

Sonora sprouts like wild rose on wrong site

By John Eaton

Charlie Adams in his book "Forty Years a Fool" admits having some part in the blunder of starting Sonora on the wrong section of land. The book is sub-titled "Facts, Figures and Fun." Facts and Figures are few, and the Fun is interwoven all around and all over until they are hard to separate, and one is convinced the whole thing is Fun. This does not surprise those who knew Charlie and believe he misplaced the town for a king-sized joke. He never took life seriously, and he probably did not expect his book to be taken seriously.

He did say that in locating a ranch in Sutton County, getting the land surveyed and a well drilled cost so much that his only chance to break even was to start a town and sell lots.

"When I started the town, I filed on a section of school land, made the proper payments, and began selling lots. For two years the town grew and flourished like a rose. I saw that I was going to get rich and took up with some London land sharks the proposition of establishing a family coat of arms.

"But all at once the startling discovery was made that we (here Charlie uses the first person plural) had not established the town on the school section bought from the state but upon the land belonging to some New York firm. It was then up to us to pitch in and buy back our own town. One of the members hastened to New York and succeeded in making the purchase all right, but the firm was very suspicious. They believed a gold mine had been found and in the deed they reserved everything under the surface selling us just the top of the ground . . . Nothing was thought of this at the time, but by the terms of the deed we had cut ourselves off from water." Here Adams refers us to Caudal Appendage No. 7, which states that this water problem is why no man from this town drinks water.

Finally he says, "Up to the time that it was discovered we had built the town on the wrong section, I enjoyed the reputation of being the 'Father of Sonora,' and there was some talk of raising a monument to me on the courthouse yard. After the mistake was discovered, however, it required a strong bodyguard to keep some of those to whom I had given choice corner lots from raising me in reality, rather than in marble, to the top of a telegraph pole." The fact is, there were no telegraph or telephone poles in this town.

Searching for "Facts" is rough. Old-timers definitely remember the town was on the wrong section; a few remember something on underground restrictions—nothing positive, not a single detail.

It would be safe to say Charlie was the "Father of the Idea" of starting a town on this site. Well drilling was making this country a year-round grazing ground for sheep and cattle. Before, it had been bypassed as civilization populated headwaters of the Llano and San Saba rivers 25 to 35 miles east, the South Concho 50 miles north, and the Nueces and Devil's rivers way south and southwest. Civilization detoured 90 miles south to lay a railroad across the state to El Paso. In the form of a wandering sheep herder civilization now followed the well driller into this land, "The Stockman's Paradise." And Charlie's well was near the center of a new county. We all agree it was a good place for a town, a good place for the county seat.

Three miles south, down the big draw, was a gathering of up to 20 families around the Winkler well. There was a store and a combination school and church house. They too desired the honor of becoming Sutton's county seat and adopted the name of Wentworth hoping to influence the vote of P. H. Wentworth and his employees on the big Fort Terrett ranch, the third—and oldest—settlement in the county.

According to Frank Gray in his "Pioneering in Southwest Texas," Wentworth was an "aristocrat," and some of the boys told him he was also a "bluebellied Yankee." Perhaps this had a 1964 political backlash, helping the town Wentworth lose the election and become a ghost town. Thomas P. Stevenson was appointed Wentworth postmaster in August, 1890, and the office closed a year later, all mail going to Sonora. I wish we could learn more of the two lonely unmarked graves on a slope south of the Ruth Shurley ranch house. One is Moody Mathews. The other is Mrs. Stevenson, possibly the wife of Thomas P., and the great aunt of a future governor of Texas.

Charlie, his father, J. Q. Adams, and R. W. Callahan were undoubtedly forced to drill the well to take care of their growing flocks, but we prefer to say it was for the purpose of building a town. And we like the story of how these men tried to agree on the best spot for the well, and a little girl stepped out with a definite, "Drill it right here." This was Bessie Wyatt of Wentworth.

We remember her as Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, who lived many years, and passed away within sight of the hillside. One thing is certain: the entire Adams family took a big interest in the town. It was a serious matter to select a fitting name. According to Mrs. Frank Turney, Charlie was eloquent in pleading for his choice for the title of this jewel of the West, but Mrs. Adams had a choice of her own. She insisted on Sonora, the name of a faithful employee who was called Sonora because he was from that state in Mexico. She insisted with tears, and so it was christened.

Now for some Facts, documented when possible, with dates, on the origin of Sonora and clues to the wrong-section mix-up.

An old-timer with a clear memory, G. W. Moriss, in an interview with the Devil's River News (hereafter abbreviated to DRN) in the October 25, 1940, issue states that Charlie told him the well was drilled in February, 1889. The DRN on September 5, 1891, gives the birth date of the town as July, 1889.

This is close to an earlier date, June 8, 1889, found in Vol. 1A of county records. Two deals, the first recorded on town lots, are bonds to guarantee title in three years. One is to G. J. B. Chetwynd of San Angelo, for lot 6, block D, according to the townsite map in his possession, for \$25. The other bond for \$100 to Pharis Hurst is for lots 1, 2, and 3, block E and lot 3, block B.

So we know Sonora was on paper in June, 1889. At least one of these deals developed. In our post office building is a picture of lot 1, block E with the stage stand and post office building of P. Hurst on it. He became postmaster on February 15, 1890. R. W. Callahan was first, appointed September 19, 1889. (U.S. Post Office records.) Those two records, bonds to secure title, prove that Charlie was not able to give clear title in June, 1889. Records show he leased section 54, and later had interest in it, and it is possible he thought the town was on 54 but had not secured full title. Fifty-four was school land, as he states, and it is south of 85, where the well was drilled. Had those two deals of June 8, 1889, referred to section 54 we would know for sure this was the big bust, the miss-by-a-mile blunder. We make our first guess that this is it and search further.

County records leave us in a vacuum of mysterious silence for one year, from June, 1889, birth of a townsite, to June, 1890, when

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EARLY SONORA—Huddled around a well on the foot of a hill, wedged between two big draws, the city of Sonora took root. In early

1891 it was scarcely two years old and growing like a healthy weed in a trash pile—on the wrong section of land.



SONORA was not the title that Charlie Adams chose for the new town. His wife had her own selection, and she prevailed with fluent tears. The town was named Sonora in honor of a

faithful old Mexican who had worked for the family many years. Sonora, Mexico, was the state of his birth, and he had been nicknamed "Old Sonora." Mrs. Frank Turney affirms this.

San Angelo Dean Slated as Speaker At P-TA Meeting

Sid B. Stevenson, dean of men at San Angelo College, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Sonora Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday, January 5, at 7 p.m. at Central Elementary School.

Mrs. Bill Morriss, P-TA president, says that men as well as women are urged to attend the evening meeting.

Stevenson, who holds bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Sam Houston State College, will speak on "Your Child and His Future."

His experience includes two years on the staff at Sam Houston State College, two years in the administration of the Anahuac public schools, eight years in teaching and administration at Blinn College in Brenham, and five years as the dean of men at San Angelo College.

Stevenson is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

CINDERS

By John King

Matrimony was probably the first union to defy management.

The story goes that a modern artist once surprised a burglar at work in the artist's flat. The intruder got away, but the artist told the police he could do a rough sketch of what he looked like. On the basis of his drawing, the police arrested the governor, a washing machine, and the U. T. Tower.

For the girl looking for stirring passages to read . . . find the cookbook.

Funeral Services Held For Dantes Reiley, 69

Funeral services for Dantes Reiley, lifetime Sutton County ranchman, were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 29, in St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jake Billingsley of Austin and the Rev. Len Roy Aldwell, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eldorado, officiating.

Mr. Reiley, 69, died suddenly Saturday, December 26.

Born December 12, 1895, at Fort McKavett, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Reiley. His father was one of the earliest residents in the area.

He was married to Maxine Plotts July 31, 1919, in Belton.

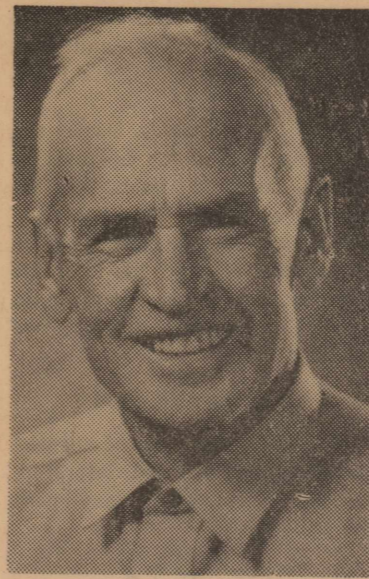
Mr. Reiley lived on his ranch in the eastern part of Sutton County all his life. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and the Masonic Lodge, and he was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Bill Reiley of Houston; three daughters, Mrs. Stewart Phillips of Mansfield, Mrs. Harold Yeakle of Warsaw, Poland, and Mrs. Richard L. Street of Sonora; six sisters, Mrs. Clementine Fletcher of Menard, Mrs. Frank Strickland of Odessa, Mrs. Lillian Rudicil of San Angelo, Mrs. Eva Westman of the Panama Canal Zone, Mrs. Tom King of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Myrtle Hill of San Angelo; and 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Neal of Junction, Dr. W. T. Hardy, Dan Cauthorn, Tom Darrow of Amarillo, Clay Atchinson of San

MARINE RECRUITER SETS VISIT HERE JANUARY 5

SSgt. Otis Milligan of the U. S. Marine Corps will be in Sonora at the post office from 3 to 5 p.m. on January 5. Persons between the ages of 17 and 28 who are interested in joining the Marine Corps may see SSgt. Milligan then.



DANTES REILEY

Angelo, George S. Schwiening, A. E. Prugel, and Collier Shurley.

Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home.

Crash Victims in Satisfactory Condition

Two adults and an infant were in satisfactory condition in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Tuesday after being injured in an automobile collision about three miles west of Sonora shortly before noon Sunday. Two other persons also in the accident were treated at Hudspeth Hospital and transferred to the hospital at Monahans.

Injured were Sydney Bromfield, 71, and Thelma Bromfield, 60, of Monahans, who were traveling east on U.S. Highway 290.

Also injured was Mrs. Ernestine Perez, 33, Mrs. Olga Vallejo, 27, and her three-day-old son, Ermno, who was being taken home from the hospital. Luis Vallejo, a Sutton County ranch worker and the baby's father, and three other Vallejo

'64 in Review

What did Sutton County people do in 1964? Following is a review of the happenings during the year.

JANUARY

The Sonora Broncos took their third victory of the 1963-64 basketball season by defeating the Menard Yellowjackets in Menard January 10.

L. P. Bloodworth was elected president of the Fling Ding Club at the annual membership meeting held January 9.

Janie Letsinger and Bonnie McKinney won places in the All-region Band at the Region II band meet held in Abilene.

Joseph VanderStucken was installed as first vice-president of the West Texas Boys Ranch on January 18 at the ranch.

The Sonora Broncos won three ball games while losing only one at the Ozona basketball tournament to garner the consolation championship. Tino Noriega was listed on the all-tournament team.

Scott Jacoby, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jacoby, took top honors at the 17th Annual 4-H Livestock Show and Sale here January 18. Young Jacoby exhibited the grand champion fat lamb, the grand champion pen of three fat lambs, the champion pen of three crossbred lambs, and the champion crossbred fat lamb. Gil Trainer won the showmanship award, and Corky Fields received the Glasscock Production Award.

FEBRUARY

Harold Schwiening Jr., chairman of mohair promotion, reported that 93 Sutton Countians had made contributions to the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association to help finance the Miss Mohair program on a national scale.

A rather unexpected—but long delayed—rain storm moved across the Sonora area early Thursday January 30, bringing one of the largest and finest January rains ever recorded for the area, reported E. B. Keng of the Soil Conservation Service. The moisture varied widely with the heaviest report, 5.05, coming from the R. L. Hardgrave ranch 18 miles east of Sonora.

Miss Diana Cahill was named Sonora's Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow.

Chris Berger showed the reserve champion Delaine Merino ram at the 1964 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Edwin Sawyer was elected president of the Sonora Stockyards, Inc., at a Monday night meeting of area ranchers and business men.

The Sonora Junior High basketball team won the consolation championship of the Ninth Annual Sonora Junior High School Basketball Tournament. Mike Gosney and Noe Chavez were

listed on the all-tourney team. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce sponsored a predatory varmint control program offered by the U. S. Predatory Animal Control Service.

Sonora was selected for the first of ten diabetes screening programs to be held throughout Texas. More than 500 persons had their fingers pricked so that a few drops of blood from each might be sent to Austin for study.

George Wynn was appointed county attorney by the county commissioners February 10. The office had been held since 1959 by Jerry N. Shurley, who resigned January 31 to run for the office of state representative.

Susan Prugel was crowned Valentine Queen at the annual Valentine pageant held at Central Elementary School auditorium.

Dick Hardgrave represented the Concho Valley Council at the annual report of Boy Scouts to the governor February 8 in Austin.

Sonora exhibitors came home with top honors from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Chris Berger's Delaine fleece was judged grand champion of the wool division. In the junior wool show top honors were won by Mark Jacoby, Rambouillet; Berger, Delaine; and John Paul Friess, range fleece. Berger took the championship, and Friess, the reserve champion. The Sutton County 4-H Club had the best group of five fleeces.

In the junior mohair classes Janet Johnson showed the reserve champion. Berger exhibited the reserve champion Delaine ewe and the first place pen of lambs in the open Delaine show. In the junior Delaine show he showed the champion and reserve champion rams. Bert Bloodworth won first place in the calf scramble.

In the 19th annual conservation essay contest held here Cathy Moffitt was awarded first place. In the junior division Mark Jacoby took first place.

Mrs. Oliver Wuest was elected president of the Sonora Music Club February 13.

Delia Duran was named F.H.A. Sweetheart and Tino Noriega was crowned F.H.A. Beau.

The Sutton County Republican Executive Committee announced that John Tedford would be county chairman for the coming year, succeeding Ralph P. Mayer.

The Sonora Broncos ended the 1963-64 basketball season holding down third place in district standings.

Elected president of the Sonora Woman's Club was Mrs. Armer Earwood.

A total of \$426.55 was contributed to the 1964 March of Dimes drive, according to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitehead, chairman.

In the Delaine Merino division of the open show at the Houston Livestock Show Chris Berger exhibited the champion and reserve champion rams and champion ewe.

C. G. Morrison Variety Store was remodeled and entrances were changed, adding to the floor space.

Rex Merriman began operation of the Gulf service station, which had been operated for the past 13 years by Joe Brown Ross.

MARCH

Contributions to the Heart Fund Campaign totaled \$561.

Named outstanding contestant at the 17th Annual Speech Tournament held at Sonora High School was Carla Whitworth. Winning first places were Dick McMillan, boys' impromptu speaking and boys' extemporaneous speaking; Carol Hopf, See '64 Review, Back Page

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AS WE THINK, WE ARE

No man is what he thinks he is, but what he thinks—he is. This saying applies not only to people, but to an entire community.

Take Sonora for example. Civic pride, efforts in community events, holding the proper attitude toward one's neighbors, feeling that Sonora will continue to be an even greater town in the future—all such thinking has great bearing on local developments in the coming year.

Ultimately right thinking will express itself forcefully in one's conversation, in the talk

of the citizenry. It has been said that men do much to create their own difficulties through everyday speech. During 1965 let's talk optimistically more often. Let's speak for Sonora, not against. Let's speak for progress. Let's discuss more often what's good about our city.

Internal good feeling finally reflects itself outwardly in kindness and understanding. As a man thinks and speaks, so he is. Let our resolution be "During 1965 we will do everything in our power to make our community an even better place in which to live, to work, and to worship."



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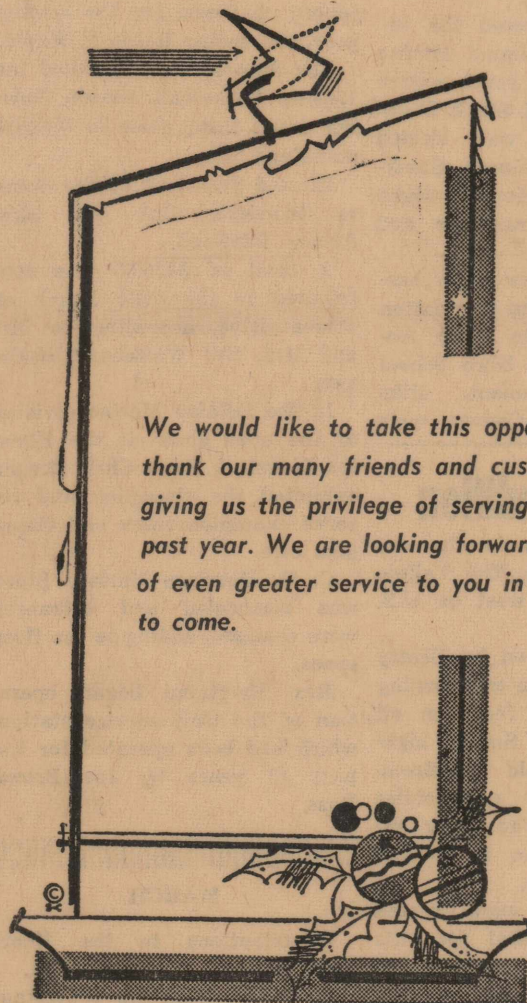
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lot sales began again. We find Charlie is out of the drivers seat and the Sonora Supply Company is selling the lots as well as running Callahan's store. This company was R. W. Callahan, Tom Birtron, and J. Q. Adams. It was Callahan who went to New York in May and secured for \$640 two deeds dated May 17, 1890, (Sutton County records) to section 85 from Edward Tracy and estate of James Russel. Full rights, no restrictions—underground or otherwise.

No time was lost; the deeds were recorded and lot sales began in June. In fact, Charlie bought the lot where his two-story home had been finished in January, six months before.

Charlie had strong faith in his town, if nothing else. And he had talked a lot of faith, or something, into others who had built their homes on lots they did not own. Surely they had some sort of deed or scrap of paper. Very likely they were all bonds to guarantee title, as the two we were fortunate to find. Those folks wanted to live here mighty bad, and it was said, "Charlie was a big talker."

Musing on this strange confidence, we might check and see how many were living here, how many had actually built. Just how many could have been forced to move their homes? On Main Street was Callahan's store. According to Jim Cauthorn it was sticking out onto the street some six to ten feet and had to be moved back.

We have learned that Hurst's buildings were up on the corner next to the big oak. Across the street the present two-story rock building was then Sowell Hotel, six rooms, kitchen, and dining rooms built in one week in '89, according to Mat Adams. Down that side of the street were two saloons with open gambling (according to all old-timers), a restaurant, and a scattering of residences and gambling concessions operated by the Mexican people.

Going back to pioneer G. W. Morriss (DRN, 10-25-40) we read that he said that he came here with his wife around September, 1889, and their house was ready to move into. Mrs. George Hamilton told me her father, F. M. Wyatt, built their home in the spring of '89. It was the twelfth house in Sonora. At this time he undoubtedly built the stable and blacksmith shop. In December, 1889, (DRN 12-6-90) a modest school had been opened with 45 pupils. If we guessed that this number was half of those eligible to attend, how many homes would that make?

And according to all old-timers there were from six to a dozen families in tents on the future courthouse square, near the well. When the election for county seat came up five months later, November 4, 1890, Sonora won by a "majority of 88 votes." Another gauge of populace, if they voted only once each, which is doubtful.

Mrs. Hamilton also remembered the Bill Stewarts' home. And the Morriss account in the DRN says that the first funeral was that of Mrs. Morriss' father, J. W. Mitchel, on December 31, 1889.

So, when Callahan went north he represented the interests of many people—a whole town large enough to be a big problem to pick up and place a mile away.

After June, 1890, the town grew like a mushroom. The Devil's River News, Mike Murphy editor, printed its first issue on October 8, 1890, boosting the community and recording facts for future historians. We are lucky to have copies of 1890, and several of 1891. With the town flourishing "legitimately" and that "wrong section" thing cleared up, we relax and scan the old issues for a few interesting facts.

November 22, 1890—"Steve Murphy, late of Toronto, Ont., arrived in the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise, Wednesday, prospecting." (Steve must have like things; he spent the rest of his days here.)

December 6, 1890—Mayer and Sons are rushing Christmas with an ad on "Xmas nuts, candies, dried fruit, citrus, etc." Cusenbary Lumber Yard has 10,000 feet lumber, 40,000 feet on road, shipping from Ballinger cheaper. Charlie Davidson and W. B. Silliman open land office.

December 10—horse stealing, and December 27 closes first year with big Christmas tree and dance at the school house.

February 11, 1891—Contracts for jail and courthouse let. Sonora Wool Growers Association has a problem of scab.

April 11—County roads to be established and meeting called on getting phone line.

April 18—Rock Springs to be county seat of Edwards County.

April 25—E. S. Briant of Kentucky visits. From Menardville Record, story of salesman in Sonora going to top of hill with Callahan and counting 150 houses.

May 30—oil is struck

June 20—"Sol Mayer, the handsome single member of F. Mayer and Sons" left to go into the sheep business. In Crockett, "the new town on Gurley's, on Johnson's run has been named Ozona and will probably be county seat at election July 7." Crockett petitioned Chas. E. Davidson to run for county judge and he accepted.

July 11—Courthouse and jail nearing completion.

July 25—Boynton Bros. have a new steam-driven well drilling machine.

August 1—Shocking news: "Isaac Miers shot by J. Q. Adams." An ad by those land agents, W. B. Silliman, surveyor, and Charlie Davidson, lawyer We might mention that this Charlie was soon to move to Ozona and was later to be called the "Father of Ozona." Probably his loss to Sonora was far greater than that "wrong section" thing. Well, well, here is a letter addressed to these two gentlemen.

"I desire to say to the people of Sutton County that their titles will be perfected as soon as the papers can be signed up. There is no difficulty in the way.

Respectfully,
W. L. McGaughy, Commissioner"

What in the world has happened? Does this mean town property is still not clear? A blot on county titles would do it, Charlie said. "For two years the town grew and flourished like a rose..." Then he mentions the discovery of being on the wrong section. It figures pretty close to two years from June, '89 to August '91.

This whole thing is beyond one not experienced in abstracts, land deals, and such. So the question is carried to a prominent local attorney. He stroked his chin in contemplation, "Yes, I have heard of the wrong section thing but am not sure what sections were involved or how it came about. Contrary to the story of restrictions on underground rights, I have been told that the owners first flat refused to sell section 85, but Callahan frankly told them he had to have it because his town was there, and they said that makes a big difference—why didn't you tell us so to start with. They made out the deeds, showing Callahan every consideration. All titles are now clear—as far as I know. There is possibly a slight cloud on some town property when Charlie sold property where he should have recorded the power of attorney to do so."

Wish this had never started. Right here I will stop, light my pipe, go outside for fresh air and relaxation, rest my weary brain. Just walk around this house where I have lived half a century, and wonder who owns the lot.

Sutton County—Capital of the Stockman's Paradise

Guests in the home of Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Drennan Rena Trainer during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Trainer, Keith, and Johnny Joe Neil Smith during the holidays of La Porte, Mr. and Mrs. Joe days. Trainer of Pasadena, and George Trainer of Houston. Cliff, Joe, and George Trainer are Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott during Christmas.

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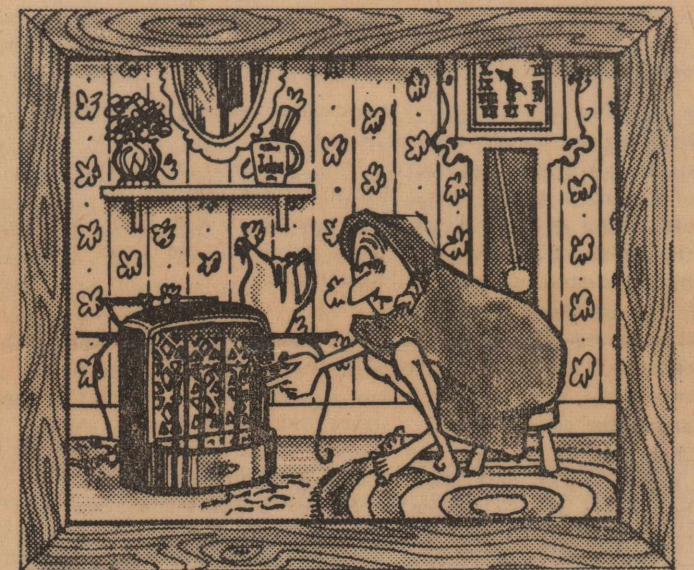
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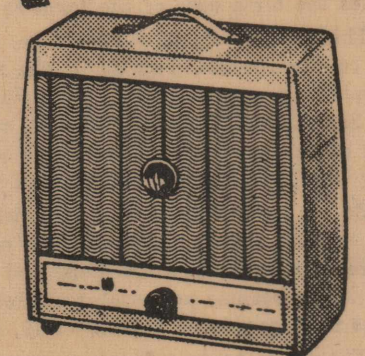
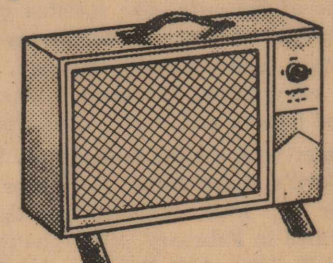
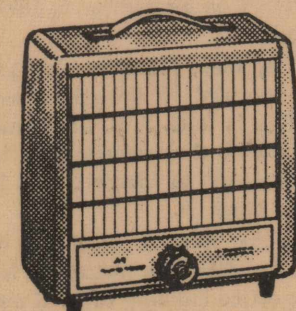
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Miss Anita L. Thompson Becomes Bride Of Kenneth Stokes in Morning Ceremony

Miss Anita Louise Thompson and Kenneth Wayne Stokes were married Monday, December 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning in St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Joel Byrne, O.F.M., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mary Stokes of Fort Worth and M. R. Stokes of San Angelo.

Serving as matron of honor at the double-ring ceremony was the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Pat Thompson of Lubbock. Her shoulder corsage was of peppermint carnations.

Pat Thompson of Lubbock, the bride's brother, was best man, and ushers were Jimmy Stokes, the bridegroom's brother, and Bob Inman, both of San Angelo.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding a costume suit of white loop mohair made by her mother.

Her short veil was held by a white mink halo, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white gladioli.

Nuptial music was presented by Miss Irene Davis.

A reception was held in the party room of the Commercial Restaurant.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Tech Village in Lubbock.

Mrs. Stokes attended Sonora High School and San Angelo College and is employed by a Lubbock insurance firm.

Stokes has attended San Angelo College and is presently a student at Texas Technological College.

Happy Birthday Calendar

- Friday, January 1**
 Vernon Cook
 Leslie Fambrough
 Mack Cauthorn
 John Lee Nisbet
 Juliette B. Boughton
 Mrs. Gene Alley
 Ricky Hill
- Saturday, January 2**
 Mrs. George E. (Bud) Smith
 P. J. Taylor
 Giles Hill
 Roger Langford
 Laura Denise Neal
- Sunday, January 3**
 R. C. Luckie
 Nancy Kay Voigt
 Nolan Johnson
- Monday, January 4**
 Sherry Farr
 Nedra Raye
 Mrs. James Weber
 Barbara Land
 Lorie Michelle Olson
- Tuesday, January 5**
 Wesley White

- Debbie Galbreath
 Richard Cox
 Mrs. Joe Neil Smith
- Wednesday, January 6**
 Mrs. Bert Swails
 Mrs. Robert Kelley Jr.
 Mrs. J. E. Eldridge
 Auther Simmons
 Chip Savell
- Thursday, January 7**
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The Texas Safety Association reminds drivers to be especially careful when driving in shopping areas during the holiday season. Drive within speed limits—even slower if necessary. Keep a safe margin between moving vehicles. Avoid double parking and make sure the way is clear before pulling out of a parked position. Watch for pedestrians everywhere. And, respect all traffic signs and signals. They are your signs of life.

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But let's not bemoan the passing of time. Let's determine to take advantage of those grains of sand which we still cup within our hands. It's really never too late to begin again. God has revealed this important fact of life to us again and again throughout His teachings. Discover it for yourself by going to church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalms 37:28-29	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 15:11-24	John 3:1-17	Romans 8:1-11	Ephesians 5:15-20	I John 2:12-17

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YOUR MINISTER SAYS

By the Rev. Allen Roe, Pastor First Methodist Church

For some weeks now we have been hearing the expression, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and generally nothing is really intended by the statement. Perhaps we realize that happiness brings hope and hope is our greatest need; but we do not intend to be sufficiently sacrificial to insure our own happiness and hope for the future.

As we face the New Year we should desperately endeavor to put God at the center of our lives. This would mean showing a greater respect for the things of the Spirit. Secretary General of the United Nations U Thant said some time ago, "Our greatest need just now is for: Christians to be better Christians; Buddhists to be better Buddhists; people in general to be more religious and live up to their profession of faith."

The Apostle Paul indicates that "when we have no God to whom we give supreme allegiance we are without hope." So it brings to us our greatest sense of futility when we separate ourselves from God; for without God we are without hope.

Our souls demand a shelter from the stormy blasts of life; we desire to feel attached to something that endures; we want God! Being what we are, we find ourselves thrown into great confusion without the kind of God we want to know. Someone has said that "if we did not have the kind of God revealed by Jesus Christ, we would search for him until we found him." So without Christ there is chaos; but with Him there is hope.

Evelyn Underhill has written that there are three basic human hungers which must be satisfied if life is to approach completion: "We must satisfy the craving for something beyond this world which makes man a pilgrim; we must satisfy the crav-

ing of heart for heart which makes man a lover; and we must satisfy the craving for inward purity and perfection."

We find life when we come to terms with the moral laws about us, and we lose ourselves when we rebel against them. The world becomes Christian only when the people in it become Christians. The New Year gives us another chance to help build a better world.

It is easier to travel by plane than by car in Alaska.

Philosopher Exposes Federal Interference

Editor's note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on Devil's River apparently has his mind on taxes, his letter this week indicates.

Dear editor:
I found a copy of the Congressional Record on the road near my place the other day, I don't know how it got there, as far as I know there never has been a Congressman to set foot on this bitterweed ranch, which is balanced off by the fact I've never set foot in Washington; at any rate, I took the Record back to my house and was thumbing through it, reading a lot of speeches and debates and what is called extended remarks, when over on page 48 my eye caught a discussion on taxes.

According to this Congressman, I forget which state he was from, the Federal government ought to drop what he called a real estate transfer tax.

That's what caught my eye. Any time anybody starts talking about discontinuing a tax, naturally you perk up. It's like finding the bank made an error in your favor. I don't know what a real estate transfer Federal tax is, but if somebody wants to drop it, let it fall.

But I kept reading and what this Congressman was proposing was dropping the tax, all right, but dropping it so it could be picked up by the states.

The states, he said, need more revenue and here's a good chance to help them out.

If this is what they mean when they say they're in favor of cutting Federal taxes, I'd just as soon they talked about some-

Aliens Must Report Addresses in Jan.

J. W. Holland of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service states that the period within which aliens must report their addresses is almost at hand.

The month of January has been set for the address reporting period. All aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, must report their addresses to the Government during that period.

Holland said that forms with which to make the report will be available to all post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January.

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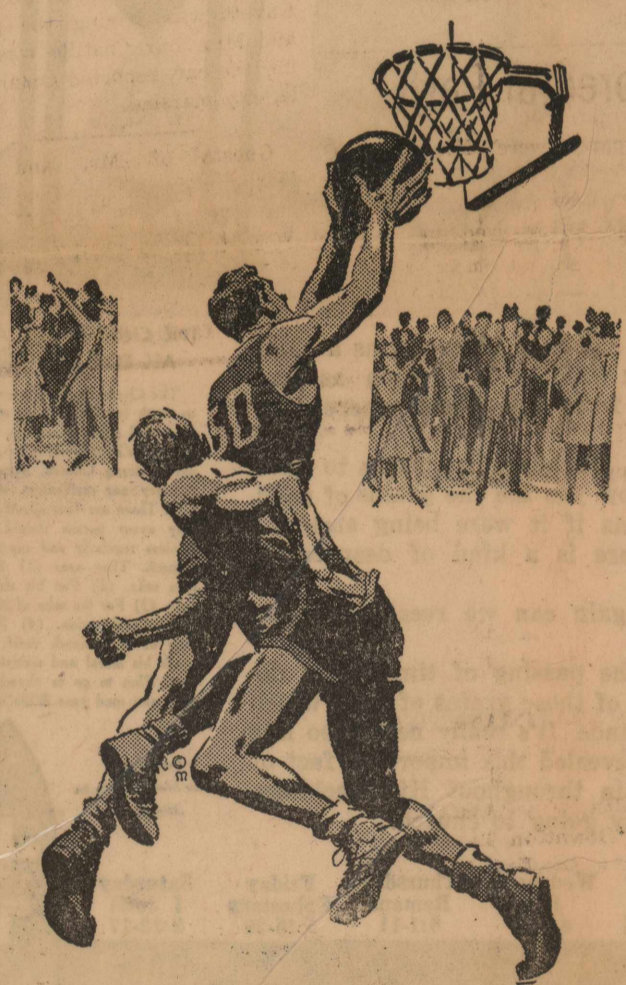
Patients receiving treatment at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Monday, December 21, to Monday, December 28, were as follows:

- Clara Mae Donaldson, Eldorado*
- Mae Sawyer
- Eda McDonald Johnson, Fort Terrett
- Margaret Schwiening
- Helen Perez
- Alvinta Sanchez, Ozona*
- W. D. Kring*
- Nancy Gilliam, New Mexico*
- Felipe Bernal*
- Ben Hext, Eldorado*
- Allen Lee Smith, Eldorado*
- Timmy Singleton, Eldorado*
- Kathy Rogers, Eldorado*
- Susan Rogers, Eldorado*
- Mrs. Ann Rogers, Eldorado*
- Joy Smith, Eldorado*
- Louisa Gonzalez*
- Mrs. B. M. Halbert
- Curt Schwiening*
- Wiley Hight, Eldorado*
- Lois Westfall
- Maria Vallejo
- Simon Hernandez*
- Marcella Smith
- Bobby Good, Old Ocean*
- Ernestine Perez
- Thelma Bromfield, Monahans
- Sidney Bromfield, Monahans

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THE CLOWN DOLLS were reviewed by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in Santa's Workshop at the Christmas program presented Monday night, December 21, at L. W. Elliott School. Various songs and dances were included in the

entertainment by the students. In the skit pictured, presented by students of Mrs. Pat Cooper, Santa Claus was played by Bobby Samaniego, and Mrs. Santa Claus was Leticia Virgen.

J. ALLENS COMPLIMENTED ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Allen of Perryton were complimented on their 17th wedding anniversary with a family dinner by Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mrs. Allen's parents. A traditional turkey dinner was served.

Also at the dinner were Dr. and Mrs. Howell's son, Charley, and the Allen's children, Kay, Nancy, Suzanne, and Brent.



To you... a happy and prosperous new year.

We are grateful for our wonderful Sutton County customers and pledge to work to serve you even better in 1965.

THE RUTH SHURLEY JEWELRY

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The Devil's Workshop

An Idle Mind Column

By Della King

Cleaing out the odds and ends: What's the latest "insecticide" that scientists are working on? Light!

Researchers have found that the normal life cycle of one insect pest, the imported cabbage-worm, can be upset by exposing it to flashes of light lasting less than one-thousandth of a second. And the scientists believe that an upset cabbageworm will perish.

Another little jewel of information concerns cows. The fact is that they are a group of very undemocratic beasts.

A dairy specialist at Texas A&M University has discovered they set up a rigid social hierarchy in which every cow has her place. She is queen to all the cows below her, and the loyal subject of all the stronger cows in the herd.

The queen cow has free and uncontested access to the best grazing spots, the best shade, or any other privilege she may choose to enjoy.

On the bottom of the social ladder is the last, poor, "cowed" cow. She has no privileges, defends nothing, and takes the leftovers.

Status does not seem to depend upon beauty or a charming personality, but upon ability to push and shove. In other words, the pushiest one in the herd gets all the gravy.

Should any man threaten to say that this all sounds like a bunch of females, let us add that some of the same characteristics have been observed in male Lion groups.

Teddy Wheelis, Carla Whitworth, Jimmy Wilson, Stan Bundy, Janice Caveness, Bill Glasscock, Mickey Hardegree, Lawrence Holland, Eddie Howell, Robert Kelley, Janie Letsinger, Gary McGilvray, Cathy Moffitt, Joe Moore, Grady Roe, Jerry Shurley Jr., Mike Sims, Carl Teaff, and Libb Mills Wallace.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Melinda Earwood Honored at Party

Melinda Earwood was honored by her mother, Mrs. Armer Earwood, at a "Dress Up" birthday party at St. John's parish hall on Wednesday, December 23.

Guests wore high heels and other "dress up" clothes, and each was given a picture of herself as a favor.

Punch and a doll shaped birthday cake were served.

Guests included Maggie Galbreath, Cathy Ward, Audrey Pfluger, Patti Cockrell, Patty Merrill, Renee and Michelle Rousselot, Margaret Black, Edward Earwood, and Claire Langford.

Assisting Mrs. Earwood with

WEATHER

Compiled by J. E. Eldridge

	Rain	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Dec. 23	0	79	38
Thursday, Dec. 24	0	79	42
Friday, Dec. 25	0	77	41
Saturday, Dec. 26	0	72	39
Sunday, Dec. 27	0	65	29
Monday, Dec. 28	0	64	41
Tuesday, Dec. 29	T	71	39
Rain for the month	.61		

Guests of Mrs. Muriel Hamilton during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton, Tyra, and Trisha.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hayden and family of Austin were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drenman.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neill during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Law, David, and Judy of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines and family of Odessa visited in Sonora during the holidays.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill included Mr. and Mrs. Giles Hill of San Angelo.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Smith during the holidays included the Bob Johnson family from California.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Vicars and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor traveled along the Texas coast during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seale, Jim Bob, and Gregory of Gainesville visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lovelace during the holidays.

Peppermint Ball Is Theme of Dance

"The Peppermint Ball" was the theme of the formal dance hosted by a number of Sonora young people at the Sonora Wool House Monday night, December 28.

Decorations featured red and white balloons, light covers, striped poles, and sugar candy trees. A chef holding lollipops was on the bandstand.

Refreshments of punch, finger sandwiches, and cookies also followed the party theme.

Music was furnished by the Leonard King Band.

Hosts and hostesses were Diana Black, Irene Davis, Karen Davis, Elsie Earwood, Allison Espy, Rande Fawcett, John David Fields, Bryan Grelle,

Woman's Club Sets 'Texas Day' Jan. 7

"Texas Day" will be observed at the meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club Thursday, January 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Featured on the program will be a film, "Texas Fun-Tiers," which includes the "Caverns of Sonora." The film is being furnished by the Texas Highway Department, and J. C. Luttrell of the local office will be the guest speaker.

A poem, "Are We There Yet, Daddy?" by Ogden Nash will be presented by Mrs. Albert Ward.

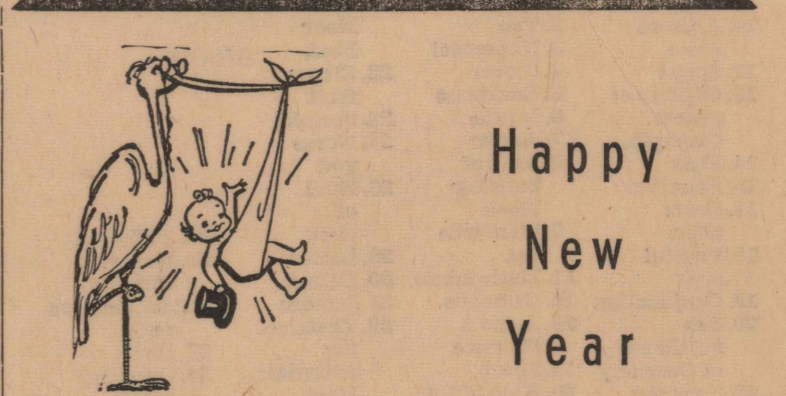
\$200 DAMAGES REPORTED

A crash between two vehicles December 19 at Crockett and Chesnut left a pickup and an auto damaged approximately \$200.

Rita Hernandez of Fort McKavett was driving the pickup and Mrs. Luz Castillo was driving the car, reported Omar Grelle, city marshal.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Armentrout of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Herb McKee Sr. of Ozona, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb McKee Jr. and family of Coleman.

Peggy Lynn Grobe, Dick Hardgrave, Barbara Holland, Carol Holland, Eddie Howell, Robert Hopf, Jo Ann Lowe, Andy Moore, Kelley, Janie Letsinger, Gary Franklin Neely, Mike St. Clair, McGilvray, Cathy Moffitt, Joe Teddy Wheelis, Carla Whitworth, Moore, Grady Roe, Jerry Shurley Jr., Mike Sims, Carl Teaff, Caveness, Bill Glasscock, and Libb Mills Wallace.



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- Kind of duck
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- Pinch
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SHEPHERDS came to the stable to worship the infant Jesus in the nativity pageant presented at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian, U.S., before Christmas. Mary came to the stable on the donkey tied at the left. Live sheep were also used in the pageant.

Funeral Services For Mrs. C. Harter Held in Wingate

Funeral services for Mrs. C. L. Harter, mother of Mrs. Grace Irvin, were held Tuesday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the Wingate Baptist Church.

Mrs. Harter died at Merrill's Resthome in Winters at 1:10 p.m. Sunday, December 20, after a long illness.

She was born Lillie Durham in Kosse June 22, 1879. In 1899 she moved with her parents to Wingate, where she was married to C. L. Harter December 1, 1901. He died October 10, 1936.

Mrs. Harter was a member of the Wingate Baptist Church and had been a member of the Eastern Star until the charter was moved from Wingate.

Survivors include two sons, another daughter, six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and one great great grand-daughter.

Burial was in Wingate Cemetery.

Funeral Rites Held For Rufus Bennett

Funeral services for Rufus Lee Bennett, brother of G. G. Bennett, were held at 3 p.m. Monday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo with the Rev. Durwood Rutland, pastor of the Mereta Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Bennett died at 10:12 a.m. Sunday, December 27, in Clinic Hospital in San Angelo after a long illness.

Born at Clifton May 3, 1885, he was married to Miss Dora Ann Malechek in San Angelo in 1911.

He had farmed at Mereta since 1903.

Mr. Bennett was a member of the Mereta Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, one son, three other brothers, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Burial was in Mereta Cemetery.

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girls' Bible reading; Cindy Lambert, girls' junior declamation; Jim Billingsley, boys' junior declamation; and Miss Whitworth, girls' extemporaneous speaking.

The Sonora Independents faced the Harlem Stars March 10 in a basketball match sponsored by the Bronco Booster Club.

At the Houston Livestock Show Chris Berger retired the Premier Exhibitor's trophy, awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in the show.

Allison Espy won the pole bending and the barrel racing classes at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Champion stallion of the youth show halter classes was Peppy Aledo shown by Ed Lee Renfro, and the champion mare was Little Dandy Bee exhibited by Debbie Galbreath. Chris Berger exhibited the reserve champion ewe in the adult Delaine Merino show, and the

portion of the spring accumulation was sold with prices at \$1.165 per pound for the adult hair and \$1.365 for the kid hair.

Carroll Cochran, Cleveland Nance, Tommy Thorp, and Jackie Sharp were members of the first-place team at the Sonora Golf Club's men's tournament Sunday, and J. W. Neville won the low-putt trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dotson, who moved to Sonora from Lubbock, assumed ownership of the Gulf Restaurant and bus station.

The parsonage of the First Baptist Church was moved and remodelled. The church building was also remodelled and painted.

Sara Su Stewart received a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation grant for graduate study in the school of her choice.

Property on the north side of the Church of Christ was bulldozed in preparation for the erection of an 18 by 40-foot building to be used for classrooms.

Delbert E. Edmiston of Eldorado joined the staff of the Sutton County ASCS office as wool and ACP clerk.

Chosen as president of the Little League was Jackie Sharp. Vestel Askew was one of seven new directors elected by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

The Sonora Junior High track team scored 41 points to take

second place in the meet held in Eldorado. The team won first place in the Sonora meet.

Bill Elliott won his third straight high-individual honor at the annual Plateau Relays run in Eldorado.

Mickey Hardegree won first-place honors for her flute solo in Class I in the District Solo Contest held in Brownwood. Judy Steed won a first for her performance on the clarinet in Class III.

The Sonora High School volleyball team won second place in District 7-AA.

More than 2,000 persons gathered at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Saturday, March 21, for the annual Fling Ding Club dance.

Wool incentive payments for the 1963 marketing year were set at \$27.80 per \$100 worth of wool sold. The unshorn lamb incentive remained at 54 cents per hundred pounds liveweight.

district one-act play contest held here.

Fred Earwood, W. B. McMillan, commissioners, and A. E. Prugel, mayor, were returned to office in city elections.

Bill Morriss and L. P. Bloodworth were re-elected to the board of trustees of the Sonora Independent School district.

Pee Cee Pee, owned by Diltzie Bland of the Crockett County 4-H Club, was over-all grand champion horse of the Junior Quarter Horse Show held here. Debbie Galbreath's mare, Little Dandy Bee, was named grand champion mare, and her stallion, Ojo Showdown, was champion stallion of the show.

In the district literary meet held in McCamey first-place winners from Sonora were Janice Caveness, typewriting; Carla Whitworth, girls' extemporaneous speaking; Carol Hopf, girls' prose reading; and Gil Allison, boys' prose reading.

Mrs. Zilpha Wheelis was installed as the new presiding officer at the annual spring meeting of the San Angelo District of the Wesleyan Service Guild here.

Elected president of the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was Mrs. J. F. Howell.

A rotary water well rig was added to the equipment of the

Wesley C. Young Drilling Company.

Boots Armstrong of Big Lake was the winner of the championship flight of the Men's Invitational Golf Tournament held here.

D. C. Langford was chosen president of the Downtown Lions Club for the current year.

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Francine Fields, a student at Texas Technological College, was in Sonora visiting with her mother, Mrs. Bill Fields, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Buntyn visited in Brady during Christmas.



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