

W.F. (Uncle Bill) Kellis, 90, Club Boys Take Honors At Fort Worth Show

Veteran Editor, Dead



VETERAN EDITOR—Smoking one of his strong pipes and studying with a memory that could trace decades in detail, "Uncle Bill" Kellis was last photographed writing his final column for his Sterling City News last year. The pencils, slower than a typewriter, gave him time to think, and from those meditations came some of the best of the articles that were to make his newspaper welcome in this section.

Funeral Held Monday

The call of "30" has been written for the last time for W.F. (Uncle Bill) Kellis. The celestial bookkeeper probably used a soft pencil to mark that "30" by William Franklin Kellis's name in his opinions, for his honing in editing the news, and his progressive spirit. The large floral banked the pulpit and bearers were Lowe and Mike Glass and David Glass, all nephews. Another nephew, Vern Glass, acted as Worshipful Master for the Masonic Lodge at the funeral. Uncle Bill's son, came with the body. Lowe Funeral Directors in charge of the arrangements. Uncle Bill died last Friday at Riverside, Calif. at the home of a daughter. He had recently undergone an operation on his foot, and it was bothering him. He had been 90 within 60 days.

He is survived by his widow; 2 daughters, Mrs. B. B. Huckell, Mrs. I. C. Bagwell of Riverside; and one son, Pat, of Mayer, Texas. Son of a Texas Ranger and Baptist preacher, Mr. Kellis was born in Titus County on March 26, 1855. He attended Baylor University and in his long career he worked as a school teacher, attorney, legislator, surveyor, publisher and postmaster.

He published the News-Record for 46 years, selling out only a few days ago and moving to Arizona, where he lived throughout Texas for his political and writings on politics, the Dallas News offered him \$100 a week to

write editorials for them, but he preferred to remain in Sterling—a place he loved—and is now here to stay.

GEORGE McENTIRE: "Uncle Bill always gave good advice to the kids—when they asked for it—and it was good. When buried him, they buried all the secrets and confidences the kids ever gave him."

JEFF DAVIS "I thought he was a wonderful old man—no better man ever lived. He was a progressive man"

1945 Cotton Crop Insurance

Cotton crop insurance is again being offered to the farmers and ranchers in 1945. You can make application for insurance at the County AAA office. Application may be made by any person to cover his interest as landlord, owner, tenant or sharecropper. The maximum coverage of insurance will be 50 and 75% of the average yield of lint cotton for the farm. A record of the average yields and rates in on file in the AAA Office and may be inspected at any time by the producers listed thereon. The insurance contract shall cover loss in yield of cotton due to unavoidable causes, including drouth, flood, hail, wind, frost, lightning, fire, excessive rains, hurricane, insect infestation and plant disease.

If a loss is claimed a statement in proof of loss shall be submitted not later than 60 days after the time of loss. The closing date for making application for insurance in Sterling County is April 10, 1945.

Mrs. Jake Martin's father, E. A. Medart of Lampasas, died Tuesday and funeral services were held there Wednesday. The Jake Martins attended the funeral.

Mrs. W. H. Ray Killed

Mrs. W. H. Ray, 40, of Abernathy was killed Wednesday at 6:00 p. m. in a car-train wreck in Abernathy. Daughter of Mrs. W. L. Emery, Mrs. Ray and her husband formerly operated the Simpson dairy here.

Funeral services are to be Friday afternoon in Abernathy.

Survivors include the husband; two sons, Billy Gene and Jimmy; her mother, Mrs. W. L. Emery; three brothers, Joe, Hinton and O. D.; and two sisters, Mrs. B. W. McCann and Mrs. Joe Davis.

School Lunch Room Opened

The P. T. A. sponsored lunchroom began operating last Tuesday. Over one hundred students and teachers ate their noon meal there on the first day. The menu consisted of beef roast and gravy, potato salad, English peas, hot rolls, milk and apricot cobbler.

Other cash donations are needed to help bring the project out of the red. Cup towels are also needed, said Mrs. Riley King president.

Lions to Sponsor V-Gardens

The Lions Club voted Wednesday to sponsor another victory garden contest in Sterling City this year.

Claude Collins of the school board asked that the club go on record and ask the Austin representatives to pass the bill allowing Sterling County to raise the school tax from \$1 to \$1.50. He said school revenues here were decreasing and expenses increasing. The club voted to back such legislation.

Mrs. Tommie Johnson reported that \$3,667.57 had been contributed to the Red Cross.

Betty Jane Donalson gave a reading and sang two songs. The prize went to Roland Lowe.

Mrs. R. A. Garrett fell at the school last Friday night while at the box supper and sprained her ankle. She had a painful injury, but is improving.

C. C. Reynolds of Gilmer is here for a several week's visit.

The Girl Scouts are celebrating the 33rd birthday of Girl Scouting with an open house Friday night at 8:00 p. m. at the Scout Cabin. Everyone who is interested in Girl Scouting is invited to attend.

Tommy Williamson went to Corpus Christi last Friday to join the Merchant Marine.

What's Doing in the Churches

We again call your attention to the Union Good Friday Service sponsored by all the Sterling churches, to be held at the Baptist church, on Friday, March 30, from 3:00-4:00 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH
Ed. H. Lovelace, Pastor

Church School 10:00 A. M. The pastor will conduct a short worship service.

Morning Worship—Since the pastor will be in Water Valley for this hour, the members of the church will worship with the other churches having services.

Evening Service 8:00 at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. B. B. Hestir will preach.

University of Life at 7:15.

Recreation and fellowship, immediately following the evening service, will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church.

BAPTIST CHURCH
W. J. McCawley, Pastor

Morning Services
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00

Evening Service 8:00
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday 8:00 P. M.

Business and Social meeting on 1st Tuesday of month 8:00 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
B. B. Hestir, Pastor

Church School 10:00 A. M. Clarence Mogford, Superintendent.

Morning Service 11:00, sermon by the pastor.

Evening Service 8:00 o'clock, sermon by the pastor. This is chapel service for the University of Life and the union service for Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Young people's study session 7:15—Recreation and fellowship immediately following the church service.

University of Life

"Mary the Mother of Jesus" was the character studied at the University of Life Sunday evening. Mrs. Tommie Johnson was in charge of the program. Next Sunday Mrs. Aaron Clark will present another of the characters named "Mary" who lived at the time of Jesus' earthly life.

At the church service two reels of motion pictures on "India" were shown with Jackie Durham operating the machine.

Mrs. Sterling Foster and Mrs. Ted Brown were hostesses for refreshments for the recreation period.

All high school and older young people are extended a cordial invitation to meet with us next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church at 7:15.

Joe Snead Has a First Place Lamb

Joe L. Snead, Jr. took top honors in the fat lamb (Rambouillet) division with his lamb at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show last week-end. His lamb was from Roy Foster's flock.

Joe's lamb was nosed out for the grand championship by a lamb shown by Cloice Terrell of Plainview.

This year's show was the strongest in many years which makes Joe's winning a real accomplishment.

Billy Findt won 6th on his fine wool fat lamb, Donald Gill 11th, Billy Findt 14th, Jimmy Findt 21st, R. T. Smith 20th, R. B. Mitchell 29th, Henry Bliznak 33rd and Louis Holster 34th.

The class won the reserve championship on carload of fat lambs, and 2nd prize on group of 15 fat lambs.

Total prize money was \$137.00, or an average of \$2.44 for each lamb taken to the show.

Ovey Talliaferro of Eden won first place on group of three fine wool fat lambs selected from the flock of Bade Bros.

From here Herman Carter and J. M. Starr took three boys to the show, Joe, Billy Findt and Billy Rusk.

Wimodausis Club

The Wimodausis Club met on March 7, 1945 in the home of Mrs. Roy Foster. Sixteen members and a guest, Rev. E. H. Lovelace, were present.

Mrs. Fowler McEntire, treasurer, reported the purchase of a \$100 war bond.

The club voted to make a donation of \$25 to the Red Cross.

The subject for the day was "Racial Problems".

On the program were the following:

"The American Negro"—Mrs. Harvey Glass.

"The Education Progress of the American Negro"—Mrs. N. H. Reed.

"Plain Talk About Race Prejudice"—Mrs. Herbert Cope

Negro Spirituals—Rev. Lovelace.

The club will meet on March 21 with Mrs. C. N. Crawford as hostess.

The Sterling Boy Scout troop committee met last Monday night and elected Benny Green as scoutmaster of the local troop.

Attending the meeting were A. H. Bird of Mertzon, scout executive, O. T. Jones, Homer Pearce, John Walraven and Ted Brown.

Cpl. Billy Clyde Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, has completed 19 days in a rest camp in Australia and New Guinea. He said he ate 6 and 7 meals a day and gained 8 pounds. He and a buddy were robbed of \$80 each one night while they were asleep which put a crimp in their belated Christmas buying.

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Report of Post War Planning Committee

STERLING CITY LIONS CLUB

We, your committee appointed to investigate the problems pertaining to our community that will arise at the close of the war and to make suggestions for the solution of those problems, submit the following report:

It is the unanimous opinion of this committee that every county in the state and nation should have well laid plans and the machinery ready to put those plans

into operation for the quick and intelligent absorption of both displaced labor and the demobilized personnel of our fighting forces. It is further our belief that this end can be reached only by providing useful employment, at living wages, to all who will care to work rather than through gifts and bonuses and high sounding schemes panaceas.

Since our own county is essentially engaged in the production of livestock, the burden of providing jobs for all who come back will necessarily fall upon the ranchmen. Therefore, we suggest that each ranchman begin to make plans for repairs and improvements that will not only provide jobs for the men in the service of

the country when they return but will add to the efficiency and economy in the operation of those ranches and in increased production as well.

The following are specific suggestions of projects which will afford job opportunities for all those in the armed services from Sterling County who do not already have a job waiting for their return:

- A. Conservation practices which can be carried out by individual operators on ranches and farms:
1. Mesquite control.
 2. Cedar eradication.
 3. Prickly pear and cactus eradication.
 4. Ranch road construction

and improvement.

5. Fireguards.
 6. Cross fencing.
 7. Water spreading systems.
 8. Diversion, retention and detention dams.
 9. Diversion terraces.
 10. Bank sloping and channel improvement.
 11. Additional watering places.
- B. Other ranch improvements:
1. Housing facilities.
 2. Pens, corrals, feed and wool storage barns.

- C. Business opportunities:
1. Shoe, boot and saddle shop.
 2. Automobile agency.
 3. Frozen food locker.
 4. One service station.
 5. Radio and electric shop.
 6. Modern hotel and eating place or motel.

D. Remodeling and improvement of present business concerns.

E. Improvement for the general welfare of the community:

1. Extension of highways from Sterling City to Robert Lee.
2. Getting roads from Sterling City to Colorado and from Sterling City to Big Lake designated as highways and secure similar construction as on road to Garden

City.

3. It is our belief that county commissioners, beginning now, should set aside a portion of tax funds and, if necessary, levy additional tax to add to this reserve so that it will be available for substantial and businesslike improvement of all our public roads.

4. Securing land for and

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Adding machine paper at the News-Record.

Every American a Statesman



An opportunity for every American to write a practical peace treaty which can be applied to the world at the end of the war has just been announced by Joseph W. Frazer, chairman of the board of the Graham-Paige Motors Corporation and chairman of a committee of distinguished judges of the National Peace Treaty Contest.

Prizes totaling \$10,000 in war bonds will be awarded winners of the contest, Mr. Frazer said, with a first prize of \$2,500 in war bonds, second prize a \$1,500 war bond, third prize a \$1,000 war bond, and 97 other prizes ranging from \$500 down to \$25 in war bonds.

"Every American," Mr. Frazer declared, "should take advantage of this opportunity to express his views on peace and by doing so help guide our statesmen at the coming peace conferences."

The contest opens on March 17 and was inspired by the best-selling book written by William B. Ziff—"The Gentlemen Talk of Peace," Mr. Frazer explained. "It is open to any legal resident of the United States or its possessions and to members of our armed forces. Entries must be limited to 1,000 words in length and sent to the National Peace Treaty Contest Headquarters, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y. postmarked not later than midnight, April 15, 1945."

Members of the judges' committee in addition to Mr. Frazer are: Vice-President Harry S. Truman; Fannie Hurst, novelist; William Green, president, American Federation of Labor; Clinton S. Golden, executive vice-president, United Steel Workers of America, CIO; Senator Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine; Ray Rand, former army private wounded at Salerno; Mrs. Warren Cain, Los Angeles Catholic clubwoman and blue star mother; Dr. Rockwell D. Hunt, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Southern California; Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, Methodist, New York City, and Mr. Ziff.



Harry S. Truman



William B. Ziff

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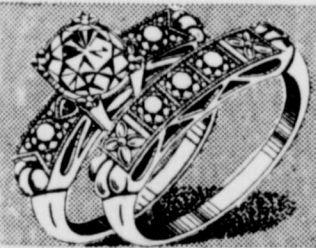
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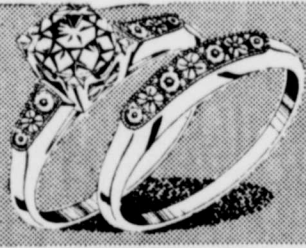


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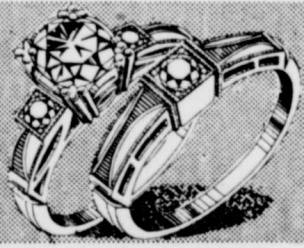
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Six-Year-Old "Pin-Up" Girl



This lovely little lady was chosen as pin-up girl of the month in a current issue of the Fruehau Trailer employees' magazine. Blue-eyed, with blonde hair, she is Nancy Howell, daughter of David Howell of the company's Engineering Department, who took this excellent photo. Nancy is a pretty busy lady these days, going to kindergarten and learning to become a fancy ice-skater.

The Dan Ritters have bought the M. W. Smith residence and moved back here from Maryneal.

The Bob Gills have moved to Maryneal and will work on the ranch that Dan Ritter recently moved from.

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Walter Spears Dead

Walter T. Spears, 67, died at his home in San Angelo last Saturday morning. He was the son of James Spears, first sheriff of Tom Green County. Mr. Spears worked on ranches in Tom Green County and was city marshal of San Angelo in the early 90s. For 10 years he was a special investigator for the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association.

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1929 Troop Sterling City Scouts—left to right—the late Mark Mathis, Henry Latham, Reggie Pearce, R. P. Brown, assistant Scoutmaster, Homer Pearce, Jr., and Jack Mathis, seated on the ground. The two Mathis boys are heroes, both now killed in action. Sgt. Henry Latham was recently rescued from Jap a prison camp, and the two Pearce boys are captains in the Air Forces.

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P-TA Meeting

The Sterling P-TA met Thursday, March 8, in the high school auditorium with Mrs. Riley King, president, in charge.

In the absence of Mrs. Kenneth Garms, Mrs. Harvey Glass acted as program chairman.

Mrs. Seth Bailey brought the devotional. The freshman class, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Vernon, presented a program on Stephen Collins Foster. Peggy Hinshaw gave a humorous reading. Mrs. John Skeete read a paper on "The Child's Share in Homemaking". Mrs. Le May, assistant War Food Administrator, from San Angelo, discussed the value of victory gardens and the proper planning of meals.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Mildred Atkinson, secretary. Mrs. Ralph Bynum gave the treasurer's report, and Mrs. C. W. Smith, finance chairman, discussed ways and means of paying for lunchroom equipment.

It was voted to use the P-TA war bonds to help pay for equipping the lunchroom.

O. T. Jones discussed the lunchroom program and reported that the room was to begin operation March 13.

The following were appointed members of the nominating committee; Mrs. Roy Foster, Mrs. B. J. Crossno and Mrs. Harvey Glass.

The freshman class received a dollar for having the most members present representing their class.

After adjournment, the parents and teachers inspected the lunchroom.

We Wonder

Who phoned Mary Ann where Billy H. was Friday noon; and what they wanted him.

If three junior girls and one senior girl were sleepy Saturday, and so, why.

If Jackie D. doesn't know trains are the only things that supposed to run on railroad tracks.

How many were in Lora M. pickup Friday night. Say, Vern were there three or four?

If Betty Jane and Alvin had a good time Thursday night.

Why Paula Sue had to phone Gene Fowler Sunday.

If Joe shouldn't have come a little sooner, say earlier Sunday afternoon.

Why there has been so much excitement this week-end.

If Peggy has blisters on her feet and what causes them.

If "Bo" Edwards learns to stay by staying at home.

If La Vone is satisfied now Saturday night.

Who was seen sitting in the beside the Busy Bee Sunday night.

If Mary Ann, Beth and Peggy were ready for another slumber party.

Who ran over the sign by the Ford's Sunday night.

Who walked home with Monday night.

Just Patter

Hi, folks, here we are again.

Congratulations, Joe, for winning first place at Fort Worth.

Wilburn Lindsey is visiting here indefinitely. Wilburn, we are glad to have you.

Seen at the show Saturday night: Jimmy, Marylene, Alma, Beth, Mutt, Norman, Billy H., Jackie T., and others.

Say, boys, do you like to ride on a motorcycle, especially at night?

Billy Vern, you didn't get "outbid" at the box supper Friday night, did you? And after all that trouble, too.

Here's hoping we have more to talk about next time—if the "We Wonder" columnist doesn't get it first.

The senior class has started on the second act of "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick". The play is to be presented April 6.

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struction of a landing field near Sterling.

5. Extension of rural electrification to Sterling County.

6. Pavement of the street from the Drug Store to the high school.

7. Construction of sidewalks to school and to churches.

8. Construction of a place to keep firefighting equipment.

9. Investigation for securing a less mineral water supply in Sterling City.

10. Construction of a local health unit.

11. General community health improvement program, specifically, improved sewage disposal and a systematic campaign for the destruction of flies.

12. We recommend that a systematic method of physical examination of the school children be established.

F. Housing facilities:

1. Remodeling and repairing of old houses.

2. Construction of 20 new houses.

G. Churches:

1. Remodeling or rebuilding pastors' homes.

2. Employment of full time pastors at the four churches in Sterling City.

3. A central recreation center for the young people sponsored by the churches.

H. Education:

1. Public library open full time.

2. Completion of Boy Scout house.

3. A block of land for experimental use by the vocational agricultural department in the high school would afford wonderful opportunity to bridge the gap between experimental results and actual field application and would give the boys the type of project training which they will have opportunity to put into effect when they are ready to enter the ranching business. This project will give opportunity also for teaching elementary veterinary medicine.

4. Employment of an additional teacher in high school to teach aeronautics.

5. Include first aid and safety in school curriculum.

6. Include automotive mechanics in the school curriculum.

I. Recreation:

1. Improvement of the city park.

2. Any worth while and practical recreational facilities.

J. Other projects:

1. The North Concho River has always been a source of pride to the people of this county. It has not only afforded a place for recreation but has supported thousands of valuable pecan trees that have been a source of considerable income to their owners. For a number of years the stream has been failing and at the present rate of deterioration in another ten or fifteen years, unless something is done to improve it, it will become a dry draw. It is believed that the decreased flow of water is due primarily to the fact that the stream bed has become literally clogged with all kinds of timber that not only takes up the water faster than the springs feed it in, but have choked off many springs and have been responsible for the stream channel filling with silt. It is our belief that this condition can be materially improved through the careful destruction of this nuisance timber and underbrush, and through the construction of a system of inexpensive spreader dams across all lateral

draws emptying into the Concho. These dams, properly constructed, would serve a fourfold purpose. They would irrigate many acres of grass land, store up millions of gallons of water, act as a flood deterrent, and hold back countless yards of the best top soil that annually goes downstream. Therefore, we suggest that all land owners, holding portions of the river, as well as all who are interested in saving it, seriously consider this proposition and, if found sound and feasible, begin to make plans to remedy the situation.

2. In addition to the above recommendations we endorse any sane improvements, both public and private, that will add to the productiveness of our county and to the benefit of our soldiers. We further believe that all funds necessary for these improvements, excepting those relative to the two highways mentioned above, should be furnished by our people with no thought of receiving government aid.

3. It is our belief that we, both collectively and individually, owe a debt of gratitude to our fighting forces that can be met only by granting them full support during the war and by being prepared to give them a fair opportunity when they return. This can be done only through the careful and conscientious co-operation of all concerned.

The Post War Planning Committee invites and urges the churches, the schools, the local clubs, the Soil Conservation District Supervisors, the commissioners court, and any other organization or individuals to carefully study the plan, to constructively criticize the plan. To give these organizations and every individual in Sterling County the full opportunity to study this plan and to criticize same, I move that this be published for three consecutive

weeks in the Sterling City News-Record before it is presented to the Club for approval.

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Tom Onstott completed terracing of a pasture on his farm at Water Valley last week.

W. Y. Bengé, Jr. set out 100 kudzu crowns in an old field on his stock farm 2 miles west of Sterling City.

Tom Onstott set out 100 kudzu crowns on his farm at Water Valley. These kudzu plantings are for the purpose of determining if this plant will adapt itself to this semi-arid climate.

The North Concho River District Supervisors have, on the basis of requests from cooperators, allotted seed for trial grass adaptation plots on 29 cooperating farms and ranches. These plantings will total 98 acres.

The District Supervisors postponed their regular meeting Monday, March 12, to attend the funeral of Uncle Bill Kellis.

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