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HORSE SHOW HERE APRIL 24

At a series of meetings held last week at the county courthouse, plans were made by Sterling County ranchmen to hold a one day horse show in Sterling City on April 24.

Friday night the group elected Foster Conger as chairman of the show and he in turn appointed F. S. Price and Wayne Ewing as a committee to be in charge of entries, setting up classes, selecting judges, etc. A grounds committee composed of Taylor Garrett, Pete Hansen and Thurman Rich was also appointed. County Agent Frierson will act as secretary and will be in charge of receiving entries. April 17 has been set as deadline for entries but Frierson asked that entries be made as soon as possible to avoid conflict with his other duties.

Two judges will be in charge of each class. Virgil Brownfield has been selected as one of the judges, but the other judge has not been announced.

The group of ranchers decided that no cash prizes will be given, but that ribbons will be given for the first three places in each class and rosettes will be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champion Mares and Studs. An entry fee of \$3.00 per head will be charged to defray expenses of ribbons, judges and miscellaneous expenses.

Classes have been established as follows:

1. 1947 Fillies (Quarterhorse)
2. 1946 Fillies (Quarterhorse)
3. Aged Mares (3 years and up-quarterhorse)
4. 1947 Fillies (Thorbred)
5. 1946 Fillies (Thorbred)
6. Aged Mares (3 year and up-thorbred)
7. Grand Champion Mare
8. Reserve Champion Mare
9. 1947 Studs (Quarterhorse)
10. 1946 Studs (Quarterhorse)
11. Aged Studs (Quarterhorse)
12. 1947 Studs (Thorbred)
13. 1946 Studs (Thorbred)
14. Aged Studs (Thorbred)
15. Grand Champion Stud
16. Reserve Champion Stud
17. Reining Horse Contest.

Palominos will show with the quarterhorses. Ages will be determined by the grounds committee, and strictly according to the teeth. The reining horse contest will be open to all ages, sexes, and types. Any kind of bit or hackamore will be acceptable. Papers will not be required on any horse shown.

Horses must be on the ground by 9 a. m. April 24 and will be released following completion of the judging in the afternoon.

The show committees have emphasized the fact that the show is open to the world but is intended primarily for ranchers and horsemen of this immediate area because of the lack of stalls and facilities for keeping the horses overnight.

Before final plans for the show were made, a survey was made by Joe Snead, Billy Ralph Bynum, Bunk Lawson, Cutter Davis, Julius Bade and John Blair to get an idea of how many horses could be expected from this immediate area. The findings of this group was that at least 40 horses could be expected from the following owners: Julius Bade, Thurman Rich, Riley King, Jim Bob Clark, F. S. Price, John Reed, Pete Hansen, Lester Foster, Temp Foster, Foster Conger, W. R. Davis, Herbert Cope, Chat Reynolds, Roy Foster, D. D. Garrett, Taylor Garrett, Billy Ralph Bynum, J. L. Snead, and Foster & Hildebrand.

Other entries are expected from ranchers who did not report or could not be contacted.

Rev. J. D. McWhorter To Preach At Methodist Church Sunday

The Rev. J. D. McWhorter, former pastor of the Methodist Church here, will preach at the 11:00 a. m. service Sunday, announced Rev. E. H. Lovelace this week.

Rev. Lovelace is in San Antonio in a revival meeting.

There will be no night service—only the morning hour. Rev. McWhorter, now superannuated, was pastor of the local church when the present edifice was built.

HUNT'S VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hagerty and daughter, Dolores, of McCamey, visited Mrs. Hagerty's parents, the Lee Hunts, here last week-end.

On Sunday, the Hunt's son D. L., of El Paso, was at his parents. The Hunts returned to El Paso with him for a visit.

LIONS CLUB

The nominating committee for new officers for the Lions Club was named Wednesday at the regular luncheon held in the Community Center. The committee as named is composed of W. J. Swann, S. M. Bailey and Joe Emery.

Dr. W. A. Chapman of Monroe, Louisiana and C. C. Ainsworth were visitors at the luncheon.

Lion G. W. Tillerson announced that the Clean-Up poster awards went to Buddy Cole and Camille Hefley. The \$5 prize money was split for the best poster from the grade school as well as the high school. That gave each a prize of \$2.50.

The club voted to sponsor a softball club again this year. Lions H. A. Chapple and Worth Durham were named to attend a rules meeting of the softball association at the school Friday night.

MRS. J. S. AUGUSTINE, JR IS NORATADATA HOSTESS

Mrs. J. S. Augustine, Jr. was hostess to the Noratadata Club at the Community Center on Thursday night, March 25.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken presided at the business meeting. She was elected delegate to the district convention that will be held in San Angelo, and Mrs. F. S. Price was named alternate. Mrs. G. C. Murrell discussed, "Thoreau's Walden."

Following the business meeting bridge was played. Mrs. Trion Revell won hi, Mrs. Alvie Cole, Gingo, and Miss Sue Nelson, hi cut.

A salad plate was served to Mrs. Edwin Aiken, Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. John Brock, Mrs. Alvie Cole, Mrs. Worth Durham, Mrs. T. F. Foster, Jr., Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. Harold Gober, Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mrs. G. C. Murrell, Miss Sue Nelson, Mrs. F. S. Price, Mrs. T. A. Revell, Mrs. Hubert Williams, Mrs. Byron W. Frierson, and Mrs. G. W. Tillerson.

SPECIAL MOHAIR MEETING

In order to find out what is on the producers' minds in regard to the failure of mohair to move in quantities and at prices comparable with that of wool and to see if they want to ask for government help with support prices, Clayton Puckett, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, has called the Board of Directors of the Association to meet in special session in the Court House at Rocksprings, Texas, on April 7. The meeting is called for 10:00 A. M. This special session was voted by the directors at their regular quarterly meeting in Ozona, March 27.

"It is very important that all mohair producers attend this meeting," Mr. Puckett stated. "The Association is anxious to take whatever steps the majority of the growers desire. There will be a full discussion of this problem, and we want the producers to express their opinions."

W. S. Dismukes of Rocksprings stated that a barbecue dinner will be served at noon to all visitors.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION APRIL 3

Two members of the Sterling School Board have terms that are expiring, and an election will be held on April 3. Hal M. Knight and Riley King are the two whose terms are expiring. Knight is president of the board.

Holdover members are John C. Reed, Orrie Deal, Robert Foster, Joe Emery and Jeff Davis.

Lee R. Reed has been named as presiding judge of the election, and he will choose his assistants.

FILMS ON CANCER AND T.B. APRIL 9 AT SCHOOL

The Wimodausts Club is sponsoring the showing of films on cancer and T.B. control at the school auditorium here April 9 at 2:00 p. m.

The general public is invited and urged to attend, said Mrs. Lee Reed, resident of the club.

OIL WELL NOTES

Anderson, Prichard and Vickers No. 1 Miss Marvin Frances Foster was making hole at 7,870 feet in hole. Humble No. 1-B Ellwood Estate was at 4,830 feet in shale.

Daughter Born To The Tommie Johnsons

A daughter, named Vicki June, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Johnson last Saturday, March 27, in the Shannon hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed seven pounds and five ounces. "Papa" Tommie works at the Deal Drug Company and "Mama" Anna Lee is the Sterling City postmaster. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, all of Sterling City.

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Grain and cotton furnished principal strong points at southwest farm markets during the past week as most livestock sold lower, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Sorghums gained 15 cents a hundred pounds for the week, and wheat 10 cents a bushel, with other grains one to five cents higher. No. 1 ordinary hard wheat closed Monday at \$2.58, No. 2 white corn \$2.94 to \$2.98, and milo \$3.85 to \$3.90.

Rice markets showed little change last week. Rice planting started in Texas and Louisiana. Millfeeds and meat scraps advanced, while other feeds sold steady to lower. Farmers rushed their surplus hay to market, but spring weather reduced demand. Shelled peanuts continued slow. Cold damaged early plantings in Texas.

Cotton closed Monday around \$5 a bale higher than a week earlier. Dallas quoted spot middling 15-16 inch at 35.25 cents a pound.

Easter week trade held prices fairly firm on eggs and poultry. Increased egg production in recent days no more than filled the gap caused by earlier cold weather. Offerings of hens and fryers barely kept up with demand. On Monday, current receipt eggs sold mainly from 37 to 41 cents a dozen, and fryers 38 to 40 a pound.

Cabbage and spinach maintained strong trends during the past week, while other southwest fruits and vegetables moved in rather dull trade at southwest shipping points. Strawberry movement from southern Louisiana got into full swing. Prices fluctuated widely, but week end auction sales at Hammond averaged \$7.10 per 24 pint crate. White grapefruit netted Texas Valley growers around \$4 to \$5 a ton.

Cattle sold strong to 50 cents higher for the week at Texas markets in contrast to losses of mainly 25 cents to \$1 at other southwest terminals. Monday's trading showed little change from last week's closing trends. Medium and good steers and yearlings ranged from \$23 to \$28 a hundred pounds in Texas sales, \$23 to \$26 at Oklahoma City, and around \$24 to \$27 for steers and heifers at Wichita, Denver and Kansas City. Good beef cows reached \$21 to \$22.50 throughout the southwest.

Hog prices drifted downward almost continuously since Monday last week for losses of \$1 to \$2 at principal southwest markets. This week opened with Texas markets showing a little strength, but other terminals continued weak to lower. Top butcher hogs ranged from \$21.25 at San Antonio to a high of \$22.75 at Denver.

Lamb prices eased downward 25 cents to \$1 for the week at most southwest terminals, although woolled lambs sold strong at Fort Worth and all classes held steady at San Antonio. Aged sheep held their own fairly well at all markets. Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City paid \$19 to \$22.50 for medium to choice spring lambs and \$20.50 for medium and good woolled lambs in this week's early trade. Dust storms and unsettled markets halted southwest wool contracting.

WOODMEN SEE FILMS

Two films were shown when the local Woodmen of the World met at the Community Center Tuesday night of this week. One of the pictures was one taken of the UNIFORM RANK at the last Woodmen Convention, and the other was a comedy. State manager Hines of Abilene was here for the showing.

LOST—Two black and white spotted Dalmatian hounds. Notify Frank Ramsell, Garden City.

SANDSTORMS HIT

Visibility was "zero-zero" at times here Monday and Wednesday of this week. Sand storms, which reminded one of the years 1917-1918 which were really some "dusters", if you will remember.

The one on Wednesday was accompanied by a fresh norther, and that made things more disagreeable.

The drought of the past two years over the southwest portion of Texas has given nature a perfect set-up for another "dust-bowl" siege like in the early '30's. Rainfall has been well below normal and all sections of West Texas needs more rain.

The C. T. Ducotes of Abilene were guests here last week-end at the home of Mrs. Ducote's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Durham.

The Sterling public schools resumed school work on Tuesday after the Easter holidays. The school was closed Friday and Monday.

Dr. D. K. Barnes and family of Dallas visited the J. S. Coles, Jr. at their ranch home here last week-end. Dr. Barnes is the doctor that J. S. went to with his leg trouble.

Visitors at Mrs. C. N. Crawford's or the Easter holidays were her daughter, Mrs. Fred Barrett of Marathon, and her grandson, Arthur Bird Phillips of Ozona. Arthur was just been released from the U. S. Army after spending the past year and a half in Korea with the occupation forces. He is planning to enter Texas Tech June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. James Little are to move here on to the north apartment of the Knight estate house the latter part of the week. Mr. Little is the contractor on the Foster tourist lodge here.

The Templeton Fosters moved in to their new home here in Sterling City Monday of this week. Temp said they roosted in the new two-story brick home Monday night, and that it was so noisy here in town that he couldn't sleep.

Boyce House "GIVES YOU TEXAS"

It's 60 miles from Fort Stockton to Alpine—and did you imagine that there was that much of a stretch of highway left in the United States that doesn't have a single filling station?

You pass close to the spot at which the Confederate veteran, Powe, was killed in a dispute about a steer at a roundup. This animal, because he had cost a human life, was branded "M-U-R-D-E-R" and then turned loose to roam. Men said that other cattle seemed to shun the creature. Short stories and ballads have been written about the "murder steer."

Cass Edwards lives in Alpine. He knows the stories about the peaks and caves of that region. He used to play baseball and he's the business manager of the semi-pro club which has a beautiful park, with a fence of native rock. It would be pretty hard to watch one of their games through a knot-hole wouldn't it?

Years ago, Edwards devised a helicopter. Also he experimented with a device to heat a house with the rays of the sun. And he writes verse—in fact, he published a book of good Western rhymes a couple of years back, published the book himself—1,600 copies, and sold 'em all. And that's mighty good.

In fact, it's like the little boy who was asked, "How much is 10 times 9?" and he said "Ninety" and the teacher declared, "That's good." The boy said, "Good, h---; it's perfect."

I once met a man who was rated as worth \$7,000,000. When we met again, he shook hands and smiled. Afterward, mutual acquaintance said, "He likes you; that was mighty cordial for him."

Reckon a fellow who had \$7,000,000 has to be on his guard all the time to keep somebody from "getting to him" for a chunk of cash. A millionaire can never be sure that he is liked for himself and not for his money. That must make life a rather lonesome sort of thing.

And all this man's millions couldn't save him when a locomotive struck his automobile.

NEXT WEEK IS "CLEAN UP WEEK"

Next week, April 5-10, is official "Clean-up Week" here in Sterling City. The first four days of the campaign is to be used by the property owners to get their trash all ready for the county trucks to haul away, and such will be done starting early Friday morning, said County Judge G. C. Murrell.

The Lions Club is sponsoring the "Clean-up Week" in cooperation with the rest of the state.

A poster campaign was sponsored by the club, with \$5 in prizes to school students for the best posters.

Camille Hefley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Hefley, won the first prize for the best poster made by a grade school student, and Buddy Cole, son of Mrs. Agnes Cole, won the first prize for the best poster to come out of the high school.

It is generally conceded that a concerted effort, such as this sponsored by the Lions Club, is the best way to clean up the town. So, please cooperate with the town and county, and help present a better "front" to visitors who pass through here. Other objectives include a healthier town, as well as one with less fire hazards.

Baker and Grosshan To Captain '48 Eagles

The 1948 Eagles will be guided by the two returning lettermen. The 1947 lettermen elected Harold Baker and Duard Grosshan to Captain the Eagles of '48. Some five lettermen will be missing when Coach Tillerson opens Fall training. Coach Tillerson will try to replace these with some of the remaining lettermen. Due to an interscholastic league ruling there will be no spring training this year but Fall training will be allowed to open on August 15 instead of September 1.

The 1948 Captains both lettered at ends last season, but may be shifted to the backfield next year. Harold is a junior now and Duard is a sophomore.

The district play will open without Coahoma next year due to Coahoma having more than 100 in high school. That will leave Rankin, Mertzon, Water Valley, Sterling City, Courtney, Forsan and Garden City to fight for the district crown. At the present it looks as though Forsan has the inside track now.

Sterling Wins Over Coahoma

The Sterling High Girls Volleyball team took the first 3 games against Coahoma here Tuesday night to win the A game. In the first game Sterling pulled out in front with Lowe being high point with 5 points. In the second game Sterling led but Coahoma rallied at 14 all and then held a 15-14 lead. McEntire then served 3 good serves and Sterling took the second game 17-15 with Darlene getting 8 points. In the third game Sterling was slow to start and after being behind 14-10 June Baker served some nice serves over and Sterling won again 17-15 with Baker getting 8 points.

In the B game Coahoma easily took both games to win 15-5 and 15-10.

BAPTIST W.M.S. PARTY

The Baptist W. M. S. had a social Monday at the home of Mrs. D. C. Durham.

Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mrs. J. A. Revell, Mrs. Smoky Garms, Mrs. Trion Revell, Mrs. Henton Emery, Mrs. Clyde Everitt, Mrs. C. D. McEntire, Mrs. Jack Douthit and the hostess.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Gid Ainsworth, retired rancher, who has been in a San Angelo hospital for the past two weeks, underwent an operation for removal of a leg Thursday morning. He is in a serious condition.

J. S. Augustine in Hospital

J. S. Augustine, Sr., retired local rancher, was taken to a San Angelo hospital early this week, suffering from a bladder ailment. His condition is critical.

"Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

The eagle hunt netted three eagles last week. One was killed on Roy Foster's bombsight pasture, one on the Wayne Ewing ranch and one on Lester Foster's north pasture. Each was killed with a single shotgun blast. Ray Baumgardner returned with his plane to Fort Stockton on Thursday.

Sterling County ranchmen last week laid plans for a horse show to be held here in Sterling City on April 24. Details will be found elsewhere in this paper. While realizing that many good horses in the

county are not in show shape, it is hoped that every ranchman and horse owner will cooperate and bring his best horses in to the show. About 40 horses have been committed to be shown here and others are expected.

Entries are to be made at the County Agent's office. Please enter your horses as soon as possible to avoid conflict with other work.

Billy Humble has two calves selected to feed for 1949 shows, and has them already on feed. The choice will be narrowed down to one calf in the near future.

F. S. Price recently purchased a new spray machine and has already sprayed several hundred head of livestock, mostly goats.

A good many ranchers have found from experience that it is a money making proposition to work on livestock parasites. Thousands of sheep will be sprayed in Sterling County before they leave the shearing pen. If you doubt that it pays, ask your neighbor who has tried it.

Three 4-H Club members will spend the 9th and 10th of April at Robert Lee. A sheep shearing school will be held and sheep judging will be practiced. The same boys will leave Sterling the afternoon of April 16 for Brady, spend Friday night in camp, and spend Saturday April 17 practicing judging Rambouillet, Corriedale and Delaine sheep. Don Gann, Bob Mitchell and Clinton Hodges plan to make the trip.

According to reports received on the early lambs, those who got 80 to 85% mark-up are very fortunate. A good many pastures fell considerably below that. From reports we have had, a 75% average won't be far from wrong on the early lambs. A good many early lambs are still unmarked.

The bitterweed has really dealt a hard blow to some ranchers within the past three weeks.

Fowler McEntire seems to have the right slant on this bitterweed. He has some small patches of it, and makes no bones about it. He feels that he can spend plenty controlling these small patches rather than let it spread to serious proportions.

North Concho River Soil Conservation News

J. R. Mims, Supervisor of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District, estimates that he has 100 lambs with 110 ewes in the North Pasture of his ranch near Water Valley. Mims operates two sections of his 16 section ranch. Since 1944 these two sections have been grazed with approximately 165 ewes per section. On the west side of this pasture there is a good reserve of old grass. Over the entire area buffalo and tobosa is starting growth. There is evidence of very little grass having died from the drought.

Robert Foster marked 80.8 per cent lamb crop this year. His ewes lambed during the cold weather in February and March. The four to six year old ewes were wintered without supplemental feed. Foster has managed his livestock with the view of improving his range grasses continuously since the preparation of his conservation plan in 1944. The improvement in vigor of range grasses and spread of the better grasses have been responsible for his ewes wintering without

feed out of the sack.

A moisture check this week on a cooperator's ranch in the south part of the district showed dry soil from 0 to 3 inches. From 3 to 15 inches there was some available moisture for plant growth. Most of the weeds on this area had stopped growth because the soil is dried out below their root systems.

A small area in W. N. & L. R. Reed's Home Pasture on deep soil which has been excluded from grazing by both sheep and cattle since the summer of 1945 was examined by Lee Reed and A. T. Bratton last week. Reed noted that side oats grama has spread some and tobosa has maintained its original stand. Buffalo has thinned out. The soil is more friable inside the enclosure than on range land being grazed nearby. Weeds in the enclosure have more than twice the growth of weeds outside. Needle grass has died out about 50 per cent. The composition in July, 1945 was 40 per cent buffalo, 10 per cent tobosa, 4 per cent side oats grama, and 8 per cent needle grass. In a rabbit proof 12 by 12 foot plot inside the enclosure there is little apparent change in buffalo, side oats grama and tobosa composition.

Steve Currie, cooperator with the district since 1942, has constructed borders on a 35 acre area which will be seeded to tame pasture grasses. This will make his total irrigated pasture 100 acres.

Claude Collins, Sr. is cabling some large cedar on his Hackberry Ranch. He plans to build a 6000 yard dam while the contractor is on his ranch. This dam will store water for livestock and divert the spill water on to gently sloping land nearby.

A topography map is being made this week on Marshall Cook's 100 acre field adjoining his second irrigation well. This information will be used by Cook and Soil Conservation Service engineers to plan a border irrigation system for the area. Tame grasses will be seeded on this field next September.

Sweet sudan is being planted by Cook for summer grazing on another field. This summer grazing will aid in resting native range land during the growing season.

Foster S. Price stated that sand blowing on the west to east section of the Divide Road Tuesday reduced visibility at times to practically zero. He noted also that fields with little stubble which had not been plowed since the rain were blowing badly. Stubble mulch or a good growth of a cover crop gives good protection from wind erosion.

Claude Collins, Jr. states that his cattle on the Munn Country have

wintered in very good condition. This country was deferred during the entire growing season last year. Little bluestem and side oats grama buffalo and other good grasses made excellent growth and cured out to make high quality winter feed.

Teele Beauty Shop Closed Mondays

It was announced this week that the Teele Beauty Shop, located in the State Hotel, would be closed each Monday from now on until further notice. The shop will, of course, be open all the other days of the week it was announced.

Neal J. Reed was home from Texas Tech for the Easter holidays. Other Tech students home were Lora Mae Humble, Bille Sue Everitt, Tom Davis, Winston Churchill, Robert Neill, Jr.

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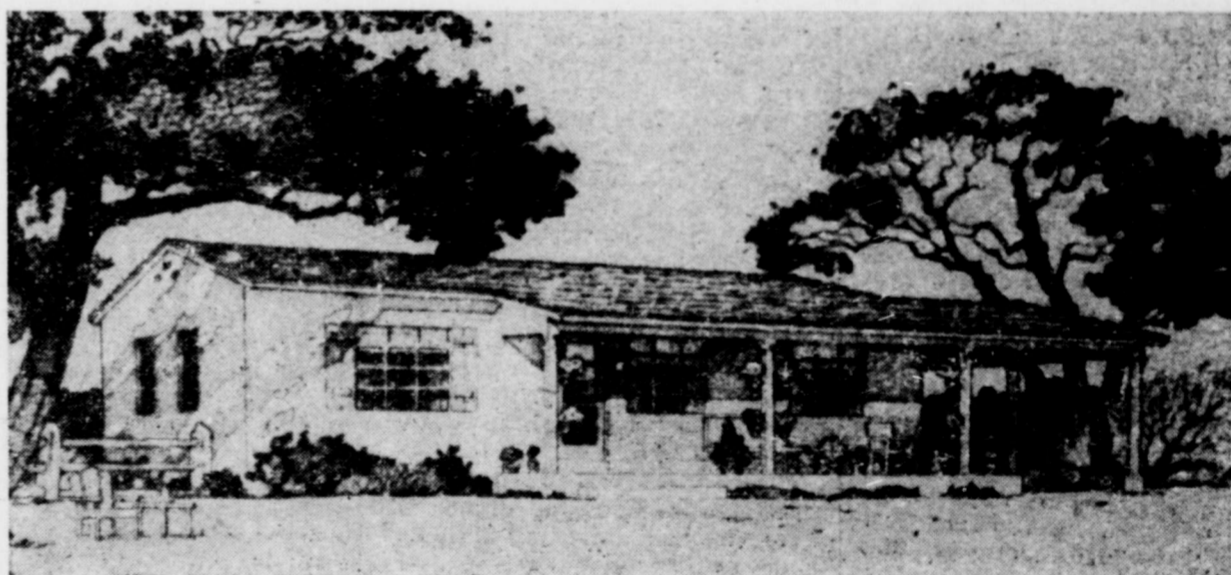
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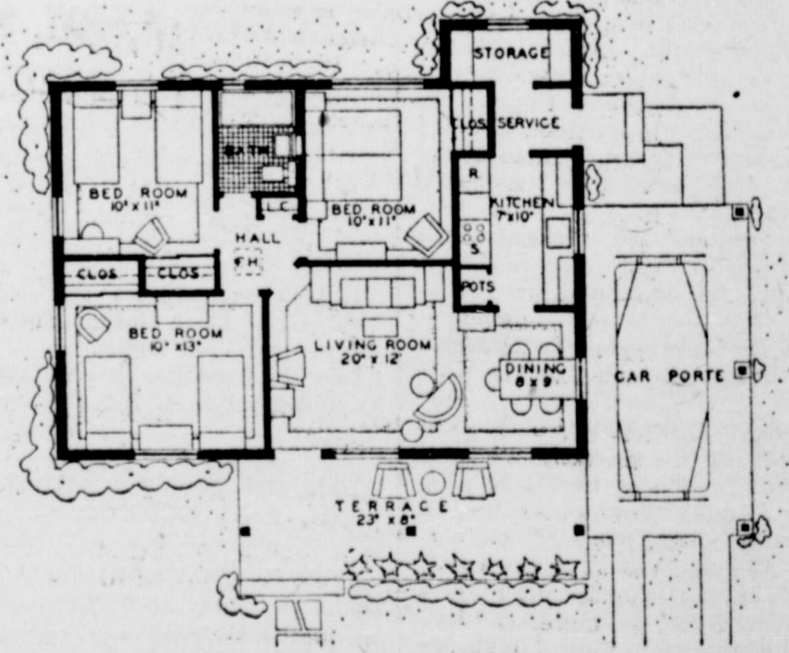
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Political Announcements

Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.

- For SHERIFF, TAX ASSESSOR—COLLECTOR:
HENTON EMERY (Reelection)
- For COUNTY TREASURER:
D. M. COLE (Reelection)
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OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

MORE ABOUT MOHAIR

The way to give relief to mohair is to give mohair to Relief. That was the theme of some meetings last week in Washington. On Monday, I together with Congressmen from New Mexico and Arizona, met with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson and Jesse Gilmer, Chief of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration, for a discussion of the mohair dilemma. Another meeting was held later in the week.

I pointed out that we now have a surplus of at least 6 million pounds in our warehouses and a new clip being shorn, and are seeing a dull market getting mohair at 45c or less.

The Secretary promised to explore further possibilities of including mohair in the foreign aid program but expressed pessimism in the attempt. Cables are being sent, at the request of Jesse Gilmer, to our representatives in Europe, seeking a better inside picture of the textile situation over there, the mill capacity and possible future demands.

Before the war Europe was not a very big mohair consumer. The United Kingdom led, with an annual consumption of from 6 to 14 million pounds. Last year the United Kingdom imported 9 million pounds, mostly from South Africa, with smaller quantities from Turkey. Then, before the war Germany was a sizeable consumer of mohair, ranging from 4 to 11 million pounds per year, imported mostly from Turkey. Their textile mills are now being rebuilt.

France is the only other country that manufactures a significant amount of mohair products, but imports into France during the pre-war period totaled less than 2 million pounds per year so that country does not offer much potential market for our surplus. French im-

ports have come largely from Turkey in the past.

Research and Promotion Needed

The way it looks right now, the mills simply are not demanding mohair as they did in the past. During the past few months the consumption has dropped considerably. Mill consumption in the United States usually runs in the neighborhood of 20 million pounds per year, but has ranged as high as 30 million in 1943 and as low as 16 million in 1945. Last year the consumption was about 13 million pounds as compared with 24 million in 1946. Indications now are that the 1948 figure will be well under the 1945 level, though conditions may later take a turn for the better.

The base of the trouble seems to be the competition coming from South American coarse wools, from synthetics and other substitutes. The synthetic glass fiber is taking its toll from the normal mohair consumption. Right now the manufacturers can sell anything, it seems, and don't need to give much thought to durability and quality.

The big need is more research, more production. Jesse Gilmer has asked the Department of Agriculture specialists to push their research facilities to the limit in further attempts to find a solution for a situation which seriously threatens an industry that has taken decades to build and develop.

Eugene Ackerman of the American Wool Council, who is also connected with Botany Woolen Mills, wrote me the other day as follows:

"Expert opinion is that the present lull in the market for mohair is not permanent and is not serious over the long pull. Naturally the people holding mohair in warehouses won't find this very consol-

"The market for mohair has really been established by manufacturers who use it here and there for a wide variety of purposes. It has never been directly and continuously promoted into specific markets and there is an almost complete absence of competent or authoritative information regarding the particular reasons why mohair is used, what it does, and the fabrics in which it is used and what its consumer as well as manufacturing values are."

He urged that an intensive and expert survey of all the existing and potential markets for mohair be made. He thinks that such a survey wouldn't cost much and would provide a good background for future studies.

So, as the picture now stands, every effort is being made to promote the inclusion of mohair in the foreign aid program, with favorable results doubtful. The Army and Navy are being contacted for their views on an increase in their orders, and possibly the inclusion of some mohair in their strategic stockpiling. And the research program is being stepped up. It is believed the growers would do well to implement the research with a survey and promotion program.

NEW V.A. REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE STERLING CITY

M. J. Stacy, Contact Representative for the Veterans Administration, has been appointed to perform the itinerant service to Sterling City, replacing George W. Curry, who has performed this work for the past two years, and who is to be stationed in the San Angelo, Texas, Veterans Administration office.

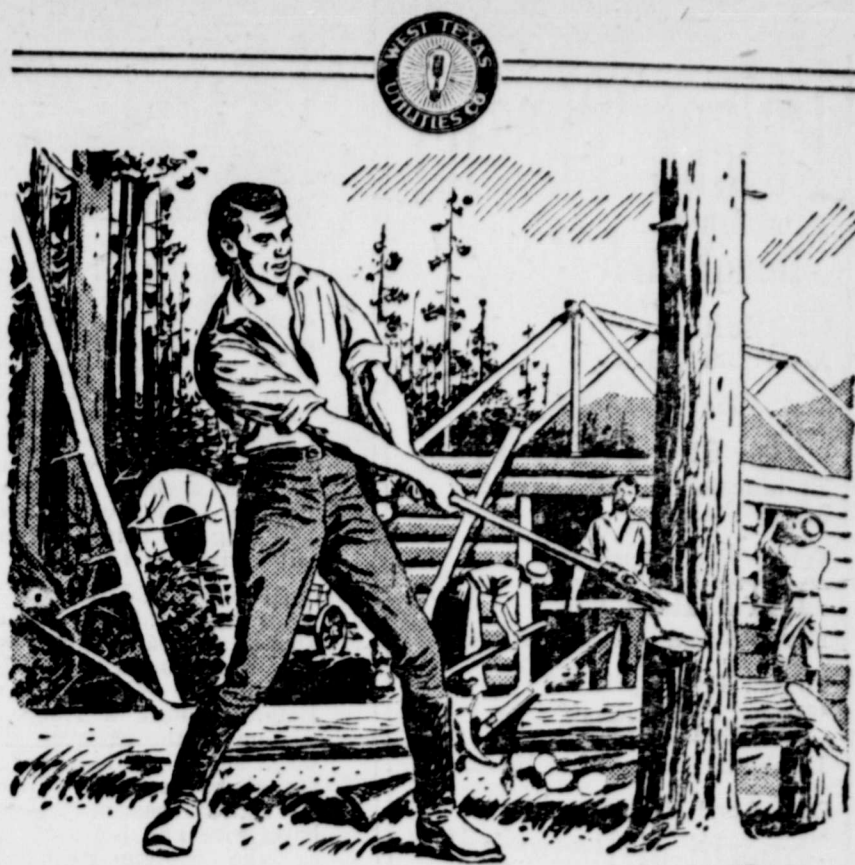
Mr. Stacy may be contacted at the County Court House, Sterling City, Texas, 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in April. All Veterans and their dependents are urged to see the V.A. Contact Representative on all matters pertaining to benefits administered by the Veterans Administration.

WANT ironing to do in my home. Mrs. Thornton at Alton Till residence. (one of Earl Bailey's houses)

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Practically all of the college students off at college from Sterling, spent the Easter holidays here with their families.

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By GEORGE S. BENSON
 President of Harding College
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Looking Ahead

AS DRASTIC and as devastating as war is, I am confident that the economic troubles of many European countries are not traceable entirely to the aggravations of war. Famine, wars, oppressions: those are symptoms, not causes. Certain nations, like Switzerland, fare surprisingly well amidst the decay and chaos so common in Europe. Little Switzerland is not hollering for help. She is a free enterprise country.

Of course, Switzerland was not a belligerent, and hence was spared some spoils of war. But now comes news that Belgium is prospering. What is the reason? Belgium chose a free economic system at the close of the war, when she might have taken some foolish panacea. This little country rightly chose a system of free enterprise and economic freedom as the system most likely to bring recovery.

Practical Method A REASONABLE degree of freedom is enjoyed by the Belgium people. Reports have it that the standard of living there is well up toward pre-war levels. Newspaper reports have called attention to Belgium's airline, Sabena, which reported its net profit for the year at \$2,800,000. This has happened despite the fact it started out with practically nothing after the war. The airline had lost most of its equipment, and had to get help from the government to go ahead.

This is high contrast to what is happening to British airlines. Owned entirely by the socialist government and operated by them, the British airlines find difficulty in keeping their losses down to that figure. The difference is that Britain blundered in choos-

ing, and Belgium chose wisely. Surely the European neighbors of Belgium will notice her good example. Planned economy sometimes looks good on paper, but it is free economy that permits people to use their initiative and work out their own salvation.

Matter of I AM NOT at all Teamwork surprised to hear these things about Belgium. I was there in the summer of 1946. One very remarkable thing impressed me. And in this there is a lesson for our own people: labor was at that time cooperating in Belgium with the management of industry and with government, in keeping prices down. America has not achieved that much teamwork, and we need it. Dangers still threaten in the battle against inflation.

In Belgium, labor leaders were saying that it was necessary to increase production and thereby bring down prices rather than put up wages and keep prices high. They reasoned that in the long run this would be the best for labor. It is not surprising that their standard of living is reported good by those who have recently toured the country.

As a result of that policy, and because she kept her private ownership and private management of industry, Belgium has come back more rapidly than other European countries that were hit by war. This experience is only another link in the strong chain of evidence that free men working in a free economy are happier and better off than they could ever be under some kind of totalitarian government — any kind. Choosing freedom of enterprise, Belgium has shown wisdom.

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TO: J. H. BURROUGHS,
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You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of May, A.D., 1948, at or before 10:00 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Sterling County, at the Court House in Sterling City, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of August, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 493.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Jessie Burroughs as Plaintiff and J. H. Burroughs as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit for divorce by Jessie Burroughs from J. H. Burroughs.

Issued this 20th day of March, 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Sterling City, Texas this 20th day of March, (Seal) A. D., 1948

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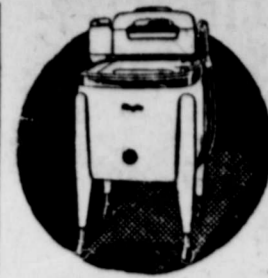
EXTRA SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS SPELL FUTURE GRIEF

Two heads are better than one, says the proverb, but the Social Security Administration points out that two social security numbers like too many cooks, may spoil the broth.

"When you multiply your social security account numbers, you stand a good chance of dividing your future benefits," George D. Clark, manager of the San Angelo social security office said today.

Only wages posted to the account of the worker involved are considered when a claim is filed. Unless the applicant can furnish a record of all account numbers he has used, some wages on which he has paid social security taxes won't be counted.

Clark said that every effort is made to combine all the worker's accounts. Even so, if many cases, the amount of benefit is smaller because wages have been posted to accounts which the applicant has used and on which he doesn't have a record of the number. In rare instances, so much of the worker's wages are credited to these "unknown" account numbers that the total work credits shown on the "known" account numbers are not enough to make any payments possible.



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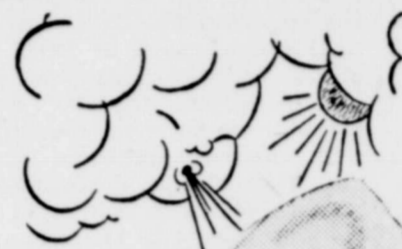
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