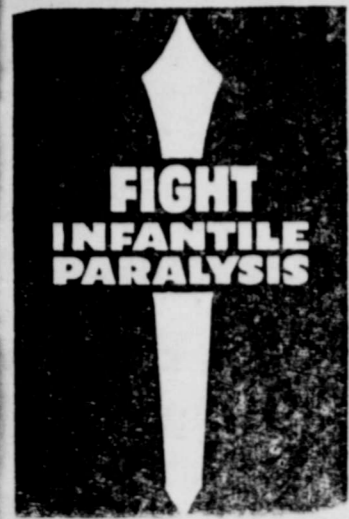


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KEEP AMERICA STRONG

**FIGHT
INFANTILE
PARALYSIS**

**JOIN
the MARCH
of DIMES**

≡ JANUARY 14-31 ≡

The Infantile Paralysis Campaign

The committee to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Campaign met at the school Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. to formulate plans for raising funds this year.

On the committee this year are Mrs. H. G. Garlington, Mrs. A. T. Bratton, Mrs. E. H. Lovelace, Mrs. L'Jean Gober, Mrs. Faye L. Brown, Mrs. Riley King, J. T. Davis, Dr. W. J. Swann, O. T. Jones, Miss Mildred Atkinson and Jack Douthit.

87th Birthday Observed

In observance of his 87th birthday, W. L. Foster was honored with a dinner at his home here Monday, January 1. All the children and grandchildren were present except Captain Roy T. Foster, Jr., who is in England and Jesse Q. (Bubba) Foster, now in the Philippines.

That afternoon from 4 to 6 a tea was given for the family and neighbors.

LOCALS

Pvt. Tommie Augustine has gone to Fort Ord, California after having spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine. Their daughter, Clara Mae, has returned to Texas Tech at Lubbock to resume her studies.

O. G. Seal of Dripping Springs spent last week-end here visiting his sister, Mrs. Webb Hudson, and family.

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Bank Pays 20% Dividend

The directors of the First National Bank of Sterling City declared and paid a 20% dividend on the capital stock on December 30.

Officers of the bank are W. L. Foster, president; J. T. Davis, vice-president; J. S. Cole, cashier; and H. M. Knight and H. L. Hildebrand, assistant cashiers.

The stockholders of the bank will meet next Monday, January 8.

Mrs. Bill Reed Wimodausis Hostess

The Wimodausis Club met on December 20, 1944 in the home of Mrs. Bill Reed. Nineteen members responded to roll call.

The completed afghan was displayed and then sent to the McClosky General Hospital for Christmas.

The Club voted to donate \$5.00 to the Cancer Control Fund. Members were requested to bring small gifts for hospitalized soldiers of the Bombardier School and Goodfellow Field. Members were also asked to make small donations toward a wheel chair fund for wounded soldiers.

The program for the afternoon was as follows:

1. Christmas Carols—Club members, led by Mrs. H. Glass.
2. The Fundamental Principles of Life: Love, Sacrifice and Service—Mrs. E. H. Lovelace.
3. The Christian's Declaration of Independence—Mrs. W. N. Reed.
4. The Bible as the World's Supreme Book of Prayer—Mrs. Roy Morgan.
5. Special Music -- Mrs. Vern Davis, Mrs. E. H. Lovelace, Mrs. Harvey Glass, and Mrs. Lester Foster.

A social hour was enjoyed after adjournment. The club will meet with Mrs. Lester Foster on January 10.



"FOOD CONSERVATION! BAH!"

Donalson Buys Abernathy's Truck Line

P. C. Abernathy has sold his truck line (truck and franchise) from Sterling City to San Angelo to Horace Donalson, effective on January 1, 1945. Horace, owner of the Palace Theatre here, has hired "Gravy" Daves to run the truck for him. Daves will start next Monday morning. Horace will continue to keep his job as Santa Fe Agent at Carlsbad, he said Thursday morning.

P. C. (Pink) has operated the line for the past 22 years. He said that he plans to take a job with the Sunset Truck Line, after he rested up a bit. He expressed his appreciation for the cordial business relations he has enjoyed the past 22 years.

J. W. Nixon's Father Dead

R. H. Nixon of Houston, father of S-Sgt. J. W. Nixon, died at Houston Monday of a heart attack. The funeral was held Wednesday. Mrs. E. B. Butler, sister-in-law of Mr. Nixon, left Tuesday to attend the funeral services, and will visit there for the next five weeks.

Sgt. Nixon was in Detroit on furlough visiting with his wife's relatives at the time of his father's death.

University of Life

The following officers for the U of L were elected at a recent business meeting:

President, Joe Snead; vice-president, Carolyn Foster; registrar, Billy Hudson; secretary and reporter, Mutt Martin.

At this meeting the subject for the Winter term was voted on and "How Came the Bible" received the largest number of votes.

The first session of the Winter term will be held next Sunday at 7:00 p. m. The worship service will be held at 7:45 p. m., followed by the recreation period. The entire program for January will be held each Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church.

The following members participated in the New Year's Eve Candle Lighting Service which was held at the Methodist Church on last Sunday evening:

Beth Abernathy, Mary Ann Bynum, Betty Jane Donalson, Jacqueline Everett, Carolyn Foster, Peggy Hinshaw, Anna Lou Knight, Dixie Knight, Mutt Martin, Paula Sue Wyckoff, Jackie Durham, Billy Hudson, Bill Peavy, Joe Snead and Jackie Tweedle.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who was so thoughtful and kind following the death of my mother. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the flowers and cards.

Mrs. Webb Hudson.

Sgt. Gordon Lowe, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hudson, is here from Newfoundland on a 21-day furlough.

North Concho River Soil Conservation District News

Board of Supervisors:
Zach Jones, Chairman
L. R. Reed, Vice Chairman
Foster S. Price, Secretary
J. R. Mims, Supervisor
J. W. Cox, Supervisor

Ralph Collins's range has shown considerable improvement this year. He is stocking at the rate of 30 animal units per section in order to give the better grasses opportunity to increase in vigor and density as rapidly as possible.

Jack Mims stated that he had very little trouble with bitterweed this year. By stocking at the approximate rate that the range grasses are capable of growing feed, he has given the better grasses a chance to reduce the bitterweed infestation.

Steve Curry is interested in eradicating mesquite on a large portion of his ranch when equipment and labor is available. He believes that thick growths of mesquite will reduce grass production as much as 50 per cent.

A number of other ranchers are interested in mesquite control. The Spur Experiment Station reported in a recent report that where there is not over 100 trees per acre the grass production is not decreased; however, this station believes that with a mesquite density of 500 trees per acre or more grass production will be materially affected. Mesquite densities in some areas of this district will run as high as 1000 to 2000 per acre.

The Spur Station reports that the only successful methods of killing mesquite other than mechanical methods is the use of sodium arsenite or kerosene as poisons. Kerosene is highly successful when sufficient amounts are used around the base of the plant to penetrate the soil to a depth of at least six inches. On heavy stands of mesquite, of course, this method is expensive because of the large amount of kerosene required. In the case of sodium arsenite, if care is exercised to remove all of the top wood, side branches, to the central stump and the sap wood poisoned with stock solution excellent results will be obtained.

Following is the total rainfall for the year 1944 reported from the gauges in Sterling County. The report from George Case's gauge is for the last 6 months and from Tommy Humble's for the last 4 months of the year:

H. G. Garlington	10.62
W. N. & L. R. Reed	14.89
J. I. Cope	14.16
George Case	9.55
J. T. Davis	14.18
Bade Bros.	10.63
Tommy Humble	6.32
Average rainfall 1944	12.89
Average rainfall 1943	13.00
Average rainfall 2942	19.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cole, Jr. went to Dallas last week where Cack is undergoing therapy treatments. The doctors think therapy will limber up his game leg. Cack has been troubled with his broken leg for the past 16 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen accompanied them.

17.97 Inches of Rainfall in 1944

At the J.T. Davis Gauge

J.T. Davis, local rainfall gauge keeper since 1925, gives the following official report of the rainfall here last year (1944):

Month	Inches
January	.71
February	2.77
March	.35
April	.52
May	1.18
June	2.47
July	.75
August	2.67
September	2.55
October	.45
November	1.45
December	2.10

TOTAL for YEAR—17.97
This total of 17.97 inches compares with the last 3 years as follows:

1941	40.70 Inches
1942	18.66 Inches
1943	18.92 Inches
1944	17.97 Inches

A chart since 1925 shows 1941 with 40.70 inches was the highest rainfall in the period, and 1933 with only 9 inches was the lowest. J.T.'s gauge is located here in Sterling City at his residence.



MRS. M.P. MITCHELL

A Long-Time Resident

HERE SINCE 1877

Mrs. M. P. Mitchell, 79, has been here for 67 years, having come here with her father and mother and family in 1877 from San Saba. For 40 years she has lived in the same house which she now shares with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crossno.

One of 13 children, Mrs. Mitchell was born in Coleman September 10, 1865, the daughter of Steve and Mary Wylie. There was no Sterling County or City when she came here and her first home was on the 5 Wells place, now owned by Lester Foster. Her father hunted and did any kind of work when he came here.

No other family or person now living here was here when she arrived here back in '77.

Mrs. Mitchell has four living children, Mrs. Crossno, M. C. Mitchell, both of Sterling City, Mrs. Mable Trotter of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Reva Trotter of San Saba.

The M. E. Churchills spent last week-end visiting in Iraan. Their son, Winston Y 1-c, U. S. N., caught an Army plane for San Diego in Midland as they returned from Iraan Sunday.

**Beefburger Recipe:
Bacon Gets a Role**

Remember Wimpy, the comic strip character with a touching fondness for hamburgers? Well, there's a decided meat scarcity



right now—and Mr. and Mrs. America can resort with pleasure and a patriotic conscience to beefburgers.

The recipe follows: 1½ lbs. ground beef; 1½ teaspoons salt; melted fat; ½ teaspoon pepper; sliced bacon.

Pre-heat the electric range broiler unit until it's a glowing cherry red. Meanwhile, season meat with salt and pepper. Shape into twelve flat, rounded cakes. Wrap a strip of bacon around each and fasten with a toothpick. Arrange on broiler rack and adjust rack so that meat is three inches below glowing unit. Broil ten minutes with door ajar, turn and cook eight minutes longer on second side.

The beefburgers will be uniformly brown in color, delicately tender, not dry or too moist. They will have a delicious broiled flavor.



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Wednesday & Thursday

Jan. 10 & 11

'Mask of Demitros'

Sydney Greenstreet-Faye

Emerson

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**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF THE
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
STERLING CITY, TEXAS**

MADE TO THE COMPTROLLER AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 30, 1944

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$599,475.97	Capital Stock . . . \$ 60,000.00
U.S. Gov't Guar'd Bonds 516,000.00	Surplus Fund 100,000.00
Fed. Res. Bank Stock . 4,800.00	Undivided Profits . . . 57,563.01
Banking House 4,500.00	Deposits 1,606,148.74
Cash and Exchange . . 698,935.78	
TOTAL . . . \$1,823,711.75	TOTAL . . . \$1,823,711.75

The above Statement is correct. J. S. COLE, CASHIER

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