

Final School Exercises

Commencement May 18
 Graduation May 22

Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of First Baptist Church, will be speaker for the Sterling City School graduates on Thursday, May 22 in the commencement exercises at the school auditorium. An announcement was made by O. T. Jones this week.

Senior girls and four senior boys are to receive diplomas at exercises. Contending for valedictory honors are Joe David Cross and Bonnie Ruth King. Commencement services will be held at 11 a. m. in the school auditorium with Rev. Ed H. Wallace, pastor of the First Methodist Church, as speaker.

Senior graduates are Lora Mae Noble, Bonnie Ruth King, Norwayne Brown, Joseph Blaneck, Vern Davis and Joe David Cross.

Graduation exercises for the high grade will be held on May 22 and the students to get diplomas are Edwin Aiken, Harry Cook, Pascal Brown, Elroy and Bill Butler, O. F. Carper, Bill Sarah Fowler, Don Gann, Ed Heacock, Elizabeth Hildebrand, Clinton Hodges, Dorothy Lowe, Bob Mitchell, Alvin R. Rita Munsell, Billie Jean Gools, Jean Randolph, Geneva Gools, Alfred Thieme, Lynell Ward and Darleen McEntire.

LIONS CLUB

President Worth Durham named a nominating committee to select officers for next year at the Lions luncheon Wednesday. He named W. J. Swann, H. A. Chapman and R. H. Emery to serve on the committee.

The club voted to pay the First Methodist Church \$5 per month as rent for use of the basement for the weekly meetings. Jeff Davis asked that a permit to move the community center building from the site had been secured from the Highway Department. L. C. Donald reported that \$123.80 was raised for the Texas City relief at the Sterling City-Forsan ball game Monday night.

Little Jennie Ruth Davis played piano solos for the program. Guests were Bill Lane and Bob Foster of the Plymouth Oil Co., Byron W. Frierson, new county agent, Jennie Ruth Davis and Jeff Lane. Lane told of the new oil test in the county. The new county agent made an introductory talk.

TO THE JOHN CASTERS

son, named John Patrick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lancaster of Stockton, California on April 24. "Papa" is "Big John" Lancaster, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of this city, and the "John" is the great grand-

MUSICAL TEA IS SPONSORED BY CLUB

The Noratadata Club gave a tea and a musical program at the school auditorium Tuesday evening. The musical program was a program from the San Angelo College and under the direction of Jack Swartz. Members of the other women's clubs of the town and their guests were the guests of the Noratadata Club at the affair.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken was the main hostess for the occasion and co-hostesses were Mrs. Harvey L. Henigan, Mrs. Hubert Williams, and Mrs. Worth B. Durham.

The SAC Chorus presented three numbers, "Christian Wake", "Jesus Priceless Treasure", and "To Thee We Sing." Lucille Phillips, pianist, played "Sonata" and "Nocturne."

This was followed by Ann Horton, soprano, singing "In the Silence of the Night" and "Let My Song Fill Your Heart". The SAC octet sang "Home" which was followed by Mrs. June Olson playing Chopin's "Waltz" and "Prelude".

The chorus ended the program singing "Music When Soft Voices Die", "Deep River", "Sylvia" and "Swing Along."

Alumni Banquet Set For June 20

The date is June 20! Begin making your plans to attend the annual Alumni Banquet and Dance to be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Cactus Hotel at 8:00 on the evening of June 6.

There'll be fried chicken galore—Enough fun to make your roar! Tickets will go on sale soon, and reservations can be made with Mrs. Martin Reed, Mrs. Chesley McDonald, or Mrs. Tommie Johnson. This year the graduates of 1947 will be honored.

Watch for further announcements concerning the Alumni Association Get-Together! The date is June 20!

FRIERSON IS NEW STERLING COUNTY AGENT

Byron W. Frierson, who for the past four months has been assistant county agent at San Angelo, began work as the new Sterling County agent on Tuesday of this week. He replaces J. M. Starr, who served as Sterling County agent for the past two and one-half years. Mr. Starr has moved to Rising Star, Texas.

SAM SIMMONS' FATHER DIES

On Tuesday of last week, funeral services for J. L. Simmons, 88, were held at Seagraves. The elder Mr. Simmons, father of Sam Simmons of Sterling, had died in Dallas on April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Simmons and their children attended the funeral services.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER



By Congressman O. C. Fisher

History was made in Washington last week when President Aleman of Mexico became the first Mexican chief executive to cross the Rio Grande for an official visit to Washington.

Anything that missing in the way of good will between the two nations was patched up before the visitor left the capitol city. Flown here from Mexico City in the Truman plane, the Sacred Cow, Aleman was received by President Truman at the airport, then rode in a parade witnessed by 600,000 people. The size of this turnout was second only to that which General Eisenhower upon his triumphal return from Europe after the war.

The visiting president addressed the Congress in Spanish. Translations were distributed and he was easy to follow as he bore down on the friendly relations between the two countries separated by the Rio Grande. Incidentally, there was the matter of a \$60 million loan discussed while the visiting president was here. But one thing about Mexico is that she is always a good credit risk and has paid her obligations to this country in the past in a satisfactory manner.

Elsewhere on capitol hill, the Senate wrangled over the Labor bill and rumors began to fly that President Truman will veto any labor bill that is passed if it has any teeth in it. The House sliced the State Department's foreign relief bill to \$200 million, and amended it so very little, if any, relief will go to the Communist-dominated countries. The wool bill continued to be tied up in the House Rules committee where the questions of the import fees on foreign wool is causing some disturbance among the members. The Boston wool trade, which opposes any wool bill, has been fairly effective in arousing opposition to pending legislation, their new strategy being to appeal to those who are opposed to tariffs on imports.

The wool bill opposition has succeeded in recruiting the aid of Representative McCormack, a democratic leader from Boston, and Helen Gahagan Douglas, a left-wing congressman from California. Speaker Martin, from Massachusetts, is also unfriendly to legislation favoring the domestic wool grower. Mrs. Douglas called a meeting the other day of two or three other congresswomen and invited representatives of all the women's organizations with headquarters in Washington. There she had a field day by telling them how vicious the wool bill is, how unimportant the wool growing industry is, and how desirable it is to reduce the tariff on wool. It is rumored that her actions were promoted by the Boston wool trade.

Representative Ewing Thomason of El Paso is the latest Texan to retire from Congress, his resignation being expected this summer. He has been appointed Federal Judge at El Paso. . . . Out in California the state legislature finally got around to elevating the importance of the goat. The goat out there can now lift its head in pride. No longer is it just a misdemeanor to steal a goat in that state; a new law has made it a felony. . . . Referring again to President Aleman's visit, the hasty preparations for his reception caused some red faces in the State Department. The 650 Mexican flags strung along the parade route to welcome him were not the official flag of Mexico at all, but merely the merchant marine flag of Mex-

DISTRICT COURT OPENED MONDAY

District court opened here Monday morning with the convening of the grand jury. The grand jury returned no bills of indictment, and court was over in a short time.

Grand jurors who reported were C. C. Ainsworth, A. T. Bratton, G. H. Cannon, M. E. Churchill, R. P. Davis, Jeff Davis, Roland Edwards, Joe Emery, Taylor Garrentt, Bill Green, H. L. Hildebrand, W. R. Hudson, W. P. Meyer, Martin Reed, Louis Bade and Edwin Aiken.

Three civil cases were disposed of—Albertine Pool was granted a divorce and custody of children, from William S. Pool. Two suits to try title were cleared, those of Nora F. Coulson, et al. vs Margaret Gilmore, et al, and that of Rufus W. Foster, et al, vs. Margaret Gilmore, et al.

Judge John F. Sutton is the district judge and Ralph Logan is the district attorney.

\$123.80 Raised in Texas City Benefit Game

The Forsan Independents took the Sterling City Independents into camp Monday night in the benefit game by the score of 14-7. In the first inning with two men away, Forsan scored two runs on 1 hit and three errors. Sterling was never able to catch Forsan after this bad inning.

Forsan got 12 hits and 14 runs off Tillerson. Sterling got 10 hits and 7 runs off the Forsan pitcher. There was \$123.80 donated to the Texas City relief. L. C. McDonald sent the money off Thursday.

In a league game Thursday night the Lions took the Woodmen by the score of 25-7. This left the Lions in second place in the league.

Tuesday night the W.O.W. team easily took the league leading Legion team by the score of 26-14. The Woodmen scored 5 runs in the 1st inning on one hit. The Legion came back and scored 5 runs on 2 hits. After then it was a contest on who would be the next Legionaire to make an error. The Legion got 10 hits and 14 runs off Johnson. He struck out two men. The Woodmen got 25 runs on 8 hits off Tillerson. He struck out 6 men.

This Thursday night will find the Lions playing the Legion. If the Legion wins, they will be the winner of the preliminary round. If the Lions win they will also have to defeat the Woodmen Tuesday night to take the crown. An outside game is planned for the 15th and 17th of May.

If all those attending the ball games will please use the west entrance instead of the school entrance, it will relieve us having to place an additional gatekeeper on the school gate entrance.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Legion	3	2	.600
Lions	2	2	.500
W. O. W.	2	3	.400

Tea Last Saturday Honors Mrs. R. Williams

Mrs. Templeton Foster, Mrs. G. Williams, and Mrs. Vern Davis entertained with a tea at the Foster home Saturday afternoon honoring Mrs. Roger Williams, daughter-in-law of Mrs. G. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams have been visiting his parents here before going to Houston to make their home. They have been residing in Seattle, Washington, since their marriage last July.

Miss Jackie Foster met tea guests at the door, and the hostesses and the honoree were in the receiving line. Mrs. Forrest Foster presided at the guest book.

Piano selections were presented during the afternoon by Jacqueline Everitt and Carolyn Foster.

Mrs. Foster Conger presided at the tea service, assisted by Mrs. Robert Foster and Mrs. Hubert Williams. The tea table was laid with a maderia cloth and centered with pink carnations and white candles in crystal holders. Pink carnations, roses, and snapdragons were used throughout the house.

ico, which happens to be identical with the official flag of Italy. Mexico and Italy are technically still at war. . . . A few of the official Mexican flags were on display, however.

PLYMOUTH OIL CO. STARTS STERLING WELL THIS WEEK

The Plymouth Oil Company is testing the Ellenburger in Sterling County with a 9,000 foot well on Section 39 of the old F. M. Williams estate. The work on the well began on Thursday. The contract calls for depth to the Ellenburger or 9,000 feet, said Bill Lane, with the Plymouth Co.

The test is in Sec. 39, 1980 feet from the south and 1980 feet from the west.

The test explores the lowest known producing strata in these parts, which is the Ellenburger. Bob Roberts is the driller in charge of the well.

Funeral Services Held For A. E. Ballou, 80

Funeral services for Albert E. Ballou, 80, who died at 12:04 o'clock Sunday morning in Albuquerque, N. M., were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Johnson's Chapel in San Angelo.

The Rev. B. B. Hestir of Carlsbad officiated. Interment was in the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Emmette Westbrook and Joe Barton, both of San Angelo, Claude Collins, Homer Pearce, Aaron Clark, Earl Bailey, Bill Reed, and E. F. McEntire, all of Sterling City.

Mr. Ballou was born in Lamar Texas in 1867 and was married to Lorena Whitehead, who survives him, in Brady, Texas in 1888. There were nine children born to the Ballous: Mrs. Geneva Dorman of Brady, Mrs. Zelma Rawls of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. Georgia Forbes of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Lillian Perry of San Antonio, Mrs. Beulah Churchill of Sterling City, Noble Ballou, deceased 1934, Oran Ballou of Albuquerque, N. M., Eural Williams, Golden, Colo., and Mary Louise Barnes, Denver, Colo.

In 1910 he moved to Silver City, N. M. to take over the ranching business of his deceased brother.

In 1913 he came to Sterling City where he was engaged in the mercantile business. During the time he was deeply interested in the cattle business, having been a successful breeder of high grade registered Herefords. In 1944 he retired from business and made his home in Albuquerque, where he was living at the time of his death.

Besides the widow and the above named children he is survived by a brother, Steve Ballou of Albuquerque, and three sisters, Mrs. John Draper of Del Rio, Mrs. Tom Homesley of Comanche, and Miss Alice Ballou of Hamilton.

JOHN LANE SELLS OUT

John Lane has sold his ranch, stock, house and furnishings, horses, chickens, etc. to Jimmy Daniels of Fort Worth. John said he sold out "lock, stock and barrel."

Lane said he didn't know where he would go, but that he wanted to go somewhere—where it rained once and awhile.

Leaving China



TANGKU, CHINA — (Soundphoto) — Above is Army Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., who has been sent to Tangku from Peiping with 368 others of a party being evacuated to the U. S. Tangku has been used as an embarkation point for evacuees. Recently five U. S. Marines were killed by "dissident forces" believed to be Chinese Communist irregulars in an attempt to raid a Marine ammunition dump at Tangku.

Telephone Union Leaders



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—Telephone Union Leaders who appealed to the Board of Directors of A. T. & T. to intervene in the wage deadlock which caused communications strike—the first paralyzing strike of 1947. Attorney General Tom Clark says that President Truman has power to seize the nation's telephone companies. Left to right are John J. Moran, National Federation of Telephone Workers Policy Chairman; Wm. N. Margolis, of U. S. Conciliation Service, and G. S. Dring, Assistant Vice President, Long Lines Department, American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

VOLLEYBALL LETTERMEN

Girls who received volley ball letters this year at the local high school are as follows:

- Lora Mae Humble, Captain,
- Bonnie Ruth King,
- LaVerne King,
- Trina Beth Reed,
- Jacqueline Everitt,
- Jo Ann King,
- Jeane Claire Lee,
- Margaret Ritter,
- Fern Garrett,
- Carolyn Foster, Manager.

The coach is expecting a good club next season, since all the lettermen except Humble and B. Ruth King will return.

Twelve new suits have been ordered for the girls. Bonnie Ruth King will receive an award for having lost the fewest number of serves for a series of twelve games.

DIXIE KNIGHT IS DUCHESS AT TARLETON MAY FETE

Dixie A. Knight, a Physical Education Major in John Tarleton College, was one of the duchesses present at the coronation of the May Queen held on Hayes Field at Stephenville on Sunday afternoon, May 4. The event was held in honor of John Tarleton's ex-students and parents day. A crowd of four thousand people were present.

Dixie is a member of the O.W. L.S. club, a social club on the John Tarleton campus. She is a graduate of Sterling City high school.

Mrs. G. C. Murrell and her little daughter and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Brizendine of Colorado City are visiting relatives in Brady this week.

Home Comfort



Dining-room chairs appear in slip covers at the kitchen breakfast bar Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ford designed for their farm home in Pottawatomie county, Iowa, Betty Lindsay points out in nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer. These red waterproof plastic-coated fabric ones match leather-seat upholstery.

Comfort and convenience-promoting ideas abound in the Ford home. In each of the 10 years Mr. and Mrs. Ford have been married, they have made some improvements which will make farm work easier and the home more comfortable.

A busy homemaker who tends a large garden, prepares an abundance of food for freezing and canning and raises a large flock of chickens, Mrs. Ford manages to be a 4-H club leader, hold an office in the women's home project board and in a church society. Extra moments must be allotted for her flower garden, home improvement and personal care.



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'Wish You Wouldn't's' Apply to Parents, Too

SINCE turn about is fair play, any list of "Wish you Wouldn't's" for teen agers should be accompanied by a few "Don'ts" for parents, too, Holly Miller points out in nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer.

Discussing the teen agers' viewpoint, she writes:

"Seems as if 'I wish you wouldn't' is the preface to a good many statements by the older generation. 'The way you dress, eat, walk, talk — gadzooks — nothing seems to please them.

"But before you get too huffy and cast their admonitions to the breeze, go into a huddle with yourself. Down deep you may find the grace to admit that a lot of so-called characteristic adolescent behaviorisms are not calculated to make the populace love you. And that just because simply everybody acts a certain way is not sufficient reason for anybody as special as you to follow suit."

Among the "Don'ts" which Miss Miller says teen-agers might suggest to parents are:

"Don't laugh at us. We're self-conscious enough. Tho our plans may seem a little fantastic and some of our actions silly, it's probably part of being young. Don't you remember?"

"Don't treat us like kids. You can help us grow up by treating us like grown-ups. Trust us a little more."

"Never, never say, 'I told you so.' It's too curdling. And we have to learn the hard way to make it stick."



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I am the correspondent for the San Angelo Standard-Times and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Please turn in your news.

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SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS COLUMN

Foster and Hildebrand marked an 89% lamb crop from yearling ewes on the Hilltop Ranch. A reserve of side oats grama, buffalo grass, and other palatable grasses use as winter feed was responsible for both the good lamb crop and the good condition of the ewes.

Cecil Wilkerson, near Garden City, with the assistance of Soil Conservation Service conservationists has surveyed an area of native range land to determine its

adaptability for irrigated pasture. The location of the well to be drilled was selected so as to water the entire area by gravity flow.

Ten and one-half pounds of wool per head was sheared recently from mutttons on Foster and Hildebrand's River Ranch. A good reserve of the choice range grasses on this ranch was largely responsible for the high wool production.

By bringing his livestock in balance with feed produced by choice range grasses, Foster S. Price has been able to run sheep all winter on a bitterweed infested country without loss or ill effects. No supplemental feed was given the sheep.

STYLE SHOW

The Homemaking Classes of Sterling High School, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Davis, had their annual style show May 1, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Tommie Johnson played the piano for the girls as they modeled. The first and second graders, directed by Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace and Mrs. A. A. Berryman, entertained with several musical numbers.

Miss Edna McGregor, Homemaking teacher from Big Spring, judged the dresses.

For H. E. I, LaVerne King and Fern Garrett tied for first place, and Courtenay Skeete won second place. For H. E. II, Margaret Ritter won first place, Trinabeth Reed second place, and Flo Thieme third place. For H. E. III, Carolyn Foster won first place, Jacqueline Everitt second place and Estelle Reed third place.

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Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
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Training Union 7:00 P. M.
Worship Service 8:00 P. M.

The Mothers Day sermon subject is "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Rules the World, and the Hand That Wrecks the Cradle Rocks the World."

If your mother is living you couldn't do more to please her than to go to church Sunday morning and evening.

There will be youth rally this Saturday night starting at 7:30. Come and let's have fun together.

The subject for the evening service is "When the Angels Were Gone." This sermon will be illustrated with chalk. We want a good crowd.

SNEAD PLACES AT RODEO

Stephenville, Texas—Joe L. Snead Jr., a pre-vet major in John Tarleton Agricultural College, won second place in Bareback Riding at the All-Tarleton Rodeo on Sunday, May 4. Rodeo crowds packed the Stephenville City Park Arena for the second All-Tarleton Rodeo sponsored by the Wm. E. Dyess Campus Legion Post.

Snead is a graduate of the Sterling City high school. He is a member of the Silver Key Club, a boys social club on the Tarleton Campus.

NURSERY SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Homemaking Classes are sponsoring a Nursery School for pre-school children, beginning May 26 and ending June 6, in the Homemaking Department of the local school. The hours will be from 9:00 o'clock to 11:45 o'clock on week days only, Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in your child's attending, please notify Mrs. W. C. Davis, Homemaking teacher by May 20.

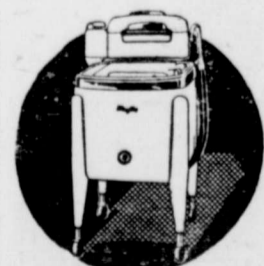
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THE HISTORY OF STERLING COUNTY

By IRA L. WATKINS

(Continued from Last Week)

With the fencing of the range there came efforts to rid West Texas of the cattle tick. Also these began experiments in vaccinating cattle for blackleg, the practice of feeding cattle through the winter, and a rapid improvement in the quality of the cattle. There was at the same time an increase in sheep raising. Calves were being vaccinated for blackleg by 1897. The practice of dehorning cattle was perhaps not begun until 1896 for in that year the *Farm and Ranch Magazine* advocated it and gave its advantages. Most ranchers in beginning the practice of feeding their cattle through the winter fed plain cotton seed. An abundance of this feed could be obtained at low cost from the gins at Robert Lee and San Angelo. Other ranchers, who did not feed their cattle, brought them through the winter on what is known as the "winter pasture". During the summer and fall, all stock would be kept out of the "winter pasture", then when cold weather set in the grass would be plentiful and the herds could be turned in to "winter." Feeding cattle through the winter months was begun as a general

practice soon after wire fencing prevented cattle from drifting south during that season. Cottonseed meal and cottonseed hulls were advertised as early as January, 1892, and the practice of feeding cattle must have begun a few years of that date.

By 1896 the Texas quarantine law for the prevention of the spread of Texas Fever was in operation in West Texas. The quarantine would be lifted during a part of each year to allow cattle to be shipped, provided they were inspected and found free of ticks. The law was rather hard to enforce and in several instances was disobeyed by cattlemen who would drive their cattle to market without inspection. Texas Ranger F. C. Sparkman had charge of the quarantine in Sterling County. Cattle prices fluctuated in the early days as they do in the present, but the general price level was somewhat better in the early 1900's than it was ten years earlier. In 1893, three and four-year old steers were selling for \$11.75 to \$14 each, and in 1901 only yearlings were bringing around \$13.75. Cattle prices have since increased from that price level.

The number of cattle in the county seems to have decreased during the early 90's and then increased again by 1900; that is, if the tax rolls can be taken as a fairly correct index to the number of cattle in the county. In 1891 there were 18,618 cattle rendered for taxation, in 1892 there were 16,550, and in 1893 there were only 11,141. (38). United States Census statistics show that in 1900 Sterling County had more cattle than she has ever had, 33,458 head. This number was reduced in 1910 to 23,042 and in 1920 to 17,368, but in 1930 the number had climbed to 24,754 cattle. (39). An explanation of the apparent decrease in cattle in the early 90's may be found in the fact that the coming of the wire fence together with the acquisition of land by the small rancher and settler made it necessary for the big ranchers to decrease their herds. These cattle were not replaced by the settler who mixed farming and often sheep raising with his cattle business. The only explanation at hand for the large increase by 1900 is that as the smaller ranchers became established, they increased their herds. The decrease in cattle in 1900 is prob-

ably due to the increase in sheep. As has been noted, there were 10,537 sheep rendered for taxation in the county in 1891. Development of wire fencing probably had something to do with this decline, for early sheep raisers drifted their sheep over a considerable expanse of territory. However, from 1893 on, the number of sheep in the county steadily increased. In 1910 there were 31,115, in 1920 there were 59,323, and in 1930 there were 118,576. It was found that sheep and cattle could be profitably ranged together on the same range, for they did not eat altogether the same things. The sheep's favorite forage was weeds and that of cows was grass. By the middle 1920's practically every Sterling stockman ran both sheep and cattle. It is interesting to notice that in the early sheep raising days, before they were marketed, they were fed cottonseed to fatten them. After they were fattened sufficiently, they were then drifted to the market at San Angelo. Marketing sheep in those days was a long slow process involving a week or more. It seems slow indeed when compared with the present method of trucking them to San Angelo or to Sterling City in the space of an hour or so.

38. Sterling County Tax Rolls, 1891, 1892, 1893.

39. Letter to the Author from Doris H. Connerly (State Library, Austin), Aug. 11, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen of Dallas, spent last week-end here visiting J. E.'s brother and family, the Fred Allens.

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1/2 c. peanuts, chopped
2 tsp. salad oil
1/2 tsp. tarragon vinegar
1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. paprika
1/8 tsp. pepper

Combine the apples, celery and peanuts. Mix remaining ingredients together thoroly by beating with rotary beater. Blend this with first mixture. Let stand in the refrigerator until chilled. Serve on lettuce or other salad green. Mayonnaise may be added if desired. Serves 4.

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Neal J. Reed, son of the Nick Reeds, has received his discharge from the U. S. Army. He arrived home last week and a friend, Bill Shamer, of Baltimore, came with him for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reynolds and son of Fort Davis, returned home this week after a visit here with the Nick Reeds.

LOST — Billfold with personal papers. Return to Roland Edwards.

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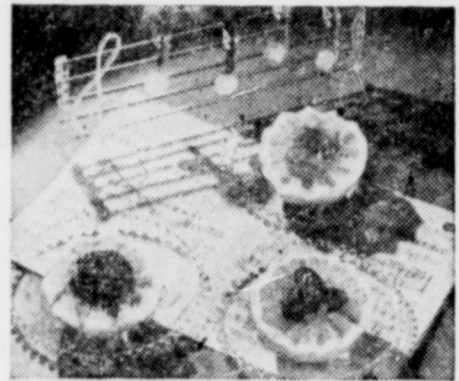
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Grapefruit Dessert Bans 'Sugar Blues'

"Although we all join in the chorus of 'Sugar Blues' these days, you can change those blue notes to gay notes by serving grapefruit for dessert!" the Country editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer tells housewives.



"Nary a grain of sugar is used on this trio of grapefruit halves," she writes in the magazine read by 1,300,000 farm families.

"Topped with jams, jellies and preserves, they merrily sing out good eating. So strike up a new tune by having grapefruit for dessert."

Cheese-Hoop Hassock

A round cheese box may be made into an inexpensive, attractive hassock to match a slip-covered chair, according to the Rural Home editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer. Pad the lid; cover with material. Cover hassock with matching fabric. The hassock with its removable lid can double as a box for children's toys.

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George W. Curry, your Veterans Administration Contact Representative, is in the courthouse each 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons and urges veterans in this county to get the facts from him about your N.S.L.I.

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Sterling suffered from the heat the first part of the week, with the mercury rising to 102 on Sunday and 101 on Monday. Mack Ayres said it got so hot that two of his doe rabbits died from the excessive heat.

Mrs. Stanford Perrett and children of Arlington returned to their home last week after a visit here at the R. P. Browns.

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You should have heard Ed Carey and Spike Miller debating the merits of Guernseys versus Holsteins. Ed's our firechief, and Spike handles hardware—but to hear them argue you'd have thought that they'd been dairying for life.

Finally they put it up to Sam Carter, who breeds dairy cows! Sam hems and haws... and concludes there's a lot to be said for Holsteins, and about as much for Guernseys... take your pick!

Actually, Ed and Spike were like people arguing about—say, beer

versus buttermilk. Folks who've never tasted beer will sometimes get mighty vehement about their choice of beverages. And folks who've never tasted buttermilk will be equally pig-headed.

From where I sit, it's in things we know nothing about that we get bigoted and stubborn. But when it comes to things we know a lot about, we're able to see both sides... be tolerant and reasonable... and r'bove all, understanding.

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Southwest farm markets paid mostly steady to strong prices last week, reports the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture. However, grains, eggs, strawberries, and most feeds went down, and some livestock weaker.

Tomatoes and onions strengthened toward the close of last week, but strawberries fell quite a bit lower. Most other vegetables stayed about the same. In the lower Rio Grande Valley tomatoes brought \$6.00 to \$6.50 per lug box. Yellow bermuda onions sold at \$1.75 to \$1.90 for 50 pounds at Laredo; and \$2 to \$2.15 in the Coastal Bend area. Late week auctions of Louisiana strawberries averaged \$3.50 to \$3.87 1/2 for 24 pints.

Grains dropped mostly seven to nine cents the first part of last week and only partly recovered later on. Light offerings of wheat and sorghums and plentiful supplies of corn and oats encountered rather slow demand. Prices on Friday for bulk carlots at Fort Worth and Galveston stood at \$2.80 to \$2.81 per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat; \$1.78 to \$1.80 for No. 2 corn; and \$1.02 to \$1.04 for No. 3 white oats.

Rice markets noted less urgency in domestic demand last week, but other countries still sought more shipments. Old alfalfa hay went higher, and the new crop had not started to move. Peanuts and peanut oil and meal sold slightly lower. Most feeds lost too, but bran and shorts went up. Dealers bought more staple fine Texas wool directly from producers for mill accounts. Mohair buying continued slow.

Cotton closed Friday from 25 cents to \$1.50 higher than a week earlier after rather wide fluctuations up and down. Demand strengthened for the higher white grades, but the lower grades continued dull. Activity in the spot markets fell off.

Fryers went up a little and other poultry held fairly steady. Eggs eased off a cent or two at most southwest markets but gained sharply in Louisiana. Prices for the week averaged 46 cents per dozen at Baton Rouge, Shreveport and New Orleans; 42 at Houston; 40 at El Paso and San Antonio; 39 at Denver, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth; and 38 at Fort Smith, Am-

arillo, Lubbock, Dallas, Waco and Austin.

Cattle held generally steady last week, but some calves weakened at Houston, and cows at San Antonio. Beef cows brought up to \$17.50 at Oklahoma City; while common and medium kinds moved at \$11.50 to \$14.50 at Houston; \$12 to \$15.50 at San Antonio; and \$13 to \$15.50 at Wichita. Common to good cows turned at \$13.50 to \$17 at Denver, and medium to good classes sold at \$14 to \$16.50 at Ft. Worth.

Hogs sold at mostly even to higher prices, but feeder pigs weakened some at San Antonio. Bulk of sales of good and choice medium weight butcher hogs at the week's close went at \$23 at San Antonio and Oklahoma City; \$23.50 at Ft. Worth; \$23 to \$23.50 at Wichita; and \$23.50 to \$23.75 at Denver. Sows cleared generally at around \$18 to \$18.50.

Lambs gained \$1.00 to \$2.00 at Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and Wichita, but other sheep and lamb markets remained mostly steady. Medium and good spring lambs cashed at \$16.50 to \$19.50 at San Antonio; and \$19 to \$22 at Fort Worth. Choice spring lambs made \$24 at Oklahoma City; and \$22.35 at Wichita. Denver paid \$20 to \$20.75 for woolled lambs.

GRAVESIDE RITES FOR PAUL ALLEN

Funeral services for Leo Paul Allen, 72, retired Sterling City ranchman, were held at the graveside in Montvale Cemetery at Sterling City at 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon.

Bro. A. A. Berryman of Sterling City officiated. Lowe Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Allen, a resident of San Angelo for three years, died at 3:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his residence two miles northeast of San Angelo.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. J. A. Reich of Richmond, Va., and 3 nephews, J. E. Allen of Dallas, O. B. Allen of Camden, N. J. and Fred Allen of Sterling City.

Pallbearers were M. C. Mitchell, Evan Williams, W. P. Meyer, W. Y. Benge, Sr., Bob Brown, and Jeff Davis, all of Sterling City.

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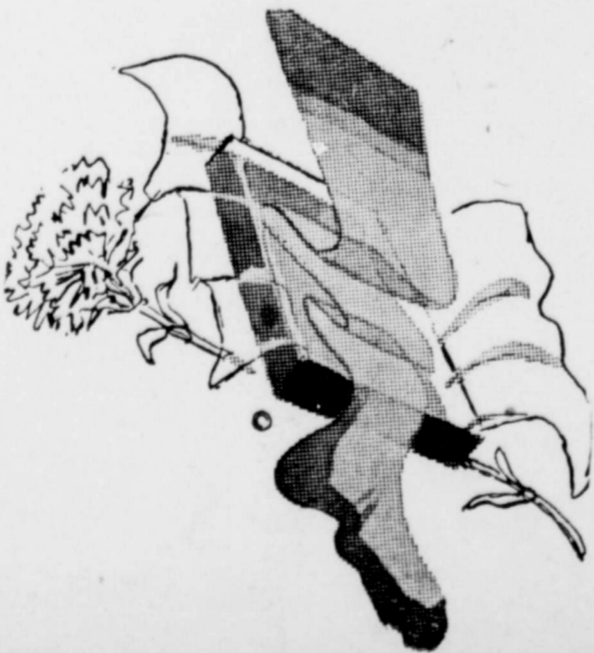
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