

FIRE KEY RATE LOWERED BY STATE COMMISSION

Rural School Teams to Compete Here

Basketball Tournament To Be Held
In Local Gymnasium Feb. 26 and 27

A basketball tournament which will participated in by sixteen rural schools, within a twenty mile radius Slaton, will be held here. The following letter has been forwarded to these schools.

"The girls' and boys' basketball teams of strictly rural schools are here invited to meet in a tournament on February 26 and 27. The following schools will play an elimination test on Friday, February 26: Morris, Pleasant Valley, New Home, Bert, Joe Stokes, Hackberry, Garn and New Hope. The winners of the meet will enter a tournament on Saturday morning, February 27, with following schools: Posey, Monroe, Lyon, Acuff, McClung and Slide. Only the rural schools will be in the contest, and prizes are to be given to the winners and runners-up of both the preliminary contest and the final meet. Play is to start in the Slaton High Gymnasium directly after school is dismissed Friday, and will continue through Friday afternoon and evening, to start again Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The finals probably be played Saturday afternoon or evening.

This tournament is being held to establish a better acquaintance and friendship between Slaton and smaller communities that are in our trade territory. Many these communities who are invited participate in this tournament are sending students to Slaton High school."

Sincerely yours,
C. L. SONE, Superintendent,
Slaton Public Schools.

New Laundrymen
Now Located Here

Messrs. M. L. and M. W. Abernathy, who last week purchased the Slaton Steam Laundry from W. H. Clark, have assumed control and are now located in Slaton, having moved here this week from Coleman, Texas.

Slaton Second-Hand
Store Sold Recently

This week, the Slaton Second Hand store was sold by G. L. Sledge to E. E. Hardcastle. The latter assumes control immediately.

Mr. Sledge will move back to his residence in east Slaton, and Mr. Hardcastle and family will occupy the living apartments in the rear of the store building.

Only One Santa Fe
Number This Month

There will be only one Santa Fe entertainment this month, coming tomorrow night, Feb. 12th. The month of March will only bring one number which is dated for March 3rd. It will be a quartet number, the Peerless Quartet of Wichita, Kansas, being booked for that occasion.

Royal Arch Masons
Meet Tuesday Night

Royal Arch Masons, Chapter No. 387, Slaton, meets Tuesday night, Feb. 16th, in regular meeting. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend.

Play Presented By Dramatic
Club Proved Highly Popular

A three-act mystery comedy, "Am I a Ruder?", presented at the high school auditorium Thursday night, Feb. 4th, under the direction of Miss Margaret Whitaker, reflected much credit on her as the director and upon participating characters. A large audience was present to enjoy one of the best plays ever given by local talent.

Each player had thoroughly mastered the part in which he had been cast and the audience voiced their approval of the presentation by unqualified attention, much wholesome laughing and hearty rounds of applause succeeding each act.

Between the acts, the high school orchestra, directed by Miss Grace L. Sone, entertained with several musical numbers, and also at the beginning of the evening's program. A number of glee club boys drew a large amount of applause calling for encores when they appeared in several backstage song features.

Considerable enthusiasm was shown in the presentation of the play when different classes of the school, the junior high school and the east ward congregation joined with each other in various songs and songs.

Slatonite Want Ad
Brings Quick Results

Last week, our townsman, J. W. Elrod, had a short classified ad in our columns in which he stated he had a bicycle for sale at his furniture store. Mr. Elrod announced to the Slatonite this week that we must not let that ad go again, as he had already sold the advertised bicycle, and the sale came as a result of his Slatonite advertising brings results. Strong advertising medium, we are glad to know that it is un-

Home Laundry Now
Owned by A. E. Bailey

The Home Laundry, of which Mr. A. E. Bailey is the proprietor, now has as their wagon man Mr. Fred Vaughn. Mr. Compton formerly driving the wagon, is now employed in the wash room.

Mr. Bailey announces this week that he is the owner of the Home Laundry now. Mr. Vaughn began his duties there only a few days ago.

Man Supposed Insane
Carried to Lubbock

Last Tuesday morning, Chief Sam Selmon and deputy sheriff T. J. Abel carried L. L. Gale, living one mile east of McClung, to Lubbock to stand trial for supposed insanity. It was thought certain by these two officers that the man was of unsound mental condition, and that he should be incarcerated in an eleemosynary institution.

Subscribers Move
Figures Year Ahead

Among those who in the last few days have paid up for the Slatonite to be sent to their addresses for the next year are: J. I. Bradley, N. C. Dickson and C. L. Garrigues. A good many changes in address are being requested in this office at this time of year, indicating the usual shifting about that occurs around the beginning of a new year.

Subscribers who contemplate a move will do us a favor by leaving with us the new address so we may make necessary changes in our records.

We thank all those who have paid for new or renewal subscriptions, and appreciate the numerous expressions of approval of the paper. Probably we have received more words of commendation lately than at any recent time, and we thank all of you for it.

Footprints

February 12 Marks Birth Date of
Great American Citizen-Statesman

(An Editorial)

One hundred and seventeen years ago, tomorrow, February 12th, was the birth date of one of America's most valued and universally loved citizens—Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln was born February 12th, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. His mother died when he was nine years of age, and his father moved to Indiana soon after, and it was in the forests of that state that young Lincoln grew to young manhood. His opportunities were meager, his home was humble, but his parentage was such that he had in his make-up the qualities that knew no discouragement, though surrounded by almost impenetrable barriers.

As a boy, he studied what few books he could obtain, reading them by the light of an open fireplace in the log cabin he knew as his home. By sheer determination and dogged effort, he acquired sufficient education that, when he reached young manhood, he was licensed to practice law in 1836. Four successive terms he served in his state's legislature. Although suffering many political disappointments, he was, by the act of Providence, it seems, elected president of the United States in 1860. He took the oath of that office March 4th, 1861. On April 13th following, the terrible Civil War began, and for four years he bore the

crushing burden of that conflict which naturally fell upon his shoulders in the place of importance he filled.

After an election to a second term, Lincoln was shot by an assassin on April 14th, 1865, soon after he had begun his second term of office as president. He died April 15th, a martyr to the cause he had striven to defend.

Lincoln is loved by the North and South alike today, for we all recognize his greatness as a citizen, as a man, and as a servant of his country. In his day he received much undue criticism. But, with the passing years, he has assumed a place of near-reverence in the heart of the whole nation.

His outstanding traits of character were simplicity, honesty, and straightforwardness. It would be difficult to select a man from all America's history more deserving of the love and esteem of the nation's people than is the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

The qualities of manhood embodied in the life of Lincoln are the qualities our younger generations of all the ages should have held before them as ideals worthy of emulation.

Tomorrow, Feb. 12th, one hundred and ten millions of Americans will think tenderly of the great man and servant of his people—Abraham Lincoln. May we produce others of his likeness.

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Improved Fire Fighting Equipment
And Water Facilities ResponsibleBuys Interest In
Two Theatres Here

On Monday of this week, L. Westerfeld sold partnership interests in the Palace and Custer theatres here to C. G. Harryman who comes to this city from Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Harryman is a theatre man of some twelve years experience, having formerly held considerable theatre interests in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harryman and their three daughters are now here to make their home in Slaton.

Messrs. Westerfeld and Harryman should make a good team in the theatre business, both of them being progressive and experienced men in their line, and may be expected to keep things of interest constantly in store for their patrons at the Palace and Custer.

Rogers Tire Shop
Does Varied Business

The Rogers Tire Shop located on Eighth Street, across from the post-office, Logan Rogers, proprietor, does a varied sort of repair work including upholstering, top repairs, and vulcanizing and retreading of tires, specializing on balloon tires. They also sell new and second hand tires, as well as doing upholstering and repair work on household furniture.

Mr. Rogers has been in this business here for the past two years, and his customers report that he is a good workman, and that his service is entirely satisfactory. This sort of work is needed here, and Slaton is fortunate to have a business institution of this kind where work may be had without going to Lubbock or some other neighboring city to get these varied classes of service.

Local Girl Making
Good In Profession

Miss Cleffie L. Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson, of this city, and a very popularly known young woman by the people of Slaton, is reported to be established now in the Chiropractic profession in Coffeyville, Miss. Recent letters to her friends and relatives here announce that she is being kept exceedingly busy with the work that is coming to her in the new location she is now in. She has fitted up a large and accommodating suite of offices in the Mississippi town, and has all the work she can care for.

Miss Watson received the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic upon finishing the prescribed courses of a reputable school at San Antonio, Texas. Her many friends will be glad to learn of the successful start she is making in her chosen profession.

Attended Funeral of
Brother Last Week

Jno. Dabney, of this city, left last Thursday night to attend the funeral of his brother, B. J. Dabney, of Ravia, Okla., whose death occurred in a Sherman hospital Thursday, Feb. 4th.

Funeral services were held at Ravia, Saturday, February 6th. Mr. Dabney returned to his home here Monday of this week.

Independent Telephone System Again
Being Agitated Considerably, Report

Talk of an independent telephone system has again been started by some citizens of Slaton who are dissatisfied with the service that is now being rendered by the present telephone company that is operating in Slaton. The fact that no word has ever been received concerning the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's survey which was conducted in Slaton in the fall of last year, has caused some discontent. A Mr. Henderson, who is believed

An announcement recently made by the State Insurance Commission giving to Slaton a lower fire key rate effective on Feb. 1st is a matter of considerable importance and concern to every owner of insurable property within the bounds of the city.

The reduction announced at this time amounted to nine cents on the one hundred dollars. It came as a result of improved fire fighting equipment now used by the city fire department, and because of improved water facilities including the extension of mains and the adding of new wells increasing the water supply.

It has been observed by local citizens that, while the lowered rates will represent the saving of hundreds of dollars to the city's population each year, yet the reduction would have been still greater had it not been for the presence of a few fire hazards within the fire limits where buildings of certain kinds endanger the adjoining properties and consequently keep the fire rate higher than it should otherwise be.

The key rate now in effect here is fifty-three cents on the one hundred dollars. Before the recent announcement, the rate was sixty-two cents. The present value of insurable property in the city's confines is above two million dollars. The lowered fire rate, as will be readily calculated by anyone desiring to go into the subject, will bring about a saving to property owners carrying insurance approximately eighteen hundred dollars annually. In the course of even a few years, this would run into many thousands of dollars, which would repay a large portion of the expense involved in better fire fighting equipment and improved water facilities.

Slaton's fire key rate, even since the recent reduction, is still higher than it should be. For instance, Floydada has a key rate of fifty cents, we understand, while Lubbock's rate is only twenty-eight cents.

With the observation of proper restrictions and regulations in the kinds and locations of buildings erected in the fire limits of this city, the acquisition of still lower rates may be expected here. But, to secure them, citizens who erect buildings here must observe certain limitations. In so doing, they would not only benefit themselves, but also the entire town.

This city should be vigilant in the matter of bringing lowered fire rates into effect as often as possible.

New Produce House
Opened Here Tues.

M. C. Belew, of Post, has opened a produce house in the Robertson block on Texas Avenue, starting in operation last Tuesday.

Mr. Belew will handle farm produce of various kinds, buying cream, chickens, etc.

High School P. T. A.
Will Meet Tonight

The high school P. T. A. will have a meeting tonight, Feb. 11th, at the high school auditorium. A good attendance is hoped for. You are invited to be present and hear the story telling contest.

Pinkston Announces For Commissioner

The citizens and voters of Precinct Two are advised hereby of the fact that J. T. Pinkston, a citizen of the Slaton territory for the past ten years, and in West Texas for the past fourteen years, is a candidate for the office of Commissioner of this precinct. Mr. Pinkston has become well and popularly known to practically everybody in all of this territory, and therefore will not greet the people as a stranger, but as an acquaintance, friend and neighbor. If elected to the office of Commissioner, he states that he will serve the people to the very best of his ability. He will serve the people of the whole precinct without special favor to any individual or group of individuals but with the aim of giving justice to all.

Mr. Pinkston announces that he has decided to make the race for Commissioner only after urgent solicitations from a large number of voters all over the precinct, and that had it not been for this strong solicitation, he would not have considered the matter under any circumstances.

Mr. Pinkston is one of the progressive farmers of the Slaton community. He is a thorough believer in diversification, and has made farming a success for the past eight years. He is a native Texan, originally from Grayson County, and there are a number of people in the Slaton territory who have known him ever since he was a freckled-faced, barefooted boy, and they have nothing but praise for him.

It will doubtless be the opinion of all who know Mr. Pinkston that he is well qualified to serve the people in a highly satisfactory way. He believes strongly in the upkeep of good road facilities for the benefit of the farmers having produce of various kinds to bring to market.

We have the name of Mr. Pinkston in our announcement column this week, and he invites the careful consideration of his candidacy on the part of all the voters of the precinct. He assures them that he will appreciate their support in the July primaries.

Early Tales of Travel

Richard Hakluyt, archdeacon of Westminster, made the first collection of travels by Englishmen. In 1580 his first collection appeared entitled "The Principall Navigations, Voiages and Discoveries of the English Nation."



START—Your poultry business right and save money by buying from the Slaton Hatchery.—Slaton Hatchery, H. M. Binion, Prop. 20-21

MARCELLING—Call for appointment. Miss Shockley, phone 237. 1tc

FOR SALE—OR TRADE—A new house, five-room and bath, screened in back porch, hot and cold water, stove. Good location, for town or school. Would consider car or truck as first payment. Easy terms.—Rama Grigg, at Rockwell Bros. 20-11.

Sewing machines, for sale or lease. Elrod's Furniture. 1tc

CHILDS' SEEDS—American headquarters for Flower Seeds, Vegetable Seeds and Plants. Our 1926 catalog now ready. A postcard will bring it. JOHN LEWIS CHILDS SEED CO., 120 CHILDS AVENUE, FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK. 22-tfc

LOST—Ladies' purse containing sum of money and papers. Lost Wednesday morning. If finder will return to the Slatonite office he will receive liberal reward. S. W. Hilliard.

I am overstocked on everything. Come and see. Elrod's Furniture. 1tc

FOR SALE—At once, a sure-enough good 4-room house, centrally located in best part of town, at a big sacrifice price. On as good terms as you want. Will take automobile as part payment, make your own terms on balance. On account of health conditions, give a big bargain. J. R. Thaxton, owner. 23tf

A bicycle, good as new, Priced \$15. Elrod's Furniture. 1tc

FROST PROOF CABBAGE—Bermuda Onions, and all other plants in season. Mrs. C. Jacobsen, phone 219. 23 4tp.

MARCELLING—Call for appointment. Miss Shockley, phone 237. 1tc

FOR RENT—Two room house, \$12.50 per month. Near shops. Also, two nice furnished bedrooms, furnace heat. Phone 135.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is shallow enough that the most timid swimmer may enjoy its water without fear. It is deep enough for the most expert swimmer to enjoy without touching the bottom. Its critics have been legion, but it is still here; they are gone. It is the root of all good civil law, and good practice.

It has comforted millions, as no other book can comfort; and still continues to do so.

When nations ignored its teachings, they fell.

It tells what was, what is, and what will be—an epitome of life from the cradle to the grave, and then beyond.

It is God's vital and inviolate Word, can never be set.—John Watson.

And There You Are

Little four-year-old Dorothy had learned the Bible text, "Love one another" at Sunday school. She repeated it after returning home and her mother asked her whether she knew what it meant. "Why, of course I do," she replied. "It means that I must love you, and you must love me; I'm one and you're another."

A MOTHER'S CREED

A recent program contained as one feature the reading of the following creed by all mothers present:

- I believe in God.
- I believe in His Holy Word.
- I believe in the home as God's first and holiest school.
- I believe in Christian motherhood as the guiding spirit of the home.
- I believe in the sacredness of home relationships.
- I believe in the fellowship and simple joys of home life.
- I believe that the Christian home is the strongest defense, the mightiest bulwark, and the surest foundation of our nation.

Talley Seeks Re-election in Precinct 2

As a candidate to succeed himself, we are authorized to present to our readers this week the name of H. D. Talley. Mr. Talley says he is willing to serve again as Commissioner of Road Precinct No. Two. Accordingly, he offers himself to your most favorable consideration, and expresses the hope that he may have your support in the July primaries.

The present term of Commissioner Talley will close a period of service ranging over eight successive years as Commissioner of Precinct Two. During that time, there has been a vast amount of work done for the good of this district that should properly be credited to the untiring energies of Mr. Talley. He has been vigilant in the matter of looking out for the best interests of the district and also the interests of the county in the various respects that he, along with the other commissioners, deals with the county's affairs.

Mr. Talley says that all his gray hairs have appeared since his beginning his service as Commissioner. The point is that his hard work as Commissioner has brought such strain upon him that he has developed the aforementioned gray hairs giving service to the people.

The acquaintance Mr. Talley holds with the people makes it unnecessary to deal at length with his claim upon support. His name will be found in our announcement column this week, and he states that he will heartily appreciate your support when voting time comes around.

READ THE ADS

Cat Knocks on Door

An English artist owns a cat which will not enter the house by the back door. It always walks up to the front door, which has a knocker at a convenient height, gives one or two knocks and then waits for the door to be opened. If there is not an immediate answer it knocks again until it gains admittance.

Too! Too! Read the Slatonite, your favorite newspaper.

Lions in Cold Region

The lions of Mount Atlas are far the largest of their species and capable of enduring extreme cold, frequently traveling long distances through deep snow.

Star Chamber Cabinet

The Star chamber was a civil and criminal court at Westminster in which all cases affecting the interests of the crown were tried. It was named from the stars that decorated the ceiling.

O. H. Brown Out Of Sheriff's Race

Following the announcement recently that H. L. Johnston, sheriff of Lubbock county, is to make the race to succeed himself at the urgent request of his many friends, despite his withdrawal from the race recently, there came the announcement Tuesday that O. H. Brown, who is at present a deputy under Sheriff Johnston, would withdraw from the race in favor of Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Brown cited as his main reason for withdrawal that he believed now is a very inopportune time for a

SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM

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this spring's business is better than that of last year," muses a merchant who has faith in Slaton, and who believes in the solidity of the economic conditions of West Texas as a whole.

"The reaction we suffered when we saw we would make shorter crops than had been expected will prove a blessing to the country in disguise. Instead of spending money foolishly, the people have been more frugal, and probably face the coming year in better condition than they often do just following an exceedingly prosperous year," said a prominent professional man here.

"The recent snows, coupled with the season the soil already contained, has made things just right for my plowing to begin," one farmer says, while there is a wistful look in his eye as he contemplates the joy of again smelling the fresh, upturned soil.

"Florida, California and the Rio Grande Valley may advertise as long and as strong as they want to, but as for me, I prefer to stay in Slaton. I've seen all those places and I've tried it here, and I'm ready to admit Slaton is the best place for me," one fellow adds with considerable emphasis.

And with that we shall close the series of quotations, for that last one was a smashing, convincing, unapproachable climax.

All these opinions expressed by our citizens came unsolicited and without their knowledge that we wanted to use their statements, so they may be taken as representative of the general feeling that now prevails almost unanimously here. The one and best thing needed through the coming year is diversification on the farm. The more our farms diversify, the more invulnerable becomes our economic position. Let the slogan be, "cow, sow and hen."

When you want the best quality job printing at prices that are based on correct service, whistle for the Slatonite. Too! Too! 20 is the phone number.

change in the administration, and that he believed no better man could be secured to handle law enforcement in this county than Mr. Johnston. In behalf of Mr. Brown, it might be stated that he did not announce for the place until after Mr. Johnston had withdrawn.

Mr. Brown's statement to the public is as follows:

"In the face of existing circumstances in this county, and the conditions that are now faced by the sheriff's department, I deem it very unwise for a change to be brought about in the office. I entered the race only after earnest solicitations of my friends after Mr. Johnston had withdrawn and although I have been very closely associated with the work of the department during the nearly two years

I have been here, it is, of course, impossible for me to have been as closely connected with affairs as Mr. Johnston has.

"The reputation of the City of Lubbock, especially as this is related to law enforcement, is now at stake, and as Mr. Johnston is thoroughly acquainted with affairs as they have been and as they are likely to be in the future, I feel that as he has announced for the office again, he is the man who should be entrusted with the duty of law enforcement.

"In this matter I have cast personal feelings aside for what I believe is to the good of the city and county, recommending Mr. Johnston to my friends as a man who has enforced the law and will continue to enforce it."

Notice To Livestock Owners

Mr. J. F. Grace, of St. Louis, Mo., Feed Specialist and Dairy Expert, will be in Slaton all this month.

Mr. Grace is thoroughly familiar with our feeding problems, and is very anxious to talk with each cow owner in the city with regards to lowering their feeding costs, and increasing their production.

While here, Mr. Grace will be located with

TEXAS GROCERY CO.

Phone 7

SPECIAL

I am now in position to make Ladies' and Children's Spring Coats

—and can furnish materials of many beautiful patterns. I would like to show you the newest and latest designs in Spring Styles for men, women and children.

Expert Dyeing, Cleaning, Pressing and Alterations. Let me dye for you.

CALL AND SEE ME

TAYLOR The Tailor

West Side of Square
Phone 113 Slaton, Texas

Shakespeare Up-to-Date Tells Motorists' Terrible Toll

SEVEN AGES OF AUTO ACCIDENTS
Per cent of total accidents for each age-group due to autos

Per Cent	Under 15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Over 64
100	34%	20%	17%	15%	12%	10%	8%

STEWART-WARNER AUTOMOBILE SAFETY COUNCIL

SHAKESPEARE'S seven ages of mankind made no reference to the number who were cut off in their prime by automobiles. If he had, suggests the Stewart-Warner Safety Council, it might have run something like this parody on his famous lines:

At first the infant,
Killed by a truck while in his nurse's arms,
And then the careless schoolboy with his marbles,
Playing in the streets after his lessons
Are over. And then the lover,
Absent-minded, walking with a box of candy
Under his arm, to see his loved one,
Is struck by a taxi and hurled to the ground.
Next comes the gay young blood
Out for his evening's entertainment, whom
Sixty miles an hour lands forty years too soon
Upon a slab in some unfriendly morgue.
And then the banker, full of worldly pride and honors,
Jay-walks across the street between two mighty deals of finance,
And wakes to find Saint Peter quizzing him.
Next, the family man, with years upon him,
Confused and jostled in the crowd,
Missteps, and dies amid thanksgiving
That his last premium was paid up.
And last, hoary age, tottering and feeble,
Perhaps with crutch, or eye too dimmed with time,
An easy victim for some selfish motorist,
Sans care, sans thought, sans skill, sans everything—but speed.

The chart above shows what proportion of all accidents happening to each age group are automobile accidents. The toll is highest for the very young and very old. This situation is explained partly by the heedlessness of the young and the infirmity of old age. Moreover, these two groups are least involved in industrial accidents which makes their automobile casualties constitute a larger part of their total accidents.

FURNITURE

New and Second-Hand

Our prices can't be beat anywhere. We meet all kinds of legitimate competition.

- Kitchen Cabinets
- Dressers, Rugs,
- Chairs, Water Hose

Close-out prices on heating stoves.

Elrod's Furniture
In Robertson Bldg.

FRESH - PURE JERSEY MILK
Delivered Twice Daily
Can serve a few more customers.

H.C. Maxey Dairy

Business Change

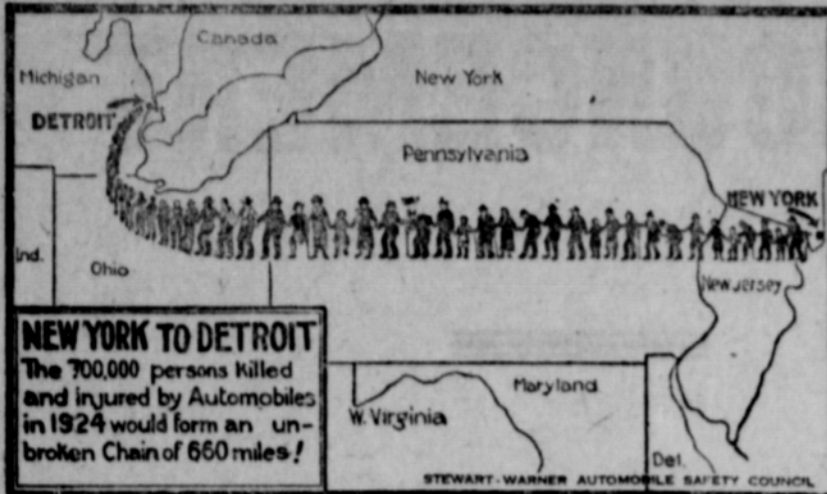
I have purchased the Palace of Sweets, and solicit your continued patronage on the basis of fair treatment and good service.

New customers invited—old customers appreciated.

Come in and get acquainted

Palace of Sweets
HUGH BEASLEY, Proprietor

Caravan of Death 660 Miles Long Is Nation's Auto Story



NEW YORK TO DETROIT
The 700,000 persons killed and injured by automobiles in 1924 would form an unbroken chain of 660 miles!

A CARAVAN of death and suffering 660 miles long is what the annual automobile casualties of the United States would form if placed in one continuous line. From New York to Detroit, painful mile on painful mile, the ghastly and pathetic human chain would reach. This graphic picture, prepared by the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, tells its own story. Twenty-two thousand killed annually by automobiles and 650,000 injured is the present toll caused by thoughtless drivers and careless pedestrians. Only a small per cent of the accidents are due to defects in the cars or can rightly be called unavoidable.

Agricultural Conditions In Southwest Shown In Report

The following is a report of agricultural conditions in states served by the Santa Fe system of railways throughout the southwest. The report was compiled by J. F. Jarrell, manager of the Agricultural Development Department of the Santa Fe, with headquarters in Topeka, Kans.

The report will be interesting to farmers throughout this section of the United States. It follows:

Wheat made a slow start in the southwest last fall because of early cold weather, and, therefore, is short. As a result, there has not been as much pasture this winter as usual. However, the roots are well set, and there is nothing to cause uneasiness, taking the situation as a whole. There is little volunteer wheat and generally the fields are clean, showing that the program in the southwestern states for careful seed selection and better soil preparation has been followed closely.

Condition of the wheat in Kansas, particularly in Santa Fe territory, is much better than it was at this time last year. Surface moisture has been sufficient over the entire state to keep the wheat healthy, while a year ago the wheat in fifteen north central counties was reported practically dead. Twelve months ago there was little subsoil moisture in the state. Today there is an abundance of subsoil moisture throughout the territory served by the Santa Fe railway which includes the principal wheat belt. In the northern half of the state, however, the subsoil moisture is more or less limited.

So far there has been no evidence of winter kill. There is Hessian fly in a few counties. The state has 11,395,000 acres as against 10,455,076 acres last year.

With an ideal winter nearly ready to slip away, farmers of Oklahoma are feeling optimistic about the new year. A dry spell settled over the state a year ago and continued until many crops were cut short. This winter there has been sufficient precipitation. As a result farmers are preparing to put out a big acreage of spring crops. The soil will be in good shape at the beginning of the planting season. Another large cotton acreage is indicated.

The favorable outlook for a wheat crop extends into Oklahoma, and the state boosted her wheat acreage last fall to a total of 3,633,000 acres, an increase of 5 per cent over that of the year previous. This is the greatest area Oklahoma has sown to wheat since 1920 when 3,886,000 acres were planted.

Wheat prospects in the Panhandle of Texas show improvement in the last few days because of general snow from four to six inches. The acreage is slightly greater than that of last year. Heavy rain or snow is reported from practically every section of Texas, the central grain belt having a thorough soaking. The ground generally is in excellent condition for plowing, preparatory to spring planting. Stock ranges are better than they have been since the war. Business is good. The east Texas rain extended to Louisiana.

The New Mexico wheat situation is promising, as the start was good, and snow now covers the entire wheat area. There has been a good deal of snow in the mountains, which encourages farmers in the irrigation districts in the belief that they will have an abundance of water this year.

Reports from California are that winter moisture in that state is below

normal. However, there is no damage to date, and a good rain or snow in February would take care of the situation.

California field and fruit crop produced in 1925 exceeded in value \$405,000,000 of which \$216,000,000 covered fruit and \$189,000,000 field stuff. The program for 1926 calls for more extended farm operations than did that of last year.

Bank clearances and building permits show a steady growth. Manufacturing activities are increasing; mining activities normal. Wholesale trade is fair.

Several irrigation projects are under way which will open a considerable area to agricultural development.

Late rains in Arizona have been sufficient for agriculture and livestock. The lettuce crop of the Salt River Valley is going to market; excellent quality and satisfactory prices. Business is good. The mineral output is on the increase.

Colorado closed a good year, and begins one which has bright prospects. The mountains are full of snow, which means water for irrigation, so important in that state. Upland farms have had moisture, and the limited area of wheat is in fair condition. Ranges are exceptionally good. About a normal acreage was planted

to wheat in Illinois and Iowa and a slightly decreased acreage in Missouri last fall. A fair stand was somewhat retarded by the open winter, but a general snow came in time to carry it safely until spring, growers say.

Many Illinois and Iowa farmers are holding their corn in the hope of better prices. A large quantity of Missouri corn is going to Arkansas and Texas for feeding purposes.

Business in the three states is reported as good, if not better, than that of a year ago.

Dept. of Agriculture Plans Radio Features

The vast fund of popular and scientific agricultural information that originates on the farms and in the laboratories of the United States Department of Agriculture will soon be tapped in a new place. This is the announcement made by Sam Pickard, chief of the newly created radio service in the department. Steps will be taken immediately, he said, to furnish a variety of agricultural program material to commercial broadcasting stations serving farmer audiences.

Much of the material furnished by the radio service will be prepared for presentation in a radically different manner than the present almost universal practice of reading manuscripts. Broadcasting stations co-operating will be asked to provide personalities who have unmistakable qualifications to voice the information and material which in most cases will be presented in popular style and in the form of dialogue or questions and answers.

"Uncle Bert" the garden expert, one of Mr. Pickard's phantom characters, will entertain and instruct the boys and girls of the Radio Order of Junior Gardeners with nature-study information. Some of the juniors themselves will be heard over the radio as they ask questions of Uncle Bert.

"Fifty Farm Flashes" will soon be offered as a regular feature on the air. The "flashes" will consist of interesting current information sought by farmers through the several thousand letters received each week by the department.

Other special feature programs are under consideration, among which are the "Housekeeper's Half-hour," and the "National Farm School." In the latter the farm will be considered as the student's laboratory. Timely lecture courses which dovetail with the daily farm work will be developed, and laboratory assignments will be made which necessitate putting into practice the subject matter taught. These will be supplemented with a file of bulletins dealing with the subject matter broadcast.

Cotton produced in Texas in 1925 was worth \$379,250,000.

Draughon's Adds New Equipment

Because of the largest enrollment in the history of the school, the Draughon's Business College here has found it necessary to add forty desks to its equipment.

There is now an actual attendance of three hundred young men and women, from every section of the southwest, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, and Texas being represented.

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ture, as it is human nature, not to take any special interest in the possession of another, and if there is a more thrilling way of spending 50 cents than to let a child select 50 cents worth of flower seed, and turn him loose with half a dozen catalogs to make the selection, I don't know it. They always wind up with the colored front page collection, but in the search they will learn a lot about flowers and plants that will be useful later on.

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ers that will bloom this spring in addition to the catalog collection, so the joy will begin at once before there is time to get discouraged. Children, somehow like the feeling of possession, and a living Christmas tree, peach, "Delicious" apple, plum or pecan, tied with red to make it Christmasy, will as a rule be joyously received. Then let the child take care of the tree and always speak of it as his or hers.—Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, in The Progressive Farmer.

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Blue Bonnett Club

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Drewery and Mrs. F. Tudor were joint hostesses to their Sewing club at the home of the former.

This club has a membership of about twenty and they have decided to use their dues for a very charitable purpose, that of the adoption of an orphan girl. This little blonde girl whose name is Mildred Marie Hacker lives at the Amarillo Childrens Orphan's home and will remain there while these good ladies have pledged themselves to clothe her and at times send little luxuries that orphan children are denied. The letter from Supt. Irvin was very commendatory of this beautiful act. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in needle work and at the close the hostesses served a salad course, to the following members and guests: Mrs. Lauderback, Diamond, Merrill, Pogue, Humble, Tanner, Holt, Olive, Jones, Frye, Clark Greer, Whitaker and Graham Whitaker, Dicky, Ivy and Lokay.

Shower for Miss Robertson

Mrs. Dick Green of Lubbock and Miss Betty Reynolds very charmingly entertained Monday afternoon at Miss Reynolds' home, honoring Miss Robertson, who is to be married this month to Mr. Kenneth Kimbro of Lubbock.

This was the first of a number of parties to be given for Miss Muff in the next week or two. The afternoon was spent in playing bridge and at six o'clock high score was awarded Mrs. John Herd of Post.

Mrs. Green and Miss Betty served a dainty lunch of cream in dainty slipper form heart shape cakes with "M R" on each, nuts and mints. The favors were rosebuds each containing a fortune for the individual.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Green and Miss Reynolds were Miss Robertson, Mrs. Gus Robertson, Mrs. Briggs Robertson, Mrs. John Herd of Post, Mrs. L. Lumsden of Wilson, Miss Hyde and Miss Dauthy of Abilene, who are guests of Mrs. Lewis Hunter of Lubbock, Miss Frances Tatum of Dallas, Mrs. Byron Dickerson, Mrs. Lewis Hunter, Mrs. Joe Flaig, Mrs. O. L. Slaton, Miss Kathrine Atkins, Miss Evelyn Posey, Miss Ruth Slaton, Miss Mary Meador, Mrs. Carl Roberts all of Lubbock, and Mesdames Rosser, McAttee, Peavy, Ball, Anton, DeLong, Baldwin and McKirahan.

Tres Mesa Club

Mrs. S. A. Peavy was hostess to her bridge club on Thursday afternoon. The guests of the club were Mrs. Caroway, Mrs. Pack, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Anton and Mrs. McKirahan. Mrs. Peavy served a delightful salad course at the close of the games.

Club Notes

The Civic and Culture club will be entertained by Mrs. Smith on Saturday, February 13th.

The Thursday Bridge is meeting with Mrs. Richard Ragsdale this afternoon.

Luncheon

Mrs. G. Miller and Mrs. L. C. Whitney entertained Wednesday at a bridge luncheon at the home of Mrs. Whitney.

GORDON-EDMONDS

Mr. A. C. Gordon, of Bradshaw, Nebraska, and Miss Etta Edmonds, of Southland, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Tuesday afternoon, February 9th, at the home of Rev. Jno. F. Hardesty, at 4 o'clock, pastor Hardesty performing the ceremony. The couple were accompanied by a brother and sister of the bride. The newly weds will leave next Monday for their home in Nebraska, followed by the good wishes of a host of friends, who congratulate them upon their happy union.

Fire Damage Done To Montague Home

Last Saturday the fire alarm called the fire department out to the home of W. B. Montague where the home was threatened by the bad behavior of the oil water heater in the bathroom.

The fire boys reached the scene in record time, and checked what might have proved seriously destructive had there been much delay. Damage in the Montague home was estimated at about \$200.

Toot! Toot! Read the Slatonite, your favorite newspaper.

"Don't Miss The Wilcoxers" Advice Given to Santa Fe Folks

Friday night, the 12th, is the date for the next number of the Santa Fe concerts. This will be the only number for the month of February, hence it should have a large attendance.

Uncle Geo. Marriott, local manager of the Reading Room, states that the curtain will rise promptly at 7:15 for this program. This is out of courtesy toward the Firemen's ball to be held on the same date.

RADIO

It is impossible to reduce static interference without also reducing the reception volume. It is often better to use smaller aerial and tune carefully for a strong station, thus aiding in getting rid of static and other electrical interference.

If you want to get the best results from long distance stations, be sure to see that all aerial insulators are thoroughly cleaned.

Texas produced more than two million bushels of onions in 1925 worth more than three million dollars.

Returns from Revival Meeting At Clyde

Rev. T. L. Kimmel has returned from Clyde where he has been for several days in a revival meeting there. He reports a good meeting, with good attendance and interest throughout. Rev. Kimmel will be with his people here in the services Sunday.

ORDINANCE NO. 33

An ordinance granting the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company, a corporation, and its lessee, the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway Company,

a corporation, and its successors and assigns, the right and privilege of laying tracks upon and across certain streets in the City of Slaton, and maintaining and operating the same: Be it ordained by the City Council of Slaton, Texas: Section 1. That the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company, a corporation, and its successors and assigns, be and they are hereby given the right, power, and privilege of locating, building, erecting and properly maintaining and operating a railway track, with the necessary turnouts, switch stands, and other necessary appliances connected therewith, across Railroad Avenue and upon and over Eighth Street to a point across Hale Street. The said Railway Companies are to keep and maintain crossings over said tracks at the intersecting Streets and alleys in good condition so as not to interfere with the public use thereof. Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and approval. Passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, A. D. 1926. Approved this 3rd day of February, A. D. 1926. S. F. KING, Mayor. ATTEST: HARVEY AUSTIN, City Secretary.



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- With The Churches -

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prof. C. L. Sone, Supt.

Remember the contest between our Sunday school and Lamesa for largest attendance. Be sure and be present next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject, "The Crime Wave—it's cause." Night subject, "Does it pay to be a Christian?" The pastor will finish the sermon he started last Sunday morning. Morning service only one hour and closes at twelve.

All are invited.
A. B. Davidson, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Regular services Sunday.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor.
All B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the evening service.

Sunbeams at 3 p. m. Monday.
Prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Let us remember that the revival meeting begins Sunday, March 14th. We give you a cordial invitation to worship with us at all our services.

Jno. P. Hardesty, Pastor.

Church of Christ

Bible Study 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m.

Our meeting at Clyde, where I worked with the Church three years ago, was an enjoyable affair. Attendance was good throughout, and interest all that could be expected at this season of the year.

Come to our services Sunday morning and at night.
T. L. Kimmel, Minister.

Mass Meeting At Methodist Church

The flying squadron of Sunday school specialists from Lubbock was greeted with a well-filled house at the Methodist church Wednesday night, Feb. 3rd. A good program consisting of five or six able speakers spoke on the subject of teacher training work and how to solve Sunday school problems. Drs. White, Doak, Harky, Mrs. Camp and others were the speakers.

The meeting was in the interest of the teacher training, Standard School, to be held for one week at Lubbock Methodist church beginning March 7. A large number from the Methodist church here enlisted to take the study course.

Missionary Society Met With Mrs. Adams

The Vada Gilliland Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday, Feb. 7th, at the home of Mrs. Adams. They will meet next Monday, Feb. 14th, at 4:30 p. m. at Mrs. Adams' home again. The lesson will be taken from The Voice on the Bennett School of Brazil.

Reporter.

Girls' Auxiliary Had Good Meeting Recently

The Girls' Auxiliary met Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church at four o'clock. We had a very interesting program, although only a few were present. This is a new organization in Slaton. It has gone over in other places, and we are going to make it go over here. Come to G. A. meetings, girls.

Reporter.

Builders' Class Met With Mrs Guthrie

The Builders' Class met with Mrs. Guthrie Tuesday in a business and social meeting. Devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Mrs. W. R. Wilson.

Scripture reading, Psalm 119. Prayer by Mrs. Davidson.

The Importance of the Bible, Mrs. J. J. Ross.

Mrs. Proctor followed with a discussion of "Fosdickism" as appearing in an article in the September number of the Ladies Home Journal, author William Biederwolf.

Some interesting points from Bishop Candler were given by Mrs. Davidson. Mrs. Forrest gave some interesting

Winsett Party to Begin Meeting at Southland

The John G. Winsett evangelistic party will begin a revival meeting with the Baptist church at Southland Sunday, Feb. 14th. The meeting is scheduled to run for a two weeks period, according to the pastor, Rev. W. M. Lawrence.

The Winsett party has a reputation of southwide extent as effective religious workers. People of Slaton and surrounding communities are invited by Rev. Lawrence and the church at Southland to attend these meetings.

We are glad to see Joe H. McBride back to work switching. Joe has been farming for the past year, but the freeze froze him out, so he came back to switching box cars again.

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- How to reduce the unbecoming droop under the chin.

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Rotarians Enjoy Impromptu Program

The Slaton Rotary Club is not strong for tete-a-tete mode of entertainment at its weekly luncheons. Last Friday Joe Teague, Jr., had charge of the program and his suggestion that the members linger at the banquet board and entertain each other while he finished his repast was promptly overruled.

It was the club president, Harry McKirahan, who did the overruling, whereupon the program chairman for the day, out of a spirit either of reciprocity or retaliation, called upon the president for a speech on the subject, "How to Keep Out Competition when Business is Punk."

The president rose to the occasion by declaring first that business was not "punk" and secondly that he was not afraid of competition, and passed the buck to Rev. Davidson, who is supposed to be ready for a speech in season and out of season. The appeal to the minister was so sudden and unexpected that it caught him not "in the spirit," so he in turn passed the buck to Lem Sone to talk on "Our Schools," and the professor is good for two hours on that subject any time anywhere, and on this occasion he made good in about two minutes. Then Vaughn E. Wilson, attorney of Lubbock, and a guest of the Club, was called and gave a much appreciated talk on law enforcement.

Just then Rev. Davidson caught the inspiration and could have made a talk on most any side of any question had the emergency demanded and the time permitted. As it was, he closed the speaking carnival in fitting manner, after which the club faced the flag and sang America and adjourned.

Mr. J. R. McAtee was also a guest of the club at the Friday luncheon, R. H. Tudor has charge of the program tomorrow, J. A. Elliott on the 19th and C. F. Anderson on the 26th.

It was voted to make tomorrow's meeting "Ladies' Day," and at that time the wives of the members will be guests of the club.

Acuff Club Had Interesting Meet

The Acuff Home Demonstration Club met in a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Grimes on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 1926.

Twelve members were present. The subject of the program was "Gardening." Mrs. Hall, president of the club, presided over the meeting. Roll call was answered with "My Most Useful Labor Saving Device."

A short business session was held after which Miss DuBose gave a very interesting demonstration on making a fireless cooker, and making of a hot-bed. Four new members were enrolled at this meeting.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Earl Davis, on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1926, program on "Yard Beautification."

Mrs. Ashley Davis, Reporter.

Miss Robertson Is Favored Thursday

Misses Mary Alice Johnson and Evelyn Posey are entertaining Thursday afternoon at the Country Club in honor of Miss Muff Robertson, of Slaton, whose engagement to Kenneth Kimbro was recently announced. The guest list includes Miss Mary Meador, Miss Lila Mae Cravens, Miss Muff Robertson, Miss Katherine Atkins, Mrs. O. L. Slaton, Mrs. Hub Jones, Mrs. W. B. Powell, Mrs. Carl Roberts, Jr., Mrs. Louis Hunter, Mrs. D. D. Roderick, Mrs. J. L. Flaig, Miss Alma Spikes, Mrs. Neil H. Wright, Mrs. J. T. Krueger, Miss Ruth Slaton, Mrs. J. R. Germany, Mrs. John Jarrott, Mrs. J. T. Herd, Mrs. Gus Robertson, of Slaton, Mrs. Sonny McCelvey, Mrs. Lee Duggan, Mrs. S. M. Denman, Mrs. Murray Jones, Mrs. A. V. Weaver, Mrs. J. A. Rix, Miss Edith Carter, Miss Frances Hoffman, Mrs. E. C. Dickinson, Mrs. Floyd Beall, Mrs. H. T. Kimbro, Mrs. R. M. Chitwood and Mrs. W. H. Meador.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Farm Women Read Home Town Paper

The country "weekly" reaches, and is read in more farm homes than any other newspaper. A survey of conditions in the farm homes just concluded shows that 67 percent of the farmers in the eastern, southern and middle western states take their local weekly paper; 54 percent take the daily city paper, sixty-eight percent subscribe to a farm paper and 55 percent have a woman's magazine coming regularly each month.

People know where to look for the advertised goods they want to buy—in the Slatonite columns.

Valentine's Day of Pagan Origin

Came to Us From "Love Lottery" of the Ancient Romans.

How and where did St. Valentine's day originate?

It is said to have had its beginning in the farmyard, where the ganders choose their mates on the fourteenth day of February, a preliminary of their courtship being a remarkable fancy dance.

Nor, indeed, does this theory of its origin reflect upon lovers a painful ridicule, inasmuch as ganders, once mated, make excellent and faithful husbands. So domestically are they inclined that they even sit on the eggs when the female bird is off the nest.

In ancient Rome a sort of love lottery was annually held at the time of the festival called the Supercalia, because it was believed that at that season of the year birds chose their mates. It was a festival celebrated in February, in honor of Pan and Juno, and tablets bearing young women's names were drawn out of a box by the young men. Each youth availing himself of this privilege was expected to be until the next Supercalia the faithful attendant of her whose name he had drawn.

It was a pretty custom, and worth preserving. So Christianly, when it "took over" the pagan festivals and adapted them to its own uses, kept the anniversary of the Supercalia as St. Valentine's day, renaming it in honor of a holy martyr, who had been done to death at Rome in the Third century, A. D.

There was no special reason why St. Valentine should be chosen in preference to any other saint. It does not appear that he took any particular interest in lovers, and love-making. But, having first been clubbed to death and then beheaded, he deserved to be immortalized in some fashion, and in this way the object was attained.

The early fathers of the church so modified the Supercalia as to give to the celebration a religious character, and at first the names of saints were drawn as valentines, instead of those of living young women. Even at the present day in some Catholic churches the custom is observed of selecting on St. Valentine's day for the ensuing year a patron saint who is called a valentine. But youths and maidens, finding little amusement in drawing out the names of dead and gone holy men, soon reverted to the practice of drawing each other.

Sing a song of hearts
Pink and red and blue,
Speeding here and there
To friends good and true!

When each one arrives
Some one will exclaim,
"What a pretty thing!
But where, O, where's the name?"

The name, of course, is hid
Underneath the fold
Where the dainty shade
Meets the shining gold!

What's the meaning of it—
Hearts and gits so fine?
Don't you know, my dear,
It's a VALENTINE?
—Daisy M. Moore in "The Baby's Mother."

Union Items

(Too late for last week.)
The Misses Lyttie and Ruby May, of Lubbock, and Messrs. Clifton Donaldson, of Slaton, and Raleigh Adams, of Ropes, were Sunday guests at the homes of Mrs. and Mrs. Ernest Denny. Clarence Wicker, of Richland Springs, who is visiting his cousin, Earl Wicker, of Slaton, was calling on friends here Sunday evening in company with Earl Wicker and Virgil Woolever.

Bryan Geder was on the sick list last week, but is much improved and able to be about again at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin were Lubbock visitors last Friday and attended the farmers' short course there.

E. E. Denny and wife took in the farmers' short course at Lubbock last week.

J. J. Ross, secretary of the Slaton Commercial Club, gave a splendid talk on diversified farming at the school house Thursday night. He was accompanied by County Commissioner, H. D. Talley, J. D. Johnson, and T. J. Abel who made a short talk. A farmers club was organized after the address, and the following officers were chosen: Charley Griffin, pres.; John Lamb, sec.treas.; and Ernest Denny, J. B. Barron, and E. A. Deering as directors.

Fighting Mosquitoes
Paris-green dust scattered in a malarial mosquito swamp near Mound La., proved very successful. Alpridine Sew over swamps otherwise inaccessible and scattered the dust heavily diluted with Tripoli earth.

Exhibit Space Goes Fast At Stock Show

Ft. Worth, Texas, Feb. 11.—Exhibit space in the various buildings at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 6 to 13, is going fast, according to John Birdsong, office manager. Several large companies that exhibited at the exposition last year have requested that their space be doubled for the 1926 show.

Carpenters and decorators are busy on exposition grounds. Decorations are being placed in the automobile show building, recently completed.

Work will soon be completed in the new livestock auction building. A new restaurant is being built on the midway.

Livestock entries indicate that records may be broken, especially in the Hereford classes.

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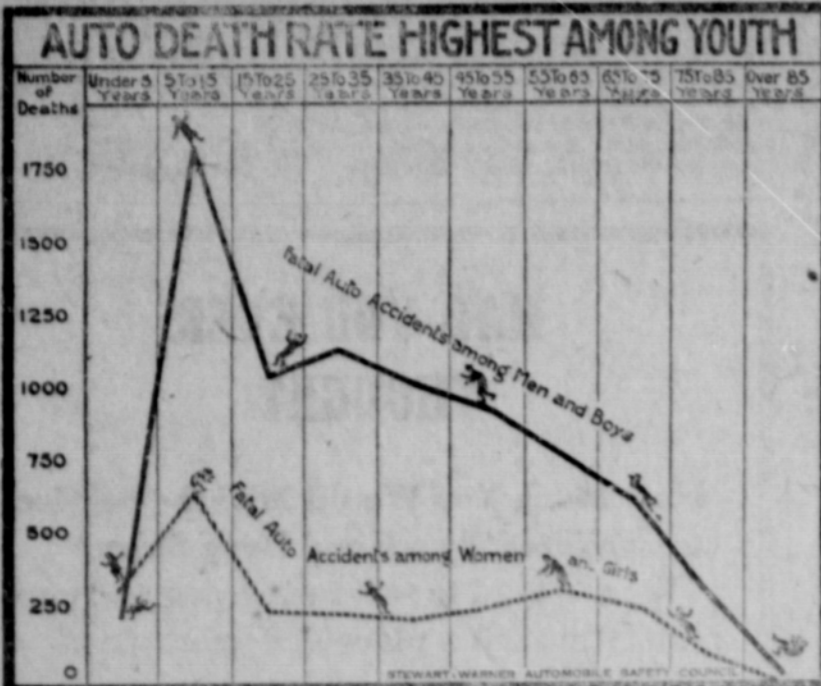
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Youth of Nation Tops Death List in U. S. Auto Fatalities



YOUTH pays the heaviest toll in annual automobile fatalities. From five to fifteen years is the period when the greatest number of fatal accidents occur, for both sexes. The chart shows the age distribution of automobile deaths for men and women as given in the latest mortality figures prepared by the government. These figures, says the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, emphasize the need for more playgrounds and increased safety education among school children.

Complete statistics are not possible, as only 85 per cent of the United States keeps mortality records. About 22,000 a year is generally conceded to be the annual number of automobile fatalities. For 8,621 males known to have been killed in one year there were only a third as many women, or 2,845. In spite of the fact that the male population is only 4 per cent greater than the female.

This chart does not take into consideration the 690,000 Americans who are injured annually by automobiles. Such figures are not available except in certain states, but that boys and girls again make up the bulk of such casualties is indicated by the records of New York state kept for the first nine months of 1925. Here 11,708, or practically one-third of the 28,302 injured, were under fifteen years of age.

West Texas News Summary.

Perryton.—Taxable values in Hutchinson County have increased more than ten fold during the past two years. The increase gives this county more than twenty million dollars taxable values. The great increase is because of the discovery of oil in the county.

Childress.—A white way of such brilliance that Broadway will blush for shame is going to blaze in Childress. In addition to the high powered street lights maintained by the city, merchants are stringing awning lights down both sides of the streets and numerous brilliant electric signs of novel design are being erected.

Fort Worth.—Col. C. C. French, Industrial Agent of the Fort Worth Stockyards Co. who has the immediate supervision of the joint Fort Worth Stockyards Co. and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce hog importing campaign now under way throughout West Texas, stated today that car load shipments were now under way at Midland, Big Springs, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Rising Star, Cisco, Stamford, Haskell, Quanah, Swenson and Spur. He also stated that he was visiting all important centers in West Texas interested in the hog importing campaign. Under this plan selected gilts will be shipped into West Texas at cost from selected stock taken from the pckerries at Sioux City, Iowa and elsewhere in the middle West. 200,000 of these hogs are needed to completely restock West Texas. Col. French stated that just as a farmer imported cotton seed for the purpose of planting cotton, it is necessary for him to import basic stock for hog production and that is what this government is doing, and therefore, it is not necessary for a farmer to have a large supply of feed stuff in order to make a reasonable importation.

Decatur.—Wise County shipped one million gallons of milk during the year 1925. The value of this milk and of the butter fat sold totaled a third of a million dollars. Decatur lays claim to being the largest milk shipping point south of Kansas City.

Stamford.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will operate a special train to Philadelphia to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition. The train will leave immediately after the Amarillo convention. The West Texas Chamber is to send an exhibit to the exposition.

Breckenridge.—Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and E. M. Whitaker, exhibit manager of the organization were guests of the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Club here recently. They had attended the annual banquet of the Olney Chamber of Commerce and were

enroute home. They each delivered a short talk here.

Olton.—A drive is under way here to increase the membership of the Olton Chamber of Commerce. Dues have been reduced from \$12 to \$6 in order to encourage new members to enroll.

Vernon.—The purchase of Fair Park by the City of Vernon is proposed and a bond election has been ordered for the purpose.

Mertzon.—Jake Biler, local hunter found thirteen raccoons in one tree while on a hunting trip on the Pecos river. He killed them all and sold their skins for a price of \$5 to \$13 each. He claims a world's record for treeing coons in one tree.

Littlefield.—Preparations are under way for the district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held here Feb. 22. A good attendance is anticipated and an interesting program has been prepared.

Tahoka.—Lynn County is to have a county school superintendent. The population of the county has increased to the point that the office has been automatically created.

Stanton.—E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce spoke here at a meeting of the newly organized Stanton Chamber of Commerce. The directors held their first meeting immediately following the meeting and Mr. Whitehead discussed phases of work with them.

Customs in Days of King Charles

Famous Chronicler Has Left Records of Valentine Observances.

Old Samuel Pepys, famous chronicler of domestic life in England in the reign of Charles II. makes entry in his diary numerous times of various Valentine customs. Thus on Valentine's day nearly 250 years ago we find him making this record: "This morning came up to my wife's bedside (I being up dressed myself) little Will Mercer to be her Valentine, and brought her name written upon blue paper in gold letters done by himself very pretty; and we both were well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's Valentine, and it will cost me five pounds; but I must have laid that out if we had not been Valentines." Prudent man. A bit later Pepys added: "I find that Mrs. Pierce's little girl is my Valentine, she having drawn me; which I was not sorry for. It costing me of something more than I must have given to others. But here I do first observe the fashion of drawing mottoes as well as names, so that Pierce, who drew my wife, did draw also a motto, and this girl drew another for me. What mine was I forget; but my wife's was 'most courteous and most fair' which, as it may be used, on an amaranth upon each name, might be very pretty."

What would not the collector of old valentines give for Master Will Mercer's valentine written to Mistress Pepys upon blue paper in gold letters? That would be a treasure. Indeed, for any collector, old valentines are less common than one might think. Perhaps this is so because there have been so few collectors of them, and the supply has not outlived the demand. Antique and curio dealers one meets with every day who will say: "Old valentines! Why I never heard of anyone collecting them! We always throw them away, or we used to when they came our way, though lately we haven't had any." Ah, the coupling of "lately" with the dearth of things. That is the collector's stumbling block, but if he be a true collector he will pick himself up and hurry onward to make up for lost time.

Old-Time Valentines

A tender missive of the last century shows a rosy-cheeked girl with a big valentine under her arm and an umbrella that changes its position, says: "I'm keeping my valentine safe for you."

Another maiden moves her eyes seductively as her moving hand writes on a tablet an affectionate sentiment appropriate to the season.

In like manner, a boy's eyes alter their expression while he manipulates the bow of a fiddle.

A dude carrying a large bouquet lifts his hat and moves one leg simultaneously as if walking, the two movements being accomplished by a single pivoted paper attachment at the back. He says, "I want you for my valentine, don't-cher-know."

Costly Valentines

When quaint old Pepys wrote his diary St. Valentine was still "fashionable," and many genuine love affairs grew out of the jesting beginning, while the "favors" frequently were a splendid extravagance that would be frowned upon by the tastes and manners of our day. The duke of York, we are told by the dear old gossip, gave a ring worth \$4,000 to his fortunate valentine. The same woman fell the following year to the lot of Lord Manderville, whose token was a diamond valued at \$1,500.

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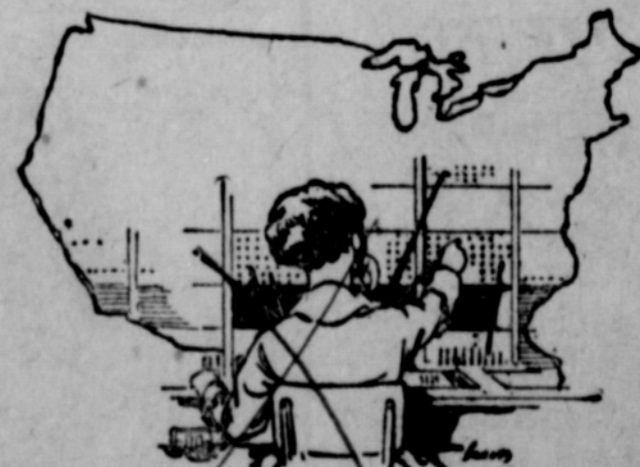
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