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## THE HISTORY OF STERLING COUNTY

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(Continued from Last Week)

### CHAPTER III

#### Organization and Development

After the period of the Indian occupation, the story of Spanish exploration, the era of the cattle kings, and the coming of the settler have all been dealt with, there remains to be traced the history of the county after its organization. This latter period witnessed the completion of the settlement of the county, the rise of three small towns and the fall of two of them, a change from a county of many communities in the 1890's to a county as a single community in the 1920's, the organization of the county, the development of schools and churches, important developments in the ranching industry, experimentation with cotton growing, and the coming of the automobile and a railroad to the county.

This period properly begins with the creation of the county on March 4, 1891. Up to this time, Sterling had been a part of Tom Green County which was established out of Bexar County in April, 1874. Tom Green County then consisted of all that portion of Bexar Territory which lay north of a line running due west from the southwest corner of Concho County to the Pecos River. This region, which shortly was made into sixty-seven West Texas counties, was divided into four roughly outlined "land districts" for surveying purposes only, and these districts were attached to the counties of Clay, Jack, Young, and Palo Pinto. Until this vast territory could be organized into counties, surveying had to be done by the district surveyor of one of the districts. Sterling territory was in the Palo Pinto District. This fact explains why Sterling County lands which were surveyed in 1874, 1875, and 1876 were surveyed by the district surveyor of the Palo Pinto District.

By August, 1876, fifty-four counties on the plains had been created by the legislature, and this act brought the northern boundary of Tom Green County down to a line from the northwest corner of Runnels County westward to the state line. Sterling was a part of this strip of territory until 1891.

Before the county was organized, three little towns had sprung up along the river; Montvale, Cummins, and Sterling City. The first store of any kind in the county is supposed to have been one which existed at Camp Elizabeth in the late 70's and early 80's. About the year 1883, a little store was established about four and one-half miles down the river from the present site of Sterling City. (2). This store was at first known by some as "Hogey" and by others as "Wildhog". The official name, however, was St. Elmo. There was a Post Office in this store in this store at St. Elmo. It was the first post office to be created in the Sterling area. The postmaster was either a Mr. Burrus or a Mr. Rogers. About 1884 this store was moved a mile or two up the river westward. This was the beginning of Montvale. The post office was also moved and the name changed to Montvale. B. Z. Cooper operated a general store and blacksmith shop at this place. R.B. Cummins operated a saddle and harness shop. The Coopers also had a feed lot and small pasture for traveler's horses. Over the gate of this pasture was the sign: "PASTUR", and the sign on the front of the store read: "STO". (3). By 1890, there were at Montvale, an organized church, a school, and a hotel, besides several business houses. (4). The church, which was a Methodist organization, was the first in the Sterling section. This was also the first school. In December 1889, Montvale was surveyed and plotted by H. B. Tarver, County Surveyor of Tom Green County.

About the year 1889 or 1890, R.B. Cummins moved up the river four and one-half miles above Montvale. Here he set up his saddle and harness shop and before long a little town began to grow up at this place. The town was called Cummins after the saddler. From advertisements in the North Concho News we learn that by July, 1891, the following business houses existed at Cummins: Concho Valley Saloon, owned by F. C. Sparkman; Swift and Sons, Dry Goods and Groceries; Armstrong, Groceries and Provisions; A. J. Kellis, Blacksmith; Street Barber Shop, owned by McGee; and Pruet and Hines, Market. There was also a post office and a school at Cummins at this time.

In January, 1891, the townsite for Sterling City was donated by R. C. Stewart. The place for the townsite was about one and one-half miles east of Cummins and about three miles up the river west of Montvale. In February, 1891, the townsite was surveyed and plotted by H. B. Tarver. (5). In a short time businesses were being established at Sterling City. Some of these had existed previously at Montvale. Part of the population of Montvale had moved to Cummins before Sterling City was begun. Apparently by the summer of 1891, most of the business houses of Montvale had moved out. The editor of the STERLING COURIER on June 11, 1891, mentioned that Sterling County contained two small towns, Sterling City and Cummins. By June 11, 1891, about twenty families had moved into Sterling City and the business houses consisted of one hotel, one restaurant, one dry goods and grocery store, one meat market, one feed stable, and one barber shop. There were also a lawyer, a land agency, and a newspaper. H. S. Jones ran the dry goods and grocery store, W. T. Latham ran the meat market, R. E. L. Culp, operated the barber shop, and P. M. Sandifer was the proprietor of the City Hotel. (6). By July 1, the population was estimated at one hundred. There were two newspapers in the county by June 11: THE NORTH CONCHO NEWS, which had begun May 7 and was edited at Cummins by W. L. Thurman, and the STERLING COURIER, begun at Sterling City in June by S. R. Ezzell.

In the midst of the rise of these little towns, Sterling County was organized. The Texas Legislature on March 4, 1891, created Sterling County out of the territory of Tom Green County. The newly created county was to pay her pro rata share of existing debts and liabilities of Tom Green County. (7). A petition, signed by one hundred and fifty Sterling citizens, asking permission to be organized into a county, was heard in the Tom Green County Commissioners' Court on April 10, 1891. (8). The court granted the petition and ordered that an election be held on May 20 for the purpose of electing county officers and of determining the location of the county seat. The following places for voting were also designated by the court: D. E. Holloway's Ranch, L. M. Lennam's Ranch, the old W. F. Lewis Ranch, the J. H. Kellis Ranch, Pollick's Store at Cummins, the Sterling Creek School House, J. L. Latham's house in Sterling City, W. N. Hiler's Ranch and Jackson's Ranch.

An amusing incident is told that happened during a session of the Tom Green County Commissioner's Court shortly before Sterling County was organized. Being discussed was a proposal that a bridge be built across Grape Creek, a tributary to the North Concho entering that stream about the present town of Carlsbad. B. C. Cooper, Commissioner from Sterling City, opposed this proposal. "I could spit half-way across that creek," argued Mr. Cooper.

"Don't you think you're a little out of order?" ruled the judge.

"Sir, I believe I am a little out of order," Cooper said, "for I could spit ALL the way across it." (9).

In a few issues before the general election, the editor of the NORTH CONCHO NEWS devoted a great deal of space in his newspaper to boasting Cummins for the county seat, and to listing the disadvantages of having the capital located at Sterling City. He argued that Cummins was two miles nearer the center of the county, that the title of the land on which Sterling City was located was not clear, that Cummins had better natural drainage than Sterling, which was likely to be boggy and infested with mosquitos, and that a dam, mill, and gin were under contract at Cummins. (10). The people of Sterling retaliated by having a circular printed and distributed for the purpose of advertising the advantages of their city as the county seat.

The election was duly held on May 20, 1891, and the total vote gave Sterling City ninety-four and Cummins ninety-eight. The following county officers were chosen: Dr. P. D. Coulson, County Judge; C. N. Rutherford, County and District Clerk; W. M. Sampson, County Treasurer; W. N. Hiler, Sheriff and Tax Collector; S. W. McClure, County Attorney; S. J. Cosby, County Tax Assessor; W. T. Sullivan, Hide and Animal Inspector; C. W. Holt, County Surveyor; A. B. Powell, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Thomas Brennand, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; W. L. Foster, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; and B. M. Jones, Commis-

## Jeff Davis and John Reed Named School Trustees

H. M. Knight made President of Board

John Reed and Jeff Davis were elected school board trustees at the school election here last Saturday. John Reed and Lee Augustine's terms were expiring, Augustine asked to be relieved.

Reed received 30 votes, Jeff received 29 votes, Harvey Glass 23, David Glass 22, and W. B. Welch 8. Several others received 3 or less votes.

Davis qualified and met with the board Monday night.

At the meeting Monday night the board reorganized and named Hal M. Knight as president with Riley King as vice-president. John Reed had been serving as president.

### Carter and McDonald Resign

The board passed no the resignations of two teachers at the Monday night meeting. Herman Carter and Chesley McDonald resigned. Carter had been V.A. teacher for the past twelve years. McDonald has been high school coach and principal for the past two years.

### Tillerson Named High School Principal and Coach

G. W. Tillerson, who served as grade school principal, assistant football coach and regular basketball coach last year, was named high school principal and coach, replacing McDonald.

## Gift Tea Honors Mrs. Johnny Dawson

Mrs. Joe Emery, Frances Hudson, Beth Abernathy, Ruby Boatright and Mrs. Harold Emery were hostesses at a gift tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe Emery honoring Mrs. Johnny Dawson who was Miss LaVone Allen before her marriage on March 25.

The calling hours were from 3 to 5 o'clock. Greeting the guests at the door were Mrs. Joe Emery and the honoree. Mrs. Harold Emery and Mrs. Ruby Boatright poured tea, and Beth Abernathy and Frances Hudson alternated at the guest book.

About 120 persons took part in the gift tea.

The Woodmen of the World had an oyster supper at the City Cafe Thursday night to give their soft ball players a good send-off. The Woodmen are out to win the City championship this year—the first year they have sponsored a team.

### itioner Precinct No. 4. (11).

An official count was made on May 25, and it was found that some irregular voting had taken place. One box was thrown out because it had no poll list, and two others were thrown out because they had no instructions to judges. When this was done, the results gave Sterling City and Cummins each sixty-one votes for the county seat. The election of the county officers was not effected by throwing these boxes out, but another election had to be called for determining the location of the county seat. The election was set for July 7, by Judge P. D. Coulson. Governor Hogg then selected Souldard's Ranch house as the temporary county seat. (12).

The month of June saw a warm campaign for county seat. Each town went so far as to donate a lot to anyone who would improve it before the election. The editors of the NORTH CONCHO NEWS at Cummins and the STERLING COURIER at Sterling City, true to the practices of frontier journalists, engaged in a vitriolic personal warfare. They argued over the scenery, the water supply, the drainage, the elevation, and even over the depth to which a wagon wheel would cut into the mud of their respective towns. The editor of the STERLING COURIER had suggested that Sterling City needed an artesian well. The Cummins editor commented, "Bah! If you have as full supply of good water as you pretend you have, why do you want as expensive a thing as an artesian well. Bah!"

The COURIER replied: "Bah! Bah! Bah!!! Don't judge us by yourself, stuck over there in that narrow strip between the river and the hills with scarcely room enough for a nest of Indian wigwams. We don't propose to put up with a little one-horse town that one well would supply. Rub the moss off your back and come over when we (Continued on Back Page)

## Sterling City—Robert Lee Paving Project

The Coke County Commissioners are working on the paving of the Sterling City—Robert Lee road and the following story was taken from last week's issue of the Robert Lee OBSERVER:

Judge Bob L. Davis as chairman of the Coke county commissioners court has received official notification that a hearing has been set for April 19, when Coke County's application for improvement of Highway No. 158 leading west to Sterling City will be taken up by the State Highway Commission.

D. C. Greer, state highway engineer at Austin, advised the Coke County delegation would be heard about 10:30 a. m.

It was understood a year ago that paving of the road west of Robert Lee would come up on this year's program, but there has been some delay and local officials will endeavor to impress upon the Highway Commission the importance of this stretch of road.

With the new oil strike in Coke County, an east-west highway is badly needed to connect up with the important oil centers at Midland and Odessa. Oil field equipment is all handled by truck and at present round about routes are being used, involving much unnecessary mileage. It is understood that delegations from Midland, Odessa, Sterling City, Abilene, Brownwood and other cities will appear at the hearing with the Coke County group.

Arrangements for the hearing before the highway commission were made by C. A. Moursand, district engineer, at San Angelo.

G. C. Murrell, County Judge of Sterling County, said this week that more than likely some one from the county commissioners court would go to Austin to represent Sterling's interest in the paving of the Sterling City—Robert Lee highway. The highway commission hearing will take place in Austin on the 19th of April.

### JOHN BROCK NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF

John Brock, who has been working at Hennigan's Food Market, is the new deputy sheriff. John, son of Mrs. Will Meyer, served in the US Naval SeaBees during the war.

## LIONS CLUB

Captain Ray Butler of the State Highway patrol spoke on highway safety at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday. Captain Butler told of the main reasons for highway accidents—stressing liquor and faulty cars.

Lion R. L. Lowe told of the First aid classes that are being held at the school gym each week. Ed Lovelace announced the progress of the Cancer drive. Coach G. W. Tillerson announced the opening of the softball season next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan of Rankin spent last week-end here visiting the D. C. Durhams, parents of Mrs. Morgan.

## DDT Gets Help!



Newest development in insect control is a chemical that works on bugs much the way that tear gas works on humans. When added to DDT, the chemical flushes bugs out of their hiding places so that the DDT can get in its killing blows. Before the advent of this "flusher" you had to wait for the insects to stroll over to the insecticide. A combination of the new chemical and DDT, known as Pestroy, remains effective for months against roaches, ants, bed-bugs, flies and many other bugs and is safe enough for people to use on their hair and clothing to kill body lice.

## SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS

Sterling City will inaugurate its first night softball Tuesday night, April 15 when the American Legion team will meet the strong W. O. W. team. Game time will be 8 P. M. The lights will get the final adjustment this week. Entrance to the softball park has been changed. The lots west of the softball field have been cleared and an opening made in the fence. Hereafter all cars will come into the park from the west entrance. The fence will be closed leading from the school ground.

Adults will be charged 25c and children will be admitted free. A new backstop is to be built for the protection of the spectators and all spectators are asked to stay back of the wire fence. Cars may be parked back of the wire or any place in foul territory or on the vacant lots that have been cleared for that purpose.

Starting on the mound for the Woodmen will be Tommie Johnson. Catching will be Tab Murry. Starting for the Legion will be Tillerson pitching and Jake Martin catching. Incidentally Johnson and Tillerson were originally from the same town of Celina, Texas.

All three teams will have a short workout Friday night, April 11th. At 7 P. M. Friday night all who will come down and help finish that needed work on the softball backstop.

Thursday night, April 17th, the Lions Club will meet the Legion team.

Suits have been ordered for the three teams. The Lions will be dressed in a green jersey with white sleeves; the Legion will be in blue jerseys with gold sleeves, and the Woodmen will be in red jerseys with white sleeves. Caps to match have been ordered.

Material and labor have already been secured for the erection of two groups of bleachers to seat some 400 people. These bleachers were donated by the PTA.

Coach Tillerson will have charge of the concession stand during the softball season. There will be cold drinks, sandwiches, candy and other eats.

## MRS. HARVEY GLASS IS WIMODSAUS CLUB HOSTESS

The Wimodausis Club met on Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Harvey Glass. Mrs. Lee Reed, president, opened the meeting. Eighteen members responded to the roll call.

The subject for discussion was "Education and Re-Education".

After the reports and business the following program was rendered: "Education Today—Hope Tomorrow", Mrs. N. H. Reed; "Our High Schools"—Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand; and "Money Buys Education" by Mrs. T. S. Foster.

A resolution of respect was read by Mrs. O. T. Jones, secretary, in memory of Mrs. W. L. Foster.

Those present other than those on the program were Mrs. C. N. Crawford, Mrs. V. E. Davis, Mrs. Roy Foster, Mrs. Herman Everitt, Mrs. Temp Foster, Mrs. D. Hall, Mrs. Rogers Hefley, Mrs. L. R. Lane, Mrs. R. P. Brown, Mrs. W. N. Reed, and Mrs. Sterling Foster. Mrs. J. C. Mayes of Austin was a visitor. Three books were presented to the library by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Slaton of San Angelo. Two of the books were memorials. Mrs. Slaton is a former member of the Wimodausis Club.

### DOG AND PONY SHOW AT SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, April 16 at 2 P. M., there will be a dog and pony show at the school auditorium, announced Supt. O. T. Jones this week. Rose and Mack McCall are to present their versatile trained pony "Spangle" and their "husky" dogs in performance.

Recent marriage licenses issued by the county clerk are Johnny Dawson and La Vone Allen, Gene Lotspich and Willie B. Allan, and D. M. Bell and Mary Yancy.

LAST notice on shearing dates. Open dates for shearing after May 20 in Sterling County.

John Balderez at Lowe. Hdwe.

Mrs. Jean Babb and her two little girls, Lanette and Sharon of Albany, visited the Claude Collinses here last week-end.

## SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Southwest farm markets paid firm to higher prices for livestock eggs and poultry last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Cotton and grains dropped; while other products showed mixed trends.

New crop onions began to move in volume from the Lower Rio Grande Valley last week, and prices had dropped Thursday to mostly \$2.25 per 50 pound sack of U. S. Commercial yellow Bermudas. New potato shipments picked up, too, at steady prices of \$2.00 to \$2.25 for 50 pound sacks of U. S. No. 1 Bliss Triumphs. Continued heavy movement of carrots lowered prices to \$1.75 to \$2.00 per Los Angeles crate; but lighter loadings of Winter Garden spinach sold much higher at \$1.15 to \$1.25 per bushel.

Easter demand for eggs and poultry kept prices firm. Eggs sold around 37 to 39 cents per dozen at most points; heavy hens 26 to 28 cents per pound; fryers 30 to 32.

Cotton declined around \$3.25 to \$4.50 per bale last week. Spot markets remained rather quiet but more active than in recent weeks. All sources bought mainly to take care of immediate needs only.

Grain markets described a steady downward trend last week, as demand slowed, and offerings became more plentiful. Wheat closed Thursday at around \$2.73 per bushel for No. 1 hard at Fort Worth and Galveston; white corn \$1.98; yellow corn \$1.94; barley \$1.54 and oats \$1.01 to \$1.03. Yellow milo closed \$3.0 to \$3.09 per hundred.

Rice held firm last week, with supplies still tight. Price ceilings and export controls and allocations were extended, but set-aside requirements were suspended for the time being. Bran, shorts and cottonseed meal fell about \$4 per ton, but meat scraps and gluten feed and meal advanced an equal

amount. Hay quotations moved up \$2 per ton. Seed peanut demand picked up in all major peanut areas. Scoured Texas and pulled fine wools found some demand, but price uncertainty retarded buying.

Cattle commanded generally steady to higher prices last week. Medium and good cows brought \$12.50 to \$16.25 at San Antonio; and \$13 to \$15 at Fort Worth. Good cows moved at \$14.50 to \$15.50 at Houston; \$15 to \$16 at Wichita; and \$16 to \$17 at Oklahoma City. Medium to good yearlings cashed at \$18 to \$19 at Houston; and \$17.50 to \$21.65 at San Antonio. Medium to good steers and yearlings cleared at \$18 to \$23 at Fort Worth; \$19 to \$23 at Oklahoma City and Wichita; and \$19.75 to \$24.50 at Denver.

Hogs ruled steady to 50 cents higher at Texas points, and 50 cents to \$1.25 at other southwest terminals. Closing bulk of good and choice butcher hogs cleared at \$25 to \$25.50 at Fort Worth; and \$26.50 to \$27 at Denver. Closing top was \$26.75 at Oklahoma City; and \$27.10 at Wichita. San Antonio's top for the week was \$24.

Sheep and lambs sold steady to mostly 50 cents higher at southwest markets last week. Choice spring lambs brought \$22.50 at San Antonio and \$24 at Oklahoma City and Denver. Good and choice kinds moved at \$22 to \$23.50 at Fort Worth; and \$23 at Wichita.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: 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, GREETING:

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.

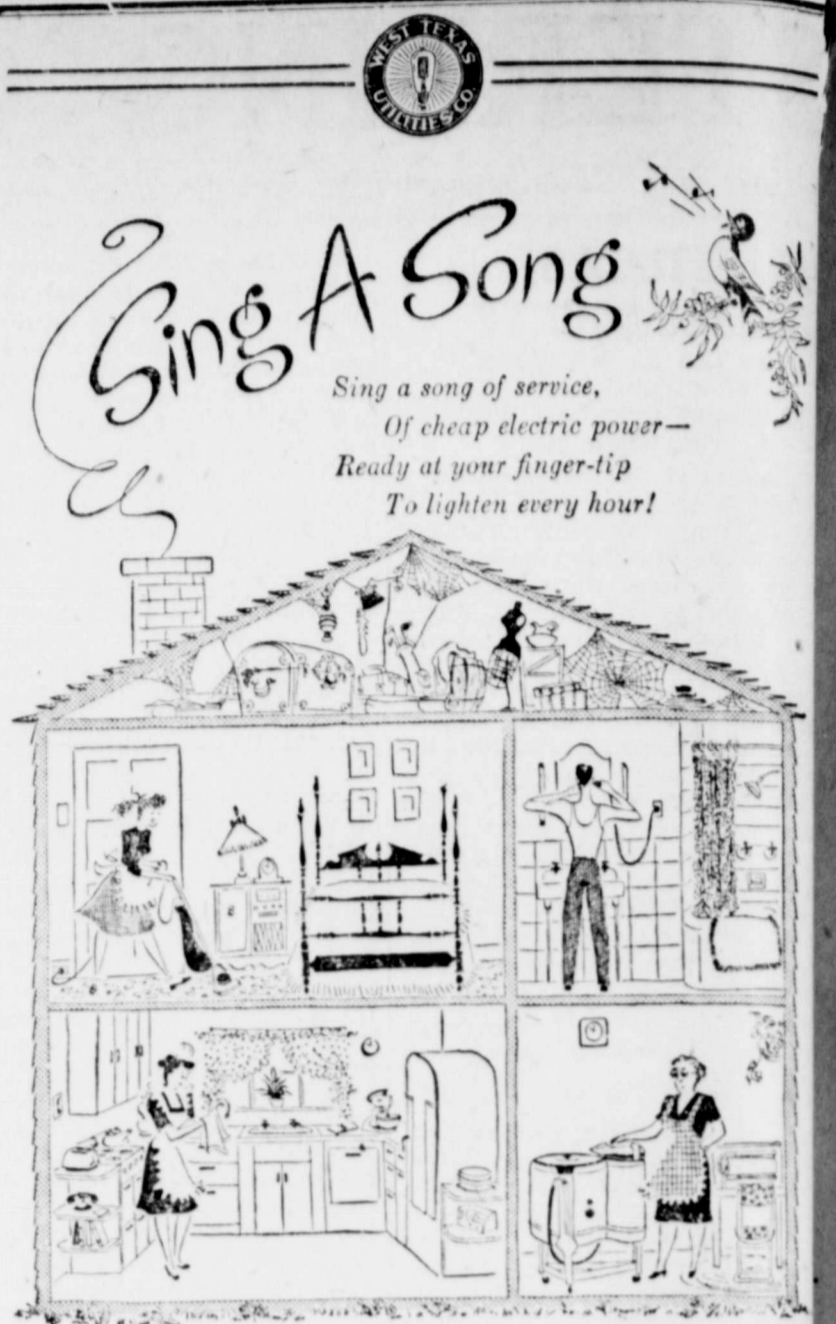
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

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. 59, 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.



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**OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER**

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

**JOHN L. LEWIS SHARES BLAME**

Old John L. Lewis, striking fast following the terrible Centralia Mine blast which claimed the lives of 112 coal miners, attempted to blame Interior Secretary J.A. Krug, Coal Mines Administrator, for "criminal negligence" and "murder" in connection with the disaster.

Testifying before our Labor Subcommittee last week, before klieg lights and radio microphones, Lewis vented his spleen toward Krug and made admissions that branded himself with guilt and criminal negligence.

In my questioning of the witness I branded him as being far more guilty than Krug. The basis of my

were these facts:

1. In the contract with the government, it was provided that at each mine "there shall be a Mine Safety Committee selected by the Local Union." The contract provides that "If the committee believes conditions found endanger the lives and bodies of the mine workers, it shall report its findings and recommendations to the management." It is further provided that the findings of the committee are conclusive and the safety code entitles the workers to withdraw from the unsafe area without additional authority.

2. Lewis said he personally knew of the unsafe conditions in the Centralia Mine and knew it might "blow up" at any time.

3. While knowing of the imminent danger that existed, Lewis as head of the Mine Workers Union took no steps to withdraw the miners from the danger area, which

he had a right to do under the terms of the contract with the government.

4. While knowing of the imminent danger at Centralia, Lewis did not see fit to personally call that fact to the attention of Mr. Krug, as Coal Mines Administrator, and lodge a protest.

"What is your excuse," I asked, for not appealing to Mr. Krug to correct the Centralia condition?"

"Why, Mr. Krug and I were at war," boomed Lewis. "Didn't you hear about it? Least of all we could communicate with Mr. Krug about a local condition."

Thus we have the sordid story of an arrogant old man who knew the Centralia Mine disaster might happen at any moment but who wouldn't call it to the attention of the Coal Mines Administrator because "we are at war!"

**THE WOOL BILLS**

Both the House and Senate Committees have reported favorably bills providing government wool programs for a period of two years from last January first.

It is hoped these measures will be acted upon at an early date. This will depend, however, upon the Republican leadership, which has control over what legislation is taken up and acted upon.

The present wool purchase program expires on April 15. It was for that reason we have urged that action be speeded. Through the efforts of Bryan Hunt, of Sonora, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Vestal Askew, Secretary, Steve Stumberg,

of Sanderson, past president, and M. C. Puckett of Fort Stockton, Vice-President, and others, the House Committee on Agriculture reported a bill two weeks ago. But the House leadership has not yet permitted the bill to come up.

The House bill would continue the present purchase program for two years and allow the CCC to sell our wool at prices competitive with foreign wools. The Senate bill does the same and provides for a revised parity price formula which is called "comparable price". This would mean an increase of about two cents a pound to domestic wool producers.

Spokesmen for the wool growers have urged that, in lieu of the government subsidy program, the wool be sold on a free market, provided additional protection is given in the form of import quotas or the imposition of import fees on wool dumped on our own domestic markets from foreign countries.

There is a lot of support for that position in the House and we are hopeful the Republican-controlled Rules Committee, which decides what bills may come up and what amendments may be offered, will permit that solution to be considered on the House floor.

**Vocational Agriculture Teacher for 12 Years Resigns**

H. M. Carter announced Monday his resignation as Vocational Agriculture instructor in the Sterling City schools. He will become associated with the Mid-West Feed Yards in San Angelo.

Carter, who has held the V A post here for 12 years and was considered one of the top VA teachers in West Texas, submitted his resignation to the Sterling City school board Monday night. He said he would remain until the close of the present school year, May 23.

Carter, who expects to move about June 1, will be in charge of the feeding program at Mid-West. The feed yard was started up less than a year ago by Fred Ball, Noel Conaway and Swayne Dudley.

A 1931 graduate of Texas A&M, Carter taught at San Saba for two years and in Fisher County for two years before coming here. His club work with the Future Farmers has emphasized fat sheep and wool, and his club lambs and sheep judging teams have always ranked high.

Carter is married and has two children, Thomasine and H. M. (Bubba) Carter, Jr. He teaches the men's Bible class in the Baptist Sunday School and is a deacon in the church. Mrs. Carter has been teaching a class in the Church of Christ.

**NEED A NEW OR GOOD USED CAR?**

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- 1946 DODGE Custom 4 door
- 1946 PLYMOUTH 4 door
- 1946 FORD 8 Cylinder 2 door
- 1942 CHEVROLET Club Coupe
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- 1942 FORD 2 door
- 1940 FORD 2 door
- 1946 DODGE PICK-UP—Like New
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How much money could you make next fall if eggs were selling for a dollar a dozen? It could happen. In fact, in New York last week, the President of the Butter and Egg Merchants' Association said it may happen

**IT MAY HAPPEN! WHY?**

Because every sign today points to a shortage of eggs and poultry next fall.

Two months ago—even thirty days ago—nobody would have believed such a prediction. Folks were talking of an egg surplus. The government said it would support the price of eggs. But what has happened—?

THERE IS NO SURPLUS. Eggs are disappearing as fast as they are being laid. And far too few baby chicks are being started to meet the demand for poultry and eggs next fall.

Poultry experts don't need a crystal ball to predict this coming shortage and high eggs and poultry prices. They just look at these cold facts of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture which tell the story:

**THESE FACTS POINT TO HIGH EGG AND POULTRY PRICES**

1. At the season when eggs would normally be moving into storage in great volume, stocks of shell eggs are dwindling. In February this reduction amounted to 70,000 cases. On March 1 there was only about half an egg in storage for every American. A year ago there were 1½ million cases—about 7 times as many.
2. Frozen eggs in storage decreased by 7 million pounds in February as compared to an increase of 6 million pounds in February a year ago.
3. Egg production in February was 4% below a year ago due to 6% fewer layers.
4. Americans are eating eggs at a record rate because of high purchasing power and high meat prices.
5. There were 55 million fewer chickens on farms January 1 than there were a year ago.
6. Virtually all signs point to an excellent grain producing season in 1947 which normally means lower feed prices. A record wheat crop and another 3 billion bushel corn crop are forecast.

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Worship Service 11:00 A. M.

"But God"

Training Union 6:30 P. M.

Worship Service 7:30 P. M.

There were 106 who got to Sunday School in time to register last Sunday. We can have our 150 this Sunday if you will come.

There were 41 in prayer meeting last Wednesday night. We want 55 in prayer meeting next Wednesday night. We can and will have that many.

Vacation Bible School will start Monday, June 2. We want 150 enrolled in this school.

Mrs. Lee Hunt has been elected by the church as principal of the vacation Bible school.

Miss Jacqueline Everitt will bring the special in the morning service Sunday morning.

Watch for April 27. "Intermediate Day".

Come worship with us. Let's chalk up some victories in heaven together.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

There will be no evening service due to the fact the pastor has to attend a Conference Board of Education in San Antonio early Monday and will leave here Sunday afternoon.

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S. M. Bailey, owner of the Men's Store, went to Lubbock on a buying trip for his store Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bailey and their son, Dick.

Mrs. Nick Reed, her daughter Trinabeth, and her brother Trinton, spent the Easter holidays in New Orleans with Mrs. Reed's son, Neal J., who is stationed there in the U. S. Army.

Among the Sterling City students off in college who spent the Easter holidays here at their homes were Joe Snead, Jr. and Jackie Durham of John Tarleton; Billie Sue Everitt and Winston Churchill, from Texas Tech; Dale Hall from New Mexico Military Institute; and Jamie Sue McEntire from Texas U.

PIGS for Sale. Phone 4903.  
Joe L. Snead.

D. L. Hunt, son of the Lee Hunts, flew here Tuesday afternoon and spent the night with his parents. He parked his plane at the flying field on the Garden City road cut-off.

Ralph Gonzales opened a pool hall in Mexican town on Thursday of this week. Ralph said he plans to have an ice cream parlor in connection with his two pool tables and sell candy and cold drinks.

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## Heads France Again



PARIS, FRANCE — (Soundphoto) — On top again after years of political eclipse, Leon Blum, new Premier-President of France, is shown at right as he was congratulated in traditional French fashion by Vincent Auriol, President of the Assembly, after his election to France's highest office.

## IT'S NO WITCH HUNT

Former Ambassador to Russia, William C. Bullitt, told a committee of Congress that the Communist party in the United States is a fifth-column "far superior to any fifth column Hitler was ever able to create, designed to weaken this country for the ultimate assault the Soviet Government intends to make on the United States." He declared that if Russia, and not this country, had the atom bomb "it would have already been dropped on the United States."

As the record stands the Soviet Government has been conspicuous for filling the records with abusive criticism. President Truman's position in taking the offensive is supported by Congress, regardless of political parties. The relations between the United States and Russia must be regarded as critical.

American Communists opened a smear campaign against J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That scheme didn't work because there is no man in public life, and no branch of the Government that ranks higher than Mr. Hoover and his Bureau. He will locate the American Communists employed in the Federal Gov-

## BIRTH OF SON ANNOUNCED

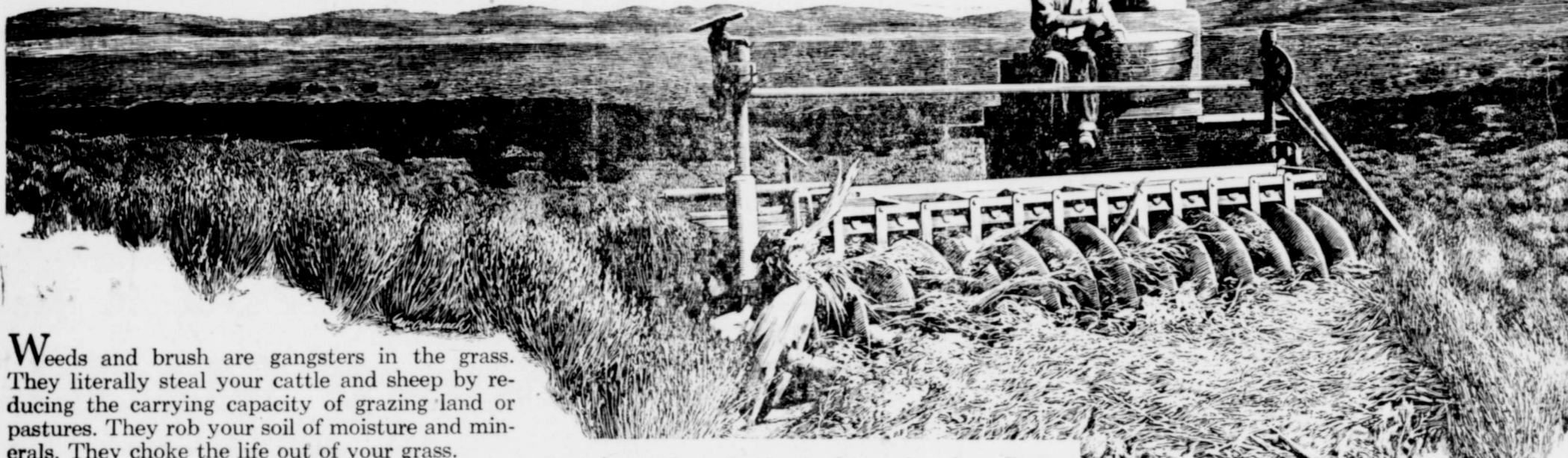
FORT SAM HOUSTON—M/Sgt. and Mrs. Arch L. Parisher of Sterling City, Texas proudly announce the birth of a son, John Dale, at Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on March 27.

"KLONDIKE KATE'S STRANGE LOVE IDYL." The Queen of the Yukon Was 53 When Johnny Matson Finally Proposed and no Marriage Was Ever as Free of Rifts as Theirs. Read This Romantic Love Story in the American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

"DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE VITAMINS." G. B. Lal Demonstrates That Frequently the So-Called "Inferior" Parts of Vegetables Are Highest in Vitamin Content. You'll Find This Interesting Article in the American Weekly, The Magazine Distributed With Next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

ernment, and they will be fired. The investigation is absolutely necessary. And this is no Witch Hunt!

# Gangsters in the Grass



Weeds and brush are gangsters in the grass. They literally steal your cattle and sheep by reducing the carrying capacity of grazing land or pastures. They rob your soil of moisture and minerals. They choke the life out of your grass.

Mesquite and sagebrush in Western range country are often thieving plants. They're tough and aggressive. The carrying capacity of a hundred million acres of good grazing land has been greatly reduced by these two alone. Weeds and brush can be burned or poisoned, grubbed out with bulldozers or yanked out with tractors and cables. Grass thrives again when the brush is gone. Then, cattle or sheep production can be increased, sometimes as much as 300%.

From farming states come reports of doubled beef production per acre of pasture simply by mowing weeds. In dairying sections startling improvements in production, flavor, and milk and cream profits have resulted from cutting pasture weeds two or three times a season. Promising experimental work is proceeding with 2, 4-D and other new chemical weed killers. Spraying pas-

tures is proving effective in destroying these livestock rustlers.

Once weeds are under control, pastures benefit by liming, fertilizing, reseeding with recommended pasture mixtures, by harrowing or disking to break up manure. Few crops give as great return for a little attention as does grass. A good starting point in an improved grass program is to take steps to control weeds and brush.

We—both you and Swift—are interested in making the best use of what we have. It has been said that "a penny saved is a penny earned." There are many dollars to be saved by making the most efficient use of grass lands. We suggest that you contact your state agricultural college, county agent, or vocational agricultural teacher for further information.

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"When Mr. or Mrs. America buys a Swift product, they expect top quality," says H. S. Mitchell, director of our Research Laboratories. "They also depend on it to be just as good as the last time they bought it. That's why they keep coming back for Swift products. They have every right to expect uniform high quality. And it's the job of the quality control system to make sure that they get it."

Quality Control begins with the livestock and other "raw materials" selected by Swift buyers. Next, it lays down exact written specifications for the control of each step in the processing of many products. Finally, it sets up strict quality standards for the finished products.

Our Research Laboratories are in twenty-one cities. More than 1,000,000 exacting tests are made each year in our Quality Control program. Each test takes time and work. But constant testing is the only way we can be certain that the quality of Swift products is uniformly high. This constant Quality Control not only builds confidence in Swift products, but it also helps create a steady, dependable market for the livestock and other raw materials we purchase from producers. A permanently successful business must be grounded on the solid foundation of uniform quality.

**Soda Bill Sez:** . . . the time to hold on hardest is when you've just about decided to let go.

## Martha Logan's Recipe for FRANKFURTS AND HOT POTATO SALAD

- (Yield: 6 servings)
- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6 frankfurts                  | 1/4 cup diced green pepper |
| 4 large potatoes              | 3 tablespoons water        |
| 3 tablespoons bacon drippings | 2 teaspoons sugar          |
| 1/4 cup diced onion           | 1 teaspoon salt            |
| 1/4 cup vinegar               | 1/4 teaspoon black pepper  |

Cook potatoes. Peel and cut in 1/2-inch cubes. Place frankfurts in saucen of boiling water. Remove from heat and let stand from 5 to 8 minutes. Heat drippings. Add onion and green pepper, and brown. Add vinegar, water, sugar, salt, and pepper. Cook over low heat until flavors are thoroughly blended. Pour hot sauce over cubed potatoes and mix lightly. Top with frankfurts and serve hot.

## SULPHUR CUTS LAMB LOSSES

Report of a Colorado A & M Experiment

Good news for lamb feeders comes from Colorado A & M. In an experiment with 2,000 lambs, they found that death losses from "overeating" can be greatly reduced by merely adding 2% sulphur to the grain mixture being fed.

"Overeating," or enterotoxemia, as it is technically called, is a major cause of death among fattening lambs. It causes the affected animals to stiffen at the joints and to hold their heads in a high, unnatural position. They stop eating, with usually fatal results. Losses often run as high as 5% in a band and sometimes higher.

The 2,000 lambs in the Colorado experiment were divided into four equal lots. Each lot was fed the same grain mixture and alfalfa hay. However, the lambs in lot number 2, which was self-fed, and lot number 3, which was hand-fed, got 2% sulphur in their grain mixture. The death loss in the self-fed lot not getting sulphur was 9.6%, or almost 10 lambs in each 100 fed. In the lot getting sulphur, the death loss was 1.8%, or less than two lambs in each 100 fed. In the hand-fed lot getting no sulphur, the death loss was 6.6%, while in the sulphur-fed lot, only 1% of the lambs died.

The sulphur-fed lambs consumed less grain and therefore did make slightly smaller gains. But death losses in the sulphur-fed lambs were so greatly reduced that considerable larger profits were realized.

## CUR CITY COUSIN



## Price balances supply and demand



There is always a demand for meat. Yes, at some price. But that price is not determined by the meat's cost, or set by the meat packer. It is set

by what the consumers are willing and able to pay for the meat and by-products. That is something which must be known and remembered if one is to understand the meat business.

A good many people think that the meat packers sell meat for the cost of the livestock, plus expense, plus a profit. But that is not how meat prices are made. We must sell our meat—because it is perishable. We hope, of course, to sell it at a price which gives us a profit. But profit or loss, we must sell it. As our president, John Holmes, said recently, "We seek the price that balances supply and demand. Sometimes this is a profitable price; sometimes there is a loss. The records show that, on the average, we make a modest profit year by year."

As for prices paid for livestock, they, too, are set by the forces of supply and demand. No meat packer could control them because there is so much competition both in buying and selling. There are over 4,000 meat packers and 20,000 commercial slaughterers competing daily for live animals.

F. M. Simpson,

Agricultural Research Department

## Things are NOT always as they seem



Which weighs more? The cubic foot block of iron, or those four big rolls of 26" fence wire? The wire looks much heavier, but it isn't. They weigh the same—491 pounds each.

No, things are not always as they seem. Take that fence wire, for example. The fence maker paid perhaps 2¢ a pound for the iron. You buy it as fencing at around 7¢ a pound. That leaves a "spread" of 5¢ a pound between the raw material and the finished product. This "spread" covers heat treating, drawing the wire, weaving it, rolling, and other processes we may not know about. It includes also manufacturer's profit, transportation, jobbers' and retailers' costs and profits, and delivery to you.

There is also a "spread" between what you producers get for livestock and what you pay the meat dealer for meat. For one thing, an average 1000-pound steer produces only 543 pounds of meat and 161 pounds of by-products, both edible and inedible. In processing there is unrecoverable shrink and waste of 296 pounds. We also have the costs of "disassembling" live animals into meat, refrigerating, transporting to market, and delivery to retail stores. The "spread" covers also retailers' costs and profits—plus a profit for the meat packer which averages only a small fraction of a cent per pound of product handled.

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**History of Sterling County**

get the county seat, if you can reform to our progressive city. We have enough room over here for a St. Louis or a Chicago. Bah! Bah! Bah!" (13).

Editor Thurma replied, "Progressing indeed, progressing is doing nothing." (14).

At another time the editor of the Sterling City paper said, "If a donkey brays at you, don't bray back at him else you show yourself to be a donkey."

The NORTH CONCHO NEWS replied, "Well, bray on. We don't bray."

The COURIER retaliated, "Surely after reading the contents of his dirty sheet, you will see how inconsistent the editor of the NEWS is and agree with us that he out-brays any ass you ever heard before." (15).

The editors, however, could forget their editorial warfare and were not nearly the bitter enemies they appeared to be. Cummins held a barbecue on July 4, 1891, three days before the election. After the barbecue was served at noon, the two editors put in about an hour and fifteen minutes in addressing the crowd on the merits of their respective towns for county seat. "They were not nearly so mad as at a distance." The Sterling editor complimented the Cummins people highly on the way they handled the barbecue. (16).

The second election for locating the county seat, held on July 7, gave Sterling City one hundred and sixteen votes to one hundred and three for Cummins. The location of the county seat was the determining factor in the struggle for existence of Sterling City and Cummins, and within a few weeks after the election, business houses began to move from Cummins over to Sterling City. By August 6, the Concho Town Company, which had been boosting Cummins, abandoned that town and laid off an addition on the West side of Sterling City. In September, the NORTH CONCHO NEWS sold out to the STERLING COURIER. The population of Sterling City had increased from about one hundred in July to three hundred in September. By the end of the year 1891, there was not much left of Cummins, and it disappeared entirely within the next year or so.

As soon as it was determined that Sterling City was to be the county seat, preparations were begun for building a courthouse. In July, 1891, the county voted \$2500 bonds to finance the building of the courthouse, which was completed before Christmas at a cost of \$4000. It was a wooden, two-story structure about thirty feet wide by fifty feet long.

1. SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1934.
2. W. F. KELLIS, Loc. Cit.
3. IBID.
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