

**MANY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BARGAIN RATES**

Each day adds several new names of subscribers to the Progress; also there are many renewals at the reduced rate of 75 cents a year. This will be in effect until Jan. 31st, after which the old price of \$1.00 will go back into effect. As in the past, our paper has had a wide coverage of the surrounding trade territory and we are daily adding to the mailing list.

There are still many in arrears a few months, and some for a year, but drop around the office at your earliest convenience and let's check up.

OLIVER-PENDARVIS

On Wednesday, January 15, Benjamin Pendarvis and Miss Mint Oliver, of Washington, D. C., were married in Rockville, Maryland, by Reverend Lilly, pastor of the First Christian Church there.

Benjamin is the genial son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pendarvis, the former being the efficient agent of the M. K. & T. Railroad for the past thirty-six years, the last five years of which have been in Gorman. Ben attended State University three years and one year at T. C. U., lacking only a credit or so of receiving his A. B. There he met Miss Oliver who is also a Texan. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver who now reside in Washington, the former being connected with the school system there.

When school closed in June both went to Washington where Ben received employment, and the friendship which began in T. C. U. culminated in their marriage.

Sincere good wishes go to this estimable young couple and may success and good fortune ever be theirs.

**SENATOR JOHN LEE SMITH LEADS NEW SENATORS ON COMMITTEES**

Austin—Senator John Lee Smith of Throckmorton, serving the 24th district, has been placed on the following committees of the Senate: chairman of State Committee Institutions and Departments, also Game and Fish; Vice chairman of Commission on Constitutional Amendments; and is a member of the following important committees.

State Affairs, Military Affairs, Civil Jurisprudence and Commerce and Manufacturing, Highway and Motor Traffics, Judicial Districts, Mining, Irrigation and Drainage, Public Lands and Land Office, Rules, Stock and Stock Raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fields of Cisco were week end visitors in the home of Mrs. Dona Moorman.

Mrs. T. M. Collie of Eastland is in the Blackwell Sanitarium recovering from a minor operation.

**The Progress Invites**

**Saturday Only**  
D. James and one  
To See  
**Double Feature**

**Sunday - Monday**  
W. R. Ussery and one  
To See  
**LADY IN QUESTION**

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W. J. Liles and one  
To See  
**GRAND OLD OPERA**

**Thursday - Friday**  
T. J. Hale and one  
To See  
**BARNYARD FOLLIES**

**AT THE New Deal Theatre**

Comfortable and Entertaining  
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It will be your admission ticket

**Alexander Defeats Gorman To Win Big Tournament**

In one of the best conducted basketball tournaments ever held in Gorman, the Alexander boys and Desdemona girls defeated Gorman and Hasse respectively in the finals to reign as champions of the Comanche Trail Tournament for the year 1941.

Alexander won four straight games, defeating Alameda in the first round 34 to 15; then Cross Plains in the second round with the score of 39 to 24. They played Dublin in the semi-finals in a very exciting game, after playing two extra periods. The final score was 39 to 37, which put them in the finals with Gorman.

Gorman played Eastland in the first round and defeated them 55 to 6. They played Carbon a rough and tumble game in the quarter-finals and crushed them with a score of 43 to 20. The Gorman team played Morton Valley in the semi-finals and defeated them 31 to 26 in what almost proved to be an upset when the Morton Valley team hit a rally on the second string that took all the resources of the first string to stop.

The final game between Gorman and Alexander was close with Gorman scoring first and Alexander immediately tying the score. Alexander's team led 8 to 5 in the first quarter, but trailed 12 to 15 at the half. Gorman still held the lead at the end of the third period with the score 16 to 18. The score was tied four times in the last quarter, but Alexander edged seconds to play and won the game 24 to 22.

Both Alexander and Gorman had two men on the all-tournament team, along with a man from Dublin, Hollen, center, who for two previous years made all-tournament here and this being his third time. Bennett and Baze were the two selected from Gorman, and this also is Bennett's second time for this honor. Lee and Inabnett were the selections from Alexander. Incidentally, Lee, acting captain of Alexander, won two games with two of his tricky left-handed shots. In four seconds of the second over-time period with Dublin, he sank his seventh shot to make the score 39 to 37 and to win the game. Against Gorman he sank one with a half minute to play to make the score 22 to 24 that game.

Crawley, of Gorman, was high point man of the tournament, with 68 points in four games for an average of 15.3-4 points per game. Inabnett, of Alexander, was second with 52 points in four games, for an average of 13 points per game. Lee, of Alexander, and Baze, of Gorman, tied for third with 42 points in four games each with an average of 11.1-2 points a game.

**CHEVROLET SALES SHOW INCREASE**

DETROIT, Jan. 16.—Chevrolet dealers the country over opened the new year with a renewed bid for sales dominance, shattering all previous records for sales in the first 10 days of January, it was announced here today by W. E. Holler, general sales manager. Their new passenger and commercial car sales for the period totaled 28,499, an all-time high for the Jan. 1-10 period, he said.

The new car sales figure represents a gain of 29.1 per cent over the comparable period last year when dealers retailed 22,067 new cars and trucks.

Used car sales likewise continued to the upward course characteristic of the Chevrolet sales graph throughout 1940, a total of 40,620 units being sold in the 10-day period. This figure is 23.4 per cent in advance of the 32,919 sold during the same period in 1940.

Greatest gains over the comparable 1940 period were registered in truck sales, Mr. Holler added, a total of 6,240 units being retailed during the period. This figure is 43.9 per cent greater than that for the similar period last year.

Homer Rider is a Brownwood visitor today.

**Barbecue Featured At Inauguration**

AUSTIN, Jan. 21.—In a military setting, with army planes overhead and Camp Bowie soldiers firing salutes, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel today began his second term as governor of Texas.

In his inaugural address the governor pledged the state's all-out aid to President Roosevelt in behalf of national defense and commended the president for his stand for democracy.

The governor pictured the vast resources of the state, and said, "all the facilities at our disposal, all the resources at our command, the strength of our bodies, the skill of our minds, the prayers of our hearts must be laid on the altar of America."

As the governor spoke, in a chilling wind, but in clear weather the crowd began to drift away from the inaugural stand, and head toward the mansion for hot coffee and hot barbecue.

One of the largest free barbecues in the history of the state was prepared for the inaugural crowd of thousands, with the mansion lawn, and Colorado Street set aside for the big, free meal.—Eastland Telegram.

**MOTHER OF MRS. JACK KIMBLE SUCCUMBS**

Word came Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Ola Self, 61, mother of Mrs. Jack Kimble of Gorman. Friends of Mrs. Kimble and of the family have the sympathy of all in their sad hour.

**Dairy Show Set For Desdemona**

Arrangements have been made for Desdemona to have her first Dairy Show Friday evening January 31, according to a statement made by A. C. Pratt, Assistant County Agent, Eastland County. Some of the best Jerseys in Texas are located near Desdemona, and the purpose of this show is to give the people in that trade territory an opportunity to see them. This will be a show for only Jerseys and anyone in and near Desdemona is eligible to show their stock.

There will be no premiums or prizes given, but a judging contest will likely be given so everyone can show their ability to pick good stock. The cows will be shown after 1 p. m. January 31, in the lot across the street from the Post Office.

**EXCELSIOR CLUB**

The Excelsior club met January 14, 1941 in the home of Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield. Mrs. Dixon presided over the business session.

Mrs. David was program leader. Roll call was answered with "Beauty Spots of Texas." Mrs. David gave an interesting description of the Glacier National Park. Mrs. Oldham colorfully described Yellowstone National Park. The club was pleasantly entertained by Frances Stubblefield who played a number of piano solos.

Nineteen members attended the meeting. Mrs. Slaton of Los Angeles, California was a guest.

Mrs. George Rhodes of Ranger visited friends in Gorman Tuesday.

Mrs. T. J. Haley of Eastland visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow Tuesday.

Mrs. Pearl Miller left Wednesday for De Leon where she will spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Bassett.

Mrs. John Kimble, Mrs. Ellen Oldham, and Mrs. Frank Dean are spending Thursday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. R. L. Moseley left today for Fort Worth where she will spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. V. L. Perry.

Miss Anna Lou Finley returned Wednesday from Dallas where she has been marketing for Higginbotham's.

**Gorman Boys Leave For Army Tuesday**

The last Gorman boy to volunteer for the army was John Sutton who left Tuesday morning with the other four who are: Elvy Clark, Snooks Craddock, Grady Buntin, and Elmer Biddy. Basil Ormsby left the day before from the Abilene district.

A total of 28 young men, 22 of them volunteers and six of them selectees, were sent by the Eastland County Local Board to Dallas Tuesday morning for service in the United States Army.

The parents and other relatives of a number of the boys were present about the Local Board headquarters during the morning to see the boys off. The train, which carried the boys away, left Eastland at around 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The Eastland High School band gave a concert for the departing men. The Local Board officials expressed their appreciation of the school board's attitude in permitting the band to leave the school and come to town to give the concert.

The Local Board states that another call for men, all white, has been issued for February 11. This will be call No. 4.

Following are the boys who left Eastland Tuesday morning for Dallas:

- Volunteers:**  
J. T. Yancey.  
Charlie Grady Buntin.  
Chester C. Hogan.  
Woodrow Cecil Wilson.  
Lee Alton Harbin.  
J. D. Pittman.  
Jessie Arnold Ainsworth.  
Orville Hughes.  
Coe Owen Garrett.  
Claude Odell Hogan.  
Avery Darnell Holt.  
Roy Alton Callarman.  
Hubert Bryan Buchanan.  
Candido De Los Santos.  
Bernard William Carl Wende.  
Billy Ray Lyerla.  
Winfield Allen Craddock.  
Elmer Bibby.  
Raleigh Edward Darnell.  
Joe Lugo Bustamantez.  
Truman Rufus Beun.  
John Edward Sutton.
- Selectees:**  
Miles Gardner Ervin.  
Wendall Harold Russell.  
John Russell Gage.  
Elvy David Clark.  
Cornelius Parker Hines.  
Willie Fisher Hunt.

**TEXAS' POET LAUREATE GOES TO NEW YORK**

Mrs. J. F. Robertson, poet laureate of Texas, has accepted an invitation to visit in New York City and left last week for an extended visit.

Mrs. Robertson has been in Gorman several times, having appeared on a program of the Excelsior Club a few years ago. She read from her book of lyrics, "Red Heels" and sold several autographed copies to Gorman and Desdemona ladies. Since then she has published other volumes, and is popular in poetry and club circles throughout the State.

This is an honor for Mrs. Robertson to be given this trip to New York where she has been asked to read from her books for several affairs.

Those who know her will be glad to learn of this lovely gesture on the part of an unseen admirer, Mrs. John Henry Hammond.

Mr. Amos Eaker is in Dallas this week on business.

Misses Imogene and Florene Love were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huckabee and daughter in Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone and Mrs. W. C. Smith were in Brownwood Sunday to see Earl Stone, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller of Stephenville were visitors of relatives in Gorman Sunday.

Mr. G. L. Smith and George spent Wednesday in Brownwood in the home of E. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Self.

**K. of P Installs New Lodge Officials**

On Monday night, Jan. 6, the following officers for the Knights of Pythias were installed for the coming term: chancellor commander, Odell Kirk; vice-chancellor, W. C. Browning; prelate, J. W. Brown; master of work, John Blackwell; keeper of records and seal, Hulon Pullig; master of finance, Gail Bennett; master of exchequer, Doyle Linder; master-at-arms, Jim Bennett; inner guard, Cody Love; outer guard, Garnett Courtney.

On Monday night the rank of page was conferred on C. L. Ponder.

The Gorman Lodge in the past three years has attained the distinction of becoming the "biggest little lodge" in the state of Texas and has held a warm spot in the heart of each succeeding Grand Chancellor. On four occasions it had the honor of being 100 per cent, with no suspensions, nor withdrawals, and showing a tremendous gain in membership. The rank of Esquire will be conferred Monday night, Jan. 20.

Hulon Pullig, Doyle Linder, Oda Monroe, Odell Kirk, Arthur Bennett, W. C. Browning and N. O. Whitfield attended the Round-Up Club meeting held in Eastland Tuesday night at which time officers were elected for the coming year. Doyle Linder was elected president and Hulon Pullig, secretary-treasurer. Brownwood was designated as the next meeting place on February 17.

The Round-Up Club was organized with the purpose in mind of aiding weak lodges, conferring work and bringing together a closer bond of fellowship. A program and refreshments are furnished by each host lodge.

At the meeting it was voted to divide the club which consists of the following lodges: Graham, Abilene, Breckenridge, Eastland, Gorman, Comanche, Brownwood and Cross Plains into two divisions, North and South; North being comprised of: Eastland, Abilene, Graham and Breckenridge, while the South consists of: Gorman, Comanche, Brownwood and Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ponder and daughter left Tuesday for Big Spring to attend a managers meeting of the Empire Southern Gas Co.

Mrs. Bernice Walker and Frances Roach were visiting relatives in Gorman Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Bill Reynolds and daughters of Cisco were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simmons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard of Weatherford were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert of Carbon were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood.

Clay McKnight of San Antonio is here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Pullig.

Pete Allen, who recently enlisted in the army and is stationed at Camp Bowie, spent the week-end with his parents.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express to the many friends our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your expressions of kindness and sympathy during our bereavement. May each of you be richly blessed.

—Dewey and Lowell Overton and families, the brothers and sisters.

Barnard Blair returned Thursday after working in the territories of Columbus and Austin.

Virginia Pullig came home today from Tarleton, and brought a guest, Miss Jean Newton, also a Tarleton student.

**Gorman Boy Wins 4-H Club Award**

Announcement has just been made that L. V. Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mauney, and a Gorman 4-H club boy, has been elected to receive the County Achievement award of a gold medal presented by the A. and M. Extension Service for outstanding demonstration work in 1940. The County Achievement award replaces the Gold Star awards that have formerly been made to boys who have done outstanding work. The most important change made in setting up the Achievement award, according to A. C. Pratt, Assistant County Agent, was that only one award will be made to a county, whereas the Gold Star awards were on a competitive basis with other counties, and the number any county received was determined by the quality of demonstration work done.

L. V. has conducted a demonstration in raising peanuts for the past three years and, believe it or not, his average yield per acre has been 51 bushels. The average county yield is 16 bushels. This demonstration work has been conducted on hillside sand, with good farming practices carried out, with the use of fertilizer, and with the full co-operation of Mr. Mauney who contributed sound advice from his experience in raising peanuts. It is not so unusual for a club boy to make 50 bushels per acre one year, but L. V. made 56 bushels in 1938, 43 bushels in 1939, and 52 bushels in 1940, so one would think this was not an accident.

Having a greater desire to do one thing well, than to divide his interest with several different types of work, L. V. has not had any 4-H demonstration other than peanuts. His 1941 demonstration is to be 1½ acres of peanuts. Here's hoping Old Man Weather gives you a break, L. V.

**Roosevelt Begins Third Term Jan. 20**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—President Roosevelt today began his historic third term, after inaugural services earlier in the day, in which he called upon Americans, in his inaugural address, to perpetuate democracy "in the face of great perils that have never before been encountered."

In his inaugural address, delivered before thousands of cheering citizens, President Roosevelt challenged the philosophy of men who believe that democracy is doomed and men who believe that "tyranny and slavery will become the surging wave of the future."

"We Americans know this is not true," he declared.

"We do not retreat. We are not content to stand still. As Americans we go forward in the service of our country, by the will of God."

Then, turning to the nation's needs for maintaining the "sacred fire" of liberty, he said, "the preservation spirit, the faith of the nation does, and will furnish the highest justification for every sacrifice we may make in the cause of national defense."

Parade lines formed as the president spoke in fair but cold weather, and cheering crowds greeted the chief executive, the first lady of the land and high government officials who rode in the parade which ended at the White House.

Vice President Henry Wallace took the oath of office first, which was administered by retiring and the oath was administered to and the ath was administered to the president by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.—Eastland Telegram.

Miss Louise Perry formerly of this city has accepted a secretarial position with the Chamber of Commerce at Houston, Texas. Miss Perry is to be congratulated upon receiving this appointment, having been made secretary to the personnel officer.

**School Project Is Moving Forward Nicely; Fence Up**

WPA workmen are rapidly completing the new fence around the athletic field for the Gorman School system. Three sides have been practically completed and with reasonably favorable weather the entire fence should be completed within the next thirty days.

Arrangements have been made to secure machinery for the removal of a large quantity of dirt from the field and this work will be started as soon as workmen have completed the fence enough to allow it to be done.

The entire WPA project, which was started early last September, is scheduled to be completed by early spring. The project, which calls for more than \$60,000 in improvements of various kinds includes besides the fence, bleachers for both sides of the field, a track, grading and drainage of the entire campus, ceiling of the gym, construction of a Home Economics Cottage, and repairs on the buildings. The front campus yard will be landscaped and new walks installed.

Bad weather has slowed down the progress during the past two months, but those in charge are hoping that weather conditions will permit them to continue their work uninterrupted and that the project may be completed within the next few months.

More than one hundred men are employed on the project at this time.

F. S. Perry returned Saturday after spending several days in Ft. Worth visiting V. L. Perry and family.

O. D. Brogdon and Homer Abernathy spent Monday in Dallas attending a Chevrolet meeting.

Ed Brown was a business visitor in Brownwood Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley were in Ranger Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell.

Miss Faye Jones was a week end visitor in Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Childers were visitors in Brownwood Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Rose of Tulsa, Oklahoma came Wednesday for an extended visit with W. V. Whatley.

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in  
**HEROES OF THE SADDLE**  
Helen Mack - Ann Dovark  
in  
**GIRLS OF THE ROAD**

**Sunday - Monday**  
Brian Aherne - Rita Hayworth  
in  
**LADY IN QUESTION**  
Plus: Movie Dog Stars

**Tuesday and Wednesday**  
ONE CENT NIGHTS  
Weaver Bros. - Elvire  
in  
**GRAND OLD OPERA**

**Thursday - Friday**  
Mary Lee - June Storey  
Jimmie Jeffries - Pappy Cheshire  
in  
**BARNYARD FOLLIES**  
Plus: Latest War News

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## I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Boyce House

There is magic in the name of the King Ranch. It is known wherever Texas is known.

Imagine, then, the thrill of visiting the biggest ranch in the United States—970,000 acres in three Southwest Texas counties. Over that almost limitless expanse roam 75,000 head of cattle and 4,000 sheep. To operate that vast enterprise, a force of 450 men is necessary, including 250 vaqueros. Why, it requires 2,500 cowponies for those riders!

At the head of the King Ranch is Robert J. Kleburg, Jr. To a thorough knowledge of ranching and great executive ability, there has been added a sheer genius for the breeding of livestock. All the world knows, of course, about the Santa Gertrudis cattle, developed on the King Ranch. Legends already are clustering around Old Monkey, the head of the line. The bull derived his name from the Mexicans who noticed that he was always getting into mischief—in other words, "monkeying around."

What is not so widely known is that the King Ranch has produced its own type of cowpony

through the crossing of the thoroughbred with the quarter horse—the latter deriving its name from its speed in the quarter-mile races which once were so popular in the Southwest. The head of this line is still living—a pampered pensioner. Though nameless, "the old, sorrel horse" has earned a place in ballads that are yet to be written. His wonderful disposition has been passed on to his descendants, along with a gain in size and endurance.

By selection, Kleburg fixed the desired type, color and other characteristics. Along with all these qualities is bred such an instinct that the young King Ranch cowponies naturally go right to work with cattle.

Just a few days ago, two colts were shipped to Venezuela and others have been sent to Cuba, Montana and elsewhere, so that—in time—the King Ranch cowponies will do duty on many ranges in distant lands.

Of course, the regular readers of this column know that I didn't know all these things to begin with. I figured them all out, however, by myself—well, that is, with maybe a little assistance from Dr. J. K. Northway, who—as a veterinarian—has charge of all the fine horses and cattle on the King Ranch. He looks after such valuable creatures as Bold Venture, winner of the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, two of the greatest classics of racing.

Bold Venture, purchased a year and a half ago for \$40,000 as a stallion, has a fine brick stable all his own and 10 or 12 acres to roam over. Then there are Ciencia, a King Ranch product, winner of the Santa Anita Derby in '38 and a purse of \$54,630; Dawn Play, who won \$51,650; and Split Second, winner of \$27,280.

Thus you can see that, besides cattle and sheep and cowponies, the King Ranch is outstanding for thoroughbreds—and that, too, in spite of the fact that the horses must be sent to faraway tracks for proving, as Texas does not permit racing. W. F. Egan, a

turf veteran whose speech has a tang of the "Ould Sod" though he was born in the United States (of Irish parentage), is the trainer.

An adult: A fellow who has quit growing—except in the middle.

Inconsistency of the Texas truck law (according to those urging liberalization) is that the load limit is 7,000 pounds but twice that load is permitted to the nearest railroad point. That provision shows in whose interest the law was written and harks back to the day when highways were relatively unimportant, they assert; but, in spite of repression and restriction, motor transportation has developed into a big and vital part of the Texas transportation picture and there are boys and girls who are almost grown who have never ridden on a train, yet have traveled thousands of miles—by highway, of course. The legislature is being urged to re-write the law in the light of this great development, with a load limit increase based on scientific principles that have been worked out by experts and that other States have tested and found to operate satisfactorily.

The deftness with which the fingers of bank tellers send bills fluttering down like autumn leaves as they count is marvelous to behold. Only thing is, when they're counting out the money for a check for me, they get through so soon.

The withered, blind woman playing love songs on an old accordion as the laughing, theatre crowds hurried by always seemed the depth of pathos—until a few nights ago when an icy wind was whistling, yet she was there, playing the tunes with fingers that fumbled and stumbled over the keys because blue with cold—and then the scene seemed the height of courage.

## Want Ads

FOR TAILORED Button Holes see Mrs. V. L. Rucker 3tc

FOR SALE—Rhode Island red roosters. Blair's Grocery 1tc

WANTED—A dependable woman or girl to care for 4-year old girl and keep house—Mrs. Floy Morrison.

## PLEA FOR SAFER TEXAS STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SENT TO LAWMAKERS

A joint appeal to the Senate and House of Representatives for the enactment of legislation to make Texas streets and highways safer was delivered to the Legislators by the Texas Safety Association and 20 co-operating organizations. The appeal was signed by presidents of the statewide organizations.

"Today," the message to the Legislators read, "there are more drivers, more motor vehicles on our roads than ever before. With military, commercial and civilian traffic increasing daily under the National Defense Program, the use of our streets and highways has expanded to an all time high.

"Unless modern traffic control laws are passed by this session, man-power and economic resources will continue to be squandered through automobile accidents in the hour of the Nation's greatest crisis."

Despite unprecedented safety efforts on the part of civic organizations and public officials, it was pointed out that since the 46th Legislature convened in 1939, the traffic toll in Texas has resulted in 3,300 deaths, 100,000 persons injured and an economic loss of \$90,000,000.

The appeal asks passage of the 5-point legislative program sponsored by the 21 state-wide organizations representing a membership of over a million Texans. The enactment of similar laws in other states has helped reduce the traffic death by as much as 35 per cent.

The legislation requested is: A standard driver's license law; an increased Texas Highway Patrol; a strengthened drunk driving law; a revision of the obsolete speed law; uniform reporting of serious accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams left Sunday for Brownwood where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sullivan of Comanche were business visitors in Gorman Wednesday.

## HISTORY WRITING CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

Austin, Jan. 16.—The Texas State Historical association has announced a first prize of \$25 to be offered the winner of a Texas History writing contest for 1941. Five other prizes are also offered. Announcement of the contest was made through the association's new magazine for Texas young people, The Junior Historian.

It is specified that the content of all competing articles must deal with some aspect of a trip in Texas. "This may be the account of a trip to a historic point or place in Texas—an old home, a building, a battlefield, an old trail, a ghost town, a cemetery, monuments, etc.—or it may consist of the story of a trip to interview an elderly person who had a part in the moving Texas scene," says the official announcement.

Papers are to be ranked for clarity, unity, accuracy, interest, and the picturesqueness of detail. It will not be necessary for papers to deal with a well-known place or historical incident. Any locale in Texas is as valuable as any other for the purposes of this contest.

The young people of Texas and the school authorities are invited to write The Editor, The Junior Historian, University Station, Austin, Texas, concerning the contest. Any boy or girl in Texas may become eligible for competition, it is stated.

April 15, 1941, is announced as the closing date for all entries.

The Texas State Historical association, oldest learned society in Texas, issued the Vol. 1, No. 1, copy of its new magazine The Junior Historian on Jan. 11. Professor Walter Prescott Webb in the leading editorial, "Salute to Youth," states that new publication is "devoted to the history of Texas, as discovered and written by young people."

This new magazine is inaugurated to provide an outlet for the historical writing of high school and younger college students. It enters a field not covered by any present Texas publication and serves to supplement the work of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, which has now been published in Austin for forty-four years by the Texas State Historical association.

The Junior Historian appears in an original cover designed by Professor Walter T. Tolve. The leading article is "Uncle Ed Takes the Trail" by Frank Musicie of Paschal High School, Fort Worth. This article won first prize in the 1940 junior historian's writing contest. A Texas Ranger story is written by George Ann Kirby of Ozona high school. This story deals with Captain James B. Gillett, well-known author, ranchman, and ranger.

Another feature of The Junior Historian is the announcement of the Texas State Historical Tours. The Texas State Historical association plans to send school children of high school and lower-level college age in large buses on tours covering the major historic points in Texas. Guide service will be drawn from persons specially trained in Texas history.

H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the new magazine, states that any young person in Texas is invited to contribute historical material to The Junior Historian.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blair and little daughter, Annie Kate spent Sunday in Mineral Wells visiting relatives.

Miss Ruth Henderson, of Cross Plains, accompanied Mrs. M. G. Underwood to Gorman to attend the basket ball tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Finley spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Andrew Underwood, and Miss Anna Lou.

Dempsey Montgomery, of San Angelo, was here Saturday and Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Montgomery.

Bill Alsbrook spent last week in Overton with his brother, Cle. Odie (Pinky) drove him back and visited with his grandmother over the week-end.

Merritt Dann, of Carbon, called at the Progress Office Saturday, later attending the basket ball tournament.

To the many friends who offered sympathy, kind words and the beautiful floral pieces, at the loss of our mother and sister, we ciation. May you be richly blessed, wish to express our sincere appre-

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## News of Desdemona

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lane and daughter, Bobbie Jean enjoyed a visit Sunday from Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lane, of Electra, and Mr. and Mrs. Estall Koonce, of Abilene. Leland is a brother of Horace Lane and Mrs. Koonce (nee Mrs. Bertie Wagoner) is a sister of Mrs. Horace Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Williams were in Goree on business Saturday.

Mrs. Hulon Pullig, of Gorman, was here Sunday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. W. H. Powers who was suffering with tonsillitis. She was accompanied by her guest, Mrs. Emma Jackson, of San Antonio, who is a cousin of Mr. Pullig. She is a practicing physician.

Wymon Alread went to Van Dyke, Friday evening to attend a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond, who entertained a large number of boys and girls in honor of the 14th birthday of their daughter, Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alread and son, Bobbie, arrived before noon Sunday and spent the day with their daughter. Wymon came home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark and baby daughter, of Corsicana, visited his parents, the Rev. H. B. Clark and wife from Friday afternoon until early Monday morning. Miss Mildred Arnett, also of Corsicana, came with them and visited the Clark family.

Mrs. Charles McFatter and Miss Delia Wall, principal of Grammar School, and Miss Ava Grindstaff, our teacher of home economics in our high school, were hostesses, Friday night to the members of the "21" Study Club and two other guests whom they entertained with a "42" party held in the living room of the home economics department. There were three tables of players and progressive "42" was played, after

which the hostesses served an attractive and appetizing refreshment plate of hot chocolate, sandwiches and cookies. Those present were: Mmes. C. A. Skipping, Scotty Lemaster, C. W. Maltby, W. H. Powers, Howard Williams, John Arnold, W. H. Davis, W. C. Bedford, Charles McFatter, and Misses Edith Creighton, Ruth Crenshaw, Ava Grindstaff and Delia Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parks attended the picture show at Gorman Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold and daughter, Jolene, and son, Paul, attended the basket ball game at Gorman Saturday night.

Walter May accompanied by Jack Powers and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Powers, were in Ranger on business Saturday morning.

Leander Moore, of Goree, was here Monday visiting old friends and looking after his property.

Mrs. Hugh Abel was in Stephenville on business Monday afternoon.

Mrs. I. N. Williams went to Comanche on business Monday afternoon. She was accompanied by her father, W. G. Wilson, of Palestine, Ill., who is spending the winter here.

On Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist Church at DeLeon the funeral of Mrs. Louise Lookinbill was held with Rev. Orville Richardson, of Desdemona, and the pastors of the Baptist churches of DeLeon, Dublin and Stephenville all taking part in the ceremonies, paying tributes of love and respect to this good woman who had passed away on Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Stover, after an illness of pneumonia which lasted for two weeks. Mrs. Lookinbill was 98 years on October 27, and had made her home with Mrs. Stover and family for many years, fifteen years of the time being when

the Stover family lived in Desdemona where she was loved by all who knew her. Mr. and Mrs. Stover gave her every comfort and loving attention that could possibly be given. Besides Mrs. Stover and the six Stover children and great grand-children, Mrs. Lookinbill is survived by one son, Gene Lookinbill, who lives near Stephenville, and his family. He is a half brother of Mrs. Stover. Those from Desdemona who attended the funeral were: Rev. Orville Richardson, Mrs. Grace Bray, Mrs. C. A. Skipping and son, Mrs. W. H. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Abel, Mrs. Howard Williams and daughter, Miss Mollie O'Rear, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. George Hicks and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Greenhaw, Mrs. Hugh Roe, Mrs. Agnes Dickson and son. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hetter returned Sunday night from Graham where they had gone on Friday to visit his mother.

Jack Gibson who is working at a cafe at Brownwood, came home Saturday for a short visit with his wife and also his father, Joe Gibson, Sr.

T. L. Acrea went to Paint Rock Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Matthews, who was seriously ill at the home of another son.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams and daughter and son attended the basketball tournament at Gorman Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sparkman and son, Homer Joe, spent Saturday at Gorman, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Abernathy, and also attending the basketball games.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill were among the large number who went to Gorman Saturday night to see the basketball games.

Mrs. Lanie Browning, mother of Mrs. J. R. Browning and several other children, passed away Monday morning after an illness of a few months at her home at Ellison Springs, between here and Gorman. A notice of the funeral will appear next week as the time has not been announced yet. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks attended the basketball tournament at Gorman Saturday night.

Recently Bobbie Alread, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alread, was awarded an attendance pin at the Methodist Sunday School as a reward for having attended every Sunday for a year, a record never made before by a member of that Sunday School. He deserves much praise for his fine record.

Sam Jones, principal of Desdemona High School and coach for the girls basketball team is receiving congratulations on the successful playing the girls are doing. They won Thursday from De Leon; on Friday from Cross Plains Saturday from Morton Valley; Saturday night from Hasse, the score of that game being 44 for Desdemona to 23 for Hasse. The girls had previously won first place trophies at Colony, Desdemona and Brownwood. They deserve much credit for their splendid playing.

On Monday in the living room of the Home Economics Department of our high school a training day for library clerks was held with Mrs. Ola D. Crismon of Eastland who is area supervisor of WPA libraries, presiding and giving instructions. The subject of the program was "Use of books of reference." A set of World Books and a set of Compton's Encyclopedias were used in practical demonstrations of finding information on various subjects which were listed under the keywords that were not identical with the main subjects. Library clerks from Eastland, Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona attended and felt that Mrs. Crismon's instructions were very helpful.

Mrs. Carlton Bassett and daughters and Mrs. Duane Bassett, of DeLeon were Sunday guests of Grandma Alsbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Newberry of Fort Worth spent Monday in Gorman looking after their banking interests and visiting with friends. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blackwell, of Lubbock, were week-end visitors of Grandma Blackwell and other relatives.

Edward Clark and George L. Smith were DeLeon visitors Tuesday.

Morgan and Aubrey Bennett are working in Mineral Wells this week.

## MARY LEE ATTAINS STARDOM WITH ROLE IN FARM PICTURE

A new star was born in Hollywood. Little Mary Lee sat quietly in the Republic studio projection room, waiting for her latest picture "Barnyard Follies" to be unreeled. Suddenly, the youngster received the biggest thrill of her life when the main title flashed across the screen. She had been given star billing, above the title, above the long list of seasoned players in the film. It was an unexpected thrill for Mary to learn she had been starred, as she had been under the impression that she was to receive only feature billing.

Mary's rise to her first starring film and the promise of future starring roles has been phenomenal, and the story of Cinderella could not be more exciting.

Without an ounce of singing training she became the star singer for the Ted Weems band about two and a half years ago. She gave no childish recitations, nor was she sent to a dramatic teacher by a fond mama who was sure her young offspring was a potential Shirley Temple. But in one swoop she was taken from the floor of a swanky New York hotel, where she was appearing with the Weems band, and flown to Hollywood to play a featured role in the Gene Autry film, "South of the Border."

Her first appearance before the camera was as successful as her debut in singing. She clicked — With producers, with Gene, and with a public that said it with fan mail!

Mary has that ineffable something that magnetically draws people to her. She does it with her songs, and she does it with her acting. Perhaps the magic of the little Lee girl's charm is that she is so real, and never loses that quality, be it on the stage, before the mike, or under the eagle eyes of the cameras.

A long term contract with Republic studios or stardom in her very own pictures can never change the friendly, unaffected personality of the curly headed, brown-eyed youngster who was born with a song in her heart. In her next starring picture, she will carry the title role as "Sierra Sue."

In "Barnyard Follies," which opens at the New Deal Theatre January 30 and 31st Mary is a major part of the show. She is the spunky little leader of a group of 4-H Club orphans, and more, the "little mother" of them all even to the extent of singing them to sleep with the enticing lullaby, "Lollipop Lane."

Mary was born in the little town of Centralia, Illinois on October 24th, 1924. From the start she loved to sing and was completely at ease when she sang at a number of her father's lodge meetings and other social functions.

In the earliest period of the colonization of Texas, the town of San Felipe, Stephen F. Austin's Colonial capital, boasted of possibly a dozen log cabins and only one frame building—which was a saloon and billiard hall, records in the University Library show.

Billy Slaton was a visitor in Eastland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Courtney are the proud parents of a six and a half pound girl born Tuesday. She was given the name of Velda Jo. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon has gone to Fort Worth for a rest and her friends hope she may be much improved upon her return.

Men may be smarter than women—but not in "book learnin'." University of Texas officials believe.

A current registrar's report shows co-eds ranked well above men students among the school's 11,000 students. Girls made an average of 1,845 grade points to boys' 1,134 points.

Panthers, leopards and Mexican mountain lions were numerous in the forests along the southern Texas coast in pre-Revolutionary times, according to old records in the University of Texas Library.

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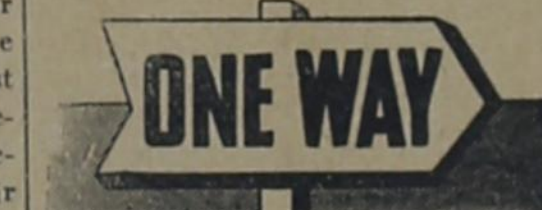
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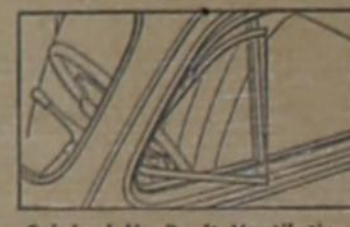
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### News of Carbon

F. M. Wood was in Dallas Sunday.

Mr. Nowlin and G. A. Mason were in Abilene on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Leslie Jackson of San Antonio was a recent visitor in the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jackson.

Miss Elva Lee Jones was in Abilene over the week-end visiting her sister, Miss Elizabeth Jones who is a student in Hardin Simmons University.

Charley Jackson was a business visitor in Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thomason of Granberry were in Carbon on business for a short time Sunday afternoon.

H. O. Hearne and daughter, Ima Joy of Morton Valley were guests of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Hearne Sunday.

W. W. Gilbert and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert were in Dublin Monday.

Messrs. J. V. Baird and Harold Bolger were in Mineral Wells on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert of Spur were business visitors in Carbon over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Taylor were in Weatherford last week visiting her brother, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard of Weatherford were guests over the week-end with her sister, Mrs. F. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Pearce were visitors in Okra and Rising Star Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Bill Phelps of Eastland visited her mother, Mrs. G. W. McBeck this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gilbert and little son, Joe Milton, of Brecken-

ridge visited for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stubblefield Tuesday. Mrs. Gilbert is a niece of Mrs. Stubblefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Foster visited Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Taylor Sunday.

Truman Been, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Been, left Tuesday for the training camp.

Lynn Trimble was a business visitor in Rising Star Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearce were in Eastland Sunday and Monday where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce who have moved to Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Claude Stubblefield spent last Thursday in Gorman visiting Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jones of Eastland were guests of their daughter, Miss Elva Lea, Tuesday night.

Max Jackson, who is employed in Mineral Wells spent Monday night with his parents, Dr. and T. G. Jackson.

Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield of Gorman was visiting here Tuesday.

#### Grover Curry Fatally Injured

Old Carbon friends of Grover Curry will regret to hear of his accidental death in Deming New Mexico, last week. Details of the accident were not disclosed in a telegram to relatives but stated he was a victim of a serious accident in a mine on Tuesday.

Another wire Tuesday afternoon stated that he died in Silver City hospital in a few hours.

Mr. Curry made his home at Carbon for many years, leaving here about 1924. His first marriage was to Miss Viola Collins of Carbon, who preceded him in

death many years. He later married Miss Eva Pearce of this place. His remains were returned to Deming for burial.

He is survived by his widow, a number of children and other relatives here to whom Carbon extends sympathy.

A large per cent of the Carbon population has come down with the "flu" since the holidays, although at this time the epidemic is more or less on the wane.

Some are still confined at home with it and other illnesses. Among them are: Mrs. J. W. Vaughan, Mr. Ed Sherrill, Pete Foster, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Wyatt; the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greer; the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins; Mrs. Wood, who has been very ill but now considerably improved. Mrs. Lonzo Wyatt was brought home from the hospital in Stephenville Monday after undergoing surgery.

Miss Ina Mae Morris is confined to the Ranger hospital after undergoing an appendectomy.

#### 1938 STUDY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Grady Morton was hostess at her home in Eastland Wednesday to the Woman's Club of Carbon.

Business routine matters and election of officers were held with the president, Mrs. Jackson, in the chair. The nominating committee, Meses. C. C. Gilbert, F. J. Stubblefield and Harry Hall presented the slate for election which resulted in Mrs. W. W. Martin as president, Mrs. T. G. Jackson, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Poe, treasurer and Mrs. W. J. Greer, secretary.

The club's annual party honoring the husbands of the members will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin January 31.

Bob and Joe Shelton and the Sunshine boys, radio entertainers of station K. G. K. O. have accepted the club's invitation to come for an evening's entertainment in the near future.

Mrs. T. G. Jackson, Jr., library chairman, reported sixteen new books added to the library. "The Woman Citizen" was the subject for the year book program with the quotation being: "There is a woman at the beginning of all great things."

Mrs. T. G. Jackson, Jr., gave an interesting discussion on a group of women writers. A group of women artists was given by Mrs. Hall, substituting for Mrs. A. Claborn and a group of women musicians was discussed by Mrs. B. B. Poe.

Club meets with Mrs. Jackson, Sr., on February 5th., after a three-week's recess. Mrs. Grady Morton will review a book.

#### Sub Deb Club

Miss Jett Cooper was hostess to the members of the Sub Deb club Monday night. Routine matters were taken care of with Miss Billie Green, president, in the chair.

The 1941 year book prepared by Misses Marciel Greer, Christine Gilbert and Martha Gray was presented to the club. Some discussion was held on uniforms for the club members and also for a Valentine party to be held Feb. 14.

Refreshments of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, assorted cookies and RC colas were served to Misses Billie Green, Marciel Greer, Martha Gray, Christine Tipton, Yvonne Morris and hostess Jett Cooper.

Miss Dolabelle Haynes was in Stephenville Wednesday on business.

Bob Ross, who is attending John Tarleton College, is home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Moseley of Ranger spent Tuesday in Gorman with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moseley of Coleman were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown Sunday.

J. W. Kinnison was in Abilene Monday visiting in the home of Mr. Jack Kinnison.

Mrs. Ralph Rider was in Ranger Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Maynard, of Rising Star, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Swan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Swan, of Brownwood, were visitors in Gorman Sunday.

Mrs. Randall Overstreet was in De Leon Sunday visiting her father, Mr. K. M. Van Zandt.

### Zeke Says

AUSTIN — (Spl.) — Probably one of the hottest pieces of news this past week in Austin was the pronouncement of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel against lobbyists and State boards. Everyone expected the Governor to recommend changes in the many boards and separate state funds but no one, especially the powerful lobby group, expected him to lambast the special interest groups that infest the town every legislative session. The lobbyists themselves are howling the loudest, each declaring that he and his group "are fine, honest men." No one denies that many of them are honest, fine men but they will have to admit they are all here for selfish reasons, not for the good of the masses. Even the powerful school lobby, with its many branches from the powerful Texas University on down, are looking out for themselves first and foremost. Governor O'Daniel delivered his biennial message in two parts, on separate days, last week. His first address was a powerful message, full of wisdom and fine recommendations, many of which should be put into force. His second message, on the problem of raising money, disappointed some of his many supporters because it struck close to their home bases. But Governor O'Daniel's plea for the legislature to "clean up this state government" will go down as a masterpiece. His 5-point program includes: 1. Extend the appointive power of the governor to include the power of removal; 2. Establish an effective budget control of state expenditures; 3. Consolidate in the office of Comptroller the tax collecting machinery of the State, eliminating the separate funds by putting all funds in the State treasury; 4. Amend the Constitution so as to stop the practice of incurring a state debt. 5. Establish a merit system for State employees. "The headless, irresponsible 4th division (overlapping boards) of our state government and this third house of well-organized lobbyists makes a combination which swarms the will of the masses of the people and brings on most of the demoralized conditions which the great rank and file of our citizens experience," the governor declared, to the amazement of the lobbyists. The governor also reiterated his stand against horse race betting and slot machines, this dealing a death blow to those who have been freely predicting recently a race horse betting bill would be passed this session.

**A Loan Shark Victory**  
Attorney General Mann, through his assistant, Frederic B. Isely, really won a court victory in Austin last week in their two-year fight against the loan shark racket in Texas when a jury awarded the State \$10,000 in penalties against the so-called Miller Management Company for operating 36 "local" loan offices in Texas without a State permit. The defendant company was a Tennessee corporation. They are closing their 36 branches in Texas, they have in-

#### Quotes Governor Jim Hogg

Governor O'Daniel indicated that he stands for a separate oil and gas commission, for which his friend, Senator Jesse Martin of Fort Worth, introduced a bill into the Senate Friday, when he quoted the famous governor, Jim Hogg, as to the dangers of an appointive railroad commission, Hogg suggesting members thereof should not be allowed to run for another State office while a member of the body. The Governor then applied it also

to the Highway Commission." "We had no Highway Commission at that time, consequently, Governor Hogg could not include the Highway Commission in his recommendation but I think there are plenty of people in Texas today who will insist that members of the Highway Commission and other officials with power through which state favors can be exchanged for political support should also be ineligible for election to other state offices until at least two years after the term of office to which they were elected or appointed has expired."

#### The Proposed Oil and Gas Commission

Immediately following the governor's messages to the two houses of the 47th Legislature, bills began to be thrown into the hoppers on both sides. Senator Martin's bill for establishment of the separate oil and gas commission proposes a 3-man conservation commission whose terms should be determined by lot. Martin's bill would also oust from office any commissioner who announced for a public office or accepted private employment during his tenure. (Members of the Highway Commission now draw full time salaries but also work at private employment.) While some think the election of Olin Culberson to the Railroad Commission has slowed up the demand for a separate body, veteran members of both houses this week predicted the new proposal would pass after a fight. The public, especially the independent oil men, have been so fed up on political races by those already holding offices they are demanding action on this bill early in the session and will likely get it, to remedy such a situation as existed last summer when two members of the Railroad Commission and one Highway Commissioner, all, ran for governor. The major oil companies have kept in the background as far as this matter.

formed the attorney general. Isley says another loan shark chain in the State is taking the hint and says it will also close its offices.

#### Short Shorts

Senator Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo Friday introduced a bill to abolish the State Department of Agriculture, placing its work at A. and M. College with the exception of the weights and measures division which would be placed under the Board of Control. On the other hand, Representative W. T. McDonald of Bryan says "we don't want that work transferred to A. and M. as it would do great damage to our school, making it a political football."

Lt. Governor Coke Stevenson suffered a defeat on the first day of the new session when he saw the Upper House refused to make Senator Weinert of Seguin the president pro-tem, Senator Clay Cotten being selected by a majority of that body. — Legislator Joe Sikes of Denton has asked for an investigation of the Department of Public Welfare, while Legislator Ben Sharpe of Paris is responsible for a resolution, passed by both houses, requesting the investigators of the old age assistance program to disregard ability of children in estimating need of old folks. Governor W. Lee O'Daniel also called attention to the fact that the federal government does not require old age applicants to depend on their children for support. — All in all, this is going to be a pretty good session, even though it only airs some of the evils of the administration of many of the departments and cuts out a lot of waste now current in many of them. — Governor O'Daniel's statement that he would favor raising the truck load limit to 14,000 pounds is taken here to mean that the truckers will suffer another bad defeat if they insist on more than that. The railroad lobby will likely agree now to raising the limit from 7,000 to 14,000 pounds, it is believed here.

#### COMFORTS TO THE MATTRESS

A supplement to the Department of Agriculture's 1941 cotton mattress demonstration program will enable low income rural families in Eastland County to have cotton comforts - one for each mattress made under the program.

Every Eastland County family eligible to receive mattress materials under the current program will also be eligible to receive 10 yards of percale and 4 pounds of cotton for making a cotton comfort, according to regulations announced last week by R. T. Price, field man at large for the State AAA office.

Materials for the program will be furnished by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Under the regulations, comforts must be made in community centers set up as in the mattress program. A family must first have received a mattress before it can obtain materials for making a comfort.

If you have made application for a mattress, a blank will be mailed to you for your signature on application for the comforts you are eligible to receive. It will not be necessary for you to see one of the committee members and you need not make a trip into one of the offices. The final date for making application for mattress and comfort materials is June 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith and daughters and Margie Lewis of Temple were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks were in Brownwood Wednesday to see his parents. Junior Hicks returned with them for a few days.

Mrs. Caroline Bennett is spending the week in Rising Star with a daughter, Mrs. Ballard.

#### Sunday School Workers in Eastland Monday

Luke Wright was in Brownwood Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. English.

Mrs. Eli Rushing of Desdemona was a visitor in Gorman Wednesday.

Mrs. Dick Jay, Mrs. Tom Stephens, Lura Belle Ramsey, and Mrs. Helen Darby were in Austin Tuesday attending the Governor's inauguration.

Rev. and Mrs. Price; Meses. J. Hamrick, Earl Pittman, Bert Bennett, Shelley, C. T. Moorman, John Henderson, Homer Miller, Oldham, and Messrs. Frank Dean and David Smith attended a Sunday School Teachers' and Officers' meeting Monday night.

Henry Capers and Frank Gray were in Eastland on business Wednesday.

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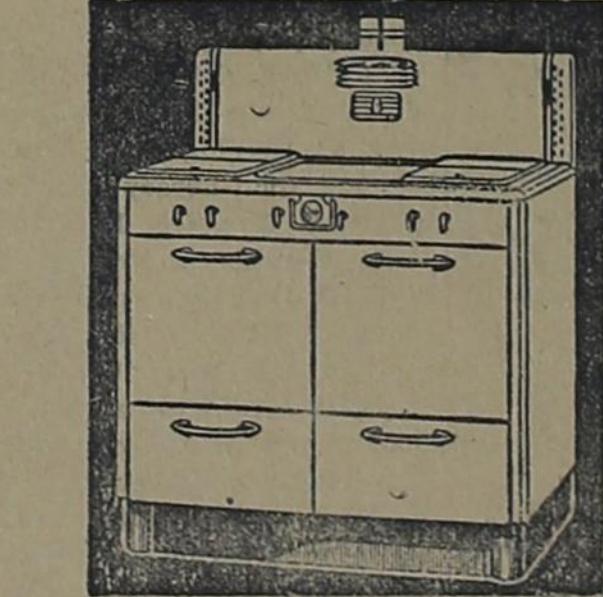
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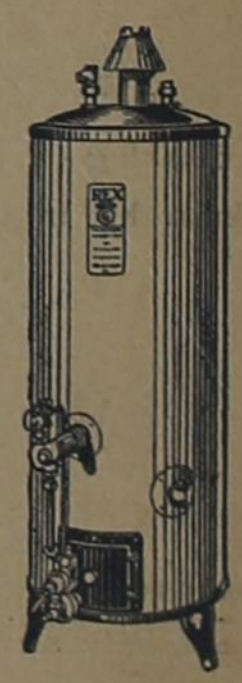
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