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## ICE ADDS MORE MOISTURE

The ice, sleet and freezing rains of the first part of the week has added a lot of soaking moisture to drouthy Sterling County. Coupled to the snow and ice of the past two weeks nearly two inches of moisture has soaked in. The good part of it that it all soaked in.

The ice added to weather road hazards, bus schedules and disrupted some phone service in West Texas. Frozen water pipes and cold drawn stock stack up on the vicious side.

The sun came out bright and strong Thursday morning and soon dissipated the icy mantle. Though thick, this week's ice did not compare with that of two weeks ago, when ice was nearly an inch thick on everything exposed.

## WIMODAUSIS CLUB

"Let us grow in knowledge and understanding as we grow in federation spirit" was the thought for the program when the Wimodausis Club met Wednesday afternoon, January 19, in the Community Center.

During the business hour arrangements were made for Mrs. Harold Emery to issue library books, during the week days, to those desiring them.

The Federation Day program included "History of the T.F.W.C. Clubhouse", by Miss Ethel Foster; "History of Mary Stewart's Club Collect", by Mrs. E. F. McEntire; Play "The Collect Speaks" Mrs. George Case, Mrs. L. F. Hodges, and Mrs. W. E. Allen; "Code of Ethics for Women", Mrs. O. M. Cole.

Other members present were Mesdames R. P. Brown, Frank Cole, H. H. Everitt, T. S. Foster, Kenneth Garms, H. D. Glass, D. Hall, W. R. Hudson, Ray Lane, S. A. Mahaffey, Lura McClellan, W. R. Morgan, J. C. Reed, W. N. Reed, and Ed. H. Lovelace. Mrs. Stanford Perrett was a guest for the afternoon.

## Mrs. Lee Hunt's Sister Dead

Mrs. Flem Harris, sister of Mrs. Lee Hunt, died in a Brownwood hospital at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday of this week. She had been in the hospital for several days. At this writing it was not known the cause of her death.

The former Miss Lilly Cobb, Mrs. Harris had lived here with her parents as a child for fifteen or twenty years. The Cobb ranch was where the Hunt ranch now is.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt left Tuesday for Brownwood. The funeral was scheduled for Wednesday there.

## March of Dimes Extended To Feb. 10

Roland Lowe, chairman of the March of Dimes Drive for Sterling County, announced this week that the drive had been extended nationally to February 10, due to extreme need for funds and the bad winter weather.

Lowe reported a total of \$350 already raised here, \$160 of it at the Sterling school in contests conducted there by the rooms.

The basketball game Monday night between A.C.C. B team and Gem Jewelers of San Angelo is expected to draw a large crowd, as is the benefit dance at the school gymnasium February 4, with Pop Harrison's orchestra playing for the affair.

## March of Dimes Dance Postponed

The March of Dimes benefit dance that was to have been held in the school gym Wednesday evening of this week, has been postponed until Friday, February 4, said Byron W. Frierson, this week. Frierson said this action was necessary due to the icy conditions of the roads, etc. The Harrison's Texans orchestra from San Angelo will play for the dance on the new date, and it will be held in the gym, it is reminded.

The entire profits will go to the March of Dimes campaign. The local American Legion post is sponsoring the affair.

## North Concho River Soil Conservation News Column

Clyde Reynolds plans to put 10 additional acres in alfalfa and irrigate from his well. The area which can be added was determined by levels taken on the field last week. In rendering assistance to Reynolds to work out an irrigation system on this 10 acre plot a detailed topography map will be made by Soil Conservation Service engineers.

J. T. Davis reports 1.30 inches of rain from Saturday morning to Monday. 125 inches of moisture fell in the form of ice and snow before Saturday. This totals 2.55 inches of precipitation pushing the moisture down to 14 inches. Penetration checks January 24 at 1:00 p. m. showed dry soil at 11 inches on bare ground. Under good cover of pure stands of buffalo grass, tobosa grass, and side oats grama the soil was wet to 13 inches. These checks were made on a deep site which is 20 inches or more to caliche. Harold Jensen, range conservationist making the checks, found the soil wet to 14 inches under side oats grama on a shallow site, less

## TO FINALS IN "WOOL" CONTEST AT SAN ANTONIO

Miss Betty Jane Donalson, two time winner in the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association "Make It Yourself—With Wool" contest, is to go to the finals in San Antonio the first of next week. Miss Donalson won first with her original suit in the senior division in San Angelo and Fort Worth.

Winners from twelve states will be judged at the San Antonio contest.

Elliott Mendenhall, Jr. of Dallas was a visitor in the Claude Collins home here this week.

than 20 inches to caliche. On this same site the soil was wet to 13 inches under black grama. Bare ground was dry at 12 inches. Moisture in the ground is the first step in breaking the drought. The weatherman has been kind in bringing the rain, snow, and sleet slowly enough that none has run off even on bare ground. The area with a protective grass cover will, however, be in condition to hold the moisture longer for the growth of grass in the spring.

Fred Hodges says that section forty one is producing more feed with less rain than other similar sections on his ranch. "If you will drive over to pasture forty-one and the adjoining 120 acre trap with Fred, I am sure that you will conclude that this is a very modest statement" states A. T. Bratton with the Soil Conservation Service. In fact, one specific area growing sideoats grama, silver bluestem, and buffalo grass has tripled in size since the fall of 1946. The entire pasture and the trap making up section forty-one has a good protective cover of high feed producing grasses. "We looked at one area on the hillside growing 50 per cent sideoats grama", states Bratton. Scattered bunches of little bluestem have regained vigor and are standing 18 to 24 inches of bright, well cured hay. This all started over 10 years ago. The bitterweed had spread from a small patch in 1918 until by the middle thirties most of sections 7 and 41 were heavily infested. At the first pulling on 41 Hodges stated that there were from one to several sacks full of bitterweed in every mesquite tree in the draw running through the center of the pasture. Scorched rocks can still be seen on the hillside where the great pile was burned. This pulling was the beginning of the eradication of the poison weed in this pasture. Each year, since the first pulling, the pasture has been rested during the growing season to give the grasses the best chance to keep the weed down. The weeds have been pulled and burned each spring. Now only a few scattered weeds show up each year. The resting has provided a good ground cover of high quality and high producing grasses. These have left the bitterweed without a home. Grazing during the fall and winter provided just about as much feed as previous yearlong use right from the start. During the last four years more feed has been produced on this section than on other similar sections because of the deep root system and vigor of the grasses. This pasture and trap are an outstanding example of range improvement during a drought period. Likely less total pounds of grass were produced in 1947, for example, on this pasture with increased amounts of sideoats grama, buffalo grass, silver bluestem, and other good grasses than the same pasture growing more needle grass and bitterweed produced in 1947. A high percentage of good vigorous deep rooted grasses gives a pasture ability to use rainfall better and produce more. Rainfall will cause fluctuation in production from year to year. The productive curve will be lower and subject to wider changes with needle grass and associated low producing grasses and plants than with the better grasses. Dead needle grass clumps are very noticeable on the hill site in the trap. There are two reasons for this high mortality. Needle grass is a shallow rooted plant and cannot survive extended dry periods. Sideoats grama, buffalo, and little bluestem with their deep efficient root systems take the moisture away from the needle.

## Speaker Rayburn Meets a Texan



Linda Brown of San Antonio, March of Dimes Poster Girl, makes herself at home on the desk of Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn in the Capitol at Washington. She greeted the Speaker after opening the 1949 Fight Infantile Paralysis drive during a call on President Truman in the White House. Linda is holding the Speaker's pipe and his pencil.

## LIONS CLUB

Miss Pam Sanderson sang three popular songs at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Betty Jane Donalson. The two were guests of George Blackburn.

Lion G. W. Tillerson told of the school basketball tournament that is scheduled for this week-end here. He also told of the progress of the March of Dimes program at the school. More than \$100 has already been raised at the school.

Lion Roland Lowe, chairman of the March of Dimes Drive, told that above \$300 had already been raised so far in the drive, and the basketball game and dance are yet to come.

The March of Dimes ball game will be Monday night between A. C. C. B team and Gem Jewelers of San Angelo.

Lion B. W. Frierson announced that the dance at the school gym had been postponed until Friday night, February 4.

## NOTICE, SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Baseball players on the 1948 Lions Club team, please turn in your green caps and green and white shirts to Bailey Bros Men's Store. Mr. Bailey has a list and will check your name off when the cap and shirt is received.

## "Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

Dennis Reed and Harry Blaneck split top honors in the weight contest (gain) in which eleven lambs were entered. Harry had put 13 pounds on his fine wool lamb in 35 days and Dennis had put 12 pounds on his crossbred in the same length of time. Each of them received a \$3.00 prize. Dennis also won a \$2.00 prize for 2nd place fine wool. Second prize for crossbreds was split 3 way; between Tommy Smith, Billy Humble and Gene Smith. Bad weather had effected gains somewhat but the lambs showed they had been receiving good care.

Dennis Reed has put a total of 25 pounds on his fine wool lamb and 39 pounds on his crossbred during the entire period. Gene Smith is running a close race with one of his which has gained 37 pounds since he has been feeding.

Election of the officials for the 1949 Sterling City Horse Show will be held Saturday night, January 29. Foster Conger will preside at the meeting. Time is 7:30, and the place is the library of the courthouse.

The 1948 Gold Star 4-H Club member for Sterling County will be announced during the county

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## STERLING BASKET BALL TORUNAMENT IN PROGRESS

The annual Sterling City Basket Ball Tournament will be unreeled here this week-end. The tournament will get underway Thursday night. Friday night will find the quarter finals with the games getting underway at 7, 8, 9, and 10. There will be games Saturday morning at 9, 10, and 11 o'clock. Saturday afternoon games will be at 1, 2, and 3. Boys consolation will be at 6 Saturday night and followed by the girls consolation at 7. Girls championship game will be at 8 and the boys championship at 9. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and consolation in each division will be presented after the games. An all-tournament team will be presented gold basketballs and a sportsmanship award will be presented to the outstanding sport in each division.

Coaches Carter, Tillerson, and Blackburn and Supt. Jones have worked hard to make this the best tournament ever staged here. Coaches and superintendents of the visiting schools will be given a dinner at 4:30 Saturday evening honoring the visiting schools.

## GARDEN CITY INVADES STERLING

The Garden City Bearcats will invade Sterling Tuesday night for another conference game. There will be two games. First game starts at 7.

The Eagles, both boys and girls teams will journey to Knott Thursday night and then to Coahoma on Friday night of next week.

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OFFICERS INSTALLED

The traing union officers at the First Baptist Church were installed Wednesday night at the church in a special candle lighting service, under the direction of Miss Mallie Carter, director of the young people's work.

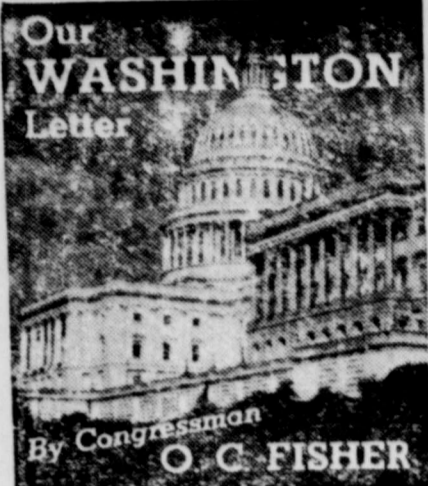
Tea and cake was served to the group following the services.

## THE AMERICAN WAY



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**TEXAS VISITORS**

There were hundreds of Texans in Washington for Inaugural week. Every day a Texas gathering of some kind was held and the old Texas spirit was very much in evidence. A Texas float in the parade, financed by Democratic Committeeman from Texas, Wright Morrow, was proclaimed one of the best in the show.

Among folks from home who called by our office last week were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer and the J. W. Peurifoy of Ballinger. Along with them was M. G. Gregory of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sample of Del Rio came up on the Texas special train. From Uvalde came Jack Richardson and his daughter Jackie. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan G. Lehmborg of Mason. Jackie is a student at the Southern Seminary and Junior College at Buena Vista, Va.

Forrest Kyle, the publisher of Bangs, and Carl Shannon, also of Brown County, were here. Another caller from Bangs last week was William Norman Hall, who is retiring as a Civil Engineer after 28 years of government service. He plans to return to his old home in Brown County and be with his 93-year old mother.

Other callers from the district last week included H. L. Lee, of Mercury, McCullough County, an employee of the Veterans Administration, and Miss Martha Allen. The latter also works for the Government and calls Lometa her home.

**Armed Services Committee**

Committee assignments for this Congress got final approval of the House last week. I was particularly fortunate to obtain a place on the Armed Services Committee. This was made possible only because Lyndon Johnson, who was on the Committee, went to the Senate and thereby created a vacancy. It was the most sought-after Committee in Congress and is considered to be one of the most important. All phases of our preparedness program and national security come under this Committee.

Its jurisdiction covers the Army, Navy, and Air Forces, all military installations; strategic and critical materials necessary for the common defense, and scientific research and development in support of the armed services.

**Budget and Taxes**

In his budget message the President called for \$4 billion in new taxes on incomes. In addition, he called for an additional \$5 billion in payroll or social security taxes, making a total of \$9 billion in taxes above the total collected in 1948.

The budget request for expenditures is, in round figures, \$42 billion—several billion above last year. There was a time only a few years ago, when our total national income was under \$40 billion a year.

The President's suggestion that income taxes be upped, especially on incomes of \$6,000 and above, has caused some comments. It raises the old question of who makes the money in this country and from what source can taxes be collected.

Treasury Department figures reveal that folks earning \$5,000 and over actually get only 10% of total wages and salaries, while those earning under \$5,000 a year receive 90%. And that people who earn under \$5,000 also receive 70% of the income from stock dividends and interest.

Even in the field of rents, statistics show those earning above \$5,000 receive only 17% of all incomes from rents, while those earning a less amount collect 83% of rentals.

So, while corporate profits are up, and may be taxed further, yet in the final analysis it looks like the burden of taxes, and any increase in taxes will in the final analysis fall most heavily upon those in lower brackets. Yet, those in the lower brackets are already very heavily taxed.

Perhaps the best way to tackle the problem is to start talking about cutting expenses, reducing the federal payroll, and giving more attention to the Hoover Commission's report, to be filed within



**LOST**—Male dog. One hind leg in bandage. Ralph Gonzales.

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**Midland Newspaperman Visits**

Don McGregor, staff member of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, was a visitor in the Jack Douthitt home last Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife. Don handles the livestock column, school page, and part of the city news for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Sponsored by the Tarleton Ex-Students Association, a three-year fund raising plan, now in its second year, has raised approximately \$55,000 toward its \$100,000 goal. The college recently acquired a 38 acre tract west of the present campus for the location of the stadium. A football field has been leveled and sodded in the new area and

games will be played there next fall. Plans for the stadium include a seating capacity of 8,000 with dressing rooms, showers, and other facilities located beneath the stands. The stadium is designed to accommodate agricultural fairs, livestock shows, and for general community use as well as to provide a place for athletic contests.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announces his sermon subjects for next Sunday as follows: "Fading and Forgotten Words". Evening subject — "Earth's Greatest Tragedy." Youth fellowship hour following the evening service, with Miss Malie Carter, youth director, in charge. All are welcome.

**HEREFORD BREEDERS SALE IN BIG SPRING FEBRUARY 14**

The Fifth Annual Hereford Breeders Sale will be held in Big Spring, Texas on Monday, February 14, 1949.

The breeding of top blooded Herefords has gained many followers in Howard County and West Texas since this and other organizations in the area have by their efforts emphasized the importance to our economy of producing better animals and this sale will place on exhibit some 50 choice pure-bred Herefords.

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Sale time is 1:00 p. m. at the Show Barns, Old Bombardier School just west of Big Spring. Catalogue will be sent upon request.

Mrs. Worth B. Durham and her little daughter, Bitsy, are in DeLeon visiting the Charles Harrises. Her little son, David, is visiting an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durham, in Eastland. Mrs. Harold Durham teaches a kindergarten class, and David is attending it this week while there.

Harvey Hennigan was out of his store with the flu part of the week.

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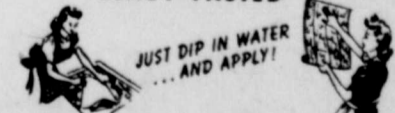
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**COVERING THE COUNTY**  
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show. County winner of the Thomas E. Wilson Meat Animal Award will also be announced. A pin will be presented to the Gold Star winner, and a medal to the Meat Animal Production Award winner. Winners names will not be made known prior to the show.

Tommy Augustine says the cats are working on the early lambs he has coming on the Coke County place he is running. Carl Baker of Big Spring, field man for the Predator and Rodent Control Service, is at present working with the new trapper who reported to Riley King last week. I do not know the new trapper's name, but he comes here well-recommended. It will be a big help to the trapper if ranchmen in the canyon area will keep him posted on fresh cat signs, kills, etc. He is living at the Neill Munn little house, according to word I received Monday.

Some interesting facts are being brought out by the Statewide egg-laying contest being conducted by the Extension Service. Over 400 flocks are entered. Of the 5 leading flocks for the period of Oct., Nov. and Dec., a flock of Inbred-Hybrid chickens rank first, a mixed flock of Inbred-Hybrids and White Plymouth Rocks second, White Leghorns third, Inbred-Hybrids fourth, and a flock of Rhode Island Reds fifth.

The Inbred-Hybrid chicken is a new thing in Texas. According to the record above, they show excellent promise as egg producers. I have further information on them and would like to see someone here try some of them.

Thanks to the entire community, the new Legion Hall and furnishings are, for all practical purposes, complete. Excellent community cooperation has been shown during the entire job. It has been a real personal pleasure to me to have had a part in the work. The building and furnishings are a credit to the county. Here is hoping it is used to the utmost.

This column reminds me of the fellow that jumped on his horse and rode madly off in all directions.

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