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SAN PEDRO, CAL. — (Sound-photo) — Twenty thousand dollars worth of Tony Cornero's gambling equipment was hauled into the sea off Point Firmin. Torn from his gambling boat, the "Lux", which was seized by the federal government, the loot included 128 slot machines. Photo shows a huge pile of the machines with government men preparing to throw them overboard.

THE HISTORY OF STERLING COUNTY

By IRA L. WATKINS

(Continued from Last Week)

The first windmill was erected in Sterling County about the year 1886 by the Half Circle S Ranch. It seemed at first that windmills here would be a failure, for this introduction was during the period of the great drouth. The mill was a small one and so was the pipe; consequently it could not begin to furnish water for the great number of cattle which came there for water. A year or two later, the same ranch put up several large mills with a three-inch pipe. Watering cattle by windmill this time proved to be successful, for these mills furnished all the water Half Circle S wanted. By 1892, wells were being drilled and windmills erected all over the county. (34.)

A story is told of an experience which an early well driller had while drilling a well near the "Old Brushy" mill on the U ranch. The driller, a man named Munkus, had reached about the one hundred foot level when he struck a pocket of oil and gas which blew out and sprayed Munkus all over with oil. He had never seen nor heard of anything like that before; so he mounted his mule and ran to the ranch to tell the boss what had happened. He said he was going to quit because "hell was only a few feet under the ground" near the well. (35.)

The story of the cattle industry in Sterling County is necessarily related to the story of the sheep industry. The first sheep in the vicinity of Sterling came into Tom Green County in 1877. They were driven from California by a man named John Arden. He was about three years in driving them through. The first sheepmen were called "drifters". These men had no range of their own but drifted their sheep from one section of the country to the other, grazing their sheep on the free range. Drifters usually drove their sheep from the Rio Grande and Devil's River country to Colorado City in the spring. There the sheep would be sheared, the wool sold, and the lambs marketed. They ranged in the Colorado section until fall, when they would again drift to the Rio Grande and Devil's River of the winter. (36.) The cattlemen despised the sheepmen but there was never any serious trouble between them in Sterling County. Whenever a "drifter" crossed a cattleman's range with his flock, the dispute rarely proceeded beyond the verbal stage. The story is told of an old "drifter" called Gronski. He was moving his herd toward Colorado City and decided he wanted to spend a few weeks on a certain range. He took one of his wagon wheels off and hid it. When the cattleman came around and told him to move on, the old man explained that he had his wagon wheel in San Angelo at the shop where it was being repaired. The rancher doubted the story and soon found the wheel

Woman Killed In Tractor Accident

Mrs. J. D. Reeves, 39, of the Broome Ranch ten miles southeast of Sterling City, was instantly killed about 7:30 o'clock Thursday night of last week when the tractor she was driving overturned and crushed her beneath it.

Mrs. Reeves and her husband, who works for Lester Foster, owner of the Broome Ranch, were grading the lane from the ranch house to the highway when the tractor struck a stump, reared into the air, and overturned. Mr. Reeves, who was operating the grader, had to leave his wife and go two miles to Broome for help.

Funeral services were held in Ballinger last Saturday afternoon from the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. P. Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Ballinger cemetery. Johnson's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born and reared in Brown County, Mrs. Reeves had lived on the ranch near Sterling City about eight months. She is survived by the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Ina Ruth Sanders of Ballinger and Mrs. Oneta Foster of Sterling City; the mother, Mrs. Hallie Hardy of Maverick; four sisters, Misses Ethel and Ina Hardy and Mrs. Grace Lee of Maverick, and Mrs. Vera Fletcher of Ballinger; and two brothers, Roy Hardy of Maverick and Terry Hardy of Abilene.

where the old man had hid it. (37.) A few herders drifted sheep through Sterling County as late as 1893, for in that year the STERLING COURIER noted that Ike Brennand passed through Sterling City on his way to Devil's River with a flock of sheep. (38.)

A few of the early Sterling settlers, in the early 80's, had sheep. Among these were S. J. Wiley and Bill Hiler. Hiler had sheep as early as 1886. In 1891 there were rendered for taxation, in newly organized Sterling County, 10,537 head of sheep. There were a few large flocks. Thomas Brennand had 2,500, W. C. Brennand had 2,600, and A. B. Powell had 1,100. (39.)

When settlers first came to Sterling County, they had to go long distances for their supplies. They might go to San Angelo or to Colorado City. At that time, San Angelo consisted of very little more than Fort Concho and a general store. For several years after the coming of the railroad to Colorado City in 1882, that town was the favorite trading center of Sterling County people. As soon as San Angelo got a railroad, in 1889, trade from this section gradually began to turn toward that place. By the end of the year 1895, the STERLING CITY NEWS carried more advertisements from San Angelo business houses than it did from Colorado City; and by 1897, there was seldom an advertisement from Colorado City.

Big Spring early enjoyed a profitable trade from Sterling County, especially from the people on the upper North Concho. When the railroad was extended from Colorado City to Big Spring, a great many people on the Concho who engaged in truck farming marketed their produce there. The roundhouse there furnished the market. Many people caught fish from the Concho and marketed them at Big Spring. (40.)

During the first half of the 1880's people had to go either to San Angelo or Colorado City for their mail. They usually went to Colorado. Whenever one rancher went to town, he would bring his neighbor's mail for miles around. About 1884, a Post Office was created at a little store called St. Elmo, about four and one-half miles southeast of the present site of Sterling City, and there the people would get their mail twice a week. The mail came on a semi-weekly hack which ran between Colorado City and San Angelo.

The chief means of transportation for the early settlers was the wagon. Trips to Colorado or San Angelo were made in the wagon and three days were allowed for the trip. They went to town the first day, bought their supplies the second day, and returned the third. While at town, they stayed in the wagon yard. The men usually did most of the shopping. The trip was rather long and tiresome for women and children, and someone had to stay with the homestead. Perhaps once a year, the entire family went to town. Most ranchers bought large stocks of supplies, often as much as one thousand

Daughter To the J. O. Donalsons

A daughter, named Mary Lestene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Donalson on Friday, March 21, in the Shannon hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed six pounds and almost eleven ounces. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Mr. Donalson is the proprietor of the City Cafe here in Sterling City.

Mexican Baptist Revival

A week's revival meeting will begin next Monday at the Mexican Baptist Church here in Sterling City, said Simon Natividad, pastor this week.

Rev. E. P. Gonzales of Snyder will do the preaching and Paula Mendosa of Big Spring will be the pianist, said Natividad. The services will be held each night at 8 o'clock, he added.

A LEGISLATOR'S REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF STERLING COUNTY:

It is my knowledge that those states who have legalized gambling also possess weakened moral life in their people. To say that pari-mutuel race track betting in Texas corrupts public officials, creates in the citizen's minds that it is an easy way to get rich, that it offers something for nothing and destroys all the virtues that make for prosperity and fine citizens, is putting it mildly. You may rest assured that I am in full accord with the people in our great state who do not want this proposed enactment creating pari-mutuel horse race betting to become a law in Texas.

R. E. (PEPPY) BLOUNT, Jr.
Representative, 91st Dist.

Tweedle And Smith Win At District Meet

Lack of depth in the track events and lack of entries in the field events held Sterling City to 27 points in the district track meet last Saturday at Big Spring, giving the locals 3rd place in a seven team meet. Coahoma, with a squad of 23 men, took first place with 44½ points. Forsan was second with 38. Sterling placed in the following events: High hurdles, R. T. Smith, 1st; Low hurdles, Jackie Tweedle, 1st and Norvin Brown 4th; 220-yd. dash, Jackie Tweedle, 1st; 440-yd. dash, Billy Vern Davis, 4th; mile run, Harold Baker, 3rd; broad jump, Jackie Tweedle, 2nd, Norvin Brown, 4th; 100 yard dash, Jackie Tweedle, 2nd and R. T. Smith, 4th. Tweedle collected 16 points for second place in individual honors.

The Area meet will be held April 12 in Abilene. Sterling qualified 10 men for this meet by virtue of places won Saturday. In the meantime, Sterling will enter the Lubbock Relays this week-end and the San Angelo Relays next week-end. Announcement will be made concerning a track meet to be held here in Sterling, possibly a night meet some time next week.

pounds of flour and five hundred pounds of sugar. As soon as the ranchers got established and got a little cash ahead, they discarded their wagons for lighter and faster vehicles, "hacks" and buggies.

Freighting was done in the early days by burro trains and ox wagon trains. The burro trains were operated chiefly by Mexicans. A train consisted of about twenty burros hitched in pairs to a string of several wagons. (41.) The Ox wagon trains were similar; several oxen pulled a string of wagons.

The life of the pioneer woman was necessarily hard. The rearing of the family was left largely up to her, for the men were away among the cattle for a good part of the year. Actual dangers were of course few in number but soldiers passing through the country from Fort Concho to Camp Elizabeth made many a pioneer woman feel uneasy. The soldiers often hunted wild turkeys near ranch houses, and there was a danger from stray bullets. The ranch woman usually milked several cows and made most of the clothes for her family. Cooking, sewing, carrying water, and

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OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

President Truman's appeal for American aid to the wrecked economy of war-torn Greece, beset as it is with communistic pressure, has created a rather strange alignment of bed-fellows. In the House, for example, we find arch-conservatives, isolationists, Soviet-liners and left-wingers among those lined up in the same opposing camp. Over in the Senate, the no-aid group is led by the Soviet-minded Senator Pepper, a left winger, who, strangely enough, is joined by the conservative Senator Taft. The latter who is no friend of communism, has questioned the wisdom of the aid on the ground it might unnecessarily antagonize the Russians, but has taken no definite stand yet.

So, in this historic step in American foreign policy, the lines begin to take form. A few conservatives who are prompted by reasons of economy; isolationists, who think only in terms of our own shores and who still think the Atlantic Ocean separates us from all danger; others who honestly believe the problem belongs to the United Nations and that our action would be futile and war-like; and some left-wingers and fellow-travellers who always want to appease the Russians—all united in the bedroom but with a wide divergence of reasons for their views.

The Greco-aid movement, on the other hand, is strongly bolstered by such statesmen as Senators Vandenberg of Michigan and Connally of Texas and Rep. Eaton of New Jersey, chairman of the Foreign Affairs committee of the House. Their following is believed to be in the majority.

On the left-wing side of the ledger, the aid program has aroused the ire of Henry Wallace and his Progressive Citizens of America, which he heads. Wallace got on the radio the other night and charged President Truman with being most unkind toward Russia. He admitted Greece is prostrate and completely helpless from an economic standpoint, but insisted that other countries, including Russia, are suffering equally as much.

Further bearing on the pro-Russian view-point, was an editorial in the Communistic Daily Worker denouncing the Truman recommendation as "a day of national shame for our country."

It was Wallace's first chance to get head-line notice in months and he tried to make the most of it. He had his speech advertised in the New York Times, along with an appeal for funds to have it printed in pamphlet form for "mass distribution."

Wallace's new outfit, called "Progressive Citizens of America" (PAC) is really a new title for the ill-famed CIO Political Action Committee (PAC). After being rebuffed by the Democrats, Wallace had dreams of making something big and menacing out of his new alignment as head of the PAC. He told the organizing convention: "We cannot rule out the possibility of a new political party". Now they say he is happy because at last he has stumbled onto a cause he can espouse and a chance to advertize his new political group.

Speaking of communism, our Labor Committee has just concluded hearings on labor legislation, and has succeeded in exposing the communist domination of several labor unions. We investigated the 11-month-old Allis-Chalmers strike and disclosed it was inspired by communists. Giving our exposure as reasons for their action, Allis-Chalmers promptly fired Harold Christoffel, strike leader of the local union involved. We produced ample proof that Christoffel, along with several other leaders in the union are commies.

Among other exposures, we turned the light on one, Julius Emspeck, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, third largest union in the CIO. Communism is strong in the leadership of that union. Proof that Emspeck is a communist was rather conclusive. He is a prominent member of the CIO national executive board. Known by fellow-travellers as "Comrade Junnipier", Emspeck was one of the organizers of the electrical union, now boasting 6000,000 members. That union has engaged in many strikes and boycotts during the past year.

Last July, CIO President Phil

LIONS CLUB

TO SPONSOR SOFTBALL CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club voted to sponsor a club in the softball league this year. The club will furnish suits for the Lions players. Lion H. A. Chapple was named as team manager and Lion President Worth Durham was named assistant manager.

Lion Roland Lowe announced that a Red Cross First Aid Course would begin next Friday, April 4 with classes in the high school gym each Friday and Monday there after till the course is completed. The classes begin each night at 7:30 p. m., said Lowe. A Mr. Wynn of San Angelo will teach the classes.

J. T. Davis made a report on the Community Center project. Lion Chesley McDonald told of plans for softball. He said there would be three teams—American Legion, Woodmen of the World, and the Lions Club. He said G. W. Tiller-son was the director of softball this year.

Guests at the club were Wesley Bowden and Marshall West of San Angelo and Jeff Davis of Sterling City. The prize went to Harvey Hennigan.

UNION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterian congregations are sponsoring a service from 2 to 3 P. M. on Good Friday at the Baptist Church here.

Special music will be rendered, and Rev. B. B. Hestir and Rev. C. D. McEntire will be the speakers.

The people of Sterling County are cordial invitation.

Mrs. S. A. Mahaffey and her son, Phil, have moved from Los Angeles, California to Fort Worth, Texas, at 3440 Rogers Ave. They lived in California during the war years.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hagerty and Dolores of McCamey, and D. L. Hunt and a friend of El Paso visited the Lee Hunts here last week-end.

Murray appointed Emspeck to a five-man board that took control of the CIO-PAC after Sidney Hillman's death.

With that union either dominated or controlled by the commies, one shudders to think what might happen in key power plants and electrical works, if we should ever find ourselves at war with Russia. Those Communists pay allegiance to Russia first, to America second.

Legislation is badly needed to fragment and control this vast concentration of power over our economy which now may be lodged in the hands of a few willful men. It is more power than good men should want, and more power than bad men should have.

New York to Paris In Eight Hours



PARIS, FRANCE—Aerial crossings from New York to Paris in less than eight hours were predicted here recently by Juan T. Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways. At the conclusion of his European trip, Mr. Trippe received the Order of Christ decoration in Lisbon, Portugal and three days later received the National Order of the Southern Cross in Rio de Janeiro from the Brazilian government. Both awards were conferred on Mr. Trippe for his contributions towards fostering closer relations between those countries and the United States.

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Grain prices fell, carrots weakened, and easiness developed at some livestock markets last week. Other southwest farm products held steady to strong, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Grains opened the week with all their recent vigor last Monday, but fell rapidly on succeeding days to net losses of 3 to 15 cents. Wheat and grain sorghums, spearheads of past advances, felt most heavily the weight of the new bearish onslaughts. At Fort Worth and Galveston, bulk carlot sales of No. 1 hard ordinary wheat moved Friday at \$2.87 per bushel; and No. 2 milo at \$2.90 to \$2.93 per hundred pounds.

Rice demand remained strong last week. Dealers found light supplies hard to replenish, although distribution continued at a high

rate. Most feeds made net gains of \$3 to \$9 per ton. Alfalfa hay values improved slightly, as late wintry weather weather intensified demand. Light offerings of prairie peanut prices stayed the same. Cold rains rotted early seedings in South Texas. Some Texas wools sold, mostly from revalued 1943 and 1944 and 1/2 blood lots.

Early week strength at cotton markets gave way to pressure of larger trade offerings later on. Closing spot quotations last Friday showed net losses of 25 to 50 cents per bale at some markets, to gains of 25 to 60 cents at others.

Cabbage brought higher prices, while carrots weakened; but other southwest vegetable shipping points saw little change last week. Cabbage moved briskly at mostly \$1.10 to \$1.15 for 50 pounds in the Rio Grande Valley; carrots slow at .90 to \$1.15.

Egg and poultry prices continued firm. On the round of southwest markets, heavy hens brought 28 to 30 cents per pound; fryers and broilers 30 to 32. Eggs sold on

the average of 36 cents per dozen at Topeka, Amarillo, and Wichita Falls; 37 at Denver, Austin, San Antonio and Waco; 37 1/2 to 38 at Fort Worth and Dallas; 39 at Houston, 40 at Corpus Christi, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and El Paso; and 41 at New Orleans.

Cattle sold at prices as high or higher than the week before at most southwest markets, but steers and yearlings closed lower at Oklahoma City, as did yearlings at Ft. Worth. Beef cows sold up to \$17 at Oklahoma City; while medium to good kinds brought \$13 to \$15 at Fort Worth; and \$14.50 to \$16.75 at Denver. Common and medium cows moved at \$12 to \$14.50 at Houston and Wichita; and \$11.75 to \$15 at San Antonio.

Slaughter hogs stayed even with last week at Texas markets, and stocker pigs gained a dollar at Fort Worth. However, most classes dropped about a dollar at Oklahoma City and Wichita. Week's top was \$24.50 at San Antonio; and closing top was \$26.50 at Oklahoma City; \$26.85 at Wichita; and \$27.35 at Denver. Fort Worth paid mostly

MRS. GLASS DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISER

Mrs. D. P. Glass of Sterling City has been named Sterling County chairman for the 1947 Jefferson Day fund-raising campaign which will close with a statewide Democratic rally in Dallas on April 5. The appointment was announced in Dallas by Robert L. Clark, state chairman.

Mr. Clark, brother of U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark, in making the announcement declared "Texas always has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Democratic party. The Democratic National Committee already is making plans for the presidential campaign in 1948. We must do our part now."

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Sheep and lambs lost up to a dollar at Oklahoma City and Wichita, but other southwest markets paid as much or more than a week earlier. Good lambs brought \$20 to \$21 at San Antonio; while spring lambs turned at \$23.50 to \$24 at Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and Wichita. Medium shorn goats went at mostly \$6 to \$7 at San Antonio.

V.A. CONTACT MAN RESUMES ITINERARY

George W. Curry, contact representative of the Veterans Administration, has resumed his itinerary which brings him to Sterling City on the first and third Thursday afternoons of each month. George will be the courthouse in Sterling City on those days each month. Curry said that National Service Life Insurance can be reinstated without a physical until August 1. He strongly advised ex-service men to take up their service insurance if they had let it lapse.

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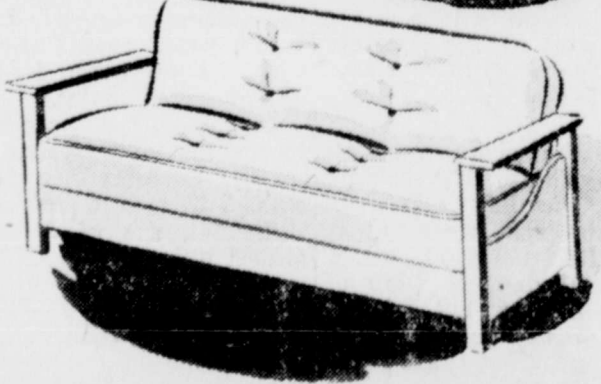
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**History of Sterling
County**

chopping wood some of the time made her life one of hard work. The pioneer women had their own methods of preserving food. To preserve butter, salt would be poured into water until a brine was made which would float an egg. Then butter would be placed in the brine, where it would stay fresh several months. Whenever the rancher-husband came in off the fall roundups, his wife would likely have several pounds of butter stored away in the brine solution. The butter would then be taken to Colorado City and sold. It must have been a good preservative, for the customers always sent orders for more. (42). Beef was part of the rancher's diet the year around. Even in summer months, beeves were killed and the meat hung up high in the wind and sun. There it would keep without spoiling until it was eaten. It was as good as any meat when served. "Jerked" meat was also a favorite dish of the pioneers. To jerk meat they would cut it up into strips, then hang it up and let it dry. Conveniences were unknown to the pioneer household. They had no window screens. For light at night they used both kerosene lamps and candles, which they molded at home. The earliest kerosene lamps were very crude. They were made of tin, had no globe, and looked very much like an inverted funnel. They had a round wick and a handle similar to that of a candlestick. (43). Soon these lamps were replaced with the more modern type with globes. After a few years, sometimes in the 90's, ice could be obtained at the saloons in Sterling City. In 1896, Will Mann opened an ice cream parlor. This was a red letter day for Sterling County children. Water was obtained in the early days from springs along the creeks and rivers. A family usually tried to settle near a spring, but when they could not, they had to haul water in barrels. After a few years, people discovered that in some places in the North Concho River Valley, water could be obtained at a depth of twenty-five or thirty feet. These wells were dug by hand. Often the husband dug the dirt up in the bottom while the wife drew it out with a bucket and rope.

Compared with modern prices, clothing in those days were rather cheap. Mattresses sold at \$2.50 each at San Angelo in 1891. (44). At Colorado City in 1893, calico sold at forty yards for \$1.00; gingham at twenty yards for \$1.00; men's hats, 50 cents; boy's hats, twenty-five cents; heavy boots, \$1.00 per pair; ladies shoes for ninety cents per pair; and men's suits for \$4.00 up. (45). Women's dresses in those days required from ten to fifteen yards of cloth.

There were no schools in the Sterling section until about 1885; until that time, pioneer children either did not go to school or were sent by parents to stay with relatives and go to school in Eastern Texas cities.

A few ranchers, as soon as they were able financially to do so, employed governesses from Colorado City or San Angelo for a few months in the year. (46).

The country was without a physician until 1887, when Dr. P. D. Coulson moved out from Coleman County and settled a few miles down the river from the present site of Sterling City. Before that, whenever any member of the family was ill, home remedies were applied. The medicine chest usually consisted of nothing more than a few pills, a bottle of turpentine, and a bottle of castor oil. Fortunately there was not a great deal of illness, due perhaps to the outdoor life of the pioneer and the healthful climate.

Before the coming of Dr. Coulson to the country, women in childbirth did not have the advantages of an attending physician. The midwife took his place. Grandma Hansen and Aunt "Puss" Allen were favorite midwives. Whenever one of these women could not come, any neighbor woman could be called in. There were no anesthetics and no antiseptics except hot water and soap. In cases of very serious illness, a person would be taken to Colorado City or San Angelo, or perhaps someone would go to one of those places and bring a physician back.

Sterling County's early physicians had to undergo a great many hardships in caring for the medi-

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cal needs of the pioneer people. They often had to travel long distances on horseback or in a buggy in any kind of weather. Sleet and snow or rain and storms, however, did not stop them in their mission of bringing back health to those who were ill. In the earliest pioneer days, if sickness happened to result in the death of a person, he was buried wherever he died. Scattered over Sterling County are the graves of many people who passed on before any cemeteries were started. The oldest marked grave known is one located on a little hill about one-half mile east of the ranch home of Mrs. G. W. Cook. The stone is marked "Meek, a boy. Died July 4, 1877. (47).

At present there are three cemeteries in the vicinity of Sterling City. The first of these, known as the Foster Cemetery, was begun in 1883 with the burial of the three weeks old baby daughter, Fay, of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Foster. When the child died, they buried her on the range about a mile north of their ranch house. This burial occurred in July and Mrs. C. A. Armstrong was buried at the same place in November of the same year. Soon others began to bury their dead at that same place, and thus the Foster Cemetery was begun. No funeral ceremonies accompanied these early burials, for in the early 80's, there were no preachers in the country. The bodies were laid away in homemade wooden caskets. A group of cowboys buried R. C. Shouse at the Foster Cemetery in 1884. Their only effort at the ceremony was to hang their pistols on the mesquite tree beneath which they laid the man to rest.

Sterling County's second cemetery was started in the year 1889 at the little town of Montvale. The oldest marked grave there is that of Mrs. B. E. Hayes, who died August 5, 1889. A little boy, Lonnie Ferguson, was buried at the same place in December, 1889. Other graves were soon added, and the cemetery thus started was called the Montvale Cemetery.

After Sterling City became the county seat in 1891, some people wanted a cemetery which would be closer to town. Montvale was three miles away and the Foster Cemetery was about seven. So upon the death of Mrs. Mary A. Black in January, 1892, a place for her burial was picked out on the gentle slope of a hill about a mile south of town. This was called the City Cemetery.

NEXT WEEK — Amusements, weddings, etc.

- 34. J. L. GLASS, Loc. Cit.
- 35. W. F. KELLIS, Loc. Cit.
- 36. IBID.
- 37. W. L. FOSTER, Loc. Cit.
- 38. THE STERLING COURIER, June 16, 1893.
- 39. Sterling County Tax Rolls, 1891.
- 40. MRS. NEIL REED, Inter-

WORTH B. DURHAM

Lawyer
Sterling City, Texas

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If you know of another student who will be six years old by Sept. 1, 1947 or not over 18, regardless whether he is in school or not, get in touch with Supt. O. T. Jones at the school.

It is necessary for parents to cooperate in this so that no one will be overlooked, as all who are taken will mean up to \$55 each for the school.

Scouters To Meet And Plan Building Program

The Boy Scout Committeemen of Sterling will meet in the City Park next Monday at 6:00 p. m. and following a supper, they will discuss the building program for the Boy Scout Cabin. Homer Pearce, chairman of the committeemen, called the meeting.

A. A. Berryman, Scoutmaster, said that Boy Scouts were to attend the supper, also.

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Evening Services:
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Worship Service 7:30 p. m.
Sermon Subject: "A Greater Than Solomon Is Here."

There will be a baptismal service at the close of the evening service Sunday. There are six who are awaiting baptism. Pray for more to come Sunday.

Saturday night the first youth rally will be had at the First Baptist Church—from 7:30 to 9:30. Come, let's have good, Christian fun.

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SPRING TRAINING BEGINS AT SCHOOL

Seven lettermen, possibly eight, of last year's nine, will be on hand for next fall's football campaign, as Billy Vern Davis debates the taking of his extra year of eligibility. Under the interscholastic league rules, he will be eligible if he chooses to stay. Billy Hudson is out of spring drills with the mumps, and several of the boys still have some track chores to do along with the head-knocking. Suits were issued Monday to Jackie Tweedle, Billy Vern Davis, R. T. Smith, Harold Baker, Bobby King, Duard Grosshans, Humpty Dees, Elroy Butler, Leroy Butler, R. B. Mitchell, Billy Lee Smith, Jimmy Lindsay, Bob Mitchell, Edwin Aiken, Alvin Moore, Alfred Thieme, Buddy and Bill Cole and Pascal Brown.

Several of the boys who will be eligible for the junior squad next year are also working out. Weekly inter-squad scrimmages and a final game between the high school and the exes will feature the spring workouts.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to offer our thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful at the death of our loved one—for the many kind deeds and the beautiful floral offerings.

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SOFT BALL SCHEDULE TO BE SET

Next Tuesday night representatives from the American Legion, Lions Club and the Woodmen are to meet and to determine rosters for the season's play, tentatively set to begin April 5. According to present plans, a double round robin preliminary league will first determine how evenly the teams have been divided before going into the regular league play in May. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting at eight o'clock, Tuesday, April 1, at the school house.

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Poppy and bachelor button are two of the earliest. The low-growing edgers, sweet alyssum and candytuft, are also fairly quick to flower from seed. The lovely balsam, fragrant pinks, the graceful scabiosa, the hedge-forming four o' clocks, the colorful nasturtiums and petunias are next in line. Later come the tall cosmos, the beloved zinnias and the marigolds. Most annuals are so easy to grow that even children can raise them successfully. Special favorites for children's gardens and those of some grownups are feathered celosia, the oddly interesting cockscomb, and the gay woolflower.

One secret of growing near-perfect annuals is to use good seed and sow it thinly. In outdoor planting do not sow deeply but cover the seeds firmly so that they will make immediate contact with warm moist soil for speedy germination. When the seedlings appear, thin the plants so that the remaining ones will have plenty of space to spread and mature.

Most annual flowers are not particular about the kind of soil they grow

in but they do like plenty of sunshine and air. Most annuals do not thrive in shady places.

In order to get the most bloom from annual flowers all through the season, they need a certain amount of attention. Petunia plants sometimes grow lanky and crowd their neighbors. Cut sprays of blossoms freely and arrange them for indoor enjoyment. The plants will recover quickly and bloom better than ever. Snip off the fading blossoms of zinnia, marigold, cosmos, and other annuals. If left to go to seed, they rob the plants of strength to develop new flowers. Keep the edging annuals, such as sweet alyssum and candytuft, from looking frowsy by clipping off the tops with shears after they have bloomed. They will reward you by flowering again and looking pretty for a long season.

day night games for the regular league, with the all-stars matching home games for Saturday nights. Children of school age will be admitted free, adults will pay 25c admission to cover lighting and equipment expense. All teams are making effort to uniform their teams, and facilities are available for a good soft-ball season.

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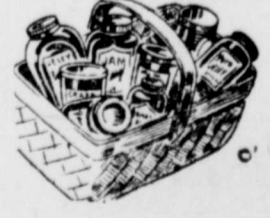
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You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of April, A.D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Sterling County, at the Court House in Sterling City, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 12th day of March, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 489.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Nora F. Coulson, joined pro forma herein by her husband, C. L. Coulson, as plaintiffs, and Margaret Gilmore and the unknown heirs of Margaret Gilmore, Arthur G. Nason and the unknown heirs of Arthur G. Nason, Austin Elliott and the unknown heirs of Austin Elliott, and George Washington Elliott and the unknown heirs of George Washington Elliott, as defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Suit to establish title of Plaintiff, Nora F. Coulson, in and to 37 acres of land, more or less, out of the South part of Margaret Gilmore Survey No. 1, Abstract No. 50, Certificate No. 1808, Patent No. 416, Vol. 35, Sterling County, Texas (and being all that portion of said survey which lies east of and adjoins Survey No. 13, Block No. 13, S. P. Ry. Co. Survey), together with an undivided one-half interest in and to all of the oil, gas and other minerals, in, on and under said land, plaintiffs alleging that she and her privities in title, claiming good and perfect legal title thereto, of right, in good faith and under duly recorded Deed, on June 13, 1904, entered into actual possession thereof, using and enjoying the same, enclosing the same under fence (which did not enclose 5000 acres of land in the aggregate), erecting and placing improvements on the same, and paying taxes thereon as they accrued and before delinquency, and have continued to do so without interruption from June 13, 1904 to date of filing of this suit.

Issued this 12th day of March, 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Sterling City, Texas, this the 12th day of March A.D., 1947.

(Seal) W.W. DURHAM, Clerk District Court, Sterling County, Texas.



Land of Unions

By **GEORGE S. BENSON**
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas



IN STOCKHOLM this summer I had a delightful visit with Mr. Gunnar Anderson, vice president of the Swedish Federation of Trade Unions. Mr. Anderson is a well-informed, intelligent man, who recognizes clearly the problems of both management and labor as well as the rights and responsibilities of each. He answered questions I put to him in a forthright manner, giving statistics and figures from memory.

Labor unions in Sweden have been operating for more than 50 years. The Federation is composed of 46 separate unions representing trades or divisions of trades. Membership totals 1,106,000, a most amazing number in view of the total Swedish population of only 6,000,000. The Socialist Democratic party, strongest among the ranks of labor, is also the controlling party in the government.

Outside Influence LABOR - MANAGEMENT relations are excellent throughout most of Swedish industry. Disagreements and strikes are not common. One reason for this is the constant effort put forth by the Federation to improve understanding between employers and employees. When the need arises, "negotiation" committees attempt to reach an agreement, but if that fails the parties involved resort to "conciliation." Mr. Anderson stated that conciliation is preferred to arbitration because it keeps the responsibilities of the parties involved.

However, an important strike affecting 100,000 metal workers raged five months last year. "The strike was really unfortunate," said Mr. Anderson. "The strikers did not gain more than one-third

of a cent per hour more than they were offered before the strike. Of course, that amount will never repay the 45 million kroner they lost in wages during the strike. I advised against the strike from the beginning." Later I was told that the strike was actually caused by Communist influence in the metal workers union.

Which Do MR. ANDERSON You Prefer? told me that labor fears the closed shop. Said he: "Our federation opposes the closed shop. We oppose it on the ground of individual freedom. We believe any citizen should have freedom to join a union or not to join a union and to work where he wishes. This plan has worked well in Sweden. Most of the workers recognize the value of the union and do join, but they are not compelled to do so."

The nationalization issue has been discussed extensively in Sweden. However, there is no intention on the part of labor to ask for nationalization, chiefly because private enterprise is, as Mr. Anderson pointed out, "doing all right." Labor has no reason to think it would fare better under nationalization, and it was Mr. Anderson's view that even the status of labor unions would be questionable under complete nationalization.

Growing thoughtful, Mr. Anderson continued: "Private corporations and government managed corporations could not be expected to compete. Government, through use of taxes and other methods, could always come out on top, so it is best to have either state management or private management, not a mixture of the two. We prefer private."

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(Seal) W.W. DURHAM, Clerk
District Court, Sterling County,
Texas.

BILL PROPOSES STEER-ROPIING BE MADE LEGAL RODEO SPORT

Austin—Steer-roping—outlawed in Texas rodeo arenas since the turn of the century—may return as a cowboy sport if a bill by Big Spring Representative Blount passes the Legislature.

Blount is seeking to repeal the statute which made the roping of steers illegal in Texas in 1905, and has forced Texas rodeo performers to aim their lariet-tossing at calves for more than forty years.

"Steers are roped every day on Texas ranches and steer-roping is a big attraction at rodeos in all the neighboring states", Blount said. "My bill will give these red-blooded, rough and tough Texas cowhands a chance to engage in a real Western sport."

Blount said that two world champion calf-ropers—Toots Mansfield and Sonny Edwards of Big Spring—were supporting the legislation to legalize the roping of full-grown livestock.

"I've never seen any steer roping myself," Blount explained, "but last year at Midland there was so much interest in the sport that the folks just paid their fine in advance and went ahead with a big steer-roping contest."

"As far as I am concerned I think cowboys ought to be allowed to rope anything with four feet that moves," he said.

Representative R. E. (Peppy) Blount, Jr., representative to the the Legislature from this district, stopped by last week and after a visit to Big Spring. Blount was returning to Austin where he is a student in Texas U., a member of the Legislature and is a member of the Longhorn football squad. All of which keeps him "kinda" busy.

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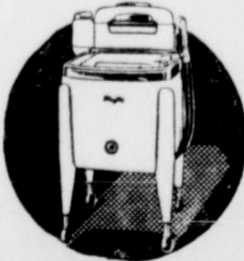
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The time to kill weeds in your garden is before they begin to grow! Hoeing the surface soil in vegetable or flower garden not only destroys sprouting weed seeds; it actually prevents their germination. As soon as the seedlings break through in the garden rows so that they can easily be seen, it is time to begin stirring the soil between rows and as close to the plants as possible without disturbing them. Either a hand hoe or a wheel hoe is an excellent tool.

If it rains a few days after the first cultivation, stir the surface soil again as soon as it is dry enough, but do not wait longer than a week before cultivating a second time,—rain or no rain,—unless the ground is too wet to work.

Weeds within the row will probably have to be removed by hand while the plants are small. Some gardeners find an old kitchen knife a handy helper. Or, a hand weeder is a convenient tool. As plants grow larger, they usually dominate so that weeds in the row do not prove troublesome. Onions are one exception; the spear-like leaves do not shade the ground enough to keep down the husky weeds.

For the good of the vegetables and

flowers and for the sake of a garden's appearance, it is important to cultivate all through the gardening season. Besides keeping ahead of the weeds, tilling the surface soil slightly forms a mulch to prevent evaporation of moisture. It is particularly essential to stir the soil around plants as soon as soil and plants are dry enough after every rain. Care should be taken, however, not to dig so deeply near the plants as to injure the roots.

Another reason for cultivating the garden all summer is that stirring the soil allows air to enter. Next to moisture, ventilation is one of the most valuable means of releasing soil food to growing plants.

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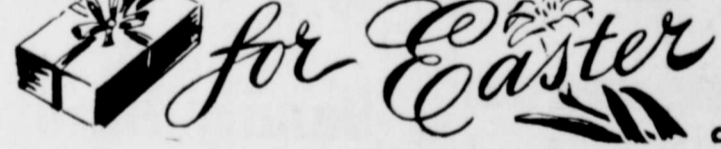
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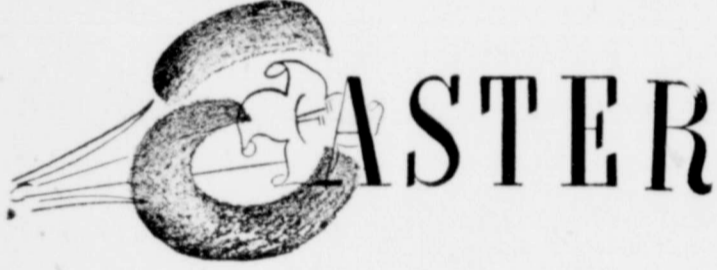
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