McKee the Frank's Defeat country cattleman was in Sonora for supplies Saturday.

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EFFECTIVE January 1, 1937 interest will be allowed at the rate of 1½ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on Savings Deposits in amounts up to \$500.00; accounts in excess of \$500.00 will be paid on the excess sum up to \$2000.00 at the rate of 1 per cent per annum; accounts in excess of \$2000.00 will be paid on the excess sum at the rate of ½ per cent per annum.
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WOMEN OWN BULK OF PRIVATE FORTUNES

Total Wealth of 23 Estimated at 210 Billions.

New York. — That the "great United States financial combine is not a group of mighty industrialists or Wall Street magnates, but a vast framework of comfortably off, well-to-do, and really rich widows" is the conclusion drawn by Fortune Magazine in an intimate study of the twenty-three richest United States women.

Seventy per cent of the country's entire private wealth, or the "sky-shooting sum of \$210,000,000,000," is the estimate of the golden flood that has streamed into the hands "not of the oligarchy, but of a matriarchy," Fortune declares.

That this transfer of the keys to the greatest private coffers does not indicate any supremacy of women over men in earning power is explained by the magazine on the grounds that "the overwhelming part of women's billions has been left to them."

In analyzing its selection of the twenty-three "weightiest members of this matriarchy," the Fortune article shows that these huge fortunes "derived from two sources. About half were made in finance and basic industries. About half in merchandise sold over the counter, with motorcars remaining for transportation from one to the other." The first type (banking and basic industries), is older than the second and, as would be likely, of more solid social background.

Only one of the twenty-three wealthy subjects of the article is credited with occupying her position because a woman took a hand in founding her own wealth. She is Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, daughter of "America's only great woman fortune builder, the sensation of another age: Hetty Green." The other twenty-two constitute the richest United States women today "not because they amassed fortunes themselves but because they were the wives and daughters, heirs and assigns of some of the nation's richest men."

\$25,000,000 the Smallest. The minimum riches of the twenty-three who form the basis of the Fortune article is placed at \$25,000,000.

"On the basis of certain key qualifications and characteristics," these twenty-three women "tend to split up into smaller groups." They are not "one obvious type," although they are "not so many unrelated and distinctive personalities," the article states.

"Fourteen are in social registers, nine are not. Just about fourteen (not by any means the social register fourteen) go in heavily for society, about nine avoid it. Half of the women take little or no interest in handling their affairs, half take an active interest. . . . Eight of the women are young, eleven are middle-aged, four are old. Besides those who manage their estates, one woman is a sculptor, one has a bookshop, two are proprietors of racing stables. None of the women is strikingly active in politics, very few are active in religion, but better than a half take an interest in philanthropy."

A footnote explains that "certain women are potentially wealthier than" some of those "who are considered" in the article; "but they have not yet come into their money." It cites Josephine Ford and Ailsa Mellon Bruce as examples.

Roster of the Rich. Fortune's roster of the twenty-three "richest United States women" reads as follows:

- Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks,
- Mrs. Payne Whitney,
- Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney,
- Mrs. Charles Shipman Payson,
- Mrs. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney,
- Mrs. Moses Taylor,
- Mrs. Andrew Carnegie,
- Mrs. Roswell Miller,
- Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Rice,
- Mrs. Hugh Dillman,
- Mrs. Alfred George Wilson,
- Mrs. John T. Dorrance,
- Mrs. Edward V. Hartford,
- Mrs. Vadim Makaroff,
- Mrs. W. B. Reilly,
- Mrs. Joseph E. Davis,
- Mrs. Charles E. F. McCann,
- Mrs. James Donahue,
- Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow,
- Mrs. Charles H. Babcock,
- Mrs. James H. R. Cromwell,
- Mrs. Duke Biddle.

In the course of the revealing biographies of each of these heiresses, the magazine outlines the various sources of the immense fortunes that have gravitated into twenty-three pairs of hands. They range through banking, Wall Street, Standard Oil, steel, traction interests, the Dodge motor car earnings and those of Campbell soups; two great chain store systems, the A & P and the Woolworth stores; breakfast and other food products which contribute to the Post fortune; and the Reynolds and Duke tobacco industries.

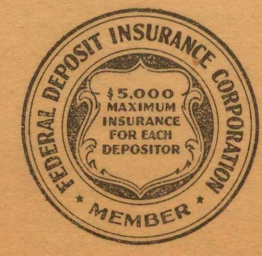
Ends Long Service Athol, Kan.—Mrs. Laure Cameron, forty-five, one of the five regular women rural route carriers in Kansas and 15 in the United States, recently finished 30 years' service. She made her first trip when she was fifteen. In the last 15 years she has missed only two days from duty. Her route is 73 miles long.

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FLOUR —Kimbell's Best; 48-pound bag for \$1.90; 24-pound bag for	95c
SHORTENING —K-B; 8-pound carton	99c
CRACKERS —2-pound box for	16c
PEAS —Del Monte; No. 2 can for	18c
CRANBERRY Sauce —1-pound can	.19
FLOUR —Kimbell's Best; 48-pound bag for \$1.90; 24-pound bag for	95c
SHORTENING —K-B; 4-pound carton	55c
SALTINE CRACKERS —large box	23c
CORN —Del Monte; No. 2 can	15c
DATE PUDDING —medium size can	10c

MIRACLE WHIP —Quart	37c
SALAD DRESSING —jar	23c

SPUDS —10 pounds	29c
PICKLED PEACHES —Libby's; No. 2 1/2 can	.25
PRUNES —gallon can	33c
YELLOW ONIONS —pound	4c
PEARS —Libby's; No. 2 1/2 can	23c
APPLES —gallon can	39c

MARKET SPECIALS

PORK CHOPS —the pound	23c
LONGHORN CHEESE —the pound	.22
BEEF BRAINS —the pound	12 1/2c
BABY BEEF STEAK —any cut; pound	25c
SAUSAGE —pure pork; pound	22c
BABY BEEF ROAST —pound	15c

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Responsibility for the gala appearance of Sonora's streets is again that of the West Texas Utilities Co. which donated the colored lights which are strung across the streets in many places. Work of placing the lights was done by Homer Harris of the utility company and John Eaton of the Lions Club.

"Until Death Do Us Part"
Toledo, O., Dec. 19.—A seriously inclined prospective bridegroom obtained a marriage license at the local bureau. Within five minutes he was back, flourishing the document. "This isn't the kind of license I wanted. I want to stay married." He pointed to a line at the bottom, "Good for 30 days."

Mrs. George D. Chalk and Stanley Patton spent several days this week in San Antonio with Mrs. Patton who is ill there.

Miss Mary Louise Gardner of San Antonio will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Gardner.

Billy Penick and Billy Hanks of San Angelo went to San Antonio Monday.

Miss Merle Draper is visiting friends and relatives in Lohn.

Too much use wears out the best of friends.—Dean E. V. White.

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