

# STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

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## Pause In Portal-to-Portal Parley



DETROIT, MICH. — (Soundphoto) — In the portal-to-portal pay suit of the Mt. Clemens Pottery Co., John F. Sonnett of Washington, Assistant U.S. Attorney General (representing the government) left, and August Schoole, president of the Michigan CIO Council, right, are shown as they paused in the hallway between sessions.

## McDONALD TO HEAD RED CROSS DRIVE

Chesley McDonald was named to head the Red Cross drive in Sterling County Wednesday at the Lions Club luncheon. The drive will close on March 10 and the quota for Sterling County is \$750. This is only half of what the quota was last year. Mrs. Maurine Prescott of the San Angelo office of the Red Cross, told of the selection of McDonald at the club meeting. A Mr. Gilliam of the same office gave a short talk on Red Cross work at the meeting.

Lion A. T. Bratton told of cedar and the nuisance it was to this section of the country in the main talk before the club.

Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was another guest.

## Copeland Boys Buy Out John Skeete

John Copeland, Jr. and C. J. Copeland have bought John F. Skeete's stock and ranch lease for \$17,500.00. The lease consists of 7 sections of land.

The boy's mother is coming back from San Angelo to stay with C. J. and John, Jr. and his wife will move to the Skeete place.

cattle. This danger had not entirely disappeared by 1880, for M. B. Stephenson, in a letter to W. R. McEntire dated March 21, 1880, mentions the possibility of Indians stealing some of his "threes" and beeves before he could get them gathered. (5). Because of the absence of fences there was nothing to hinder Indian cattle and horse theft except fear of the soldiers at Camp Elizabeth and the cowboys' Winchester.

The era of the huge cattle companies, as has already been pointed out, was a relatively short one in Sterling. Beginning in the early '70's and ending in the '80's, it at best was not more than twelve to fifteen years long. Settlers began to filter in by the early '80's, and thereafter the story of the free range is the story of its joint occupation by cattle king and settler. Among the first settlers to come to Sterling County were R. W. and W. L. Foster. They drove a small herd of cattle through from Coleman and settled on Sterling Creek in the year 1881 at a point about eight miles south of the present site of Sterling City. Others to come in at about the same time were Finous Bates, J. G. Souldard, W. N. Hiler, J. B. Hiler, W. A. Jackson, Henry Bade, David Longacre, William Weible, Dane Holloway, and Enoch Sparks. (6).

These early settlers might be classed as "settler-cattlemen". They were not cattle kings, yet they engaged in the cattle business. They came to Sterling seeking a better place to make a living and intending to establish homes, develop the country, and leave a heritage for their children. Sharing the free range with the cattle barons, most of them began with small herds and little money. Some had neither herds nor money and got their start as cowboys on the huge ranches.

As far as the big ranchers were concerned, these first settlers were an unwelcome lot. The cattlemen viewed these so-called squatters as a nuisance, tried to keep them out, and even tried to run them out after they came. When a man came in and "squatted" on the land a cattle man claimed for his range, the latter would try to make the settler believe he had to leave. By running a bluff the cattlemen thought he could intimidate a settler or convince him he had "squatted" on someone else's land, he, as a rule, didn't hesitate to do so. When R. W. Foster settled on Sterling Creek in the range area claimed by the M S outfit, the manager of the ranch brought his map over and showed Mr. Foster he had settled on a section of railroad land, which the rancher claimed as his own. Mr. Foster saw from the map that immediately west of the railroad section was a section of school land which, he knew, the rancher did not own; so he moved his family up the creek a mile and settled on the school land. (7). Seeing that Mr. Foster was not to be bluffed into leaving, the cattlemen gave no more trouble.

The favorite time to attempt to run the squatter out was when he

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## JOHN H. PURVIS DIES

Funeral services for John H. Purvis, 71, were held at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist Church here. Burial followed in the City Cemetery.

Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated. Cox-Vautrain and Lowe Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were M. C. Mitchell, Bob Murrell, Lee Hunt, G. H. Cannon, Henry Merrell and Robert Brown.

Mr. Purvis was born in Ellis County September 29, 1875. He and Miss Rosa Fairey were married in 190 at Meridian. He moved to Sterling City in 1909 and was bookkeeper for B. F. Roberts. He had been in ill health for several years and had been bedfast for 8½ months. He had been a member of the Baptist Church since 1918.

Survivors include the widow; four daughters, Mrs. Louella Strickland of San Angelo, Mrs. Billie Cook and Mrs. Agnes Cole of Sterling City, and Mrs. Zelma Ray Tollet of Houston; and twelve grandchildren. A brother, Dalton Purvis, resides in Dublin, and a sister, Mrs. Laureen Snell, lives in Hawley.

## OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

By a resounding vote of 231 to 16 the House last week voted to recommend a reduction of \$6 billion in the President's budget proposal for the next fiscal year. I was unable to vote for the reduced figure without knowing how much of it would be taken from essential needs for our armed services. It was estimated that if the \$6 billion reduction is allowed to stand, about \$2 billion of that will be taken from support of the Army, Navy and the Air Corps. That might include a rather reduction of funds for scientific research and development, which is most important to the future of our national defense.

No peace treaties have yet been concluded following the worst and most expensive war in history. During these unsettled times, with Russia still an armed camp with 5½ million men under arms and reportedly spending vast amounts on scientific research, we can ill afford to make cuts that might endanger our own security and our position as a force for world peace.

There is much room for economy in government, and many cuts can likely be made in funds for the armed services. But such cuts should be only after careful investigation of the merits of specific reductions.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

The State Superintendent of Instruction in Texas has called attention to the fact that federal funds in support of the school lunch program will soon be exhausted and has urged that Congress be called upon to provide more money to carry the program on during the balance of the fiscal year, which expires in June.

The school lunch program has proven to be a very desirable one. Last June, Congress passed the National School Lunch Act which authorized, and Congress later appropriated \$75 million for the fiscal year. Of this amount, Texas was allocated \$3,453,449, of which \$2,860,556 was to be spent for food and \$592,892 was to be spent for equipment.

This is far more money than had been provided in the past. In fact, in the preceding fiscal year, the Federal Government allocated only \$51 million, and for some time the figure averaged about \$40 million per year.

The amount apportioned to each state is based upon the number of children in school in a given state and the need for assistance in the state as indicated by the relation of the per capita income in that state. The law specifically provides for state matching of federal funds, but so far, Texas has made no appropriation for this purpose.

It is reported, however, that legislation has recently been introduced in the Texas Legislature to provide actual cash assistance from the state.

In view of the increase in federal funds to support school lunches, it appears doubtful that the Appropriations Committee will supplement the amount already provided for this fiscal year. It may

## METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Fred H. Hamner, District Superintendent of the Methodist Conference, will preach at the morning service here at the First Methodist Church Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace, is in a revival meeting at Mission.

## Presbyterian Church

Rev. B. B. Hestir, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, announced that he will be at the church next Sunday morning and evening for regular services. He will preach at the eleven o'clock hour and then at 7:30 in the evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

## Mrs. Durham in Hospital

Mrs. D. C. Durham was taken to the clinic-hospital in San Angelo last week-end for treatment. Mr. Durham went to Rankin to stay with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan.

## INVITED TO JOIN POETRY SOCIETY

Mrs. Harvey Glass has been requested to become a member of the Poetry Society of Texas. David Russell, poet laureate of Texas, asked Mrs. Glass to become a member. Mrs. Glass has written a number of poems that have been recognized by other poets.

## TO OPEN HOME AND AUTO SUPPLY STORE

V. C. Summers, formerly of Lufkin, is opening up a Home and Auto Supply Store here in the east part of the Longshore building.

Mr. Summers is planning on having his formal opening next week end. Watch the paper for his opening advertisement.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Worth Durham went to Amarillo after his little son, David Craig, last Sunday. David had been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nance. Buddy McLaughlin of Water Valley went with Worth to Amarillo.

Henton Emery, sheriff, tax collector-assessor, underwent an operation in a San Angelo hospital last Friday. He is recovering nicely.

Mrs. R. T. Foster, Jr. underwent an operation in a San Angelo hospital last Friday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Sterling schools are taking a holiday today, Friday, on account of so many students attending the San Angelo stock show.

Mrs. J. E. Ware, now of Sweetwater, underwent a major operation in the Sweetwater hospital last week-end. She is reported doing all right.

Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace is going to San Antonio today where she will meet her husband and return with him Sunday. Rev. Lovelace is leading the singing in a revival in Mission this week.

## AT SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW

Herman Carter, vocational agriculture teacher, and J. M. Starr, County Agent, have their club boys in San Angelo this week-end for the San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

A number of Sterling Countians are attending the show.

Mrs. W. B. Welch is on the sick list this week.

be that deficits that arise through the operation of the program during the next four months will have to be met by the state rather than by the Federal Government.

The battle against the dreaded foot-and-mouth disease was given unanimous House and Senate support last week by the passage of a bill to give our Department of Agriculture broad authority to operate in Mexico and cooperate with Mexican officials there. The plan is to kill and bury afflicted and exposed animals, intensify a quarantine around areas where the disease is prevalent, and to take any other steps to stamp out the disease and prevent its spread to this country.

## THE CATTLE KINGS AND EARLY SETTLERS

### The History of Sterling County

By IRA L. WATKINS

(Continued from Last Week)

#### CHAPTER II

#### The Open Range and Early Settlers

The first period of the history of Sterling County, the period of Spanish-Indian occupation, exploring expeditions, Texas Ranger activities, buffalo hunting, army defense against the Indian, and land surveys was followed by a period of ranching on the open range carried on chiefly by the great cattle companies. This era of the cattle kings was short in Sterling County, lasting only approximately from 1870 to the middle 1880's. By this time the settlers were coming in to share the land with the cattlemen, to engage in agriculture to a limited degree, and to make homes for themselves and their children. The big ranchers tried hard to keep the settlers out but finally had to submit to the inevitable and either accept them or move on to the less settled regions.

Among the first ranches to be established near Sterling County were the Chisholm Ranch in 1862 and the Tankersley Ranch in 1864. Both of these ranches lay southeast of Sterling County in what is now Tom Green County. No ranches were established in Sterling County territory until after Federal troops were stationed at Fort Concho in 1867. The establishment of the new line of forts, of which Fort Concho was a part, after the Civil War, furnished cattlemen the necessary protection from the Indian and made possible the establishment of ranches in the "wild" part of Texas.

It seems that the big ranches in Sterling County were established in the 1870's. Most of them were begun by big cattlemen and ranch companies that had been driven out of Texas counties by the settlers farther east. The story is the same all across Texas. As soon as a line of forts would be established, the cattle kings would come in to enjoy the benefits of free grass and water; after a few years, then, the settlers would push them farther west.

The larger ranches to be established in Sterling County in the 1870's were the Half Circle S, owned by Peacock Brothers; the M S, established by Schuster, Henry and Company; and the U Ranch, established in 1876 by D. A. Earnest and W. J. Holland. The M S outfit was owned by an English cattle company and was run by an Englishman, M. Z. Smissen. Earnest and Holland sold their outfit to M. B. Stephenson, who in turn, sold it to W. R. McEntire in 1880 (1). Most of these companies drove their herds to Sterling County from East Texas Counties. Some of the cowboys who came through with these outfits later became Sterling County's most valuable citizens. When the cattlemen got their herds into the country, they located at some place on the North Concho River some of its tributaries. There they would lay claim to a certain range area extending up and down on both sides of the stream. They always located near a stream that they and their cattle would have access to water. Seldom did the ranch companies take the trouble to buy any land.

The land was free to anyone who could make use of it. Some of them did not at first own an acre of the land which they claimed as their range. Others bought only a section or two of railroad land where they set up their ranch headquarters and then ranged their stock over an area for miles around. (2). The U Ranch was located on the upper North Concho. It set in about six or eight miles above the present town of Sterling City and extended northward to the headwaters of the river into what is now the eastern edge of Glasscock County. The Half Circle S had two range areas. One began about Sterling City and extended up the Concho and Lacy Creek back deep into Glasscock County. This upper Half Circle S range was separated from the lower by the M S outfit which set in about Sterling City and extended down the river for three or four miles. It too, extended north of the river up toward the Divide and southwestward up Sterling Creek to about the western boundary of the county. The lower Half Circle S was a strip of land three or four miles wide immediately below the M S. This range, as all others, extended northward and southward from the river. The Half Circle S headquarters were located in this lower range. Below the Half Circle S lay the Doak Range, only part of which lay in the present bounds of Sterling County. (3). In the southern part of the County, on the headwaters of Kiowa Creek began the huge 7D Range, a large ranch about sixty miles wide, which lay on the Middle Concho south of Sterling County. The range areas claimed by these early Sterling County cattle companies probably varied in size from eighty-five thousand to two hundred thousand acres.

In spite of the proximity of Ft. Concho and Camp Elizabeth to these Sterling County ranches, the Indians proved to be a considerable source of annoyance during the 70's. In 1876, a lively fight occurred between the Comanches and a force of Rangers and cowboys about a mile west of the present U Ranch headquarters. None of the white men were hurt, but it is thought that some of the Indians were killed.

These Indians were pursued for two days and overtaken near the present town of Midland. Andy Jones and a Mr. Manning acted as scouts. About the time the party was nearing the Indians, the cowboys spied a beaded moccasin on the trail. One of the number dismounted, and as he stooped to pick the moccasin up, a shot from the leader of the Indians rang out and the white man fell dead. Jones dismounted and fired on the group of Indians, who soon withdrew. The dead member was buried where he was killed and his grave was marked with rocks. (4). This incident seems to mark an end of Indian disturbances in Sterling County, for settlers coming into the county in the early '80's recall no memories of the presence of Indians at that time.

The chief menace from the Indians to the big cattlemen of the 70's was the stealing of horses and

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A large chicken, vegetables and dessert may be cooked at once in a roaster. The lid of this model has a glass panel in the top. When roaster is being filled lid may be hooked into handle at end to be out of way.



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**THE HISTORY OF  
STERLING COUNTY**

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first arrived and before he had time to buy any land. The Kellis family located in the '80's, on the upper North Concho in the U Range area. The stockmen went to their home, loaded up the household goods, then took them to Montvale, and dumped them in a corral. (8).

Another settler, Earl Bailey, as late as 1893 located on a section farther up the Concho. He put up a house and a windmill and grubbed a few acres of land preparatory to putting it into cultivation. Before he could close a deal for the land, the stockmen had stolen a march on him and had bought it for themselves. (9).

When settlers began coming into Sterling County, most of the land was owned by the State of Texas and by railroad companies. At about this time, school land was placed on the market. Railroad land could also be purchased. Even though the wire fence had not been introduced, most settlers bought up as much land as they could afford. They ran their stock on this land and at the same time shared the free range with their neighbors, the big ranchers. After a cattleman saw that he couldn't run a settler out of the country, the two often became the best of friends.

1. SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1934.
2. W. L. FOSTER, Interview, August 2, 1938. (Sterling City)
3. J. L. GLASS, Interview, Sterling City, August 2, 1938.
4. W. F. KELLIS, Loc. Cit.
5. SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1934.
6. W. F. KELLIS, Loc. Cit.
7. W. L. FOSTER, Loc. Cit.
8. "Mrs. Milissa C. Everett, A Pioneer Woman", WEST TEXAS HIST. ASSN. YRBK. Abilene 1927.
9. IBID.

Miss Fanny Copeland is on the sick list this week.

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**SOIL CONSERVATION  
NEWS COLUMN**

The Knight estate made application for the assistance of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District in the preparation of a conservation plan on their ranch 13 miles northeast of Sterling City. The operators of this ranch are interested in such practices as increased grass cover, better water distribution, and cedar eradication. In December 1946 and January 1947 cedar was pushed on a 35 acre area on the divide in the front pasture and along fence lines between several other pastures.

Foster and Hildebrand made application for including two additional sections in the original conservation plan on the Hilltop ranch. There is a good reserve of buffalo grass, side oats grama and other desirable grasses on much of the ranch and ewes grazing on pastures with some bitterweed infestation have not eaten the poisonous plant. These ewes were given supplemental feed only during the period in January when the ground was covered with snow. The ewes are in good condition and will apparently have a high per cent lamb crop.

W. B. Welch is pushing cedar in

his north pasture. This pasture has been deferred during the summer for the past several years and has a high percentage of the desirable grasses in the composition. Seed produced by these grasses will be of great value in reseeding areas from which cedar is uprooted.

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Superintendent of schools O. T. Jones is attending a district teacher's meeting in Brownsville. Mrs. Jones and the children will join him in Fort Worth for the weekend at the stock show there.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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the Labor Problem**

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If you called Bert a "capitalist" he wouldn't know what you meant, and neither would Spike and Sandy, the hired men. Bert works side by side with both of them; and in the evenings they sit around the fire together—sharing a friendly glass of beer or two.

If anybody has a beef—whether it's about wages or hours or equipment—they talk it over at those friendly evening sessions.

I don't say all labor problems are as simple as Bert's. But from where I sit, the basic principle applies to any farm or factory or business: A principle of confidence and mutual respect, of daily talks together in a friendly and congenial atmosphere.

Joe Marsh

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"Seize the moments as they pass. Fill them with kindness and service to others. Courtesy and consideration for those whom you come in contact with cost nothing, yet they often win a loyalty and devotion that all Midas' gold could never buy. And, besides, they will mean happiness to you; your heart will glow with the satisfaction of having done something worth while.

"Not all of us can aid in reforming a nation and uplifting the condition of a people. Not all of us can write poems that will elevate men's minds or compose music that will flood the soul with harmony, or preach a sermon that will turn mankind's thoughts to noble themes. Not all of us can write a novel that will touch men's hearts with sympathy nor can all of us lead an army that brings liberation to a land.

"But, with our gifts and capacities we can—in our sphere, whether large or small—do something to make people happier.

"What will it avail you, in the evening of your life, if you have succeeded in business but have done so at the price of a hardened heart and a shrunken and shriveled soul?"

"The man who makes those about him glad, spreads smiles and good cheer, and extends a helping hand in time of need and a consoling word in the hour of sorrow, is the only true success."

**A few Irish sayings:**

Young people don't know what age is, and old people forget what youth was.

Many a defect is seen in the poor man.

In spite of the fox's cunning, his skin is often sold.

An editorial, "Politicians and Glass Houses," from the Nolan County News:

Some state officials, in and out of Texas, continue to talk about the bureaucrats in Washington. They overlook the fact that there exists in Austin—or in the capital of any state—bureaucracies probably as vicious as those they condemn in Washington, only those operating in state capitals may be on a lesser scale than those existing in the national capital.

Nearly every community in the state has had come experience with the bureaucrats that exist in their state capitals. Any project planned by a community which may rely on and require state participation, usually requires the community to engage in a bit of political fengling to attain.

Too often the accepted practice has been for a community to send a delegation to the state capital to see the particular department involved in the proposed plans. The delegation is made up of the most influential persons in the community. They go armed with a brief to back up their requests. If the delegation is "influential" enough, their brief will be given "Favorable" or "due" consideration.

No matter how well known the community's problem may be—nor how beneficial it may be to the entire state, chances are that the particular state department's interest in the program will be in proportion to how much political influence the community, or its delegation may have.

There are few instances of a community receiving any substantial aid from state departments without requests are made by a delegation of citizens. Before we can cast stones at the bureaucrats in Washington, we ought first to consider those living in glass houses in our own state capitals.

POTTS estate home place for sale. Reduced price. Contact G. C. Potts, 1009 Main St., Big Spring.

**Marble Pie Easy To Stir Together**

There's no difficulty whatever in keeping a supply of baked goods on hand these sugar-short days, once you start using prepared pudding mixes as sugar-stretchers in the baking job, writes the Country Cooking Editor of nationally circulated *Capper's Farmer*.

Marble pie is just one instance of how easily an ovenful of delicious desserts requiring no sugar can be stirred together when these mixes are used, she tells farm homemakers.



**Marble Pie.**

1 pkg. chocolate pudding mix  
3/4 c. milk

1 pkg. vanilla pudding mix  
1 baked 9-inch pie shell

Using only 1 1/4 c. of the milk to a package of pudding, prepare each one individually according to directions on the box. Cool to lukewarm. Put into pie shell in large spoonfuls, alternating light and dark puddings. Then with a knife cut thru filling with a wide zigzag motion; repeat in opposite direction. Chill.

FOR SALE—My shop equipment and material. BEN ATWELL.

LOST—Spur clip with two C's in spur. Reward. Claude Collins.

**Water Valley HD Club Meeting**

The Water Valley Home Demonstration Club met at the clubhouse Thursday, February 13 with Mrs. Rawlings, president, presiding over the business session.

A report of the County Roadside Beautification Program meeting was given by Mrs. Barton.

The demonstration of tufting bedspreads was given by Mmes. Ditmore, Welch and Blanton. Kind of material, thread and needle used and method of hemming was shown by Mrs. Blanton. A design was drawn by Mrs. Welch. Designs were worked by Mmes. Ditmore and Welch with each step explained. Members worked portions of the design. Mrs. Ditmore brought several of her designs and samples of her work.

Mrs. S. H. Ditmore has made a number of tufted bedspreads. Her spreads have won first place at the State Fair and one was selected by the state Home Demonstration Officers as a gift to the governor's wife, Mrs. O'Daniel, a few years ago.

A tailored coat made by the clothing demonstrator was shown. Mrs. Johnston had charge of the recreation, a game of hearts, with Mrs. Kinkel winning the prize.

A guest, Mrs. L. E. Jones was present and the following members: Mmes. H. Vandevanter, S. L. Tate, C. F. Blanton, J. Barton, E. Welch, E. Cope, S. H. Ditmore, T. Onstott, F. Demere, W. C. Kinkel, W. S. Armstrong, C. T. Rawlings, J. T. Barton and Miss Ada Cone.

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### SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Leading farm commodities registered sharp gains last week, according to Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Cotton, grain, and hogs highlighted the advance, but most other products sold at steady to higher prices.

Wheat led the upward trend in cash grains with a dime advance per bushel. Corn was up a penny or two and sorghums held fully steady with late increases of the previous period. Oats closed at a net advance despite late-period weakness. Rice held firm, but buyers could obtain supplies with slightly less difficulty. Early planting was indicated with continued good weather. Feed markets seemed little influenced by the upward trend in grain. Most prices held

relatively steady, but gluten feed dropped \$4 per ton. Hay marketings slackened at unchanged prices.

All classes of hogs went up sharply during the week, averaging a dollar or more higher at some markets. Butcher hogs topped at \$24.50 at San Antonio and \$26 at Fort Worth. Friday's bulk of good and choice grades went at \$26.50 to \$27 in Oklahoma City; \$26.75 to \$27 at Wichita; and \$27 to \$27.50 at Denver.

Steady prices were paid for most sheep, but lambs at Wichita lost 25 cents for the week. Medium and good fat lambs sold at San Antonio for \$15 to \$19.50; and at Ft. Worth for \$18 to \$21.50. Friday's sales of good and choice lots at Oklahoma City netted \$21; and at Wichita \$21.50 to \$22.35.

Calves and yearlings weakened at Texas markets, but mostly steady to higher prices were paid for other cattle at southwest terminals. Houston paid \$12 to \$17 for the week's bulk of common and

medium slaughter steers and yearlings; while Fort Worth moved medium and good kinds at \$16 to \$21.50. Low to average medium grass fat steers at San Antonio brought \$17.25 to \$18.50, and yearlings \$18 to \$19.50. At Denver medium to high good steers ranged from \$17.50 to \$23.35 for the week. On Friday's market at Oklahoma City good and choice vealers and calves realized \$18 to \$20.

Seasonally increasing receipts of fresh eggs were fairly well absorbed at mostly unchanged prices of around 3 cents per dozen at most central points. Live poultry marketings slowed, but prices held generally steady at 24 to 26 cents per pound for heavy hens and 27 to 30 for fryers and broilers.

Potatoes gained strength at Colorado shipping points last week and sold mostly at \$2.30 per hundred pounds. Sweet potatoes remained about steady in Louisiana but demand was light. Trading slowed in the Lower Rio Grande Valley toward the end of the period. Cabbage weakened to the season's lowest level of 75 to 85 cents per 50 pound sack in straight cars. Carrots and beets were a little lower in dull trading. Broccoli held about steady and greens were scarce. Citrus fruits went down, as Valencia oranges lost last week's gains in heavy shipping.

Southwest markets for shelled peanuts strengthened. Dealers report the supply limited because of seed holdings and exports.

Cotton climbed steadily again last week, gaining around \$3 to \$4 per bale. Higher spot prices brought fairly active selling.

Some twelve month wools sold in Texas at \$1.03 to \$1.06 per pound, clean basis. More active contracting of mohair was reported at 62 cents for adult and 82 for kid hair og the better clips.

The Claude Collinses returned Monday from a business trip to Hale Center.

H. M. Buster Gober has finished his work for a degree at Texas Tech and plans to go to work for the International Harvester Co. distributor at Slaton.

Thirty of the eighty Congresses have been controlled by an anti-administration party.

Sixty skins customarily are used in making a mink coat.

### Ellis Parts Wins Basketball Tournament

With John Kiick hitting the hoops for 47 points, Ellis Parts of San Angelo defeated Landers Auto Supply of San Angelo, 94 to 57, here Saturday night to wrap up the first annual Sterling City Independent Basketball Tournament.

Kiick's performance climaxed a scoring spree which saw him account for 104 points in three games here.

Gem Jewelers, eliminated in the semifinals Saturday afternoon by Landers lost to Sterling City in an exhibition game Saturday night.

The all-tournament team included Willie Templeton of Gem Jewelers, Waymon Wilson of Ellis Parts, Hugh Welch of Ellis Parts, John

Kiick of Ellis Parts, Vernie Horner of Landers, and Solden of the Big Spring American Legion.

The Ellis Parts cagers, maybe a bit irked because they fluked out in the Winters tourney the week before when they should have won, ran up one of the highest scores in the current Texas basketball season today.

The parts crew tallied a grand total of 93 points to beat the Big Spring American Legion contingent. The Howard County lads weren't pikers — they made 54 points. The two teams combined racked up 147 points—which is high point in anybody's league.

Pacing the Ellis Parts team was Coach John Kiick of San Angelo High. He tabbed 18 field goals and four free tosses for a total of 40 points.

In the other semi-final game, Landers Auto Supply of San Angelo eked out a 53-50 win over another San Angelo club, Gem Jewelers.

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