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## Athletic Carnival Takes in \$162.72; Debts Cleared Up

### Surplus for Purchase of Basketball and Track Supplies

Declared a great success from every standpoint, by both school and town, the athletic carnival held last Friday night by the Sonora High School took in a total of \$162.72. The fund received was sufficient to clear up indebtedness of slightly over \$100 with which the Sonora Athletic Association ended the current season, and to purchase equipment for use in basketball and track, the other two major sports in which the Sonora High School participates.

Large crowds attended the carnival, which began at 6:30 and ended shortly after 10. Every attraction was given patronage, with particular interest in the negro minstrel, the Kuntry Stor, the food stand and the doll rack.

The receipts of the different shows were as follows:

Fortune Telling, Miss Bonnie Glasscock, \$1.80.

For Men Only, by Miss Gretta Cawyer, \$1.90.

For Women Only, by Mrs. Roy Grimland, \$1.00.

The Midgets, by Miss Ione Reagan, \$8.40.

The Triplets, by Miss Nan Casbeer, \$8.60.

Giggle Alley, by Miss Lucille Dubois, \$6.50.

Fish Pond, by Miss Loula Belle Caldwell, \$7.75.

The Wild Men, by T. D. White, \$8.20.

The Wild Animal Show, by Miss Maurine Phillips, \$8.20.

Photograph Gallery, by A. L. Smith, \$4.50.

Doll Rack, by Miss Johnnie Allison, \$15.75.

Food Stand, by Miss Loreen Moursund and Home Economics Girls, \$26.37.

Kuntry Stor, by Miss Vivian Ball, \$24.25.

Negro Minstrel, by Misses Dora Petmecky, Helen Joiner and Elizabeth Francis, \$38.50.

The total gross receipts for the carnival were \$161.72. Mrs. M. O. Britt, who was unable to attend the carnival made a donation of \$1.00, bringing the grand total to \$162.72.

## Dameron Tells Lions of Work on Bitterweed

Scouts Are Guests of Luncheon; Sonora Men Plan to Attend San Angelo Event

W. H. Dameron, superintendent of the Ranch Experiment Station, south of Sonora, read a paper to the Sonora Lions Club Monday telling in detail the work now being done relative to the bitterweed problem. His talk was supplemented by the showing of a number of photographs of bitterweed plants and seed.

Nine Sonora Boy Scouts, Junior Roueche, Marion Elliott, Wesley Sawyer, J. T. Shurley, Herbert Fields, LaVelle Meckel, W. B. Brantley, Lem Erial Johnson and Kenneth Babcock, were guests of the club. This group of Scouts Friday night won the fifth consecutive Scout Jubilee in the Ranch area. They were praised by John Eaton, scoutmaster, for the splendid spirit shown and for their willingness to work.

Thomas Espy was a guest of the club. W. R. Nisbet was chairman of the program committee and introduced Mr. Dameron.

Mr. Dameron reported that laboratory and residence buildings, funds for which were provided by a \$20,000 appropriation last spring by the Texas legislature, were virtually

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## 'Peg O' My Heart' Is Well Received On Monday Night

The Thirteen Dramatic Club's Last Presentation of the Year Draws Crowd of 550

"Peg O' My Heart," the Thirteen Dramatic Club's adventure in English, was enthusiastically received Monday evening at the high school auditorium by a crowd of approximately 550 persons who had been invited by the club to attend the presentation which was given in celebration of its first anniversary of existence as an organized group, and which was offered, further, as a gesture of appreciation to the townspeople who have supported its dramatic efforts throughout the year.

By acclamation of both cast and audience, honors for the evening's acting went first to Miss Ruth Lee Hoggett who, in her portrayal of the part of Peg, an Irish misfit in a coldly conventional English home, exhibited remarkable spontaneity of feeling and an abundance of wit and grace which rendered her presence on the stage a bright spot in every scene. Carrying an extremely long part with unusual smoothness, Miss Hoggett charmed her audience from her first appearance with Michael, erstwhile "Blackie," a dog loaned for the occasion by Danny Friess. Michael added amusement to the occasion by his cheerful and

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## C. E. Yarnell Takes Over Laundry Here

Buys Lease of Childers and LaVelle—Moves Here

C. E. Yarnell, San Angelo, has purchased the lease and business of the Sonora Cleaners, local laundry and cleaning plant, from Childers and LaVelle, who had operated the business for the last four months.

Mr. Yarnell was for a number of years in the laundry business in Big Spring, and is thoroughly experienced in all branches of the work.

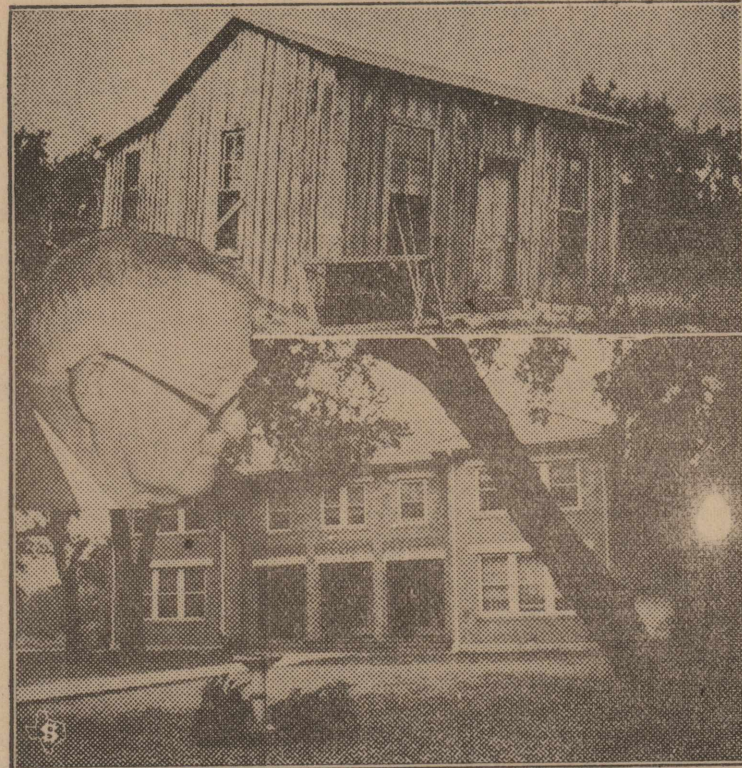
Mrs. C. E. Yarnell and her son, Charles, recently moved here from San Angelo to join Mr. Yarnell. Mrs. Yarnell was accompanied by Mrs. E. E. Holdscaw, Mrs. Yarnell's mother, who will make her home here.

Smith and Fields on Hunt

A. L. Smith and Herbert Fields leave today for Uvalde, near where they plan to hunt for a day or two, after which Mr. Smith will make a short visit in Georgetown before going to his home in Lufkin for the remainder of the Christmas holidays.

## Sonora Scouts Win Jamboree

Garner's Uvalde Homes—1893 and Now



The upper photo shows the board wall house which was the first home of the John Garners when they first moved to Uvalde, Texas, on account of Mr. Garner's poor health, in 1893. It still stands today. Lower photo is the new Garner home, known as "Fair Oaks." Inset shows John Garner, of Texas, new speaker of the House of Representatives.

WEATHER GOOD FOR DUCKS; TOO DAMP FOR BASKETBALL

Damp weather of the last three weeks is described by Coach A. L. Smith as being ideal for ducks, but poor for basketball practice.

The Sonora team, organized soon after the close of the football season, has been unable to work out but a few afternoons, because of a wet court.

With three letter men, Smith is working to develop new material. Kring, at center, and Ory and Archer, forwards, have had experience. Smith is working on Barton and Ernest Smith to hold down guard positions, and is also coaching Ernest Smith for one of these posts. Ernest Roberson is another guard candidate. Troy White, candidate for a forward position, has a real eye for the basket and shows much promise, according to Smith. Pug Roueche is another forward possibility.

Boys Returning from A. & M.

Lea Roy Aldwell, John Hull, Edwin Sawyer, and Sam Logan, all students in the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, will arrive in San Angelo Sunday morning and will be met there by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aldwell and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, coming here to spend the Christmas vacation.

## Thomason Seeks Funds for Fight on Bitterweed

No Federal Aid Available Now—Texas Congressman Working to Get Appropriation

With special effort on the part of R. E. Thomason, United States Congressman from the 16th district of Texas, Texas solons are reported favorably inclined to support efforts to secure an appropriation of funds from Congress to aid in the fight on bitterweed, which is now being waged in West Texas.

Original plans in fighting the poisonous plant were that federal men would come to the Ranch Experiment Station south of Sonora as soon as buildings and laboratory, now nearing completion, were finished, there to aid regular attaches of the Station in the experimentation.

Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the De-

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Beginners and Nursery Have Tree

The Beginner and Nursery departments of the Methodist Sunday school will have their Christmas tree and celebration at the church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

## Sheep & Goat Men Meet in Del Rio; Discussing Loans

Executive Committee Will Talk Plan to Eliminate Land Vacancies, Clearing Titles

Plans to secure legislation affecting land vacancies and enabling the clearing of land titles through court action, will be the major issue coming before the executive committee of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, which planned to hold its quarterly meeting in Del Rio Thursday.

Judge James Cornell, attorney for the association, and former Sonora lawyer, has worked out plans which the association will discuss, with a likelihood of recommending them to the legislators from West Texas.

Legislation will be sought which will permit action in district court doing away with vacancies in any specific tract of land, after certain legal requirements have been met, and thereby establishing a clear and valid title to the lands.

This plan, if successful, would enable greater freedom in land transactions, facilitating the placing of land loans. West Texas ranch loans in general take a higher interest rate than those in other parts of the state due to the frequent uncertainty of clear title.

Oscar Appelt, Tom Bond, and Roy Aldwell are Sonora members of the committee.

## Sixteen Football Sweaters Ordered

Fifteen Lettermen and Mascot to Receive Award Through Lions

Order was placed Wednesday for sixteen sweaters for fifteen Sonora High School men who lettered in football in the season just closed, and for Harrell Turney Espy, manager and mascot of the team.

The total cost of the sweaters will reach about \$125, of which \$85 has been raised. The money is being secured through efforts of the Sonora Lions Club, with H. V. ("Buzzy") Stokes and R. S. Covey, school head, serving as the committee.

A majority of the Lions Club members have subscribed to the fund. A committee of the girls, members of the high school pep squad, is carrying on the solicitation among the business men and ranchmen.

Slip-over style sweaters were ordered.

## \$10,000 Taxes Are Paid Since Dec. 1

School Fund Receives \$3000; Total Reaches \$38,000

Since December 1, the close of the period in which taxpayers were privileged to take advantage of the split payment plan, \$10,000 has come into the coffers of the Sutton county tax collector's office.

School funds have been enriched \$3000 by this payment. A number of taxpayers have paid school taxes alone, electing to pay the balance on state and county taxes in January. Several large taxpayers have taken care of county and state taxes since Dec. 1, having paid school taxes before that date.

On November 30, tax payments totaled \$18,000, on the total assessment for 1931 of about \$141,000 in Sutton county.

EFFORTS FOR WHITE CHRISTMAS FAILED

The Weatherman tried to give Sonora a white Christmas season, but so far has failed. Snow began falling in Sonora shortly after noon Wednesday, with huge moist flakes melting as they fell.

Thursday morning the fall began again, this time the snow remaining unmelted for a short while.

Ranchmen continue to welcome moisture on the ranges, although continued damp weather in feeding pens has interfered with proper weight increase of stock. The snow was not expected to harm livestock. Some few winter lambs are arriving in the Sonora section, but they are thought to be safe.

In Sonora moisture totaled .16 of an inch. West and north of here the snow fall was considerably heavier.

## Is Fifth Consecutive Victory for Troop Nineteen

Troop 19, Sonora unit of the Boy Scout Concho Valley Council, won its fifth consecutive banner in a Jamboree and field meet held here Friday night, with Menard and Junction troops competing with the local group. Only five of the Ranch Area meets have been held and Sonora has been victorious in all. Sonora Scouts amassed 50 points, Menard trailing with 19. Sonora won 6 firsts and 6 seconds in the various contests. Junction won 4 firsts and four seconds, Menard capturing 2 firsts, and one second place. Menard took five third places and Junction and Sonora got 2 each. Menard and Junction divided points for second and third places in the preliminary inspection.

Scoring was based on a schedule of 5 points for first places, 3 for seconds, and 1 for thirds.

Three Sonora Scouts were given second class standing and five Junction Scouts received merit badges at a court of honor held immediately following the field meet.

J. T. Shurley, W. B. Brantley and Lem Erial Johnson, were given second class standing. Four Junction Scouts were given merit badges as follows: Freddie Ramsey, 5; Warren Roberts, 5; Leon Turner, 3; and Jarvis Jordan, 2.

Only nine Sonora Scouts were present, while Junction was represented by 16 and Menard by 18. Eldorado and Ozona troops had been invited to participate in the meet, but were not prepared to enter.

Junior Roueche, Marion Elliott, Wesley Sawyer, J. T. Shurley, Herbert Fields, LaVelle Meckel, W. B. Brantley, Lem Erial Johnson and Kenneth Babcock were the Sonora Scouts. They were trained for the various events by John Eaton, scoutmaster, and by Jack Earhart and George E. Smith, assistant scoutmasters.

B. W. Draper, executive of the Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts, was present at the meet, together with Frank Holliday, Ballinger Scout leader. Roy E. Aldwell, vice president of the Concho Valley council, was general director of the meet. Mr. Draper directed competition in the various events.

In the personal inspection Sonora won first, while Junction and Menard were dividing points for second and third. John Treadwell, Menard Scout, won first in the essay contest, while the Junction entry.

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## Local Briefs

Roy Aldwell to Dallas on Business

Roy Aldwell left Monday from San Angelo for Dallas, where he is attending a meeting of the executive board of the Texas Bankers' Association.

Vicars and Hamby Get Catch

Bob Vicars and Finis Hamby caught 14 bass, averaging about 1½ pounds, in the Llano last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Vicars, Miss Bonnie Glasscock, and Mr. Hamby enjoyed fish dinners on Sunday night, at the Sonora Cafe, and again on Tuesday night at the home of the Vicars.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauthorn to Temple

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn left Wednesday for Temple, where Mr. Cauthorn is to undergo an operation for the removal of cataracts. Miss Mae Cauthorn will leave Baylor University, Waco, Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, and will meet her mother and father at Temple, returning from there to Sonora for the vacation.

Elliott With Group in Capital

L. W. Elliott, representing the Sonora Wool and Mohair Marketing Corporation as its director in the National Wool Marketing Corporation, was a member of the committee, headed by Sol Mayer, president of the national co-op, which went to Washington last week for conferences with the Federal Farm Board regarding business of the co-op. The principal topic of discussion was that dealing with amounts to be advanced on sheep by the various branches of the national co-op. Judge Elliott was named to the national board of directors at its meeting in Chicago last week.

## Personals

B. M. Halbert was in town from the ranch on Tuesday.

Mrs. F. J. Taylor was in San Angelo Saturday.

A. F. Clarkson was in San Angelo on Monday.

Izadore Leaman spent last weekend in Brownwood.

Miss Nan Casbeer will spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Lampasas.

Mrs. Nellie Allen spent the weekend in San Angelo, the guest of Mrs. Haskell A. Dyer.

The Misses Gladys Kothmann, Lois Thomas, and Lillian Ramsell spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Miss Gretta Cawyer will leave Saturday for her home in Brady, where she will spend the Christmas vacation.

The Misses Zelma Moore and Faye Green, of San Angelo, were the guests of Miss Elizabeth Francis here Sunday.

Miss Annie Duncan leaves Saturday for her home in San Antonio, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Covey will leave this week-end for Vernon, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Covey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Long and little son left Wednesday for San Antonio from which place they were going to Concord to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. White, accompanied by Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. T. R. Nisbet of San Angelo, will leave Saturday for the ranch home of Mr. White's father near Uvalde, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The Misses Ione Reagan and Lucille Dubois will leave Saturday in Miss Reagan's car for Marquet, Miss Reagan's home, from which place Miss Dubois will go to her home in Jewett for the Christmas holidays. Miss Reagan will remain in Marquet.



**MISS BAKER AND LOUIE TRAINER COMING HOME**

Fort Worth, Dec. 17.—Miss Dorothy Baker and Louie Trainer, students at Texas Christian University, will leave Saturday, Dec. 19, to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trainer, all

of Sonora. Miss Baker was graduated from Sonora High in 1930. She is majoring in home economics and is a member of the Brushes, an artists' club at T. C. U. Mr. Trainer is taking a B. B. A. course. Trainer was graduated from Sonora High School in 1929. He is a member of the Texas Christian Horned Frog Band.

**You Might Say "Surrounded By Mistletoe"**

As you know, when the mistletoe is hung up at Yuletide, and a fair maid steps under it, the gentlemanly thing to do is to kiss her, regardless of the consequences.

It is rumored that an old maid first invented this idea, but the little miss in the picture is no old maid, for she is just as sweet as she looks, and she thinks that a lot of kisses should come her way, because she is under a lot of mistletoe.

She is little Virginia Goss of Kerrville, Texas. She is sweet 6 years old—that is, she will be on the night of December 24, which makes her a real Christmas doll.



**A. & M. Institutes Building Program**

**\$2,000,000 to Be Expended Upon Structures at College**

Announcement was made last week by F. M. Law, Houston, chairman of the board of directors of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, at the annual football party for Coach Matty Bell and his Texas Aggies, of a \$2,000,000 building program which is to be launched immediately on the A. & M. campus.

The program is expected in some measure to relieve the unemployment situation in the building trades in that section of Texas. Money for the buildings will come to the college from oil royalties accrued at Texas University, Austin. Some months ago division of the royalties between the university and A. & M. College was settled.

Mr. and Mrs. Savell Back to Town Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell returned to town from the ranch Thursday and will remain in Sonora for the holidays. They reported that there was a 3-inch snow at the ranch when they left for town.

A one hundred thousand dollar plant for the extraction of sulphur from gas in Reagan county is planned to be built at Texon.

Alfalfa is being grown successfully in Hall county on sub-irrigated land.

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.

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**\$1.87 Good Price for Muttons in '82**

Oregon Man Watches Great Change in Value of Animals

Tex E. Bord, former Menard county ranchman, and now a ranchman at Klamath Falls, Oregon, purchased 500 muttons from Fritz Wilhelm, of Menard, in the year 1881-'82 at what he thought was a fancy price at that time—\$1.87 per head. Mr. Bord is now a breeder of Corriedales and sells his registered animals at prices ranging from \$25 to \$100.

Fritz Wilhelm, jr., received a letter recently from Mr. Bord in response to a communication of Wilhelm's inquiring about Bord's stock. The following extract from the letter has considerable interest in view of the present price of muttons:

"Your name and the ranch name takes me back many years—81-'82 I think. I was working for Louis Purcz of San Antonio and I bought from your father, I expect at your ranch, 500 head of mutton sheep. I paid \$1.87 which was a big price those days. I knew I would not make a cent on them but I wanted them as they were the finest muttons I had ever seen.

"If I remember rightly, your ranch was not very far from the old Block House on the San Saba river. Also, if my memory serves me correctly, your ranch was quite open, very little or no thorny brush and rolling mesquite land. It should be ideal for Corriedales."

Mr. Wilhelm ordered one first-class Corriedale ram which is being shipped by express and will cost him between \$75 and \$100, a price which he considers reasonable, so long as the grade of his stock can be improved.

**Stockton Country Club to Continue**

Members Will Control Lake Beeman as Was Formerly Done

The Fort Stockton Country Club, which has been in doubt as to its ability to continue control of Lake Beeman as a fishing resort for members, has decided to continue control and to do so as heretofore, according to H. H. Butz, club secretary.

At a recent membership meeting a plan originated by Ben A. Owen was adopted which is calculated to tide the club over its present financial crisis.

Under the new plan, dues have been reduced from \$2.50 monthly to \$2.00 and must be paid promptly; permit fishing has been discontinued and now only members, their families, and guests may enjoy privileges of the club; temporarily Associate Memberships good for two years are offered at \$10.00 and regular memberships are \$50.00; delinquent dues are to be paid up at the rate of \$3.00 per month, remitted with current dues; and a federal tax of 10 per cent of amounts which members have paid in since Oct. 1st, 1927, was levied.

**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.

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**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.

We had 158 in the church school last Sunday. Our presiding elder held our first quarterly conference Sunday night and the reports indicated improvement in all departments.

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning on "Immortality." Sunday evening at 7:30 the story of Christ's birth and its meaning, will be pictured on the screen. E. P. NEAL, Pastor.

**St. John's Episcopal**  
St. John's Episcopal church will hold on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, December 20, a service. Service will be evening prayer with sermon-address on "Our Lord's Coming as the Holy Child and Saviour of Men." We shall be glad to

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**Camp Allison**

(Essie Rode, Reporter)

A. H. Hollmig of Del Rio is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. Q. Adams. He will spend the Christmas holidays with her.

Howard Reeves was in Sonora Tuesday on business.

Miss Lotia Cozby visited her sister, Mrs. Rosa Williams of Ballinger Saturday.

George Adams of Ozona visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams, Sunday.

Harold and Lester Garrett of Junction, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Garrett, Sunday.

Sid Evans returned home Tuesday from Kerrville, where he had spent several days on business.

Edwin Joy, while working on a windmill Thursday, allowed a wrench to slip from a pipe, striking his hand and cutting off the end of his little finger.

Mrs. Ernest Bode of Ozona visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams, Sunday.

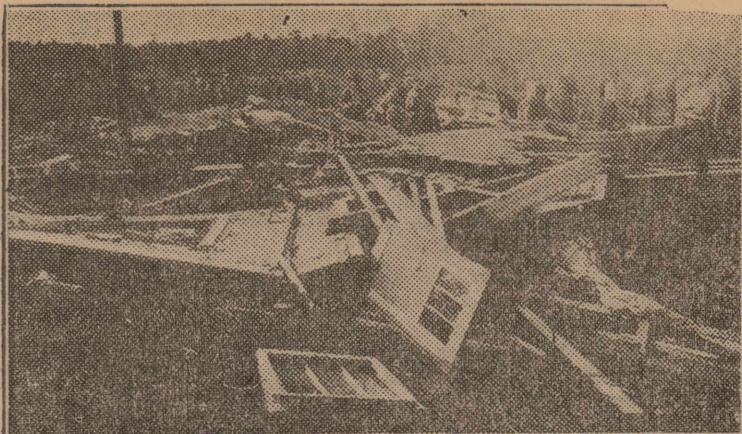
Mr. and Mrs. Will Hight of Junction visited Mrs. Hight's mother, Mrs. W. B. Adams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morgan and Miss Marie Pullen, of Ft. McKavett, visited friends and relatives in Camp Allison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shroyer and daughters, Misses Fay and Rosa, made a business trip to Junction Wednesday.

**Wool Pledge Cards Coming In**  
Cards pledging the signer to buy at least three woolen Christmas presents this year are being received every day by the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. About five hundred of the cards, which suggested a number of woolen gift possibilities, were mailed to ranchmen, business men, and those concerned in the sheep industry by the company a few weeks ago. According to C. H. Evans, manager of the warehouse, the response has been gratifying.

**Two Killed in Texarkana Tornado**



A tornado which struck in three different places just north of Texarkana last Friday killed two and injured one probably fatally and several seriously. Upper photo shows the home of Harvey L. Perry, in which Mrs. Perry was killed. Lower photo shows the home of J. E. Hardin, in which Hardin was killed, Frances Hardin, aged 9, probably fatally injured, and his wife and son injured. The tornado struck the Hardin home first, jumped a mile to the Perry home, then a mile and a half and demolished a negro house and church.

Whipping cream, coffee cream, good buttermilk. Phone 72. Fields' Dairy.

A new postoffice building is under construction at McCamey.

**Sonora Scouts—**

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Warren Roberts, took second, and Wesley Sawyer, Sonora, was third. Junction won first place in the semaphore signalling, with Sonora second. Menard did not enter the contest. The Sonora team was composed of Fields, Elliott, Johnson, Babcock, Brantley and Shurley. The newspaper race was a Sonora event, Johnson placing first and Brantley coming in second to make 8 points for Troop 19. Menard took third.

Sonora also won first and second in the fire by friction contest. Roueche was first and Johnson second, a Junction entry placing third. With Sawyer as rider and Roueche, Meckel, Babcock and Brantley serving as his horses, Sonora won second in the Paul Revere race. Junction won first, and Menard third.

Sonora's team, composed of Fields, Shurley, Babcock and Johnson took second in the first aid contest, which was won by Junction. Menard was third. Making a fire with flint and steel was won by Fields for Sonora. Junction was second and Menard third.

Menard won first place in a knot tying contest, with Junction second and Sonora third. Elliott, Fields, Shurley and Roueche entered for Sonora. Junction won first and third in the minute guessing contests, with Menard second. In Morse signalling Sonora again won, with Junction second. Menard did not enter.

Sonora Scouts took first and second places in the fireman's carry, making their claim to the banner absolutely sure. Junction, had she won both first and second in this event, would have defeated Sonora by three points. Junction won third place in the event, however.

Scouts on all of the competing teams were highly praised by Mr. Draper for their sportsmanlike attitude in the contests.

**Letters to Santa**

Sonora, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I've been an awful good girl this year and I sure do love you. Please bring me one doll and a whole lot of dresses for her and a cedar chest to put them in and some coat hangers and don't forget her shoes and stockings. A train and a street car and some tracks for them to run on and a depot and some blocks to make houses. Oh! Yes! And a house for my doll. I nearly forgot a bath robe, house slippers, and beach pajamas for myself. A dress and shoes for myself. A little ironing board that I saw in Angelo so I can help Mother iron. Santa Claus, please don't forget Joe Alice, Davie Deane, Jeraldin, Martha Jo and all my little friends. Oh! I nearly forgot I want a record too.

I want to hug your neck real big when I see you. Please Santa if you can hurry up.

Your little friend,  
MARY JANE EVANS.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a table, piano, a doll and a blackboard.  
Your friend,  
MAXINE SMITH.

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a doll and an electric stove.  
Your friend,  
MABEL DAVIS.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, some dishes and a stove.  
Your friend,  
BESSIE RAY KISER.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bath robe, house shoes, and a glass doll.  
Your friend,  
WILLIE NELL HALE.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me an air gun.  
Your friend,  
ROY GLASSCOCK.

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me an air gun, a baseball set, a little bus and a wagon.  
Your friend,  
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I have been a good little boy. Please bring me an air gun, a train and some Lincoln Bricks.

Your friend,  
GEORGE DEE WALLACE.

Dear Santa:  
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Your friend,  
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Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a doll, a doll suitcase and doll clothes.  
Your friend,  
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NEWS TO BE ISSUED EARLY

The Devil's River News will be published two days ahead of schedule next week, being placed in the mail Wednesday morning rather than Friday. This is being done in order that everyone may get The News two days before Christmas, in order to use News advertisements as a last-minute buying guide.

The co-operation of advertisers and readers is requested in getting in advertising and news copy early.

Please telephone 24 and tell us what you plan to do for Christmas. The Christmas week issue should carry complete news of the goings and comings of Sonora people.

"Devil's Dream"

(By W. E. James)



TWO-GUN WRITES SANTA CLAUS

Lone Goat Ranch, Headwaters Dry Devil's River, Sonora, Texas, December 18, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a new disposition, the one I have is almost worn out; been in use a little too long. And if you have it, bring some of that peculiar potion which makes folks forget the unpleasant things of life, and enables them to remember only the good deeds.

Bring back to me the simple faith of a child that I may enter into the joys and comforts of a happy Christmas morn.

In my dream-memories take me back, please Santa, to the days of babyhood, when I nestled my tousled head on Mother's knee, and repeated that immortal prayer:

"Now I lay me down to sleep—"  
with its usual benedictions, and at Christmas time, an added after-thought—

"God, please bless Santa Claus."

And Santa, bring me back my boyhood days when my Daddy was my pal and taught me all the manly sports—how to shoot, and swim, and all the good days of fun we had. You'll do this, won't you, Santa, just to please a fellow who gets awfully tired of the monotony and everyday hum-drum of a busy, bustling, money-mad world?

Be sure to fill all orders for the little folks of Sonora, who are writing you in this issue of The News, omitting not a single item.

And Santa, bring also to me the joy and thrill of awaiting your coming down the chimney, just like you use to do when I was a tiny tad.

TWO-GUN IKE.

35 YEARS AGO

The Devil's River News published on February 7, 1891, more than forty years ago, carried an invitation to a smart boy of 14 years to call at the Devil's River News in regard to a job learning the printing trade. Doubtless the response that followed that little ad in the years to come was hearty, for at one time, virtually every man and boy in Sutton county sat at type cases in the old News office and contributed to the work of getting the paper ready for the press. A lengthy treatise clipped from the Boston Herald, paid tribute to the chivalrous manners of the men of Mexico, comparing them with those of America, to the disadvantage of the latter. Another story, from the Lee Rustler, told of the burning of the Coke county courthouse at Lee, as Robert Lee was then called. The loss, which included books and records of the county, totaled \$10,000, said the story.

Smaller stories in the issue follow:

A postoffice in Charlton county, Mo., has been named Mike.

Gets the drop on all of us—Rain.

The Original Santa Claus

St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, was bishop of Myra, and died about A. D. 326. He was fond of children and young people, and many charitable deeds in their behalf are recorded of him. He is the recognized patron of the Christmas season; but Santa Claus, or Knecht Rupert, is a product of Germany, where it was formerly the custom for the parents of a village to put all the gifts designed for their children into the hands of a man who, disguised in long robes, a mask and a monstrous wig, went from house to house, rapped, was admitted, and severely questioned the parents as to the behavior of the little ones during the past year, judiciously leading the questioning up to a point where the intended present could be appropriately introduced. The fiction of his descent through the chimney accounted for his absence when the annual round of this masked personage ceased to be made.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. George Russell, of Ozona, spent Saturday in San Angelo.

Mrs. W. D. Wallace, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Libb Wallace, and children, spent Saturday in San Angelo.

PERSONALS

E. D. Shurley was in San Angelo Friday and Saturday.

Julian E. Rogers, Rocksprings, visited friends in Sonora Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kirkland were in town from the ranch Monday.

Mesdames R. A. Halbert and Dock Friend spent Friday in San Angelo.

The Misses Muriel Simmons and Margaret Hull will arrive today from Brownwood, where they are students in Howard Payne College, to spend the vacation with their families.

Miss Hazel Edwards went to her home in Sterling City Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards and to see a sister, who was to come from Waco on a brief visit.

Woodrow Norris, Dewitt Blanton and Rook Baxter, all of whom attend John Tarleton College, Stephenville, will arrive tomorrow night to spend the Christmas vacation here with their parents.

Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken, who was ill at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, last week, was able to return to her ranch home the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Roy Hudspeth and Mrs. Sam Karnes went to San Angelo Monday

for a visit of several days. Mrs. Hudspeth was a guest at the Hilton Hotel and Mrs. Karnes was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Drake.

The Misses Johnnie Allison and Maurine Phillips leave today for San Angelo by bus, from which place they will go to their respective homes—Miss Allison to Brownwood and Miss Phillips to Aubrey.

Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock expect their daughter, Miss Gertrude, to arrive Sunday morning from Denton, where she is a Junior in the Texas College of Industrial Arts. Miss Babcock will spend the holidays here.

Louis Stuart drove to San Angelo Wednesday and returned Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Stuart and their son, Lynn, who have been visiting for several days with Dr. and Mrs. George L. Grupe, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Joiner, of San Marcos, will arrive Friday evening to accompany their daughter, Miss Helen Joiner, home for the Christmas vacation. Miss Elizabeth Francis will accompany them as far as San Antonio on Saturday, and will remain at her home there for the holidays, while Miss Joiner will go on to San Marcos with her family.

A ton of pinto beans was purchased recently by the commissioners court of Ochiltree county for winter charity uses.

Former Sonora Man Is Married

Millard Cope Weds Miss Margaret Kilgore of San Angelo

Miss Margaret Kilgore, of San Angelo, and Millard Cope, former Sonora resident and graduate of the Sonora High School, and a nephew of Mrs. Clyde Gardner, were married Saturday afternoon in San Angelo. The San Angelo Standard-Times for Sunday, Dec. 13, carries the following account of the wedding:

Miss Margaret Kilgore and Millard Cope were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton G. Kilgore. The Rev. B. O. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, performed the single ring ceremony in the presence of 40 friends of the couple.

Mrs. Marian Broome Kelton was at the piano throughout the ceremony the bridal party entering to the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus." "Love's Old Sweet Song" was played as the Rev. Mr. Wood read the service.

Emil Vander Stucken was best man to the bridegroom. Mrs. Bruce McKague wearing a frock of blue taffeta and lace, was the matron of honor. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Martha McCutcheon of Fort Davis, schoolmate with the bride in the University of Texas, assisted Mrs. Kelton in receiving the guests. She wore an afternoon dress of bieve lace and a wrist corsage of pale pink roses. Mrs. Kelton was dressed in flowered taffeta with yellow as the background. Her shoulder corsage was of yellow roses.

An informal reception followed the ceremony with the bride cutting the three-tiered wedding cake, in the top of which was a miniature replica of her bouquet.

The couple left after the reception, not revealing their destination. They will be at home next week in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Cope was graduated from the San Angelo High School, later attending Hollins College in Roanoke, Va. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas in 1928. She is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

Mr. Cope is publisher of the Sweetwater Reporter. He is the son of James A. Cope of this city and Eldorado. Until 1930, Mr. Cope was connected with the Standard-Times. He received his bachelor of journalism degree in 1927 from the University of Missouri. He was graduated from the Sonora High School, later attending Howard Payne College in Brownwood. There he was editor of the Yellow Jacket, student publication. Mr. Cope is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity.

Guests from out of town were: Miss Jennie Parkes of Richmond, Ky., aunt of the bride; Miss McCutcheon, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Williams and Haydon Ellis of Mertzon, and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Midland.

COUNTY HEALTH BOARD TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Sutton County Health Board will meet at 7 o'clock Monday night for its regular monthly meeting in the office of the county judge.

Miss Lucille Stone, district health nurse, will be present to meet with the group, and results of the work of various departments created through the county board will be reported.

Peg O' My Heart—

(Continued from page 1)

confiding manner throughout the scenes with his mistress.

The players, who were confronted, from the start, with the difficulty of bridling West Texas tongues to British pronunciations, offered a creditable reproduction of the English lines—Joseph Trainer, as the hero in the piece, giving his part perhaps the most convincingly British interpretation.

Delightful comedy was provided by the demonstrations of maternal and filial affection exchanged between Mrs. Chichester (Mrs. W. C. Gilmore) and her son, Alaric (Preston Praeter), the latter doing a splendid piece of acting in his part of a typical English fop. Mr. Praeter captured his audience with his lackadaisical voice and practised use of the monologue.

Miss Hazel Edwards, as Ethel Chichester, and W. C. Gilmore, as Chris Brent, had their best opportunity for acting in a clandestine love scene early in the play. The dog carried by Miss Edwards in the play was loaned by R. E. Taylor.

J. D. Westbrook, in his portrayal of Hawkes, a solicitor, was rendered austere and distinguished-looking by a moustache and beard, and was important to the plot through his explanations of the action which followed his first appearance.

Miss Jessie Louise Evans and Cecil Allen, taking the parts of maid and butler, respectively, added atmosphere through their appropriate costumes, and several touches of comedy in their short appearances on the stage.

Outstandingly important to the success of the play was the expert electrical work done by John Eaton in the management of general stage lighting and the manufacturing of a convincing electrical storm.

Miss Lena V. Stokes was costume director and Cecil Allen, property manager. The Misses Faye James and Lena V. Stokes were in charge of ushering.

Music between acts was provided by the high school orchestra, directed by Henri Rogers.

The play was directed by Mrs. George Baker.

R. L. NISBET BURIED IN SAN ANGELO FRIDAY

Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian church of San Angelo Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, for R. L. Nisbet, 64, who died at his home, 51 West College street at 11:15 o'clock Thursday morning. Mr. Nisbet was an elder in the church. The Rev. B. O. Wood officiated at the services, and burial was made in Fairmount Cemetery.

Mr. Nisbet had been a resident of San Angelo for 36 years, going there from Tulia in 1894.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Amelia Rau Nisbet, a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Young, jr., of Austin, and two brothers, A. R. Nisbet of Plainview, and J. S. Nisbet, a missionary in Korea. J. L. and W. R. Nisbet of Sonora are nephews of R. L. Nisbet.

E. E. Sawyer to Bankers' Meet  
E. E. Sawyer spent Tuesday in Del Rio at a meeting of directors of the First National Bank of Del Rio which is being consolidated with the Del Rio National Bank. Mr. Sawyer is president of the First National Bank.

A grain sorghum seed analyst is being sought by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Immunization to Be Given Friday

Adult Health Club Will Conduct Administration of Serum

The Adult Health Club will sponsor an immunization meeting in the 1st and 2nd grade rooms of the grammar school Friday afternoon at 2:45, at which time local doctors, assisted by members of the club, will administer serum for immunization to diphtheria, to all preschool age children whose parents will bring them for the treatment.

The treatment, consisting of two doses of the serum, can be procured for 25c by those who feel able to pay for the protection. There will be no charge for persons unable to bear the expense. Donations for the medical service will be optional.

Mrs. Clayton Puckett, president of the Adult Health Club, states that a great effort has been made on the part of club members to enlist interest in this renewal of the health drive begun in the summer by the Parent-Teacher Association, and that a good number of children are expected for the immunization.

Sonora Lettermen Form "S" Asso'n.

Kring Elected President; Initiation for New Men Planned

An "S" Association, with membership limited to men who have earned letters in a major sport in Sonora High School, was formed at a meeting Wednesday afternoon. Ikey Kring, football star with three letters, was elected president. Charlie Paris, who won his fourth football letter this year, was chosen vice-president, secretary and treasurer. A. L. Smith, coach of athletics, is sponsor of the group.

Membership was limited to men who had earned at least one letter previous to football season just closed. New members, men who have lettered this fall for the first time, will be initiated shortly after the opening of school following the Christmas holidays.

In addition to the two officers, the following men are members of the association: Wes Hill, G. W. Archer, Harold Friess, Ernest Smith, Jesse Green Barton, and George Ory.

Grimland to Get Projection  
J. E. Grimland, deputy tax collector for Sutton county, and fingerprint expert, this week places an order for a projection machine, costing \$75, to be used in his work. It will enable the showing of prints on a screen, sufficiently enlarged to aid identification.

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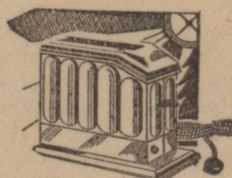
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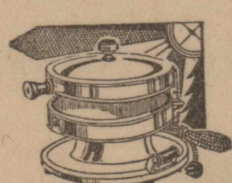
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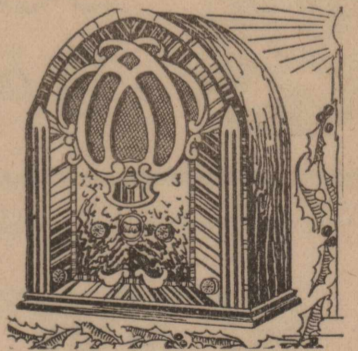
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# WOMAN'S PAGE



## SOCIETY

Mrs. George Baker, Editor

### Home Economics Girls Entertain Faculty at Supper

The members of Home Economics Class III entertained members of the school faculty with a buffet supper Thursday night, December 3 at the Home Economics cottage, the affair being one of a series at which the girls have acted as hostesses in line with their class work in dinner projects.

The guests, who had been summoned with invitations of a Christmas nature, found the cottage attractively decorated in Yuletide fashion, and ate supper, which was served from the dining room, around a prettily decked Christmas tree in the living room where tables had been set. Upon the tree were sticks of candy for each guest, carrying an appropriate fortune in verse for each.

The Misses Pauline Turney, Dee Trainer, and Ethelda Hefflin, acting as hostesses for the evening, presided over the dining room table which was covered with a beautiful Madeira cloth and lighted by red candles.

The guests enjoyed a delicious menu of ham croquettes, creamed peas, potato salad, hot rolls, red and green gelatin fruit salad, ice box cake with whipped cream, and coca, which, they were informed by the young cooks, was served at an estimated cost of 31c per person.

Faculty members present were Messrs. and Mesdames R. S. Covey and T. D. White; Mrs. Roy Grimland, and A. L. Smith, and the Misses Annie Duncan, Nan Casbeer, Loreen Moursund, Maurine Phillips, Johnnie Allison, Dora Petmecky, Helen Joiner, Ione Reagan, Lucille Dubois, Elizabeth Francis, Loula Belle Caldwell, Vivian Ball, Bonnie Glasscock, and Greta Caywer.

### Mrs. Sam Karnes Entertains Queen Of Clubs Saturday

Mrs. Sam Karnes was hostess to the Queen of Clubs at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. Karnes, Saturday afternoon.

Winners at bridge were Mrs. John Fields, high club; Mrs. Johnnie Hamby, low; and Mrs. R. W. Perrine, of Uvalde, high guest.

The hostess had employed the Christmas motif in bridge accessories and served a delicious salad course following the bridge games.

### Mrs. H. V. Morris Is the Just Us Club Hostess on Friday

The Just Us Club was charmingly entertained on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. V. Morris, who carried out the Christmas motif in bridge tallies and covers and served delicious refreshments of individual pecan pies and coffee to her guests.

Those present consisted of club members only, and were Mesdames J. C. Stephen, T. D. White, Sid Evans, Haynie Davis, Libb Wallace, Vernon Hamilton, Gus Love, and P. J. Taylor.

High score was won by Mrs. Hamilton and low went to Mrs. Davis.

### School Faculty Is Honored With Party By The Woman's Club

The Sonora Woman's Club entertained at the club house Tuesday evening with a pre-holiday bridge and "42" party honoring members of the faculties of both the American and Mexican schools of Sonora.

Poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, bells, and candles—all adhering to a red color scheme—were suggestive of the approaching Yuletide; while prizes consisted of Christmas boxes of homemade candy for both high ladies and high men, and Christmas comic favors for low scorers.

Prizes for the evening's play went to Miss Nan Casbeer and W. J. Fields, jr. for high score at bridge, and to Miss Helen Joiner and John Eaton for low bridge score; while "42" winners were Miss Greta Caywer and Edmond Heinze for high and Mrs. R. S. Covey and George E. Smith for low. Six tables of bridge and two of "42" participated in the games.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and cocoa were served following the presentation of favors. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames R. S. Covey and T. D. White; the Misses Vivian Ball, Nan Casbeer, Greta Caywer, Ione Reagan, Dora Petmecky, Annie Duncan, Elizabeth Francis, Loreen Moursund, Helen Joiner, Lucille Dubois, Maurine Phillips, Loula Belle Caldwell, Jamie Gardner, and Johnnie Allison; and Messrs. Gene Bailey, H. V. Stokes, George E. Smith, George B. Hamilton, George Allison, W. C. Warren, Edgar Shurley, A. L. Smith, W. J. Fields, jr., Howard Espy, John Eaton, Edmond Heinze, Lawrence Grimland, and James Caldwell.

Club members receiving and assisting during the evening were Mesdames W. E. Caldwell, Hi Eastland, Sterling Baker, W. R. Nisbet, B. W. Hutcherson, J. A. Cauthorn, O. G. Babcock, E. E. Sawyer, Roy Aldwell, and George Baker.

## Social Calendar

Friday, Dec. 18  
COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thomas at 7:30 p. m.

JUST US CLUB Christmas party for husbands, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. White, at 7:30 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 21  
ADULT HEALTH CLUB at the home of Mrs. Clayton Puckett, at 2:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22  
CHRISTMAS TREE for Beginners and Nursery departments of the Methodist Sunday school at the church at 2:30 p. m.

### Eighty Persons Attend Exhibit By Art Students

Beautiful Work Displayed By Mrs. E. A. Bode and Her Pupils at Hotel McDonald

Some eighty people attended one of the most charming events of the social season Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel McDonald from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock, when Mrs. E. A. Bode and twelve of her art pupils, after a working period of only two months, displayed a number of remarkably beautiful studies in oils, pastels, water colors, and pen and ink, hung in the north drawing room of the hotel.

Mrs. Bode's own work evoked much admiration, chief among her pieces being her series collectively entitled "The Seasons" and individually designated as "Sunshine and Shade," (spring), "Summer," "Autumn," and "Sunshine and Moss" (winter). The picture, "Sunshine and Shade," was hung in the exhibit of the Local Artists' Club of San Antonio at the Witte Memorial museum last September, and the painting, "Sunshine and Moss" was a 1930 exhibit in the same annual display.

Mrs. Bode's work likewise included three paintings which were awarded premiums at the Kendall County Fair, at Boerne, in 1930—these carrying, respectively, two ribbons for first awards and one for second.

Outstandingly interesting was the work exhibited by very young children. These included paintings on table mats, paintings on wood, and several water color sketches.

More advanced pupils exhibited exceptional work in still life and figure portrayal.

The effective decoration of the walls, a cheery open fire, and tea and cookies shaped and iced to resemble artists' pallets—these being served through the courtesy of Mrs. W. P. McConnell, jr.—combined to give the affair a delightful social aspect which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Members of the art classes conducted their guests on the tour of inspection of the pictures. The Misses Mary Schweining and Babe White served.

Art students having work on exhibit were: Mrs. Maysie Brown, the Misses Annie Duncan, Nan Casbeer, Mary Schweining, Babe White, Margaret Sandherr, and Burl Dean Person; and Curt Schweining, O. L. Richardson, jr., Clayton and Clayton White, and Glen Richardson.

### P.-T. A. MEETING IS ENJOYED ON TUESDAY

A good attendance of members enjoyed the program of the Parent-Teacher Association's monthly social meeting Tuesday afternoon, and especial comment was made on the interesting talks of Miss Annie Duncan and Mrs. Lois Landrum who spoke, respectively, on "Do You Make the Most of Your Child's Intelligence?" and "Sex Education in the Home."

The children of the second grade, directed by Miss Dora Petmecky, entertained with two Christmas carols. Mesdames Sim Glasscock, Paul Turney, and J. A. Cauthorn served refreshments of coffee and cake in the school cafeteria following the meeting.

### UNION MEETING OF CHURCH WOMEN WEDNESDAY, 30

Women's societies and auxiliaries of all denominations in Sonora will hold a union meeting Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Trainer from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

A program and tea will provide the entertainment of the afternoon, and a cordial invitation is extended to all women, of any denomination, whether affiliated with a church of the town or not, to be present.

This meeting will be the second union gathering since a movement to make such affairs regular, was instigated recently.

### Order Eastern Star Enjoys a Christmas Tree Tuesday Night

Members of the Order of Eastern Star enjoyed a delightful social hour Tuesday evening following their regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall.

A Christmas tree bearing sticks of candy for each member came as a surprise to the group, after which Mesdames Ban Odom and Tom Driskell served delicious refreshments of fruit cake and coffee to about 20 members of the organization.

### Six O'clock Dinner Beautifully Served At Home Ec. Cottage

The Misses Nina Roueche and Ches Thorp acted as hostesses, while the Misses Sara Ory, Ruth Freeman, and Stella Archer managed the serving, at a delicious six o'clock dinner served to six guests Wednesday evening at the Home Economics cottage.

The meal was served amidst a delightful Christmas setting provided by a beautifully trimmed tree in the living room, and red and tinsel garlands draped from the ceiling in the dining room. The long table was centered by a plump red Santa Claus of paper mache, flanked on either side by a tall red candle.

The details of the menu had been especially planned to carry out the Christmas colors, and these appeared effectively in the tomato soup, stuffed bell peppers, asparagus bundles "tied" with pimento strips, mashed potatoes, green and red molded gelatin fruit salad, and cherry pie a la whipped cream. Coffee and cocoa were served. The meal was served semi-formally—the hostesses filling the plates. The entire meal had been prepared by the five members of Home Economics Class II.

Dinner guests were Messrs. and Mesdames R. S. Covey, T. D. White, and George Baker.

### Miss Faye James And Jodie Trainer Entertain T. D. C.

Miss Faye James and Jodie Trainer were hostess and host to the Thirteen Dramatic Club and several guests at a delicious chicken plate supper served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore Monday night following the club's presentation of its birthday anniversary play, "Peg O' My Heart." The supper was served informally in the living room of the Gilmore home. Miss James was assisted in serving by the Misses Jessie Louise Evans and Lena V. Stokes.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, Dr. and Mrs. Tom White, and Mr. and Mrs. George Baker; Mrs. Miers Savell, the Misses Ruth Whittaker, of San Angelo, Ruth Lee Hoggett, Lena V. Stokes, Jessie Louise Evans, Faye James, and Hazel Edwards; and Messrs. Cecil Allen, Preston Praetor, Houston Stokes, John Eaton, and Jodie Trainer.

A REAL GIFT—slightly used \$35 Victor portable. 10 records. \$20. Sonora Electric Company.

## PERSONALS

Mesdames C. H. Evans and L. E. Johnson were in San Angelo Monday.

Mesdames Roy Aldwell and J. L. Nisbet spent Wednesday in San Angelo.

Miss Dora Petmecky will spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallace are spending several days at their ranch home.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Wardlaw, spent Wednesday in San Angelo.

Miss Vivian Ball leaves Saturday for her home in Mertzon, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Miers Savell, who have been in town from the ranch for several days this week, returned home Tuesday.

The Misses Johnnie Allison and Maurine Phillips spent last weekend in Brownwood, visiting Miss Allison's parents.

Miss Loreen Moursund leaves Saturday for her home in Fredericksburg, where she will spend the Christmas vacation.

H. V. Stokes was in Ozona Monday evening and enjoyed a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ted White, former Sonora residents.

Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock and little daughter, Edith Mae, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Francis, spent Saturday in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt and baby son, James Theodore, spent Monday in San Angelo, the guests of Judge and Mrs. James Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wages and their daughter, accompanied by friends of theirs from Dallas, will spend Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murton Shurley.

### Community Social Club Entertained By Mittels Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mittel entertained the Community Social Club at their home Friday evening with three tables of bridge at which Lum Trainer won high score.

Christmas colors were carried out in bridge accessories and refreshments, the latter being made colorful with mint gelatin salad.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lum Trainer, guests; and the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames W. L. Davis, Perry Mittel, Gene Lightfoot, and Sam Thomas.

### Contract Club Is Entertained By Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken was hostess at her home Monday afternoon to the Contract Club.

High score for the afternoon's play was won by Mrs. A. G. Blanton, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments of fruit cake and cocoa to the following club members: Mesdames A. G. Blanton, Sterling Baker, and Clara Murphy.

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| GRAPE JELLY, Red & White, 16-oz. glass       | 23c           |
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| MEAL, 5 pound sack                           | 10c           |
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| DYANSHINE, any color, per bottle             | 19c           |
| HOMINY GRITS, 2 packages                     | 15c           |
| ROLLED OATS, Red & White, China, 55-oz. pkg. | 27c           |
| COCOA, Blue & White, 2-lb. can               | 25c           |
| OYSTERS, 4-oz. can                           | 9c            |
| MAYONNAISE, Green & White, 16-oz. jar        | 19c           |
| PANCAKE FLOUR, Red & White, small package    | 10c           |



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**The Shooting Seems to Be Good Along the Gulf Coast**



At least it would appear that way from the loaded appearance and the happy smiles of these Texas men who recently went duck hunting together near Corpus Christi. They are, left to right: Ben Davis of Abilene; S. W. Pappert, president of the Texas Daily Press League, Dallas; Al Mittenthal, millinery manufacturer, Dallas; Willis Cox of Abilene, and Grady Kinsolving, editor of the Corpus Christi Caller and Times. The two men on the right were guides for the party. Note the three large geese Kinsolving has bagged.

**HIGH SCHOOL LASSIES CAPTURE DEER IN KERR CO.; BUSINESS MAN HAS EXCITING TUSSLE WITH MAD BUCK**

They have exciting times down in Kerr county occasionally, particularly in the deer season. Two recent incidents held unusual interest. The Kerrville Mountain Sun carries this version of the events:

Believe it or not, Mr. Ripley. Scores of hunters each season drive hundreds of miles to reach the Kerr county wilds in search of game, only to return home empty handed. While on the other hand, the home-folks occasionally are called upon to defend themselves against beligerent bucks.

One of the most thrilling episodes of the current season was enacted last Friday at the E. C. Fisk ranch home, three miles north of the city, when three junior high school girls captured a wounded buck, threw him to the ground in true rodeo style and held him there until reinforcements arrived.

The three young ladies, none of them more than 12 years old, and all of them students at Franklin Junior High School, were Mary Jane Garrett, Jean Wilkerson and Evelyn Fisk. While at the Fisk home, the trio of girls heard a dog barking nearby. Upon investigation they found that the canine had bayed a huge 8-point buck that had been wounded in the shoulder by some luckless hunter.

Facing the situation that has resulted in serious injury and even death to hunters, the young ladies succeeded in bulldozing the monarch of the woods. They held him on the ground until Mrs. Fisk arrived on the scene. In the absence of a rope, Mrs. Fisk used her apron strings to "hog-tie" the buck.

His honor, Ed C. Fisk, the mayor of Possum Hollow, arrived home from the city a few minutes later and administered the coup de grace with a butcher knife.

Unfortunately, on account of the bullet wound, the deer meat was unfit for consumption, and the novel hunting expedition availed naught except the big thrill.

Another blood-tingling bout with a buck came to light this week. The details remained hidden for several days on account of the retiring disposition of the winner. However, the radio and the daily press brought the delayed news back to Kerrville.

According to the best information now obtainable, W. A. Fawcett, Kerrville business man, was a member of a hunting party on the Adam Wilson ranch, about 45 miles southwest of the city. In search of the wily gobbler, he climbed a black jack tree in the vicinity of a water

hole to await the coming of his prey. Instead of the turkey, there came an 11-point buck deer to quench his thirst.

From his perch in the tree, a distance of 15 paces, Fawcett fired a charge of No. 4 shot into the buck's forehead. The animal dropped in his tracks, and to all portents had gone to the place where all good bucks are supposed to go, if anywhere. But when the hunter slipped his hunting knife between the deer's ribs, the antlered giant came out of his corner fighting. One prong of the horns caught under Fawcett's hunting coat and tossed him aside. The buck charged again, and remembering to good advantage the knowledge gained in ranch corrals during his boyhood, Fawcett ran for the tree, keeping that barrier between himself and the enraged buck until he succeeded in reaching his gun and firing a second shot. That finished the battle, the buck and almost finished the hunter.

**Hunting Victim Has Mangled Arm**

Barnhart Man Injured When Gun Accidentally Discharged

Clint Shaw, owner of a barber shop at Barnhart, who was injured last week when a shotgun in the hands of George Blackstone, of Barnhart, was accidentally discharged, is in a San Angelo hospital where he is recovering from the wound.

The accident occurred when a hunting party composed of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Blackstone, W. C. Mitchell, Tom Harris, Tom Murphy, and Mr. Gentry of Barnhart were on the Montague ranch on a bird hunt. Just as the men got out of their cars to start the hunt, Mr. Blackstone's gun was accidentally discharged while he was taking it from the car. The load of shot struck Mr. Shaw's arm above the elbow, tearing away the flesh on the back side of the arm and penetrating his back. Forty-five shots were removed from the injured man's back.

Shaw was resting well at last reports from his bedside and is believed to be recovering nicely.

**To Hold Annual Basket Tourney**

McCamey Preparing Welcome for West Texas Teams

McCamey is preparing to play host to basketball teams from schools all over West Texas at the annual Transpecos Basketball Tournament to be held there January 22 and 23, 1932, according to advice received from C. V. Compton, superintendent of McCamey schools.

The superintendent's announcement embodied a general invitation to boys' and girls' teams "from the Rio Grande river on the south to the Llano Escatado on the north, from Abilene on the east to El Paso on the west" to participate in the event.

The new McCamey high school gymnasium which provides a playing court 40 by 80 feet and has a bleacher seating capacity of 1200, will be the scene of the tournament. More than \$100 worth of trophies will be awarded winning boys' and girls' teams, the announcement said.

FREE RECORDS—See Sonora Electric Company's ad on page 4.—Adv.

A railroad at Quanah reports 60 per cent more business for October this year over October a year ago.

Lubbock is seeking a federal rating for its municipal airport.

Fifteen carloads of cattle have been shipped into Tulia recently for winter feeding.

**Cattle Feeding Gains in Kimble**

Ranchmen Are Capitalizing on Abundance of Cheap Feed

Cattle feeding took a tremendous growth this year in Kimble county, says the Junction Eagle. Two hundred and seventy head of steers and heifers, divided into nine groups, are on feed at points throughout the county as a result of effort on the part of the county farm agent. A. L. Mudge is feeding 50 head and George Pepper 40 head in the Junction community. W. L. Kothmann is feeding 30 calves and 30 steers; J. B. Fisher, 30 steers; and Goodall Kothmann, 30 mixed calves.

H. W. Reick, Roosevelt ranchman, has 150 head of steers on feed at a feeding lot, in addition to 50 calves on properties near Junction.

Fresh Jersey milk, delivered twice daily. Phone 72. Fields' Dairy.

A new high school building is under construction at Seminole costing fifty thousand dollars.

**This Woman Lost 64 Pounds of Fat**

Mrs. H. Price of Woodside, L. L., writes: "A year ago I weighed 190 lbs. I started to take Kruschen and now I weigh 126 and never felt better in my life and what's more, I look more like 20 yrs. old than the mother of 2 children, one 19 and the other 18. Every one of my friends say it's marvelous the way I reduced."

To lose fat with speed take a half teaspoonful of Kruschen in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning—don't miss a morning—an 85 cent bottle lasts 4 weeks—get it at any drug store in America. If not joyfully satisfied after the first bottle—money back.—Adv.

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### Buffalo Ended Large Ranches

Herds Roaming Montana Plains Indirect Cause of Change

Indirectly responsible for the breaking up of the great cattle ranches of Montana were the great herds of buffalo which once roamed the Western plains. Slaughtered for their shaggy fur by scores of hunters during the first half of the 19th century, the animals, minus fur and, occasionally, their tongue and hump, for meat, were left lying on the ground where the kill was made.

Later, with the building of the Union Pacific when thousands of laborers had to be fed, buffalo meat came into demand, so that soon the prairies were almost covered with the white bones of the slaughtered bison.

Bone gathering became one of the principal industries of the

west, later on, when a settler conceived the idea of using the bones as fertilizer, thus starting the occupation of collecting bones, for which Indians were paid \$4 per wagon load for delivery to the nearest shipping point.

The idea of a bone hunter to burn off the prairie grass in order to make the rapidly decreasing bones more visible was the death knell for the cattle baron, because he depended upon the sun-cured hay to feed his thousands of cattle during the winter months.

Lack of winter feed compelled cattlemen to ship their stock to ranges which offered adequate feed. The low price of cattle meant that cost of transportation consumed the small margin of profit on the low grade range cattle with which the ranches were stocked, with the consequent result that Montana cattlemen had to turn to smaller herds of better quality cattle.

### Luck? And How!



Miss Bennie Lockhart, who has been trudging Dallas streets looking for a job for the last six weeks, received a cable from England informing her that she has won second place and \$400,000 cash on the England Sweepstakes, run at Liverpool. She won on a dollar ticket. Her first expenditure will be for a palatial Highland Park home, to which she will bring her mother, four little sisters, and brother, from Covington, near Corsicana, she says. Then she will attend Texas University.

### Hung Jury



Shown above is Dr. H. E. Luehrs, Corpus Christi, indicted for murder in connection with the death of Miss Susan Snell. Mrs. Luehrs is pictured with him. State attorneys alleged that Miss Snell died as a result of an illegal operation performed by Luehrs. The defense maintained that Miss Snell's death resulted from a blood clot caused by an overdose of ergot. Below is J. P. Weatherford, Corpus Christi cleaner and presser, and the only member of the jury who refused to vote for Dr. Luehrs' conviction.

### 66,656 Mexicans Have Gone Back

Texas Port Officials Give Reports on Emigration Statistics

A total of 66,656 Mexicans have emigrated back to Mexico through the various ports along the Texas border, from Jan 1 to October 21 this year, according to reports from port officials.

Tightening of immigration laws and the economic situation are cited as contributing factors in this migration, by Carlos E. Castaneda, Latin-American librarian at the University of Texas. Considered an authority on Texas-Mexican relations, Mr. Castaneda has devoted much study to the subject for a number of years.

Mexican immigrants who have come to this country may be divided into two general classes, according to Mr. Castaneda: (1) political refugees, (2) day laborers. Mr. Castaneda is of the opinion that, though temporarily this emigration may be advantageous to the United States, eventually the time will come when we shall need the Mexican laborer again.

He further points out that Americans should bear in mind that the Mexican day laborer, in most instances, came only in response to inducements offered him by prospective employers, and that American citizens should not blame the Mexicans for bringing, or helping to bring about the over-production which contributed to the present economic situation. American capital alone, says Mr. Castaneda, is to blame.

### BANKRUPTCIES DECLINE IN TEXAS FOR NOVEMBER

Austin, Dec. 17.—Only 104 Texas firms went into bankruptcy during November, a decline of 10 per cent from the figure for October, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Research. This is the first decline in commercial failures in several months. When it is considered that there is a usual seasonal increase of 15 per cent between the two months this decline assumes even greater significance, the report said. Liabilities declined 27 per cent, to \$1,616,000; this figure is 16 per cent less than in November, 1930.

A seventy-five thousand dollar federal appropriation is being sought for housing non-commissioned officers at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

### STORY OF MOSES ACTED FOR METHODIST GROUP

Members of the Sunday school class of Mrs. E. P. Neal enacted the drama of the adoption of the baby Moses for the benefit of members of the Methodist Young People's Organization at their regular meeting Sunday evening, when 60 people gathered to witness the playlet.

Characters in the drama were: mother of Moses, Cora Belle Taylor; Miriam, Emma Lou Logan; Masanath, Guyon Shurley; Nari, Wilma Hutcherson; Iris, Janie Lee Jackson; and princess, Bobby Halbert. A doll was used to represent the baby Moses.

Miss Alice Sawyer provided piano music between acts of the play. The meeting was opened with a song and was closed with the repetition of the league benediction.

Big Spring—During the past 8 nights 456 men and women have been given warmth and shelter at Wander Inn, the house maintained here to unfortunate ones who would be compelled to walk the streets.

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- LYE—Hooker's, 3 cans ..... 25c
- PANCAKE FLOUR—Guaranteed to be the Best, 2 for ..... 19c
- BEETS—No. 2 can, diced, 2 for ..... 29c
- GREEN GAGE PLUMS—Gallon can ..... 47c
- BLACKBERRIES—Gallon can ..... 57c
- APRICOTS—White Swan, No. 2 1/2 can ..... 19c
- MACARONI—3 packages for ..... 10c
- FRUITS FOR SALAD—Sunkist, 303 can, 2 for ..... 39c
- PEAS—White Swan Luncheon, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 35c
- OATS—White Swan, 3-Minute or Regular, 3 for ..... 25c
- CORN—Small can, 3 for ..... 23c
- VINEGAR—Pure Apple Cider, distilled, per gallon ..... 33c
- APPLE BUTTER—Quart Jar, each ..... 21c
- SOUP—Campbell's or Van Camp, all flavors, 3 for ..... 25c
- CORN FLAKES or Shredded Wheat, each ..... 10c
- PUMPKIN—Wapco, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 25c
- K. C. BAKING POWDER—25-ounce can ..... 21c
- FRESH PORK SAUSAGE, Cellophane wrapped, per lb. .... 18c
- COFFEE—Star Brand with Imported cup and saucer, 3-lbs. 89c

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### Texas Households Decreasing Size

Numbers in Individual Families Show Big Falling Off

In spite of gaining 365,867 families during the decade 1920-30, Texas shows a decrease in the average size of families from 4.6 persons in 1920 to 4.2 persons in each family in 1930, according to figures issued by the census bureau at Washington Sunday, Nov. 29. The same average decrease was observed in Oklahoma families.

Texas and Oklahoma showed the greatest decrease in population per family during the 10-year period, being exceeded only by the District of Columbia in which the number per family fell from 4.5 persons to 3.9 persons per family in 1930.

In 1930 there were 1,383,000 families in Texas compared to 1,017,413 families in 1920. Radio sets were owned by 18.6 per cent of all families in the state in 1920, the number of family radio set owners being 257,686.

Census returns for the nation for 1930 reveal that there were nearly 30,000,000 families and nearly 12,000,000 or 40 per cent owned radio sets.

Furthermore, though census figures also disclose a gain of more than five and one-half million families in the United States during the last decade, a gain of 23 per cent, a steady decline in the size of families is disclosed. In 1930 there were 4.1 persons per family compared with 4.3 in 1920; 4.5 in 1910; 4.5 in 1900 and 4.9 in 1890.

All states of the Union were led by North and South Carolina in the size of families in 1930, there being 4.9 persons to each family in North Carolina and 4.7 persons in South Carolina. The smallest families were shown by California and Nevada, each having 3.5 persons per family.

State of Texas  
County of Sutton.  
To the creditors of the Sonora Cash Gro., Sonora, Texas. O. F. Priest, Prop.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as trustee for the said Sonora Cash Grocery of Sonora, Texas, O. F. Priest, proprietor.

All creditors of the said Sonora Cash Gro., O. F. Priest, proprietor, consenting to this assignment must make known to the undersigned in writing their acceptance and must file their claims with the undersigned, whose postoffice address is shown below, within the time prescribed by law.

Witness my hand this 12th day of December, A. D. 1931.

JOHN E. MARTIN, Trustee,  
8-3tc Box 835, San Angelo, Tex.  
HOME ECONOMICS CLUB  
PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Home Economics Club of the high school drew names for Christmas presents to be put on the high school Christmas tree next Friday afternoon, at its regular meeting in the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. Roll call was answered with the names of vegetables.

The program consisted of a

Christmas story read by Alice Sawyer, a vocal solo, "Little Chinese Rose," by Edythe Carson, and a reading, "How to Cook a Husband," by Ora Altizer.

The program committee for the next meeting consists of Nina Roueche, Ches Thorp, and Ora Altizer.

Twelve additional miles of paving on highway 28 between Crowell and Paducah were opened to traffic recently.

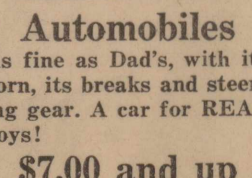


## Christmas Morning

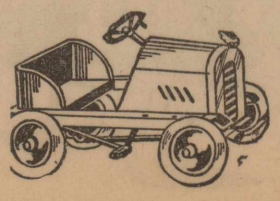
Bright and early they'll be peering over banisters and pattering up and down stairs—all frantic eagerness to get their packages opened. Toys selected from the magnificent collection at Gilmore's will cause every kiddy's heart to burst with joy on Christmas morning.



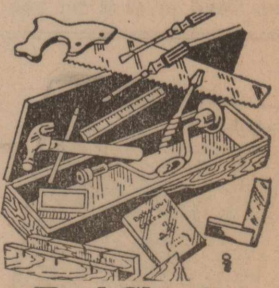
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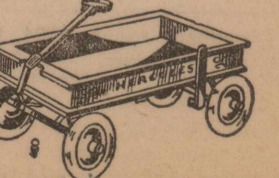
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He'll be the happiest boy alive if he sees this wagon under his tree. It has rubber-tired wheels, all steel bed.  
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**Tool Chests**  
For a gift that is both useful, and entertaining, the tool chest is ideal. Every boy will enjoy using one of these fine sets.  
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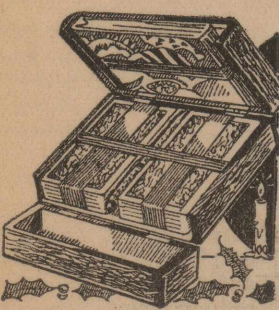
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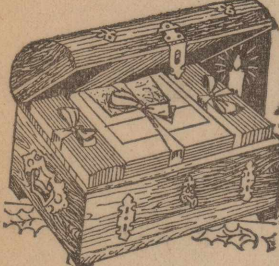
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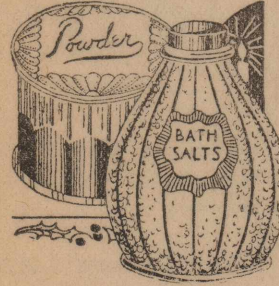
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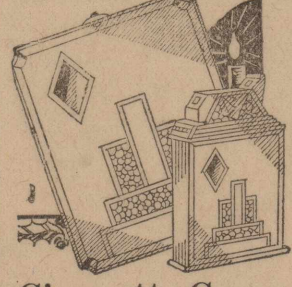
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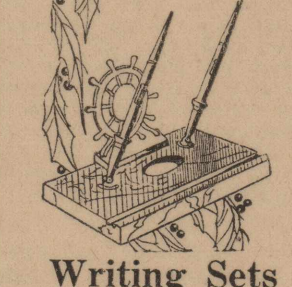
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**Dameron Tells—**

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complete, but that no federal men were available to work on the project. Meanwhile the staff at the station is working on the problem, being assisted by a number of ranchmen.

The investigation seeks to determine fully the nature of the seed and seed head, together with the degree of fertility of the seed, to determine the chief factors in its spread. They are thought to be carried in the wool and mohair on animals, by water, and perhaps by the wind.

Tests determining degrees of harm to livestock and also the best methods of combatting the spread and growth were described. Mowing was tried on one unusually thickly set tract of land, but proved

ineffectual. Spraying is being used at present.

Methods of range grazing rotation as a check to the weed are being worked out, and this is regarded as the most practical method of combatting the weed. Hazard areas, or those thickly infested, are usually in low places, where water has had opportunity to thoroughly distribute the seed. Tom Bond and Will Hill are working on plans to combat hazard areas.

There is a possibility of devising mechanical equipment to work on these areas, said Mr. Dameron. Such equipment, if proved effectual, could be purchased and used on a club plan by a number of ranchers in adjacent territories.

V. L. Cory, range botanist at the station, is directing the work. Work at present is entirely in the experimental stage, and is being conducted where tests can be carried on most conveniently.

W. R. Nisbet, citing the many instances of fake remedies offered to combat other evils, such as boll-weevil, warned ranchmen not to subscribe to so-called bitterweed remedies until they had been thoroughly tested.

O. F. Priest, J. M. Puckett and M. C. Puckett were named as a program committee

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**Thomason—**

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partment of Agriculture, announced in Washington this week that he had informed Dr. A. B. Conner, director of Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations, that federal men could not be assigned to the project unless additional and specific appropriation for the work could be secured from the appropriations committee of the current session of Congress.

Congressman Buchanan, chairman of the appropriations committee, has indicated that he would favor the plan, and the aid of other Texas men is expected.

Considerable work has been done in studying a variety of the bitterweed found near the federal experiment station at Salina, Utah.

Congressman Thomason was in Sonora several months ago for a conference with local men working on the bitterweed problem. At that time he inspected the ranges in this area and gathered some data on the problem.

W. H. Hill, Tierra Alta ranchman, chairman of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' bitterweed committee, is preparing additional data and information for Mr. Thomason's use.

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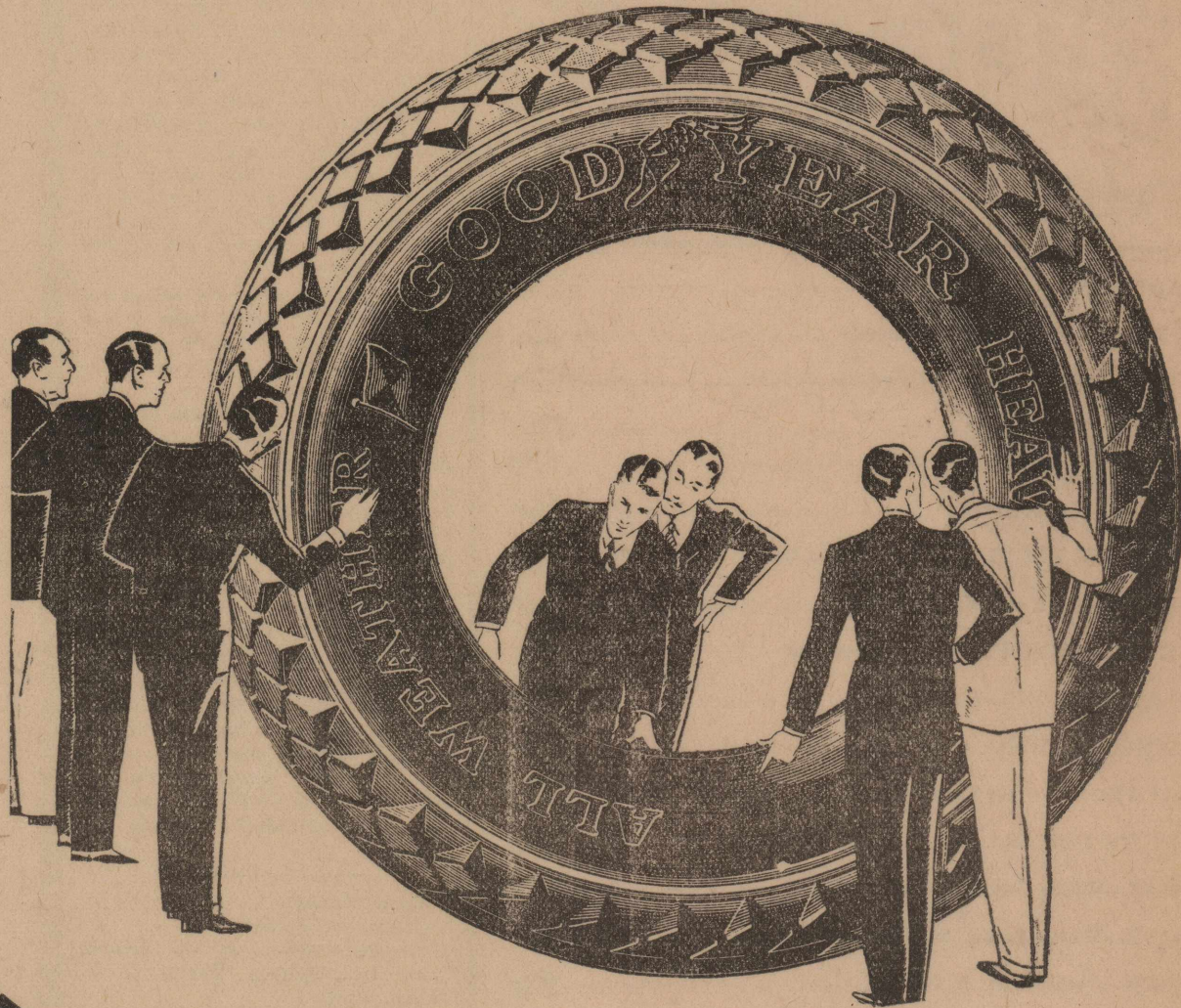
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