

MOTHER MIDDLETON COOKS OWN MEALS DESPITE 99 YEARS YOUNG

Lack of space last week forbade use of story on Mrs. Mattie "Mother" Middleton celebrating her 99th birthday. The beloved pioneer woman was called from earthly life Monday morning at 8:10 o'clock. Story of her death is to be found in this week's Times.

One year short of a century of living is more than most of us will ever experience, but such is the lot of Mrs. Mattie Middleton, mother of Mrs. John W. Leftwich, who makes her home with the daughter at 2441 32nd Street.

"Mother" Middleton, as she is familiarly known to scores of Snyder and Scurry County friends, last Wednesday celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday at the Leftwich home at an annual dinner arranged by Mrs. Leftwich—but Mrs. Middleton did her own cooking for the occasion. In fact, she does the cooking in the home most of the time in which she finds joy. The dinner, enjoyed by members of her children's family and friends, included vegetables, meats and bread. She cooks biscuits and cornbread practically every day.

Mrs. Middleton was born near Hillsborough Coffee County, Tennessee on September 11, 1847. Her family moved when she was nine years old to Alabama, and came on to Texas in 1876. She was married in Alabama at the age of 18.

In 1888 Mr. and Mrs. Middleton moved to Scurry County and settled 25 miles northeast of Snyder. Mrs. Middleton was the mother of eight children, three of whom are still living—Jack Middleton, Mrs. B. F. Womack and Mrs. Leftwich. Included in her descendants are grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren.

birthday numerous gifts were presented the pioneer by relatives and friends. Included in the remembrances were personal presents and cards from Mrs. H. C. Campbell and Mrs. C. J. Campbell of Herring, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Mrs. W. B. Stanfield, Mrs. Joe Monroe, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, E. & W. Sunday School Class of the Snyder Methodist Church, J. M. Newton, the Frank Bayouths, Beverly Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Keller, Mrs. B. F. Womack, Mrs. Boss Baze, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. (Bill) Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Middleton.

GUESTS IN SNYDER
Mrs. A. M. Curry had as her guests here last Thursday and Friday, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Curry, and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Coleman, all of Miles, and Mrs. T. T. Ritchie and sons, Michael and John Paul, who live between Lubbock and Levelland. T. M. Curry, 89, is the only surviving brother of the late A. M. Curry of Snyder. Mrs. Coleman is the daughter of the T. M. Currys, and Mrs. Ritchie is the Coleman's daughter.

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Snyder 15 Years Ago

Here is your column again this week of what was happening around the local parts 15 years ago. The local happenings run something like this: Funeral services were held for Judge C. R. Buchanan, who succumbed in a Lubbock hospital following a sudden illness.

The American Legion marks up the most successful year yet. Officers elected for the organization were Harrie Winston, commander; L. T. Stinson, first vice-commander; A. C. Preult, adjutant; Porter King, historian; Rev. Cal. C. Wright, chaplain; W. W. Hull, finance officer.

County needs heavy crop of cotton hands to gather this year's crop. More than 50 farmers have called, reported their failure to secure pickers for the year.

Gasoline is now selling for 14 cents a gallon. Tigers to have first home tilt Friday with Slaton. The team looks in good shape, says Coach Red Hill.

Snyder Public School pupils heard Congressman Marvin Jones of Amarillo. A general assembly was called and besides the speaking of the congressman to students the great law-maker passed through Snyder unharmed.

Snyder Athletic Council re-organized. New members are Billy Lee, W. W. Smith and Earl Fish. Old members of the organization are Hugh Taylor, C. Wedgeworth, A. D. Ewin, and Dr. J. G. Hicks. Senior Class to Choose Princess for the County Fair.

Walter helps Henry Save Flour. Marshall Walter Camp and F. M. Brownfield catch flour thieves after quite a chase. Firemen extinguish Stacy garage blaze before too much damage is done.

Local schools going strong with 100 percent cooperation from teachers and parents. Snyder takes opening game in 1931 season and the team is prophesied as best yet.

Project work is featured during Abilene agriculture meeting. Prexy Anderson, most read man during the football season, says that the Snyder Tiger Eleven is better than last year's team by far.

Snyder dentists to be Plainview guests. The society page finds Mrs. A. M. Curry elected president at Victory Class meeting Wednesday.

Irene Spears entertains with theatre party Saturday evening. Mrs. Ralph Odum entertains with watermelon feast. Bridge Club entertained in Wayne Boren home.

Sina Cura meets with Mrs. Hugh Boren. Other local news of interest are: J. W. Berry makes syrup from cane raised in Scurry county. Claunch gets cotton ideals. Noticing the ads of 15 years ago we find the weekly grocery spe-

cial were: 25 pounds of sugar \$1.33; Pineapple, can 10 cents; steak (choice round) 20 cents a pound; three bars of Palmolive soap, 19 cents; three bars of almond candy 10 cents; three pounds coffee, 41 cents; flour 48-pound sack 85 cents.

In the dry goods department we found such bargains as this (at least, as to today, they would be real bargains): Winter coats \$8.95; silk dresses \$2.98; fancy prints 21 cents a yard; fast dress prints 16 cents a yard; gingham (plaids, checks and stripes) 10 cents a yard; flannels 11 cents a yard; chambray 10 cents a yard; men's shoes \$3.85-\$2.85.

And there you have it again this week the local goings-on of 15 years ago, with also the prices that made news and that make us wish we could have just been there long enough to have bought a supply at those prices of the so many items that we find just a little scarce today.

They snot a prisoner the other day, on their way to the penitentiary, because he tried to end a sentence with a dash.

Some people brag about their furniture going to Henry VIII. If we don't pay up, ours is going back to George the 10th.

Texas Sheepman Imports Sheep From British Isle

BIG LAKE, Tex., Sept.—AP—Thirty-eight head of registered Suffolk sheep which Ralph Pembroke, Big Lake ranchman, purchased on a recent plane trip to the British Isles, are expected here the first of November.

The shipment is made up of 25 ewe and 13 rams. Seven of the rams and all of the ewes came from the J. R. Keeble flock at Manningtree, Essex, which has won big money in England shows for the last 60 years. This was the first time the Keebles have sold from their ewes, Pembroke said.

Pembroke is to run the breeding stock on his ranch near Big Lake. He isn't worried about the change in climate.

"I bought 20 Suffolks three years ago and had them sent over here," he recalled. "The sheep from the damp, green County Essex did better than any imported sheep I ever saw."

Pembroke paid \$1,700 for the top ram, five of the lambs ranging from \$1,300 to \$1,600 a head. The ewes averaged more than \$235 each.

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James E. (Tex) Sharp in Charge of Theaters at Maxwell Field, Alabama

Behind Maxwell Field's four theaters, which book the latest in film entertainment for the post, stands Second Lieutenant James E. "Tex" Sharp and his crew of GI motion picture operators. Lieutenant Sharp's outfit comes under the overall direction of the Army Motion Picture Service, which handles the "show business for the War Department. According to a release to The Times from the public relations office at Maxwell Field, Alabama.



More than \$3,000,000 worth of automobiles are owned by the State government—and the expense of operating this tremendous fleet of cars is just about equal to the entire cost of running the State government when Pat M. Neff was Governor.

An editor sent out the following reminder to delinquent subscribers:

"There is a little matter that some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten. Some of them have made us many promises but have not kept them. To us it is a very important matter—it's necessary in our business. We are very modest and do not like to speak about such remissions."

The job of theater officer at Maxwell, according to Lieutenant Sharp, consists of handling bookings from the AMP Service, caring for the post theaters, making them ready for squadron activities such as training films, orientation lectures, working with USO shows, and other visiting groups like the Air Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, and helping out with post activities such as the recent beauty contest held on the post.

The release continued: Lieutenant Sharp is a personable Texan ("from up near Panhandle," he explains) who gives all the credit for the Maxwell theater business to his crew. Sharp is a former B-24 pilot, has been in the Army for six years. He has had the job of theater officer for the post since April, 1946. He has two special assistants, Corporal Harry Fulcher, administrative supervising manager, and Corporal James Richardson, supervising projectionist. Fulcher takes care of all tickets, coordinates programs of the theaters, does most of the "paper work." Richardson supervises the installation of new parts for the motion picture equipment, makes major and minor repairs, and acts as a general trouble shooter for all the post theaters.

Six projectionists receive in the film, rewind it, make the necessary film splices to "set up the show" and put the film pieces in proper sequence. The fellows who shoot the pictures are Tech-Sergeant Fred C. Johnson, Private First-Class William Collings, Private First-Class "Harry" Buescher, Private First-Class Richard Deeg, Corporal Solomon, and Private First-Class John Doll. Lieutenant Sharp directs the work of six other men who "work the floor," acting as cashiers, janitors, ticket takers and ushers.

Lieutenant Sharp says the USO shows that top over at Maxwell send in a "prop" list before them for the theater unit to collect and have ready for opening night.

"They call for everything from a lettuce and tomato sandwich to a live dog," Sharp says.

But the theater boys always come up with the desired "props," furnish transportation for the visiting show people, besides acting as stage hands and production assistants. The USO shows always get an enthusiastic crowd, Sharp says. Al cartoons go over big at Maxwell, Lieutenant Sharp affirms. "Woody Woodpecker," "Bugs Bunny," "Tom and Jerry" and "Dan McGoo" bring forth a round of applause from a receptive GI audience. The theater crew keeps an ear to the ground, so to speak, to check an audience reaction. Periodic reports on applause or boos are sent to the Army Motion Picture Service, in order that the entertainments may be selected with an eye to military tastes.

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Religious Education Week Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Endorsing the observance of Religious Education Week, Sept. 29-Oct. 6, in rural and urban areas of America, President Harry S. Truman warned that "democracy dare not neglect the religious nurture of its children, youth and adults," in a letter sent from the White House to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the observance.

Ninety per cent of American Protestantism will take part in church and community observances of Religious Education Week through the 40 denominations and 173 state, city and provincial councils of churches and religious education of the United States and Canada, which are member agencies of the International Council, Dr. Ross announced.

Veterans Filling Out Forms for Leave Pay

Scurry County veterans of World War II are filling applications in a steady stream for terminal leave, Bernard Longbotham Jr., service officer for the county, reports. Scores of applications have been distributed to the ex-service men by the post offices in the area.

Assisting with filing of forms in Snyder are Longbotham and Mrs. Ross Blanchard, secretary of the local chapter of the Scurry County American Red Cross. Free rotary service is being given the applicants.

Longbotham again reminds county ex-service personnel that applicants must have accurate and complete amount of accrued leave ready before they go to the service pair for assistance.

Spot Cotton Rallies After Mid-Week Decline, Trend of Markets Reveals

Scurry County producers are still "sitting pretty" in relation to farm prices, a check-up on the trend of markets of the Southwest reveals for the past week.

Southwest farm products brought mostly steady to higher prices last week with only sorghums and onions dull and weak, according to USDA's Production and Marketing Administration.

Spot cotton prices rallied Friday after mid-week declines. Demand was strong for increased offerings. Sorghums dropped about 25 cents per 100 last week under dull demand. Yellow corn gained about five cents a bushel while barley, wheat and oats held steady. Hay and some mixed feeds were slightly weaker due to improved pastures. Rice trading continued inactive with most growers holding their crop until USDA's recommended increase of \$1.00 per barrel in ceiling price of rough rice is announced by OPA.

Southwest egg and poultry markets were active last week with most prices higher than they were the week before. The increasing shortage of meat called some eggs out of storage. Fryers advanced about one to three cents a pound under good demand.

Wools were irregular in the Boston market. Some buying of Texas original-bag mohair was reported at 61 cents a pound for adult, 71 for yearling and 71 cents for kid hair.

Ewes brought higher prices at most southwest markets last week in line with similar gains at mid-west and northern terminals. Com-

mon and medium ewes sold at \$6.25 to \$6.50 at San Antonio; \$6.50 to \$7.25 at Fort Worth; and \$6.50 to \$7.50 at Denver. Compared with a week ago, spring lambs were strong to 25 cents higher at Texas markets, but down at Denver and Oklahoma City. Medium and good springers brought \$15 at San Antonio; \$14 to \$15.50 at Fort Worth; and \$15.50 to \$17 at Denver.

Small receipts of hogs cleared quickly at ceiling prices of \$16.05 per 100 at San Antonio and Fort Worth; \$15.95 at Oklahoma City; \$15.90 at Wichita and \$16.20 at Denver.

Last week's cattle receipts were above the previous week, but still short of a year ago. Finished cattle and slaughter steers were largely absent. Cows made up most of

the runs and brought steady to higher prices. Common and medium cows were quoted \$8.25 to \$11, per 100 at Houston; \$9 to \$11.50 at San Antonio; \$9 to \$11.25 at Wichita, and medium and good cows \$10.50 to \$13 at Fort Worth. Oklahoma City sold good beef cows \$13.50 and above. Denver moved common to good cows at \$10 to \$13.

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People Are Telephoning More

This first postwar year has also brought an extraordinary increase in telephone use. Local calls are now 7 1/4 million a day in Texas—nearly 1 1/2 million a day over last year. That rise would have taken several years in normal times. Toll and long distance calls are also at all-time highs.

We have increased our forces to handle year rising telephone needs. Now we have 48,000 employees in the Southwest—more than ever before. This is an increase of 11,000 since the war ended. About 6,000 are returned veterans.

It will take a great deal of money and some time to do all the things we have planned for your telephone service, but our 250-million-dollar 5-year expansion program in the Southwest is well under way. During the first postwar year alone we spent about 50 million dollars providing telephone equipment.

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Mrs. Carrie Eoff Released on Bond In Shooting Case

Mrs. Carrie Eoff, 39, of Sylvester waived examining trial Sunday morning in Roby at 11:00 A.M. and was bound over under \$3,000 bond on a murder charge in connection with the fatal shooting of her husband, Fred Eoff, 46 and brother of Mrs. Versie Blakley of Snyder, in their cafe at Sylvester Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock.

So The Times learns from Roby officers, who say the murder charge was filed in the examining court by Fisher County Attorney E. F. Campbell.

The victim, it is reported, was killed instantly by a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle, which entered one shoulder and apparently ranged downward to strike Eoff's heart, according to Sheriff R. L. Wilkins of Fisher County.

The tragedy occurred inside the cafe.

Acting as magistrate in the court room at Roby Sunday was Roy F. Furnway, county judge. The bond binds Mrs. Eoff over to action of 104th District Court at its October 4 term in Roby.

Mrs. Eoff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wright and two brothers, Thomas and Johnny Wright, all of Fort Worth, arrived in Roby about an hour before time set for the examining trial Sunday. Also in the court room was the only son of the Eoffs, Clayton, 21, a discharged army veteran of Sylvester.

Writing in The Abilene Reporter-News, Oleta Parker, continues: "Mrs. Eoff made bond immediately after it was set, and departed with her parents.

"Sheriff Wilkins said he received a telephone call from some one in Sylvester, while he was in Rotan on business Saturday night, reporting that an extremely loud quarrel was in progress at the cafe.

"Wilkins and the county attorney went to investigate, but when they arrived the shooting had occurred. Mr. Eoff's body was taken to Wells Funeral Home at Sweetwater."

Funeral services for the shooting victim were held Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, from the Funston Baptist church near Anson.

Wells Funeral Home directed arrangements, and burial was made in Funston Cemetery.

Mr. Eoff is survived by the widow, an only son, Clayton Eoff of Sylvester; four brothers, J. M. Eoff of Sylvester, Luther Eoff of San Diego, California; Elza Eoff of Camp Lee, Virginia;

Six sisters, Mrs. Versie Blakley of Snyder, Mrs. Velma Abel of Big Spring, Mrs. Lela Wright of Cleburne, Mrs. Elsie Ripetoe of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Mrs. Allie V. Myers of Vallejo, California, and Mrs. Cora Pomby of Amarillo.

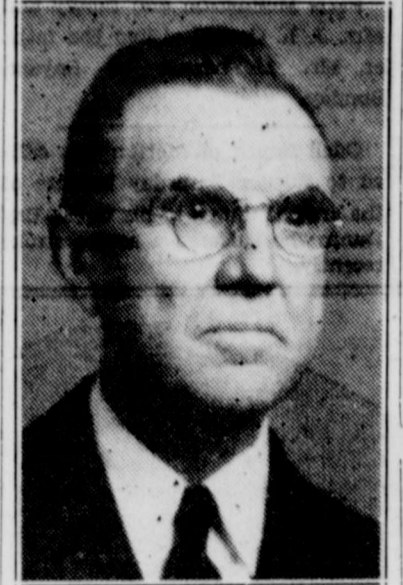
Southwest Rodeo Meet At Dallas To Be Fast Affair

Scurry and Borden County people are informed more than 500 head of America's best rodeo livestock will be used in the first annual Southwest Amateur Championship Rodeo, at Dallas, it has been announced by Pat Hamilton, outstanding producer of cowboy reunions and amateur contests. The livestock includes Brahma bulls and calves, wild buffalo, wild mares for milking, wild cows for milking, broncs, bull-dogging steers and other animals.

Entries for the many events, most of which are now generally seen in professional rodeos are coming in fast. Champions from the outstanding cowboy reunions of the five southwestern states are now being received, Hamilton said. He announced during the week that he had already received entries from more than 200 outstanding non-professional rodeo contestants for the events scheduled at the State Fair of Texas event.

Dates for the first annual Southwest Amateur Championship cowboy event will be October 5 to 20, which will run concurrently with the 61st annual State Fair of Texas.

Resigns Pastorate



Rev. Guy Ament, pastor of Snyder's First Christian Church has tendered his resignation, effective Sunday. Rev. Ament has been here 15 months 12 months of which has been as full-time pastor. He also served half time for awhile with Post. He attended the District Convention No. 2, annual, at Station Wednesday.

Range Specialist Speaks to County Vocational Unit

J. H. Roberson, Dunn community and Charlie White, China Grove community enrolled in Scurry week.

Glenn Mueller, range conservationist, for the Upper Colorado Soil Conservation District, met with the class last week and discussed some of the important points in range management. Mr. Mueller pointed out that the first step in the successful management of a range is to know something of the vegetation—weeds and grass, that grow on the range.

By using actual growing plants on a local pasture, he illustrated grasses could be identified. Mueller how the most common pasture also pointed out the methods of re-production of the various grasses and their relative value as range forage. Such common grasses as side oats gramma, hairy gramma, blue gramma, buffalo, tabosa, needle grass, hairy triodia, and spear grass were studied.

The board of directors of the school met Tuesday of last week to discuss the future plans of the school. Those in attendance were: Jamie Caviness, chairman; Tim O. Cook, vice - chairman; Buford Browning, Edwin Falls, Wraymond Sims and Frank Andrews.

Second Quarter Horse Show To Open In El Paso October 11

The second Quarter Horse Race Meet will open October 11 in El Paso and continue through October 13. The races will be held in Cowboy Park, 4000-foot race track and largest in the International-Southwest. Past Quarter horses are booked for eight races daily, which include two evening and one Sunday afternoon appearances, and generous purses have been announced.

The meet is being sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse of El Paso, which is a member of the American Quarter Racing Association. John K. Sharnan is president of the Posse, and Ed Hodge is chairman of the committee that is directing the Meet.

County Women Again Urged to Save Fats

Were it impossible to secure soap unless you turned in some waste kitchen fats, Scurry County's current fats salvage drive would have a very direct and somber meaning. Snyder and Scurry County housewives have virtually stopped saving kitchen fats and grease the past few months—but so has most of the nation. Now strict conservation and sale of used fats to local merchants must be started, again, lest we face a critical shortage on soap and glycerine.

Although no appreciable profit is realized, Snyder merchants are urging all housewives to save and sell used kitchen fats and grease so that soap supplies and glycerine for medicines, paints and explosives can be made.

Lucky '13 Sports Club Elect New Officers

The Lucky "13" Sports Club met in the home of the president, Johnnie Dell Brock, last Wednesday for the first meeting of the ensuing year.

New officers were elected as follows:

Durelle Stokes, vice president; Helen Kay Shield, secretary; and Mary Edith Scarborough, treasurer.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Billy Popnoe, Jo Anne McGlaun, Ann McMullan, Durelle Stokes, Helen Kay Shield, Mary Scarborough, the hostess, and to these pledges: Sandra Jean Josephson, Frances Leath, Marianne Randals, Clarice McGlaun, Eleanor Erwin and Bettie Lynn Gatlin.

Assembly of God

You are cordially invited to worship with us at the Assembly of God Church. Bring your friends and help us in carrying the spiritual work of the Snyder community forward.

Sunday School begins Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock, and morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Evening worship starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Prayer services each Wednesday evening will get underway at 7:30 o'clock and preaching Saturday evening will also start at 7:30 o'clock.—Robert Owens, pastor.

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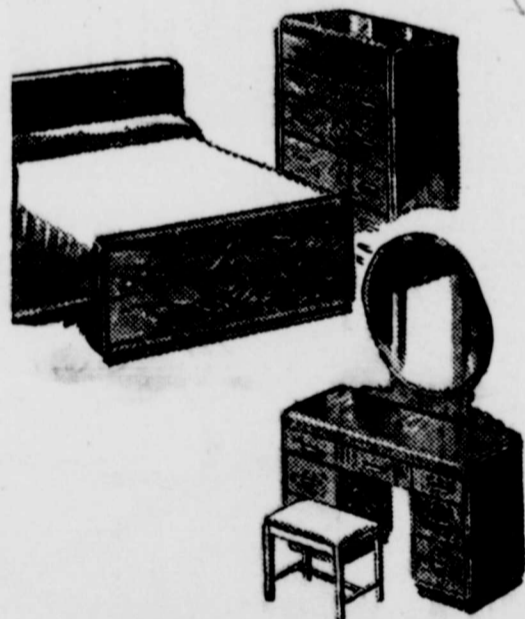
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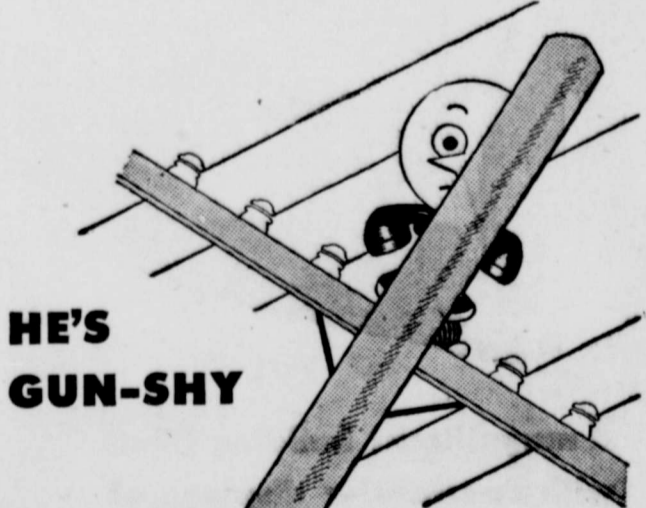
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Dunn News

Mrs. Bama Clark, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Durham and Mark spent the week-end in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Durham received a letter last week from their son Sergeant Billy D. Durham saying he would be coming home soon from Manila.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Houston, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moon here and Mr. and Mrs. Nute Johnson of Colorado City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's were formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Akus and daughter Deanna of Cohoma, visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodfin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Byrd of Snyder visited Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Elmo Herring and Mr. Herring and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lay of Houston visited Tuesday and Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Nolan Balding and Mr. Balding and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunter and daughter Deanna of Coahoma spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parker of Lubbock spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bowers and Laura Fae.

Buck and Othell Ellis of Odessa spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Ashley are visiting in Midland.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parker of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Harrison and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff L. Brown, son Bobby of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bowers and daughter Laura Fae of Dunn. Billy Parker was formerly of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and Billy Don and Lena Fae attended church at Ira Sunday and were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eades.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Ellis received a telegram that their son Sergeant Ather Ellis who has been with the paratroop unit station in Japan had safely landed back in the states and would see them soon.

Mrs. Bama Clark had visiting her over the week-end her grandchildren, Charles, Delores and Dimple Clark of Big Springs, and Butch Neidecken of Snyder. They were joined Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neidecken of Snyder and accompanied the children back to Big Springs.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met in a very interesting meeting Monday afternoon with ten members present. The study, "These Moving Times," was led by Mrs. Ollie Richardson.

Come on folks, let's all get our subscription for The Times in to me while the bargain rates are on. I will appreciate all subscriptions turned in to me. The first of October is close to us.

Ennis Creek

Mrs. Allen Davis, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Odum of Snyder spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Birdwell spent last week at Garden City on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snelling and daughter Joyce were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Bell and daughter, Belinda.

T. C. Davis and family and Mrs. C. A. Wade and daughters attended a reunion Sunday at Snyder in the home of Mrs. H. S. Hart.

Mrs. Elton Shearer and children of Breckenridge spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Birdwell, John and E. A.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tatum of Dermott were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and children.

Mrs. P. M. Caton left Wednesday of last week for an extended visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon at Ida-

Hermleigh News

Winnie Lee Williams, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kurtz and daughter hosted a reunion for the Zalman generation at their country home Tuesday, September 17 at Sulphur Park, midway between Moulton and Shiner. This was their first reunion in 39 years.

Lunch and drinks were served and everyone enjoyed talking over old times. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pagel and sons, Hallettsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strala and family, El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Darilek and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Effenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darilek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kurtz, Mrs. Johana Berger, Mr. and Mrs. August Ethinger, all of Shiner, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Darilek, Mr. and Mrs. Lazie Darilek, Mr. and Mrs. John Faltsek and daughter, Elo Zalman, Alton Pisbeck, all of Moulton, Mrs. Annie Goebel and son, Roy, Roosevelt and Henry Hoepfl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zalman, Mr. and Mrs. John Zalman, all of Hermleigh.

Willie Darilek and two sisters, Stella and Lillian of Columbus, Wharton and East Bernard, called in the afternoon.

A pink and blue tea honoring Mrs. Van Voss was given in the W. R. Potter home at Roscoe, Thursday evening, September 19, with Mrs. Potter, Mrs. T. A. Keenan, Mrs. L. L. Medlock Jr., Mrs. Chas. Boupland, Mrs. Fred Hawkins Jr. and Mrs. Louis Pope as joint hostesses from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Potter greeted the guests upon their arrival. Thirty-nine guests registered.

Many lovely gifts were presented. The dining-room table on which punch was served, was centered with a bowl of chrysanthemums with a lighted candle in either end. Mrs. J. D. Garland and Mrs. Howard Boston rendered several piano selections.

The guests from Hermleigh were Mrs. A. R. McMillan, Mrs. W. A. Voss, Mrs. R. M. Coston, Mrs. Jay Vaughn, Mrs. Frank Nachlinger, Mrs. Elmer Henry, Mrs. O. B. Jackson and Minnie Lee Williams.

Executive members of the P.T.A. hosted a social Friday evening at the high school auditorium. Thirteen tables of 42 played throughout the evening after which punch and cookies were served in the school lunch room to 100 persons attending.

Mrs. Raymond Sims, P.T.A. president expressed her thanks and appreciation for such a large crowd and she hopes your interest in all these meetings will continue.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3.

The Hermleigh Cardinals will at the Snyder stadium, reports A. meet the Hobbs team Friday night L. Kerby, Hermleigh coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Capelluto and small son, Andy of Botan called in the Cornelius Davis home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Wilson is spending a few days with her sister and family Mrs. Allen Davis.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Leech and children Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Burrow of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Leech and children.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lewis Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hess of Pyron, Valaree Ruminer of Hermleigh, J. L. Vineyard and daughter Bertha of this community and Elvira and Forest Hess of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Leech and children were callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond May and children of Pyron Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kimbrough were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Huddleston and children of Ira.

Mrs. Thurman Leech attended a Stanley party in the home of Mrs. Herman Richburg of Hermleigh, Friday afternoon.

Union News

Mrs. J. B. Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bentley had all their children home for the week-end. They were Troy Bentley from Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Bernar Smith of Lubock, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jackson of Gall, also Grandmother Bentley.

Visitors in the J. T. Biggs home the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Biggs and daughter of Fort Worth and Lester Biggs and family of Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore are home after visiting several weeks in Alabama.

Mrs. Byron Wren visited Monday with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Lemons.

Homer Bentley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Connell visited Sunday with their children, Mr. and Mrs. David Connell of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Visiting the W. R. Pates Monday

were Mr. and Mrs. Ed George of Midland, Texas.

J. B. Adams was called to Pritchett, Texas to be at the bedside of his sister Mrs. J. T. Holloway, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. W. B. Lemons visited in Colorado City one day last week.

W. R. Pate made a business trip to Colorado City, Saturday.

A Butane plant and stoves are being installed at the Methodist Church by the Carrell children as a memorial for their father the late J. L. Carrell who was a faithful worker in the church and also in memory of a son James Harvey, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Carrell now at Farwell.

Paris McPherson and family and Mrs. J. L. Carrell visited the father, Mr. McPherson of Snyder, Sunday.

Odell Smith of Morton was called to Snyder Saturday because of the critical illness of his uncle, Bay Dunn who suffered a severe stroke recently.

Eastern Star to Meet Friday Eve

Gayne Nelle Greene, worthy matron and Oma Wren, secretary, call attention of Snyder women to the called meeting, Snyder Chapter No. 450, Order of Eastern Star, that will be held Friday evening, 8:00 o'clock.

All members of the Order of Eastern Star are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Methodist Girls Meet In McClinton Home

The Girl's Society of Christian Service of Snyder Methodist church met Monday evening, 6:30 o'clock, at the home of Maxine McClinton.

Officers were elected, and the hostess served a delicious refreshment course to: Betty Lou Gatlin, Marianne Randals, Carolyn Sands, Edith Blakey, Johnnie Dell Brock, Maxine McClinton, Margaret Dougherty and Mrs. Ivan Gatlin.

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One of those reunions which occur only once in a "blue moon" broke through the overcast last week for Harold Denson of Dunn when four of his buddies in the 15th Air Force dropped in...

Reunion Is Enjoyed In John Watts Home

A reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Watts over the week end.

Plenty of fried chicken was served to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brotherton and daughters, Brenda Kay and Darla Sue of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Stewart Womack of Midland; Mrs. W. D. Jeffries of Wichita Falls...

Letters from Our Readers

Dunn, Texas September 17, 1946 Dear Editor: "I see people writing about their community so I thought I would write about mine. I live at Dunn, the best community in the county."

Graveside Rites Held For Lenda C. Maddox

Graveside rites for Lenda C. Maddox, day-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Maddox, who died last Thursday morning, were held in Snyder Cemetery last Thursday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

Santa Fe to Present Club Awards Again

Scurry County FFA chapters are reminded this week that the Santa Fe Railway is again making educational awards this year.

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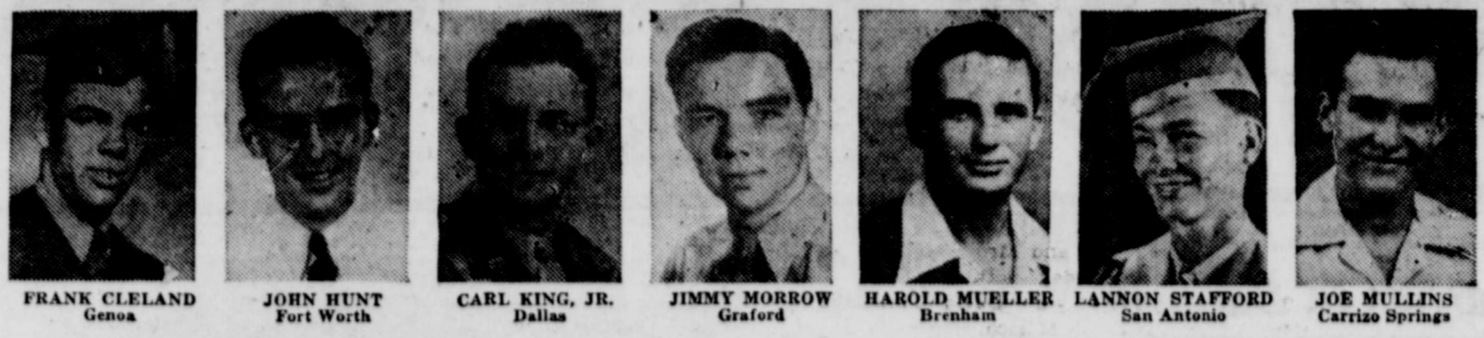
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Steadying Consumer Demand Showing Up

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, in a statement for local release this week says, "there is a steadying on the part of consumer demand now."

Mrs. Minnie Henderson of Lubbock is a visitor of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson.

Sixteen Texas Boys Win Opportunity for Education



Sixteen honor graduates of Texas high schools, representing every section of the State, will enter Texas A. & M. College in September as the first winners in a new major scholarships program.

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Winners in a statewide competition each year receive scholarships which pay \$200 to \$300 per year throughout their college careers, plus an opportunity to earn additional money at student jobs.

Selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character, the first year's winners of Opportunity Awards were: Franklin Cleland of Genoa, John Hunt of Fort Worth, Carl King, Jr., of Dallas, Jimmy Morrow of Grafton, Harry Mueller of Brenham, Lannon Stafford of San Antonio, Joe Mullins of Carrizo Springs, Vernon Porter of Italy, Royce McClure of Dallas, John Taylor of Rotan and Joe Zumwalt of Hallettsville.

The Jones Scholarship winners were Humberto Reyes of Berclair, Bobby Bland of Merkel, Robert Williams of Waco, Henry Simpson of Dallas and James Robertson of Plainview.

Highest scholastic average in the group was a four-year grade average of 97.64, lowest was 93.57. All had held responsible class or school offices and had excellent records of earnings through after-school and summer work.

Jimmy Burt Gets Dispatcher Post In Panama Zone

Technical Sergeant James G. (Jimmy) Burt, son of Mrs. Velma Burt of Snyder, recently arrived in Panama and has been assigned as Operations Dispatcher to the 397th Bomb Squadron at Rio Hato Army Air Base, Republic of Panama.

Sergeant Burt entered service in October, 1942, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He went overseas as an armorer-gunner and was stationed in England, France and Belgium.

Jimmy was shot down on his 39th mission over enemy territory in Germany on December 23, 1944, where he was held prisoner until liberated by General Patton's Third Army on April 29, 1945.

Burt is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Texas A & M College prior to enlisting in service.

Burt's wife, the former Mary Frances Sheld, is now living in Santa Clara, Republic of Panama, with her husband. For combat services the Snyder boy has been awarded the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf clusters, the Croix de Guerre, Purple Heart and the ETO Campaign Ribbon.

\$10,000 Country Club House Plan Approved

Plans have been tentatively approved by the board of directors for the building of a \$10,000 club house for the Snyder Country Club.

The large, spacious club house include all work for a private or taining a kitchen, dining room, dance floor, library, offices and cloak room. A patio and terrace will provide lounging space with colorful lawn chairs and tables.

Recent reconstruction of the golf course has provided hours of recreation for mmembers of the club who play golf.

New electric pumps have been installed for the swimming pool. Fresh water and cool swimming has been enjoyed throughout the summer by young and old alike.

Every time we ride a horse we wonder how anything filled with hay can be so hard.

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★ Emerson Electric Record Players
★ Portable Record Players \$18.90 and up

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Rochester Beats Hobbs Crew 40-0 In Thursday Tilt

In a Class B non-conference game played at Haskell last Thursday evening, the Rochester Steers crushed Hobbs, 40 to 0.

The game was scheduled to have been played at Rochester, but because of rainfall and a water-logged stadium at Rochester, was played at Haskell.

Bill McGuire sparked the Steers' offensive with three touchdown runs and a long pass to Red Cox for another score. McGuire also four points on conversions.

Jack Gauntt and Lynn Johnson each accounted for a touchdown to complete the scoring. Tackle Jolea Glover was the standout in the Steers line.

Rochester made 11 first downs to five for Hobbs and rolled up 484 yards from scrimmage, while Hobbs had an aggregate of 121. Half-time tally was 26 to 0.

The Hobbs squad was accompanied by a sizeable delegation of Scurry and Fisher County fans. The Hobbs Pep Squad was a game feature.

Plainview News

Bobby Corbell, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Williams spent Sunday with her parents the J. G. Reeds of Hemleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard and Letha made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell and daughter spent the week end in San Angelo with her sister, the J. D. Kings.

Sunday visitors in the Curtis Corbell home were J. P. Pitner and sons of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wenken and daughter of Wink, and R. N. Eorbell and family of Colorado City.

Albert Bills and family of Pleasant Hill were Sunday guests of the Earl Smiths.

Ramona Ryan of Snyder agent Sunday night with Dean Shepherd. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates of Colorado City are spending this week with his parents the Luther Bates, Mr. and Mrs. John Irvin of Snyder, and the Ray Browns of Hemleigh were Sunday visitors in the Raymond-Lloyd home.

Mrs. Kenneth Woods is spending this week with her grandfather of Phoenix, Arizona.

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Friendly Thoughts by Odom Our minds go back joyfully to the scenes of long ago—to the little brook, to the little school, to the road that leads back home. Do we wander back in memory seeking for the happiness that was ours when our ideals were fresh, and inspiring, unmarked by life's struggle? What folks say about our manner of conducting a service is of importance. This brings you actual knowledge—information that gratifies us. ODOM FUNERAL HOME AMBLANCE SERVICE DAY OR NIGHT Phone 84 SNYDER

21,000 Fish from State Distributed To County Tanks

A grand total of 21,000 fish, including channel cat, sun fish, bass and blue Gill were distributed here last Thursday afternoon to 12 Scurry Countians.

Distribution of the fish was made by the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, District No. 8, San Angelo, reports J. N. Caviness, county agricultural agent.

Scurry County men who received fish for stock ponds, with species and number, were: Sidney Johnson, 500 channel cat, Dan Gibson, 250 bass and 2,500 sunfish.

H. P. Brown, 150 channel cat. C. J. Brumley, 350 channel cat. John Voss, 60 channel cat, 2,500 sunfish and 200 bass.

J. H. Langford, 50 bass and 500 blue gill. R. J. Randals, 100 and 4,000 blue gill.

John Keller, 100 channel cat and 4,000 blue gill. H. A. Flournoy, 1,325 bass. John Merritt, 100 channel cat. L. C. Drum, 25 channel cat. O. C. Rosson, 25 channel cat.

Jesse Koonsma was slated to have received 60 channel cat, 2,500 sun fish and 200 bass, but since he was not present this allotment of fish was divided among the above listed men.

Other Scurry County persons interested in stocking ponds and earthen tanks with fish should contact J. N. Caviness, county agent.

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County People Get Warning on Scarlet Fever from Official

Scurry County folks are reminded that the State Department of Health has just issued a warning in regard to scarlet fever, as the number of cases usually increases during the fall months. The majority of deaths from this disease occur from October through February.

Scarlet fever is a very contagious and serious disease. Grown people may contract it, but children under 15 years are especially apt to have it, if exposed. It is especially dangerous for children under five years, and Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, warns mothers to "not let your children take any chances with scarlet fever. Call the doctor as soon as the first symptoms appear."

If your child has contracted scarlet fever, the first signs you may notice are that he seems tired, restless and out of sorts. Usually, there is a sore throat, chills, vomiting, or convulsions and fever. His skin is dry and hot. His tongue is furred, and, under this white covering, it is red and swollen. In ordinary cases, these early signs are followed in a day or two by a rash. Little flat red points, close together, appear first on the neck and chest and soon the rash, very red in color, spreads over most of the body.

The doctor is required by law to report the case to the local health officer. Do your part by following carefully the quarantine instructions which the health officer will give you, since a severe or fatal case of scarlet fever may develop from contact with some one who has only a light attack. Children who have had scarlet fever, or who have been exposed, must not return to school until permission is given by the health officer and physician.

William M. Thackeray's middle name was Makepeace.

Phone Concern Carrying Load at Snyder Exchange

Snyder's telephone exchange is carrying a tremendous load this year, and in response to several complaints about local telephone service W. L. Blakney, district Southwestern Bell Telephone manager, explains the town's phone situation as follows:

The number of telephones in service and the number of calls made daily over them stand at all-time record levels surpassing even the new highs established during the end of the war, the demand for new telephones has continued at a pace never before equalled.

It all adds up to the busiest time the telephone company has ever experienced," Blakney said.

Snyder now has 840 telephones, with 170 of these being added since V-J Day. This is an increase of 240 over the Snyder telephones in operation here in 1940.

The volume of local calls per day has increased at the same time, from 3,000 in 1940 to 9,000 now, a jump of 62 1-2 per cent. Long distance calls have increased even more and are now 148 per cent over 1940.

These new telephones, plus the greatly increased number of calls, are taxing the present system to the limit but for the most part, at most times, the service is good, Blakney stated.

Studies show that nine out of 10 calls get a "Number Please?" within 10 seconds. The hours of greatest congestion, when delays are most likely to occur, are between 10:00 A. M. and 12:00 Noon and from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. Users can help and may get faster service, he said, by calling during the less busy hours, if possible.

"Our No. 1 job since V-J Day has been to provide telephone service to the greatest number of people in the shortest possible time," Blakney said. "There were 92 persons waiting for service here at the close of the war and it seemed fair to us to share the equipment we had with as many people as possible. We have done this by installing only party-line service in homes, and by connecting telephones to existing switching equipment in the central office until now we are practically out of telephone numbers.

"There are still 29 persons waiting for service but through these temporary, emergency measures, more people here are getting more service than ever before, despite the disturbed conditions and acute shortages in the country which have delayed plans for expanding the telephone system rapidly. Of those still without telephones, only 29 were waiting at this time and they will be served just as soon as it is physically possible," he stated.

The company is doing all in its power to make the waiting period for everyone as short as possible, he said. But, like everyone else these times, the telephone company is standing in line for the vital materials needed to make a telephone system work—poles, wire, copper, lead, switchboards, cotton yarn, among other things. In each possible case, he declared, the company is using substitutes for the scarce material but there is even a shortage of substitutes.

An expansion program calling for the expenditure of \$60,000,000 this year in its five-state area in the Southwest and some \$250,000,000 over the next five years already is well under way by the company.

One additional local position for the Snyder Telephone Office has been placed on order and will be installed as soon as it can be obtained which should be during the first half of 1947.

But, the fact that they still perform marriages in this county is proof positive that this is the land of the brave.



OIL COMPANY PRESIDENT
Directors of Standard Oil Company of Texas have elected **Ralph G. McIntyre** of El Paso, Tex., (above) president. McIntyre was formerly a vice president here in 1940.

New Men's Rest Room Installed At Courthouse

A brand new men's rest room has been completed in the Scurry County court house that every citizen should be proud of—pride to the extent no defacing or scrawling on the walls should be permitted.

The rest room is finished in red plaster. Western Plumbing & Supply Company holds contract, and Claude Ingram has been foreman on the project.

The new rest room has four brand new commodes and other new equipment.

So anxious is the commissioners court to keep the rest room clean that a fine of \$10 will be assessed for defacing, or marking in any way.

"We intend to crack down on persons who insist on defacing public property," a spokesman said Tuesday. "Surely the public will appreciate our new court house facilities enough to refrain from defacing or spitting on the new concrete floor."

Western Plumbing & Supply is now busy on remodeling the rest room that has been used by colored people. When that rest room is remodeled, ladies will use this facility until the ladies' rest room, west end of the court house basement, is remodeled and new equipment is installed.

FIRST A-C LIGHTING SYSTEM

The first electric lighting installation in the United States using alternating current was made at Great Barrington, Mass. in 1886 under the direction of George Westinghouse, noted American inventor and industrialist who was born a hundred years ago this year. Today this system is used to produce and distribute more than 95 per cent of the 225 billion kilowatt hours of electricity used annually in this country.

Eskimos eat blubber from whales and other sea animals.

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Athletic Council Backing Team in Numerous Ways

Snyder's Athletic Council is sponsoring a plan, with good results, whereby Tiger squad members who live out in the country will be taken home after practice each day.

There are 10 or 12 boys who live in the country and by playing football they miss the school bus. By taking them home, such boys are given a chance to play ball and the squad will benefit by having a full roster out for practice sessions. Snyder citizens are being asked to donate one or two afternoons during the football season to taking boys home after practice.

An athletic council representative says Snyder's Will Layne American Legion Post is cooperating beautifully with agreement to furnish 10 men at each game to patrol fences and also to help handle the crowds at home games. Cars will be allowed to drive into the stadium and will be parked around the stadium.

First Christian Church

There is always a sadness of feeling when a minister leaves a pastorate. There are a large per cent of the people usually that do not want such separation. Most of Christian people are in fact spiritual in their devotional life. However, some bring discord, and have forgotten, if ever they knew, "The Lord hates, and regards with abomination all who sow discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16.

It became necessary for the Lord minister to separate his relationship, resign, and move on to other fields, to tell the story of the Gospel to others. So next Sunday the 29 will be our closing message with the First Christian Church. We have a word to say to all!—Rev. L. Guy Ament, pastor.

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Harvey Shuler, Snyder postmaster, announces that all air mail postage, as of October 1, will be five cents per ounce to any part of the United States or its possessions. Heretofore, air mail postage

within the United States proper was eight cents an ounce, and 10 cents to its possessions.

The five cent rate, it is stated, also will apply to air mail going to members of the armed forces no matter where they are stationed. Postage on air mail letters to these men and women formerly was six cents.

VISITORS IN MORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joyce and children, Helen and Johnny, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Carl England in Morton. They were accompanied back to Snyder by Alene Curry, who has been in Level-land for the past eight months. Miss Curry, also, spent the weekend with the Englands, former Snyder residents, in Morton.



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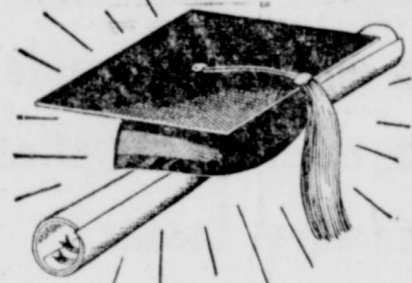
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If you haven't found your spot, an Army enlistment offers you training in any of 200 trades and skills. You leave the service eligible for further training at the best civilian schools.

You can assure yourself of the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights if you enter the Army on or before October 5, 1946. See your nearest Army Recruiting Station for details.

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In spite of the great rise in income, farm profits are no more than necessary to keep the farm plant producing efficiently. It's the same with the iron and steel industry which makes the materials for the farmer's tools.

In 1945 steel companies had left, after meeting all expenses but before paying dividends, only a little more than one-tenth of one cent on each pound of steel sold. The profit on each dollar invested was less than five cents. Year by year since 1941, when the war started, earnings have been declining.

Although last year's output of steel was 19

per cent greater than in 1940, the last prewar year, pay rolls were nearly double but dividends were lower.

There are many misunderstandings and misrepresentations about profits. Some people forget that reasonable profits are a necessary incentive of the American system, which results in abundant low-cost farm products and abundant low-cost steel products.

It is up to those who know what profits are for, and what they can do, to see that they are not destroyed—and with them our high standard of living.

Steel mills need all the scrap iron and steel they can get. The shortage is serious. Farmers can get extra dollars and help increase steel output by sending worn-out machinery, etc., on its way to the furnaces. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y.

The Institute has printed a booklet STEEL SERVES THE FARMER. Write for a copy and it will be sent gladly.

Snyder Tigers Tie Stamford Bulldogs Friday Night in First Game of Season

By Bill Schiebel

The Stamford Bulldogs came to town last Friday night touted to whip the Snyder High School Tigers but at the close of the game the Bulldogs were tied by the score of 6-6 by a fighting bunch of Tigers that were not going to be beat.

In a fast first quarter in which most of the playing was done by Stamford in which an underdog team from Snyder found itself and fought back to tie the score and keep it that way the game was decided. Snyder Co-Captain Moore kicked off to Stamford and the Blue and White took the ball down the field in straight plays to the one-yard line, where they fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Tigers. End George Richardson went back in the punting position and kicked the ball out to the 35-yard line and from there the Bulldogs started a drive which ended with a touchdown made by Spencer Billington from the eight-yard line. In the try for the extra point the whole center of the Tiger team was through to smother the kicker and the point.

Following this touchdown by Stamford came the most spectacular play of the game and the one that gave the Tigers their tie score. Stamford kicked off and the ball was taken by Gorman on the 10-yard line and after running diagonally across the field and drawing the opponents over, Gorman lateraled to Speedster Louie Vaughan and he went 65 yards through the rest of the Stamford team for a touchdown and the tying points. In the try for the extra and winning point the kick was wide of the goal posts and the tie remained for the rest of the game.

In this first quarter Stamford made six of their first downs and outplayed the Tigers. The second quarter was a case of taking the ball and trying for three downs and then punting out of trouble.

After the half the Snyder Tigers came back full of fight and made a better showing than in the first half. Snyder threw some passes that were good for 20 and 25 yards but could not be followed up with scoring plays. At the end of the third quarter Elliot of Stamford punted to Everett, who fumbled and after several players kicked the ball around it was recovered by Tiger Vaughan on the 30-yard line.

The fourth quarter brought out many tries to score. Passes were thrown and long runs were made. All this led to a lot of rough playing that cost both teams in yards for penalties. To end the game

Gorman intercepted a long pass that if completed would have made a score for the Bulldogs.

Outstanding players for Snyder were Vaughan in the back field, whose long runs and defense work were outstanding; George Richardson with his pass catching, and Moore with his fine line play were outstanding amongst the linemen. There were only two substitutes used by Coach Beene. Sentell replaced Trice at tackle and Martin replaced Vaughan after he was hurt in the fourth quarter. For the Stamford team the Billington boys in the backfield were outstanding along with the line work of Anders at guard.

The Snyder Tigers are now preparing for the next game against Merkel on September 27. A crowd of about 1700 people crowded the stadium to see the Tigers in action and from the outlook there will be larger crowds as the season progresses.

Following are the statistics of the game.

Snyder	Stamford
1 Touchdowns	1
9 Points after t-downs	0
4 First downs	10
50 Penalties, yards	35
16 Passes tried	7
5 Passes completed	0
1 Passes intercepted	0
66 Yards gained passing	0
0 Fumbles	1
1 Fumbles recovered	0
103 Yards gained (from scrimmage)	65
5 Punts	3
28 Average yardage per punt	33
53 Return of punts (yds)	38

Officials: Umpire, Thompson (Hardin-Simmons); head linesman, Blue (Baylor); referee, Gracie (Texas Wesleyan). Time of game one hour and 36 minutes.

Schooling Opening Aero Service Plant At Sweetwater Port

Of wide interest to air-minded youths in Snyder's trade zone is announcement this week that the R. A. Schooling Aero Service at Sweetwater has started instruction work.

A full course of instruction will be offered in aircraft repair and maintenance, and curriculum will include all work for a private or commercial pilot license.

Everett Rudd is in charge of instruction, and is being assisted by Cliff Gilmore, an A & E licensed mechanic.

OPA officials estimate for The Times that retail price ceilings for new automobiles now average about 22 per cent above 1942 ceilings, exclusive of the six per cent increase just authorized for Ford-built cars.

The Office of Price Administration has released new price lists on all popular cars that are in dealer hands now.

The State of Connecticut was named after a river. Connecticut means "river whose water is driven in waves by tides or winds."

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"If the Price De-Control Board, the OPA and the Secretary of Agriculture have not taken vigorous steps to restore effective price control on food, clothing and other basic necessities, we shall demand adjustments in our wage structure." -UAW-CIO Executive Board, Aug. 16, 1946.

Timely COOKING HINTS

With the coming of fall and the hustle and bustle of preparing school lunches that are nourishing yet appetizing the local housewife and mother is facing her usual problem, of "what will I prepare for today's meals."

Here are a few hints and recipes that may prove helpful to you:

When you begin packing those lunch boxes for your children, why not get off to a good start, by making the box lunches just as you would a meal at home? Vary them in every way possible. Of course, it's important to have the lunches nutritious, but it is equally important to see that they are appetizing.

One excellent way to give variety to a lunch is by using different kinds of bread for sandwiches. Homemade breads are especially delicious, and the quick varieties are easy to make. The two suggested below are unusually flavorful and economical. Use a simple filling when you make these breads into sandwiches—such as softened butter, cream cheese or cottage cheese.

Prune Bread
 1-4 pound prunes
 1 cup sugar or substitute with syrup
 3-8 cup or 6 tablespoons lard
 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1-2 teaspoon cloves
 1-4 teaspoon salt
 2 cups sifted flour
 1 teaspoon soda
 1 egg

Banana Bran Bread
 1 1-22 cup sifted flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1-2 teaspoon salt
 1-2 teaspoon soda
 1-4 cup lard
 1-2 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1 cup shredded bran
 1 1-2 cups mashed bananas

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Steady Income from Oil Over Period Of Years Helps Revenue for County

A steady income from the oil industry for a score of years to property owners in Scurry County has supplemented the returns from crops. Estimated revenues from mineral lease alone have probably reached a quarter of a million dollars annually, besides perhaps a similar amount from the sale of oil and royalties.

Great percentage of the entire county is under lease to producers or other blockers. It is pointed out that such source of income maintains stability in the section—come what may with crop and cattle production.

Nor is Scurry County alone in the state when it comes to benefits derived from oil and gas. Nearly 900,000 Texans get their living directly from the petroleum industry, figures just compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association show.

This huge Texas petroleum family, scattered throughout the state, is made up of 211,225 workers who with their dependents total 887,145 Texans. The wage-earners of this group last year received \$560,000,000 in wages and salaries, or virtually 39 cents of every dollar spent by the Texas petroleum industry.

The figures are included in the 1946 edition of "Important Facts About Texas Oil and Gas," just published by the association, the research and service organization of Texas oil and gas operators.

Texas farmers, ranchers and other land-owners received \$215,000,000 last year in oil and gas lease and royalty payments, the booklet shows. State and local tax collectors took \$95,502,000, much of which went for salaries of teachers, public officials and their employees while \$65,000,000 was paid the federal government, for a total 1945 tax bill of \$160,502,000. This did not include gasoline taxes paid by the motoring public on the industry's principal product.

The Texas petroleum industry paid out a total of \$946,536,000 last year for wages and salaries, lease

Times Taking Subs For All Daily Papers

The Times is again agent for all daily papers this year, and is in a position to offer you prompt service on paper subscriptions.

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(billion) expended in 1945 by Texas' largest industry. A relatively small share of the money which it spent for goods and services goes out of our State.

No Ceiling Price Set On Pulling of Cotton

With the 1946 cotton ginning season getting fairly well underway here this week—and with Mexicans arriving here in increasing numbers—there is no attempt being made to set a ceiling price on cotton pulling.

Cotton pulling opened in this trade area at \$1.50 per hundred pounds. Ample supply of hands is reported in various communities at this time.

Earnings are still worn by some fishermen on the Belgian coast.

Showers for the bride originated in Holland.

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Hermleigh Students Go to Area Colleges
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 Joyce Chambers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Chambers, and salutatorian of the 1945 Hermleigh High School graduating class, has entered Texas Tech at Lubbock.
 Don Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, who served in the Pacific with the Sea Bees, is attending Houston University. Don is a Hermleigh School graduate.
 Frances Fargason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fargason, is attending Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Her father has been Hermleigh postmaster for a number of years.
 The "House of Seven Gables" is located in Salem, Mass.
 There are 130 bridges across the Mississippi River.

NOTICE:
 By order of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners a deductible of \$50 on farm and ranch buildings and a deductible of \$100 on all other classes of buildings, including dwellings, applies ONLY to Hail, Hurricane and Windstorm Losses.

These deductibles were made mandatory by the Board of Insurance Commissioners, and effective September 1, 1946.

This plan was adopted in lieu of a 75 to 100 per cent increase in Windstorm-Hail rates justified by a loss experience. A net loss of \$23,000,000 in less than 10 years by Companies writing Windstorm, Hurricane and Hail Insurance in Texas compelled this action. Any and all Companies writing business in Texas are subject to this ruling.

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FOR SALE: Marie Newman Cosmetics. See Mrs. Pennington at 2311 Ave. M. south Apt. Phone 492J 8-tfc

FOR SALE: 20 a. land 1-2 mile east of Hermleigh. Small down payment with easy terms. J. T. Groves, Hermleigh, Texas. 12-tfc

1-2 BLOCK property, 3 room house, well and windmill and small orchard. Located near Hermleigh school building. See J. F. Groves, owner, Hermleigh, Tex. 12-tfc

COMPLETE Line of School supplies at The Times. 11-4tp

FOR SALE: 160 acre, 5 mi. north, 3-4 mile east of Loraine, Tex. \$40 acre. G. R. Taylor, Loraine, Tex. 16-3c

FOR SALE or TRADE: Recently completed rock home 6 rooms 2 1/2 baths. Shown by appointment only. Bushy Hedges. 2p

SUIT 40 long, new pen stripe. See Robert Gilland at T. C. Goss Motor Co. 1p

FOR SALE: New four poster bedroom suite. 905 25th Street Phone 325R 1tc

FOR SALE: 32 Volt Wind charger with 16 batteries, good condition. O. M. Miller, Arah Route. 1-p

FOR SALE: Piano. See Mrs. J. R. Huckabee, 901 26th Street. 1P-tfc

FOR SALE: Two bedroom house. 3120 Ave. T. Call 461 J for appointment. 1p

FOR SALE: My home, or I'd sell lots, cheap for business purposes. See me at once.—C. E. Walker, Snyder, Texas. 1p

USED Furniture, used clothing, repair work, upholstering, plain sewing, crochet work. Lunford Furniture. 1p

For Sale

FOR SALE: 640 acres farm land 12 miles west of Snyder on Lamesa Highway. 320 acres in cultivation, balance in grass—all tillable. One five-room house with good barns, garage, well, windmill with overhead tank, water piped in house. One four-room house with small barn and chicken house; one good earth tank, price \$50 per acre with One-Fourth Mineral Right reserved. See H. B. Patterson at farm or write J. G. Patterson, Snyder, Texas. 15-4p

FOR SALE: Five room house and lot with bath. J. P. Tate, 3111 Avenue N. 2c

FOR SALE: Five Room Modern House, has concrete cellar, garage, storage room, well located. On pavement, in walking distance. Possession in two or three weeks. 2704 Ave. W. Phone 125-M. 16-4tp

FOR SALE: Living room suite, studio couch, chair covered in Otman. Been used six months. See Edgar Wilson at Bryant-Link Company. 15-2p

GREEN LAWN RECIPE Mow your Bermuda grass, work in a Vigoro, sow Italian Rye Grass seed, water well and your lawn will be green all winter. We have the seed and the Vigoro. BELL'S FLOWER SHOP 1514c

FOR SALE: 160 acres of land, seven miles west and one-half mile north of Snyder, steel stalk cutter; two-wheel trailer; good and yearling. J. N. Bates Sr. 15-4p

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Good John Deere cotton pulling machine used only one season. Also, new four-wheel trailer with new three-bale cotton and grain bed. Kirk Perry, one mile north of Roscoe. 15-3p

FOR SALE: McCormick-Deering row binder, fair condition; on rubber. Price \$85. C. W. Kimbrough, Route 3, Hermleigh. 15 2p

1 GALLON 5 per cent DDT, Extra special, \$1.00. Ben Franklin Store. 13-tfc

SCHOOL Supplies, zipper notebooks, notebook fillers, pencils, book satchels, and other school supplies at The Times. 13-3p

FOR SALE: Stock farm, 260 acres, 95 acres cultivation, half good black land, half in good sand. 150 acres good grass with running creek water, two earthen tanks, large old-fashioned seven room house, large old barn, several out buildings. Public road on two sides, daily mail, choice of two class A schools, both buses run by place. Good well and windmill water piped in house. This place will run 25 to 30 head of mother cows, five hundred turkeys, some sheep and a good place for hogs. You can grow oats, wheat, corn or hairy vetch on the black land, and any thing you want on the sand. It never gets too dry to produce good crops. This is a good all-purpose farm with every type of good land and a good pasture with ever-lasting water. This is a bargain at Forty dollars per acre cash or terms. This place will carry a loan of four to five thousand dollars. Located in Comanche County, five miles north of Gustine Seth Moore, RFD 2, Dublin, Texas. 13-tfc

FOR SALE: Trailer, only \$50. See at Hays farm.—Billie Mitchell. 1c

FOR SALE: Eight-foot Dempster windmill, just overhauled and in good condition. See R. O. McClure, Arah Route, three miles west and half mile north, or Henry Kemp. 16-3p

FOR SALE: Well improved 640 acre stock farm, 25 miles of Lubbock, 100 acres in cultivation. \$22,000.00 with \$9,000.00 loan. Holt-Jenkins Land Company, 1114 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas." 16-3c

FOR SALE: 1 Wool rug 7 1-2 x 9, 1 Ricker, 1 occasional table. Phone 167J. 1p

FOR SALE: Two adjoining lots with clear title, in East Snyder, each 50 by 192 feet. Utilities available. See A. E. Duff Jr., 809 26th Street, Snyder, Texas. 1p

FOR SALE: Four or five cows and calves, mixed breed.—See O. D. Devers, eight miles south of Ira. 1p

FOR SALE: Fall chicks in light and heavy breed. Immediate delivery. Telephone 9003-F2. TOWNSEND POULTRY FARM ROUTE 2, SNYDER 16-3c

FOR SALE: Studio couch, and ottoman. Upholstered in tapestry. Been used six months. Also heating stove. See Edgar Wilson at Bryant Link. 162p

EXTRA good make large coal heater will burn large chunks of wood. Good condition. Mrs. Geo. W. Brown. Telephone 199J. 16-tfc

JUST RECEIVED New Shipment Zipper Notebooks. The Times. 8-4p COMPLETE LINE School Supplies Just Received at The Times. 9-44p

TEXAS ALMANACS on sale at Times, read about Texas. 4c-4

Lost and Found

STRAY HOG on place, 9 mi. South Snyder. L. Z. Ashley, Rt. 3. 15 2-p

LOST: Ladies Elgin watch on street between Snyder Drug and Telephone Office. Reward. Mrs. I. B. Berryhill, Phone 239V. 1p

WANTED For permanent couple. No children, no pets. Nice furnished house or duplex apartment. Phone 47. tf

WANTED TO RENT: 50 to 100 acres to sow in wheat or oats. See Gordon Smith, Arah Route. 16-2p

WANTED: Issue No. 4 of the Scurry County Times, dated July 3, 1946 —The TIMES.

WANTED to buy your Grain, top prices paid. Winston Feed Store. 52-tfc.

WANTED—To keep your income tax records on a contract basis; accurate and reasonable.—Lyle Defebach, telephone 219. 26-tfc

Miscellaneous

FOR PAPER Hanging and painting. See Riley Floyd. Phone 9513. 13-4p

For Rent

FOR RENT: 50 to 100 acres to sow in wheat or oats. See Gordon Smith, Arah Route. 2p

FOR RENT: Two room furnished apartment. 1505-28th Street. 1p

FOR RENT: Bed room. See Mrs. Greenfield. 3101 Ave. U. 1c

ROOM FOR RENT to adults. Cooking and Bath Privileges. Maud Ordner, 2512 27th St. 1p

FOR RENT: Furnished three-room apartment close in. For couple only.—2000 Avenue S 1c

FOR RENT: Three-room furnished apartment, back and front entrance, 2506 Avenue N. 1c

FOR RENT: Unfurnished room, first house west of Stimson Camp Ground.—Mrs. Alice Jacobs. 1p

FURNISHED light housekeeping rooms, bill paid, adults only. 811 24th St., Phone 172J. 1c

FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms for rent. 2405 30th Street. 16-1c

The Columbia River separates the states of Washington and Oregon.

The Pyrenees Mountains separate France and Spain.

Iowa means "sleepy ones."



Q. What causes enlarged hocks in my 16-week old turkey? A. This is probably due to an infection which produces a disease known as synovitis. It is more common in toms than in hens. The swelling may extend down the shanks and into the foot. Diseased birds should be isolated quickly for two reasons: (1) to minimize the possibility of transmission, and (2) to give the affected birds a chance to recover and survive. The healthy ones should be moved to clean range. Separate the sexes if possible.

Q. Why are proteins and minerals particularly important in the feeding of bred ewes? A. Ewes often produce 10% or more of their body weight in grease wool and from 8% to 16% of their body weight in the form of lamb during gestation. Since both of these products are high in protein and minerals, these two nutrients are highly important in sheep feeding.

Q. Should dairy heifers be bred according to age or according to body size? A. Experiments at the Ralston Purina Company's Research Farm show that body size should determine when heifers should be bred. After many years of work on this, the Ralston Purina recommendations, by breeds, are as follows: Jerseys.....500 lbs. Guernseys.....550 lbs. Holsteins.....750 lbs. Brown Swiss.....750 lbs. Ayrshires.....650 lbs.

Q. How much water is used in producing 100 pounds of pork? A. Water for hogs is essential and used in gestation at all times. In producing 100 pounds of pork, about 550 pounds of water are consumed. The brood sow, particularly, needs an abundance of water.

Q. What is the cause of "spotted livers" in rabbits? A. "Spotted livers" indicate that the rabbits have or have had coccidiosis.

Send your questions about livestock or poultry problems to FARM FACTS, 815 South Eighth Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri. Questions will be answered without charge, either by mail or in this column, as a service to this newspaper.

Frankie Kubena New Tailor Shop Employee New employee at Abe and Jay Rogers' Tailor Shop is Frankie Kubena of the Hermleigh community. Kubena is employed under the GI Bill of Rights at the east side tailor shop, and is associated with the firm as a cleaner. According to Bureau of Standards tests, water will not rot rubber.

Entries For 4-H Club Show To Open Today

Entries for Scurry County's 4-H Club gilt show, to be staged this (Thursday) afternoon, beginning at 2:00 o'clock, were rolling into town this morning as The Times went to press.

Location for the gilt show has been moved, since last week, and is being set up on the south side of the courthouse lawn.

J. N. Gaviness, county agricultural agent, says a great deal of interest is being shown in the gilt exhibition, and homage is being paid to that vanishing American (temporarily)—the meat hog.

Driver Licenses to Be Available Saturday

Mrs. Thaba Groves will be at the sheriff's office Saturday afternoon to assist Snyder Area people in renewal of driver's licenses.

Those who did not get to see the highway patrolman here Tuesday are urged to contact Mrs. Groves on renewal of driving licenses. Every motorist must have a valid license, regardless of whether they drive all the time or occasionally.

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PALACE THEATRE

Program for Week—Friday, Saturday, Sept. 27-28 "NIGHT TRAIN TO MEMPHIS" with Roy Acuff and Allan Lane. News, Cartoon comedy and Leon Errol comedy

Saturday Night Revue, Sept. 28 "ONE EXCITING WEEK" with Al Pearce, Pinky Lee, and Jerome Cowan

Sun. and Mon., Sept. 29 and 30 "THE SEARCHING WIND" with Robert Young and Sylvia Sidney. Novelty and Cartoon Comedy

Tuesday Oct. 1 "GI WAR BRIDES" with Anna Lee and James Ellison. News, Cartoon and latest MARCH OF TIME. Bargain night. Admission 14 & 25 cents

Weds. and Thurs., Oct. 2-3 "MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE" with Bob Hope and Jean Caulfield. News and Novelty.

At the TEXAS Friday, Saturday, Sept. 27-28 "THE EL PASO KID" with Sunset Carson. Novelty and Comedy.

Sun. Mon., September 29-30 "SING WHILE YOU DANCE" with Ellen Drew, Robert Stanton. Also—

"AVALANCHE" with Bruce Cabot and Helen Mowery.

Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 2-3 Double Feature—

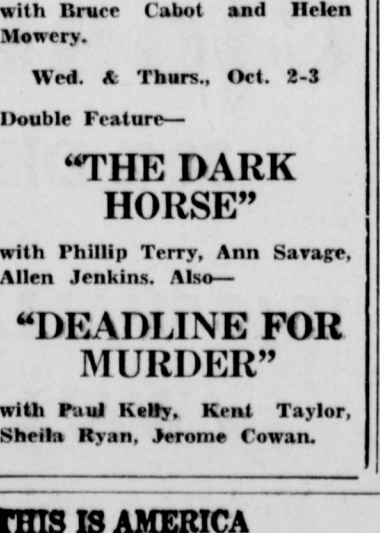
"THE DARK HORSE" with Phillip Terry, Ann Savage, Allen Jenkins. Also—

"DEADLINE FOR MURDER" with Paul Kelly, Kent Taylor, Sheila Ryan, Jerome Cowan.

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Fireman To Hold Convention In Post October 3

Snyder and 40 other West Central Texas towns have been invited to attend the Midwest Firemen's Convention in Post, October 3. The Times was informed last Wednesday.

James C. Asbury of Baird, secretary, says speakers at the convention will include State Senator Pat Bullock of Colorado City, and Olin Culberson, secretary of the Texas State Fireman's Convention.

Ladies of visiting firemen will be extended special entertainment at the convention, it is stated. In addition to a free picture show, ladies will be extended an invitation to inspect the big cotton textile mill as guests of the Post fire department.

"Post is making elaborate plans for entertainment," Asbury said. "It is a featuring an 'honest-to-goodness' barbecue and a dance for visiting firemen."

This will be the 16th semi-annual meeting of the association. The sessions start at 1 p.m. Races will be held beginning at 4:30, the barbecue at 6:30, with dance starting at 8.

Officers of the association are John W. Mansfield, Merkel, president; Leonard Henderson, Colorado City, first vice-president; Walter Crider, Post, second vice-president; James C. Asbury, Baird, secretary. The district comprises the following counties: Scurry, Mitchell, Fisher, Nolan, Jones, Taylor, Shackelford, Callahan, Stephens, Eastland, Garza, Throckmorton.

The organization got its start in 1938 when Baird firemen conceived the idea of an association. First president was Asbury.

Paul Revere practiced dentistry along with his other trades.

Read The Classified Ads: Cellophane was invented by Dr. J. E. Brandenberger, a Swiss chemist.

Jesse James' wife was his first cousin, Zerelda Mimms.

ATTENTION, MOTHERS! If looking for a better remedy for Children's Chest Colds by Darham's No-Mo-Ruh, the new Geico-Camphor treatment. Remember—double the purchase price refunded if you do not find this Modern Chest Rub more effective—35c and 60c at STINSON DRUG

Snyder Civic Clubs To Organize Efforts For City Progress

A meeting was held Tuesday night in the County Court Room for the purpose of working out a plan to coordinate the efforts of the various clubs, and organizations of Snyder in a civic way.

The presidents or leaders of the various clubs, churches and organizations were asked to attend, with the object of discussing such a move. A fair representation of such organizations were present. After plans were presented, those attending were highly in accord.

On October 8th another meeting will be held in the County court room, at which time further plans will be discussed.

By pooling our efforts we can get some things for Snyder, which otherwise we could not.

Judging from the nation's divorce rate America is rapidly becoming the land of the free.

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Mrs. Wemken, 87, Passes at Shiner Hosuital Friday

Mrs. J. W. Wemken, 87-year-old former Scurry County resident, succumbed Friday at her grandson's hospital at Shiner following an illness of a month.

Born January 20, 1859, in Europe, Mrs. Wemken had lived in America many years.

Funeral services were held at Odom Chapel Saturday afternoon, 4:00 o'clock. Bro. Brown of Loraine officiated.

Palbearers, all grandsons, were Edgar Wemken, Loyd Wemken, Doyle Wemken, J. R. Wemken, Joe Rice, and Dr. V. E. Schulze.

Flower girls were granddaughters Misses Carolyn Forbes, Ann Crawford, Frances Wemken, and Mrs. J. R. Wemken.

A former Hermleigh community resident, Mrs. Wemken had been a member of the Lutheran Church many years.

Mrs. Wemken is survived by two sons, George and John W. Wemken of Hermleigh; and six daughters, Mmes. M. L. Rice and C. W. Forbes of Abilene, E. P. Cook of Loraine, Ada Schulze of Shiner, L. H. Crawford of Canyon; and Miss Freda Wemken of Austin.

Odom Funeral Home directed arrangements, and interment was made in Hermleigh cemetery.

Alfred Davis Infant Dies Here Thursday

Martha Alline Davis, five-month old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis of northeast Snyder, passed away in a local hospital last Thursday following a short illness.

Graveside rites for Martha Alline were held Friday morning 10:30 o'clock in Snyder Cemetery with Rev. Earl Crewell, North Side Missionary Baptist Church pastor, officiating.

Martha Alline is survived by the parents; two sisters, Lois Ann and Lula Joyce; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and Mrs. Annie Chancellor, all of Wichita Falls. Odom Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Glenn Merritt Buys Highway Play House

Purchase of the Play House, cafe and night club on the east highway, by Charles Green to Glenn Merritt was announced this week. Assisting Glenn in operation of the concern will be Holly Merritt, who is noted for his cooking of fine foods.

IRA COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Mabel Webb, Correspondent

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byars were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grant and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Grady White and family all of Dunn, Mrs. Lilly Byars of Springtown and Gloria Nell Watson of Ira.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Autry are entertaining a new baby girl, who was born September 21 at the Snyder General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merritt of Pleasant Hill attended church here Sunday morning.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howard were, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crowder and son Melvin Ray of Garden City, and Melvin Howard of Pyote.

Dale Crowder of Garden City spent the weekend with Darrell Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clark and children, Kelton J., and Carolyn Jean spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. James of Snyder.

Mrs. Tessie Mae Walling spent the weekend at her home in Merkel. While there she met her son John R., who just arrived home from Japan after about 14 months service there. We rejoice with her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clay returned home Sunday night after a two weeks visit on the Plains and at Fort Worth with relatives.

Gloria Nell Watson spent Saturday night with her aunt, Mrs. Edd Grant of Dunn.

Betty Lou Childress of Odessa visited several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Adams of Dripping Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webb, Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and small daughter, Marcella spent the weekend with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Elvira Underwood and family of San Angelo.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. J. H. Allen were Mrs. W. R. Allen and daughter Judy of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and children, Calvin Jean and Cornel of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Holladay and daughter Jean of Triangle, Mrs. Edd Mann and son Edna Jean and girl friend of Big Springs, Mrs. Inez Wilson and Linda Lee of Ira.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eades Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and Don and Lena Faye of Dunn and Mrs. J. W. Eades, Louella and Ralph of Snyder.

Mrs. R. N. Flowers and Bailey Thornhill accompanied R. N. Flowers to Colorado City Saturday night. He was enroute to Winsboro

to be at the bedside of his mother who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. West had visiting them over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. West of Olney, and Mrs. Jaunita Baird of Graham.

Mrs. Baird is a sister of Mrs. West.

Mrs. Henry Reid of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, spent several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Carruthers.

Rev. R. O. Browder filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night. He was accompanied by Mrs. Browder and Bobbie and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Johnson.

L. R. Eubank and son Wayne returned Friday from Fairfield where they visited L. L. Eubank's brother who is very ill there.

Mrs. Wiley Eubank of Seymour spent from Friday till Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bryant and also visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Eubank.

Captain and Mrs. Neal Johnson of San Antonio are spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnson.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Johnson were: Captain and Mrs. Neal Johnson and sons of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fritz and sons of Hermatich, and Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Browder and son Bobbie of Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Short of Oklahoma City, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Eades and Jannie, Mrs. Nettie Webb and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Webb Monday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Allen accompanied Mrs. W. R. Allen and daughter Judy to their home in Comanche Monday for an extended visit there and other points in Texas.

Mrs. Hoyle Kruse and children spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Snyder.

Mrs. Wayne Eubank made a business trip to Colorado City Monday.

Mrs. W. D. Eades and son Mack of Dunn spent Tuesday in the Doyle Eades home.

Those from here attending the football game at Lubbock Friday night were Pete Hester, Garland and Jaunita Bishop, Caroline Albert, Billy Bob and Patsy Hardee, James Perry Echols and Hardee, and Mrs. Morris Hardee.

Mrs. G. L. Autry of Snyder is spending this week with her daughters, Mrs. D. E. Clark and Mrs. R. A. Hardee.

Folks now that the old rate will be out on your home county paper your correspondent will appreciate your new and renewals. Please see me now, and thanks.

"Mother" Mattie Middleton Dies at Age of 99 Years

Mrs. Mattie "Mother" Middleton, Scurry County's oldest citizen who observed her 99th birthday only 12 days ago, was called from earthly life Monday morning, 8:10 o'clock.

Funeral services for the beloved pioneer citizen, who had lived in Scurry County 58 years, were held Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, at the family residence, 2411 32nd Street.

Rev. Guy Ament, Snyder First by Rev. O. M. Herring, Snyder Methodist minister, officiated.

Active pallbearers were Frank Bayouth, A. B. (Boss) Baze, F. G. Sears, M. E. Stanfield, Melvin Newton and S. E. Keller.

Those in charge of floral offerings were Mmes. M. E. Stanfield, Gertie Smith, Hugh Taylor and Myrtle Brown.

Honorary pallbearers, as named by the family, were:

Weldon Kincaid, Hulan Stanfield, Howard Crenshaw, Red Neal, Carl Keller, H. C. Campbell, J. T. Bryant, Ray Brown, Johnny Boren, Pat Johnston, Hugh Boren, Tom Boren, Hugh Taylor, Joe Monroe, Forrest Beavers, J. C. Dawson, D. M. Cogdell, Roland Bell, Jehnne Portis, Harry Lee;

Watt Glover, Marion Cochran, John Sands, Leonard Gill Sr., Leonard Gill Jr., Billie Greer, Sam Wooten, R. D. English, Collie Fish, Ed Thompson, Pat Brown, Ollie Stinson, Alex Murphy, C. F. Sentell, John E. Sentell, J. E. LeMond, Bud Rogers, S. C. Porter.

"Mother" Middleton is survived by three children, Mmes. John W. Lettich, B. F. Womack; and a son, Jack Middleton, all of Snyder.

Odom Funeral Home had charge of arrangements, and Mrs. Middleton was laid to rest in Snyder Cemetery.

Combine Maize Continues to Roll To Snyder Market

Combine maize, which has developed into a major cash crop for this trade zone, is continuing to roll into Snyder and is bringing farmers a nice return, per acre, on the feed.

Snyder buyers of combine, or Plainsman maize, have shipped out 12 carloads, to date, and although shipments have slowed down following recent rains, this business is expected to pick up again sharply after frost.

Combine maize was selling here over the week-end for \$2.30 per remarkably good compared with hundred pounds, a price that is past seasons.

Several combines are still busy in the county, and almost any direction from town small tracts of the grain are maturing. Recent rains have caused this feed to sucker out considerably, and delay ripening.

Observers point out that combine maize is one of the easiest farm crops to harvest. Once the feed is up to a good stand and plowed over, cultivation can be kept to a minimum.

At harvest time one man can operate a tractor and combine, and one man trucking can keep the feed rolling to market. Stubble left makes exceptionally good forage for livestock.

and Mrs. Marvin Gary the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weathersbee of Hereford visited here this week with his mother Mrs. E. E. Weathersbee.

Mrs. B. B. Conroe left Sunday to visit her daughter and family of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Clark Jr. of Morton were week-end visitors with friends and relatives.

Visiting Relatives



Mrs. Mary Clark (D), 89, of Denton, is here visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Alvin Lee, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hale and Mrs. Dora Taylor. Gradmother Clark will be remembered by a number of Scurry County pioneers.

Sellers Service Men Honored at Family Reunion

A family reunion was given Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sellers in honor of the Sellers boys who are back from military duty.

Attendants at the two-day reunion, highlighted with informal family dinners and recounting of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sellers of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sellers of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sellers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Sellers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sellers and son;

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sellers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sellers and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blythe and children, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sellers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sellers and children;

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Sellers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Clanton and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clanton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Broyles and children, Mr. and Mrs.

WHO'S NEW

Lieutenant and Mrs. Gordon D. Sentell are the parents of a baby girl, Helen Marie, born September 7 at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. Helen Marie is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sentell of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady W. Jacobs are parents of a baby daughter, Bradean, who was born in a local hospital. Bradean weighed in, at birth at five pounds and 15 ounces.

Mrs. Jacobs is the former Gerald Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Heith and children, Miss Neva Jo Graham, Mrs. Bessie Ramage and children, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Prince; and Willie Druedow of Haskell.

Mrs. Ivan Teters of Odessa was a visitor of Mrs. Melvis Neal over the week-end.

Herman Darby of Nacogdoches was a business visitor in Snyder Monday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular Sunday School and preaching services 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
This is Fifth Sunday, let us close the month with all possible attendance and support. October will begin a new phase in our work, as we go to self-support on our local upkeep by vote of the sessions of Snyder and Ft. Vanava. We can go forward with God's help. Join us in it, won't you?
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LOCALS

Mrs. Herman Weller and children of Abilene spent the week-end here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pilcher of Lovington, New Mexico, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb. Mrs. Pilcher, the Webb's daughter, is the former Margaret Dell Prim.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greenfield and Thelma Shipley were in Leveland Sunday, where they attended a matched roping event.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watson attended the wedding of Odello Womack and Edna Ellis in Big Spring Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess R. Green visited in Haskell over the week-end, and Mrs. Green's small niece, Kay Owen Post, returned home with the Greens for a visit.

Frances Sentell, as student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, visited her parents over the week-end. Frances is majoring in home economics.

Mrs. T. G. DeFebach is ill in the hospital here and all of her children are in attendance; Vernon DeFebach and Arthur DeFebach of Ranger, Tommie DeFebach of Lamessa, and Mrs. George Ownsby of Houston.

Mrs. Lora Miller is spending the week in Carlbad, New Mexico, with her daughter, Mrs. Forrest Wade.

Ernest Taylor Jr., of Dallas, spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Caperton of Fort Arthur, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caperton. W. C. Winninger and Jack Caperton spent Sunday in Sweetwater on business.

Odell Allen made a business trip to Big Springs Sunday.

Nathan Rosenberg is going to Dallas to spend the Jewish holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Nichols are in Galveston attending the Texas Retail Grocers Convention.

Virginia Taylor and Jeannie Nichols were in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Slovacek spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Taylor in Lubbock.

Fred Gary of Post visited Mr.

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IMPOSING dome of the McDonald Observatory, near Fort Davis, Alpine and Marfa, Texas, attracts thousands of visitors each week. Constructed to revolve around the heavens, this was the site discovering "Double Stars" over Texas.

(U. S. Army Air Corps Photo)



AGRONOMISTS PRODUCE A NEW SWEET STOCK FEED

LUBBOCK, TEX. (WNS).—"Sudan is sweet" is a new slogan by grass growers of the Southwest, thanks to R. E. Karper and J. R. Quinby, Texas A & M agronomists who have utilized the experimental farms of the state in producing a new stock feed which will revolutionize the sudan industry.

Revolutions in grain are nothing new to Karper, who did the same to sorghums back in the mid-thirties, but his new sudan type is even better for the stock. It is a feed cattle will graze clear into the soil while allowing the former type sudan to stand nearby. It is the proof of the eating in so far as visible evidence is concerned, but it means a lot more to present day markets. It is now distinguishable from the farmer's enemy, Johnson grass, by a different color or head which any child may recognize.

Refuse Grass Seed

In past years many carloads of sudan grass have been refused by buyers due to traces of Johnson grass in such shipments. It is almost impossible to estimate the loss such traces have wrought, simply because standard sudan resembled Johnson grass to such an extent only experts could decipher the difference. All of that is now ended and with a better sudan grass on the market.

Sudan grass is one of the common crops of the Southwest. It is used extensively as a pasture and to a lesser extent as a hay crop. Sudan grass seed is an important cash crop on thousands of acres in the Plains region of Texas and New Mexico where up to 50 million pounds of seed are produced annually.

Good Crop

Sudan grass was a plant immigrant to this country less than 35 years ago. It was used because it proved to be such a widely adapted summer growing grass. However, it was restricted along the Gulf coast because of susceptibility to foliage diseases and because of its striking resemblance to Johnson grass, and where mixed was difficult to detect. For this reason farmers who do not already have Johnson grass on their lands hesitate to make use of Sudan grass even though they need it. Furthermore Sudan grass as it was introduced was neither sweet nor juicy.

Sudan grass is a member of the sorghum family, with other members of which it crosses readily, Karper explains, and it has therefore been possible to correct the shortcomings of Sudan grass by incorporating into it desirable characters from Leoti, a sweet sorghum variety. The plant breeding problem was to compound a new synthetic variety by transferring the characters of sweet and juicy stems, non-shattering seed, disease resistance, and the distinctive sienna glume color from the Leoti sweet sorghum while retaining the grassy characteristics of Sudan grass. This has been accomplished through crossing, backcrossing and selection in the greenhouse and in the field over a period of several years by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in

cooperation with the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Has Distinctive Seeds

Sweet Sudan grass is both sweet and juicy. It has a distinctive glume (seed) color readily distinguishable from Johnson grass or the common Sudan grass, is quite resistant to several of the foliage diseases commonly encountered where the crop is now grown, and has seed that shatter from the head less than that of the common variety. In growth, habit and production the old and the new strains are strikingly similar.

Sweetness and juiciness are common characteristics of sweet sorghums and their incorporation into Sudan grass has made it more palatable to cattle as shown by planting the old and new strains on adjoining areas and allowing cattle to graze them at will. As the breeding work progressed selection was made in rows well grazed by the cattle. During the years, there were several food demonstrations of the preference that cattle had for the new sweet and juicy strain which was grazed literally into the ground while the common Sudan grass was grazed only to the height of about one foot from the soil.

Has Strong Resistance

Leoti, the sweet sorghum parent, is resistant to several foliage diseases common to the area where Sudan grass is now grown. Most of the resistance has been transmitted to the new variety but Sweet Sudan is still somewhat deficient with respect to foliage disease resistance because the Leoti parent itself is not resistant to all of the diseases that infect sorghums in certain areas of greater rainfall and where few of the sorghums can be used at present on this account. Work is continuing to correct this deficiency but it will involve work in several areas, requiring several years. (This work has now progressed almost to the perfect stage.—Editor.)

The growing of 40 to 50 million pounds of Sudan grass seed is an industry of magnitude concentrated in the area. A single adverse climatic condition such as untimely frost or cool fall harvesting period with high winds frequently results in the loss of literally millions of pounds of seed which break or shatter from the heads. The new variety, Sweet Sudan, is somewhat resistant to seed shattering than the common variety and such losses will be greatly reduced.

Johnson Grass Invades

There was a time, when agriculture in this region was in its infancy, when Johnson grass was not to be found at all in many counties. Unfortunately Johnson grass has now become widespread.

It is not uncommon at the present time to encounter carloads of Sudan grass at railway terminals which have been rejected by purchasers because of the presence of Johnson grass seed in small amounts. This contamination with Johnson grass takes place in the field where the seed is grown. A very small percentage of contamination is not evident to the

local buyer or sometimes even to the farmer, and only a trained seed analyst is willing to say definitely whether a Sudan grass sample is or is not free from Johnson grass. With the new Sudan grass, anyone can detect the Johnson grass because Sweet Sudan grass has a glume or hull that is sienna or reddish brown in color. Johnson grass seed has glumes which are black, brownish black or blackish straw in color and such seeds are easily recognized among sienna colored seeds. Contaminated lots of seed can therefore be rejected when offered for sale. It will also erase the fear of the farmer planting seed which might include Johnson grass. The sienna glume color has another advantage since it will distinguish the sweet and juicy strain from the ordinary Sudan grass.

Large Supply

The supply of foundation seed grown in 1942 was relatively small but was sufficient to insure a large supply of commercial seed in 1945 and 1946. The distribution of foundation seed in 1943 was of necessity limited to experienced Sudan grass seed growers, but new quantities of seed will be distributed annually until the new variety becomes established.

Sudan grass, therefore, which arrived in the New World to find a much more glorious place than it ever had achieved in its native land, has now an offspring which is even better than itself and is expected to achieve even greater results.

Acid Stains—Use Alkali Bleaches

Summer garments spoiled by perspiration stains can sometimes be reclaimed. Since body perspiration is usually acid, stains should be counteracted with alkali.

Dampen the spot with water and hold it for a few minutes over the fumes from a bottle of ammonia water. Or—for cotton, linen and other materials that do not water-spot—dilute the ammonia to half strength, apply directly to the stain, and wash.

Yellow stains on white material will sometimes vanish when bleached in the sun. If not, use a solution of hydrogen peroxide.

Nitrogen in Soil Prevents Decay

Prevailing wet weather has stimulated growth of rot and fungi on fruit trees, and should be guarded against by spraying, cultivation, and application of nitrogen fertilizer.

Nitrogen in the soil is lost under continued rainfall, causing trees to turn yellow, resulting in heavy shedding of the fruit. The first step is checking weed growth through shallow cultivation, with an application of one-half pound of nitrate of soda or ammonium sulphate per tree. This will add nitrogen, and tend to check the shedding.

Fashion Came With Millinery Store

Vernon, Tex.—(WNS)—Pioneer women dressed in the height of fashion here after Mrs. Virgie Hewitt established a dressmaking and millinery business here in March, 1888.

Woodward Called Health Spot by French Surgeons

WOODWARD, Okla. (WNS).—In 1908 a group of French surgeons proclaimed the area of which Woodward is the center as an ideal climatic health spot. Seeking for their government a location suitable for the treatment of tuberculosis, they made this report on Woodward's lime-phosphorous area and 2,000 foot altitude:

"In the United States of North America on the 100 degree of longitude west of Greenwich we found an area the like of which does not exist in the world. From a central point on the said 100 degrees mid-way between the Arkansas River in Kansas and the Red River in Texas, a circle drawn with that point as the center, with a radius of 100 miles, will contain an area within which the tubercle bacillus does not and cannot exist."

Woodward's Chamber of Commerce revealed this story in a brochure on the city's attraction as a recreational center.

New Power Plant Owners Plan To Improve Service

HOBBS, N. M. (WNS).—Purchase of the New Mexico Electric Service Co. by James M. Murray, Jr., and J. F. Maddox was recently announced. The purchase, which included plants at Hobbs, Eunice and Jal in the south half of Lea County, was from the American Power and Light Co.

Officers of the new company are J. F. Maddox, president, J. M. Murray, Jr., Dwight P. Teed, R. E. Birmingham, and Tom E. Murray.

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Taloga Residents Recall Gold Rush

TALOGA, OKLA. (WNS).—Citizens of this region, especially the early pioneers, still recall when the area almost had a gold rush similar to the '49ers.

Shortly after Pete and Lizzie Hamm filed on their claim in 1899, Mrs. Hamm had a dream so vivid of gold on their land that she prayed constantly it would be found and developed.

More than 40 years ago Dr. Yoakum visited the territory from California. He also believed gold might be below the Hamm property and dug a shaft 50 feet into the ground, taking assays each 10 feet.

Gold was located! One assay showed gold to the amount of \$8 per ton, not enough for commercial mining but still traces of gold.

Pete Hamm died soon thereafter and Mrs. Hamm married Arthur Quintal and in the following years, up until about 25 years ago, scores of gold seekers prospected in the Oklahoma hills.

Mrs. Quintal died only a few years ago still believing gold to be on her land.

George Berry now owns the original property but the abandoned site of the first gold hunt still remains affording memories to settlers of the region of what might have been a gold rush.

New Section Is Added to Artesia

ARTESIA, N. M. (WNS).—A former cotton patch has almost overnight been changed into Artesia's newest addition, Alta Vista.

The Carper Drilling Co. of this city bought the land, drew up plans, made surveys. Sidewalks and gutters were constructed, rock and asphalt brought in, and streets paved. After plans were approved by the FHA, approval was given by county commissioners and dedication made. Cost of the project was \$78,000, and city estimates for sewer and water lines are around \$55,000.

About 84 of the 120 lots in the addition have been sold and minimum home construction cost for the addition is \$1,000. A tract of land 150 feet by 300 feet was sold to the Artesia School District at cost for the erection of a school building, and plans have been made for a neighborhood business section in one part of the addition.

The Carper Drilling Co. recently completed construction of a \$200,000 office building in Artesia, said to be one of the finest in the Southwest, and at this time is working on two other office buildings.

Farmers Plan 67 Miles New Roads

BROWNFIELD, TEX. (WNS).—Terry County is soon to have 67 additional miles of paved farm-to-market roads, which, according to County Judge H. R. Winston, will mean that "no farmer will have to drive over four or five miles to get to a paved highway."

The network of roads will extend into all parts of the county, serving as connecting links to the county's present highways that run out of this county seat to Lubbock, Odessa, Roswell, Fort Worth, Lamesa and Levelland.

The new roads will be financed by county road bonds voted several months ago and by state and Federal funds. The total cost will be \$564,000, of which \$375,000 will be county funds for 40 miles of road, and \$189,000 state and Federal aid to build 27 miles.

"Work on the roads will get underway as soon as we can get the engineers here," Judge Winston said. "They can't come until we find them houses and there's quite a shortage of that commodity here."

Woodward Famous For Sirloin Steak

WOODWARD, OKLA. (WNS).—A "KC" sirloin would be a "W" sirloin, if claims of livestock men in this area could change the old custom. The famous steak attained its fame because Woodward steers furnished the meat, they say. They quote Phillip Armour, founder of the packing house family, who in 1899 said in an interview that his success in the packing business was due to the fact that he secured his cattle from the range where tuberculosis does not exist. Further, the lime-phosphorus laden soil adds proteins and vitamins to the diet of livestock through buffalo grass, feeds and wheat grown here.

CONSTRUCTING HOMES FOR RETURNEES



Leland Glass, president of the building program, and John Cox, secretary-treasurer, assure veterans of Sweetwater there will be ample homes for the returning fighting men who served the United States.

Sweetwater Businessmen Assure Veterans a Nice Homecoming

SWEETWATER, TEX. (WNS).—This city is doing something about homes for returning veterans, not planning.

City officials recently decided talking was not going to provide homes for returning G.I.'s, many of whom are local boys wanting to go into business for themselves but unable to find places to live. Rather than have veterans seek other towns to start businesses, because of housing problems, the Sweetwater Home Builders, Inc., was organized.

Sponsored by the Board of City Development, with L. A. Wilke, manager, this organization is composed of local business men. Leland Glass, president, is also vice-president of the Board of City Development and a grocer. Vice-president is Lee Ballew, broom manufacturer. John Cox, a jeweler, serves as secretary-treasurer. Directors are L. L. Armor, druggist, and Harley Sadler, business man and former showman.

Sweetwater Home Builders, Inc., is a \$40,000 corporation, with all money in a revolving fund. Funds are used for constructing homes. Houses sold to G.I.'s are financed

by the FFA or the government, and this money returned for additional building. Purpose of the organization is to build low cost houses of good construction, permanent homes in a price range of \$3,000 to \$6,000 for veterans and business men. They have been very successful in obtaining materials and keeping costs down while building worthwhile properties.

Permits have been secured for 37 houses. Three are already completed and six others are now under construction.

This organization is making it possible for veterans to remain in

Sweetwater and contribute to business and industrial expansion.

Potatoes, Cereals Save Scarce Wheat

The best way of conserving wheat for starving nations is to use foods now abundant.

One small serving of potatoes will replace a slice of bread, oatmeal servings will replace two slices. Corn meal can be used in bread, griddle cakes, or in meat and poultry stuffing to save wheat and flour to be sent overseas.

Scotch Baked From Irishmen

Condensed from a story by JUDGE R. C. CRANE

SWEETWATER, TEX. (WNS).—Chained to a mesquite tree, early day lawbreakers of Nolan County paid the price for recalcitrance in the West Texas sun. D. S. Arnold, an early resident here, recalled that on his arrival in Sweetwater, late in 1882, he saw two Irishmen locked with chains to mesquite trees near the west end of the T & P depot.

In 1881 the Commissioners Court passed this order, at a time when no jail existed in the county: "That the county convicts be made to work on county improvements, cleaning out the streets of Sweetwater, grubbing up stumps, and the convict be allowed \$1 a day when he works 10 hours, and if he refuses to work or is refractory, to be fed on bread and water and not be allowed anything else until he is willing to perform good work, and to be chained to a mesquite tree away from any person so as to be solitary until he works a sufficient number of days to pay his fine and all costs for each day he may work 10 hours good work, and not allowed any whiskey or intoxicating liquors of any kind whatsoever."

Advice for Good Milk Production

The rise and fall of Texas milk production during the year is too great.

Since June pasture conditions do not last all the year, the next best thing is to have supplemental hay, pasture and silage.

For more nearly continuous production, farmers should supply one acre of sudan grass per cow for hot weather grazing, one acre small grain per cow in cold weather, and three to six tons of silage plus one ton of hay per cow.

Feed, however, isn't the only item to consider. Cool shade in summer and warm shelter in winter help a lot.

Peter Cooper, 1791-1883, constructed the first locomotive in America. He once received 100,000 votes for president.

Coleman County Expands Industry

COLEMAN, TEX. (WNS).—Mineral resources go deeper beneath the land of Coleman County than its mountains and peaks do above it. Although Santa Anna and Bead Mountains and Robinson Peak served as landmarks for Indians and other settlers, today's oil, natural gas, clays, coal and salt deposits attract modern enterprise.

While it is one of the leading poultry producers in the state, Coleman County is increasing its dairy cattle and improving the quality of beef cattle in line with present market demands. On the 1,837 farms in the county, cotton, wheat, oats, grain sorghums, corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and Sudan are the leading field crops, and much alfalfa and clover are grown.

Expansion plans for the city are in the making to include a \$1,600,000 filtration plant, street improvements, a new lake for water supply, paving of streets, and numerous other additions for a population estimated at 7,500, in a county of 20,571.

Oil drilling continues, and a brick plant, oil mill, machine shops, an oil refinery, a cheese plant, and feed mills utilize the products of the area.

Recreation facilities are plentiful, with good fishing in the many artificial lakes in the county. In the beautiful Coleman City Park is a replica of the administration building at the old federal military post, Camp Colorado, on Jim Ned Creek northeast of Coleman.

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4th. Asthma and Hayfever are never inheritable. They are acquired disorders. Yes, you have acquired your suffering. Do you not think that you can acquire your health?

5th. Where a person has given their 100 per cent cooperation, I can truthfully say, these treatments have never failed. However, we do not take all cases. For instance, people that have other complications that would hinder their advancement.

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13 YEARS IN LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

Lost Hearing and Sight When Baby, Yet Now Living Busy Normal Life

THROCKMORTON, TEX. (WNS).—It would seem impossible that a grown woman, robbed of her two main senses at the age of 18 months, could knit, sew, type with great rapidity and accuracy and do numerous other things which, under the circumstances, appear to be out of the question.

This, however, is the case of 62-year-old Miss Willie Elizabeth Robin of Throckmorton, Texas. Born July 12, 1884, on Hogg Creek, Throckmorton, she lost both sight and hearing simultaneously as the after-effects of an attack of spinal meningitis.

Her mother, Mrs. Amanda Robin whom she still lives with, was now faced with a new problem—how to educate the child. The human conceptions of an 18-month-old are very few. Had she absorbed enough in her infancy to learn, now that her sight and hearing had departed her forever? The answer to this major problem wasn't too long in forthcoming...

Search for Teacher

Sometime later, two friends of the then young Willie Robin were discussing the merits of Helen Keller with her parents. As it was their wish that Willie become educated, too, they wrote the school in Austin, Texas. The school in answer informed them that nobody in the United States could teach anyone in such a condition, but this discouraging reply tended only to increase their efforts.

Mr. Anagnos of Perkins Institution for the Blind, South Boston, Massachusetts, was next contacted. He readily consented to admit Willie to the Boston school, with the understanding that her parents contribute what they could to her education and board while there. He and the State kindly paid the rest, Texas compensating later.

Meet Helen Keller

At the age of six, Miss Robin and her mother, journeyed to Boston. Upon their arrival they recall meeting the famous Helen Keller, who has done so much toward inspiring other deaf-blind persons to make something of their lives. And it was the mention of this learned woman that started Willie Robin on her own path to intellectual success.

To sum up the various methods a school for the blind and deaf employs in instructing its pupils would require no less than a full volume. Let it suffice to say that Willie studied hard, never faltering on her road to normal learning, undaunted in the face of outnumbering odds.

On June 5, 1906, Miss Willie Robin graduated at the Boston theater. Her mother was overjoyed, needless to say, and they returned to Texas the following month.

Reads Braille

Mrs. G. M. Riley, a neighbor of Miss Robin for years who but recently moved into her home, reveals that when she first attempted to talk to her the use of a Braille board was mandatory. She now, however, uses her fingers upon those of Miss Robin, who replies both by her own fingers and speaking. Her speech, incidentally, is distinguishable—another feat she accomplished while attending Boston school. Mrs. Riley's 13-year-old daughter, Jean, now uses the braille board when conversing with Miss Robin, but anticipates employing the use of her

fingers for conversational purposes in the near future.

A while back, Mrs. Riley happened to mention in conversation her son, who was in the Navy. Miss Robin readily called off all the ranks, asking which was his.

Several incidents worthy of mention in the life of Miss Robin were brought to light by Mrs. Riley. One day, for instance, she shook hand with a man she hadn't seen for over 10 years. He was immediately recognized by the touch of his hand. Whenever Miss Robin enters conversation with a person, she first grasps their hand. Should she know them, she readily speaks their name. If they are strangers, she says "howdy."

Receives Several Books

Another time while having dinner she laughed, said, "I'm going to visit the Solomon Islands in my book today." She receives braille editions of the Readers Digest, American, Newsweek and numerous other publications regularly. Inasmuch as she reads all the time, she has acquired a vast worldly knowledge which she adds to from day to day, never forgetting a thing she has read.

Asked to type something, she sat down, adjusting the typewriter as quickly as one who had the use of their eyes could. Mrs. Riley, present at the time, was asked why she was hesitating. She replied, "Willie doesn't like to type just anything. When she does start writing, it will be about Madam Curie and her scientist husband, the Madam's discovery of radium and how it helped in the early cure of cancer, and this famous woman's two trips to America. She writes on a standard typewriter, having learned on a braille model. Her copy was carefully looked over, but not one mistake had been made!

Sees With Fingers

Mrs. Riley mentions the time Miss Robin cleaned the stove. She herself—Mrs. Riley—put it back together, but failed to place one of the top burner plates correctly. "Willie noticed it at once," Mrs. Riley said. "When I asked her how she discovered the mistake so quickly, she laughed and said, 'Others see with their eyes—I see with my fingers.'"

What really amazes friends and relatives of Miss Robin is the latter's ability to perform such uncanny feats as putting stamps on envelopes right side up, addressing postcards on the front side and separating not only her own clothes but everyone else's as well after they've been brought in from the line. "How she does it, I don't know," said Mrs. Riley. A book, dedicated to the untiring efforts of her mother, has been written by Miss Robin and published. In all ways Miss Willie Elizabeth Robin is normal, with the possible exception of her education, which is above average. It is her sincere hope, as well as her friends and family's, that this book of her life brings hope and joy to other persons unfortunate enough to be without their sight and hearing.

Home Canners Are Asked to Check Pressure Gauges

COLLEGE STATION, TEX. (WNS.)—Home canners who have the dial type gauge on their pressure canners should have the gauge checked with a master gauge before they begin canning this year, warns Gwendolyn Jones of the Extension Service. The weighted type gauge will need only a thorough cleaning.

Testing of the gauge will mean that temperatures inside the cooker will register correctly, preventing spoilage from under-heated food, or loss of nutritive value.

As a rule the county home demonstration agent can advise housewives on how to get the gauges checked, and dealers who sell canners, as well as the public service department of power companies, usually will have a master gauge.

If the test shows the gauge registers too high or too low, Miss Jones suggests that a reminder tag be tied to the canner showing how many pounds of pressure to allow.



Miss Willie Elizabeth Robin keeps up with the world events through such magazines as the Readers Digest, which she is holding. Miss Robin not only keeps herself informed of events through braille editions, but is an author, too.

Vernon Gains Prestige From Diversified Crops

VERNON, TEX. (WNS.)—Known as the "City Beautiful," Vernon has built an enviable prestige on diversified farming, livestock, oil, small industries and civic consciousness. Furthermore, the citizens of this city are not satisfied, they have launched an expansion program all over again as a post-war objective second to none.

Strategically located, Vernon has sufficient transportation facilities to invite such expansion. A modern municipal airport with concrete runways capable of handling the largest planes, insures the city a share of the future of aviation.

Bank Deposits Boom

The city's bank deposits are in excess of \$14,000,000. Its postal receipts approximate \$100,000 annually. Telephone connections total more than 2,000; gas and light meters, 3,000, and water meters, 2,500. The city has four well-equipped theaters, and a host of other amusement facilities, three public parks and playgrounds, two swimming pools, a beautiful country club and golf course, three splendid hospitals and eight modern brick school buildings. Its city population is in excess of 12,000.

But akin to all of West Texas, Vernon was not content until it had an annual attraction of national importance. That attraction materialized this year when Paul Waggoner launched the Santa Rosa Exposition and Rodeo which is unequalled in any city the size of Vernon. The Exposition plant itself approximates \$200,000 in investment. It is a memorial to the entire Southwest and promises to be the major such attraction within a decade.

Now the city is using the very latest type of municipal street lighting which will make it the best lighted city in West Texas. There is a movement under way to convert Victory Field, a war-time air center, into an Industrial Colony. The least one can say for Vernon citizens is that they are ever progressive regardless of the cause.

Raise Livestock

Diversification has been the keynote of agricultural interests around Vernon the past few years, as attention has turned from cotton, as "the one money crop," and new emphasis is placed on livestock.

Cotton is still the No. 1 money-producing crop, but farmers as well as old-time livestock men are showing a new interest in blooded

livestock. Dairying and beef-cattle production both are coming in for their share of attention. Feeding out is becoming a popular business, and no longer must local people "tighten their belts" in direct ratio to the decline of cotton.

While the W. T. Waggoner Ranch, one of the largest ranches in the nation, can match section per section with any breeder of registered Herefords, the livestock interest no longer is limited to big spreads. Small farmers have discovered this is a profitable way to market feed produced so readily on the fertile soil of this region. Club boys, future farmers, and others are pointing the way to an ever increasing interest in feeding out calves.

Vernon is rapidly becoming the "central" business point between Amarillo and Fort Worth.

Help Feed Nation

The big ranches of this section have helped to feed the nation since the days of the "trails" and great cattle drives. They contributed vitally to food production during the war, and were joined by "little men" in this production of essential food. Now, both big and little interests are deliberately strengthening the livestock industry to make it even more important than in the past.

The BIG money income for the Vernon trade territory is derived from three sources—agriculture, with cotton, wheat, alfalfa, and grain sorghums as the principal crops, cattle and oil. The territory immediately adjacent to Vernon and much additional acreage in neighboring counties in Northwest Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma is sub-irrigated and produces abundant yields of crops which ordinarily require irrigation. Favorable rainfall and a mild climate make the ranges of the territory far above average for production of cattle and sheep. Seldom do you see cattle grazing on spring wheat fields in this area.

As a livestock market Vernon is unusual among the smaller cities of the Southwest. The presence of the plant of the only Federally inspected meat packing plant in the Northern part of Texas between Fort Worth and El Paso insures a steady demand for cattle, hogs and sheep at prices equal to those paid in distant markets. This means a saving of transportation costs to farmers and ranchers.

Distribution Center
In recent years Vernon has be-

Dickens County One of Finest Hunting Areas

SPUR, TEX. (WNS).—Located in the land below the Caprock, this town and Dickens, the county seat, share in the trade and benefits of Dickens County, which is enriched by \$5,000,000, the annual value of farm crops, and \$374,406, the value of livestock.

Cotton has long been the major cash crop in the county, but the recent trend toward grain sorghums indicates it as the coming money crop. Wheat, oats, hay and alfalfa are also grown, and home canning has preserved up to 500,000 quarts of fruit, vegetables and meat a year for home use. Parts of three large ranches are located in Dickens County: Matarador, Spur and Pitchfork.

Dickens County is one of the state's finest quail-hunting areas, and its spring stock show attracts buyers from all over the state. The State Agricultural Experiment Station here is visited by state, national and international figures almost weekly.

There are 1,031 farms in the county, with 107,053 acres under cultivation. Two 4-H Clubs have a membership of 185 girls and 111 boys, while 85 youngsters participate in FFA work, and the 11 HD Clubs have 181 members. The Dickens County Electric Cooperative hopes to serve 364 members when present lines are completed. It already has 139 miles of line completed.

come a center for production and distribution of planting seed of many kinds, notably cotton and grain sorghums, although gardens and other field seeds are processed and distributed over much of the territory of the South and Southwest.

Cotton and wheat are the major sources of cash income for farmers, although production of hay (principally alfalfa) and other feed crops is gradually assuming a place of larger importance in the agricultural economy of the section. Facilities for processing and preparing for shipment agricultural products include modern grain elevators, feed mills, gins, cotton compress and cotton seed oil mills.

Industry is well represented by plants producing a wide variety of finished products. Major industries are oil production and refining, meat packing plants for processing farm products. Other plants turn out such commodities as food products, heating and cooling equipment for home and business houses, tanks, culverts, and other metal products; sash, doors, cabinets and other wood works; mattresses and upholstery; soft drinks. Modern machine and tool shops serve industrial plants over a wide territory.

Oil in Territory

Several thousand oil wells in the Vernon trade area in both Texas and Oklahoma provide a steady source of income for labor, landowners and business interests. The fields have been producing for more than 25 years and are being constantly extended by discoveries of new producing areas.

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BUTLER BROTHERS FOUNDED FIVE & TEN CENT STORES

On a narrow cobblestone street in Boston back in 1877, two brothers, George and Edward Butler, united in forming a partnership under the name of "Butler Brothers" for the purpose of distributing goods to retail store owners. Over the doorway of their small shop was tacked a sign reading: "Butler Brothers—Specialties in Small-ware," and in this tiny 16x40 foot space was born a wholesale business which was destined to become the world's largest wholesale distributor of general merchandise.

After the first few months operation Edward, in order to "move some goods" which had accumulated, conceived the idea of selling an assortment of items at 40c a dozen and suggested to retailers that they be grouped together on a counter at a uniform price of five cents. With each order he shipped a little display sign reading "Everything On This Counter 5c."

So well received was his suggestion of a 5c counter that he soon added an assortment of goods to retail at 10c. The 5 & 10 Cent counter caught on immediately and it was Jason Bailey of Boston who, after seeing the public's acceptance of this novel retail selling idea, called on Butler Brothers and opened the world's first variety store in Boston with an \$800.00 stock of 5c specialties. This came about the beginning of the variety store business—a phase in retailing that accounts for a large portion of the nation's business today.

The idea of variety merchandise spread westward; many merchants welcomed the invitation to patronize a firm that specialized. It became necessary for Butler Brothers to expand and they moved to Chicago in 1879, later opening branches in New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Dallas (1911), San Francisco and Baltimore.

The variety business grew from the start; soon other concerns were entering the field. Variety stores that were adhering strictly to 5c merchandise soon expanded and were selling items at 5c, 10c, 25c to \$1.00. The national 5c to \$1.00 stores were quick to see the possibility of variety selling and started developing scientific plans for retailing 5c to \$1.00 merchandise. Today such chains as Woolworth, Kresge, Kress, Newberry and others have expanded from coast to coast and are doing a large part of the nation's business on 5c to \$1.00 merchandise.

Seeing the rapid development of national chains, Butler Brothers anticipated independent variety store operators would need guidance and assistance to meet this keen competition to remain in business. Up to this time, Butler Brothers was the supplier of the nation's independently-owned variety stores . . . operated by owners who were not keeping pace with variety store developments. In order to maintain their position in the variety field, Butlers developed plans to assist the independent merchant. Under the guidance of Mr. T. B. Freeman, now president of Butler Brothers and former owner of his own chain of

variety stores, was developed the present Distributor Store plan.

Variety stores opened under this plan are called Ben Franklin Stores; the dry goods outlets are known as Federated Stores . . . in both cases they are home-owned. The only relationship between these Distributor Stores and Butler Brothers is an agreement giving Butler Brothers an adequate and permanent outlet for their merchandise, guaranteeing the store owner that he will receive the merchandise and services necessary for a sound business.

The professional guidance and service furnished under this plan is provided the independent merchant at a reasonable fee and enables him to compete with any kind of competition. Ben Franklin and Federated Stores are located on the main streets of towns and cities of all sizes, in every state in the union. They sell the kind of merchandise that receives mass acceptance—everyday requirements for every household and all the necessities of daily American life.

Distributor Stores are owned by people in all walks of life; their size is determined by the requirements of the trading area. In establishing a Distributor Store, it is Butler Brothers first duty to select the right location. This is done after careful study and analysis of many factors of Butler's Location Department, which includes reporting on probable sales volume and profit, business conditions in the particular community, size of the store, length of the lease, and the desirable or "100% block."

After the location is selected, Butler Brothers construction and store engineers design the store, plan a suitable store front, select appropriate fixtures and lighting equipment. In preparing the store for the opening, Butler Brothers provides the assistance of an expert who supervises the merchandise arrangements. This is followed with monthly promotional programs, personnel training, and guidance in financing, sales, purchases, stockkeeping, and operations. Periodic visits are made by Store Superintendents who review all phases of the business and assist the independent store owner with professional guidance in the operation of his store.

To open a small Ben Franklin Store requires an investment of \$15,000 to do a \$35,000 business the first year with a net return to the owner of \$3,675 including salary. Third year returns should climb to \$4,600, on a volume of \$40,000. Federated Stores, with an annual volume of \$45,000, require an investment of approximately \$22,000. In the first year it should yield the owner \$5,400, the third year \$6,800.

Thus, from an early beginning in that small store in Boston, was founded the variety business. Today national variety stores and home-owned Distributor Stores are serving the public from coast to coast and making money for thousands of merchants.

WAYNOKA, OKLA. (WNS).

Belle, a mare mule, has no children of her own, so she steals the offspring of other animals. It gets very confusing.

Belle is owned by Orval McNally, and is on his Cream Line Jersey Farm near Springdale, Okla. She is 25 years old, and was bought by McNally when only a little over two years old.

Belle's strange hobby was noticed by the owner one day when he saw a colt following her across the pasture. She had lured the colt away from its mother. Ever since that time she has adopted all the jersey calves. They go back to their mothers at meal time, but when they've eaten, they always return to Belle. They seem quite fond of her.

Large Oil Field Is Expected Near Boise City, Okla.

BOISE CITY, OKLA. (WNS).—Tempo of oil operations here has accelerated, with new oil discoveries bringing prospects of a large field comparable to the Amarillo or Hugoton, Kansas fields.

The Pure Oil Company has drilled 12 wells. Though producing wells have been shut down temporarily because of lack of storage and transportation facilities, the company is building a camp north of Keyes, Okla., and expects to have 75 homes completed this fall.

The first five wells drilled made the following showings: two producing 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas each; one, on state land, flowed 190 barrels daily; one dry hole; one showing gas in commercial quantity.

The next four wells showed: No. 1 Johnson tested in January pumped 25 barrels daily at 5,010 feet; No. 1 Jermyn pumped 20 barrels an hour at 4,906 feet; No. 1 McCoy was a dry hole; No. 1 Sparkman had a small showing of gas at 5,015 feet.

City School Named For Pioneer Grocer

(Condensed from Vernon Times) Vernon, Tex.—(WNS)—Parker School in this city was named for B. J. Parker, who came to the county in 1889, and engaged in the grocery business with Gill and Colbert. Parker served on the school board for a number of years.

NEW POSTHOLE DIGGER DOES WORK OF 12 MEN

STAMFORD, TEX.—Bulo's, Inc., of this city announced today they have appointed more than 100 farm equipment dealers in West Texas to supply the demand for the new "Speeddigger," a tractor mounted post-hole digger designed to fit all row crop tractors. This digger is belt driven and digs a posthole in ten seconds. It is equipped with Timken bearings, runs in an oil bath, and has replaceable digging edges. The digging is done by an auger very similar to the old fashioned brace and bit. This tool takes the place of more than a dozen workmen.

Plainview Area Leads In Alfalfa Milling, Production Since '39

PLAINVIEW, TEX. (WNS).

This area has become one of the leading alfalfa production centers of the Southwest, thanks to the Denver Milling Company and the efforts of its Texas superintendent, George T. Wilson.

Wilson today, is contracting for still more alfalfa all over the Panhandle but where he once had to do "a lot of talking and showing" to potential growers, the farmers are now coming to him with contracts and increasing their acreage.

In 1939, less than 3,000 tons of alfalfa was grown on the entire South Plains, utilizing some 10,000 acres of land.

Alfalfa Increases

The Denver Alfalfa Milling and Products Company opened in Plainview and Lockney in 1941. Production of alfalfa increased some 5,000 acres in 1942, now more than 30,000 acres are in this crop and farmers promise to increase production as rapidly as irrigation wells can be placed in operation.

The Plainview and Lockney mills process more than 30,000 tons annually. This represents about an equal amount fed livestock in this area by the farmers, according to Wilson.

The company operates 36 of the plants between Michigan and California, a dozen in Colorado. The mills and dehydration machines here are the same size as other units boast. There are two dehydration drums in Plainview and one at the Lockney site.

Farmers average better than four ton of alfalfa per acre per season. Some average better than six tons per acre. Alfalfa pays up to \$75 an acre annually.

Price Guaranteed

If the farmer dealing with the plant wishes, the company supplies the seed, supervises the crop raising, furnishes necessary equipment and labor for harvesting and trucks the hay to the mill. The farmer is only required to water the crop. An established price, based upon this plan, is guaranteed the grower. Alfalfa must be watered two to three times before each cutting. The cost is between 25 and 50 cents for each watering.

If the farmer elects to do all the raising and harvesting of his crop, the company naturally pays more per ton delivered to the mills.

In 1944 the company paid out more than three-quarters of a million dollars for baled alfalfa hay. This figure will easily be exceeded this year, Wilson believes.

In addition to the sums paid farmers, the company contributes a huge payroll in more than six other sources. They pay to the

farmer who distribute to their workers; to baling crews, to truckers and their assistants, to stackers at the plant site, to mill employes and to its production crew. There are more than 200 on local payrolls.

Makes 30 Varieties

The company has approximately \$100,000 in field equipment at the local plants and more will be added each year as needed. It makes more than 30 varieties of alfalfa meal, sifted into 100 pound sacks. Sole outlet for the products are the food mixing plants over the nation. The company acreage would have to be doubled many times before the company can supply the full demand of the trade, Wilson declares.

Green alfalfa, which makes the much better finished meal, is 75 per cent water when it arrives at the dehydrating drum. Here it goes into a drying drum where the temperature is 2,000 degrees. The alfalfa whirls through these ovens in the flash of an eye and dry as powder before continuing through blowers to cool before going on to the mill for processing. The alfalfa is ground into powder, hammered into a smooth consistency, sifted and resifted before entering the sack at the end of the plants conveyor system. From here the sacks are carted to warehouses, stacked more than 100 sacks high to await winter shipment to the market.

Sun-cured alfalfa is first stacked outdoors in huge ricks to await milling as needed. The milling process is the same as employed with green alfalfa other than dehydration. But millers declare the dehydrated meal superior in all respects.

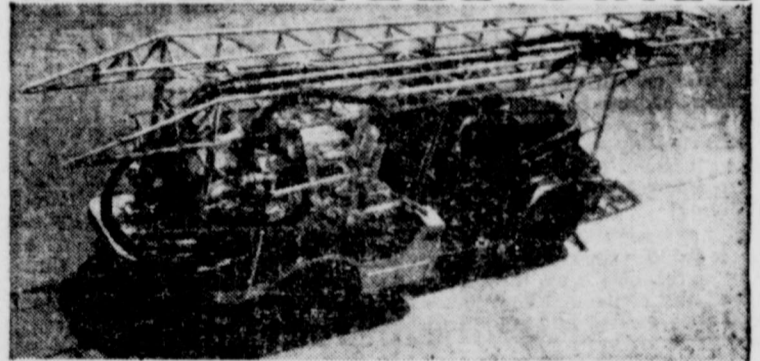
The three dehydration plants here are strange to this country but offer proof the Panhandle is capable of embracing new and strange industrial plants through agricultural possibilities.

Each plant has its own machine shops, repair units, fire shops, and battery equipment. Both have scores of shower bath houses and other accommodations for employes. Wilson demands the plant to expand to accommodate increased business. The result is a group of grateful and satisfied employes, pleased farmers and a richer community.

Started Poultry Business in '90s

(Condensed from Vernon Times) Vernon, Tex.—(WNS)—First poultry business in Wilbarger County was established by William Crutchfield, who came here in 1889.

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Members of the Texas Highway Safety Department are pleading, lecturing and demanding cooperation from citizens of the state in promoting safety. Without such cooperation all laws are flexible; they are also unenforceable unless jurors are determined to prosecute.

But why, may we ask, don't we clean up our own roost before offering others advice? Why is it that Texas, the largest state in the Union, has failed to pass a law compelling motorists to dim lights when meeting other motorists after dark?

Have you ever driven along Texas highways, dimmed your lights and received no response? Remember the profanity uttered, or thoughts you had when this "scum of the earth" failed to reciprocate? Doesn't common courtesy demand a driver of an automobile adhere to road etiquette by dimming his lights if you dim yours? Then why, may we ask, doesn't Texas demand such a law be passed, as our neighboring states have demanded, and promote another safety MUST?

Soft shoulders along our ribbons of pavement; a culvert around the next curve; a dangerous underpass, then a curve as only Texas knows how to plot a dangerous highway, invite another accident. If the fellow approaching won't dim his lights, your chances of not having an accident have diminished almost twofold, according to safety engineers.

Whether Texas ever passes such a law of dimming lights at night or not, common decency requires this courtesy. Any filling station attendant will tell you how your lights rate with legal requirements.

No one should have to tell you to DIM LIGHTS for the approaching driver. By doing so, all of us may live to tell of our trip tomorrow.

But, whether the approaching driver dims or not, dim your lights. He may be the type of driving fool your lights might blind and send him crashing head-on into your automobile.

For Safety First — Dim First!

Whereas Worries

By A PRAIRIE DOG LAWYER

"You can fix that corral gate in the morning, John. We are going to a dance tonight," called Mary Q. Public to her husband, who hadn't enough time to finish that latch before leaving. "But Mary, I've got to go into town to get our lawyer, Lex Law, to write up a contract to lease our building because those folks will be here tomorrow night and sign up."

But Mary won the argument with the reminder that there was a real estate sales contract form that uncle had used last month, and had left a copy of it with them. Mary promised to type it out the next morning herself and just change the name of the parties, the consideration, and the description of the land, and it would be all right.

At this same time Lex Law was reading a little law in his office that night with respect to fixtures becoming a part of the building, the right to exercise an election of option to purchase in a lease, the requirements of tax and insurance, what differences there are in gross sales and net sales, the obligation of repair and upkeep, the rules with respect to accounting, and the provisions with respect to renewal of the lease. Lex was preparing for his appointment with John.

That next night the folks who came to sign the contract were mighty agreeable; why they simply read the contract Mary wrote up and they smiled and signed up

without any argument, with no further discussion of the terms or anything. "They are sure a bunch of good people, Mary," commented John when they left with the signed contracts. "Why I thought they would want to talk a little more about those figures you put in that contract, but they just signed up and that makes us \$300 a month clear for the next ten years. They even left their check for the first \$3,600. We are on easy street at last."

It was a year later that John came into Lex Law's office. Why did the check read for only \$821.47? What is the meaning of all those figures about plumbing, roof repairs, insurance, property tax, differential between gross and net sales for the bonus part? Where was the bonus check for sales because it was a good year? What was the meaning of the election to buy by taking credit for rent money? Slowly and sadly Lex Law advised John that he had signed a contract binding him to all of those things inquired about. Then Lex asked John why he had not made that appointment of the year previous.

"Well, that night we had to go to a dance; then the next day I had to spend hunting up my cows that got loose because of the latch on the gate that was not fixed."

"Your legal corral needed a latch too, John. You wrote that one-sided contract yourself. You have made your bed and you will have to sleep in it."

Prairie Dog Pete Sez:

OBESITY: Surplus which has gone to waist. Maybe we dogs out in Prairie Dog Town don't know nothin' from nothin' but it 'peers to us the average American has allowed all of his troubles to center around his waist. Maybe that last word could also be spelled waste, as what we waste in the United States in one day, according to learned professors, would feed the starving Europeans for three weeks.

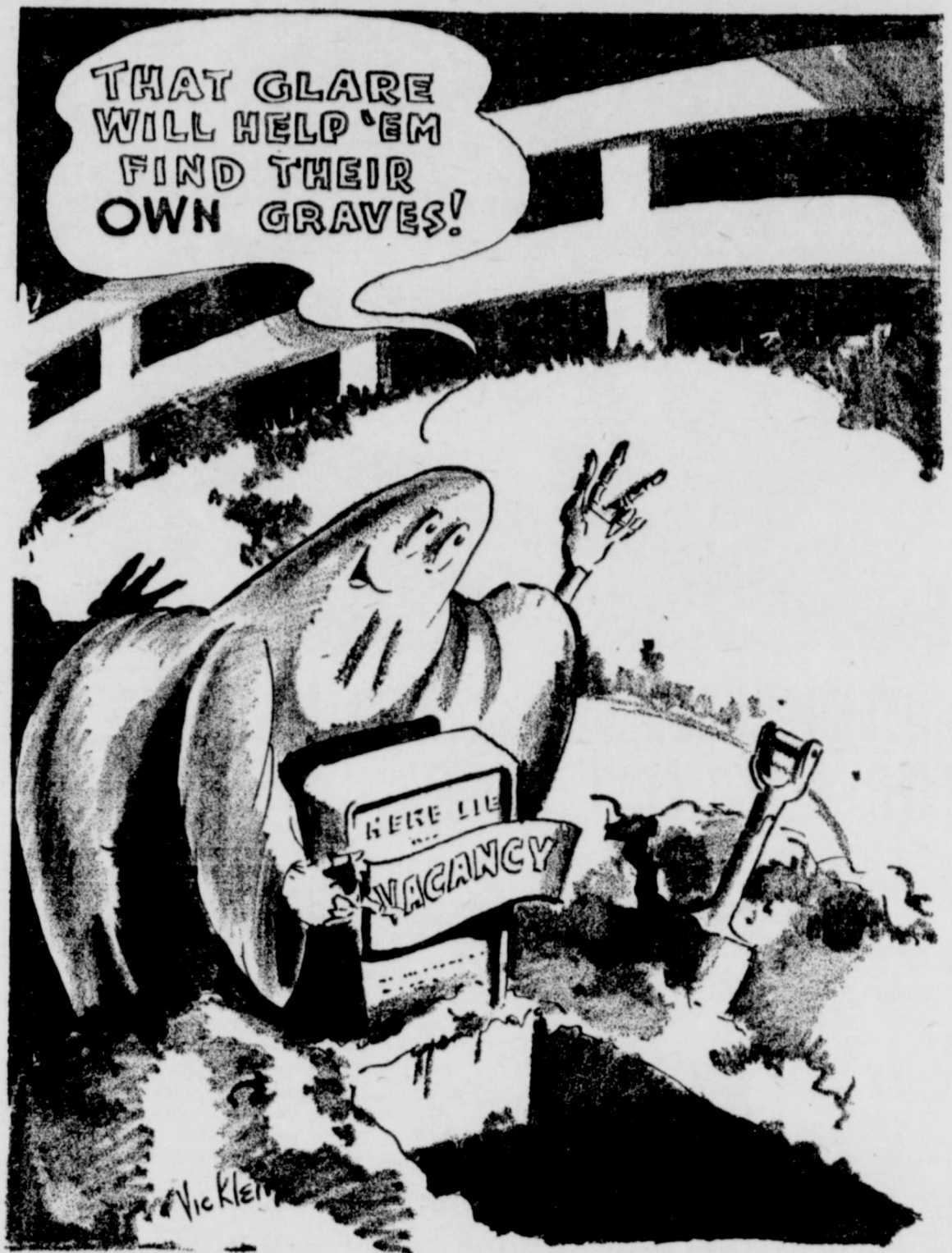
OVERHEARD in the next hole: "At times, when we tell the wife a story, we feel she isn't trying to believe it."

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By BRUCE FRAZIER

Optimism results from comparison of our lot in life with that of others. Pessimism is induced by self centered reflections wherein we fail to consider the fate and future of others. Mixing and mingling with folks better off in this world's goods than we are is pleasant physically, and temporarily but is not conducive to mental rest and permanent satisfaction. Envy and covetousness creep into the picture to mar the canvas on which a masterpiece might have been painted.

Regardless of the misfortunes that may have befallen us, there are many others within our range and field, who are worse off than we are. It is they, among whom we should move and visit. Our little kindness done, or service rendered reacts favorably on the general make-up of our combined physical and mental entity that we call self, in such a manner as to produce a satisfaction that transcends descriptions. It is, however, wholesome, healthful, and desirable.

It is unnecessary to search the far places for fitting subjects worthy of our care and protection. They are all about us in the communities in which we live. They are not always indigent, either. They may be rich in money but poor in health or mentality. Warped brains produce more misery than warped limbs. A nod, a smile, a word or gesture may mean more than coins dropped into an inverted hat. The private mental reflections on the doing of the little niceties of life is the reward which deflects our thoughts from our own troubles and therein lies the pay-off.

Experience makes a man wiser but leaves a woman a complete wreck.—Anon.

Let's Eat

Editor's Note: Recipes for the "Let's Eat" column should be submitted to the Cooking Editor, Box 2347, Amarillo, Texas. One dollar will be paid for each recipe upon publication.

Mrs. E. E. Wall, Sayre, Oklahoma, tempts the taste sense with Spiced Tea and a Nut Pudding. Here is the way Mrs. Wall cooks for her family.

SPICED TEA

Juice 3 lemons
Juice 3 oranges
½ cup blended tea (2 parts black, one part green) or all either black or green may be used.
3 cups sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon whole cloves (all tied in small sack)
1 quart water

In a porcelain kettle place juices, spices and water. Boil all together for 10 minutes counting from the time it begins to boil. While at boiling point pour over tea leaves and let it steep for 3 hours. Strain in jars. When ready to use add enough boiling water to make a gallon of liquid. Reheat and serve. Requires no sugar or lemon and serve 30 people.

Mrs. O. D. Walker, Dublin, Tex., says this is her favorite sugar-saving recipe for fruit pies.

FRUIT PIES

1 cup milk
3 whole eggs slightly beaten.
¼ cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup preserves (any kind desired, although strawberry or pineapple make the best pies)
1 tablespoon flour

Bake slowly in oven in an uncooked crust until firm. Top with whipped cream when cool.

Mrs. Doris Murrell, Box 321, Bandera, Texas, says the following cookie recipe is the best she has used.

HONEY CHOCOLATE-CHIP COOKIES

1-3 cup shortening
1 egg
½ teaspoon salt
1 package chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup honey
1¼ cup sifted flour
½ teaspoon soda
½ cup nuts
Cream shortening and add honey. Cream well, add egg, sift flour, soda, salt and add to mixture. Then add chocolate chips, nuts and vanilla. Drop by teaspoon two inches apart on greased sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) ten to twelve minutes. Makes four dozen cookies.

Mrs. Albert L. Cobb, Claude, Texas, gives her favorite lemon pie recipe.

LEMON PIE

3 lemons
½ cup butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 tablespoons flour (pinch of salt)
Method:
Take 3 large lemons, grate the rind and squeeze the juice into a cup making 1 cupful. If not enough juice to make a cupful, finish out with water. Take ½ cup of butter and 2 cups of sugar and cream together. Beat 4 eggs separately and add to sugar and butter. Add 2 tablespoons of flour, then the grated lemon and juice. Last, add the beaten egg whites of the 4 eggs. Bake in a uncooked crust. (Makes one large pie.)

NEW VARIETY OF PEAS

Knox County 4-H members have introduced a new variety of black-eyed peas to that area, Early Ramshorn. In experiments at College Station this variety produced nearly three times the amount of more common types.

Members and their families report the taste is "less tangy," and all expect to plant this variety to sell this year.

Bureau Considering Projects in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico

AMARILLO, TEX. (WNS).—Newcomers are unaware and old-timers sometimes forget that millions of acres of the West could not have been selected nor successfully cultivated without the nearly half-century effort of the Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau has again and again developed dams, reservoirs and irrigation systems that called for capital investment too large for private enterprise. Each of these projects takes years of planning and investigation before recommendation for construction can be made.

Gauging stations must be operated for several years on streams to determine the true water supply. What appears to be an ideal site for a dam often cannot be used because of geological conditions far below the surface of the earth. Soils must be classified and studied to pre-determine the yield under irrigation. Climate must be studied thoroughly. Various areas require entirely different design in construction. Means of control in flood stages must be studied. Economic surveys are made to determine the types and quantities of crops that may be raised, together with studies of cost of production and availability of markets.

All this and more must be done before a recommendation for construction can be made.

"Improvements are based on what the land can ultimately be made to produce," said Garford L. Wilkinson, Bureau of Reclamation Information Director for this region. "The whole purpose of the Reclamation Program is to promote a better standard of living for the people, to build more prosperous communities, and in turn a better nation.

'Multiple Purpose'

"The millions of tons of concrete and steel, the years of study are for the purpose of conserving needed water where there is a scarcity, where rainfall is deficient during critical growing seasons.

"A relatively new concept is the 'multiple purpose' project. It is the expression of an awakened social consciousness. Projects are now built to conserve natural resources and to develop their latent possibilities to the fullest extent. Hydro-electric power is developed where possible, a municipal water supply is sometimes part of a project, fish and wild life propagation is considered, as well as the important by-product of large and beautiful recreation areas.

"People who want a project started in their community first go to their congressmen," Mr. Wilkinson continued. "Congress then directs the Bureau of Reclamation to make the investigation. The study is made on the basis of the worth of the entire project to the country. Flood control and recreation are intangibles that often cannot be measured in dollars and cents, and outright grants are often made to cover the cost of this part of the program. Where hydro-electric power may be developed the project repayment over a period of years will be lessened. Sometimes it is found that the cost of a project is equalled by the total agricultural income in one year.

Plan Expansion Of Ft. Sumner Water Project

FORT SUMNER, N. M. (WNS). Plans are under way by the Bureau of Reclamation to enlarge and reconstruct portions of the Fort Sumner irrigation system, to insure more adequate service to nearby farm lands and to accommodate lawns, gardens and land inside the town of Fort Sumner.

The water supply for this project is derived from the Pecos River by means of a diversion dam and canal. Plans are being made to replace the present diversion dam. General re-working of the main canal, enlargement of the pump canal, replacement of the turbine pump, and extension of the existing drains are proposed.

Plan Repairs

A complete renovation of the main canal is planned. It has at present salt cedars and willows growing within the water line. The upper end of the canal would be lined with concrete, and the structure and bank would be repaired. Drains on the project would be cleaned and deepened, and in some cases extended.

The Fort Sumner Irrigation District comprises about 7,500 acres of land, of which around 5,200 acres are irrigated.

Started in 1906

This project was initiated in 1906, a short time after the activation of the Bureau of Reclamation. Under its water rights, priority of 1903, the district is en-

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Crop Insurance

"Construction and maintenance costs are proportioned on a per-acre, per-year basis, over a period of 40 years. The cost is small when the greatly increased productivity, insurance against drouth, and the augmented income are considered," Mr. Wilkinson concluded.

The Bureau cooperates with federal and state agencies in every way possible for the fullest development of resources. Along with other agencies, it is helping with a movie being made by Governor Kerr and the Oklahoma State Planning Board. The film will be concerned chiefly with the water and soil resources of the State. It will show what has happened in the past in the depletion of these resources by drouth, soil erosion and other causes. The film will show what is being done and what must be done in the future to conserve these resources. Most of the irrigation scenes will be filmed at the Bureau's project at Altus, Oklahoma. This movie will be shown in theaters all over Oklahoma, for the people of the State are becoming aroused to their vast potentialities of development.

During the 40 years that have elapsed since irrigation water was first delivered by the Bureau to a project in 1905, approximately 50,000 irrigated farms now within Reclamation Projects have been carved from western wasteland and are now the main support of more than a million persons on the project farms and in the towns and villages of the project areas.

Education System

The Bureau has developed a plan that has become a unique earn-learn-study system. The Bureau is faced with a need for well-trained men in diversified technical fields, such as engineering, design and construction, and the plan was developed for the veteran, the displaced war worker and present employees of the Bureau who feel they would like more training.

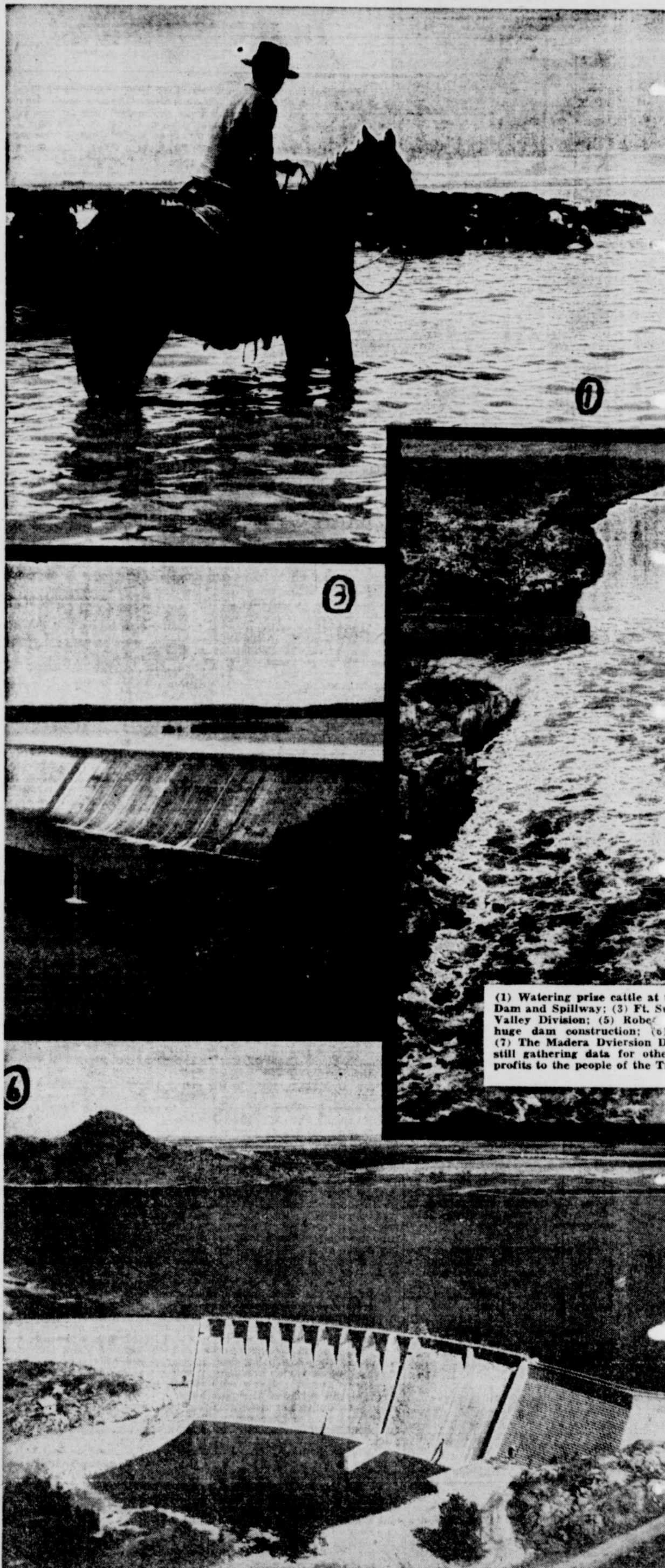
The work-and-learn plan is adapted to the needs of the individuals and the jobs. Normally two student-trainees will be assigned to a job, one being on duty at the job, and the other in the class room. After a period of study the student goes to the job, while the other goes back to the classroom to catch up on his theory. This plan also helps solve a problem of the technical colleges. Many of them are over-crowded and understaffed at a time when they need all their facilities to provide an adequate education for the professional worker of the future. The actual on-the-job practice serves as an extension of the college work in which the employee applies the theory he has studied. It also gives him the opportunity to become acquainted with the various fields of work in his chosen profession.

Projects Considered

A number of projects are being considered at present by the Bureau. The Palo Duro Project, about 10 miles north of Spearman, Texas, would furnish about 20,000 acre-feet of capacity storage. The Kenton Project, around 15 miles from Kenton, Oklahoma, would irrigate about 11,500 acres of new land and furnish supplemental irrigation for 600 acres. This reservoir, located on the Cimarron River, would be called either Spurgeon or Kenton. The Fort Cobb Reservoir, about 6 miles north of Fort Cobb, would irrigate about 6,000 acres of new land. In New Mexico the Capulin Project, with the Honey Reservoir on the Cimarron River, would furnish supplemental irrigation must be repaid to the Springer Project, diverting water from Rio Colorado, would furnish supplemental irrigation for 7,100 acres. The Vermejo Project, near Dawson, New Mexico, would furnish supplemental irrigation for 22,000 acres.

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Strauss has said: "We must make the great dams, fine canals, and other facilities serve the people for whom Reclamation projects are constructed. At the same time we must provide settlers with low-cost water. In turn the settlers must recognize that the construction costs of the irrigation must be repaid to the Federal Treasury. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for the successful settlement of the areas to be irrigated as the surest means by which the people will be able to repay the cost of construction and of the operation and maintenance of the project."

Arid Areas Made Productive



(1) Watering prize cattle at the Dam and Spillway; (2) Ft. Sumner Valley Division; (3) Roberson huge dam construction; (4) still gathering data for other profits to the people of the Tr

Life by Widespread Irrigation Half-Century Dream Realized As Altus Dam Nears Finish



1. Reservoir; (2) Conchas Diversion Dam; (4) Carlisbad Dam; (5) view of Altus, Okla.; (7) Bureau of Reclamation is working on projects which will bring more water to the area.

ALTUS, OKLA. (WNS).—A 44-year-old dream nears fulfillment as the final touches of construction are added to the Altus irrigation project. The Lugert-Altus Irrigation District covers 60,000 to 70,000 acres in the Red River watershed, most of the irrigable lands being within a 15-mile radius of Altus.

Governor Robert S. Kerr, on an inspection trip, said the people who 'made the run' thought their was the last act of pioneering, but today we have before us more entrancing, more alluring horizons that ever confronted them."

Governor Kerr stated that with the irrigation development an increase in crop production of more than a million dollars annually could be expected. He said that this added income could provide new employment and income opportunities for at least 2,500 additional people in this area in the more intensive development of agricultural, industrial and service occupations. Kerr further stated the project would not only stabilize the agricultural economy of Jackson, Greer, and Kiowa County areas, but would also stabilize the population and business economy. The Altus project is different from some Bureau of Reclamation projects, he continued, in that it seeks to stabilize production of crops, rather than reclaim arid desert land.

'Extra Rain'
The completion of the project will mean that a farmer in this region may put four inches of water on his crops at will. It will be the equivalent of one extra rain in a growing season. The cost to flood land to a depth of four inches will be around 33 cents an acre. In addition to the bill the farmer pays for the water, he must pay approximately \$1.72 an acre for the operation and maintenance of the elaborate system of construction and ditches which carry water to his farm. The farmer himself does the work of leveling his land and building the necessary embankments to evenly distribute the water.

Equipment Available
Under rules of the Bureau of Reclamation, only 160 acres of land can be irrigated by one land owner. Any land above that figure must be sold if it is to be irrigated, at appraisal for land without benefit of the project.

Farmers of the community attend a series of meetings conducted by the Soil Conservation Service and Bureau of Reclamation. In a May series of meetings, Willard Smith, of the Bureau of Reclamation, explained the methods by which water would be made available to the farmers the first year, the methods of charging, and the amount of water that would be available.

Several types of leveling equipment are available to county farmers and can be procured at small maintenance cost. The equipment includes land leveling implements, ditching machines, small road maintainers, and border makers suitable to be used with the average farm tractor.

Oklahoma A & M has opened a new irrigation experimental farm which will receive water from the lake.

Soil Experiments
Ernest L. Williams, Superintendent of the irrigation research station, states that studies of field and horticultural crops under irrigation conditions—crop varieties, tillage practices, insect and disease control, harvesting, marketing and other problems—will be studied. This farm includes two tracts, one of 72 acres and the other of 18 acres.

Two types of soil are found on the experimental farm. "Hard" type soils, used commonly for production of alfalfa, wheat, cotton, sorghum, and similar major farm crops make up the 72-acre plot. The 18 acres include loose, more sandy soils of the type that is used for truck crop production.

Field days will be held when the work is at a point of most educational value for the different seasons.

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation will continue to operate its demonstration farm just below the dam on the North Fork of Red River, 18 miles from Altus, to show district people the mechanics of getting the water on the crops. The special station takes up the study of utilization of water where the reclamation service leaves off.

City Gets Water
The project water supply will be obtained from the reservoir formed by the Altus Dam. The run-off from the 2,560 square miles of watershed above the dam varies from a few thousand acre-feet in some seasons to more than 300,000 acre-feet in extremely wet years. Normal capacity of the reservoir, below spillway level, will be 152,000 acre-feet, allocated to silt storage, irrigation storage, and municipal water supply.

The dam rises approximately 100 feet above the stream bed and has

a crest of 1,160 feet. Lugert Dike, the largest, is 6000 feet long and has a maximum height of 45 feet above natural ground surface. The main canal, with a capacity of 1000 cubic feet per second, will transport water 4.2 miles from Altus Dam to the north boundary of the irrigable land of the project. Approximately 340 miles of canals and laterals are required to serve the land.

Far-sighted People
The city of Altus contracted to repay \$1,808,000 on the construction cost for use of a water supply.

Back about 1902 W. L. Fullerton, Jackson County farmer, had irrigated with great success from Turkey Creek, and the idea was firmly entrenched in the minds of the people that irrigation would make Jackson County a highly profitable farming area. J. A. Walker, a young merchant of Altus, along with M. L. Cowan, real estate man, was sure that irrigation should come to this area.

In 1915, the Bureau of Reclamation was a very minor thing. Eastern congressmen insisted it was a socialistic dream in which the government should have no part. They consented to small appropriations because they thought the project would fizzle.

Fullerton attended the Seattle irrigation congress, and did enough button-holing of officials of the Bureau of Reclamation to exact a promise that a survey would be made in southwest Oklahoma. A little while later J. G. Camp, an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, showed up in Altus with instruments to test the flow of water in North Fork of Red River. Camp was getting along fine until spring when the rains set in. He had so much trouble that he gave up in disgust. Every time that he would get his instruments located to test the flow of the river a flood would strike and wash them down stream. He made a report to Washington but told local enthusiasts that "What this damn country needs is a little flood control, not irrigation."

Surveys Made
But irrigation was not a dead issue in Jackson County, and every time a drought came along the idea was revived in earnest.

During the spring and summer of 1924, C. T. Peace, Bureau of Reclamation engineer, spent considerable time in southwest Oklahoma making surveys of several proposed irrigation projects. He centered his attention on the dam site at Lugert and checked the

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Coke County Town May Move To Escape Water

ROBERT LEE, TEX. (WNS).—The town of Robert Lee is thinking of moving again—lock, stock and barrel; courthouse and main street. "Following the water," the town has moved twice before.

Christened "Hayrick" in 1889, because the mountains nearby were so shaped, the citizens soon afterward moved the town several miles down to the shores of the Colorado River and changed its name to Robert Lee, after their favorite Southern general.

The present contemplated move means that the complete town plus 77 farms are in the proposed reservoir area. Despite this high cost of right of way, the site is considered most feasible for project development.

People enthusiastic
Mayor Freeman C. Clark and the townspeople are enthusiastic about the possibilities to be created by a 670,000-acre-foot lake, to extend from the dam site up a number of canyons and valleys to the Mitchell County line.

The Bureau of Reclamation has proposed the construction of the dam six miles downstream where the Colorado River and Buffalo Creek meet. The dam would form a reservoir which would put the present town of Robert Lee under 12 feet of water. The reservoir would be 67 times as large as San Angelo's Lake Nasworthy. It would irrigate 58,000 acres of Colo-

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Swindlers Feared Texan Who Was Never Known to Give Up the Hunt for Crooks

By PAT FLYNN

HALE CENTER, TEX. (WNS). J. Frank Norfleet, the nemesis of all bunco artists, who captured almost three-score and ten of the non-working crooks during his man-hunting career, recently celebrated his approaching 84th birthday by journeying across the Lone Star State on another man-hunt but of a different variety. He traveled to Orange, Tex., to interview the Hon. Major Jones on behalf of asking his life-long friend to enter the state race for the Texas Railroad Commission.

Ready to Shoot
While on this trek across the Southwest, Norfleet almost killed another man. It happened in Monterrey, Mexico. Norfleet saw a man he thought was one of the swindlers in his past. "I had the hammer of my .45 cocked and was ready to squeeze the trigger when I recognized my mistake. I'm sorry I created so much excitement. I hope everyone will understand," he explained.

J. Frank Norfleet was swindled in Nov. 1919 of some \$45,000. Until 1927 he spent his entire time tracking down five of the principle crooks, jailing them and caused the arrest of 60 additional crooks in transit.

M. E. Tracy, Scripps-Howard columnist, once remarked of this West Texan: "Twenty of such men could stop the more serious phase of any crime wave."

While the facts in the great Norfleet trek of vengeance are well known through newspaper and novel accounts, he having authored two novels of experiences, little is known of this Panhandle man-hunter and his background. Today as he sits in his elegant brick farm home only a few miles south of this city, he likes to recall his earlier days, his family folklore and other highlights of his life other than the days he spent a fortune running down the men who not only caused him untold embarrassment, but who clipped him of his life's earning. The fact he saw them all die or become imprisoned isn't enough. He has written the facts of his experiences so vividly that motion picture and radio companies are now bidding for serial and picture rights of his colorful experiences and background events.

Entertains Young People

Today he is content to work with his wife, enjoy the company of his personal and private horses, entertain the young folk of the area and discuss his meteoric rise in national spotlight acclaim.

The name of Norfleet is a historical event. It is derived from a remote ancestor who left Scotland in the 17th Century en route to North America along the northern route. Months later the man was washed ashore upon the Virginia Coast and was called one of the "Nor' Fleet Boys."

The original name was discarded. The Norfleets became substantial planters of Virginia.

J. Frank's father, Jasper Holmes Benton Norfleet, migrated to Texas at the age of 12, settled on Shaw Creek, near the Colorado River. He earned a living for his family through hunting, fishing, trapping and by acquiring a few cattle.

Pioneer Family

His mother was Mary Ann Shaw, a pioneer and beautiful woman who understood what was required of a woman invading the West. She was an expert pistol and rifle shot, and suffered the hardships of all women venturing into Texas during the Indian days. In fact, Indians killed her brothers in the territory now known as Gonzales County.

J. Frank Norfleet was born Feb. 2, 1864, the year the Civil War was ending, the first of six children. One of his earliest boyhood recollections was when his father tracked down an absconding school teacher, "a Yankee," who refused to pay a board bill to his mother.

The teacher was a born swindler. He had roomed and boarded at the Norfleet home all season and attempted to leave without paying his bill. When Mrs. Norfleet told her husband, he never said a word. He saddled up his horse at sundown and took after the teacher's trail.

Likes Excitement

Little Frank liked excitement even at that age. He caught his pony and took after his Dad, careful to stay far enough behind so his father would not know he was trailing him. Frank said he knew his dad would send him home if caught.

His father caught up with the teacher in a country store, many



J. FRANK NORFLEET



MRS. J. FRANK NORFLEET

miles from home and demanded the board bill. Little Frank sneaked in the back door, hid under the counter to watch the excitement. The teacher refused to pay the bill. Frank's father swung for the jaw and his son couldn't stand it any longer.

"Give him hell, Dad!" shouted the youngster.

It broke up the fight but not before the teacher paid the bill. This was the first example the rancher had of man-hunting. It tingled his blood even at this tender age. It served him in later years to good advantage.

Father Was Ranger

Later his father became a Texas Ranger. Once Indians stole 1700 head of cattle and burned the Norfleet ranch houses. Fortunately, the family was away from home at the time.

In 1879, at 15 years of age, Frank joined a buffalo hunting party at San Saba to visit the North Texas Plains. For the next 10 years he worked as a cowhand from ranch to ranch.

In 1889 he went to the Panhandle sector to work on the Snyder Brother's ranch. Shortly thereafter the ranch was sold to Isaac L. Elwood of Illinois. Norfleet was made foreman of the spread and worked for his new boss 17 years. For 15 years of that time, Norfleet never saw his boss, yet fenced 264,000 acres of land on the ranch.

The nearest postoffice to the headquarters was in Colorado City, 115 miles distant. Norfleet never went to town for two and one-half years, nor saw a woman in that time. He allowed his hair and beard to grow and today admits he was probably the "toughest looking hombre in Texas."

Refuses to Dance

So attired, he went to a "balle" one night on one of his few visits to town and there saw Miss Eliza Hudgins. She promptly refused to dance with him or have anything to do with such an "ugly looking character."

Some time later Norfleet visited Plainview. Again he saw Miss Hudgins. But this time Norfleet was slicked up like a "city dude." They were soon married and she went with him to the Elwood ranch. She was the only woman resident in four counties and they often drove 100 miles to attend a party or dance for the sole means of recreation available in those days.

The young married couple soon filed on 160 acres of land adjoining the ranch, constructed a dug-out, erected a windmill and started acquiring cattle. Mrs. Norfleet ran the little spread while Frank continued his foreman duties on the larger ranch, trying to get sufficient start to devote full time to his own place.

Helps Father

Their first baby, Mary, died at the age of seven years. Frank "Pete" Elwood Norfleet was born in the dug-out. He later gained acclaim as a man-hunter in his own right by helping his dad run down the bunco artists. He is now a Customs agent in Brownsville. Then Bob Lee was born but drowned at the age of three years. Then Ruth was born and is now married to a Holland naval officer.

When Norfleet celebrated his 75th birthday, he received two telegrams announcing his grandbabies were born on the same day, one to Pete's family, the other to Ruth.

When the children were young and the Norfleets were trying to make a go of their ranch, some cowhands came through the country one day and camped near the

Texan world famous, taking him around the world and costing him a fortune to run down the thieves.

His IXL brand, how Mrs. Norfleet and the children worked the ranch, sold crops and livestock to finance the man-hunt is a matter of interesting and authentic history, typical of true pioneer western stock.

But, friends of the Norfleets like to gather at the modern home place today and listen to the great hunter describe thrilling episodes of his life.

Norfleet has a keen sense of humor, tells a straightforward story and doesn't mind taking the knocks or telling of them as they happened.

This trait makes it easy for the visitor to understand why and how he captured his men.

A patent gives an inventor or his heirs the exclusive rights to make, use and sell his invention for 17 years.

Wooden Nickles?

CLOVIS, N. M. (WNS).—Wooden nickels are a Clovis product much in demand this year. The Chamber of Commerce has been the object of lively correspondence from a gentleman in Wisconsin who insists that somebody here circulated wooden coins in 1938. At last report, nobody in town would admit it.

Short, Easy Menus For Outdoor Meals

Camping and picnic time is here in earnest, and tasty menus can be planned with a minimum of work, if meals are kept simple.

One main dish, a crisp or chewy vegetable, one starchy food, and fruit will make a substantial meal. Beverages should be used which can be prepared ahead of time. Water should be taken along.

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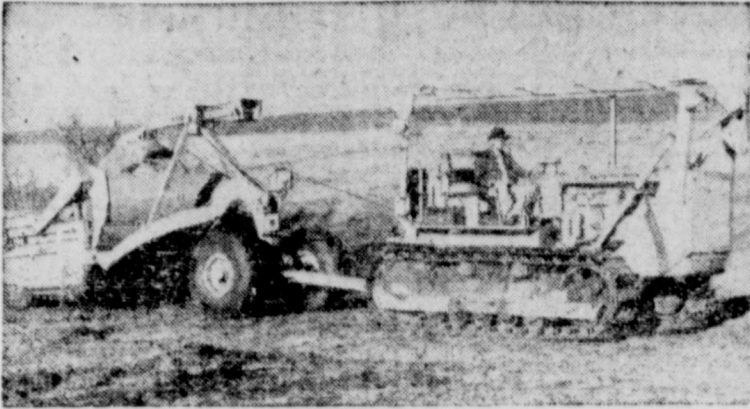
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Commissioner Hawkins at the control of his idea which is storming Oklahoma as improving county roads without cost to taxpayers or county.

(COURTESY OF ELK CITY JOURNAL)

ELK CITY, OKLA. (WNS).—Beckham County Commissioner J. A. Hawkins had some ideas about improvements in his district which he carried through and which might well be considered by other commissioners of the Southwest. He purchased heavy equipment with which to improve his roads without the use of county funds and at no expense to the taxpayers.

To date he has purchased an 85 horsepower tractor, dozer and carryall, a total investment of \$12,971, to use in his improvement program over his district, which includes the Elk City and Carter area, or all land in the county east of Doxey.

To pay for his equipment, Hawkins is constructing acreage ponds and dams over his district. The charge for building each dam is from \$250 to \$275. Of this amount the Federal Government pays \$200 and the cost to the farmer is from \$50 to \$75. Actual expense in building the dams is approximately \$40 and the profit is used by Hawkins to pay for his implements. Commissioner Hawkins estimates it will take from six to nine months to pay for the machinery at no cost to his taxpayers.

It requires only three days to construct a farm pond and dam with the Hawkins equipment and the commissioner has requests for such construction from farmers throughout his district. The equipment is being used only in the second commissioner's district and roads are graded as the machinery is moved from one farm to another.

Not only are Hawkins' constituents delighted over the idea, but other districts in Oklahoma are asking for similar thoughtfulness on the part of their commissioners.

Plan Expansion Of Ft. Sumner

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titled to the natural flow of the river up to 100 cubic feet per second in the period from March to October and two eight-day periods between November 1 to March 1. The gauging station being used at present is located at Puerto de Luna.

The method of operation is worked out through an informal agreement between the district and the Carlsbad Project which operates the Alamogordo Dam and Reservoir. This agreement provides that readings are made of the discharge at Puerto de Luna, and the amount to which the district is entitled as reflected by this station is released from Alamogordo Reservoir.

As studies are made, Bureau of Reclamation officials believe it will be advisable to re-locate some of the farm laterals and points of delivery to individual farm tracts.

Robert Lee May Move

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rado Valley lands, including portions of Coke, Tom Green, Runnels, and Concho Counties.

Present incomes average \$8.40 per acre per year, and members of the upper Colorado River Authority, sponsoring the project, say that the value of the land will be quadrupled.

Yields to Increase

The dam is to be 138 feet high and 14,300 feet long, with a canal 19 miles long serving 5,500 acres of land near the river. Another canal 50 miles long and two secondary canals about 12 miles long would water 52,000 acres of land centering around Miles and Rowena with the eastern limit just west of Ballinger. The south end would extend into Concho County.

Present over-grazing of approximately 3,000,000 acres of native range land will be reduced 30 per cent in the four directly affected counties and down river Coleman County, according to engineering estimates.

It is estimated that feed production will maintain 25,000 milk cows on the project and surrounding areas.

Surveys Made

Surveys show that with irrigation crop yields are expected to increase to \$41.75 per acre, in addition to providing pasturage at a value of \$2.50 per acre. This will bring the gross income from the project area from the present \$500,000 to about \$2,600,000.

The project will cost \$12,667,300 and the expected annual benefits from irrigation, flood control, recreation and wildlife would be \$2,152,800. Repayments over the 40-year period to meet irrigation construction costs would be \$4,430,000.

Possibilities for resort and recreational benefits are high, and the scenic beauty, fishing, swimming, camping and boating provided by the new project are welcome by-products.

Cattlemen, Bankers Join for Profits

BEAVER, OKLA. (WNS).—A banker and a cattleman may ordinarily have little in common, but one man in this city has brought the two together.

G. W. Cafky, owner of the Beaver Sales Pavilion and cashier of the Bank of Beaver City, wanted to see cattlemen of the region get a fair deal. So he began holding cattle sales when stock prices were too low, aimed at a reasonable profit for both buyer and seller.

Sales had been started by John Saunders at the local fair grounds, and when Cafky took over, he moved the location to a tract of land near the railroad. Stock pens cover 10 acres and are currently being rebuilt. Sale yards are well lighted with three 1500-watt floodlights and innumerable smaller lights, and cattle and hog pens are clean, being disinfected each week.

In 1943, 63,000 head of cattle were sold for \$2,265,000, to make the biggest year to date. Average annual sales are 55,000 to 60,000 cattle and 10,000 hogs.

One cattleman at Nogales, Ariz., has been shipping approximately 100 carloads of cattle a year to the sales pavilion over a period of several years. During this time all business between Cafky and the shipper has been conducted by telephone and letter. The two have never met.

Cafky declared, "Inasmuch as many of the cattlemen of this region do business with our bank, it is to our advantage that we see a fair deal is accorded both buyer and seller."

Altus Dam Nears Completion

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territory that could be irrigated by gravity flow from that point.

The city of Altus built a dam near Lugert, and there was much agitation for irrigation. In 1930, E. E. Blake, national authority on irrigation and flood control, came to Altus. Blake estimated that 150,000 acres could be irrigated from the run off of water. He advised, however, that ample water supply be insured by not attempting to irrigate more than 100,000 acres.

Drouths followed, and when the 1934 dust storms and drouth cycle arrived the water of Lake Altus became more and more appealing.

Allocation Directed
Throughout the winter of 1935 and 1936 the irrigation proposal was kept constantly before government officials, and on February 25, 1936, the late President Roosevelt directed allocation of \$30,000 for survey of Altus-Lugert irrigation project. The survey included rainfall, river flow, flood runoffs, soil analysis, topography, marketing, crop diversification, economics and other factors that would determine the feasibility of the project.

The reports were released February 18, 1938, and were based on a reservoir with a storage capacity of 163,000 acre-feet and a district of 70,000 acres. The total over-all cost, including dam, reservoir, main canals, lateral systems, draining and miscellaneous costs was estimated at \$5,365,469.00.

Reclamation laws required an irrigation district empowered to do business with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Lugert-Altus district was empowered to do business with the bureau. The Lugert-Altus district was approved, 333 to 42, in an election held March 29, 1940.

West Advances

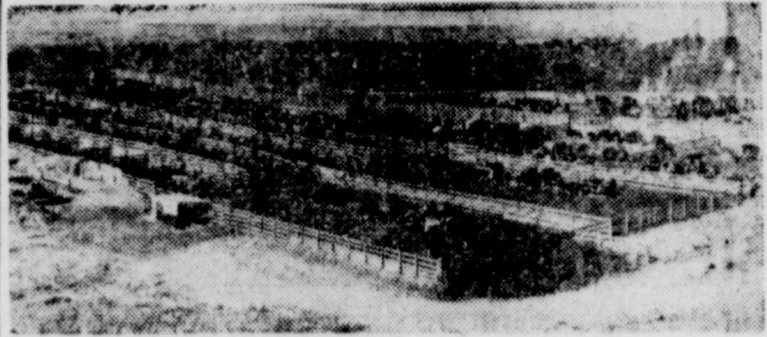
Wesley R. Nelson, Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, said in a recent address: "Americans, until recently, thought of irrigation, flood control, and development of hydro-electric power, fish and wild life and recreational facilities as the peculiar problems of a remote and rather unpromising section of the United States."

"The west will continue to move rapidly toward increased security against destruction and waste of its water and land resources. States in sub-humid zones will demand that experienced agencies of government help them stabilize the economy of their rural and urban communities. Even on land which was successfully farmed without irrigation, better crops may be produced when water is under control."

"Rain often comes at inopportune times and again fails just when it is most needed by the maturing crop," he declared.

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English Quakers Founded Estacado

CROSBYTON, TEX. (WNS).—Founded by a colony of English Quakers, the town of Estacado now shows only a marker commemorating the experiment begun in 1897 under leadership of Isaac Paris Cox. But another pioneer, Henry Clay Smith, has not only a statue in his honor, here in town, but a thriving agricultural county as a memorial to his efforts.

With an excellent system of contouring and terracing, and more than 85 per cent farm mechanization, Crosby County produces large quantities of cotton, wheat, grain sorghums and other feed-stuffs. Income from these crops is supplemented by sale of beef cattle, hogs, sheep, turkey, eggs, cream and spring lambs. Frozen food lockers are in general use.

This city, the county seat, has a trade territory of about 25 miles, a population of around 1,800, 30 retail merchants, and showed bank deposits of well over \$2,000,000 early this year. Annual celebrations include the Old Settlers' Reunion in the fall and the County Fair in the spring. At Ralls, in the same county, Bills' Day is held each year.

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Old Timers Recall Rainmaking Efforts

Post Used Dynamite to Burst Man-made Clouds

Western News Service Feature)

POST, TEX. (WNS).—Farmers, ranchers and citizens of this South Texas Plains region are hopeful some "rainmaker," like the founder of this city, will return and bring down moisture from the heavens, if drouth continues. Old-timers recall how Charles William Post spent a sizeable fortune at the turn of the century endeavoring to water his vast land holdings in Garza County and vicinity, through "rain battles."

Post, for whom this city was named, and one of the major colonizers of West Texas, was one of the first to experiment in bringing on rain to a semi-arid country. Not content in perfecting such products as Postum, Grape Nuts, Elijah's Manna, Post Toasties, inventing stoves and machines of diverse types, this restless genius entered, with bouyant optimism, into the most famous rainmaking adventure of all time. And who shall say, with finality, his battles with nature were wholly in vain?

Prepares for Battle

Post originally became interested in West Texas before 1900. He had heard much about Hereford, Tex., and upon visiting this mecca of the West, found land scalpers had hiked the acreage prices so much, he hitched up his horse to a buggy and journeyed below the Cap Rock to where Post now stands. Here he founded the great Double U colony, an empire in itself.

Reams could be written on his colony experimentations. His elaborate experimental farms, his orchards and gardens, his constant search for adequate water supply and, his "rain battles" would afford abundant evidence of the scientific mind of this pioneer. His entire work was dedicated to a theory, "individualism in contrast with socialism, if given a proper trial in a free and undeveloped country, can produce a healthy citizenship in wealth, comfort, peace and contentment." Hence, this article will deal only with his role of "rainmaker," the last and greatest experiment of his life and one West Texas likes to record as the most famous of its kind in history.

Studies Methods

Post had watched and studied all efforts of other so-called "rainmakers" during his western travels as well as efforts in the East during drouth periods. He read of rains which accompanied the Napoleonic wars, and those cloudbursts which fell at Shiloh, Gettysburg and other Civil War battles. He firmly believed the explosions of battle had brought on such downpours.

Post often discussed his beliefs with resident managers relative to producing rain through explosions. He believed dynamite would do the same work as cannon and powder in his proposed rain battles and in the early spring of 1910, wrote his managers to prepare at once, "a suitable kite able to carry two pounds of dynamite." He asked for 15 or 20 such kites carrying 150 pieces of the explosives of two pounds each, with five-minute fuse for an experiment in May of that year.

He arrived in Post on schedule but did not like the preparations. Returning to Battle Creek, Mich., he notified his manager to continue the test and prepare for the first "dry spell" through "violent agitation of the air."

Gives Directions

His letter gave explicit directions for firing the dynamite. Five-minute fuses were to be attached to each charge and when the kite reached an altitude of 100 feet, a string 40 feet long was to be tied to the main cord that held the kite. As the charge of dynamite was about to be lifted by the rising kite, the fuse should be lighted so the explosion would occur five minutes later. Trained men were to be placed a quarter of a mile apart. Each man would fire 20 charges.

But nature played a trick on the "Rainmaker." Just as his men were prepared to bombard the heavens, rain fell. There was no necessity of making the experiment. Too, in preliminary trials with kites, the resident managers found Post's idea most dangerous. Kites bobbed about, lines tangled, and some of the men barely escaped death when dynamite exploded too near the ground.

Spring of 1911 was very dry. By June, kaffir and maize was dying. On June 4, Post wired his managers to stage a "rain battle." On the 8th all was in readiness and 342 pounds of dynamite shook the plains as it exploded along the

evident, Post was ready for a great siege against nature.

Publishes Article

In February, 1912, he published an article in "Harper's Weekly" on "Making Rain While the Sun Shines." His article attracted national comment. Inquiries poured into Post City and Battle Creek by the hundreds. Hugo Moser, of Wellington, Colo., wrote he was planning similar experiments and was coming to Texas to watch a rain battle.

But early spring rains in 1912 made battles unnecessary until later. Marhoff, Double U manager, was busy with still more experiments and preparations. He constructed wooden shields for his battle men. He arranged for two pounds of dynamite per charge, and 100 charges per man, one explosion to follow another as rapidly as possible. On April 18, Post agreed the firing stations seemed to be all right and repeated his request to "shoot up a rain each two weeks" to aid gardens and grass.

Marhoff staged a gigantic battle on April 27, 1912. While the humidity was not favorable, rain was desperately needed. He elected to stage his next campaign.

Firing began at seven minutes past two, and lasted nearly four hours. At the start, wind blew from the south, later shifting to the southwest, a dry sign. For an hour explosions boomed from the rocks. Then clouds began to form rapidly in the southwest. After three and one-half hours of terrific bombardment thick storm clouds appeared in the west. Darkness, blinding flashes of lightning and heavy thunder accompanied the dynamite crashes along the two mile battle front below. Smoke rings climbed hundreds of feet to mix with the onrushing clouds. A few minutes before 6 o'clock that evening showers began to fall. A quarter of an inch fell at the site of the explosions, but later that evening the Tahoka community, west of the battle grounds, was flooded. Water stood in lakes 15 miles west of Post City and Marhoff wrote Post in triumph:

Believes in Tests

"I believe that under almost any conditions rain can be produced, for when we started the battle, we had less than 50 per cent of humidity in the air . . . We had a violent storm in less than four hours after completion of the battle."

Another battle was staged on May 23, 1912. Three pound charges were used. When the firing began about 8 o'clock that morning, the sky was clear and a slight haziness was noted on the horizon. Clouds slowly gathered. In the afternoon a storm arose from the southeast, with heavy thunder and vivid lightning. But only a sprinkle fell on the Post estate. A high wind blew smoke rings away from battle stations.

But C. H. Doak of O'Donnell, 35 miles southwest of Post, wrote in that one and one-half inches of rain fell the night of that battle. This led battle men to conclude the rain had blown away from point of firing.

The ninth rain-making battle was fired June 11. No rain fell on Post property but a tremendous downpour was reported by J. R. Hartford, of Lubbock, a few hours after firing had ceased.

Post was still not discouraged. He expressed belief, in another letter to his managers, rain could be brought on if humidity is anywhere between 70 and 90 degrees and "if humidity is less than 70 we should shoot two battles, preferably the first one in the afternoon and the next the following morning."

Stages Another Battle

Battles were staged on the afternoon of July 2, 1912, and on the following morning. The afternoon bombardment began at 1:30 o'clock and raged for two and a half hours. Fifteen hundred shots of three pounds each poured from the walls of the Cap Rock. At 7 o'clock that evening a heavy cloud appeared in the northwest. But it by-passed and left Post City high and dry. Next morning another battle rattled cups and dishes in farmhouses ten miles distant but only light sprinkles fell upon Post lands. The final result was that 9,000 pounds of rynamite had been exploded with no appreciable results.

But the "Rainmaker" did not weaken. Crops were suffering, were twisted and withering. Managers ordered a "double-header three-pounder" battle for July 10 and another of the same size for two days later. On each appointed day there were to be morning and

afternoon battles. An entire carload of dynamite was to be used—6,000 pounds for each of the four battles, or 24,000 pounds in all. Not a cloud was in sight when firing began. Winds shifted from east to south, and back to south-east, as terrific detonations shook the earth. Smoke covered the ground. At 10 o'clock a cloud suddenly appeared, and by noon covered half the sky; but no rain fell. In the afternoon firing lasted two and one-half hours. Clouds grew thick then drifted away. Still no rain fell. Practically the same results were recorded on July 12. The "Rainmaker" chalked up a quadruple failure.

Post was disappointed. He took it out on the dynamite manufacturers. On July 15, 1912, he wrote G. Frank Lord of Du Pont Powder Company charging them with shipping him "slowing moving" explosives and added: "To be candid, I believe that you had no confidence in the work, and simply dumped some of your old stuff you could not sell."

Strange, however, Post gave Du Pont a new order for dynamite the following day.

Shoots Heavier Charges

The 15th rain battle was staged on July 25, 1912, still with no results. Recommendations were made in changing battle strategy including heavier charges of dynamite; shoot at the closing hours of the day as most rains occurred in late afternoons, to use 12-pound charges at four-second intervals and wait for 85 per cent humidity in the mornings with light winds from the south or east.

On August 5 they carried out the new battle plans. That night a tremendous rain fell over the territory within a 50-mile radius of Post City. The first shot was 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, lasting until 7 o'clock that evening. Windows in Post City rattled from vibrations of the four-second bombardments. The sky, clear when the battle began, almost immediately became filled with clouds. Sprinkles started at 6 o'clock and before 7 o'clock the rainstorm struck.

This battle was heard at Clairmont, far to the east. This settlement reported heavy thunder and vivid lightning almost immediately after the firing began. Managers believed their fire had changed the direction of the wind, bringing on the downpour.

Of the 13 battles carried out this year (1912) from March 27 to August 21, seven were accompanied by a fair rain, and three cloudbursts resulted.

Changes Locations

In January, 1913, Post recommended a change in location of firing station to a 15 mile point southeast of Post in order prevailing winds would whip rains over his land. Managers disagreed because rough roads made it dangerous to haul dynamite to these new sites.

In May, 1913, the new locations were established, upon Post's insistence, and on August 12 more dynamite was exploded. The first shot was at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon. Thirty minutes later light clouds formed and grew heavier as firing increased. For two hours and 45 minutes the explosions continued, but little rain fell. Next afternoon a massive cloud appeared but only a light shower touched the Post holding. Post was undismayed. He wired his managers: "Shoot another battle for rain at once. Begin at four or five o'clock in the morning. Humidity is greater then. Follow instructions. Go ahead."

Two days later, 10 three-pound shots were fired from each of the 15 stations on the edge of the Cap Rock, the first at 5:30 a. m. and

the last at 8:20 a. m. Clouds gathered in the afternoon and heavy showers drenched the lands of hysterical settlers. Greatly encouraged, Post wrote:

"It is becoming more and more evident that these artificial disturbances are frequently necessary to precipitate the moisture, and that you had better stick to the mornings for your battles. I think you should begin at least by 5 o'clock."

The 21st battle on Aug. 21, 1913, was destined to be the last. A rainy autumn made it unnecessary for further battles that year, and before the next crop year the "Rainmaker" had fought his last battle, losing to an unseen foe. Suffering from an incurable stomach ailment and with no hope of recovery, Post shot a bullet through his brain on May 14, 1914.

Cost Is Great

These 21 rain-making battles had cost the great C. W. Post an average of \$2,500 each. He had sent up in smoke over \$50,000 to prove his theory on the semi-arid plains of West Texas. Whether it was worth the price is a matter for speculation. Post evidently believed in his theory. His heirs and managers must think otherwise, as no further attempt at artificial rainmaking has ever been made.

Post intended to continue his experiments through 1914 as he had purchased a carload of dynamite in September, 1913, a supply sufficient for 15 additional battles. But not a stick of that last order was used. Frantic efforts were made to dispose of the cache but buyers were hard to find. As late as 1917 three-fourths of a carload still remained in the Post "Chimneys."

When the United States declared war on Germany in the spring of 1917, Post City residents were fearful enemy sympathizers would use the dynamite to destroy bridges, cotton gins, mills and other strategic sites of the area. With permission of the executors of the estate, a long fuse was attached to the huge mine and once again the entire community reverberated to a gigantic explosion. There was no rain and soon the sound of Post City, Tex., battles was to be heard no more.

They Wonder Now

Now, almost 30 years later and during the era of atomic bombs, citizens of this region are studying past historical events. They wonder if bombs which destroyed Hiroshima, the ones tested by the U. S. Navy this summer in the Pacific waters, could not be used along the strategic plans of Post toward irrigating a nation dedicated to feeding a starving universe through rainmaking rather than destroying humanity. At least, it is material for thought by the great American scientists.

Surplus Chickens—Put 'Em on Table

College Station, Tex.—Eat chicken now, and can plump stewing hens, is the advice of Texas A. & M. Extension Service. Shipment of grain to relieve famine overseas means that chickens are surplus in this country since there is not enough grain to feed them.

Gwendolyn Jones, specialist in food preservation for the Service, advises use of a pressure canner, using either glass jars or tin cans. She warns against frying the meat before canning, because the crust becomes dry and hard in canning and may even have an unpleasant taste. Livers should be canned alone for good flavor, but gizzards and hearts may be put together.

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Cowpoke Laughs at Age; Wants Action

Uncle Bob Ready For All Contests

By OLETA PARKER

ROTAN, TEX. (WNS).—Uncle Bob Weatherby, veteran cowboy and cattleman, and guardian of the finest traditions of the Texas range since the rough and ready days of the late 1800's, 'set the saddle' for 52 of his 74 years and never—"smoked a cigarette, took a drink of liquor or a chew of tobacco in my life."

"Living alone on the remaining acres of his homestead in the North Roby community, half way between Roby and Rotan, in Fisher County, Uncle Bob "rides into the sunset"—not astride his trusty sorrel on which he rode to victory in many a calf roping contest—but at the wheel of his wiry little Model T roadster, now thoroughly halter broke to the glorified cow trails of a disgustingly civilized cattle country. Model T notwithstanding, attired in conventional white Stetson and cowboy boots, Uncle Bob is still geared for action, only in recent years foregoing the added adornment of jingling spurs. Handsome still and regal in bearing, Uncle Bob stands as straight as an arrow, and walks with the energetic step of a man of 45. With perceptions as keen as a whip, Uncle Bob's memories of earlier day happenings in the cattle country leaves little for the imagination. On dates and places he is a catalogue of information.

Few Texas Brags

In true Texan manner, Uncle Bob has a brag or two—"I raised a big family (nine children)—made a fortune—went broke," he says with characteristic humor. Which is, after all, only traditional history of half a century of ranching in a cattle country! Another brag—"Not one of my children or in-laws have ever been before a court of law on a misdemeanor charge."

The death of his wife, the former Miss Lillie Gertrude Barron, in 1940, was the first in his immediate family. He was married to Miss Barron, the daughter of prominent West Texas ranchers, in 1892.

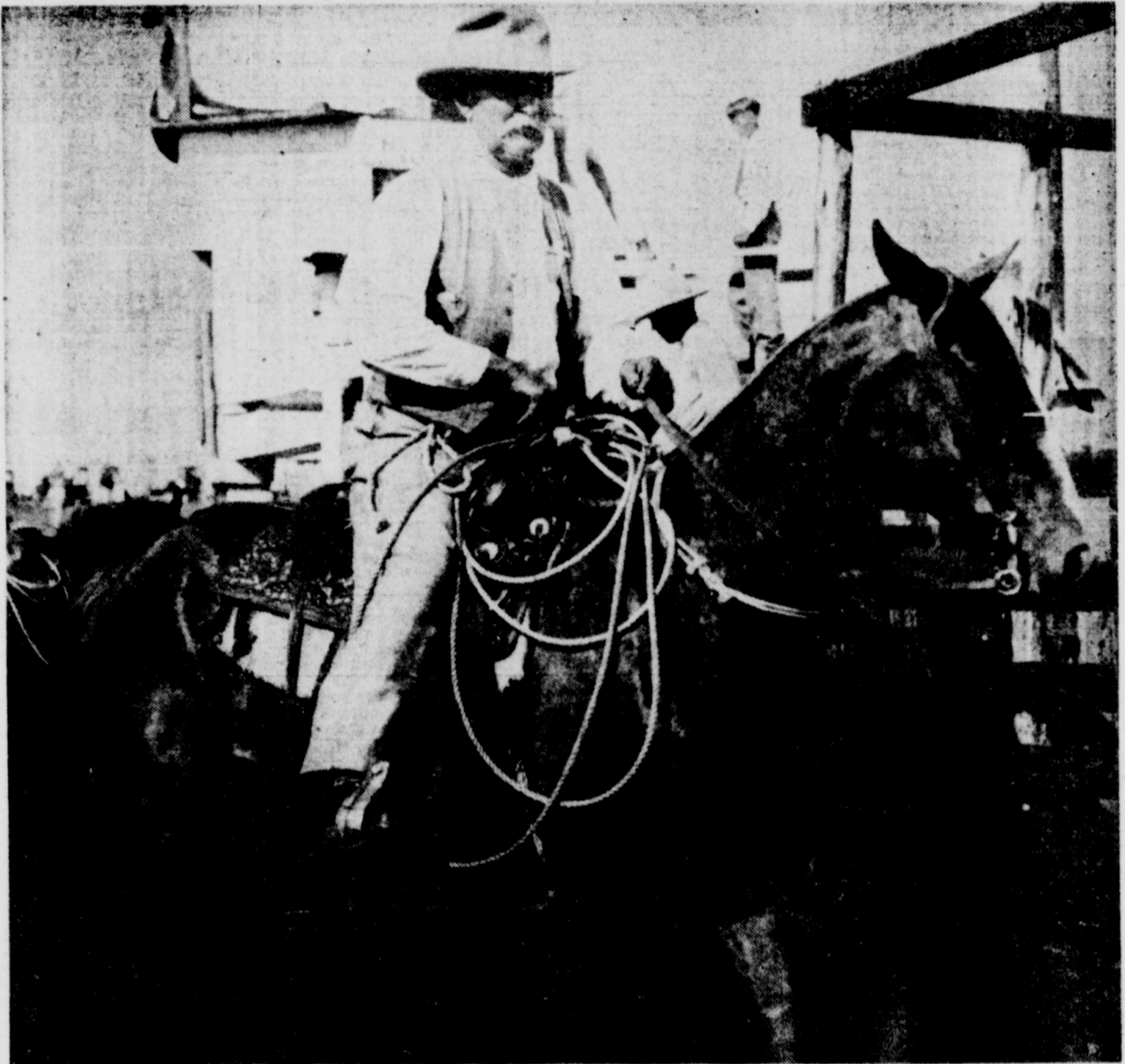
Breaker of records, Uncle Bob has swallowed as much red rodeo dirt as any cowpoke who ever rode the Texas range, but has never had a bone broken in his body—"not even a little finger," he proudly boasts. Quite a record for a cowpoke who started his saddle career at the age of six, and who has been in as many tight spots as any rescuer of fair maidens on the silver screen!

Born at Calvert

Uncle Bob was born R. A. Weatherby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Weatherby, on April 4, 1872, at Calvert, Texas, in Robinson County. In 1878 the family moved to a farm in Brown County, six year old Bob riding an old sorrel mare, bareback all the way, helping out with the family herd of 77 cattle. Twenty days on the road and 125 miles of bareback riding made a full fledged cowhand out of young Bob.

Four years later, at the age of 10, he made his first dollar, hiring out to cut range cattle back from the trail herds, on the famous old Chisholm Trail. At a princely wage of \$15 a month, young Bob worked from May through September, the transition season, when herds from South Texas passed through Brown County on the way to pastures in the North country. According to Uncle Bob, average size of the herds were 4,000 steers, cows with calves moved in somewhat smaller numbers. At any time during the transition period, he could stand on a hill overlooking the famous

"GUARDIAN ANGEL OF THE RANGE"



R. A. (Uncle Bob) Weatherby, Rotan cowboy, rancher, ex-champion calf roper of the world sits in the \$125 saddle he won as champion calf roper of the Stamford Rodeo in 1931. The saddle was the first prize to be given away at the annual affair.

old trail, and see a solid wall of steerhide and accompanying enveloping cloud of dust, as far as the eye could reach.

Horse Wrangler

In the Winter of 1885, 14 year old Bob faced a cold norther into Fisher County, hired out as a horse wrangler for a Waco outfit, bringing a herd of cattle to pasture in the Double Mountain country, north of the present town of Rotan. His salary was \$25 a month, board and keep. The cattle delivered, the young wrangler bunked in with a couple of cowpuncher friends on the old XOX Ranch. On December 20th the three boys borrowed a ranch buggy and set out for Anson, attending the first Cowboys' Christmas Ball held there in the old Morning Star Hotel. The historical event, reinstated as an annual affair in 1935, is now held in the Pioneer Hall, with Uncle Bob as a charter member and a director.

Never having missed a session of the famed event, Uncle Bob was given special recognition as the only original attender present at the first night of the affair last year. As such he was the center of a lot of hullabuloo of photographing and interviewing, which he terms just a lot of tomfoolery! To him there is nothing unusual in the fact that when the last strains of Good Night Ladies ring loud and clear over the western plains, he is still hoofing it out with the best of them. "I never miss a set," he proudly boasts. Nothing old-fogey about Uncle Bob! He goes to the show on Saturday nights—just like the rest of the young folks—and then up and to the Methodist Church on Sunday mornings.

Returns to Family

In 1886, when the county seat town of Roby was one year old, young Bob, then 15 years old, returned to Fisher County with his folks, his parents moving on a farm near Roby, and Bob hiring out as a cowpuncher on the old 18 Ranch. He received the customary pay of \$30 a month, board and keep—the "board" found mostly in the back of a chuck wagon as he rode the open range—the "keep," the hard ground for a bed, and the sky for a ceiling.

The young cowpuncher stayed with the 18 outfit for six years, working the last two as outside man. During that time, he was reputed to have known every mark and brand from Abilene, Texas to the New Mexico line.

Married in 1892

After his marriage in 1892, Uncle Bob and his bride filed on a section of land near Roby, leasing four adjoining sections for sheep and cattle grazing. In 1887 he bought a sizeable tract of land in the North Roby community, again leasing additional sections for grazing purposes. Departing from traditional practices of West Texas cattlemen, Uncle Bob grazed sheep and cattle side by side, a brave gesture in a day when sheep was a fighting word to most cattlemen. The success of his grazing ventures was a good argument in favor of his contentions that sheep do not ruin grazing lands for cattle. Since he always fenced his grazing lands, he never had trouble with his neighbors.

In 1931, when the annual Cowboys' Reunion at Stamford was exactly one year old, Uncle Bob, at 59, was champion calf roper of the show, downing a big, 350 pound steer with 46 seconds time,

in competition with cowboys of all ages. The prize was an elaborately designed, hand tooled saddle, valued at \$125, and the first to be given away there. When skeptics grumbled that the champion roper might carry away the coveted prize, year after year, Uncle Bob came through with a sporting proposition. He elected to establish a precedent, whereby all saddle winners would be barred from calf roping participation at Stamford for a specified number of years. He has never roped at Stamford since that time, but, with his self assessed time up, he has indicated that he may do so next year. If he does, he will be 75 years old at the time. He has never missed a session of the Stamford rodeo, and attended the past July, serving as manager of the bunkhouse. He is a life and charter member of the Stamford Cowboy Reunion Association.

Wins World Honor

In 1933, at the age of 62, Uncle Bob was proclaimed champion calf roper of the world, in the old men's class, chalking up time of 23, 24, and 29 seconds, on three steers, at a Sweetwater rodeo. He did his last calf roping on the Double Hart Ranch, near Sweetwater, in 1936, again walking off with first place honors in the old men's age class. He was 65 at the time.

The only apparent weakness in the makeup of the hard hitting old westerner is his love of poetry writing. If poetry writing seems a bit removed from calf roping, Bob can easily explain away that little discrepancy. No man can ride the lonely reaches of the Texas range for as long as he has and not hear, in the soul stirring mo-

ments of silent vigil, the poetic voices of the cattle country! There is rhythm in the expansive surge of the open range, and the words to fit "just sorta' fall in natural like," according to the picturesque old cowboy.

Sonora Is Noted For Wool House

SONORA, TEX. (WNS).—Established to serve sheep and goat ranchers in this area, the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is the second largest wool and mohair storage house in Texas, being surpassed in size only by the house at San Angelo, Tex.

Capacity of the house is 6,000,000 pounds, and at present there are approximately 3,000,000 pounds of mohair in storage. The company was established in 1930, with the building erected at a cost of \$80,000.

George D. Chalk is assistant manager, Clyde Clemens is weigher, and 16 people are employed.

Directors of the company are S. H. Allison, Fred T. Earwood, L. W. Elliott, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Bryan Hunt, W. H. Karnes, W. A. Miers, Ed C. Mayfield, Ben F. Meckel, George H. Neill, Joe Ross, E. D. Shurley, Joe M. VanderStucken, and E. F. VanderStucken. Officers of the company are Mayfield, president, W. A. Mier, vice president, and Earwood, vice president and general manager. Neill is treasurer and A. C. Elliott is secretary.

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McCamey Publisher Forgets His British Speech to Hit Print

McCAMEY, TEX. (WNS).—When talking to James Carll, publisher of the McCamey News, it's hard to believe he's a writer of western fiction.

He talks more like an Englishman than the two-fisted, gun-totin' characters he puts down on paper. He calls France "Frawnce." He says "righto" instead of "yep."

But despite his refined speech, Carll has been very successful in hitting the "pulp." He's sold stories to practically every magazine printed by Popular Publications, and Fiction House, Inc. These publishing houses put out such pulps as Western Stories, Action Stories, Lariat Stories, 10 Western Stories and Northwest Romances.

A Million A Year

Carll said from 1935 to 1941, he had approximately a million words a year published. He's had as many as four stories in a single issue. He wrote under the pen name of "Jay Karth."

He also writes athletic yarns for the sport pulps.

Carll was born at Pendleton, Tex., on May 21, 1904. He attended school at Temple, Dallas and Fort Worth, and graduated from high school at Fort Worth in 1920.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1921 and served aboard the Arizona, sunk 20 years later at Pearl Harbor, and the USS Hull, the first ship sunk off the coast of France on D-Day. He was a radioman.

Was At Dutch Harbor

While in the Navy, he was attached for awhile to the Navy radio station at Dutch Harbor. He said Dutch Harbor's only armament then consisted of five Army rifles with no ammunition.

It was in Alaska Carll started writing fiction. "We were stationed for quite sometime on the little island of St. Paul," he said. "There wasn't anything to do in your spare time except read. I suppose I read every book and magazine on the island. Then I decided if those men could write such tripe and sell it, why couldn't I? I started composing stories, mostly about the north, writing them with a pencil in longhand. I saved the copy I wrote on St. Paul and later made money out of it, using it as reference material for my stories about the North."

Discharged from the Navy in 1925, Carll went to work for Western Union as a Morse operator and student engineer in California. He attended night school at the University of California in Berkeley while doing this work. He continued working as a Western Union operator at San Francisco until 1935. Then he began writing fiction in earnest, graduating from a telegraph operator to an author.

Became Editor

He dropped his pulp-writing career in 1941, and went to New York City as editor of a Western Union publication. He was also assistant advertising manager for Western Union.

When Western Union created its Industrial Public Relations Department in 1942, Carll was made assistant to the vice-president of this department.

He said goodbye to Western Union in 1943 and became a Hollywood writer, accepting a writing contract with Universal Pictures. He turned out two series of western thrillers, 14 scripts in all, while with Universal. "I saw one of them recently," Carll said. "It was 'Beyond the Pecos.'"

Carll said he didn't like Hollywood. "I didn't like Hollywood or New York," he declared emphatically. "I wouldn't go back to Hollywood for \$2,000 a month."

Buys Papers

Author Carll came to McCamey in February, 1945, and bought the McCamey and Rankin News. He moved the news plant from Rankin to McCamey. Operating under the name, News Publishing Co., James and his brother, Cuthbert Carll, formerly football coach at McCamey, publish the McCamey News, Rankin News, Crane News and Iraan News.

Carll's previous newspaper experience was a brief hitch with the San Francisco Chronicle and Associated Press. He wrote sports for both while in California in 1932-35.

Besides all this, he is also a married man. His wife is the former Miss Edith Ison, of Wink.

Carll said he became a country newspaperman "because I like the country and people. I'd been away far too long. I saw the need for a good newspaper in McCamey, so I located there."

He plans to do some books with West Texas backgrounds soon. "With four papers to get out each week, I don't have much time for fiction writing," he said.



JAMES CARLL

Prairie Dog Is Doomed Because Of Agent's Work

SHATTUCK, OKLA. (WNS).—Pete Ross, county agent, took his life in his hands recently when he mailed out letters to farmers of this region calling them "careless, dilatory, ignorant and lazy" because they didn't take care of the prairie dog problem on their land. In Territory days such a letter would have brought on bloodshed. In this instance it brought on a meeting of the farmers and ranchers with Ross and reports state it was "most satisfactory."

The group drafted a resolution asking county commissioners of Ellis County to put the statute approved by the State Legislature last into effect. Ross was largely responsible for the law. Commissioners agreed to enact the resolution.

The law makes it a misdemeanor for anyone failing to cooperate with county agents or county commissioners in any campaign against predatory animals. Fines up to \$25 may be assessed.

The group decided land operators and land owners will be held responsible for control work. The committee has now asked cooperation from adjoining counties in Oklahoma and Texas in the fight to rid the land of prairie dogs.

"Dogs can never be completely eradicated," says Ross, unless the county organizes to fight the pests.

Cotton, Cattle Main Income for Childress Group

CHILDRESS, TEX. (WNS).—Named for George C. Childress, author of Texas Declaration of Independence, this town and county truly represents a two-C center: Cotton and Cattle. Over 25,000 bales of cotton are produced in good years, and an estimated 15,000 beef and dairy cattle raised.

Acres in cultivation are about 200,000 on 1,300 farms in the county, where, in addition to cotton, grain sorghums, wheat and vegetables are raised, at an annual value of around \$3,500,000. The Gates City Coop, an REA project, serves 650 members over 200 miles of line. A recent estimate of the annual value of livestock raised, including beef and dairy cattle, hogs and poultry, was \$1,500,000.

The city of Childress, "Gate City" to the Panhandle-Plains, boasts 1,200 home-owners, with bank deposits early this year set at \$7,669,674. Three city schools have an attendance of 2,034, while an additional 1,945 pupils attend the seven county schools. The town is served by eight daily trains, 32 daily busses of five bus lines, one airline, and six motor freight lines. Railroad shops, gins, an oil mill and cotton compress, two packing houses and a feed mill, and 90 retail merchants make it a trade center for the territory. Three hotels and four tourist courts are in operation, while new homes and business buildings are being constructed rapidly.

City fathers plan to develop a new source of water supply, widen city streets, and resurface 27 blocks of paving with asphalt.

Active clubs include the Rotary, with 45 members, the Lions, with 55 members, and the Business and Professional Women's Club with 35 members.

First Wilbarger Child in 1882

(Condensed from Vernon Times)

Vernon, Tex.—(WNS)—From the best information obtainable, the first child born in Wilbarger County was Mrs. Dee Lewis, in February, 1882. John Miller of the Fargo community was born in July, 1882. It has not been learned if there were any children born in the county during 1881.

Postmaster's Rare Gems Are From West Texas Unusual Rock Hunts

CLARENDON, TEX. (WNS).—One would naturally believe a postmaster would collect stamps as a hobby. But J. C. Estlack, postmaster of Clarendon collects rare stones native to his region and has not only collected enough to create the envy of gemologists over America but has made it a profitable pastime. In fact, so rare are some of his stones, the world-famous Tiffany's has bought many Estlack gems and is still trying to secure more of his rare collection.

Where the novice merely kicks a stone aside, Estlack places it under a microscope or examines it with an efficient eye for gem material. He declares more people have kicked aside rare gems than ever discovered in mining or specific search.

Hunts in Canyon

Using the Palo Duro Canyon area, ravines near his city, and other locations in the Panhandle for a hunting ground, Estlack will also journey to Old Mexico, New Mexico or other points in search of a rare stone to complete his collection. He has many jewel-stones sent him by admirers in the service during World War II, from all parts of the globe. Each stone is catalogued, bears the donor's name, the classification of the stone family and usually shows the rough rock along with a finished faceted or polished gem.

For years Estlack was content to allow jewelers to facet and polish his discoveries. But recently he joined forces with Earl A. Ferris of Memphis, another ardent stone and jewel collector, and today they polish and facet their own stones. Many are ready for mounting; many are mounted. There are all sizes, shapes, colors and designs.



J. C. ESTLACK

Some are large enough for bracelets and necklaces and all are suitable for rings.

Finds Persian Opal

During one of Estlack's exploration trips into Palo Duro Canyon he noticed where years of erosion, caused by water and wind, had created a slide in an embankment. About 10 feet below the surface, and in the slide, he noticed a small rock-appearing speck. Investigating, he picked up one of the world's rare stones—a Persian opal.

Experts believe the stone must have been lost by Spaniards during Coronado's trek across the Plains in search of the cities of gold. They say this stone is found only in Persia and is of rare value.

TOP MONEY WINNER



It can be seen by the expression on Bill Winchester's face that he is proud of Granville, top racer and money winner. Granville is just one of the many racehorses owned by Dr. J. M. Winchester.

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"Sport of Kings" Hobby Of Clayton Doctor

CLAYTON, N. M. (W.N.S.).—Bound for the Kentucky Derby in 1947, Dr. J. M. Winchester is breeding and running racehorses as a hobby. His two-year-old, Lee Wick, sired by Wickup, is going to make the races in July, and if he shows enough speed will be entered in the Derby next year.

Dr. Winchester, who also owns registered Herefords and milking shorthorns, has been around race horses, pacers, and trotters most of his life, and combines this interest in the Sport of Kings with a medical practice.

Sad Mistake

LUBBOCK, TEX. (WNS).—A long line of shoppers waited patiently in front of a local department store. Mrs. Hoyt Agnew, suspecting much-needed nylons, quickly joined the line. After thirty minutes of waiting she was permitted to round the corner and enter the door. But to her amazement the sale was not covered nylons but large inflated balloons in all colors and characters. Too embarrassed to admit her mistake, she purchased a balloon. Mrs. Agnew reports she will gladly make a deal with any child who has made a similar mistake and wishes to trade a pair of nylons for a Penguin balloon.

Folks in West Texas who are plagued with heavy growth of Yucca on their lands will be interested in new experiments which show possibilities for making rope, soap, mats, containers, and alcohol from the wild plant.

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10 Little Dogies Prove Care Will Pay Any Owner

SPUR, TEX. (WNS).—Ten plain little dogies, after being fed out for 16 months on good pasture and supplemental feed, sold at prices equal to or better than higher priced calves, according to R. E. Dickson, superintendent of the Experiment Station here.

The calves, predominantly Jerseys, were acquired Nov. 30, 1944, from some old shelly cows that were being shipped from near here. The station took the calves and gave them the best available pasture for 16 months, and supplemental feed for 10 months. At various seasons they were run on alfalfa, wheat or oat pasture, and they were fed a meal and hull mixture which started at the 2.53 pound level and later was increased to 22 pounds per animal daily.

The calves weighed 202 pounds at the start and cost \$20. Their feed cost was \$38.63, bringing the total to \$58.63. The daily gain was 1.64 pounds. They were marketed at the Fort Worth Stockyards at a substantial profit. Most previous tests at the station have been made with high quality stocker animals, but Dickson feels that dogies, if properly fed, can bring better profits than the higher priced calves.

Crockett County Plans Expansion, Building Program

OSONA, TEX. (WNS).—One of the largest counties in the state, covering 2,794 square miles, Crockett County derives the bulk of its income from sheep, goats and cattle, situated as it is on the Edwards Plateau, center of Texas' grazing area.

Due west of here are the ruins of Fort Lancaster, built before the Civil War on Live Oak Creek for protection of travellers from San Diego to San Antonio. Here in town is a monument to David Crockett, for whom the county was named, and many tourists are also attracted to the annual rodeo and fat stock show held each fall.

Oil and natural gas also contribute to the county's prosperity, with several small fields in operation, and over a million barrels of oil produced yearly. This city, headquarters of the oil and livestock interests in the county, has an estimated population of 3,000 out of the county's total 3,500.

Expansion programs include enlargement of water and sewer facilities, constructions of an airport and farm-to-market roads.

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Artificial Insemination Proving Boon to Western Cattle Industry

CORDELL, OKLA. (WNS).—Arthur (Buddy) Green stays in his office until 10 a.m. daily. He then gathers up his equipment, gets in his car and travels through Washita, and parts of Custer and Kiowa counties to keep appointments which have come in by telephone during the morning.

Green's equipment consists of rubber gloves, disinfectants, and a portable ice box. Completing his equipment is an impregnator. In the ice box are 2 cc semen specimens from prize bulls raised at Oklahoma A&M. Artificial insemination has become a part of dairy life in the three counties.

The probable results of the practice are optimistic according to James V. Son, county agent at Cordell. The yearly butter fat production of the tri-county area should jump from its annual 163 pounds yield to 203 pounds for each cow served.

Furthermore, dairymen of the area can eliminate the unpredictable dairy bull from herds and eliminate an annual \$60 feed bill

using the saving for a method of breeding which will assure him of good ancestry in his future stock.

On the scientific side of artificial insemination, efficiency is the keynote. Portions of the extracted semen are mixed with egg yolks, thereby enabling one extraction to serve 60 cows.

Another advantage is that the dairyman will have a choice of Jersey, Gernsey or Holstein breeding—even for cross-breeding if he so desires.

Plans for the experiment were outlined in December, shortly after similar programs were established in Muskogee, Garfield, Payne and Kingfisher counties.

A group of Cordell's dairymen, members of a branch of the Northwest Dairy Breeders Association of Enid, Okla., sought further information. Consequently, Jim Corcoran, a board member of the local group, and Lloyd Stinnett, extension specialist in charge of artificial insemination at Oklahoma A&M, conferred with Son and got the program rolling. Green was hired as chief executor of the ambitious venture.

By March 15, everything was ready to roll. However, 1,100 cows were needed to finance the proposal. The first 600 registrants came easy, but Son had to make field trips and convince over-conservative dairymen of the merits of artificial insemination.

The first experiments proved successful, and Son now estimates that 3,000 of the 3,600 cows of the tri-county area will eventually be served by artificial insemination.

Under the arrangements, the dairyman is required to put up \$10 for a stock issue, with a \$1 fee for each cow that he plans to register for the next year. There is a \$5 service charge.

If the first specimen fails to settle in the cow, a second and third trip is made by Green at no cost. But until now, 65 per cent of the number one shots have been successful. According to Son, a 60 per cent mark is a good average when the process is carried out as nature had intended it to be.

On paper, the plan looks good—and it's working according to schedule. Son prophesies that there will be some fine cattle developed by the process.

Irrigation Program Started in 1887 Near Carlsbad, New Mexico

CARLSBAD, N. M. (WNS).—In 1887 Charles B. Eddy began as a private project what is now known as the Carlsbad Irrigation Project. Eddy was instrumental in organizing the Pecos Valley Land and Ditch Co., and after organization two dams were built, one at Lake McMillan for storage and one at the Avalon site for diversion. Approximately 13,000 acres were irrigated from these dams.

But in 1904 a flash flood washed out the Avalon Dam, seriously curtailing irrigation activities. The Bureau of Reclamation was authorized to take over the project in 1906. Under their supervision Avalon Dam was rebuilt, canals rehabilitated, and the system extended until it now serves 25,055 acres. Irrigated land lies adjacent to the city of Carlsbad and extends south along the Pecos River.

Cost of the project to October 31, 1942, was \$3,620,265.49, according to Bureau of Reclamation statistics. Engineers estimate this cost will be repaid by 1984.

Included in the project are the Alamogordo Dam and Reservoir, located 16 miles north of Fort Sumner on the Pecos River, a rolled and rock-filled structure with a reservoir capacity of 148,000 acre feet; McMillan Dam and Reservoir, 16 miles northwest of Carlsbad, with a reservoir capacity

of 38,655 acre feet, and Avalon Dam six miles north of Carlsbad, with a capacity of 6,000 acre feet.

The main canal, 20 miles long, has a capacity of 600 feet per second at Avalon. It crosses the Pecos River in a 400-foot concrete flume and has a reinforced concrete siphon 600 feet in length at Dark Canyon. There are 52 miles of main laterals. Eight miles of the main canal and 30 miles of laterals are lined with concrete.

As a result of this irrigation, crop values from 1933 to 1941 averaged \$50.94 per acre, with increased values since that time. Principal crops in the irrigation area are cotton and alfalfa, with the latter bringing premium prices.

Returnees Offered Aviation Lessons

DALLAS, TEX. (WNS).—A recent amendment of the GI Bill of Rights has made it possible for every discharged veteran to use his educational benefits for pilot training. With 12,000,000 World War II veterans eligible to become pilots at government expense, flight training in the next few years is expected to dwarf the combined pilot-training program of the Army and Navy which graduated 200,000 pilots during the war. Such is the prediction of Raymond Weatherly, former West Texan and now co-owner of the Weatherly-Campbell Aircraft Co., of Dallas.

The Weatherly-Campbell Company is located at the Highland Park Airport and is an accredited, CAA-approved training school for GI's.

A conservative estimate is that 10 per cent of eligible veterans will decide to take some flight training. This will mean 1,300,000 new pilots within the next five years. It also means between one and two billion dollars earmarked for aviation training, thousands of new training planes each year and countless thousands of airplane mechanics. It also means construction of hundreds of private airports in every state of the country.

The veterans are just beginning to realize they can have up to \$3,000 worth of flying time in place of classroom education. That is enough money for a commercial license, instrument rating or instructor's rating. In many instances it is enough for all three.

Veterans can roughly figure their entitlement (benefit) for flight training by multiplying their day of service by \$2.10 and adding to this sum \$760.00 for the extra year of entitlement given by the government. Thus a maximum of \$3,000 can be granted under the GI Bill.

In addition to a paid tuition, veterans attending school a minimum of 25 hours per week can collect subsistence allowances of \$65 a month if single and \$95 a month if married. If a veteran attends school 18 or more hours each week, he is entitled to three-fourths of his subsistence; if more than 12 hours he is allowed one-half; six hours, a fourth. Students may hold other jobs and still draw subsistence funds but cannot work more than 39 hours per week. For subsistence purposes, flying time counts double with each hour of air time counting two ground school hours. Rates for flying school training vary in many localities but have been approved by government ceiling as "fair." Students agree schools approved by the CAA have eliminated many "rocket schools." The CAA officials have written each of the 48 state governors offering help in establishing flying-school standards.

CAA-approved schools, meeting high standards of teaching, curriculum, and equipment, are permitted to qualify a student for private license with a minimum of 35 hours of flight time as compared to a 40-hour minimum in a non-approved school. A minimum of 160 hours is required in CAA-approved schools for a commercial license against 210 hours in schools lacking such approval.

To get educational training of any kind, the veteran first fills out Veterans Administration Form No. 1950, available at most Veteran's posts and guidance agencies. He sends this, together with a copy of his discharge, to the Veterans Administration Regional office in his state.

In a few days he will receive written notice he has applied for educational benefits. In some cases he can take this notification to the chosen flight school, sign Form 1950A, and be in the air with an instructor the same day.

Eventually, the veteran receives his "Certificate of Eligibility" he is entitled, depending upon length of service.

All approved schools offer complete details for interested veterans seeking flight training. The schools usually provide necessary forms of application.

Weatherly-Campbell Company boasts complete hangar and shop facilities at the new Highland Park Airport, has secured new planes of varied types for instruction purposes and anticipates a full enrollment within the immediate future. "It is surprising how many inquiries we are receiving from West Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico veterans," Weatherly said. "It appears we will have many classes from this area."

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