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THE HISTORY OF STERLING COUNTY

By IRA L. WATKINS
Continued from Last Week

While not all of Sterling County's early communities had offices, most of them had schools. Lynnell had a post office no school. The first school in the county, as has already been pointed out, was organized at Montvale about 1885 or 1886. Among the early teachers at Montvale were Professor M. O. Davis and a Professor Griffin. It was one of these men who taught the first school here. In the year 1887, a Professor was taught at Montvale. The enrollment for that year was about fifteen pupils. Professor Lee was a young man and wore a long, black beard and a "stovepipe" hat. A school house was built in 1889 at Sterling Creek at a place about five miles south of Sterling City. This school was called Foster school and the first teacher was Miss Mae Anderson of Colorado City. Miss Anderson had previously been a teacher in the home of R. W. Foster. This school was a two-story building and the upper story was used as a meeting place for the Masonic lodge. School was held here until about 1896 or 1897. In the same year a school was built at Kellis, about six miles up the river from Sterling City. W. F. Kellis was the first teacher there. In addition to the Montvale, Kellis, and Foster schools, there were by 1891 schools at Divide, which community was known for a time as Humble; China Valley, five or six miles west of Sterling City; at Crawford, about five miles north of Divide; and at Cummins. The number of school pupils in the entire county in 1891 was estimated at two hundred and fifty. (23). During the fall of 1891, money was raised in Sterling City for the purpose of building a school house there. The funds were obtained by popular subscription and by a social function known as a "ball and supper." A "ball and supper", boxes containing things to eat would be bought by the ladies. These boxes would be sold to the highest bidder, and after the supper a dance would be held. Fifty dollars was taken in at one of these suppers and forty-one at another. The school house was built early in 1892. On April 4, 1892, a school was organized at Gamma. (24). This school was later known as County one. By 1895 schools had been established and school houses built at Mulberry, Iolanthe, and Hackberry. In 1891 a school had been established in the Sterling Creek community. In the fall of 1897 funds were raised by subscription and a school house was built about two miles south of the old Foster school. This school was known as Hillside. (25). This school house was located on what is now the ranch of C. L. Coulson. Lacy school house was built on Lacy creek in the spring of 1898. (26). Brennan school, a few miles west of Hillside school, was built in 1901. It is thought that the Morrow school house, in the northwestern part of the county, was erected about 1900.

As has been pointed out, these school houses were built with money raised by the community where the building was erected. They were all one-room, one-teacher schools, and it was indeed a heterogeneous group which attended them. There was a wide range of ages and sizes of children. Some of these pupils rode horseback long distances to school, even as far as six or eight miles. The length of the school term varied in the different schools and in the same school from year to year. Sometimes school held for two or three months and occasionally it held for as many as ten. The length of the term depended upon the amount of money available. The school simply closed as long as the money lasted. School terms were usually held in the fall and winter months, but in 1892, school closed at Divide on the twenty-sixth day of July; (27). Occasionally, when a school was closed to stop the teachers would continue the term by conducting a private school supported by tuition. These were the days when writing was an art, and consequently, during the summer months the teacher would sometimes conduct private penmanship schools.

The method of certification of teachers in those days is rather a contrast to that of today. There was a county board of examiners composed of three men, who

LIONS CLUB

Bill Dawes of Big Spring spoke on "Your Responsibility As a Lion Club Member" to the club at the Wednesday luncheon. Mr. Dawes is a member of the Big Spring Lions Club. Also from Big Spring was Walter Phillips of Hemphill-Wells Co.

It was announced that Norvin Wayne Brown, son of the Ted Browns, had been named to receive the Lions Club annual Good Citizenship award.

G. W. Tillerson announced that the Lions Club softball team beat the W. O. W. 23-11 Tuesday night.

They gave examinations to prospective teachers and then granted them their certificates. Teachers salaries ranged around forty dollars a month. The school board at Kellis in 1891 advertised that they would pay that sum to a competent teacher.

After a few years, Sterling City became the center of educational activity of the county. In 1902, bonds were voted to the amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting a two-story frame building at Sterling City. The story of the county's educational development is closely related to its community development. In the early 1900's there were many schools and communities in Sterling County, but twenty-five years later the county was one large community and all the children were going to school in Sterling City.

The above changes may perhaps be attributed to four things: first as soon as many of the settlers became well established in the ranching industry, they move into Sterling City and built homes there; second, the introduction of the automobile about 1907 made the county a smaller unit and shortened the distance from the town to the ranch; third, many people moved into town to give their children the advantages of a larger school; and fourth, in 1919, by a special act of the Texas Legislature, the educational system of the county was changed to the County Unit System. Transportation expenses were allowed pupils who wanted to come in from the rural sections to the Sterling City school. At the same time, provisions were made whereby schools might still be maintained in the communities if they wanted them. The schools of the county were financed and managed on the county unit basis, the superintendent of Sterling City Schools becoming superintendent of all the schools in the county. (28). The result was that within a period of four or five years, most of Sterling County's school children were attending school in Sterling City. Since that time about two-thirds of the population of the county has lived at Sterling City.

In 1899, the population of Sterling City was estimated to be four hundred, (29) while the population of the entire county in 1900 from the U. S. Census statistics was 1927. At that time about two-thirds of the county's population lived in the rural sections. In 1930 the population of Sterling County was 1431 and that of Sterling City was 886. (30). Thus we see that by that date only a little more than one-third of the county's population lived in the rural sections.

While Sterling County was developing her schools and increasing in population, she was also giving due attention to her churches. The first church to be organized within the present bounds of the county, as has already been mentioned, was a Methodist Church at Montvale. It was organized sometime in the middle 80's. The first pastor, a Reverend Mr. Allen, was a circuit rider and worked out of San Angelo. Before the Montvale church was organized, a preacher would come in occasionally and hold services, and hold meetings sometimes in the summer. By June 1891, there had been organized in the county four Methodist churches, a Baptist church, and a Christian church. (31). There were at that time about six preachers in the county. These early churches were served for the most part by circuit riders, and services were held as a rule only one Sunday night out of each month. On the other Sundays, people went to a Union Sunday School at Sterling City. By 1895, the Methodist Church at Sterling City had a regular pastor, the Reverend G. M. Gardner. He preached on the first Sunday in each month at Sterling City, and

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Tight Softball Race

The softball league is exactly where it was when the teams started last week. It is all tied up with each team winning one game and losing one in the initial round. The second round will start Friday night when the Legion team will meet the W. O. W. team.

In the game Thursday night the Legion team defeated the Lions by the score of 16-11. The Legion made 8 hits and 16 runs off the pitching of Long and Price. The Lions made 8 hits and 11 runs off the pitching of Tillerson and Lightsey.

Tuesday night the Lions took the Woodmen into camp by the score of 23-11. The Lions made 17 hits and 23 runs off the pitching of Johnson. The Woodmen made 7 hits and 11 runs off the pitching of Hudson.

Games next week will find the Legion vs. Lions and on Friday night the W. O. W. will play the Lions.

There has been good attendance at all the games and it looks like there is going to be some good competition this year. The first set of bleachers were being displayed at the game Tuesday night. There are three more sets to be finished and set up. The lights will get the final adjustment this week and then the fielders will be entirely responsible for catching the flyballs.

Buy New Mexico Ranch

Claude Collins Jr., Ralph Collins and their brother-in-law, Dr. Elliott Mendenhall, have bought the Childress Ranch of 38 sections, 40 miles southwest of Roswell, New Mexico. Consideration was reported to be \$100,000 plus.

The Childress ranch is a highly improved sheep and cattle ranch, and has excellent possibilities of some land being irrigated. This ranch is a part of the old Diamond A Cattle Co., ranch and was owned by Floyd Childress, vice-president of the First National Bank of Roswell.

Don't forget, next Tuesday, April 29 is **TRASH PICK-UP DAY** Here and be sure and have your trash ready to haul off.

Edna Jarrell of the City Cafe had word from her family in Texas City the first part of the week that they were all safe. Her call got through by telephone.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris of DeLeon, and their little daughter, Jill, spent last week-end here with Mrs. Harris's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Durham.

Named W. O. W. Alternate Delegate

At the recent state convention, Woodmen of the World, held in Mineral Wells, Hal M. Knight, local secretary, was named an alternate to the Sovereign Camp Meeting, which will held in New Orleans later this year. C. L. Sinclair of San Angelo was named delegate. Knight was the delegate from here to Mineral Wells. He was accompanied by Roy Martin.

Mrs. Marvin Churchill went to Albuquerque, New Mexico last week to be with her father, A. E. Ballou, who is seriously ill.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR STERLING ALUMNI BANQUET

Mrs. Tommie Johnson, president of the Sterling Alumni Association, said this week that plans were being laid for the annual banquet and dance to be held sometime in June. She wants anyone that will to bring suggestions for the time, place, etc. to her. A committee has been appointed to work out the details, and the president does not want the date of the affair to conflict with any other important meeting.

WATER VALLEY WINS VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

Water Valley took first place at the volley ball tournament here last week-end. Coahoma was runner-up and Forsan placed third.

The eight outstanding players were named at the tournament—and were as follows:

LaVerne King—Sterling City, Frances Birdwell—Water Valley Betty Jo Philips— " Haroldine West—Forsan, Emma Cline—Garden City, Costello—Big Spring, Woodson—Coahoma, F. Barr—Coahoma.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

HOUSE PASSES LABOR BILL

By a vote of 308 to 107, the House last week removed any doubt of its determination to pass some constructive labor legislation. Only a handful of Southern members yielded to the strong pressure to forego enactment of any corrective labor legislation, and voted against the bill.

Among Texans, only five Members joined with the Northern Democrats to oppose the measure. They were Rayburn of Bonham, Pickett of Palestine, Combs of Beaumont, Thomas of Houston and Thomason of El Paso. A substantial majority of all the Democrats however, vote for the new strike-control labor relations bill.

THE WOOL BILL

The present wool purchase program expired on April 15. The Senate has passed a bill to continue the program for two years and to authorize the disposal of the stockpile at competitive prices.

I am now informed that the House will debate the issue during the week of April 28, if plans work out. The Senate bill has been amended by the House Committee on Agriculture in a very important respect. The amendment directs the Secretary of Agriculture to impose import fees on foreign wool where he finds it necessary to prevent losses in sales of government owned wool and to prevent further reduction in the number of sheep.

The sheep population has declined by 25% during the past four years in this country and there is considerable fear that the liquidation process may continue unless the wool market is stabilized and given needed protection from ruinous foreign competition.

Therefore the import fee proposed is highly desirable and, if enacted, will be the best news the sheep man will have had for a long time. This new protection is reported to have the blessing of the Secretary of Agriculture, which indicates the President likely will sign the bill if it is passed.

Speaking of wool, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has estimated 1946 world wool production at 2,710,000,000 pounds, grease basis, which is slightly below the 1945 output but 12% less than the record 1941 production. Australia's wool production last year is estimated at 970,000,000 pounds of 4% above 1945. On the other hand, 1946 production in South Africa declined 7% from the previous year's level and was the smallest since 1922; 1946 production in New Zealand showed no change from the 1945 figure. In South America wool production continued at an all time high level. Production in Argentina for the 1946 season held to record totals while Uruguay's output reached a new high.

The increase in the 1946 output of the major Southern Hemisphere wool producers was offset by smaller production in the United States and Europe. Total 1946 wool production in Europe, excluding the Soviet Union, amounted to 421,200,000 pounds, slightly less than in 1945. However, the indicated 1946 wool production in the United States at 358,000,000 pounds was 7½% below 1946 and the smallest output since 1927.

Among our recent visitors was Leon Durst, formerly of Junction, just back from more than a year of public relations service with the occupation forces in Germany. Mr. Durst is well known in newspaper work, having been with the Associated Press for a long time. He served in both wars. Mrs. Durst returned from Germany with him.

With typical Kimble County loyalty, Durst confided in me, "I still think I'd like to get back to Junction one of these days."

Another visitor was Sayers Farmer of Junction, also. Here in interest of the wool bill, he was greeted by the best cherry blossom display in history. A half million people flocked to the tidal basin to see the white and pink colors and to witness the coronation of the Cherry Blossom Queen. It all happened the day the Kimble County ranchman got to town.

Miss Helen Routh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Routh of Balingier, has joined our office force. An accomplished stenographer and secretary, Miss Routh formerly was

SENIOR PLAY PRESENTED

The seniors of Sterling High presented their senior play last night in the school auditorium. The play was titled "Abigail Goes Haywire" and was a three act comedy.

The players were Lora Mae Humble, Bonnie Ruth King, Fern Garrett, La Verne King, Billy Vern Davis, Norvin Brown, Joe David Crossno and Joseph Blaneck. All are seniors except two freshmen girls, Fern Garrett and LaVerne King, who helped the seniors out.

The proceeds from the play will help defray the expenses of the class to the Carlsbad Caverns the first week-end in May.

Spending Sunday and Monday here visiting the Lee Hunts, were Mr. and Mrs. Flem Harris of Brownwood, and Mrs. Henry Cook of Thornton, Texas. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Cook are sisters of Mrs. Hunt.

Claude Collins went to New Mexico last Sunday on a business trip. He has a ranch near Vaughn, New Mexico. He was gone five days.

MISS RAWLINGS ON P.T.A. PROGRAM

The P.T.A. met in the high school auditorium April 10 with the entertainment under the direction of Joe David Crossno, who played "Flight" by John F. Carre and "Theme from Piano Concerto" by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

A song, "Our Battle Hymn for Children" was sung by the group, followed by a prayer by Superintendent O. T. Jones.

Miss Marian Rawlings talked on "Building Better Bodies."

The president, Mrs. Vern Davis, appointed a committee to help a committee from the Wimodausis Club organize a Latin-America P. T. A.

Sunday Is Intermediate Day At Baptist Church

Sunday Is Intermediate Day; All Day Doings for Intermediates

Sunday is Intermediate Day at the First Baptist Church. There will be a sunrise breakfast at the church for Intermediates at 7:30, then a short program at the breakfast table, Sunday School, of which the Intermediates will be a part of the 150 that we are striving to have. There will be a special section for the Intermediates in the auditorium. The pastor will bring a special message for Intermediates of to-day "The High Call to Adventure."

After the Sunday morning service is over, there will be a truck waiting at the front door to carry every Intermediate to the Hackberry ranch, where Deacon Claude Collins will entertain us with a barbecue dinner, after which there will be fun of all kinds, as well as an old-fashioned hay-ride. Then back for the movie in the church basement at 6:00 P. M., after which we will attend Training Union, which starts at 6:30. Then the evening message will also be especially for Intermediates "Shining Like the Stars." The day will be closed out as the last evening of the month of April with a baptismal service. There are four that are awaiting baptism already.

A film will be made of Intermediate Day from breakfast to the finish. Now, if you have in your heart a desire to become a screen star, don't miss Intermediate Day. This film will be shown on the screen at church as soon as it is developed.

Every Intermediate in Sterling County is invited to come if he or she wants to. We want you.

There were 51 in attendance at prayer meeting last week. All are invited to come and be with us in our mid-week service.

If you want to be in the thick of things, Mother, Dad, Boy or Girl, come to the First Baptist Church.

The church has set the second week in June as the date for a revival meeting. The deacons asked the pastor to do the preaching, and to get an outside singer. The meeting dates will be June 8-15.

with the Federal Public Housing Authority in Fort Worth. It was her first trip to crowded Washington and, believe it or not, in two days she had found a comfortable place to live!

History of Sterling County

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the first Sunday night in China Valley. On second Sundays he preached at Garden City, on third Sundays at Sterling City, and on fourth Sundays at Salt Creek. The first church house to be built at Sterling City was built by the Methodists in 1895. This building was shared with the Baptists for

several years. Up to that time both denominations had used the school house. The Baptists built a church in 1899.


In the rural communities, a few early churches were organized. Church services were sometimes conducted at ranch houses whenever a school house was not available. A Methodist church was organized in April, 1892 at a ranch house on the Divide. The Presbyterians organized a church at Sterling City August 28, 1898, with perhaps a dozen members. It was organized by Reverend M. H. Smith of Ballinger. (32). They used the Methodist church house until 1918, when they built a building of their own. The Presbyterians later organized a church at Lacy and the membership there was afterwards transferred to Sterling City in 1915. The Baptists had a regular pastor at Sterling City by 1895, the Reverend N. D. Bullock being the first. They later organized churches at China Valley, Mulberry and Iolanthe. In 1899, the Church of Christ was established in Sterling City with Henry Baker as Elder. In that year the Seventh Day Sabatarian Baptists held services at

Sterling Creek, Sterling City and China Valley with Reverend I. D. Barefoot as pastor. Iolanthe in the same year had a church of that denomination with Rev. John Reed as pastor. The Church of Christ erected its first building in Sterling City about 1905 and their present brick structure in 1933. The Christian Church erected a building about the year 1915. In 1928 the Methodists erected their present building at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The Baptists erected in 1938-1939 a brick church of about the same proportions as that of the Methodists. As Sterling became a one-community county, the religious activity of the county came to be centered in Sterling City. At present the only church outside of Sterling City is a Methodist Church at Moon Chapel, on the Divide. This church was organized about 1906 and called Moon Chapel in honor of its first pastor, Reverend R. D. Moon. The present building was erected in 1907, the lumber being hauled from San Angelo in wagons. (33).

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Church of Christ

The church will begin a ten-day meeting on the evening of May 23, with Evangelist Luther Blackman of Lufkin doing the preaching. We expect Andy Jones of San Angelo to lead the singing. We would like that the brethren, friends of the church and all who are interested in good Bible preaching and teaching to attend this meeting. Brother Blackman is a good man and a splendid gospel preacher. The church will welcome your attendance.

All services of the church last Sunday were well attended. Out of town visitors, included Mrs. McKnight and Tom McKnight, and Mrs. Meadows of Odessa, who were visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Jeff Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Leg Emery and children of Idalou, Wayne and Mrs. Pitman Emery of Lubbock, visiting their son and brother, Harold Emery; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and children from the ranch. Beside these there were several visitors from the local citizenry. Your attendance is appreciated—come again.

Mrs. John Cody of Ballinger, daughter of the A. A. Berryman's, is visiting in their home this week. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Deal had as their guest Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs. Deal's father, Mr. Shipman, from Abilene.

Cancer Campaign Over the Top

The committee for the Cancer Campaign desires to thank all those who contributed to the success of the campaign. There were 95 who contributed to our quota of \$200.
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Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brown spent last week-end visiting Mrs. Brown's father in Arlington. Returning with the Browns for a short visit were Mrs. Stanford Perrett and her two children, Stanford Jr. and Madeline of Arlington.

Mrs. Pete Easley went to Texas City last week-end to attend the funeral services for her nephew, Clarence Mayville, 15, who was killed in the blast of last week.

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1947 Football Schedule

In a meeting held at Forsan Monday night the 1947 football schedule was drawn up. All the superintendents and coaches were present at the meeting. It was voted to accept Rankin as a member of the six-man conference next season. Rankin has been playing 11 man ball, but due to their enrollment they are forced to withdraw from football.

The same schedule was adopted as last season. The Sterling schedule for next season is as follows:
Sept. 19—Coahoma There,
Sept. 26—Forsan Here,
Oct. 3—Rankin Here,
Oct. 10—Open Date,
Oct. 17—Courtney There,
Oct. 24—Mertzson Here,
Oct. 31—Water Valley There
Nov. 7—Open Date,
Nov. 14—Garden City Here
Arrangements are being made for a game here Sept. 12, and two games to fill the open dates.

Admission prices will be the same as last season, adults 50c and children 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cooper of Houston visited Mrs. E. B. Butler here the first part of the week. Mr. Cooper attended a banker's meet in Big Spring. They went on from here to visit a son in Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Honored on Birthday

The father of Mrs. Wm. J. Swann, S. H. Chumley, 81, was honored with a birthday dinner at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Robert E. Lee, in Big Spring last Sunday.

Those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Crossland and James Chumley, and Vera Dell Walker of Big Spring; Robert Swann Lee of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCabe and Vicki and Truett, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCabe and Charlotte Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCabe Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chumley, all of Robert Lee; Mrs. Dwaine Leonard and Linda Lou and Paula Sue, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Chumley and Lana Craig of San Angelo; and D. and Mrs. Wm. J. Swann, Billy Joe and Kent Jones, of Sterling City.

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MARKETING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Most farm commodities moved about steady to slightly higher prices at southwest markets last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture; but sheep and hogs weakened material-

Demand for vegetables improved in the lower Rio Grande Valley last week. Cabbage prices strengthened, as the season neared its end, and quality declined. Carrots sold a little higher, too; and potatoes found better demand at unchanged prices. Onions moved slowly in a weak market, and shipments were expected to begin tapering off rapidly. Squash and snap beans remained in light supply. Citrus held about steady. More leafy vegetables moved into Fort Worth and strawberries brought \$1.00 a crate.

Egg and poultry markets strengthened slightly last week. Heavy hens brought mostly 28 to 30 cents per pound, and fryers 32. Week's egg prices averaged 37 cents per dozen at Topeka and Wichita Falls; 38 at Amarillo, Lubbock, and San Antonio; 39 at Oklahoma City and Waco; 39½ at New Orleans; 40 at Dallas, Fort Worth, Denver, Corpus Christi and El Paso; 42 at Houston and Carlsbad; and 43 at Shreveport.

Mature slaughter cattle sold mostly steady to some higher last

week, but other classes lost ground at some terminals. Good weight cows cleared mostly at \$15.50 to \$16.50 at Houston and Wichita, and \$16 to \$17 in Oklahoma City. Medium and good kinds moved around \$13.50 to \$16.50 at San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Denver. Heavy heifers brought up to \$18 at Houston; good yearling heifers \$21 at Fort Worth; and Medium and good heifers mostly \$17 to \$21.50 at Oklahoma City and Wichita.

Hogs dropped \$1.00 to \$3.00 or more at southwest markets last week. Closing bulk prices at Fort Worth ranged from \$24.25 to \$24.75 on good and choice medium weight butcher hogs; \$23 to \$24 on heavy weights; and \$19 to \$19.50 on sows. Late top was \$24 at San Antonio and Oklahoma City; \$24.25 at Wichita; and \$24.50 at Denver.

Slaughter lambs lost 50 cents to \$3.00 per hundred pounds at various southwest points, but aged sheep held mostly steady. Bulk of good and choice spring lambs sold at \$20 to \$21 at San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Oklahoma City; \$21 to \$22 at Wichita; and \$21 to \$21.25 at Denver. Medium clipped goats brought \$7 to \$7.50 at San Antonio.

Wheat recovered from its early-week slump to close Friday just a little lower at \$2.87 per bushel in Fort Worth and Galveston. Other grains saw only slight day-to-day changes. Light offerings and slow demand ruled most grain markets.

Milled rice markets remained firm. Rain and cool weather held back plantings. Alfalfa hay developed a weaker undertone, but scarce prairie hay sold firm to higher. Light demand for ample supplies of most feeds held prices little changed. Wet fields delayed peanut planting in North Texas, but other areas went forward on schedule. CCC ceased buying wool on April 15. Good French combing Texas wool failed to sell at \$1.02.

Cotton weakened early last week, but spot prices climbed back up to net gains of \$1.75 to \$3.00 per bale. Demand improved some, but better grades sold most readily.

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Ben Atwell, who has operated a welding and blacksmith shop here for the past three years, is quitting his shop and going to work for Sterling County on the first of May. Ben will do repair work on the county machinery and other types of work performed by the county.

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Shine Philips Likes History

Shine Phillips, Big Spring druggist, author of the book "BIG SPRING", and the man who has put the town of Big Spring on the map in more ways than one, likes the "History of Sterling County" that is now being run in the News-Record. Shine writes the following letter:

Dear Douthit—

Let me congratulate Ira Watkins and your splendid paper—your "History of Sterling County" is a

splendid piece of work—and I suggest that by all means that you send a complete set of the editions to the University of Texas Archives for a permanent record.

Authentic stories of this country are scarce and it has been so nice to read one that we can believe—

Regards,
SHINE PHILLIPS.

Sam Simmons and his sister, Mrs. Louis Atkins of Big Spring, recently went to Dallas to visit their father, J. L. Simmons, 89, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

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Have you ever been to Hot Springs, Arkansas?

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Your columnist visited Hot Springs recently—and it was a most enjoyable experience. All activities seem to center on the main street because the city is in two sections which are connected only by that one thoroughfare, so closely do the mountains press at the midway point.

And such a main street! On one side is bathhouse row, palaces of stone in a setting of trees and velvety lawns, and in the distance the vast structure which is the Arlington Hotel; on the other side of the street, shops with displays of laces, jewelry and curios. People from every state in the union saunter in a leisurely manner along the side walk. Incidentally, Texas ranks second for out-of-state visitors, Illinois being first.

There are sight-seeing buses drawn up at the curb, and there is a shooting gallery on that main street—the targets are against the side of a mountain. One spot was blasted out of solid rock to make room for a filling station and nearby is a bus stop which is only a few paces from a ledge of rock under which one can take refuge from rain.

Over yonder is an ancient two-seated carriage, the kind the governor used to ride in when there was a parade when you were a boy; and the old driver is wearing a top-hat. Honeymooners go for a drive in the quaint vehicle, and of course have their picture taken. From somewhere there comes the sound of music—and you look through a fringe of trees and see, in a park bandstand, an Army band.

Hot Springs has facilities for 31,000 visitors, declares Miss Alta Smith, of the Chamber of Commerce, who for many years has ably publicized the city's many attractions. But the races were in progress and finding accommodations for the wife, her mother and myself was a problem—which Miss Smith solved by appealing to a former Texan, Vance Bryan, who used to run a big trucking business out of Kilgore and is now owner of the Jack Tar Court Hotel, famous stopping place for famous athletes, big business men and movie stars—the most luxurious quarters I've ever seen.

To sum the swirl of impressions of the three days: Hot Springs seems a gigantic fair, colorful fiesta, a perpetual holiday where everyone is having a great time.

There is no Texan about whom more stories are told than David Crockett, tho' most of them relate to his days in Tennessee before he came to Texas. Incidentally, while your radio columnist was in Crockett recently, citizens pointed out the tree under which the famous hunter camped while on his way to San Antonio where he died gloriously in the Alamo.

Davy moved into a new county in Tennessee when he was a young man. All he had to do on moving day was pour water on the fire and whistle up the dogs. He was made justice of the peace and as he said, "I got along pretty well. My judgments were never appealed from but if they had they would have stuck like wax, as I gave my decisions on the principles of common justice and honesty between man and man, and relied on natural-born sense and not law-learning to guide me for I never had read a page in a law book in my life."

After serving in the legislature, Crockett decided to run for Congress. His opponents were two dignified and solemn individuals who took themselves quite seriously and ignored the back-woodsman in his hunting costume who told jokes and discussed matters in a common-sense kind of way. When the votes were counted, he had beaten both of them put together. He had to borrow money to make the trip to Washington. On his way, he stopped at an inn and in trying to get to the fire he accidentally jostled a self-important chap who demanded, "Who do you think you are?" Davy shouted, "I'm Davy Crockett half horse and half alligator, a little touched with the snapping turtle. I can wade the Mississippi, jump the Ohio, ride a streak o' lightning and slide down a honey-locust without a scratch. I can whip my weight in wildcats and, if any gentleman please, for a \$19 bill, he can throw in a panther. I can hug a bear too close for comfort and I can lick any man that's against Andrew Jackson."

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