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No. 2

PLYMOUTH FOSTER RUNNING PIPE TO TEST ELLENBURGER

Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Willie Mae Foster, northern central Sterling County wildcat, prepared the middle of the week to run 5-inch casing to about 3,316 feet, where it topped the Ellenburger 5,751 feet below sea level, in order to test that formation to 8,327 feet, the total depth.

After casing the well cement was set and is now awaiting a 72-hour period for drying.

Two attempts to drillstem test the section failed. On the last Tuesday, recovery was only 70 feet of drilling mud with no shows of oil, gas or water. No. 1 Foster found the Ellenburger one foot lower than Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Georgia Frost, 2,951 feet to the northeast, which pumps 20 to 25 barrels of oil daily with about the same amount of water, with plugged back depth 8,355 feet. No. 1 Foster is in the C NW NW 56-2-H&TC.

Cities Service No. 1 Claude Collins, slated Ellenburger wildcat C SE SE 71-17-SPRR, three miles north and one-half mile west of Plymouth No. 1 Frost, was drilling at 5,326 feet in shale and lime.

Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Marvin Francis Foster, proposed Ellenburger wildcat seven miles south of Sterling City, C SW SW 2-15-H&TC was rigging up rotary after spudding about ten days ago.

BANK PAYS 15% DIVIDEND

The directors of the First National Bank of Sterling City met on Wednesday, December 31, and declared and paid a 15% dividend on the capital stock of \$60,000.00.

The annual stockholders meeting of the bank will be held on January 13, it was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyles and children, Quinton and Roger Lynn of McCamey visited Mr. Lyles' mother, Mrs. Helen Lyles and other relatives here New Year's Day.

Loyd Murrell Takes Over Station

Loyd Murrell bought out Bill Green and Allen Rollins' Sinclair Service Station here and began operating it on the first day of the year.

It is the second time that Murrell has had the station. Green and Rollins had operated the station exactly for a year. They took it over from Benny Green on January 1st last year.

"WINGS OVER JORDAN" HAS SMALL CROWDS

The Lions Club sponsored the Wings Over Jordan Negro choir here on January 1. The choir was a distinct success as those who heard the concert will testify. The crowd was disappointingly small and the club failed to make any money on the engagement.

The choir pleased the matinee as well as the night audience with their vivid rendition of the negro spirituals and other songs.

Mrs. J.H. Ayres of Pampa spent the Christmas holidays here at her sister's, Mrs. H. Bade. Her son, Jim, came after here on the week-end following Christmas. Other visitors at the Bades were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hale and son of Christoval, and the Owen Ingrams of Stanton.

ROGERS HEFLEY INJURED IN ACCIDENT

On Monday, December 29 about dusk, Rogers Hefley was seriously injured when his car struck the highway posts on the curve just above Nick Reed's ranch house on the highway west of here. Hefley, Ford dealer here, was taken to a San Angelo hospital, unconscious, and in a critical condition.

Hefley was returning from Big Spring when his car struck and demolished three of the posts and overturned. He suffered head injuries (internal) and was shaken up badly. No bones were broken. A Lowe ambulance took him to the hospital.

Hefley has improved to where he is now conscious when awake, but his condition is still serious.

Donalson Transferring From Carlsbad to Water Valley

Horace Donalson, Santa Fe Agent at Carlsbad, is transferring to the station at Water Valley now, and he and Mrs. Donalson will make their home there until they build a home here. They have bought lots here and plan to build before long.

The Donalson operate the Palace Theater here.

J. O. Donalson, who recently sold his City Cafe business here to Mrs. Ted Brown, has moved to San Angelo and gone in to the plumbing and tin smith business with a brother.

Mrs. Swann's Father Seriously Ill

S. H. Chumley of Big Spring, father of Mrs. W. J. Swann, is in a serious condition in a Big Spring hospital. Last Sunday he fell and injured himself, and complications arose and pneumonia developed.

DECEMBER 31 LIONS CLUB

"Recordings of the 'Wings Over Jordan' choir were played at the Lions Club luncheon on Wednesday, December 31. Bluford Hestir, son of the Rev. B. B. Histir, played two piano solos.

Lion Henton Emery told of the putting out of the Christmas baskets.

Dr. T. W. Preston, retired Methodist minister, delivered an address to the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and the high school students Wednesday morning. This was a character talk and was very timely in view of the present problems confronting the youth of America.

Miss Betty Jane Donalson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Donalson and student in North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, spent the holidays here with her parents. Her roommate, Miss Jane Lightfoot of Boise, Idaho, was her guest here for the two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Cherry had their grandson, Chester Lee Davenport of Clovis, N. M. to spend the Christmas holidays with them. Chester is the son of Mrs. Edith Davenport of Sterling City.

Joseph Blaneck, son of the J. L. Blanecks, was home from Big Spring for the Christmas holidays and, has been working for the T. & P. rail road company.

EAGLES BEAT COAHOMA 15 to 8

The Sterling City Eagles journeyed to Coahoma and came home with a 15 to 8 win to remain in a tie with the Stanton five for the conference lead. The Stanton crew defeated the Knott five by the score of 33-21 to push Knott out of 1st place.

The Sterling five held a first quarter lead 3-1, and a half-time lead of 6-1. The Sterling five were unable to hit their shots on the Coahoma court and they held on to an 11-8 lead going into the 4th quarter. It looked as though they would repeat last year's performance of a 13 to 12 score. Hudson and King each dropped in a field goal in the final quarter and with some excellent defensive work held Coahoma scoreless. Final score was 15-8.

The Sterling girls were defeated after a hard-fought contest by the score of 14-7. Moleta Huff was high point for Sterling with 3 points.

The conference standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sterling City	2	0	1000
Stanton	2	0	1000
Knott	3	1	750
Courtney	3	1	750
Forsan	2	2	500
Garden City	0	4	000
Coahoma	0	4	000

Sterling Defeats Mertzon

The Sterling City boys defeated the Mertzon boys basketball team Friday night by the score of 32 to 30. The Sterling boys lead at the half 16 to 11. They held third quarter lead of 28 to 15. Mertzon rallied on the last quarter and made the score 32 to 30. Tweedle was high point man for Sterling with 16 points. Kubena of Mertzon made 26 points.

The Mertzon girls defeated the Sterling City girls 14 to 12 with three overtime periods. The Mertzon B team defeated Sterling B 23 to 17. Groshann was high point man for second string Sterling with 10 points.

Sterling Meets Westbrook

The Sterling High Eagles will meet the strong Westbrook five in a non-conference affair here Friday night at the local gym. The Sterling girls will meet the Westbrook girls in a curtain raiser at 7:00. Admission to the games will be 15c and 25c.

Tuesday night the Garden City Bearcats will come to Sterling for a conference affair. The B game will start at 7:00 and the A game at 8:00.

STERLING INDEPENDENTS VS. GEM JEWELERS

The Sterling City Independents will entertain the Gem Jewelers of San Angelo Saturday night in the local gym. The game will start at 8:00 p. m. Some new faces will be in the line-up when the Independents take the floor Saturday. The locals have added Larimer, Coach Duff, and Blackburn, shop teacher, to their already fine ball club.

The local Independents defeated the Gem Jewelers in the TAAF tournament at San Angelo by the score of 40-36 last year. This was the last meeting of the two teams. A good game is expected here Saturday night.

OPEN CAFE

HELEN & EDDIE'S CAFE

Helen Troxell and Eddie Jarrell took over the Huff Cafe the first of the year and have begun operating the cafe. After a thorough renovating and redecorating of the place, they opened for business on January 5.

The new owners are featuring lunches, steaks, oysters, short orders and home-baked pies.

The name of the new enterprise is to be Helen and Eddie's Cafe, said the new owners. They invite all their friends in for a real treat.

Christmas visitors here at the D. C. Durhams were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan and son, James of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Durham and Rachael Ann and Rebecca of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris and daughter, Jill, of DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Clyde Davis of Lubbock.

ANNUAL RAINFALL

ONLY 16.79 INCHES OF RAIN HERE IN 1947

The rainfall as gauged here in town at the J. T. Davis gauge was as follows for the past two years:

Month	1947	1946
January	1.85	1.35
February	.00	.06
March	2.14	.46
April	.20	.57
May	6.87	.00
June	.86	.60
July	.57	.00
August	.25	.60
September	.00	3.17
October	1.00	2.22
November	1.80	.15
December	1.25	1.45
TOTAL	16.79	10.63

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Strong markets for cotton, grains, cattle and sheep offset even to lower trends on most southwest farm products last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Cotton sales dropped by a third during the holiday-shortened week. Demand eased some, but prices scored net advances of 50 cents to a dollar a bale.

Grain markets partly recovered from the Christmas week slump to register net gains. Corn and oats met particularly active request and prices advanced around five to ten cents per bushel. Wheat movement continued rather heavy.

Rice markets remained seasonally quiet during the last week in December, as prices held steady. Light offerings of hay found sufficient demand to move at unchanged levels. Late marketings of farmer's stock peanuts brought support prices, but most current offerings graded below the top price bracket.

Citrus moved in better demand in the Lower Rio Grande Valley but most vegetable lines saw draggy trading. A few straight cars of lettuce brought firm prices. Producers offered ample supplies of winter vegetables both in the Valley and at New Orleans, where demand held up well, although citrus moved slowly. Lower trends featured Denver's market except on onions, celery, peppers and southern yams. Kansas City and St. Louis found trading light between holidays.

Egg prices continued downward the past week in anticipation of seasonal increases in production, despite good demand. Active request sustained poultry prices, and fowl advanced four or five cents a pound at New Orleans. Most current receipt eggs sold at 45 to 50 cents a dozen, and heavy hens 23 to 26 cents a pound.

Strong cattle markets showed gains of mostly 25 cents to \$2 for the week. Calves and vealers led the advance. Houston paid \$23 to \$26 for good calves, as Oklahoma City took choice lots to \$26. Good and choice calves brought \$24 to \$25 at San Antonio, \$23 to \$27 at Fort Worth, and \$20 to \$23 at Wichita. Denver gave a top of \$25 for calves and vealers late in the week.

Butcher hogs and sows sold unevenly 25 cents to \$1.25 lower during the past week except at San Antonio where opposite trends held sway. San Antonio and Fort Worth paid \$27.50 for top butcher hogs, as Oklahoma City reached \$28.25, Wichita \$27.15, and Denver \$29.40. Bulk of sows brought \$23 to \$25 at most markets.

Lambs moved generally at prices 50 cents to \$2 higher than a week earlier, and other sheep gained up to 75 cents. Denver bought choice lambs at \$26.25, within 50 cents of the 1947 peak. Medium and good kinds brought \$25 at Wichita and \$22 to \$24 at Fort Worth. San Antonio took medium lambs at \$17.50 to \$18.

More active contracting of wool found buyers willing to pay 50c per grease pound at Texas points for well grown fine staples from the spring clip.

Mrs. Ervin Grigsby of Sanderson has returned home after a visit here with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Glass and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Murray and their granddaughter, Cherrye Dee Galloway of San Angelo spent Tuesday here at the Delbert Dear-ens.

LIONS CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club voted to sponsor the 4-H Club Boys Livestock Show here in the early spring when they met for the regular luncheon Wednesday at the Community Center.

Harold Baker, high school boy, played several numbers on the steel Hawaiian guitar.

The club voted to help on paying a girl's tuition in college from Sterling City. Lion Tillerson told of the standing of the local basketball team and the schedule for the next few games. Henton Emery made a report on the "Wings Over Jordan" venture.

With January as membership month, Joe Emery and Byron W. Frierson were named captains to head a drive for new members in the month of January.

NAMED ON TEXAS A. & M. RESEARCH FOUNDATION

COLLEGE STATION, — J. T. Davis, vice-president of the First National Bank of Sterling City, has been named as a councilor of the Texas A & M Research Foundation. The membership has been increased from 50 to 70.

The Foundation places at the disposal of Texas business the extensive research facilities of A&M College. It amplifies the program of the long-established Agricultural and Engineering Experiment Stations who work, for the most part, on state and federal funds.

Dr. A. A. Jakkula is executive director.



MRS TEDDY JOHNSON HINSHAW-JOHNSON MARRIAGE

Peggy Jean Hinshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinshaw, was united in marriage to Mr. Teddy Johnson of San Angelo on Wednesday, December 31. The ceremony was performed by a Rev. White, Methodist minister of Big Spring, at his home. The bride's roommate, Miss Billie Keisling of Stanton and Bobby Green of San Angelo attended the pair.

The bride is a 1946 graduate of Sterling City High School. She is now in her second year of nursing training at the Shannon School of Nursing in San Angelo. The groom is employed at Hemphill-Wells in San Angelo. They will make their home in San Angelo.

Leaves A. F. of L.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sound-photo)—John L. Lewis leaving his office after taking his 450,000 united mine workers out of the American Federation of Labor for the second time in the last ten years.

Nobel Prize Winners



STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — (Soundphoto) — King Gustav V, of Sweden (left) pictured shaking hands with Dr. Carl F. Cori and his wife Dr. Gerty Cori, of Washington U., St. Louis, Mo., at the brilliant ceremony in Stockholm's Concert Hall, where the King bestowed Nobel prizes for 1947. Dr. Cori and his doctor wife received half share in the prize for Physiology and Medicine for the "Discovery of the Process in the Catalytic Metabolism of Glycogen" or animal starch. The other half of the prize went to Dr. Bernardo A. Houssay of Buenos Aires.



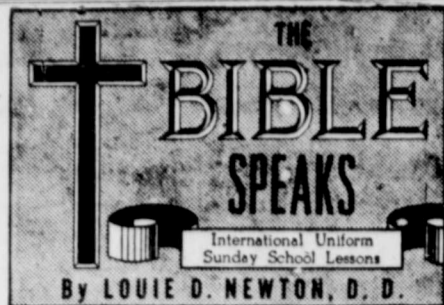
Dinner Party for Mrs. Helen Lyles

Mrs. Helen Lyles was honored with a Christmas day dinner given by her children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Wilson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Potts, Clema Helen and Robby Potts of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Lyles of Fort Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bramlette Allen, Mr. and Mrs. William Foster and Bill Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Q. Foster and Michael Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster.

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By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:28-31; Matthew 6:9; John 14:8-14; Acts 17:22-31.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 33.

What We Know of God

Lesson for January 11, 1948

THE Scripture for Sunday's lesson is Isaiah 40:28-31, Matthew 6:9, John 14:8-14, and Acts 17:22-31, with Psalm 33 as the devotional reading.



Dr. Newton

"Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. . . . They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

That is the passage from Isaiah. What a promise! In this hour when men are bending beneath the burden of a war-weary world, how it gives lift to one's soul to contemplate the words of this great and blessed promise.

God Our Maker

"HE GIVES to all men life and breath and everything," Acts 17:25. One of our daily prayers should be to thank God that he has let us open our eyes to the beauty of another dawn. We must not take it for granted. It is the goodness and mercy of God that permits us to open our eyes, to breathe, to have food, to think. He gives us life and breath and everything.

He causes the sun to shine and the tides to ebb and flow. He causes the rain to fall and the winds to bear their blessings. He holds the earth in its course. God is the maker of every good thing.

And He Is Our Father

NOT only is God the Creator and Sustainer of the physical universe; but he is also our Father. He knows us each by name. He cares for the sparrows, simply because they are sparrows. He cares for us because we are his children, made in his image, capable of fellowship with him. The end of man, as the Catechism clearly teaches, is to enjoy God and glorify him forever.

Read again the passage that describes Paul's visit to Athens, and how he observed that the people, though quite intelligent, were worshipping many different gods. Paul summoned them to worship the one true and living God.

When we acknowledge God as Maker and Father, we are then able to serve him in conscious assurance of his love and care for us as his adopted children.

Show Us the Father

READ again John 14:8-14, and join with Philip in the prayer, "Show us the Father." Jesus answered Philip, saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." We come to know God as Father through Jesus Christ, and only through Jesus Christ.

Jesus goes on to say to Philip, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The greatest need of our day and generation is a fresh understanding of God—his nature and his will. We can know him through Jesus Christ. And we come to know him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Enoch walked with God. Abraham was the friend of God. David was a man after God's own heart. And Jesus came to perfectly reveal the Father. The determining factor in knowing God as Father is our willingness to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Belief in God Today

THE Bible is a Book for today—any day, every day. It reveals the purpose of creation, both of the universe and man himself. It reveals the loving concern of God for every soul. It portrays his forbearance and his mercy and his exceeding kindness, even to sinful men and women who reject his love.

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Religion, the Christian religion, is the most practical proposition in the world. Every man is constantly in reach of God, if only he will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. God is yonder in the loneliest watchtower of the timberlands. He is yonder on the storm-tossed ship at sea. He is everywhere, waiting to own and bless any and all who will come to him through Jesus Christ.

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Charter No. 9813 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of STERLING CITY, TEXAS
in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on December 31,
1947. Published in Response to Call Made by the Comptroller
of the Currency, Under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,068,214.23
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	816,000.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	108,900.00
Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	6,000.00
Loans and discounts (including 4,529.73 overdrafts)	4,529.73
Bank premises owned \$2,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$1,000.00	3,000.00
Other assets	15,552.18
TOTAL ASSETS	2,771,811.88

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	2,501,550.56
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	1,161.60
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	44,293.72
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	3.24
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,547,009.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,547,009.12

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock: (c) Common stock, total par \$60,000.00	60,000.00
Surplus	140,000.00
Undivided profits	24,802.76
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	224,802.76
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	2,771,811.88

State of Texas, County of Sterling, ss:
I, H. M. KNIGHT, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

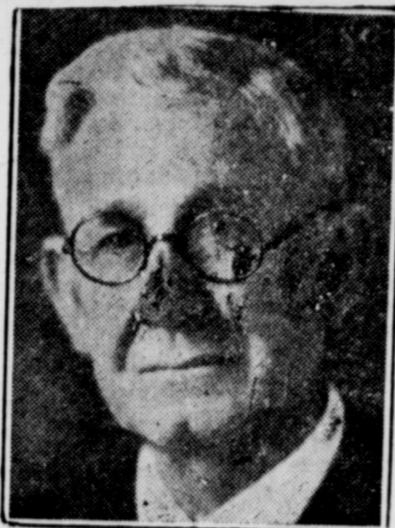
H. M. KNIGHT, Cashier.

CORRECT — ATTEST:

J. T. Davis
J. S. Cole
W. L. Foster

Directors.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of Jan., 1948.
(Seal) SUE NELSON
Notary Public



**W. L. Foster Observes
30th Birthday January 1**

W. L. Foster was honored with a birthday dinner here January 1 at his home. He was observing his 30th birthday anniversary. A dinner with his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren marked the day. Some guests and other relatives were present.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand and family, and Miss Ethel Foster, and the seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coulson, all of Sterling City, and Mrs. Odessa Wilson of Dallas, and Mrs. Ross Gammon and Ewing Kendall of Dallas, and Rev. and Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace of Sterling City.

Born in Navarro County, Mr. Foster came to Sterling in 1881 from Coleman and has been associated with ranching and business interests here ever since.

**Birthday Party
GWEN DELL DEAREN**

Mrs. W. H. Sparkman and Mrs. Delbert Dearen were hostesses at a party honoring Gwen Dell Dearen on her sixth birthday anniversary at the Sparkman home on January 1.

Swinging balloons were used as decorations. An eight tiered birthday cake highlighted the affair.

Games were played after which a buffet luncheon was served to Barbara and Wanda Simmons, Dixie, Sondra and Judy Carroll Christian, Claudia Collins, Sandra Lou Robbins, Sonny Hughes, Sonny Benton, L. J. and Betty Brown, Wilbur Allen Stone, Wayne Drennan, Ginger Stone, Cherry Dee Gallaway of San Angelo, Mrs. Wilbur Stone, Mrs. Dick and Bill Christian, Mrs. Blackie Hughes, Mrs. Eula Robbins and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds. Sending in gifts were Joan Murell, Janette Westbrook, David Craig and Barbara Worth Durham, Mrs. J. L. Glass and Mrs. Ervin Grigsby of Sanderson.

FRYERS for sale. Phone 133. Mrs. M. W. Smith.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank our friends and customers for their trade and friendship during the past twelve months while we operated the Sinclair Service Station.

We appreciate and value the confidence you showed in us while we were in business.

Bill Green and Allen Rollins.

TO STATE CONFERENCE

C. D. McEntire plans to leave Monday morning for Dallas where he will attend the State Evangelistic Conference for three days. Some of the greatest preachers of the nation will appear on the program, including Dr. Jackson, a Negro, who is pastor of the world's largest church (a Negro Baptist church). This is considered the most important conference of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bade spent the Christmas holidays in El Paso visiting Mrs. Bade's parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Smoky Garms spent Christmas visiting in Glen Rose.

The J. L. Blaneks had their daughter, Frances, of San Angelo, home for the holidays.

1946 Adams trailer house for sale. Parked at Mrs. Ruth Allen's. See Roy Smith in office over bank.

Lewis J. Blanek, student in Texas Tech, spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, the J. L. Blaneks.

Mrs. J. P. Russell of Mertzton, a sister of Mrs. C. C. Ainsworth's was a holiday visitor at the C. C. Ainsworths.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Augustine of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cooper of Lubbock were here at the Will Augustine's for Christmas.

Billy Hull Barbee, formerly of Paris, has come out to Sterling and will operate the Barbee ranch here from now on. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barbee of Paris.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Thad's Feet Hurt

After a long, hard day's work on the farm, Thad's idea of how to spend an evening is to take off his shoes, and relax with a mellow glass of beer.

But his missus has other ideas. After being in the house all day, she's all for walking to the village, if it's only for a soda. Likes to see people, catch the latest gossip. But Thad says, no, his feet hurt! Begun to cause unpleasantness in Thad's home.

Then Bill Webster comes up with an idea. If Thad takes the missus to

Andy's Garden Tavern, Thad can relax with his glass of beer, and the missus can also chat with all the neighbors there. Each gets his (or her) own way.

Worked, too! In fact, now the missus likes an occasional temperate glass of beer herself. And Thad finds it's pleasanter to enjoy his beer with good companions, rather than alone. In fact, his feet stopped hurting too!

Joe Marsh



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Johnny Mack Brown

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Ann Sothern

Tues., Wed., Jan. 13-14
"Moss Rose"
Peggy Cummins, Victor Mature, Ethel Barrymore

Thurs., Fri., Jan. 15-16
"Dear Ruth"
William Holden, Joan Caulfield

North Concho River Soil Conservation News

Claude Collins, Jr. is drilling 3 wells on the 7-D ranch for better water distribution. A large 9 section pasture will be divided into three approximately equal areas and a rotation system set up for the pastures next year.

L. A. Rodde has planted western wheat grass on 100 acres where cedar has been recently eradicated. The seed were sown on the disturbed areas and underneath the brush left from pushing out the trees.

Hal Knight and Ralph Bynum are pushing the cedar from 50 acres of range land on their ranch in the canyon. The cedar was first cabled and those trees broken off or merely pushed over were cleaned up by tree dozers.

Philip Thompson has extended the water pipe from his Patsy Mill 850 feet to provide an additional watering in the northwest corner of his South Nine pasture. One-half section of this pasture will be fenced off to form a trap for use in handling livestock on his ranch.

Cattle in the South Pasture on W. N. & L. R. Reed's ranch are range fat now. Lee Reed stated that they are in better condition than during the past summer. He believes that the green feed furnished by the weeds and grass growing underneath the protective cover of tobosa grass in comparatively large areas in this pasture is responsible for the good condition of the cattle.

During the calendar year of 1947 the North Concho River Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors approved 18 new ranch conservation plans covering 82,595 acres. These plans were prepared by ranchers with the assistance of Soil Conservation Service conservationists of the Sterling City Work Unit. Thirteen ranchers having cooperative conservation plans were assisted to amend and bring up to date old plans.

The conservation practices established in 1947 for the first time by 81 ranchers with active conservation plans are 633 acres planted on the contour, 494 acres with a protective cover crop during critical

erosion periods, 341 acres with crop residue left on the ground and managed to prevent soil erosion and increase moisture penetration, 90,272 acres of range land stocked at the rate that range grasses are showing improvement, 208 acres of abandoned fields and irrigated land seeded to permanent pasture grasses and legumes, 26 farm and ranch ponds built for erosion control and livestock water, 13.7 miles of terraces built on range and cultivated land for water conservation and erosion control, 29,407 linear feet of diversions for protection of ranch roads and for gully control, 105 acres of land leveled, cleared, and prepared for irrigation, 182 acres of irrigated land with improved methods of applying irrigation water, 4 irrigation systems installed, and more than 20 wells troughs, or other water improvements made.

Twenty-seven ranchers have completed establishment of all conservation practices planned. Fifty-seven established one or more conservation practices on all or a part of their ranches in 1947.

Cooperators with the District Program of conservation of the soil and moisture have established these practices on their ranches because they recognize the seriousness of the erosion problem and the value of the locally adapted practices in the prevention of soil erosion and moisture loss. Not only are district cooperators interested in the protection of their own land but in the protection of the adjoining land of their neighbors. Five

community meetings with an average attendance of 25 have been held for the purpose of studying range improvement as a result of conservative use of range land and the benefits of other conservation practices applicable to this district. A number of smaller groups have met for discussion of conservation plans and application of conservation practices.

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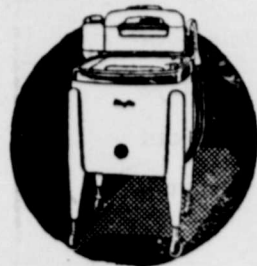
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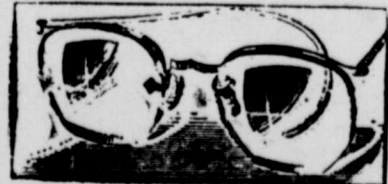
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By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

Twenty cows have been listed with me to date for T.B. and Bangs testing. A private veterinarian has agreed to do the testing for \$2.00 per head. A specific date has not been set, but testing will be during the last two weeks of January if present plans materialize. If you desire to have your cows tested, list them with me and I will notify you later when to have them available.

The Sterling County 4-H Club is losing an excellent member. Alfred Thieme, Jr. has moved to Coahoma with his parents. Alfred has 8 lambs on feed from Tom Humbles ranch. These lambs have gained 23 pounds each since Alfred put them on feed the latter part of September. He is also feeding a Suffolk Rambouillet crossbred lamb from J. T. Davis' Willow Ranch. This lamb has gained 28 pounds in 74 days of feeding which is .39 pounds daily gain. Alfred will show his lambs with Sterling County due to the fact the greater part of the feeding period was done here.

Harry Blanek is doing a good job with his 5 lambs. Although Harry had some difficulties with his lambs, they are really going good now. During a recent two-week period he put 6½ pounds (average) gain on per lamb. His lambs are from J. T. Davis and Rufus Fos-

ter's ranches.

The prairie dogs on the R. C. Linthicum ranch are headed for the last round-up. Poisoning with cyanide flakes was started January 5. Cyanide flakes have been found to be the quickest and surest way of eliminating small dog towns. It is not necessary to remove livestock from the area being treated.

There is a book available for \$1.75 that is very desirable property for a rancher. It is entitled "Keeping Livestock Healthy" and is the 1942 Yearbook of Agriculture. Send your money to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C. The book has over 1200 pages concerning common animal diseases, nutritional troubles, and livestock parasites. If you are in the livestock business, you will be pleased with this book.

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CERTAINTY
 By C. D. McEntire
 "For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of these things which are most surely believed among us. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word: It seems good to me also, having had a perfect understanding of all things from the very first to write unto thee in order most excellent Theophrastus. That thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed." (Luke 1:4)
 Luke makes the statement that many have written down the story of Christ. Saying also that he had a perfect understanding of it all from the very first he will also write it down in orderly fashion for the most excellent (lover of God.)

This certainty spoken of by Luke is an understanding that is largely lost in this world.

1. The word certainty is a lost chord in our modern civilization.
2. Ancient landmarks are being removed.
3. Old standards are being pulled down.
4. Men seek for something they know not what.
5. Governments undergo strange political changes and are uncertain of their foundations.
6. Current unrest denotes the loss of that golden word as search is made for new supports of social structure.
7. Science seeking a haven in which to cast anchor, finds itself in a sea of change.
8. Worldly wise men seeking a new religion to fit their standards ply the religion of the Bible with question marks and add to the confusion of a grasping, stumbling lost world.

Doubt is the caliche soil out of which the sturdy oak of certainty never grows. There can not be certainty in a world where the Bible is not accepted by man as the final authoritative word of God.

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Jesus is the supreme revelation of God to man, and the Bible is the final inspired word of God to man and we need no other revelation. "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." (John 1: 18)

Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14: 9). He is the epitome of God's love and revelation to man and "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7: 25)

Now, as for the Word, Paul said, "We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth." (1 Cor.: 2: 13). Then again, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly finished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3: 16.)

So, friend, as you go into the New Year, you can rest assured that the things that are written in the Bible are true and can accept them as a certainty.

"These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." (John 20: 31.)

Then again, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God." (1 John 5: 1)

Now, again the Holy Spirit of God speaks through His human messenger and says, "If we receive

the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. AND THIS IS THE RECORD, that God hath given to us eternal life, and that life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5: 9-12.)

Do you have the Son of God as your personal Savior? If not; believe on Him today; for "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16 This is a certainty. Believe it.

Our subject for the morning service is "The Powerful Christ". For the evening service "The God of History". Come and worship with us. There are four churches in Sterling City. If you are not in the First Baptist Church on the Lord's day, I would like to see you worshipping Him some where in Sterling City. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

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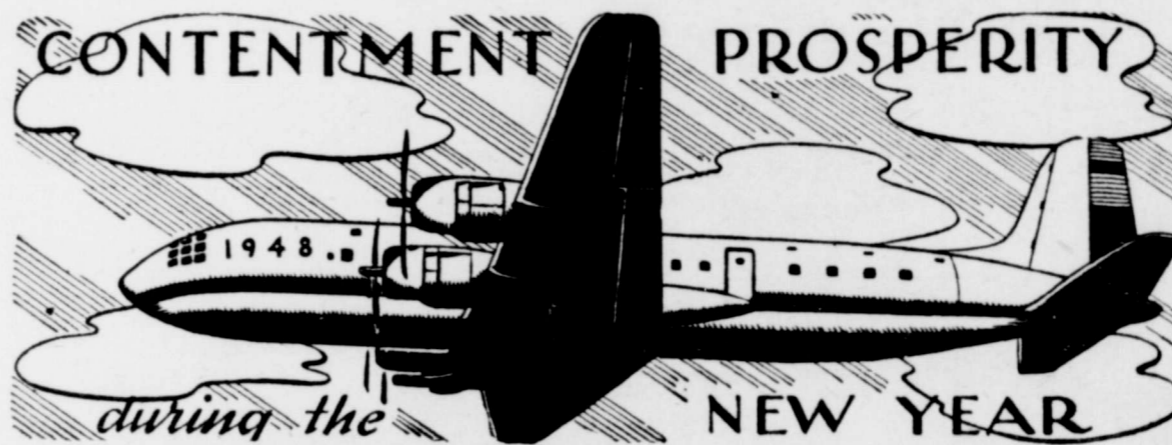
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