

# Pampa Daily News

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## PAMPA IS HOST TO W. T. C. C. GROUP

### Two Die As Amarillo Hotel Annex Burns Today

#### EXPLOSION IN BASEMENT MAY BE FROM GAS

#### Five Are Injured As Landmark Burns Today

#### STRUCTURE WAS BUILT IN 1889

#### Mother and Infant Daughter Are Victims

(By The Associated Press.)  
AMARILLO, March 10. — Two lives were lost and five persons were seriously injured here this morning when the old Amarillo Hotel annex was destroyed by fire.  
The dead are Mrs. Raymond Gonzales, who died of burns early this afternoon, and her infant daughter. The child was burned to death soon after the fire started, while the mother succumbed at a local hospital to which she was rushed for treatment.  
The annex is said to have been erected on the Amarillo townsite in 1889, and was one of the first buildings constructed here.  
The blaze started in the basement and was followed at once by a series of explosions believed to have been caused by escaping gas.

**Houston Man Burns.**  
FORT WORTH, March 10.—W. T. Lewis, 59 years old, was fatally burned in a fire which destroyed his grocery store here last night. He died today in a hospital.

**Borger Prisoners Escaped Today**  
(Special to The News.)  
BORGER, March 10.—Three prisoners held on felony charges escaped here early today from the jail.  
They are Jack, Davis, Harold Johnson, and Earl Miller.

**Jail-Break in Greenville**  
(By The Associated Press.)  
GREENVILLE, March 10.—Two men held here in connection with a recent robbery escaped from the Hunt county jail early today by tunneling through a brick wall.

### PROPOSALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS APPEAR TO HAVE NO CHANCE FOR IMMEDIATE PASSAGE

(By The Associated Press.)  
AUSTIN, Mar 10. — Efforts to place proposed amendments to the constitution before the voters of the state seem doomed at this session of the legislature unless action is taken on the proposals this week.  
More than 50 such proposals have been made in the Senate or House, but so far none of them has obtained final approval of both houses, according to the records of the clerks. A number of resolutions to call referendums on various proposed amendments have died in committees, others have been killed on the floor by indefinite postponements, failures to engross or adverse votes on final passage, and a few have trickled through each house, only to meet delay in the other house.  
Proposals for a referendum on the question of calling a new constitutional convention have been defeated in each house but a similar proposal has finally passed the Senate and awaits the pleasure of the House. As originally introduced the

#### March Permits For Building Already \$61,600

March opened auspiciously as a building month, with a total of \$61,600 of building permits issued during the first seven days.  
Of this figure, residences made up the larger part. These included a \$4900 house to be built by C. S. Branton and a \$6800 house contracted for by J. M. Dodson.  
John Haggard took out a \$25,000 permit for the apartment house he announced a short time ago.  
Not included are several business buildings for which contracts are being let. Appearances are that March will show an exceptionally high building total, marking the beginning of what is expected to be an extensive constructive program.

#### Farmers of State Cannot Decide On Best Crop Plans

(By The Associated Press.)  
HOUSTON, March 10.—Farmers are finding great difficulty this year deciding what crops to plant.  
H. H. Schutz, government statistician here finds that they do not know which will prove profitable. Reports from all sections of the state indicate, Schutz said, that sentiment is strongly in favor of cotton acreage reduction.  
An increase in the acreage of feed crops is being predicted from many counties.  
Following conferences this morning with officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the directors of the Pampa C. of C. will meet tonight to select a new secretary.  
W. S. Barcus, secretary of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, is here on invitation of the board. There are several applicants for the place vacated by the recent resignation of M. A. Turner.  
A New York woman left \$500 to a girl who had taken good care of her dog.  
Germany is now considering a plan whereby her emigration will be more evenly distributed.

#### Prexy Goes Sailing In The Spring, Tra La



Here is the skipper of the good yacht *Mayflower*, on her first spring voyage. President Coolidge took a group of his friends out for a sail with the first day of Washington's spring. Left to right are: Mrs. F. Trubee Davidson, wife of the secretary of war for aviation; Mrs. E. V. Stires, daughter of Louise Homer, the concert singer; Miss Mary Pollard, niece of the President; Mrs. Coolidge; Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the secretary of labor; President Coolidge and Secretary Davis.

#### MAIL DELIVERY URGENT NEED

**March Receipts Will Double Those Of February**  
"The spring rush is not 'going to be'; it 'is here,'" declares W. A. Crawford, local postmaster.  
"I expect March receipts to double those of February, and it is impossible to predict further," he continued. "There is no longer any question about this becoming a first class post office. We will exceed the required \$40,000 mark this year."  
Money orders are totalling more than \$3,000 daily. Postal receipts are averaging \$150 a day, or about \$54,000 for a year.  
Mr. Crawford will spend the week end in Dallas in consultation with the accounting postmaster for this district. Additional clerks must be employed, partly as a result of the growing business and because the Pampa Daily News will increase the need for rapid handling.  
It is also hoped that city carriers may be put on at once. The postmaster is anxious for the city council, Chamber of Commerce, and other interests to meet the postal regulations in order that steps may be taken to obtain two carriers.

#### SINCLAIR TRIAL IS RECESSED TO MONDAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Tangled legal technicalities today caused a recess to be taken in Harry Sinclair's contempt hearing, until Monday.  
The court ordered the rest in order that the attorneys may have time to straighten out the difficulties.

#### 27 Die in Russia As Theatre Burns

(By The Associated Press.)  
VOLGA, Russia, Mar. 10.—Twenty-seven persons were burned to death in a motion picture theatre fire last night in a small village, Avinsk. Forty other people are missing today.  
The Women's International Emancipation day was being celebrated when a kerosene lamp was upset. Most of the victims were women and children.

#### Efforts of Father to Wipe Out His Family Fail by Very Narrow Margin

(By The Associated Press.)  
TACOMA, Wash., March 10.—Efforts of a father to wipe out his family were all but successful today when his 9-year-old son died in a hospital from wounds. The man is Harold Jensen, local contractor.  
Jensen, apparently becoming momentarily insane, killed his wife and 1-year-old infant last night, then turned upon his two other children. He then committed suicide.  
A girl, the only member of the family surviving, was on the verge of death as a result of attacks upon her.

#### LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN SESSION WEDNESDAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
AUSTIN, March 10.—Sine die adjournment for the 40th Legislature next Wednesday was assured today when the Senate adopted the House resolution to conclude the session on that day.

#### Friends Keep Paralytic Alive

(By The Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, March 10.—Kept alive 96 hours by artificial respiration supplied by friends working in pairs, Alfred Frick was reported by his physicians today as having displayed indications of improvement.

#### Heavy Death Toll Reported In Quake

(By The Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, Japan, March 10.—Official reports to the government here from the earthquake area say there are 2,458 dead and 4,107 injured.  
Eighty-eight are missing, about 6,000 houses were destroyed by fire or the quake, and 2,000 structures are badly damaged, the report said.  
The American Red Cross is among the organizations giving relief.

#### TOBACCO TAX APPEARS DOOMED IN HOUSE TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
AUSTIN, March 10.—A severe, perhaps fatal blow, was dealt the tobacco tax bill in the House today when its opponents gained their point in a parliamentary struggle over whether the bill could be taken up out of regular order for final passage.

#### SINGING MAYOR IS FEATURE OF LONG PROGRAM

#### Speakers Praise The Permanency Seen In City

#### MUSIC AND FUN PREVAIL HERE

#### Duggan Speaks For First Time On East Trip

The singing mayor of Wichita Falls came to town last night with a West Texas Chamber of Commerce delegation and before the evening was over had become the outstanding feature of a long program of songs of music, good will, and praise for Pampa and West Texas.  
Arthur P. Duggan, detained at his home, joined his organization group here and delivered the principal address, stressing West Texas' need for equalization of taxes and diversification of crops. Homer D. Wade, Mayor R. E. Shepherd of Wichita Falls, C. H. Amacker of Amarillo, W. R. Arnold of Panhandle and Mayor F. P. Reid, C. C. Cook and M. A. Turner were among the other speakers.  
The speaking program was preceded by an exceptionally good entertainment, largely given by local talent. The W. T. C. C. delegation was met at White Deer by Mayor F. P. Reid, J. L. Nally, Lavender, M. A. Turner and C. F. Barrett, accompanied by W. S. Barcus of Sweetwater. Mayor Reid and Mr. Nally made short talks at White Deer. At 6:30 a few Pampa men joined the visitors in a dinner at Rogers cafe.

The W. T. C. C. delegation included A. P. Duggan, Homer D. Wade, B. F. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Willis of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shepherd of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Cole of Amarillo and Bill Cherry of the Amarillo News-Globe. Visitors were present from Panhandle and White Deer. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce group, with the exception of Mr. Wade, who was called to Fort Worth, proceeded this morning on the trip to Mobeetie, Miami and Canadian, after spending the night here. Before the end of their trip they will go to Spearman, Perryton, Texhoma, Stratford and Dalhart.

#### Roxana Meeting Is Based On a Short Road Plan

Neil McCullough, M. W. Jones and P. E. Boyd of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting at Roxana last night where the new and shorter road to the Roxana, Noelton, and Borger fields was discussed.  
Delegates from White Deer, Noelton, Skelly, and Pampa were present and all agreed that the shorter route would help to open up the district. A petition has been prepared and is to be presented before the court at Panhandle Monday.  
A group of business men met at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters yesterday afternoon and discussed the proposed short-route road from Roxana and Borger. The proposed road, it is said, will greatly shorten the distance to parts of the Roxana oil field, to which supplies are hauled from here.  
A petition has been circulated among land owners over whose land the new road would pass. Most of the land owners have signed the petition asking that the commissioners court open the new road.  
Those at the meeting yesterday afternoon agreed that the new road, if built, could easily be financed by the Pampa and Roxana Chambers of Commerce and the oil companies. Officials of several oil companies have assured the Roxana people that they will do their part in establishing the short-route road.  
M. W. Jones, Neil McCullough and P. E. Boyd were appointed yesterday to attend the meeting of the Roxana Chamber of Commerce and assure the citizens of Roxana that Pampa is for the road 100 per cent.

#### Entertainment Is Lauded

The preliminary program, which included duets by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Mann, Mayor and Mrs. Shepherd, Scottish song and dance numbers by Miss Catherine Vincent and Lewis Hardin, two songs by the new Chamber of Commerce quartet, a reading by Mrs. Carson Loftus, baritone solos by courtesy of the Rex Theatre and "Honey Hank" Harris, and special quartet selections by a W. T. C. C. quartet picked by Homer D. Wade, made up of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. Duggan, and W. R. Arnold.  
The Chamber of Commerce orchestra showed still further improvement in a series of selections, which drew much favorable comment and applause.

#### Duggan Is First Speaker

The substantial character of Pampa's buildings, and the evidences of pending public improvements drew much praise from Mr. Duggan, who is president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.  
"It is evident," he said, "that this is not an over-night town. Returning here after four years, I am much impressed by the wonderful growth I see about me."  
The speaker congratulated Pampa on her oil field, but declared that agriculture will make the Pampa of fifteen years hence. But any one-crop plan, he asserted, is unstable and diversification is the keynote of



**Pathos in Display of Oldtime Photos**

A table near the door of a second-hand bookshop speaks pathetically of ambitions, vanities and sentiments of the past. It displays a pile of once proud, now humbled and discarded photographs. If one burrows through the mass, fair women come to view in sleeves as wide as their shoulders, in ruffles and furbelows and frills; hips in spangles and limbs in tights. The men are in whiskers and high hats. Many of them are boldly inscribed with names once well known.

Costumes call to mind popular theatrical roles of long ago. A pompadour beauty with a rose behind her ear once acted with the "Innocent Maids" company at the Troadero, and a girl in a tight ermine jacket once played at Paradise gardens. A saucy miss from some forgotten musical show naughtily lifts her skirts to her knee. Many of these photographs did publicity duty in their day. A stately form in black carries the dashing line: "Allow me to present Elizabeth Barry, Mr. Ebert."

Even among those obviously of the theater, however, the behind-the-scenes flavor is as strong as the publicity tag. A wistful face in a decorative sunbonnet wishes "true success in all things in life" from Duluth, Easter, 1897.

And where do they go? There are always people who are collecting old photographs and some of the stars that have set are remembered still. There are other buyers in search of photographic illustrations of leg-o-mutton sleeves and bustles, of pompadours and picture hats.—New York Times.

**Highest Tributes to Value of Friendship**

Seneca, a famous Roman, born in 54 B. C., crowned friendship very tenderly:

"Of all felicities the most charming is that of a firm and gentle friendship. It sweetens all our cares, dispels our sorrows and counsels us in all extremities. Nay, if there were no other comfort in it than the bare exercise in so generous a virtue, even for that single reason a man would not be without it; it is a sovereign antidote against all calamities—even against the fear of death itself."

Five centuries later, Euripides, the Greek dramatist, "a master in the handling of the tender and the pathetic," laid down what friendship meant to him. "It is a good thing to be rich," he said, "and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends."

**"Nagging"**

From the days of Socrates and Xantippe, men and women have known what is meant by nagging, although philology cannot define it or legal chemistry resolve it into its elements. Humor cannot soften or wit divert it. Prayers avail nothing and threats are idle. Soft words will increase its velocity, and harsh ones its violence. Darkness has for it no terrors, and the long hours of the night draw no drapery of the couch around it. The chamber where love and peace should dwell becomes an inferno, driving the poor man to the saloon, the rich one to the club, and both to the arms of the harlot. It takes the sparkle out of the wine of life, and turns at night into ashes the fruits of the labor of the day.—Justice Hill, in West's Docket.

**Tommy's Manners**

The substantial part of the meal was finished, and the dainties were on the table. Tommy's eyes brightened—it was an interesting moment for him. "Will you take tart or pudding?" asked his father.

"Tart," said Tommy, promptly. The parent sighed as he recalled the many lessons in good manners and decent behavior which he had endeavored to instill into his son. "Tart, what?" he queried gently. But Tommy's eyes were glued upon the pastry. "Tart, what?" again asked the father sharply.

Tommy hesitated for a moment. He looked from his father to the delicacy, as if for inspiration, then: "Tart, first!" he said, triumphantly.

**Forming Habits**

Thoughts and habits travel by certain nerve-routes, and the same thoughts and habits always by the same routes. These get in time actually well trodden, like a footpath, and a nerve-current will flow more readily along them than through an unaccustomed channel. To prove it, try and write, or use a knife or spoon, with the left hand. A physiological reason why habits are so easy to check at first, so difficult afterwards, is thus shown. Never, then, let a child acquire bad habits, however trivial. An immense amount of life-education may be done between two and six years of age with far less difficulty than afterwards.

**PETITION ASKS CLOSING OF NEW DANCE HALL**

A petition asking for the closing of a new dance hall in the residential section of the South side is in the hands of the city commission.

Investigation showed that the hall has not taken out a permit, and action on the petition was deferred until application for a permit is made. In the meantime, the establishment will not be permitted to operate.

**OUT OUR WAY**



**—By Williams Girl Discovers Missionary Work In Home City**

(By The Associated Press.) DALLAS, Mar. 10.—Foreign missionary work in the heart of Dallas has been found by Miss Vivian Spang, a Sunday school teacher in the First Baptist Church.

Miss Spang desires to do missionary work, so she was assigned to a Sunday school, and now she finds that she has under her care Italian, Russian, Polish, Indian, French, German, Irish, Mexican, and Chinese children. Several other races also make up the Sunday school class.

Twenty-three nations are represented among the 7,000 members of Dr. George W. Truett's church. All these nationalities are contributing their mite to the Baptist Conquest Fund, for which a campaign is now in progress to collect \$2,000,000 to liquidate debts on that denomination's institutions.

"Those who think the direct need for missionary work is on the other side of the world, should see our Sunday school children," said Miss Spang.

Although Dr. Truett's church leads the south in contributions to foreign missions, the noted pastor says he agrees with Miss Spang that America is the greatest mission field of all the world. He is a general director of the Conquest Campaign.

Ben Anderson underwent an operation to have his tonsils removed at the emergency hospital yesterday. He is reported to be recovering from the operation rapidly.

Nine hundred names have been submitted to President Coolidge from which he is to select five to fill the positions on the newly-created radio board.

and conservative report. We feel that we have the sinews, in the way of cash, patrons, pupils and teachers, for the building of an A-1 school here. Where teachers are to be changed, better ones are to be provided.  
R. C. CAMPBELL, Supt.

**Cattle Kings On Program of El Paso Stock Meet**

(By The Associated Press.) FORT WORTH, Mar. 10.—With the organization launched on its second half-century, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association will celebrate its 51st anniversary March 15, 16 and 17 at El Paso. Some of the outstanding figures of the nation in livestock and meat affairs have places on the program.

Dr. John R. Mohler of Washington, D. C., chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, who has been at the fore in the work of the live stock industry for a quarter of a century, will be among the speaker and chairman of the Better Beef New York state beef cattle breeder and chairman of the Better Beef association, that is undertaking to acquaint the American housewives with the kind of meat she is placing on her table through the medium of a certified stamp on every cut of beef or meat, also will speak.

Pres. D. A. Millett of Denver, president of the National Live Stock and Meat board, which is engaged in an endeavor similar to that of the Better Beef association, but with a program broader in scope, is among the others on the program, as are Oscar Mayer of Chicago, president of the Institute of American Meat Packers; Luis De Leon, secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of President Calles of Mexico; Charles A. Flank, president of the Texas Bankers association; Gov. Dan Moody of Texas; Congressman Claude B. Hudspeth of El Paso, and Donald D. Conn, manager of the Public Relations section of the American Railway association.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association is peculiar among American institutions, and its personnel includes hundreds of men whose fathers beat back the Indians and buffalo, strung the first wire fences and plowed the first furrows in Texas. Pres. R. K. Kieberg of Corpus Christi, himself is a grandson of a cowboy who fought at San Jacinto with Sam Houston's forces

**Readers' Column**

Editor, Pampa Daily News: As I see it, the things that will result from the recent bond issue are the following:

1. Better housing conditions, thus eliminating overcrowding.
2. Increased school efficiency by 10 per cent at least, and in some instances more.
3. Raised morale of patrons, teachers and pupils concerning the school outlook.
4. It not only has satisfied the requirements for state affiliation, but will help to meet the conditions for All-Southern affiliation, which we expect to receive in the fall of 1927. The All-Southern commission will meet in October.
5. In addition to providing the necessary additional rooms, it will furnish and equip these in the manner outlined for higher affiliation.
6. It will stabilize values in the Independent School district, and will be the first cause of many newcomers moving here.
7. It will provide about three first-class ward schools and will remodel and properly furnish the old ones.

We appreciate the spirit and the interest that was manifested in Tuesday's election. It shows that a real school has lodgement in the hearts and minds of the citizenship generally. Please rest assured that the trustees and the superintendent will do all that is within their power to build for you a first rate school and maintain it. They will figure very closely in the expenditure of every dollar of this money, and all other funds. The books are open for your inspection at all times.

This school has or will have 31 affiliated units at the end of the present school year, and should add at least four more next year. The recent "visitor" gave us a very fine opinion on his father's side. On his mother's side he is the grandson of the late Captain Richard M. King, first and greatest of the cattle kings.

**NOTICE**

To my friends and customers of Pampa and surrounding community:

I am now connected with the G. N. Suttle Grocery at 348 South Main street.

I will continue to handle fresh meats and country produce. We buy poultry.

Thanking you for your past patronage, and hoping the continuance of same.

**ROBERT KELLEY**

Formerly with King Market at Pampa Poultry Association

**What SPRING Offers**

**Smart Millinery**



Distinctive one-of-a-kind Hats in the very newest and most unusual modes for Spring.

All very finely made in lovely and flattering shades of silk, straw and popular felt.

Reasonably Priced

When you see these new spring dresses you'll agree that we've never offered such styles or value before. The materials are flat crepe, crepe roma and georgette in the new shades of gooseberry, rose bieve, mother goose, petale and other popular colors.

\$10 to \$75

Spring Coats—Authentic Garments—a wonderful selection! These models will meet your individual needs exactly and will come within what you expect to pay for a new coat. Fascinating new fashions in sport tweeds, silks, satins and kasha cloth in the various popular spring colors.

\$12.50 to \$87.50

We extend congratulations to the PAMPA DAILY NEWS, and commend their progress in publishing a daily newspaper in Pampa.

**J. E. Murfee & Co.**  
Outfitters to the Whole Family

"Pampa's Dependable Style Center for Ladies' Apparel"



# The Sandman Story

by Martha Martin

## ABOUT THE PELICAN

"I call lots of things parties," said young Peter Pelican. "I even call it a party to be a pelican! Now some birds are so ordinary but not a pelican."

"A pelican is unusual. Perhaps some creatures are glad that there are not more queer ones like ourselves about. But if they are I do not agree with them."

"We are different looking. We have such long, long golden brown bills or beaks—one apiece of course you understand."

"Then we have beautiful white feathers and we're dressy and important looking."

"Our long, long bills are so unusual. Now some animals and some people look so much alike. You can't tell them apart very well. But there is no mistaking a pelican."

"You might see two little birds belonging to quite different families and

"When I was but a little pelican and found my fish meals in my mother's bill I thought that was a party. I called it a party then and were I a small pelican today I would still call it a party."

"Of course I still am young, but I am not as young as all that."

"I call it a party to think that while I was brown when I was first hatched I am white now. Of course the brown pelicans are brown still! That is why they have that family name. They're handsome birds, too."

"Maybe you will think it is conceited of me to say that they are handsome birds, too, but I cannot help but think I'm handsome. And I'm really not conceited about it as I give credit to the pelican family in general, and not to myself in particular, for my beauty."

"They, too, have good appetites. Now I call mealtime a party. I think all pelicans do. We enjoy our food."

"That is the way I think stomachs should be. I think it would be very sad to look at food one wanted to eat and not be able to eat it because one's stomach could not hold any more."

"I wouldn't call it a party if such a thing happened to me. I can eat all I want to eat."

"Then I call it a party when I swim. Swimming is such fun. I swim so easily for such a large, generous-sized webbed feet can help get me through the water mighty quickly."

"I'm like a person who hurries out to the market before everything gets snapped up and I am even superior to such a person for I would hurry along so fast that my market couldn't get away from me! I call mealtime a splendid party."

"Then when we have a nice island home I call it a party home for so many of us make a home together. We live in big colonies, you may know or you may not know. And in case you do not know I am telling you. If you do know I hope you won't mind hearing this again."

"I call it a party when we decide we'd like to travel and settle for awhile somewhere else. We aren't so full of local pride that we won't see the whole world if we so wish it."

"At least we will go a-traveling and lots of us will suddenly decide upon it and we will be off, going toward what we have decided will be our new home. But at the present moment I am sleepy and every good pelican sleeps after eating. I've had a good meal just recently. Yes, I must sleep for all the other pelicans are now asleep. I call an after-meal sleep a pelican party, too!"



"We Have Such Long, Golden Brown Bills or Beaks."

you would not be able to tell which one belonged to which family.

"You might forget the family name or you might forget which family of birds it was which looked that way, but pelican is a family name not easily forgotten and pelican looks are full of distinction and difference."

"The pelican is unmistakably a pelican. But I began to talk about parties. Well, it is true, as I said, I call lots of things parties."

## Miss Sheba



—NEA, Philadelphia Bureau  
When fashionable Philadelphia society staged its annual masque ball, Dorothy Loder came in this original Sheba costume. Lots of pearls!

## K. C. STORES OPENING PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY

J. B. Miller and Frank Sellinger have arrived here to prepare for the opening of the K. C. Store soon.

Mr. Miller is a sales engineer, and Mr. Sellinger is connected with the large organization which is opening the store.

Five hundred high-school students in La Grange, Ill., have begun a campaign against Sunday movies.

The president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs says that menace.

A Denver committee reports that the initiative and referendum system of legislation has proved a failure in Colorado.

## El Progresso Club Studies Its Offices

Mrs. T. D. Hobart was hostess to El Progresso club Tuesday. Roll call was answered with a current event by each member.

The club studied "Our State Officers and Their Duties," with Mrs. G. C. Walstad leading the discussion, assisted by Mrs. Lee Ledrick.

The leaders gave interesting talks concerning the lives and duties of the leading principal officers. A general discussion of other educational topics followed.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Lee Ledrick, James Todd Jr., Dave Pope, G. C. Walstad, W. M. Craven, I. E. Duncan, Claude Ledrick, V. E. Fatheree, Carson Lottus, T. D. Hobart. Mrs. Wilbert Rice was a visitor. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Clyde Fatheree and Miss Mary Hobart.

## WHITE DEER C. OF C. BUYS P. O. BOXES

The White Deer Chamber of Commerce has purchased fixtures valued at \$2,880 for the post office at White Deer. The new equipment includes 18 large steel lock boxes, 72 medium boxes and 340 small boxes. Three clerks are now employed at the office besides the postmistress, Mrs. Alice Pipes.

The White Deer office is located on the main street of the town in the I. E. Duncan building. The post office rates at the top of the third class offices of the state.

All of the equipment for the office is heavy steel, and is said to be the best fixtures that can be found in a third class office. It was purchased from the Keyless Lock company at Indianapolis, Ind.

Representative Tom Yon of Florida has a difficult time persuading people that he is not descended from Oriental royalty.

A good Samaritan brought a Philadelphia girl, who had fainted, to the hospital, removing on the way jewelry worth \$40.

Three glasses of 4 per cent beer will make a man about 7 per cent drunk, an Oshkosh, Wis., normal school physicist has decided.

A Denver firm has its office boy equipped with roller skates so that he may go from one department to another with greater speed.

## School Relief Bill Passes In House Voting

A bill which may bring some immediate relief to oil-spoiled Panhandle school systems has passed the House at Austin, and has been sent to the Senate.

Information coming to C. P. Buckler, secretary of the local board, shows that only \$30,000 is provided in the emergency appropriation. This sum would be apportioned among the schools having large increases in enrollment since the last scholastic census.

Mr. Buckler and other local men are trying to encourage the passage of the bill, and to obtain, if possible, large appropriation.

## Endurance Driver Visits Pampa As Half-Time Ends

"Daredevil" Cathy, who holds the world's record for endurance driving, arrived in Pampa at noon, where he piloted a Nash Light-Six sedan through the streets. Chained to the wheel and not daring to even doze, Cathy was tired, but confident that he could finish the long grind. He was in his 48th hour and has 52 more to go.

Cathy told a News reporter who rode with him that it was a terrible strain on a man. He said: "I have been doing this for 20 years and I don't know why. I guess it is the novelty of it that holds me. I have driven in nearly every contry in the world, under all conditions, and in all makes of cars, even Fords."

A big crowd lined the streets as Cathy piloted his car, followed by a string of Nash cars, through the streets. In front of the Nash Garage he slowly moved his car back and forth as gas was poured into the tank for his return trip to Am before he left here.

**THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

The—  
**VIVA-TONAL** **COLUMBIA**

and  
**ORTHOPHONIC VICTROLA**

Hear Them At  
**Oden Music Shop**  
Pampa 2 STORES White Deer

**Guaranteed Waterproof Tents**  
All Sizes

**ARMY & NAVY STORE**  
109 S. Cuyler

## City to Assume Part In Buying New Fire Truck

Immediate steps to raise funds by public subscription to make the first payment on a new 750-gallon fire truck will be undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce and the volunteer firemen.

The city council has agreed to assume the remaining payments, and has appointed Ike Lewis to represent it in the purchase of the truck. The total cost will be about \$12,000 of which about \$5,000 must be paid at the time of purchase. The city does not have funds to make the down payment but citizens who realize the emergency need for a truck which will run are to raise the first \$5,000.

Purchase of the truck is expected to be the first of a series of improvements to the fire department. The city hopes to have one or two full-time men on duty by next year.

## Three Powers To Discuss Limiting Of Naval Strength

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10—The British government was instructed by its ambassador, Sir Esmé Howard, to accept the American proposal for a three-power disarmament conference.

Although a reply from the Japanese government, third in the trio of nations, has not been received, there has been little thought here but that the Japanese decision will be affirmative. Japan is known to have a favorable public sentiment toward naval disarmament.

**CAR STOLEN HERE**  
A model 63 Cadillac roadster owned by H. L. Bronaugh was stolen here between midnight and 5:30 o'clock this morning. The car carried a 1927 Oklahoma license plate.

## ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the voters of the City of Pampa, Texas, that there will be an election in each of the three wards of said City, on the 1st Tuesday of April, same being the 5th day of April, A. D. 1927, for the purpose of electing two aldermen from Ward Number One, one of said aldermen to fill the unexpired time of H. J. Lippold; one alderman from Ward Number Two and One Alderman from Ward Number Three.

L. D. Rider is hereby appointed Election Manager for Ward Number One, the voting place for said ward shall be held in First National Bank Building. Dave Osborn is hereby appointed Election Manager for Ward Number Two, the voting place for said ward shall be at the City Marshall's office, Fire Station Building, and T. E. Lane is hereby appointed Election Manager for Ward Number Three, the voting place for said ward shall be held at the J. W. Bradford Drug Store, or some convenient building. See markers election day, April 5, 1927.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Pampa, Texas, this 4th day of March, A. D. 1927.

F. P. REID,  
Mayor of the City of Pampa.  
Attest:  
C. H. FISK,  
Secretary of the City of Pampa.  
Names to be filed with the Mayor, up to April 3rd, 1927.

Mayor and Mrs. R. E. Shepherd of Wichita Falls are visiting today with Mr. and Mrs. John Willis. Mayor Shepherd is touring the Panhandle with the W. T. C. C. delegation. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Willis of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Ell D. Willis of Panhandle are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Willis.

Will Little, who was hurt in an accident two weeks ago, is able to return to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaffin have moved to their new home in the Finley-Banks addition.

A wooden leg was stolen from a Minneapolis man while he was asleep in a hotel.

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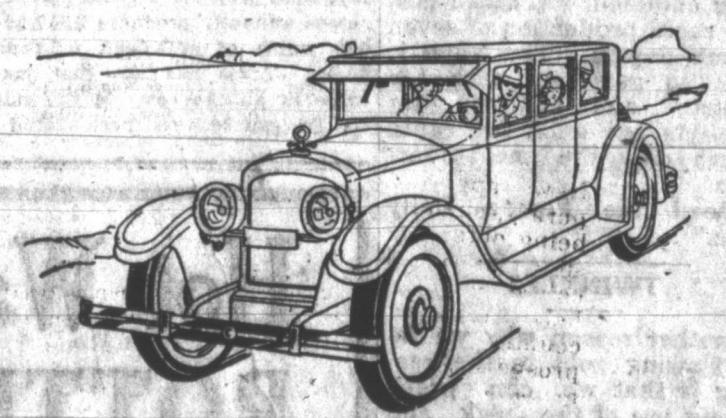
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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any individual, firm, concern, or corporation that may appear in the columns of the Pampa Daily News will be gladly corrected when called to the attention of the editor. It is not the intention of this newspaper to injure any individual, firm, or corporation, and corrections will be made, when warranted, as prominently as was the wrongfully published reference or article.

BOWING

"Volume 1, No. 1."

The "baby" daily of the Panhandle has arrived at the new home of the Nunn-Warren Publishing company in Pampa, proving among other things, that this community has attained the small city class.

This publication is to be essentially local in its major interests, but believing its readers are people of high intelligence, will not hesitate in extending its scope as occasions arise. "For a Greater Pampa" is its home slogan; "For a Greater Panhandle" its watchword.

It pledges itself to the furtherance of the projects and ideals it believes will build a permanently prosperous city and region. Purely "sensational" items will not be sought as such; rather, the News believes that news sources should be unfettered and that most of the happenings of the day can be handled in some manner. When it makes suggestions they will be in the form of constructive criticism, to be taken under consideration as thoughts on the welfare of this section. The best journalistic practices will be followed by the News insofar as its ability lies.

A staff trained in daily newspaper work is being assembled as rapidly as possible. The personnel is drawn from Canada to South Texas, and points between. The editor has the best claim to being Panhandle-trained, having made his first bow several years ago as editor of The Prairie, Canyon Teachers college publication, but is just now returning to the Plains after sojourns over several states.

The form in which the Daily News appears today is temporary, since a new press now being obtained will make possible rapid production of seven column papers. The News is here "to grow up with the country" and believes that prospects are good for rapid growth over the next few years.

"Read the Pampa Daily News."

TWINKLES

Another reason why we favor flowing gold to the real thing is that we can profit without use of the pick and shovel.

And the Irish don't seem to mind, either.

"What's time to a hog?" may now be changed to "What's time to a dog?" Collars for the darned doggies are being made with watches.

Civic note: Hadn't Pampa better set aside a smooth spot for our oil barons to land their air flivvers on?

Talking movies have our endorsement — maybe they will show how mushy most of these love scenes are.

The King of England prefers the side saddle for women, but we don't get his viewpoint.

A South African Chamber of Commerce will present Coolidge with two lion cubs, which he can name Bill for Borah and something-or-other to please the ladies.

LONG AWAITED

It is cause for much satisfaction if, as is being stated, the longed-for shortage of cattle and other livestock has arrived.

Cattle men who have suffered heavy losses in recent years are feeling optimistic, which alone should be a stimulus in the business world.

Records of the Fort Worth Stockyards company show that receipts there declined much last year — 112,892 fewer cattle, 76,196 fewer calves, and 94,895 fewer hogs. The company is cooperating with Chambers of Commerce and other agencies in placing good stock on Texas farms.

Better stock prices are assured, and fears of losses through diversification have been largely dissipated. In fact, the decrease in shipments is partly explained as being caused by holding back of good animals for breeding purposes.

Another good sign is the fact that 130,974 more sheep were shipped to Fort Worth in 1926 than in 1925, and that many of these animals are being replaced by better stock.

MAIL DELIVERY

Pampa has been talking carrier delivery of mail long enough to bring the project into the realm of reality.

Delivery in the downtown section would afford great relief in the post office, where congestion could hardly be worse during the rush hours of the day. When the warm days come for the summer the influx of new people — hunting work, homes, and business opportunities — will make the mail situation almost intolerable.

Business men, not to mention those in the residential districts, would profit much right now by carrier service.

The post office department has laid down the minimum conditions, which include sidewalks and street numbers. A contract for street numbering is said to be under way, although its progress has not been noticeable.

The postmaster is quoted as saying that inauguration of carrier service awaits only meeting of the postal conditions. It appears to the News that the question has assumed emergency proportions and should be met at once.

Ad Valorem Tax  
Condemned Here  
By W. T. C. C. Man

(Continued From Page 1)

the W. T. C. C. program this year. Pointing out the advantages of his suggested program, he said that Minnesota annually produces \$159,000,000 worth of milk and milk products. Texas has not that much value in all the cows in the state. Mr. Duggan believes there should be

Company's Coming



from two to six good cows — not boarders — on every farm. He does not advocate more for the average farmer. Diversification, he said emphatically, must be intelligent.

Millions to North

Texas sends \$85,000,000 to the North every year for pork products, the speaker said. Here is one brood sow to every three Texas farms. There is plenty of feed and a good demand, and the farmers do not even raise their own meat. If the prices are bad, the marketing system is at fault, and Chambers of Commerce should take steps to right local market conditions.

Mr. Duggan also showed how the hen may be equally as profitable as the sow, providing the eggs are properly marketed and stable supplies are assured large buyers.

Wrong Tax System

Turning to tax equalization, the speaker told how progress has been made in every kind of governmental activity except taxation. The system is the same in use 50 years ago. Every county has a separate board, and no interest in the state as a whole. From 15 to 45 per cent of Texas property value is properly assessed. Ninety-nine counties over a period of three years have received \$7,000,000 in school money alone than they paid into the treasury in all taxes.

The South Plains is rapidly becoming a cotton patch and is no longer immune from unequal taxation, Mr. Duggan said. Northwest and South Texas and the large cities are paying the state bills. The question is no longer sectional.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce asked for and has brought about a tax survey. Its

president deplored the crowded conditions existing in the politics-burdened state schools — such as those at Canyon and Lubbock. Much property is escaping taxation and the revenues are inadequate in this, one of the richest states in the nation.

An amendment soon will be submitted to the people, providing that the Legislature may make tax changes. The vote likely will be called in July. Support of this bill was solicited.

"Welcome the Stranger."

In a practical talk on city building, Homer D. Wade urged Pampa to welcome the pioneers in oil

the wildcaters and the independent companies, and to help the stranger find his place in the community. He praised the local Chamber of Commerce as one of the best in the state.

Mr. Wade also explained in detail how he watched legislation presented in the 40th Legislature and opposed unreasonable tax proposals on the oil industry.

"Don't stop with your city limits," exclaimed the speaker in stressing the inter-dependence of communities.

Both Wade and Duggan believe the ad valorem tax system cannot be rightly administered in a state as

large as Texas. Mayor Shepherd, accompanied by Mrs. I. D. Cole of Amarillo, generously and in fine spirit sang repeatedly in a voice which marked him as an entertainer of professional calibre. He made a short, earnest speech inviting Pampans to the Wichita Falls convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce next May 16 and 17. He told how his city is preparing to entertain the meeting in the best fashion it has ever enjoyed.

He suggested that Pampa represent Scotland in the "Congress of Nations" at the convention, building the stunt around the Hardin-Vincent duet.

On Tri-State Fair

C. H. Amacker, secretary-general manager of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition, expressed a desire for a Gray county agricultural exhibit, and urged this community to support "its fair".

Mayor Reid spoke of the unanimity of West Texas opinion and called the population "a great people". He said Pampa is building a city that this section will be proud of. Contemplated public improvements, to include later the municipal auditorium mentioned during the evening as a great need, were outlined by the mayor.

C. C. Cook, chairman of the main program and president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, delivered the remarks of welcome. M. A. Turner was chairman of the entertainers, and explained the workings of his organization.

The Chamber of Commerce rooms were packed and many could not get within hearing distance of the speakers.



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# EARLY RESIDENT TELLS OF PAMPA, THRICE NAMED

## TOM LANE HAD DUGOUT HOME

Says Jess Wynne An Expert On Early Dances

In the fall of 1887 the Santa Fe railway company completed a line from Wellington, Kans., to Panhandle. There was no Pampa at that time, but this particular "spot" was known as "Glasgow". The name evidently did not suit, and in a short time it was changed to "Sutton." But this name was worse than no name; another railway station of the same name was discovered in the southern part of the state. A different name had to be found. The railway officials "scratched their heads", and Pampa, which in Spanish means "the level plain" was the verdict.

The railroad tracks required attention and Tom Lane, who is still a resident of Pampa, was transferred here as foreman of the section employees. He moved with his wife and two sons, R. H., 2 years old and T. V., 6 years old. T. V. Lane still makes his home in Pampa and is connected with the Woodward-Lane grocery store now. R. H. Lane lives in Harrison, Arkansas.

### Dugout Residences

"Uncle Tom," as he is now known to most of the older citizens of Pampa, moved his family into a dugout which was at a spot near the present location of the Santa Fe depot. Another dugout was used to house the members of the section crew. The dugouts were made by digging a hole about six feet in the ground and covering it with railroad ties. The ties were then covered with dirt so as to make the interior water and storm proof. The Lanes made the dugout their home until the fall of the next year when the railway company moved a 10 by 12 foot building here from Herman, Okla. This building was used as their home and also for a telegraph office.

J. W. Jenkins, the first operator, came here only during the "rush" season—when the grain and stock shipments were heavy. He stayed about six weeks in the spring and about ten weeks in the fall. He spent the rest of the year working for the Santa Fe at Belle Plain, Kans.

### Case Was Second Foreman

On April 3, 1899 another section foreman, S. C. Case, was sent here so that a section crew could work out of Pampa in each direction. Case also is now living in Pampa. Lane was in charge of the track from Pampa to Hoover, a distance of seven and one-half miles, and Case was in charge of seven and one-half miles of track west from Pampa.

The section foremen were paid \$49.85 a month. Other members of the section crews were paid by the day during winter months for 9 hours work and \$1.25 per day during the summer months for ten hours work.

"Uncle Tom" furnished board to the section employees at the rate of \$15 per month. All his groceries were shipped from Kiowa, Kans. The shipments were made once a month. The total bill per month was from \$150 to \$400, according to the number of men employed on the section crews.

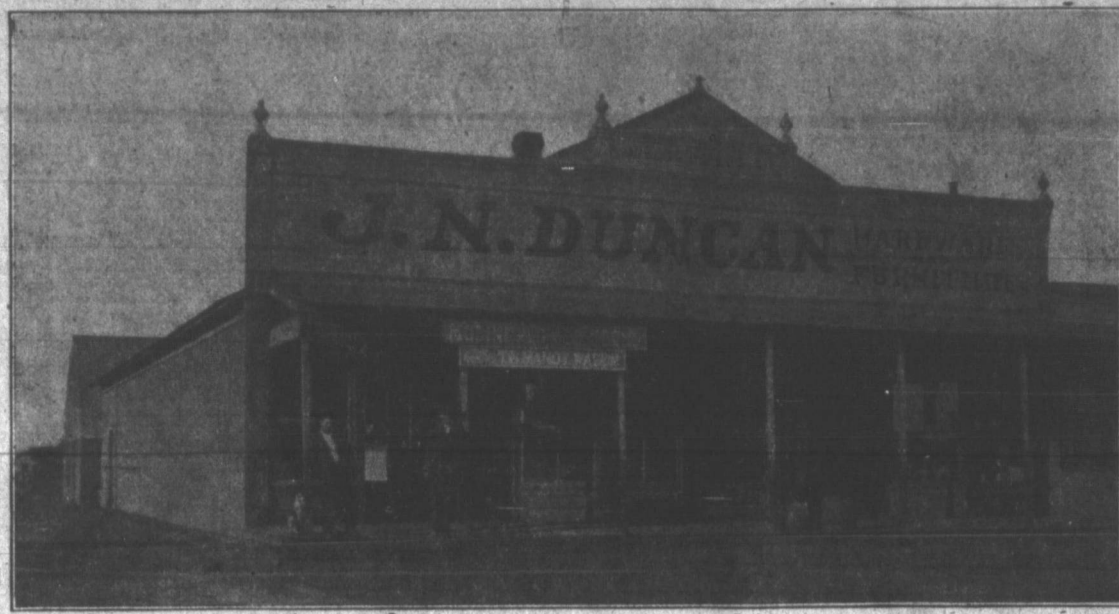
"Amusement—boy there was plenty of amusement in those days", says Uncle Tom as his eyes gleam with a fond remembrance of the years long past. "We done a world of dancing in that little 10 by 12 building. But the best of all were the continued dances. They were held at White Deer. Sometimes they would last for three or four days. There would be someone on the floor practically all of the time. We'd take turns in eating and sleeping, but the dance never stopped. When one fiddler stopped there was always another ready to take his place.

### "Those Continued Dances"

"You just ask Jess Wynne about those continued dances. And Jess didn't do so bad when it come to playing a fiddle either. (Mr. Wynne is still living in Pampa) The cowboys and their wives and sweeties gathered from miles around to attend the dances at White Deer. Of course 50 miles was no distance to travel in those days to attend a dance or visit a neighbor. We were all neighbors in those days and there were so few of us that it took half of the Panhandle to have a real good crowd.

"Back in those days we could count from 150 to 200 antelope grazing within a quarter-mile of our dugout."

A few settlers gradually moved in until by 1905 Pampa boasted a



Pampa's first business house is shown above. It was built in 1902 by J. F. Johnson and first occupied by the Johnson general store. The building is still standing at the corner of Foster avenue and Cuyler street.

population of about 50 people. The first ranch house was built where the old Schneider hotel is now located. The cowboys used to gather around the fire in the winter time and care for the cattle in the warmer months.

Mr. Lane was appointed postmaster Oct. 24, 1892. The post office was a mail sack and the patrons waited on themselves. Mr. Lane always left the sack where it would be available by everyone. The cowboys would come in and sort out their mail. If they wanted some stamps they would take them and leave the money, or probably a note saying that they were "broke" and would pay later.

### First Store Building

The first store building was constructed in 1902. It was occupied by the J. F. Johnson company. Everything that was in demand was carried in stock. This building is still standing at the corner of Foster avenue and Cuyler street. It was occupied until recently by the W. P. Davis Hardware company. When it was vacated by the Johnson company, a barber shop moved in. For several months Pampa boasted of the biggest little barber shop in the West. The "big" part was the building and the "little" part was the one chair. The barber left and the men would gather at the shop and shave each other. Hair cutting was given a trial, but M. K. Brown testifies that it was somewhat of a failure. Mr. Brown is now connected with the White Deer Land company.

The first business house in Pampa was built by Dr. Von Brunow on the opposite corner from the Johnson building in the spring of 1903. Dr. Brunow used the second floor of the building for his home and the lower part as an office. He was Pampa's second postmaster.

### First Trains "Mixed"

The trains that passed through Pampa during the early days were "mixed" trains. They usually consisted of about eight freight cars,

## Old Mexican Mine Re-opened By U. S. Company

(By The Associated Press.)

LAREDO, Mar. 10—Incorporated under the laws of Mexico, the Morton Salt and Mining company has taken over an old salt mine near Sabinas Nuaivo Laon, Mexico.

It is the purpose of the company to re-open and fully develop the mine and acquire additional holdings. The salt is drilled into, pumped to the surface into vats, the water removed by evaporation, and there remains about 60 percent of high grade salt.

The company is installing the latest salt-mining machinery, expecting to resume mining in about thirty days. Geologists reported that the amount of salt still in the mine would amount to thousands of tons. Revolutions several years ago compelled the former company to shut down the properties.

one combination baggage and mail car, and one coach. Water was hauled from Miami to Pampa and Panhandle for engine use. The engines did not require much water when going west, but when going east they had considerable grade and a large quantity of water was necessary. For years there were but two trains through Pampa each day, one in each direction. In 1889, two years after the Santa Fe was built, the Rock Island railway company built a track from Washburn to Panhandle connecting with the Santa Fe. A few cattle were shipped in those days but large herds were driven overland to the Kansas City market.

Pampa's growth began about 1901. The following are estimates of the population made at various years: 1910—100; 1915—600; 1920—900; 1925—1200.

The present population is approaching 10,000.

## Huge Bouquets



Smart women are wearing these bouquets of huge proportions and long, flowing petals of velvet and crepe

### North Carolina Giant

Miles Darden, who was born in North Carolina, in 1798, and died in Harden county, Tennessee, January 23, 1857, was the world's biggest man, claims the North Carolina Historical Review. He was 7 feet 6 inches tall and weighed a little more than 1,000 pounds.

Thirteen and a half yards of cloth one yard wide were required to make him a coat. When he died 24 yards of black velvet were needed to cover the sides and lid of his coffin. This was 8 feet long, only 1 inch less than 3 feet deep and was 32 inches broad. Miles Darden lived a quiet, uneventful life; apart from his world record size he seems to have been a hard-working, ordinary man.

NEWS WANT ADS PAY

## Co-Eds Condemn Elderly Flappers

(By The Associated Press.)

DENTON, Mar. 10—What the young girl thinks of a "modern" mother was disclosed at the College of Industrial Arts, a girls school, in a student symposium compiled by the Lass-O, weekly student newspaper.

The use by elderly women of

to make-up was roundly condemned and bobbed hair and youthful wearing apparel likewise came in for criticism from the girls, most of whom declared that the aim of every woman should be to "grow old gracefully". They explained, they meant conservatism in dress, the retention of a fresh outlook on life, and, above all, being unashamed of one's age.

Health, following constant care of the body, is the key to an attractive old age, they agreed.

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## PAMPA GETS A PAR PRICE IN NEW CONTRACT

Agreement Is Based Upon Purchase Of Bond Issue

### WATER MAINS TO BE EXTENDED

### Outstanding Bills To Require Part Of Funds

Fifty thousand dollars in warrants will be issued at once by the city council to retire current debts and make emergency extensions of the water mains.

The United States Bond company and the city entered into a contract under which the bond company, a Denver firm, will pay 96 3-4 per cent of par, plus accrued interest. The agreement also includes a clause that the bond company will purchase a city bond issue at par and accrued interest, and at the same time will refund an amount which will bring the warrant fund up to par. In other words, if the bond issue is voted the warrants will have been sold at par and accrued interest—an unusually high figure.

The warrants will be drawn up and accepted by the bond firm as soon as the legal details may be worked out. H. L. Shaffer, who represented the company here, is moving to Amarillo to open a West Texas office and will give his personal attention to the transaction.

The funds obtained through the sale of the warrants will be used to pay outstanding bills and running expenses, in addition to making the water system more efficient. Eight inch mains will be extended to complete the line from the pressure tank to the wells, and to become part of a belt line connecting with the Cuyler street main. Six-inch lines to be taken up will be used on the south side to make the belt tying up with the eight-inch main. This arrangement has been recommended by the state fire insurance commission, and is necessary to prevent a raise in the key rate.

The warrant issue is barely large enough to keep city activities going until a bond election may be held. The new valuations will be available about May 1 as the basis of a bond election, now estimated to be \$150,000 in amount in point of advisability.

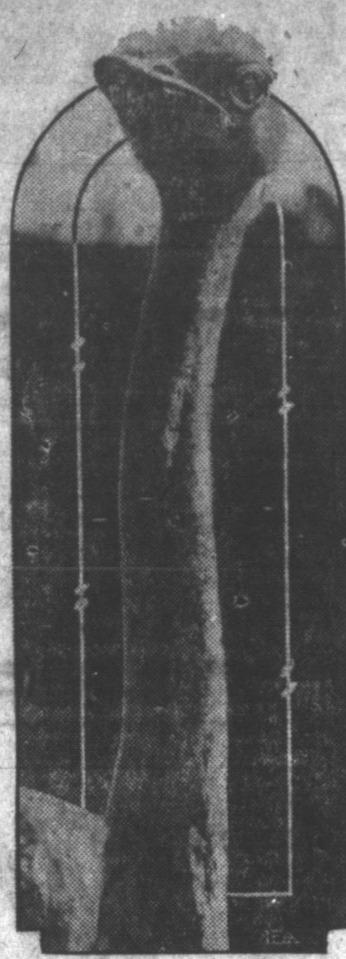
## Baird To Have District Meeting Of Oil Belt C. C.

(By The Associated Press.)  
BAIRD, Mar. 10.—Harrold Hough "The Hired Hand" of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram Station WBAP; Max Bentley of the Abilene Reporter; Col. R. L. Penick of Stamford; Ollie B. Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas & Pacific railroad; A. B. Spencer, manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; W. R. Ely of the State Highway Commission and other prominent Texans have been listed on the tentative program for the Oil Belt district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, here March 23.

W. F. Hallmark of Dublin is to preside. Judge L. L. Blackburn, president of the Baird Chamber of Commerce, will deliver the address of welcome to which Col. R. H. McCarty of Albany will respond. The general program outlined is of agricultural nature. Among the subjects to be discussed are: "A New Basis of Wealth," Col. C. G. French; "Poultry and Prosperity," D. H. Van Belt; "On the Air," "The Hired Hand;" "Press and Progress," Max Bentley; "Whirlwind Poultry Shows," Col. Penick; "Problems of West Texas," Pres. A. P. Duggan; "The Point of View," Ollie Webb; "Highways vs. Byways," W. R. Ely; "Object of District Conventions," B. M. Whiteaker. Representatives of various visiting towns will give two-minute talks following the luncheon to be served by the Baird Parent-Teacher association.

In Bucyrus, O., a school teacher was fined \$130 for spanking of one of her pupils.

An English clergyman has just issued a new code of ten commandments, which is followed, it is claimed will destroy the "petting evil."



—NEA, Los Angeles Bureau  
"Any necking parties going on around here? If so, I want to get in on them." That's what this youthful denizen of the San Diego, Calif., zoo seemed to be remarking when the photographer aimed and fired.

## How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

'SOFTLY NOW THE LIGHT OF DAY'

THIS hymn, which for over three-quarters of a century has been sung all over the English-speaking world and is known affectionately as the "Even-Song," may be said to be a product of contrasts.

The author, George Washington Deane, said of his ancestors that "My forbears were men of war from their youth up and I am strictly in line with them." Being a bishop, however, his fighting was along theological lines. Being also a high churchman during the early Eighteenth century, there was always plenty of fighting at hand!

It was during the height of a battle royal with the broader faction of the church that the bishop returned late one day to his study. Opening the Bible, as he later told of it, in the light of the setting sun, his eyes chanced upon the words: "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

The contrast between the erstwhile conflict and the peaceful evening hour, between the calm words in the good book and the turmoil in his own mind impressed him so deeply that he was inspired at that moment to the writing of the immortal hymn:

"Softly now the light of day  
Fades upon my sight away."

Before long these words were known wherever English is spoken. And though it was in the '50s that Bishop Doane passed to his rest, they are still sung every Wednesday evening during chapel services at St. Mary's Hall, the well-known school for girls which was founded by their author.

## Gave Up Prized Sword in Expiation of Crime

In the high mountains beyond Nikko, in central Japan, nestles Lake Chuzenji, and above it the sacred mountain Nantai San rears its bare crest. Once it was the dwelling place of a pacific Buddhist hermit saint. Pilgrims from all parts of Japan climb its steep slopes. They are dressed in white robes, carry staffs and rosaries in hand, and chant a Buddhist prayer as they climb. An avenue of scarlet lacquer "torii," or gateways, guides the pilgrim to the shrine on the summit.

Near the peak is a bare patch of rock, overhanging a steep precipice. On this rock is a heap of swords, daggers and other weapons, rusted with age. In ancient times a man who had committed a deed of blood made a pilgrimage to Nantai San and offered up his weapon in expiation of his crime. To the Samurai, the warrior, his sword was his most prized possession, and the murderer who sacrificed his precious sword gave up in atonement what he valued more than his own life.

This heap of ancient sword blades, daggers and other weapons can be seen on Nantai San at present, a relic of feudal times.



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## Panhandle Man Is District Attorney

Curtis Douglas of Panhandle has been appointed district attorney of the new 84th district court, and has assumed his duties.

Mr. Douglas was known to have been under consideration, and the appointment was expected by many attorneys.

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# "Crony," Paper In Cornfield, Is Now Pampa Daily News

## PUBLICATION IS 20 YEARS OLD

### Joe M. Smith Is Retired Editor Of Weekly

With today's issue as a daily newspaper, this publication begins another phase of its life. It was established April 6, 1907 by L. L. Ladd, who employed Joe M. Smith as editor—in all the meanings the word had in those days.

Strangely, but true, Mr. Smith's most unpleasant experience with the paper was its name. Ladd named the infant sheet "The Crony", and Smith a few months later purchased it and immediately changed the cognomen to the more sedate one of "Pampa News."

At the time of the establishment of the paper, Ladd was publisher of the Miami Chief. Believing Pampa offered a good field for a print shop and weekly paper, he wrote to Smith to come here and look over the situation.

"Paper in Cornfield"  
"How can you start a newspaper in a kaffir corn field?" Smith asked in astonishment on arrival.

But the paper was started and

according to Smith, prospered from the start, although there were plenty of lean seasons. His desire to own the paper was not the reason for his purchasing it, however. He had a claim near Melrose, N. M., which he was about to lose. He offered to trade the land for the Crony, and Ladd agreed after visiting the claim.

The early life of the paper was typical of any publication in a small community. There were one or two stores, and as Mr. Smith puts it, expenses were small because there was little to do or buy. At first job work was done in Miami, but later a job press was purchased. The newspaper was printed on one of the ancient George Washington (G-Wash) presses, hand operated, one side of one page at a time.

"Carried" subscribers Patronage, such as there was, was good. However, when times were hard many subscribers asked to be "carried." Smith had confidence in most of his friends and often extended their "subs" as long as two years. In that way, he says, many friends and subscribers were saved for future years. Two years was the limit, however.

Tramp printers rarely found employment on the Pampa News. The editor did much of his type-setting and the rest usually was done by local talent.

A type-setting machine was pur-

chased in 1917, and was operated by Joe M. Smith, Jr., who had learned linotyping and was associated with his father on the paper at various periods.

The Pampa News enjoyed a good reputation and when purchased, March 1, 1926 by the Nunn-Warren Publishing Company, was entirely out of debt.

The change in ownership—the third in the 20-year history of the paper, was in an oil-boom period of this vicinity, and it marked the beginning of a series of changes and improvements, the end of which are "not yet".

The new publisher changed the Pampa News to a semi-weekly with the issue of November 16, 1926 and it has been continued in this form until this edition.

During the last two months the front extension of the building has been completed, much new equipment has been added, and the payroll of the organization has been more than doubled.

A "force" trained in the publication of daily newspapers has been brought to Pampa, and the owners are starting the Pampa Daily News with the belief that the city is large enough to support a small daily. Its growth will depend upon the growth of the city; a fact which the owners considered, having faith in the future of Pampa.

First County Daily The Pampa Daily News is the first daily newspaper in Gray county, and probably will be the first of a number of small dailies which will spring up as the Panhandle develops. Its beginning is regarded everywhere as substantial proof of Pampa's business stability.

Pampa's newspaper will "tell the world" about this city, publish and interpret the community to itself, and will stand for the solid, permanent growth of this city and section. It begins life fed by a prosperous group of readers, supported by reader interest in a community which is doing things, and has the premier news and feature services—the Associated Press and the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

### Eastern Star Initiates Two

The local order of the Eastern Star met in a called meeting Monday evening for initiation purposes. Mrs. Bonnie Rose and Mrs. Katie Vinson were received into the order. The meeting was very much enjoyed by 21 members and fifteen visitors. A very pleasing duet by Mrs. Nell McCullough and Mrs. T. B. Solomon was rendered. After the meeting delicious refreshments of fruit salad, sandwiches, cocoa and cake were served.

Friday, March 18, will be the time of the next regular meeting, when three new candidates will be initiated.

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- WANTED To Buy—Lease with production, good offset lease or production on contract. James H. Johnston, Ranger Hotel. D1-4tp W. E. LOWE
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