

Sterling Requests I. C. C. To Grant T & P. N.

City's Sharing In Gross Receipts Of Company Holding Gas Franchise Defended By Speakers At Luncheon

County Home Rule Measure Is Engrossed

100 Votes Required For Final Adoption Not Indicated

COUNTY MANAGER Would Abolish Fees, Eliminate Overlapping Offices

AUSTIN, March 18 (AP)—By a vote of 78 to 47 the house today engrossed a proposed constitutional amendment by Representative Beck of Fort Worth to allow counties to adopt home rule charters. The resolution must receive 100 votes on final adoption before it can be submitted to the electorate.

The closeness of the vote on engrossment left considerable doubt that the amendment would receive 100 votes when it came up for final action.

Representatives Sherill of Bellevue, Laird of Lufkin and Farmer of Fort Worth, took the floor against the amendment with Representative McGregor of Austin, Beck and McCombs of Dallas speaking for it.

The amendment would give counties the right to set up a form of government similar to that of city manager or council form. It also would provide for elimination of city and county governments on a separate vote of the city or county districts.

Beck declared three major reforms would be accomplished by permitting the counties to govern themselves. One would be elimination of the mass of local bills introduced each session of the legislature, another elimination of the fee system by placing all officials on a salary basis and the third by allowing the county to combine several offices now duplicating each other.

The author said it would permit the counties to build up an efficient form of government and then would permit the voters to decide on a combination city-county government. Beck said the 43 tax collectors now operating in Cameron county could be consolidated into one office under his resolution.

HOME TOWN TALK

By BEDDY

Big Spring comes in for a nice little kidding and scolding from the pen of Editor W. F. Kellis of the Sterling City News-Record.

Mr. Kellis, veteran of many a skirmish on the floor of the legislature and one of those writers who says what he thinks without trying to enamel the surface to speak of, entitled the following "Hello Big Spring":

"Hello, Big Spring, this is Sterling talking. Yes, everything is moving along nicely down here. The weeds and grass are fine and the cows and sheep are getting fat. Lots of young lambs and calves are showing up on the range.

"Sure, the boys are as busy as hunting dogs tearing up the streets and putting down the pavement on that part of Highway No. 9, which runs thru Sterling. They are paving on each side, too. Yes, they will soon have the highway east from here to Cokes County looking like the best paved street in Big Spring. They are putting the heaviest foundation for the road I ever saw.

"Oh, I don't know. It may be six months before they start paving from here west to the Glasscock County line. Yes, sure, those Glasscock county boys are busy getting their part of the highway straightened. Yes, it may be some time before they get it done, but they are going to do it all the same.

Discussion of the franchise provision between the City of Big Spring and the Empire Southern Service company, by which the city obtains three per cent of the gross receipts of the gas company, was brought to a focus Wednesday at the regular session of the Business Men's Luncheon club.

The matter was brought before the club by Mayor J. B. Pickle, who declared there has been some sentiment favoring cancellation of that part of the franchise.

Declaring the matter "is not a political proposition," Mayor Pickle said that the city receives approximately \$8,000 a year from the company. He called on C. W. Cunningham, who was a member of the city commission that awarded the franchise.

Cunningham told the club members when the matter was first brought before the commission, there were many bids for the franchise. Some of the companies, he said, wanted the franchise free, while others offered as high as \$25,000 for the contract. It was finally decided, he explained, that the city would receive three per cent of the gross receipts of the company, and city men would read the meters, charging twenty five cents per meter for the service.

To Increase
At the end of five years from the date of the franchise award, the city's earnings would rise to five per cent of the total receipts.

Cunningham declared that few towns have a rate as cheap as the one now prevailing in Big Spring. The rate here is 75 cents per 1,000 feet for the minimum of 1,500 feet has been reached. A ten per cent discount is given if the bill is paid on or before the tenth of each month. The minimum charge is \$1.50.

Cunningham declared in his belief a better rate would not be granted even though the clause awarding the city the three per cent was revoked.

Mayor Pickle declared, "I don't want to be good enough to the gas company to give them back this \$8,000 a year that is coming into the city treasury."

M. H. Morrison reviewed the history of the gas franchise, declaring that the City of Big Spring "is entitled to every benefit possible."

"Until," he said, "you convince me that it will be to the interest of the average citizen to abolish the present gas franchise, I am against it."

Smitham Heard
V. R. Smitham, city manager, speaking on the matter of the franchise, said "The city commission that obtained that contract from the gas company is to be commended rather than condemned."

"The franchise," he said, "does not burden the individual. It does not create an imposition on him. Those opposed to it would have you believe the money comes from the purses of the citizen. It does not. It comes from the gross receipts of the gas company."

All other towns in this section are paying approximately 75 cents per thousand for gas, the same rate we have. But they are not getting their three per cent of the gross receipts of the company.

"How the commission did it, I don't know. But that they did it is commendable. The citizens are not required to pay this money to the city."

Other Speak
Several other members of the club, including Fox Stripling and L. A. Eubaaks, expressed approval of the present plan.

College Head At 30



Associated Press Photo
William P. Tolley, 30, of Madison, N. J., who was just elected president of Allegheny college, Meadville, Pa.

Court Decides Many Laws Of State Invalid

Those Passed As General Bills, Local Application Affected

AUSTIN, Texas, March 18 (AP)—The supreme court today invalidated hundreds of local laws by holding that laws passed as general bills with local application were unconstitutional and void.

The opinion was written by Judge Richard Critz of the commission of appeals and adopted by the supreme court. The opinion said: "When a law is so drawn that it applies only to one city and never applies to any other city in any possible event, the law is unconstitutional and void."

The ruling was in the refusal of a mandamus sought by the city of Fort Worth to compel the attorney general's department to approve special assessment bonds levied by Fort Worth under an act of the last legislature.

"Local laws," have to be advertised in the territory affected thirty days before their passage. Legislators have avoided this constitutional requirement by drawing general bills of local application. In the case decided today, it was provided the law should apply only to cities within a specified population range as shown by the past federal census.

Several bills passed by this session of the legislature and many others introduced will be affected by the decision. Representative Farmer of Fort Worth had protested repeatedly against action on bills of this nature but his protests had been unavailing.

\$25 Fine Assessed For Violation Of Milk Ordinance

A fine of \$25 was assessed in corporation court today against J. C. Couch, dairyman, on a charge of selling milk adulterated with water. Judge Tracy T. Smith levied the fine following filing of the complaint and a plea of guilty by Couch.

It was alleged that the dairyman was using a grade A milk can on milk that was not graded.

J. M. Williams, city sanitary inspector, destroyed approximately 45 gallons of milk Tuesday afternoon by placing a quantity of harmless red coloring in the fluid.

Ableene Grand Jury No-Bills Mrs. Pigg

ABLEENE, Tex., March 18 (AP)—Mrs. M. I. Pigg, who shot and killed her husband here March 8, was no-billed yesterday by the grand jury. After the shooting she said her husband had threatened her and attacked her while he was intoxicated.

JACK WALTON LEADS OKLAHOMA CITE

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 18 (AP)—Jack Walton, gifted governor under federal indictment, moved ahead of his co-defendants for the majority today.

Department Emergency Bill Passed

\$597,999 Measure Receives Unanimous Vote In Senate

AUSTIN, March 18 (AP)—Voting 28 to 0, the senate today adopted a measure for emergency departmental appropriations.

Senator Moore of Greenville made a motion that the senate reject the report and send the bill back to the free conference committee for further consideration. His motion was defeated, 22 to 5.

Moore attacked the conference report yesterday on the grounds too much money was being asked for the sanitary livestock commission to be used in tick eradication work. Senator Poage joined him and asked that an additional sum be sliced from the treasury department's total.

The house accepted the free conference report Monday. As finally accepted the departmental emergency are approximately \$400,000 less than asked in the senate bill and approximately \$200,000 above the total requested in the house bill.

Drought Relief Men Summoned To Lubbock Meeting

To acquit committee members of several West Texas counties certified in the drought loan area this week with process of applying for loans under the emergency drought relief measure a conference has been called to meet in Lubbock Thursday morning.

Howard county's committee, appointed Tuesday, includes Ben Carpenter, P. S. Cantrell and A. W. Thompson.

With addition of 18 Texas counties to the certified drought area, the list was officially closed Wednesday, according to announcement from the office in Fort Worth. Counties certified this week were Concho, Deaf Smith, Hamilton, Henderson, Hockley, Hood, Howard, Jack, Lamb, Lamar, Menard, Mills, Palo Pinto, Parmer, Raines, San Saba, Somerville and Wood.

A conference at the office in Fort Worth Saturday will acquaint committee members of the central and northern counties included on the new list.

PRISON AFIRE

JOLIET, Ill., March 18 (AP)—Stateville prison was afire this afternoon and rioting and gunfire were heard within the walls.

Warden Henry C. Hill, speaking to the new penitentiary from his office in the old prison across the river after an alarm found the prison in flames and disorder within.

Newspaper men were ejected from the gates by armed guards. They heard rioting and shooting.

Nathan Leopold Jr., one of the two boys arrested in the Chicago slaying, had just arrived at Stateville with a group of 19 prisoners being transferred from the other prison when the rioting began. The convicts were safely brought within the gates.

The outbreak was the second major disturbance in the twin penitentiaries in a week, two convicts having been killed and two shot at the 75-year-old stone prison last Saturday.

New Oil Conference Sought

Senators Ask Appointment Of Committee

Pollard And Parrish Criticise Two Recent Meetings

AUSTIN, March 18 (AP)—Senators Pollard and Parrish of Lubbock today proposed in a resolution introduced in the senate that a committee of seven be appointed to meet with similar committees of Oklahoma, California, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas and Wyoming to make a thorough study of oil, gas and minerals.

Under the plan of the resolution, the governor, two members of the executive council and two members of the legislature would be named.

CRITICISE LON SMITH
KILGORE, Texas, March 18 (AP)—East Texas oil men and others meeting here last night passed resolutions praising Railroad Commissioners Neff and Terrell, criticizing Commissioner Smith for "turning against his East Texas home folks" in saying that proration would be enforced here if ordered, and offering to accept proration if petroleum imports were curtailed.

One resolution condemned the call for a meeting in Dallas today, denying that the meeting would be one of independents.

Carl Estes, Tyler editor; John Alcorn, former vice president of the Marland Oil Company; Rene Alfred Jr., attorney for East Texas interests; and the Rev. George W. Wilburn, Baptist minister, were among the speakers.

Senate, three members of the house and the chairman of the railroad commission would make up the Texas committee.

"The resolution said two meetings had been held by representatives of oil companies and other officials recently and that members of the legislature and the railroad commission were not present.

"Should Be Informed"
"The hearing and the railroad commission should be informed of any and all such meetings in order that they may act with full knowledge of the same before enacting legislation promulgating rules affecting the oil industry," the resolution said.

In addition the resolution explained that C. C. Murray, Oklahoma City, W. H. Cooley, Bakersfield, Calif., Mark D. Mitchell, Independence, Kan., Carl M. Cox, Cheyenne, Wyo., W. Scott Heywood, Jennings, La., T. H. Burton, El Dorado, Ark., and Robert R. Penn, Dallas, had designated themselves as a permanent committee to make recommendations concerning laws affecting "the oil, gas and mineral industry in the states mentioned."

On the floor of the senate, Senator Pollard said he was not in favor of the measure for over-production on the East Texas oil fields. He stated the East Texas field was operated almost entirely by independents.

He characterized the "secret" meetings in Texas and Oklahoma and Fort Worth as an insult to the legislature. He said the press had been excluded from the meetings.

Two motions to refer the resolution to a committee were focal points in the discussion. Senator Woodward of Coleman and Woodul of Houston made the motions.

Senator Parrish, co-signer of the resolution, said he was not the spokesman for the administration. He explained he was not "tied" to any big companies or "to anybody."

He said he was just advancing "some views of a country boy."

East Texas Field Brings Problem



The new oil field in East Texas, where Longview and Kilgore are two of the boom towns, is shown in map. Below the chart made from American Petroleum Institute estimates show the nation's daily oil production rose to 2,970,000 barrels for the week ending August 29, 1930, and dropped to nearly 2,100,000 for week ending March 1, 1931.

TULSA, Okla., March 18 (AP)—Gasoline stocks in the Mid-Continent area increased 1,883,000 gallons in the last fiscal week, totaling 132,073,000 gallons at the end of the week, says the report compiled by Platt's Oilgram and National Petroleum News.

An increase of 1.5 per cent in the production and a decline of 7 per cent in shipments accounted for the heavier stocks.

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—Just when skies were beginning to brighten, a new dark cloud looms for the American oil industry.

The cloud is the new flush pool in northeast Texas. It may show a load of grief on the already troubled petroleum market, or it may pass in the night. The damage wrought will depend on production.

A potential market breaker is what some oil men call this new field in Rusk and Gregg counties. Production started only with the new year, but development has been rapid and already the pool gives promise of being a most important one.

Output Jumps Fast
That production in the new field is increasing rapidly is shown in weekly output reports. For the week ending January 17 the field's daily average production was 2,750 barrels.

For the week ending February 21 it was 35,300 barrels, and the last week in February the daily average was 33,900 barrels.

The field, estimated at 35 miles long and five miles wide, is situated so connections could easily be made with pipelines to Gulf coast refineries.

Total petroleum production in the United States in 1930 had been cut 11,000,000 barrels from 1929, the production being 1,700,000,000 barrels in 1929 against 896,000,000 barrels last year.

Storage Stocks Reduced
One major problem facing the oil industry is disposal of tremendous stocks of petroleum and refined products in storage above ground.

The amount of crude oil and refined products in storage reached a peak in 1929, when oil production rose to its highest point with hardly any restrictions on the output. Production in 1929 far exceeded demand, and prices dropped.

State's Rail Board To Send Another Plea

Necessity Exists For New Line Into Virgin Area Says Governor

NEW OUTLET NEEDED Governor's Action Follows Conference With Garland Woodward

AUSTIN, March 18 (AP)—Governor Sterling today urged the interstate commerce commission to require the granting of the application of the Texas & Pacific Railroad to build a new line from Big Spring to Lubbock, Amarillo and Vega.

Meanwhile the railroad commission, which was represented at the I.C.C. hearing on the application, was preparing a letter detailing the reasons for its support of the project.

The governor spoke of "the existing necessity of this road which would penetrate a vast virgin agricultural area," and said the road would afford additional needed railway outlet to competitive marketing sections.

The governor sent the telegram after Garland Woodward of Big Spring had conferred with him regarding the need for the new line.

C. V. Terrell, chairman of the railroad commission said the recommendation was based on testimony and facts introduced at the hearing, "supplemented by our personal acquaintance with the facts and conditions existing in the area through which applicant proposes to construct its line of railway, so as to warrant and authorize in our opinion its construction."

The commission mentioned the following reasons that the new line should be constructed:

"Because in our opinion the testimony was conclusive as to the existing necessity of the proposed line for the reason that road would penetrate, open and intensify developed agricultural territory.

"Because the facts show that additional transportation facilities, both freight and passenger, are needed to develop competitive markets for the area to be served.

"Because the proposed line of railway would afford a needed and additional north-and-south railway system connecting with the parent east-and-west line of the south-west."

The attorney general's department previously had filed a brief on behalf of the state of Texas urging the new road be authorized.

The Rock Island, Santa Fe and the Fort Worth and Denver opposed the application.

City Disposal Plant Placed In Operation

Visitors Surprised At Simplicity And Efficiency
Any doubt that Big Spring's sewer disposal problem, which has vexed more than one administration, has not been solved will be set at rest by a visit to the new disposal plant, located two miles east of town just off the old Chisholm road (Eleventh street extension).

The plant has been in operation six weeks. It operates without motive power of any type and is cared for by a lone attendant.

Chorus Numbers Featuring Scores Of City's Most Beautiful Lassies Feature 'Here Comes Arabella' Show

Cow Men Hear Former Texan On Economics

National Livestock Marketing Association Head Is Speaker

By WILLIAM S. WHITE
Associated Press Staff Writer
Corpus Christi, Texas, March 18 (AP)—A former Texas Panhandle cowboy who went to the midwest and became a national figure in livestock circles returned to the heart of the cow country today to urge the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, in 35th annual convention here, to "shake off the shackles of economic slavery" by obeying the laws of economics.

Charles A. Ewing of Chicago, president of the National Livestock Marketing Association, told the ranchers the most basic need of the industry was for "stable markets at reasonably profitable prices."

"We have but one customer," he said, "and he is ready and willing to pay a good price for what he needs. But we cannot expect him to pay a good price for what he does not need.

"We must bring about better correlation of our supplies with market demands. Only by common effort could cowmen better their conditions."

The Weather

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer in north portion Thursday.
EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Light to moderate southerly winds on the coast.
OKLAHOMA: Fair, cooler in northern part portion, frost in exposed localities tonight; Thursday, increasing cloudiness, warmer.

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J. & W. FISHER The Store That Quality Built 307 MAIN

Cornelia Hardy, Marie Bickley, and Thelma Estep, visited Edith Currie Sunday.

Mrs. V. L. Roberts and Mamie called on Mr. and Mrs. Jamison Sunday.

June Hardy and J. A. McCorqudale were seen in Big Spring Saturday.

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Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press SERVE UNCLE SAM WASHINGTON—The Moffett family has much to do with the navy and flying.

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36 holes and the officials approved it without a word.

WANTS COWBOY CHEYENNE, Wyo.—An English maiden is looking for a Wyoming husband. She wrote Mayor Cal Holliday saying she understood cowboys were superior to any other species.

SAVES EX-ENEMY NAIHOB, British East Africa His enemy in war, his savior in peace, Captain Campbell Black, British flier spotted the black mallee cross on a disabled plane in the desert.

'HONOR BRIGHT' AUGUSTA, Ga.—Is there honor bright on a golf course? There is. It's Miss Honor Bright, Canadian, who is doing just dandy in a women's tournament here.

JUST RECREATION NEW YORK—For Jean Borotra, the "Bounding Basque," tennis is only a recreation from business.

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—To satisfy the demands of the customers, the Chicago Cubs will engage only major league clubs during spring training exhibitions next spring.

President Willard Veck said arrangements would be made to play Pittsburgh, Detroit and Cleveland during the 1931 training grind.

French Mouth Healed Your friends dare not say so but your sore gums and foul breath don't make folks like you any better.

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PORTLAND, Me.—Jack Willis, Portland, outpointed Joe Zelinsky, Boston, (12).

LOS ANGELES—Andy Vivodi, New York, won on foul from Paul Walker, New York, (4).

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The fans seem to want all major league shows and we've been in favor of that for several seasons, Veck said.

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REG'LAR FELLERS

WHAT'S YOUR GOAT'S NAME? BILLY!

AIN'TCHA FRAID OF 'IM? NOPE!

DON'T HE EVER BUTT YA? NOPE!

NOPE! BUT LOTS A TIMES HE BUTTED WHERE I JUS' WAS!

PA'S SON-IN-LAW

TOMORROW, MY DEAR, YOU WILL BECOME MRS. OLIVER HOOK, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

YEP, WOE-SIN MAKE SPECIAL COFFEE TONIGHT! EVERYBODY TAKE NAP! THINKEE HEBBE MO' BETTA WE LUN AWAY FLOM THIS PLACE BEFO' THEY WAKEE UP!

BUT, WOE-SIN, HOW ARE WE EVER TO GET BACK TO UNCLE LEM IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE WAY?

MISSY PA IN TIA JUANA? AN' MISSY MULE KNOW HOW FO' GETTEE TO TIA JUANA? HE LIKEE FO' GO THERE VELLY MUCH!

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DIANA DANE

DIANA DANE'S FAMILY HAS A MYSTERY—AND A MILLION DOLLARS!

NOW THAT YOU'RE A MILLIONAIRE, DAD, GIVE ME A NICKEL. I WANT A LOLLYPOP.

HEY, TEDDY! MY DADDY GOT A MILLION DOLLAR!!

THERE HE IS! YOU'D A-THOUGHT WE HAD A NEW BABY IN THE HOUSE, THE WAY HE'S BEEN ACTIN'!!

A Savage Animal

GOOD EVENING, MR. SMITH!—HOW'S STEVE?

HE WILL DULL THROUGH O.K. CARTER—BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF STEVE'S BOG, LIGHTNING, IS TIED UP IN YOUR STABLE ALL RIGHT?

NO, MR. SMITH, HE BROKE LOOSE THIS AFTERNOON! I THINK HE TOOK A NOTION TO FOLLOW THE HORSES!

YES, POSSIBLY. I UNDERSTAND HE LIKES TO STICK AROUND THEM!

AND HE IS VERY JEALOUS TOO! YOU SEE, MR. SMITH, THAT DOG IS A WILD FELLOW AT TIMES.

WHAT TIME ABOUT, DID HE GET AWAY, CARTER?

IT IS A CINCH HE IS PART WOLF. I CARRY THIS CLUB FOR HIM NOW.

I DON'T KNOW, EXACTLY, BUT SOME TIME AFTER THREE!

WELL, WE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY. HE IS TOO BIG AN ANIMAL TO FOOL WITH—

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HOMER HOOPEE

SAY! WHERE DO YOU GET THAT STUFF—YOU WISH THE BIG MOOSE HAD TAKEN YOU UP FOR A RIDE? ARE YOU REFERRING TO YOUR GRANDFATHER?

SURE!

WELL, YOUNG FELLA—YOUR EDUCATION IS GOING TO START IN RIGHT NOW! YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH HENRIETTA NOW—AND THE FIRST THING YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN IS RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS! SAY, IF I MADE A REMARK LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SIT DOWN FOR A WEEK!

COME BACK HERE!! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF REFERRING TO YOUR GRANDFATHER AS A BIG "MOOSE"?

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Why Worry--when your car won't start?

Phone 61 FLEW'S Service Station Generator - Starter - Battery Service Homer Wright in charge of this department

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RADIO DAY BY DAY

by C. E. BUTTERFIELD (Time is Central Standard Throughout)

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the Philadelphia orchestra, is making plans to broadcast an opera with the aid of television.

With that idea in view, he intends to make the presentation of the second act of the premiere of the opera "Wozzeck" in Philadelphia on the WPAF network Thursday night the first of a series.

President Hoover is to be heard on the radio eight times within two months after his return from a tour of American outposts in the Caribbean Sea, the National Broadcasting Company announces.

The first of the talks is set for April 13, the next on April 14 and the third May 4. May 21 the president will speak again, with the fifth address on Memorial Day.

During his brief excursion to the middle west in mid-June, he is to be heard in three broadcasts.

Semi-finals and final rounds of the men's national indoor tennis tournament on Friday and Saturday are to be described over WABC and network by Ted Husing.

The semi-final broadcast Friday will open at 3:45 p. m. and the finals Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Try these on your radio tonight: Bobby Jones golf talks from Los Angeles, WPAF and chain at 7:00. Charles "Buddy" Rogers in the musical cocktail, WABC group at 7:30.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, Polar explorer, interviewed by Grantland Rice at 9:30 on WPAF and hookup.

GARDEN CITY

GARDEN CITY, March 17.—The W. M. U. met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. B. Ratliff. Mrs. J. W. Cox, had charge of the Missionary program. Mrs. Ratliff gave the scripture reading and Mrs. Heath discussed it.

Rev. Bickley filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

Miss White of Big Lake is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell.

Misses Coulter, Katherine Neal.

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ROOKIES HOLD FUTURE OF BOSTON RED SOX



The illustrious George Brown, sub mentor of the high school Steers moved into the office Tuesday p. m. and sat. Brown once from the sitting, championship of the County at the annual picnic. The conversation seemed to be focused on next season's grid chances. There was some of it conferred, however, on "Little" Coots, the batting midget end of last year's squad who is back this year. Coots is one of those kind of football players that is good enough but isn't big enough. J. Gordon Bristow craves big ends—ends with mammoth tooties, expansive shoulders and oxen-like hip sockets. Coots doesn't have big feet, and isn't oxen-like anywhere, much less in the regions of the hips. It looks as if he is going to find the going rather tough next year. There are few who saw the majority of the games last year in which Coots participated that won't agree he was probably the best scrapper on the team. But even last year he was handicapped by lack of length and breadth. Bristow may find a bigger end, and a better end, but he won't find one that will fight any harder. And that's something! If not everything.

Wild William Flowers, by the way, should have his best year this coming season. Under Bristow's guiding palm the fleetly one should show marked improvement. What will worry Bristow the most is obtaining a passer. Perhaps one will make his appearance before the season rolls around. Accurate passers were conspicuous by their absence last year. Flowers was far on the shotgun, but neither he nor Rogers were good enough on the long slings. Bristow also will have to dig up a punter. Ted Phillips who, bore the brunt of last year's toe and boot attack is finishing up his high school career this year. And yes, Bristow also must find a line. So you see he really doesn't have anything to worry about. All he needs is a flock of linemen, some hefty ends, and a busy backfield. And yet they say the Steers, even at the present moment, are formidable bidders for the district championship.

The opening gun in Howard County's baseball barrage will be fired tonight when sons of the Oilbelt League will get together at Foran. According to the knowing ones out in the field, it looks as if the circuit will be allied to four good clubs. Regardless of the number of clubs, the interest will be main rift. This department says the final battles last year between Magnolia and Merrick and Bristow, and the games were worth the 16 or more miles we rode the Spirit of Rebellion II to see.

Just when the local city league organization will get underway still is problematical. We've heard little interest in the matter either way. It is almost certain, however, that a loop will be organized about the time we place our overcoat in its annual mothball bath. The Bankers—renovated, revised, and reconditioned—will be back, although it is doubtful if one Robert V. Middleton will be at the helm. He may pass the job on to Ira L. Thurman, third sacker. Harry Hurt, the mainstay of the Bankers' twirling staff, has already announced he will confine his athletic activities to grass mowing and garden digging. Which means one less shirttail, if you'll pardon the jargon, breezing along the breeze. Civic "Dean Brumant" West, one of the bankers, probably will be among the first to rap at the portals of Dusty Diamond. But the Bankers will still have a team. You see, they already have the uniforms.

If the league is to be organized, we think it will be limited to four clubs, with no every afternoon confined to the game. Four good clubs can be obtained readily, we believe. No doubt Claude E. Henninger, who is "Spike" on week-days and Sunday, and his cohort John A. Bode, will collect around them in array of red and white clad ball shaggers. Bode, however, declared today it was undecided whether the Cosden Oilers would be interested in a city league this year. They may confine their athletic encounters to semi-professional and amateur teams hither and yonder. A team known as the Barbers probably can be collected. It should be little or no trouble to obtain a fourth.

The San Angelo scribe indorses this department's suggestion that matters so be arranged that San Angelo and Big Spring football teams meet on Thanksgiving. Really, he is in accord with same. We believe Midland officials would be quite willing to match the Steers on Armistice Day. If these two games can be arranged, the conflicts of each of the teams should never be lacking. The fly in the whole smear of ointment is Brownwood. There she is, stuck off down there in one corner in a town that wouldn't turn out 100 fans to a high school football game. The logical sector for Brownwood is not in this vast West Texas section, but in the Oil Belt loop. Those who have never traveled them do not know the length of the miles out here. Any games that are to be played at Brownwood will be financial losses. Brownwood school officials will tell you so. On the other hand, Brownwood teams will never bring a crowd with them. You verify, Brownwood is the step-child in this family.

The British machinery industry is reported to be losing ground in foreign markets against the competition of American and German machinery.

Newcomers To Aid Collins In Battle

Five Form Foundation of Rebuilt Boston Machique

By GAYLE TALBOT, JR.
PENSACOLA, Fla., March 18 (AP)—A couple of slugging rookie outfielders, a young shortstop who looks like he might hit, and a pair of pitching veterans salvaged from the minors form the foundation for an intensive rebuilding program in the camp of the Boston Red Sox. Forty-four athletes reported to Shano Collins, the new pilot, but the five star newcomers are the ones who promise to hoist the Sox out of eighth place, if such a feat is possible. Collins, up from a successful managerial career in Des Moines, isn't predicting a penny's worth. If the five live up to his expectations, they might do pretty well, and he might—

The pair expected to add batting power to the outfield are Albert Van Camp, a 344 cloutier from Des Moines last year, and Gene Ely, the diminutive one who hit 367 for Waco in the Texas League. Ely, who led off three homers in one inning, is out for the time being with a broken wrist, but Collins is counting on his return before the campaign begins.

Sweet Hitter
A. L. Marquardt, a sweet fielding shortstop who hit 324 for Nashville in the Southern, appears the best prospect for getting more robust hitting in the infield. It largely was the failure of the inner guardians to hit their weight that kept the Red Sox in the cellar last season. Wiley Moore, one time world series hero with the Yankees, and James "Lefty" Brillheart, a former Cub, come back from Minneapolis and St. Paul, respectively, to add strength to an already capable mound staff. They might do it in wall with the veteran group, Milt Gaston, Dan MacFayden, Ed Morris, Horac Lisenbee and Jack Russell. All five pitched good ball last year, losing many a tough one in the late innings for lack of a timely hit behind them.

Bill Sweeney, who hit 399 last year, at first, the veteran Bob Reeves at second; Marquardt at short, and Jack Rothrock, a converted outfielder, at third, form a tentative infield.

Teamed with Rye and Van Camp in a prospective outfield is Earl Webb, the only regular of last season to club over 300. Tom Oliver and Russell Scarritt, who hit 283 and 289, respectively, are the other holdovers.

Collins finds the club well fortified behind the plate, with Charles Berry, Muddy Ruel and Ed Connolly ready to divide the chores.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Phil Ball, whose large bankroll didn't get that way from ownership of the St. Louis Browns, will give his 1931 squad the once over for the first time today. Ball had been reading conflicting reports as to what the team looked like, so he decided to come to camp to see for himself.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Chick Hafey's thriftiness today caused Manager Gabby Street to start a search for a capable left-fielder with a punch in his bat. Chick is demanding \$15,000 for 1931, which President Sam Breadon says is too much.

Hafey's friends say he has a safety deposit box which is far from sans silt-edged securities and that he is in a position to enforce his demands or quit. Right now Ernie Orsatti appears to have the inside track for left field should Hafey fail to come into the fold.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18 (AP)—Eddie Morgan is the kind of a guy

Glancing At the Majors In Their Training Camps

BILOXI, Miss., March 18 (AP)—Wally Dashiell, who hopes to win himself a place on the Washington Senators' staff as utility infielder, has one fly in his ointment. He may lose his place to Baxter Jordan, a much better hitter. Since the utility man will not be called upon for a tremendous amount of fielding, the job may yet go to Jordan.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 18 (AP)—At least one member of the Brooklyn Robins thinks the team is much stronger at this time than it was a year ago. Listen to Wally Gilbert:

"We had a strong attack in spots last season but this year, I'm not afraid to say we'll be stronger and more spots go. Fellows like O'Doul, Herman, Wright, and Blansette are as dangerous as dynamite when they're at the plate."

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Not even in the palmist days of "murderer row" have the New York Yankees shown so powerful a batting punch as they're exhibiting this spring training season.

ST. ANTONIO, Texas, March 18 (AP)—Even with Bill Terry safely in the training camp, John McGraw, is going to have lots of trouble keeping Sam Leslie out of the New York Giants' lineup. Sam has been the Giants' first baseman in Terry's absence and has rapped out three doubles, three singles and a triple for a .500 batting average so far.

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 18 (AP)—The Athletics' twice world champions, need to be stirred up, in the opinion of Captain Eddie Collins and Manager Mack agrees with him.

Excepting Hank McDonald, big pitcher obtained from the coast league, there isn't a rookie in the camp who Mack thinks will help the A's this season. Recruits who make two stabs at a grounder and swing blindly at lame pitching aren't kidding their boss.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Chuck Klein has turned down three invitations to come to the Phillies training camp to confer with officials of the club concerning his salary. President E. C. Ruch revealed today.

Ruch said Klein replied to the bids he would not leave his home until his demands are met. Phil Collins has also refused to sign and has not reported to the training camp.

AT OAKLAND, Calif.: Pittsburgh (N) 5; Oakland (PCL) 1; San Francisco: Detroit (A) 6; Missions (PCL) 2.

Austin, Texas: Chicago (A) 9; University of Texas 4.

BRADENTON, Fla.: Brooklyn (N) 12; St. Louis (N) 7.

Palm Beach, Fla.: St. Louis (A) 7; Buffalo (IL) 2.

Lakeland, Fla.: Columbus (AA) 13; Philadelphia (N) 9.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Manager Bill McKechnie of the Boston Braves likes this training camp for many varied reasons. One is the effect the climate has on the tribe's mascot. Three years ago the latter was a chubby little fellow just big enough to wear one of Rabbit Maraville's cast-off uniforms. Now he finds George Sisler's old uniform a bit too tight.

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HE'S SILENT KNUTE ROCKNE

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP)—Talk of overemphasis in football has made a silent man out of the one and only Knute Rockne.

When a reporter spied the famous Notre Dame coach in Chicago this week, he rushed up to find out the reason. "I came up here to buy a football," Coach Rockne said, "and I'm going back to South Bend to show it to the boys later this week. I'm not going to speak above a whisper during spring practice lest I get accused of overemphasis."

Jean Borotra and Francis Shields March Steadily to Final Clash In National Outdoor Tennis Tourny

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—Step by step, Jean Borotra, French veteran, and Francis X. Shields, New York youngster, march toward a clash in the final round of singles of the national indoor tennis championships.

Shields and Borotra, along with Perrine Rockafellow of New York and Cliff Sutter of New Orleans, were in the fourth round today, a step ahead of the rest of the field. Borotra had lost only nine games

Championship A's Not Champions When it Comes to Grapefruit Loop

By HERBERT W. BARKER
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics may be champions of the baseball world during the regular season but they're just "cousins" to other clubs now playing the "grapefruit" circuit in Florida, California and other training camp states. There's a possibility Connie Mack and his little-holders prefer to hold their strength until it counts.

The champions have won only three games out of eight in the spring training exhibition program and the American league might well be in a bad way in its competition with the National were it not for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees have won six games out of seven with National league opponents and thus enable the American league to show a slight margin over the older circuit in games played so far. The actual count is nine victories for the American against seven for the National. The St. Louis Cardinals have helped the National's cause by whipping the Athletics three games out of four.

In games of all descriptions, whether against major or minor league opposition, the Cleveland In-

dians set the pace with five successive victories, all against New Orleans of the Southern Association. The Pittsburgh Pirates have won three straight and the Boston Red Sox two in a row.

The Boston Braves, perennial champions of the grapefruit league and down among the tail-enders in the regular season, have won only four games out of ten this year.

BOWLING NEWS

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Merrick	194-138-146	478
Rutherford	136-117-120	371
Polacek	140-137-179	508
Happy	153-123-156	472
Total		2235

B. S. Recreation Pastor	122-129-146	459
Harris	165-137-138	441
Rochford	168-144-151	463
Payne	133-123-132	383
Ater	147-165-120	432
Hepner		2174
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It Must Be Dramatic
IF A MAN'S misery and danger can be dramatized, he is pretty sure to get speedy help. If they can't, he is apt to be out of luck.

This pessimistic conclusion is provoked by reading of the recent efforts that have been made to save fishermen from drifting on ice floes on the Great Lakes.

Not long ago more than a dozen men went adrift on the ice in Lake Erie. Airplanes were chartered to take food to them. Coast guards risked their lives to get help to them. For two or three days half a dozen states forgot about weightier matters to watch exciting efforts to rescue the drifters. When the men were finally saved there was rejoicing on all sides.

In the same way, the state of Michigan was galvanized into action a few days later when one man went adrift on the ice near White Shoals lighthouse, in Lake Michigan. Dozens of men put out in boats to get him. Many lives were risked and unusual pains were taken to see to it that he might be brought to safety.

Those incidents are fair examples of the way people respond when someone's danger is made dramatic. Unfortunately, a predicament that isn't dramatic generally goes unnoticed. We reserve our tears for the cases that make headlines.

An unemployed workman can walk city streets for days, staggering on the edge of starvation, with hunger and sickness threatening his family because he has no money—but no one gets excited about it. To be sure, most cities have fairly capable relief organizations that will come to the rescue if the man asks for help; but none of us will worry very much about it. We will not even contribute to those relief organizations unless elaborate campaigns are staged to drum us into it.

Similarly, a farmer in the section that has been hit by drought can go as hungry as he likes without stirring the compassion of his fellow countrymen. The newspapers have made it pretty clear that thousands of people in such states as Arkansas are enduring very real suffering this winter—but the Red Cross is actually having a hard time collecting \$10,000,000 for their relief, and a proposal to appropriate federal money to help the war-torn along has drawn bitter and spirited condemnation.

The trouble with us is that we don't respond to ordinary misery and misfortune. Appeals must be made dramatic. We must have something that could be put on the moving picture screen. The fight against hunger and cold is not exciting enough.

The moral seems to be that one who falls into misfortune must take care to pick a misfortune that has plenty of human interest.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS
An Old Mystery Solved.
From Sherman Democrat:
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Daily Cross Word Puzzle
Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Small animal
2. Kind of animal's hair
3. Part of a whip
4. Narrow road
5. Silkworm
6. Irradiation
7. Matrons
8. Acacia
9. Series of tennis games
10. Posture
11. Strike
12. Type measure
13. Fencer
14. Experts
15. Endowed
16. Light
17. Slight
18. Seize
19. Collected
20. Stroke lightly
21. Anger
22. Cubic meter
23. Identical
24. Vocal solo
25. The moon
26. Goggles
27. Frozen water
28. Writings
29. Implements

DOWN
1. Winter vehicle
2. Brazilian state
3. Lively
4. Article of belief
5. Eign
6. Mountains
7. Animals
8. Farewell
9. Permit
10. Metric lead
11. Measures
12. Day's march
13. Cronies
14. Border on
15. Melody
16. Sound of a bell
17. Alleviate
18. Short sleep
19. Small bug
20. Used to kill

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Hollywood Sights
BY ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD—What Prof. Albert Einstein thinks of the doings of the earthly stars of the Hollywood world never be recorded, but it is not guessing to relate that he recently had an amusing time on his jaunts to the various studios.

HOW'S your HEALTH
A GERM MENAGERIE
There ought to be a museum or a zoo of microbes in every city. Practically every community of any size has one form or another of menagerie. Animals, savage and otherwise, are gathered from many parts of the world and are maintained at some expense so that one might know, by seeing that tigers, lions and elephants do really exist.

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ONE TOUCH OF NATURE
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THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN

SYNOPSIS: Superintendent Richmond regards the confession found beside the poisoned body of here chauffeur, Green as solving the murder of Annabelle Quardling. Previously he suspected Dr. Netherton, who he believed planned marriage to her niece, Marjorie Blake. Jimmie Haswell sees this theory disproved by Netherton's engagement to Audrey Winford and by love between Marjorie and Captain Stirling. Marjorie's sister, Evelyn, engaged to Lonel Duckworth, reports her aunt's will found, its threat to disinherit Marjorie and herself in the event of marriage invalid, because unsigned. As Audrey tells Jimmie the car seen as Stirling's, Green is found poisoned. Jimmie receives a letter from Marjorie disclosing her marriage to Stirling. He astounded Richmond by declaring Green a victim of attempted murder.

Chapter 25 "SEEDS OF PARADISE"
HAD a bomb burst in the room. Superintendent Richmond could not have been much more startled than he was at Jimmie's quiet but definite pronouncement. That Green had killed Miss Quardling was a solution that fitted in with all the known facts. The suggestion that it was incorrect was not only surprising, but it was also welcome, for it meant not only that Richmond was wrong, but also that if Green was the victim of an attempted murder, there would be a new problem to solve.

"I suppose you have reasons for what you are saying, Mr. Haswell?" His tone was cold.

"Quite so," said Jimmie coolly. "Let us deal first, with Green's supposed attempted suicide. You have now had the chemist's analysis of the poison that was used. Rather a rare and unusual poison, was it not?"

"It is, but I don't see how you can tell me, as we had been careful to keep it in strict confidence."

"I will not only tell you what it is," answered Jimmie, "but I will tell you things about it perhaps have not heard. The name given to you is perhaps Pterotoxin, an extract from the berry *Coccoloba Indica*, which yields a deadly crystalline poison."

Richmond's open-mouthed silence admitted the truth of the statement.

"A more poetic and perhaps more sinister name for the crystals was 'Seeds of Paradise.' At one time but not now, they had a limited medical use, and a less legitimate use was discovered by corrupt brewers. In minute quantities they sharpen the flavor of beer. In slightly larger quantities they add to its intoxicating properties."

"The symptoms, too, are unusual. There is profuse perspiration and great abdominal pain, causing convulsions. Unconsciousness follows, but it is said that death has been delayed as long as 18 days, sometimes with intervals of confused consciousness."

"You have heard from our doctors," said Richmond shortly. "I do not know your doctors, and I did not know they had completed their analysis. The explanation is supremely important. When Constable Roscoe found Green in a lying condition he took away what he regarded as his confession, and the glass which still contained some of the stuff he had been drinking. Among the things he left behind was the bottle from which the drink had been poured. I took that bottle. It was practically empty, but not quite."

"I do not think you should have taken that, Mr. Haswell," Richmond's tone was a little offended. "I went to the place myself the next day, and it was gone."

"If I had left it, do you suppose it would have remained until you came? There was poison in the small residue of the bottle. I sent it to a chemist and got his report this morning."

"Green ate super in the house and remained until about 8:30. It was 10:30 when we found him. If the confession was his, the ink would have been almost wet on the paper. I looked at it while Netherton was examining the patient. It had dried black, as though written for at least 24 hours. What do you make of that?"

"It does not follow that he did not write the confession the day before. He might then hesitate over the decision to do away with himself."

"But the pen and ink were by his side," said Jimmie. "Why have them there if the confession was already written? You may say that the ink might not have been as dry as I thought. The absolute proof would be lacking, but let's see if all the evidence together will not amount to proof."

"The confession was written on a sheet torn from his mileage book, when Green had not the paper, and envelopes on the note. It is a fair surmise that anyone else writing a confession for him would have chosen paper particularly his

—a sheet from the book that was always lying in his room. "The ink on the nib of the pen was wet, while the writing was dry. I suggest that the person who placed the confession there dipped the pen in the ink to give it reality, not supposing the discovery would be made until morning. You might also say that Green had started to do something to the note and changed his mind."

"So we fall of actual proof. But if we had all of the things together, the poison in the bottle, the dry writing, the wet ink, the choice of paper—do you think we fall through?"

Richmond was not yet convinced, and Jimmie asked to see the confession. Richmond opened the envelope and handed the paper to him. It was penned in an uneducated hand, and it set the work of Green, was a fair imitation of his style.

While Richmond, at Jimmie's suggestion, was scrutinizing the Jimmie unwrapped paper enclosing an ordinary pen. "This is Green's Roscoe forgot to take it. Examine that nib carefully. Green always used a fine-pointed one, as all the entries in his book, even to the last day show. The writing is like his, but try yourself to see how the upstrokes in that confession could be produced by a pen like this."

Richmond started copying a few of the fateful words. He compared the letters with the original and saw beyond question the thing was impossible. The upstroke had been made with a broader nib. It was faced with a cumulative proof that he could not deny.

"Why did you not bring me this before?" he asked in a low tone. "My case was not complete. It was only this morning that I got my chemist's report. Had there been no poison in the bottle it would have been impossible to show how it could have been swallowed by Green, except intentionally. I concluded there must be poison in the bottle."

While he was speaking, the busier on the superintendent's desk

He took off the receiver and listened. "It's the hospital," he told Jimmie anxiously as he bolted for the connection. Doubtless it was about Green. If only he could speak. That would clear things.

Jimmie sets a strange stage in tomorrow's installment. Will his play relieve Richmond's dismay?

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First Baptist T.E.L. Class Elects Officers For Coming Year At Business Meeting

Mrs. C. E. Carter Elected President; Mrs. Fuller, Secretary; Mrs. Reaves, Treasurer; Group Number Four Afternoon Hostesses

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held its regular March business and social meeting yesterday afternoon in the church parlors, which were beautifully decorated with evergreens and spring flowers.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Horace Jenkins served as president, pro tem, for the business meeting.

Mrs. Cecil Ellis Showered With Many Presents

Mrs. Roy Pearce and Mrs. F. W. Harding Hostesses To Bride's Friends

Mrs. Roy Pearce and Mrs. F. W. Harding entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. Pearce with a lovely St. Patrick's party showering their sister, Mrs. Cecil Ellis, who is one of the town's newest brides.

When the bride entered the room she found her chair daintily decorated in her favorite colors, pink and white. She was seated while Mrs. L. S. Patterson read to her a poem, "Love's Coming," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The evening was devoted to several games, one of them being "Shopping with the Bride," in which Miss Lorena Huggins won the prize, a rolling pin, which she presented to Mrs. Ellis. In the contest called "The Housekeeper's Ability," Mrs. H. L. Dunagan won the prize, a bread board.

The bride received many beautiful gifts, including an attractive recipe book, in which the guests had registered with their favorite recipes.

The table was decorated with a pretty white wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. The favors were shamrocks with bags of rice tied with pink ribbons. On each shamrock the guest wrote good wishes for the bride. St. Patrick's colors were used also in the house decoration in combination with the bride's colors.

Cake and tea were served to the following guests: Mmes. L. S. Patterson, George Handley, Dennis Elliott, Robt. L. Henth, L. B. Dempsey, R. P. Jenkins, J. C. Smith, H. L. Dunagan, J. A. Lane, James Campbell, Yale Crawford, Harold Meadow, Ella Crawford; Misses Inez Sellers, Grace Mann, Clara Fisher, Letha Amerson, Lorena Huggins, Mamie Leach, Josephine Tripp.

Those sending gifts, who could not attend, were Misses Ollie Harding, Roberta Gay, Pearl Butler, Ota Mae Keller, Murphy, Stroop, Lillene Rogers, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. Tom Good and Mrs. E. A. Hamill.

West Ward Room Mothers Assign Luncheon Dates

The room mothers of the West Ward P.T.A. met in a called meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss ways and means of taking care of the undernourished children in the school. The mothers also assigned days for serving school lunches until the close of school. A telegram was sent to Penrose Metcalfe, principal, against the proposed scholastic cut.

The following mothers and teachers were present: Mmes. B. Fisher, O. F. Pressley, G. L. Williams, R. L. Owen, P. F. Livingston, Travis Reed, J. E. Crabtree, R. L. Barber, Robert Parks, Della Agnell, Miss Eleanor Antley, and Mr. Cox.

Mrs. L. D. Davenport Hostess to Members of Catholic Altar Society

Mrs. L. D. Davenport, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Sam Storm, entertained the St. Thomas Altar Society Monday afternoon at her home in Edwards Heights.

Plans were made for the Food Sale, Father Francis led the devotionals.

A lovely salad course was served to the following members: Mmes. L. L. Freeman, Max Wiesen, J. B. Austin, Max Boyd, Doscall, Wilbanks, Henry Holmes, Jack Jensen, Mary Jenkins, Rose Stewart Chas. Vines and Father Francis.

Mrs. W. R. Settles Hostess At Informal Luncheon Party

Mrs. W. R. Settles was hostess to a small luncheon party at the Settles hotel yesterday at noon. Honorary Mrs. Thomas D. Murphy of Midland, district president of the W.C.T.U.

Mrs. L. S. Patterson, president of the local organization and Mrs. George W. Davis, publicity director, were also guests.

Following the luncheon the four women attended the called meeting of the W.C.T.U. at the residence of Mrs. C. S. Holmes.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bruce B. Nesbitt 535 Dallas, Edwards Heights, have as their guests, Mrs. E. H. Hooker of Poyot.

Mrs. Raymond McDaniel, Big Spring's Latest Bride



El Paso Presbytery Changes Date of Meet In Midland to April 21

The El Paso Presbytery met in a called session at the Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon at one o'clock for the purpose of changing the date of stated meeting from

April 14 to April 21.

The reason for the change is to avoid a conflict with the Presbytery which convenes in Big Spring April 13, 14 and 15. The meeting of the Presbytery will be in Midland on the date given above.

Present at the called meeting were the Rev. T. D. Murphy, Midland, moderator; the Rev. John

Thomas, Coahoma; the Rev. R. L. Owen, ruling elder; and T. S. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rogers are spending today in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Gardner have left for Breckenridge, Fort Worth and Dallas.

31 Bridge Club Entertained By Easter Party

Mrs. R. S. McDonald Hostess to Members in Lovely Setting

One of the most attractive parties of the week, emphasizing the approach of the Easter season, was that of the 31 Bridge Club yesterday in the home of Mrs. R. S. McDonald.

Bright-hued pot plants added color to the reception rooms. The Easter motif was featured in the party details and bridge favors. Guests went on an egg hunt and found a basket containing tallies. Miniature baskets filled with Easter eggs were used as appointments for the affair. Plate favors were paper eggs containing fortunes painted by the hostess.

High score went to Mrs. Eason and low to Mrs. Farrel. Gifts were wrapped in white paper tied with yellow ribbons.

A dainty salad plate was served to the following members: Mmes. Frank Moss, Jess Phillips, Kirk Farrel, C. A. Eason, J. W. Hargrave, O. L. Williams, I. A. Hambrick.

Mrs. Jess Phillips will entertain the club at the next meeting.

Friends of the Home of Supt. And Mrs. Blankenship

A lovely and enjoyable shower was given as a surprise for Mrs. Cecil Ellis (formerly Miss Frances Crawford) last Friday evening at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. W. C. Blankenship in Edwards Heights. The hostesses were Miss Mamie Leach and Miss Josephine Tripp.

The bride was showered with many lovely gifts and hints on how to keep a husband, during the games and contests of the evening.

Angel food cake led in white and pink jello were served to the following guests: Mmes. Val Williams, Blankenship, Armstrong, Vera Hammond, Faye Harding, Roy Pearce, Anita Cotton, Johnson and Misses Reba Meadow, Letha Whitmire, Lucile Hayley, Thelma Stone, Armenda Copejoy, Elizabeth and Patty Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Austin Entertain With Attractive St. Patrick Evening Party

Dinner Bridge Carries Out Favorite Colors of Emerald Isle in Clever Centerpiece and Lovely Floral Decorations

The many, merry St. Patrick festivities of the pre-spring season came to a colorful climax last evening with the St. Patrick's dinner bridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bob Austin on South Runnels street.

The four-course dinner carried out the Irish colors of green and white most effectively in the attractive menu and the beautiful table decorations. The centerpiece was an Irish colleen whose lap was filled with shamrocks and the floral decorations of the dining room and living room were Killarney roses and white hyacinths.

After the dinner the guests adjourned to the living room for several games of contract bridge. Mrs. Otto Wolfe made high score for the women and Mr. Hatch made high for the men.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilke, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McNew, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Fowell, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Price, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leeper, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Service, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strain, Mr. and Mrs. V. Van Gieson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurt, Dr. and Mrs. Otto Wolfe, Mrs. J. B. Young, and Mrs. Max Boyd, who assisted Mrs. Austin with the sermon.

1922 Bridge Club Is Entertained By Mrs. Mae Battle With Party

Mrs. Mae Battle was hostess to the 1922 Bridge club yesterday at an attractive St. Patrick's party at which three tables of members and guests played.

Mrs. Otto Wolfe made high score for the members and Mrs. John Hodges for visitors.

A delicious plate lunch was served to the following: Mmes. E. O. Price, Grover Cunningham, E. B. Hatch, Fred Keating, Ira Thurman, Lilburn Coffee, Otto Wolfe, Robert Parks, M. H. Bennett, E. E. Fahrenkamp and John Hodges.

Advertisement for KC BAKING POWDER. It features the text 'SAME PRICE forever 40 years' and 'It's double acting 25 OUNCES FOR 25¢'. It also mentions 'MILLIONS OF POUNDS USED BY OUR GOVERNMENT'.

East Ward P.T.A. To Meet Tomorrow In Business Session

The East Ward P.T.A. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the East Ward School. Plans for the production of "Here Comes Ahabella" will be completed. Delegates to the P.T.A. meeting at Rankin will also be appointed.

The students of the rooms of Mrs. J. J. Throop, Miss Audrey Phillips and Mrs. Grady Acuff will present the program.

O.C.D. Bridge Club Enjoys Clever Saint Patrick's Eve Party

Miss Fern Wells entertained the O. C. D. Bridge club last evening at her home on Runnels street with an exceptionally clever St. Patrick's party.

Bridge was the feature of the evening, Miss Marie Johnson winning high score for guests and being presented with a dainty necklace. Miss Claudia Tatum was awarded a deck of cards for high cut, with Miss Mabel Robinson winning a box of delicious chocolates for first grand slam. Miss Marie Faubion was presented with lingerie for high score for members.

All prizes were wrapped daintily in the color scheme of the evening. Those present were Misses Dorothy King, Claudia Tatum, Mabel Robinson, Frances Melton, Jeanette Pickle, Marie Johnson, Irene Knans, Vallie True, Alice Leeper, Lillian Brunner, Marie Faubion and Nell Davis, enjoying refreshments consisting of fruit salad, limeade, sandwiches and angel food cake, with plate favors of green tulip cups filled with nuts.

The next party will be with Miss Marie Faubion.

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Advertisement for 'OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY SALE' at 'The Maurice Shoppe'. The text says 'It Starts Tomorrow' and 'Begins Thursday Lasts Through Saturday'. It describes a 'supreme interest to women' event with 'lovely new dresses', 'smart coats for dress and sports', 'gay and youthful hats', 'sheer silk hosiery', 'exquisitely daint lingerie', and 'harmonious accessories'. It encourages buying the entire wardrobe for Spring during this great three-day offering. The shop is located 'OPPOSITE SETTLES HOTEL'.

Advertisement for 'Star Brand Shoes are Better'. It features an illustration of a man in a suit and hat walking towards a store entrance. The text says 'There is an agreeable surprise waiting for you'. It mentions that 'THIRTY people will tell you that it is not necessary to pay an extravagant price to get shoes that look well, fit well and wear well... for they've learned from experience that these wanted qualities are found in full measure in our "Star Brand" solid leather shoes.' It also says 'And the price for such quality? Well, there's an agreeable surprise waiting for you. Come and see.' The store is 'E. B. Kimberlin Shoe Store' located at '3rd and Runnels Streets'.

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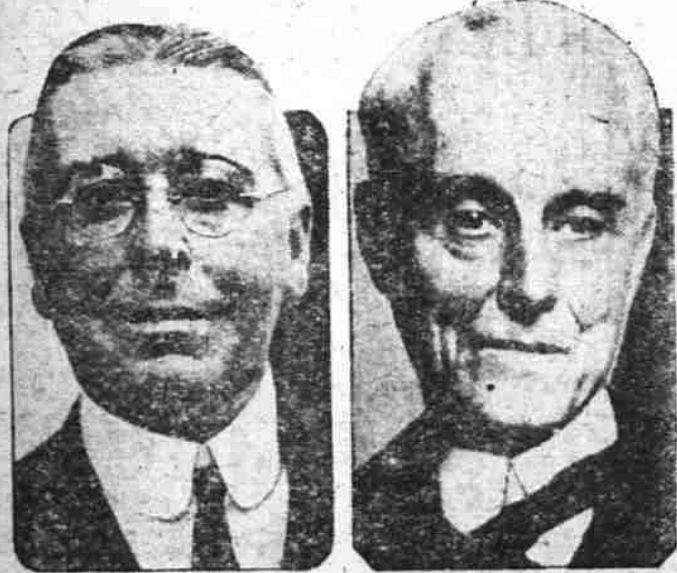
Kindred enthusiasms for the diamond and the golf course have made great pals of Al Simmons, slugging outfielder of the Philadelphia Athletics, and H. Wade King, Jr., 12-year-old son of a physician in Hot Springs, Ark., where the A's are training. The youngster often beats Al on the links. He wears a wrist watch given him by Simmons which was awarded the big leaguer after hitting his 21st home run at St. Louis last July.

LOVE IN A KITCHENETTE



Now that Eugene V. Brewster's millions have vanished, he helps his third wife, the former Corliss Palmer, southern beauty and screen player, do the dishes in their modest Hollywood bungalow. Brewster, once rated at \$4,000,000, made in magazine publishing, hopes to recoup his fortune with a new novel he has written.

PROSECUTOR FACES INQUIRY



Samuel Seabury (left) was appointed special commissioner by Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt to conduct hearings in an investigation of charges made against Thomas C. Crain (right), Tammany district attorney of New York county. The accusations against Crain include incompetence and failure to press prosecutions.

GOODBYE TO CALIFORNIA



Dr. Albert Einstein, famous physicist, waves in parting as he and Frau Einstein began their trip from Pasadena, Cal., to Germany after several weeks' sojourn with American scientists in California.

Tells Of Dry Plans



Plans for a nation-wide organization to espouse the cause of prohibition were outlined before the southern convention of the Anti-Saloon League by Dr. F. Scott McBride, general superintendent.

In Murder Trial



Nancy Bowen, 65, Seneca Indian, who admitted on the witness stand that she killed Mrs. Clotilde Marchand, an artist's wife, is on trial in Buffalo, N. Y., charged with first degree murder.

Plans To Retire



Rear Adm. Newton A. McCully, who adopted seven Russian war orphans in 1920, plans to retire from the navy July 1. He saw notable service during the World war.



Four leaders among the independent republicans and democrats who assembled at Washington for a conference on legislative issues are shown as the meeting got under way. Left to right: Senator Robert La Follette of Wisconsin, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, Senator Edward Costigan of Colorado, Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico.

OPEN SAFE FOR CAPONE RECORDS



Federal prohibition agents employed acetylene torches to open the safe in the Cotton club, a Capone cafe in Cicero, Ill. They were searching for records to use in their investigation of the liquor traffic. No one was injured in the raid.

SWIMMER AND STAGE STAR WED



A whirlwind courtship that started when they were introduced St. Valentine's day culminated in the marriage of Johnny Weismuller, holder of many swimming records, and Bobbie Arnet, Broadway stage star. They were secretly married in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

YEAR'S WORST STORM GRIPS CHICAGO



Scenes like the above were common in Chicago as the worst snowstorm of the winter tied up traffic, caused 11 deaths, left scores of autos stranded even in the heart of the city, but gave employment to some 25,000 men who were out to work clearing the snow.

PROGRESSIVES CONFER ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

'AS PRESIDENT PASSED MID-TERM



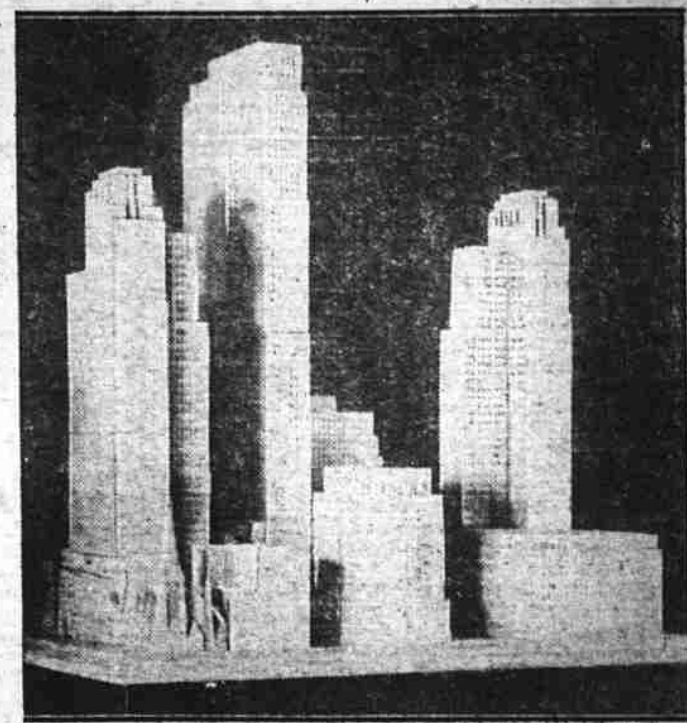
With a rush of legislation demanding attention as congress adjourned, President Hoover passed the halfway mark of his term in office. Here he is with Secretary Adams (left) and Vice President Curtis (right) at the capitol to receive official notification that the seventy-first congress, which went into office with him two years ago, had ended.

Sues Playwright



Georges Lewys' \$2,000,000 plagiarism suit against Eugene O'Neill was heard in New York federal court. She averred ideas for O'Neill's "Strange Interlude" came out of her book, "The Temple of Pallas-Athenae."

MODEL OF PROPOSED RADIO CITY



Model of the proposed \$250,000,000 radio city which is to be erected in mid-town New York. The city will house 50,000 people, cover a dozen blocks, include the broadcasting studios of the National Broadcasting company, RKO vaudeville and pictures, television, The Radio Corporation of America, banks, stores, offices and subway. Work on the central skyscraper will start in May.

New Minister To U. S.



William Duncan Herridge, K. C., of Ottawa, Canada, is the new Canadian minister to Washington.

ROCKET SLED SPEEDS OVER ICE



A flash, a burst of speed and a stop in a slushy snow bed. That's the story of Harry W. Bull's successful test of his home made rocket sled on Lake Oneida, New York, which is pictured here. Rockets propelled the boat of the Syracuse university student for a short distance at a rate of 75 miles an hour from a standing start.

Cotton Ball Queen



Francois Young, of Anniston, Ala., was crowned queen of a cotton ball at Clemson College, S. C.

LILA JIMERSON ACQUITTED



Lila Jimerson, Red Lila of the Senecas, was acquitted by a Supreme court jury of any complicity in the slaying of Mrs. Clotilde Marchand, an artist's wife. She is shown with her father, Anson Jimerson, in a Buffalo, N. Y., court after her acquittal.

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Traveler's Party Is Novel Party Scheme For Informal Bridge

Mrs. Robert E. Lee was hostess to two tables of bridge at a traveler's party at her home yesterday afternoon.

On arrival tourists were given a piece of luggage—the tally—which informed her where she was from, where she was going and with whom.

During the afternoon the ladies from Chicago, New York, Boston, etc., thoroughly explored Yosemite Valley and Yellowstone Park. When they returned from their journeys it was found that Mrs. Emory Duff had profited most from her travels and Mrs. W. W. Younger the least. Mrs. P. W. Malone was the lucky traveler, cutting high.

A delicious salad and punch course was served to Meses. Harold Parks, Dallas Whaley, Russell Hawley, P. W. Malone, W. W. Younger, Hugh Duncan, Emory Duff.

The Epworth League will meet with Jack King at 905 Owen St. Thursday evening for a business and social meeting.

North Carolina's oyster crop this season is one of the best in the state's history, but the demand is slow.

Read Fiewellen's ad on page 3-adv.

Junior Hi P.T.A. Hears Of School Bills At Austin

The Junior High P.T.A. met yesterday afternoon at the Junior High building for a discussion of school and legislative problems.

The Rev. R. E. Day opened the program with a devotional service. Miss Clara Cox read a paper on the "Social Relations of the Parent Teacher and Pupil." George Gentry, principal of the High School, gave a talk on the bills pending before the state legislature at present, especially the proposed scholastic reduction.

Mrs. Showalter reported on the examination of the pupils of Junior High. D. H. Reed, principal of the Junior High, announced that the Junior High P.T.A. had already been paying for meals of 13 children for two months, in addition to providing school supplies and clothing for others.

Mrs. C. W. Cunningham, Mrs. Homer McNew and Mrs. C. S. Blomshield were appointed on a committee to nominate officers for the coming election.

Mrs. Shine Phillips and Mrs. Jack Roden were named as delegates to the district convention in Rankin.

Mrs. Jack Roden and Mrs. George Hall were appointed official delegates to represent this P.T.A. at the Federation of Texas Clubs which meets in Big Spring in April.

Those attending the meeting were: Meses. Jack Roden, C. W. R. Showalter, V. W. Inkman, George W. Hall, T. S. Currie, J. P. Dodge, Jas. Campbell, D. H. Heblson, J. C. Hinds, C. L. Wasson, Joyce M. Fisher, J. E. Kuyk idall, George Gentry, M. W. Paulsen, J. A. Myers, H. W. Shores, C. A. Cowan, J. L. Webb, Shine Phillips and Misses Clara Secret, Clara L. Cox, Dorothy Jordan, Letha Amerson, Marie Johnson, Agnes Currie, Grace Mann, Jeanette Pickle, Ethel Evans, Frances Melton, Ione Drake, Nell Hinton, and Principal D. H. Reed.

Local W.C.T.U. Meets To Confer With District President On Business

Mrs. Thomas D. Murphey, of Midland, the president of the sixteenth district of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, was in Big Spring yesterday for a meeting of the local organization which was called to confer with her at the home of Mrs. C. S. Holmes.

Plans for arranging for a Youth's Honor Roll and for the organization of a Young People's branch of the W. C. T. U. were discussed. It was decided to invite the district to hold its meeting in Big Spring on May 6.

Those present were Meses. Thomas D. Murphey, Dan Panter, C. E. Talbot, J. M. Manuel, W. A. Miller, B. Reagan, George W. Davis, L. S. Patterson, W. R. Settles, J. M. Choate and J. C. Douglas.

Receipts from football games at Amarillo, Texas, have paid \$15,000 of the \$20,000 cost of the high school athletic field.

Strong Sentiment for Abolition Of Fee System In Legislature

BY CHARLES E. SIMONS, Associated Press Staff Writer

AUSTIN, March 18 (AP)—A determined undercurrent aimed at abolition of the fee system in county government in Texas has appeared in the Texas legislature, with the likelihood expressed that another constitutional amendment may be submitted to the voters to eliminate what several members term a "pernicious" practice.

A constitutional amendment proposing to abolish the fee system was submitted by the legislature about four years ago, along with the proposal to increase the salary of the governor, but met defeat. Those who sponsored the constitutional amendment at that time said they believed the public "was not adequately informed on the subject and the officers, who depended on fees for remuneration, were a little too active."

Since defeat of the amendment, several efforts have been made by the legislature to reduce fees collected by placing a maximum. Dissatisfaction with the maximum, \$2,000, has been expressed on all sides by members of the 42nd session. It is a safe statement that if left up to the legislature, the fees would be abolished and the officers put on a straight salary basis.

The \$12,500 maximum was placed on fee officers at the fifth called session of the 41st legislature and has been in operation only a short time.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives by Representative Anderson of San Antonio which would limit the fees of officers to \$5,000 per year. Anderson was particularly bitter against the present maximum, saying it permitted justices of the peace to make enormous sums.

"Some of these justices of the peace make three times as much as the governor and \$5,000 more per year than the justices of the supreme court, the highest law body in the state," Anderson said. "I fall to see the merit or justice of such a system as this."

Representative Young of Wellington, one of the leaders in the fee abolition movement, said the fee system was a throwback from the pioneer days when a man was not expected to devote his full time to a constable or justice of the peace. "But the system has long outlived its usefulness and should be thrown into the discard. It cer-

tainly has no place in the system of a modern and progressive state," Young said.

Exceptions Young said the system served the purpose when a justice of the peace or a constable was called on to serve only an infrequent interval and it was inadvisable to place them on a straight salary since the business did not warrant it. "Now, however," Young said, "the justices and constables have developed flourishing businesses in some instances and it has become what might be termed a 'gentle racket.'"

Representative Stevenson of Junction said recently that data soon would be available for the legislature upon which some intelligent action could be taken. This was one of the big obstacles in the campaign for the constitutional amendment, lack of information to present to the public, Stevenson said.

As a step to acquire this information, the legislature has required all fee officers to keep a record of fees collected.

A step to exclude officers in counties of less than 25,000 population from the provisions of this law was squelched last week when the house state affairs committee killed a bill by Representative Baker of Stockdale. The committee was unanimous against the bill, despite its being actively and heartily supported by the officials affected. They claimed the law required them to hire additional help and put them to expense of furnishing books to make the entries.

The claim was contested by a member of the state auditor's department, who stated the entries could be made in a small cash book that could be purchased for 50 cents to \$1. He also contradicted statements officials would have to hire help, unless they were in a county where there was lots of business, and in that event, they could afford it.

Economical The move to eliminate the fee system is in line with the movement to generally reduce the expenses of operating county governments, a large portion of the membership believing that it is not the state taxes that are a burden on property owners, but the lack of an efficient system of government in the smaller units. A bill has been introduced to combine the tax assessor's and tax collector's office, the contention be-

ing that much of the work of these offices is duplicated. Abolition of the county treasurer's office also has been proposed as a similar corrective measure.

A reform that probably will meet with much favor, even though its passage is doubted in several sources, is the constitutional amendment of Representative Beck of Fort Worth, signed by approximately 25 others, proposing to permit combination of the governments of the cities and counties. Beck's bill would permit the city and county to be governed along the city manager or commission principle.

Beck, and others interested in the proposal, believe such a plan would materially decrease the waste motion and much of the economic loss entailed by having separate governments for the county and city. The amendment has been reported out favorably by the constitutional amendments committee and may be called up for action in the near future.

The governing body would be elected in the same manner as a city council and the county and city would be divided into zones for special taxation purposes.

As originally drafted the bill applied only to counties having a population of more than 150,000. The committee amended the resolution to permit the legislature to authorize any county to adopt the plan or to permit any county to hold an election to determine the sentiment of the voters.

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Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dearen Thursday.

Maurine Tate spent Thursday night with Maxine Mustian.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf of Iranan have been visiting Mrs. Terrell Shaffer.

Charlote Tate spent Thursday night with Cyrena Jane Bratton.

Mrs. Charlie C. Tate is spending a few days with her mother and sister who live in Rule.

Maxine Mustian spent Saturday night with Lena Belle Bratton.

Those who visited C. C. Tate's Sunday were Mr. Mustian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Lena Belle Bratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller motored to Colorado Saturday.

Miss Arvie Bishop and Pat Sullivan are attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Ted Bishop, who has been working at Big Spring, spent the weekend at home.

Last Thursday afternoon was spent cleaning up, preparing for the state aid inspector who is due at the school Friday at 10:30.

Little Helen Ray Rutledge is on the sick list this week, but is gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutledge were business visitors in Big Spring Friday.

Robert and Elmo Dunn of Cuthbert were visitors in this community Sunday.

All the people regretted very much that Rev. Meadows of Westbrook, who has been preaching here every third Sunday, has been

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller visited in the home of Guy Guffey Saturday night.

Mary Lois Guffey and Lena Belle Bratton spent Monday night with Evelyn and Maurine Tate.

James Woods spent the weekend with his parents, J. D. Woods.

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