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Sonora Scouts In Court Of **Honor Here**

A Court of Honor was held in the basement of the First Baptist Church Thursday night, January 4th. The following awards were fect between the Sonora Lions win S. Mayer, new president of made:

Second Class Scouts-George S. Schwiening, Gene Wallace, Duane Prater, Jim Martin, J. T. Jackson, Dickie Sedman.

First Class Scouts-Ray W. Stephenson, Roy Cooper, Billy Shurley.

Life Scouts-Glen Richardson, R. W. Wallace, Wilfred Berger, Eugene Alley, R. C. Luckie, Richard Boughton.

The following Merit Badges were awarded:

Wilfred Berger- Handicraft, cooking, reading, beef production, bird study, poultry keeping, woodcarving, civics, pathfindnig, electricity, conservation, firemanship, horsemanship, Indian lore, farm mechanic, safety, physcial development, hog and pork production, machinery, mechanical drawing, leather work, and leathercraft.

Willie B. Ory-Firemanship, pathfinding and conservation. bird study.

Billy Shurley- Horsemanship and music.

Glen Richardson- mechanical drawing, bird study, conservation, electricity, pathfinding, firemanship, horsemanship, Indian lore, machinery, hog and pork production, leathercraft, leather work and physical development.

Eugene Alley-Physical development, handicraft, horsemanship, pathfinding, dog care, stamp collecting, leather work, leathercraft, woodwork, Indian lore, pioneering, firemanship, hog and pork production, bird study.

Richard Boughton- Machinery, bird study, wood carving, cooking, pioneering, handicraft, physical development, farm mechanics, civics, firemanship, mechanical drawing, and pathfinding.

O. L. Richardson-Bird study, farm home and its planning, electricity, pathfinding, conservation, firemanship, horsemanship, Indian lore, reading, hog and pork production, mechanical drawing and leatherwork.

R. C. Luck

Financial Report And Contest Rules Heard By Lions

A financial report by W. E. James, and a report by H. V. Stokes, on the contest now in efwere features of the Tuesday luncheon of the club held in the basement of the First Baptist Church building. Also, a musical program featuring S. L. Sharp, Robert Allen Simmons and Miss

Rena McQuary was greatly enjoyed by the more than forty Lions present. H. V. Stokes in commenting on

the contest with the Eldorado club, stated that due to the difference in membership, the Eldorado Lions were given the privilege of beginning the contest with a membership of twenty, while Sonora, with a membership of forty, started the contest with that number. Each member gained during the month above the beginning

membership in each club will be counted as one point, while each absentee will be counted as a loss of one point by the club registering the absentee. It was felt that due to the fine balance established between the two clubs, the contest would be a close one.

For the purpose of carrying on a local membership contest, the local club has been divided into two groups, under Alvis Johnson and Joe Berger as captains of the group, with J. L Nisbet as supervisor. At the Tuesday noonmeeting, the two groups, Growlers and Roarers, were almost exactly divided, and with each group registering several applications for new members.

The financial report by Secretary James revealed that the club is in a strong position financially,

and able to go ahead with their plans for the year unhampered by a lack of funds as had been the case frequently several years ago when the club was younger.

Continuing reports of the contests now being carried on in the club will be found in the Devils River News from week to week. The contests are to continue during the month of January.

Incidentally, it was learned from Mr. Stokes' report that as a

Dr. Boughton Will Become Secretary February 1

Dr. I. B. Boughton, chief veterinarian at the Ranch Experiment Station, has been selected by Ed-Club and the Eldorado Lions Club, the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas, as secretary of that organization, to succeed G. W. Cunningham, resigned. Dr. Boughton will take office February 1, it is announced. News reports stated that the selection of Dr. Boughton was made at San Angelo Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Mayer.

> Dr. Boughton, a graduate of Ohio University with the class of

NEW SECRETARY



Dr. I. B. Boughton, chief veterinarian at the Ranch Experiment Station, who succeeds G. W. Cunningham as Secretary of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas.

1916, served for two years with the Veterinary Corps of the United States Army, following which he taught and held research classes in animal diseases at the University of Illinois from 1919 until 1924. From 1925 until 1931 he served as director of the Experiment Station in Haiti and did research work in animal diseases. The State Department of the United States at that time was co- days in San Angelo assisting the operating with the government of new president with details con-



PRESIDENT

Edwin S. Mayer, president of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas, who selected Dr. I. B. Boughton of Sonora to serve as secretary of the ranchman association during the ensuing year.

G. W. Cunningham **Resigns Job As** Secretary

George W. Cunningham, secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Alsociation since June, 1935, tendered his resignation from that post during December to C. B. Wardlaw, then president of the organization, and his resignation was accepted by Edwin S. Mayer, recently elected president of the association. Cunningham's written

resignation was in the hands of Mr. Wardlaw previous to the annual convention at Fort Worth, and in an interview given in San Angelo Monday, he stated that his

work, extending over a period of four and one-half years, had been very pleasant from every angle, and that it had been his desire at all times during his tenure of ofciation as his abilities would perto lose the services of such a conscientious and valuable helper.

Following his resignation, Mr. Cunningham remained for several

Judge Jackson **Asks Re-Election** As District Judge

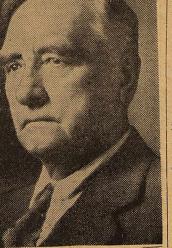
TO THE VOTERS OF SUTTON COUNTY:

in July.

Upon the resignation of Judge Joe G. Montague, in January, 1939, I was appointed, by Gov. O'Daniel, as judge of this district, and since my appointment have held two or more terms of court in Sutton county.

It has been my earnest endeav-

W. C. JACKSON



Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort Stockton, who is seeking re-electoin as Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, which includes Sutton County.

or to all times be available to the members of the bar and others, to the end that litigation pending might be as economically and expeditiously disposed of as consisfice, to work with the aim in view tent with justice to all involved. of being as valuable to the asso- I take pride in pointing to my record since my appointment and mit. Members of the group regret believe it will speak for me sufficiently in this behalf.

I consider that a district judge should attend strictly to the duties of his office, endeavor to mete out justice to all and do so with as little expense to the county as is nora school system, but the city possible and with a minimum of San Angelo from Del Rio. Mr. inconvenience to jurors, witnesses Cuningham made no statement as and litigants. I believe my record will show I have done this. I will hold one more term of court in each of the counties of the district prior to the July primary and this shall continue to be my conduct during future terms of court; and if elected by you I shall, as heretofore, give all of my time to the business of the judge of this district, as I have no other business to attend to requiring my time. I would, of course, like to meet and talk with every voter in the district, but this will be impossible without neglectnig the duties of my office; his I will not do and know you will not expect. Your vote and support will be appreciated by me, even though I may not be able to meet each one of you personally and properly attend to the duties of my office; therefore, I take this opportunity to solicit your vote and to assure you that no occasion will be given you to regret supporting me.

Infantile Parlysis Dance For Feb. 10 The local organization for the

Sonora Schedules

celebration of the President's Birthday, have perfected plans for I hereby announce myself as a the occasion. H. V. Stokes, councandidate for election to the office ty chairman, has issued an appeal of district judge of the 112th to residents of Sonora and Sut-Judicial District, subject to the ton County to assist in securing action of the Democratic primary funds for the worthwhile cause for which the celebrations are being held throughout the nation.

Many Sonora residents will no doubt go to San Angelo or other cities in this section to participate in the Birthday Ball celebrations on Januray 30th, but they will be on hand in Sonora February 10th, at which time the Sutton County celebration will be held. Delay in observing the celebration here is due to the fact that the later date will enable the committee to secure the servcies of Ray Alderson and his 11-piece orchestra for the dance, according to Mr. Stokes.

The dance is being given by the Sutton County Chapter, chartered by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In addition to H. V. Stokes as chairman of the committee organing the birthday celebration in Sonora, Mrs. Zora Bond has been assisting in the work as county vice chairman, as has also Miss Nan Karnes as secretary, and Roy E. Aldwell, treasurer.

The above committee has had complete charge of all activities to be held in the county in the fifth annual drive for funds for aiding infantile paralysis victims and for preventive measures that have been and are being taken to reduce the toll of this devastating disease. Fifty per cent of all funds collected will remain with the local community to aid in home cases, should there be any develop, this work being in charge of a local committee organized for the purpose. This local organization is working under the direction of the official state committee headed by W L. Clayton of Houston, the chairman; Governor W. Lee O'-Daniel, honorary chairman; and composed of 32 prominent citizens from every section of the state.

The "March of Dimes" will be conducted this month in the Soolans its big celebration February 10th, Saturday evening. The entire citizenship of the county is urged to suport the celebration in order that funds for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims may be as large as possible.

manship, woodwork, physical development and safety.

R. W. Wallace-Handicraft, horsemanship, physical development, public health, personal health, woodwork, first aid to animals, first aid and safety.

George D. Wallace-Scholarship, Indian lore, safety, handicraft, horsemanship, automobiling, dog care, woodwork, pathfinding, leathercraft, leatherwork, bird study, reading, stamp collecting and farm mechanics.

Sanford Trainer-Dog care. Ray Wallis Stephenson-Swimming.

It is very evident that Scouts and Scouters are working in Sonora when 109 Merit Badges are awarded at one time. Also a total of six Life Awards is evidence enough of the interest in Boy Scout work.

The Court of Honor is composed of the following members: John Eaton, Cecil Allen, Joe Berger, Ralph Trainer, Roy Aldwell, with Scoutmaster Jimmie Taylor, Senior Scoutmaster Haynie Davis, Scout Executive Malcolm Rogers of San Angelo, and F. T. Jones. The following Scouts were pres-

ent:

Eugene Alley, Sanford Trainer, O. L. Richardson, George Schwiening, Jim Martin, Duane Prater, Billy Shurley, J. T. Jackson, Ray W. Stephenson, Frank Nichols, R. W. Wallace, Gene Wallace, Sidney Awalt, Boyd Turner, Glen Richardson, Warren Reddoch, Wifred Berger, Roy Cooper, George D. Wallace and R. C. Luckie.

Guests of the Court were Mr. and Mrs. Alley, Mrs. Bough on and daughter, Mrs. Ed Shurle, O. L. Richardson, Mrs. Grace Wallace, and Mrs. Billy Penick.

MRS. CAUTHORN HOME

Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn, who has been in a hospital in Temple, is home now and is reported to be improving.

forfeit in the contest between the Sonora and Eldorado clubs, the losing club will serve the winners with a barbecue at some date in the spring when the weather will permit an open air gathering. At the same time, Ladies' Night is to be observed by the clubs involv-

ed in the contest.

U. S. Grant Is Recovering From Auto Injuries

Ranchmen from every section of Texas, and especially the Angora goat raisers of the state, will regret to learn of the injury of U.S. Grant, of Dalles, Oregon, one of the outstanding men in the Angora industry. Mr. Grant, from latest reports available here, is recovering from his injuries, an acount of which is contained in a short clipping from his home-town newspaper:

"Visibility impaired by a downpour of rain made unayoidable the accident at the intersection of Main and Washington streets last Thursday night about nine o'clock which slightly injured U. S. Grant, well known Dalles resident He was struck by a car driven by Irvin Baker as he walked across Main street."

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dunigan of Odessa announce the birth of an nfant, named Jon Barton. The child is the grandchild of Mrs. Totsie Barton of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glasscock were in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. M. C. Bozark of Rocksprings, a former member of the faculty here, visited Mrs. Rita Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown Ross last week.

aiti in Dr. Boughton came to Sonora

on January 1, 1931, since which time he has been connected with the Experiment Station and with his activities and research in animal diseases, has become well acquainted in Southwest Texas, and enjoys a wide and favorable reputation among the livestock growers of the state, many of whom are members of the organization with which Dr. Boughton is soon to be intimately connected.

Offices of the 9,000-member association, located for the past year at Del Rio, have been moved to San Angelo, home of President Maver.

Dr. Boughton secured leave of absence from his duties at the Ranch Experiment Station, it is reported, in order to render a service to the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association by serving as secretarv

Dr. Boughton and family will News will be found pictures of continue to make their home in the girls listed herewith: Sonora, where three children are attending the Sonora schools: Richard, 14; Josette, 12; and Alain, 10 years of age.

Girls Basketball Team To Play Here Against Faculty

An attraction of more than usual merit is offered to residents of Sonora with the coming of one of the nation's outstanding girls' basketball teams to the high school gymnasium here January 17, to play a game with a local team, time of the game being 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Admission to the game will be 25 cents for children and 35 cents for adults. A team composed of male memmers of the school faculty will furnish opposition for the visiting

team of girls. The girls play basketball under rules governing the game for boys, and Sonora residents who of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams.

nected with moving the offices to to his future plans.

> The Devils River News, in company with many other newspapers of this area and the general membership of the association, express regret at Mr. Cunningham's decision to withdraw from the official circle of the association, and trust that he will continue to prosper in whatever line of endeavor he adopts.

witness the contest may be assured that the local male players will not have an easy victory, even if they should eke out a victory. In fact, they are likely to lose the game by more than a

narrow margin. The official line-up for the visiting girls' team is given below. Elsewhere in this issue of the

Vinia Hobbs, second season on the team, height 5 feet, 9 inches.

Lorene Daniels, second season,

Nora Muncrief, height 5 feet, 9 inches. Helen Onson, height 5 feet, 9

inches. Monica Ryan, world's tallest

3 inches. The visiting team, billed as the Ozark Hillbillies, which has been playing in all parts of the nation, has been on a recent tour of this state, and judging from press comments coming to the office of the Devil's River News, are fully as good as advance reports would indicate. The general public in invited and urged to attend the game.

Mrs. John L. Nisbet is spending a week in San Antonio, the guest Respectfully, W. C. JACKSON, Judge, 112th Judicial District.

Wool Market Shows Early Activity

Nelson Johnson of San Angelo purchased Monday between eight and nine thousand pounds of 12-months wool, some shorn this year, at prices ranging from 25 to 30 cents. J. M. Lea Warehouse of San Angelo was the seller, No other wool sales for the

STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Parent-Teacher Study Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ben Cusenbary Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A full attendance of the membership is urged.

Sonoran's Father **Passes** Away

Funeral services were held Tueslay at Eldorado for George A. Neill, pioneer West Texan, died in Neill, pioneer West Texan, who died in that city Monday at noon following a short illness. Services from the First Methodist Church of Eldorado were in charge of Rev. M. V. William's, pastor of the Eldorado church. Mr. Neill was aged 87 vears at his death.

Mr. Neill had been a resident of Eldorado since 1907, serving two terms as county treasurer of Schleicher county shortly after his arrival in the county. He was born in Seguin, Guadalupe county, and moved to Tom Green county in 1884, where he was employed for several years on various ranch outfits, working cattle on the open range. The following twelve years he was employed by Bird & Mertz, making several trips to the then Indian territory. Still later he was associated with the late Trox Harmon.

After his marriage in 1892 to Miss Sarah Jo Pruitt, they went to the Oklahoma territory on their honeymoon when the big land rush took place. Liking the country, he had picked a section of land to make a run for, but was dissuaded by his young bride.

Mr. Neill for a number of years was in the mercantile business in Eldorado.

Surviving the aged pioneer are the widdow and four children: George H. (Jack) Neill of Sonora, Taylor Neill of Fort Stockton, J. L. Neill of Eldorado, and Mrs. Reuben Dickens of Eldorado.

basketball girl star, height 6 feet,

week have been reported.

Jo Darrow, second season, with height of 5 feet, 8 inches.

height 5 feet, 8 inches.

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Cold Prevention The Sonora Broncho **Is Vital Factor During Winter**

Sonora, Texas, January 12, 1940 **VOLUME 2** BASKETBALL SCHEDULE We can't understand the reason The SIDEWINDER for the townspeople as well as the January 4thhigh school people missing all Firemen vs. Piggly Wiggly these games. We have a nice gym We wonder if Buster ever got his Faculty vs. High School whcih is well heated and gives the book read Tuesday morning?? January Sthworking man and woman a chance to relax and have a litlte fun at Faculty vs. Firemen Mary Lee, why is it you're so Scarlet Raiders vs Piggly Wiggly | no expense. crazy about the song, "Oh, Basketball is a fine winter sport. Johnie, Oh!" Or is it the song?? January 11th-On these nites that are too cold High School vs. Scarlet Raiders to do anything but go to bed, why Marjorie, oh, Marjorie! Why Faculty vs. Piggly Wiggly not go to see a good game and enjoy a coupla' hours. January 15thmorning?? Faculty vs. Scarlet Raiders OZARK HILLBILLIES High School vs. Firemen And - Dorothy - who phoned you?? Don't tell us its the "old January 18th-Next Wednesday night, January flame" again. High School vs. Piggly Wiggly 17, the High School Faculty will Firemen vs. Scarlet Raiders play the Ozark Hillbillies in the local gym. The prices are 25 and Friday night?? Marjorie, you'd January 22nd-35 cents Firemen vs. Piggly Wiggly better watch your boyfriend! The Ozark Hillbillies are a girls Faculty vs. High School professional basketball team. They Neither Here January 25thare now on a tour of the United Nor There Faculty vs. Firemen States playing a great many Scarlet Raiders vs Piggly Wiggly games. This will be the first chance, and maybe the last, for Two old maids went for a tramp January 29thmost of you to se a good profesin the woods; the tramp escaped. High School vs. Scarlet Raiders sional basketball team in action, Faculty vs. Piggly Wiggly Dear Sir: I am engaged to a and it is probably the first of its February 1stkind to play in Sonora. Phi Phi. A fraternity brother of Firemen vs. Piggly Wiggly The height of the Hillbillies team mine has informed me that you were seen kissing her. Kindly call Faculty vs. High School is an average of 5'91/2". The tallest girl is 6'3" and the shortest is at my fraternity house at 11 p.m. February 5thtomorrow night and make an ex-5' 8". Faculty vs. Firemen The average height for the planation Scarlet Raiders vs Piggly Wiggly (Signed) Herbert Harms faculty is about 5'10" but that February 8thdoesnt give them any advantage. Dear Herbert: I received a copy High School vs. Scarlet Raiders of your circular and will be present This promises to be a very inter-Faculty vs. Piggly Wiggly esting game and evening, so don't at the meeting. miss it. February 12th-Proud Father: My boy ran ninety Faculty vs. Scarlet Raiders **BRONCHOS TO ROCKSPRINGS** yards in one game. High School vs. Firemen Coach: It seems he forgot to tell you he didn't catch the guy in February 15th-Sonora takes the court again High School vs. Piggly Wiggly Saturday morning at Rocksprings front of him. Firemen vs. Scarlet Raiders against their respected rival, Mother: After all, he's only a Ozona. These teams have met three February 19thtimes already with Sonora winning boy and boys will sow their wild Faculty vs. Scarlet Raiders only once. It's Sonora's turn now. oats High School vs. Firemen Towns represented in the tourna-Father: Yes, but I wouldn't mind February 22ndment are Del Rio, Brackettville, if he didn't mix so much rye with High School vs. Piggly Wiggly Kerrvile, Sonora, Ozona, Uvalde, Firemen vs. Scarlet Raiders and Rocksprings. There will be a consolation winner as well as a She was pretty and he owned **19 TOWNS INVITED TO SEND** final winner. a car, but he had never noticed her TEAMS TO OZONA CAGE MEET fond eye and was somewhat stag-The Bronchos expect to make a good showing. gered when she asked, "Could you Invitations have been extended by ever learn to love me?" the Ozona Lions to 19 neighboring WOMEN FACULTY VS. So he replied with some contowns to the ninth annual Ozona SONORA ALL STARS fusion and with winning shyness: basketball tournament to be held "I don't know, but I'd sure like in the high school gymnasium Jan-Preceding the Hillbillies exhibito take the course." tion game there will be a ripuary 26-27. Four loving cups and 15 miniaroaring curtain raiser starting ture gold basketballs will be promptly at 7:00 p.m. between the **Auditorium Not** awarded. The winner and runnerlady faculty members and former Well Planned,

NUMBER 16 Prevalence of colds and pneumonia at this season has prompted Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, to outline generalized prevention precautions against the disease in the hope of reducing its incidence in Texas. "Most of us know how serious pneumonia is, but not every one realizes that it is particularly dangerous for babies and young children. A child under one year of age who has pneumonia is very much more likely to die than an were you so worried Tuesday older child," Dr. Cox warned. "Through the use of a new drug and serum, doctors and health workers hope to save many lives. this year, which would have been lost in the past. The State Health Department is co-operating with Willie Nell, what were you doing the medical profession of Texas in

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using this drug to best advantage in treatment of pneumonia. "Improvement in treatment will save many, many lives, but more could be saved if children and adults were protected against contraction of pneumonia in the first place.

"A few simple precautions should be followed: no person with a cold should be allowed to handle or even come close to a baby. The rule should apply to relatives as well as friends. It the mother, or other person taking care of baby, has a cold, she should wear a mask and be especially careful about washing her hands before touching the baby.

"Children in general good health are in a much better position to fight off an infection than those not in the best condition. The best and surest way to secure good health for a child is to keep him or her under the regular supervision of the family physician. " In short, insure good general

health by having the child under regular supervision; do everything possibile to prevent colds; if a cold does develop, do not use any 'medicines' or 'drops' except under a doctor's orders; if the child seems ill, call the doctor without delay."

Clipboards, large and small, for sale at The News office.

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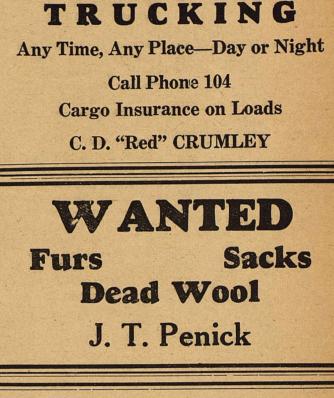
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ATTRACTIONS.

Sonora

outstanding player on each team not recognized in the all-tournament teams will be given a miniature gold ball. To the best allround player of the tournament, a trophy will be given.

up teams in each bracket will be

awarded loving cups, and two all-

tournament teams will receive a

miniature basket ball while the

Tournament officials will be M. O. Pittman of Iraan and Jake Mc-Culley, with a secret committee named to select the outstanding players.

A coaches' game will be one of the feature events Saturday afternoon,

Plaes will be drawn Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p. m. at the Ozona National Bank and a representative from each town has been invited to attend the drawing.

All teams accepting the invitation are expected to be in the league, and have been asked to send a list of all participants certified by the superintendent or principal to be assured of the fact that all players are strictly eligible.

"In staging this even Ozona hopes to show some fast basketball, and believes that the tournament will promote a friendly spirit between towns in this area. If we lose some games but win some friends we will have won the greater victory," Coach White said.

Ozona homes will be opened to the coaches and their teams during the tournament.

West Texas towns invited are Junction, Eldorado, Christoval, Sonora, Rocksprings, Menard, Big Lake, Comstock, Mertzon, Barnhart, Rankin, McCamey, Fort Stockton, Grandfalls, Iraan, Sanderson, Alpine, Marfa and Fort Davis.

BASKETBALL VIEWS

You who missed the games Monday and Thursday nites really missed something. This own and Edmonson read two chapters from school league that we have is really going even if the players are the only ones attending the games.

The members of the Junior class are selling tickets for a cake to be given away January 27th. Each chance is 10c. The money will be used for the Junior-Senior banquet. Patronize the Juniors.

feminine stars of Sonora High.

JUNIOR CLASS CAKE SALE

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball girls will journey. to Ozona Friday afternoon to play at 4:30. After this game the team will go into their regular schedule.

Four new volleyball suits were ordered several weeks ago and have already arrived. That makes twelve satin volleyball suits, and the order has just been sent off for twelve

warm-up suits. The volleyball girls feel that they are well on their way to a victorious season.

THE SPANISH CLUB

Wednesday the Spanish Club met in the Science room for their bi-monthly meeting. As a program, an interesting film on Mexico was

shown. After the film came the roll call which was answered by giving the names of Mexican Heroes or be fined one cent. One cent was collected.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasury has \$9.50. A cake sale was planned to raise funds for the trip to

Monterrey and details were discussed. The meeting adjourned.

THE HOMEMAKING CLUB

The vice-president took charge and the roll was called to start the

meeting of the homemaking club Thursday of last week. A scrap book was discussed and also the possibility of new members.

The club members are to get club pins the second semester. Miss "A Sunny Disposition" from "This Beautiful Girlhood" and "Boy Friend."

U. S. Offfice of Education in twenty-one states reveals that most high school auditoriums are not well planned Originally designed merely as a morning assembly room, most auditoriums are hopelessly outmoded, and prove a handicap to student activities. Requirements of the "perfect"

A recent survey conducted by the

Survey Shows

The Burro

auditorium, laid down after careful study by the Office of Education, included a proscenium arch 30 to 32 feet in width, a stage twice that wide to give plenty of side room, minimum depth of 25 feet, and enough total floor space so that only about one-third is necessary for the acting area.

Thirty auditoriums were included in the survey, and not a single one measured up to all the requirements listed above. Cost of remodeling auditoriums is almost prohibitive, but the Department points out that the cost of including a good auditorium when a high

school is originally built is little more than for putting in a poor

The increased importance of dramatics, motion pictures, radio, forum discussions and other legitimate school activities makes a good auditorium a necessity.

TRAP 264 ANTELOPE

Antelope trapped in round-ups staged by the Texas Game Departmnet near Sterling City are faring well in the more than twenty localities in which they were transplanted, according to reports to the executive secretary of the De-

antelope trapped with a loss through injury of less 3 per cent continue to thrive it will not be

a limited open season on the fleet animals, the executive said.

Clipboards, large and small, for sale at The News office.

With Nelson Eddy, Ilona Massey, Frank Morgan Also serial — "THE LONE RANGER RIDES AGAIN"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

"Balalaika"

SUNDAY and MONDAY Sunday Matinee - 2:80

"The Old Maid"

With Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins, George Brent

> TUESDAY ONLY Matinee - 4:00

"Naughty But Nice"

With Dick Powell, Ann Sheridan, Gale Page

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

"Allegheny Uprising"

John Wayne, Claire Trevor Also serial — "DAREDEVILS OF THE RED CIRCLE"

Coming Next Week

Friday and Saturday—"HENRY GOES ARIZONA" With Virginia Weidler and Frank Morgan

Sunday and Monday-"DRUMS ALONG THE **MOHAWK**" with Henry Fonda & Claudette Colbert

La Vista Theatre

SHOW STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P. M.

partment. Should the majority of the 264

many seasons until Texas can have

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Embargo May Be Considered In January

Realization that the United States is furnishing more than half the vital war supplies Japan is using to conduct its undeclared war upon China has again brought to the fore the question of an embargo upon exports to Japan. With the present Japanese-American trade treaty expiring January 26, 1940, the question will probably come before Congress during the present. session.

The United States supplied Japan with 54 per cent of its vital war supplies in 1937, 58 per cent in 1938, and during the first two months of the current European war, increased this amount 21 per cent. In specific items this country supplied 98 per cent of the aviation gasoline used to drive Japanese airplanes that killed 200,000 noncombatants in China by indiscriminate bombing during the past two and one-half years, and 90 per cent of the scrap iron, steel and copper used in the manufacture of these bombs.

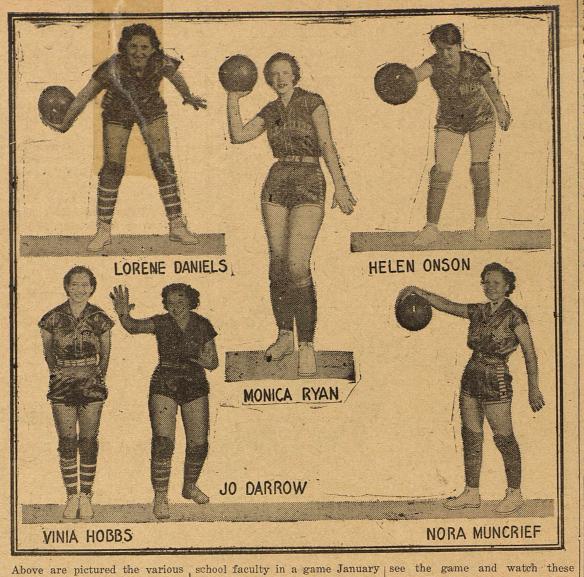
Speaking over the radio recently, William R. Castle, former Ambassador to Japan and Under-Secretary of State under President Hoover, warned that Japan might go to war against the United States if an effective embargo is set up. He urged against taking such a drastic step.

On the same program. Dr. Walter H. Judd pointed out that Japan is so dependent upon this nation for vital war materials that it would be impossible for it to carry on military operations without them-either against China or the United States. He charged that the furnishing of these supplies makes us a partner in the crime against China. Doctor Judd is a medical missionary to China, and watched Ohinese friends die as Japanese bombers dropped their lethal cargoes in civilian areas.

Interestingly, Rear Admiral H. E. Yarnell, Ret., who commanded the Asiatic Fleet from 1936 to 1939, sides with Doctor Judd in holding that an embargo will not mean war.

Senator William Borah, veteran member of the Foreign Relations Committee, has again declared his resentment at the export of arms, ammunition and implements of war to Japan, but pledged himself to co-operate in "all reasonable efforts" to mainstain general trade relations. A recent Gallup Poll showed that a substantial majority of Americans favor such an embargo

war lords of Japan and



MEMBERS OF VISITING CIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

members of the girls basketball 17 at the local school gymnasium. team which will engage the men's basketball team of the Sonora The general public is invited to governing the men's type of game.

nationally known team members

have been pointing out that there isn't much we can do about Europe, and that we have plenty to keep us busy at home.

There is a good chance that tax questions will pretty much hold the spotlight during the pending Congress. The Administration's defenders and opponents are unlimbering their artillery. But it won't be a purely partisan fight. For there is no general agreement within either major party as to just what the workable solution is.

White House opinion remains uncertain. The President at times intimated, in rather vague terms, that he would be willing to cut government costs in some directions in order to provide the money needed for our vast national deis generally believed that he would still like to have the legal debt limit raised from its present level of \$45,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,- gram. There is no great mystery 000 or more. It is felt that he may as to why this should be so about definitely propose that if Congressional sentiment seems favorable tical ambitions. Politics being what this session. And sentiment might it is, successful candidates are turn favorable-though it obviously isn't now-if it seemed that the present legal limit menaced the defense program.

Curiously enough, in that this is definitely a spending Administration, the economy bloc leaders are generally Democrats. Senators Harrison and Byrd are perhaps the strongest advocates of genuine government expense reduction. By This is a general election year. and large, the influential Southern | Both parties want a short session, group of Senators and Representatives, mainstays of the party dur- place themselves too definitely on ing its lean years, support them. record as to major issues-with the But, as yet, the group has had no really definite program to offer. on which all seem agreed that we And it naturally hestitates to em- must remain neutral. So the odds barrass the head of the party, the favor a relatively evasive policy President.

to the facts and figures. Senator a general election year.

fense plans. At the same time, it Taft and Thomas E. Dewey, Presidential aspirants both, endorsed economy in general terms but have refused to propose a definite prothese men or any others with poliusually vague and cautious candidates. The electorate will applaud economy as a general principle. But, as a rule, it is the first to raise a rumpus when the cuts are felt at home.

What all this amounts to is that the chances of anything big being done to solve the tax and debt problems during 1940 are remote. and both want to avoid having to single exception of the war issue, for both Democrats and Republi-On the other side of the fence, cans. All officers of the govern-Republican spokesmen talk a ment admit that our fiscal policy great deal about economy. But it gets more involved daily, all admit looks as if they are on the skittish that it must eventually be faced. side when it comes to getting down But few really want to face it in

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WINGS OVER TEXAS By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY My son and I were smiling one the Indians used to get a scarlet day over the fact that way down | dye.

south of the equator in Argentina it is the wind off the south pole that brings the countryside its clusters of black haws, sweet and wintry weather, while the north winey in taste. There are hackbreezes blow in with mild temperatures. Thus geography can change the meaning of a word; "norther" could not mean the same to an Argentinan that it does to a Texan. In our own states, the term their shapliness gone, wear wounds 'winter," from the viewpoint of left by yuletide decorators who bird study, means a different thing to the New Englander and to the Texan. In the north some kinds of in a patch of sumac. The bluebirds birds do stay through the cold, but cross and re-cross the road ahead more species move southward to cautiously, the back of the male warmer territory. In sjite of re- flashing a hue that makes us catch placements from further north, our breath.

bird friends are scarcer there than Many observers believe that an in the summer. It is no wonder that the feeding of the goldfinches. esidents make much ado about the nest and summer there.

Not all the fruit has been taken by the birds. There are occasional berries, red haws, and stretchberries. The orange-red berries of the swamp holly (possum haw) glow in the deeper woods. Many of these

small trees near the highways tore rather than cut branches off. Robins and bluebirds are busy

But there is nothing cautious in embargo might do much to dis- after a snowbound winter northern They drop down to the ragweed near by, swaving back and forth

perform. Play will be under rules

strengthen the position of civilian government officials who realize the futility of the Chinese conquest. At any rate, they point out, it would keep the United States from being a partner in the organized murder of more Chinese civilians.

Congress Asked **To Restore Fund** For Road Work

The Texas Highway Commission has officially requested the Congress of the United States to give serious consdieration at its forthcoming session to the matter of authorizations for grade crossing elimination for the Federal fiscal years of 1942 and 1943, and has urged Congress to restore the apwork to its former level of \$50,000,-000 for each years 1942 and 1943, haveing been reduced to 1941 \$30,000,000 and \$20,000,000 each year, respectively.

of grade crossings in Texas has reduced the fatalities growing out of collisions of this nature 25 per cent during the first 11 months of and dead leaves. 1939, as compared to the same period in 1938. There are many dangerous railroad-highway grade for breaths of raw air. We go to crossings still in existence in Texas the grassy prairies, the cedar hills, and other states that stand as a threat to the lives of our citizens the lake. They do not disappoint traveling the highways which in us. A visit outdoors in winter is the public interest should be re- one of the few things that is nicer moved as quickly as possible. It than we had remembered it. is hoped that Congress will recognize the importance of continuing oftener. It is good to breathe crisp this meritorious work.

order. The News.

species go south to return in the in April. spring, but more species move in

man might envy.

to concentrate or go in flocks. incentive to get outdoors on gray for weeks there will be none of the propriation for this vital public lazy warmth that ushers in spring sparrows give their querrulous call fever. Growing things are at a note. standstill, and the most significant the appropriations for 1940, and incident in the open is the weather. The trees which in summer were companionable as they drooped to brush us with their soft leaves,

The Highway Commission took stand stiffly aloof, ready to slap we watch a winter sunset deepen this action because the elimination back sharply with naked twigs if and fade in the dusk, there is still

> But our heated houses have a way of driving us out into the open | Tax Questions the wooded ravines, the river and De decide that we will go out air, to feel the crunch of leaves underfoot, to trace with the eye

forms, stationery needs, clipboards, only touch of color in a gray of dwarf dogwood. From its roots | The publicists and the columnists

first Robin. He is just a prelude weighing down the plant as they to the many others that follow to eat seed. Their greenish winter coat is not as dazzling as the yel-Yet in Texas, winter is the time low of the spring plumage, but for welcoming birds. Some of our they feed as gaily and fearlessly as

Meadowlarks sail across country from the north to winter there. lanes from pasture to pasture. Ves-The winter residents plus the year per sparrows explore plowed fields round resident give us a variety in and rest on fence wires. Around cold months that a Maine woods- brush piles and leaf drifts, towhees mew and scratch. Orange-crowned.

This makes winter the best time and Myrtle warblers work nimbly to start observing birds. There are through the trees. Once a hundred not only more birds, but they are or more birds whirr upward when easier to see while the leaves are they are flushed. Gradually they off the trees. Food is scarcer, the drift bcak to their feeding places. birds are not so shy, and they tend The woods are slowly filled with the music of these winter visitors: Aside from birds, there is less the sad, sweet piping of the whitecrowns, the trill of the juncos, the winter days than at other times. plaintive, half-musical converse of The brilliances of autumn is gone; the Harris sparrows, ruby-crowned kinglets chip loudly, and field

The time to go indoors comes too quickly. Inside are routine tasks and welcome warmth. But the leafless view outside the window does not seem a lifeless scene now. As we push past their branches. From in our ears the crisp, outdoor whisindoors it seems that outside there per of wind through the tall dead is only bleakness, a chilling wind grasses, and the chorus of winter bird voices.

Will Embarrass **Politicians**

If you want to make a Congressman turn white, sneak up behind him and shout loudly, "What are you going to do about taxes?" The demand for a concrete tax and debt policy which really gets to the bottom of our tangled fiscal situation, is growing rapidly. The public, Everything needed for the office the curves of dusky, bare branches which for some months has been in the way of blank and printed against the darkening sky. The occupied with European affairs, seems to be turning its attention stamp pads, rubber stamps made to ravine comes from the red shoots again to our domestic problems.

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Pay Poll Tax Before Deadline

Residents of Sonora and Sutton County are reminded that 1940 is election year for every office from Justice of the Peace to President of the United States; that poll tax receipts are a part of the necessary equipment if the citizen is to be permitted to go to the polls to express his wish as to how the affairs of the government are to be handled, and by whom; and that poll tax payment deadline is on February 1, 1940.

Payment of poll taxes before the deadline will enable the citizen to have a part in the affairs of his local, state and national governments. Failure to pay poll taxes before the deadline wil preclude the possibility of the citizen taking any part in governmental affairs.

And remember, after February 1, no amount of wishing that you had paid your poll tax will help you. The moral is, pay your poll tax now, before the deadline date creeps up on you.

Workshop Club **Meets Here This Week**

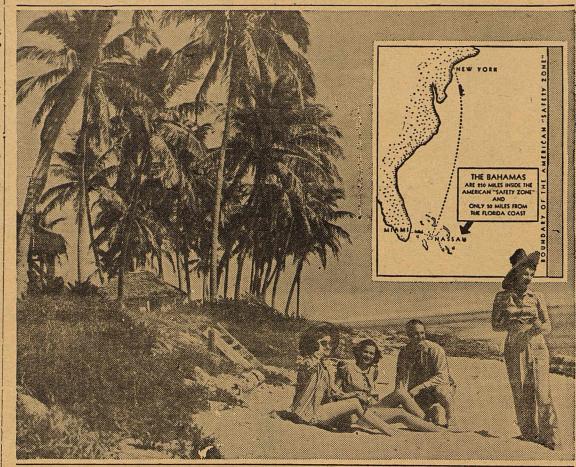
The Sonora Homeworkshop Club which is affiliated with the National Homeworkshop Guild met in regular meeting Monday night in the high school workshop. A busicomplete information for the annual report required of all affiliated clubs was in effect.

The board of governors appoint- his own shop. ed George D. Chalk as acting secretary-treasurer.

The club reported its contribu- an inlaid table top as it can be tion of approximately 175 toys for done in any home or school workthe purpose of Christmas cheer to shop, so cleverly detailed that any poor children through the Christ- amateur can do the same thing mas toy project which nearly in his own workshop. every club affiliated with the Guild tackled. Thousands of toys were made or repaired and advance re- of craftsman-made-furniture and ports issued by the Guild indica- inlaid pictures. ted that the goal of "100,000 toys for 100,000 children" would be ac- sists of A. H. Adkins, H. C. Atchihieved and that many underprivi- son, O. G. Babcock, George D. leged children enjoyed a merry Chalk, acting secretary-treasurer, Christmas only because of the ex- Ben Cusenbary, vice-president, cellent work performed by home Preston C. Lightfoot, president, workshop clubs in making and repairing toys for them; since there Patrick, Robert Rees, S. L. Sharp, were numerous welfare organizations to feed and clothe the poor, but for toys the children must look first individual project at the to such groups as the home work- special meeting Friday night, Janshop clubs.

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• REFUGE ON A BAHAMIAN CAY



A carefree group of winter vacationists loll on the coral sands of a palm-studded cay, off Nassau, the Bahamas, a favorite spot for an afternoon picnic. Well within neutral waters the Bahamas are only fifty miles off the Florida coast. The routes of the American flag liner Kent, of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, from Miami to Nassau, and of the S S Munargo, direct from New York to Nassau, are within the neutral zone established at the Conference of Panama. At Nassau, or on one of the nearby cays, travelers to the Bahamas this winter can enjoy unmolested the gay life of this Caribbean resort.

submitted the club is awarded \$5; bers are most interested onefor the later contest there is an evening projects and modern furniopportunity of winning one of the ture ranked first; shop equipment, three plaques offered for the best second; period furniture and housework constructed by the club as a hold repairs, third. Other subjects whole or by an individual member. were inlaying, airplane models, The club voted to obtain a 2-reel

30-minute picture of "Veneering for the Homecrafter" which locates the countries from which No Record On some of the woods emanate, showing the various types of wood available in the veneer form. One follows the manufacture in the veneer mill from the log into the various types of veneers. A trip is taken through a modern glue plant with close-up pictures of the necessary steps in producing the ness meeting relative to obtaining finished product. Never before photographed in shown how a professional marqueterie worker produces beautiful inlaid pictures in

> The major portion of the second reel is a step by step building of

A most interesting conclusion

close-ups of various pieces

decoratives metal work and leather

Deaths Caused

work.

Any attempts to arrive at a really accurate estimate of the percentage of traffic deaths caused by intoxication of either driver or pedestrian seems doomed to failure. for no two states are able to agree on what constitutes being under the influence of alcohol.

A southwestern state reports 18.4 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents "had been drinking." A New England state reports 10 per cent-a Middle Atlantic state 1.8 per cent. It is hard to believe there is actually this much difference in the number of intoxicated drivers operating automobiles in different sections of the country.

Night Deaths Remain Major Problem

Traffic fatality figures of the National Safety Council for 1939, when finally compiled, will return to lay before the pubic the fact that night driving, with a death rate amost three times that of a day driving, is the country's major traffic problem, according to Edward M. Rice, director of the Street and Highway Lighting Stafety Bureau.

"Over the last several years, and particularly during 1939," Mr. Rice said, "progress has been made in attacking this problem of death after dark. Much more might have been done had not many of the organizations engaged in traffic accident research and safety educa tion failed to recognize and stress

dents in 1930 killed more poeple ferred to the county and tried in than day accidents, and have con- the District Court for the real of-Th spread is almost as great in tinued to do so every year since. fense he committed - driving At the present time they account drunk.

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city governments of Long Beach, drunken driver is a distinct and a Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Dallas, Chicago, Cleveland and several others.

In New Jersey, a statewide program carried out in 16 of its 21 counties was largely responsible for a reduction of 37 per cent in its night fatalities for the year, in the District Courts with exactly and helped New Jersey to win the that offense. Then if a jury decides grand prize in the traffic safety contest conducted by the National Safety Council.

Throughout 1939, Detroit continued to decrease its night fatality rate, as it has every year since 1937 when it launched an extensive program of lighting modernization. In 1937, Detroit had 7 night fatalities to every day fatality. In 1938, that manner we will be able to rethrough safety lighting on 300 miles of arterial streets, the city had cut the ratio to 1.5 night deaths to every day death. The highways. first year after safety lighting was installed on 14 streets in Hartford, Conn., night accidents were cut 49 per cent and the following

year there was a further reduction of 68.1 per cent. On six miles of the Boston Post Road in Greenwich, Conn., equipped for safety with sodium lighting, night accidents were reduced 64 per cent.

Today there is only a little more than 800 miles of modern highway lighting in use throughout the country, but highway officials are gradually coming to regard it as an integral part of the equipment of any modern highway. Even the best highways at the present time are modern only in the daytime. At night they become obsolete and unsafe. The fact remains, however, that officials will take real action only after the public has become informed on the subject and demands the safety conditions that it is more than paying for right FOR SALE-furnished or unfurnow.

Drunken Drivers Cause 22 Per Cent Of Traffic Deaths

Twenty-two per cent of the automobile fatalities in the last reporting month in Texas were the result of driving by persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor. These are the statistics furnished by State agencies, and they tell a terrible story.

There is a law in Texas making it a felony to drive an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Why isn't this law deterring such driving?

The answer may be that in many the fatal handicap that inadequate cities, when arrests are made by visibility places on the motorist police officers, the driver is chargand pedestrian when night falls." ed in the city court with reckless For the first time, night acci- driving, instead of being trans-

positive menace to the safety of every person. It is the one offense for which there is absolutely no justification.

Our police and other officers must be told by citizens that drunken drivers should be charged a penitentiary sentence is the solution it can invoke such sentence. Trying such irresponsible people in the corporation courts and releasing them for a nominal fine will not solve the question.

Put them in the county jail for term, or in the penitentiary and revoke their driver's license. In duce this terrific toll being exacted by the irresponsible agents of John Barleycorn on our streets and

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized the announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primraies:

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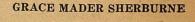
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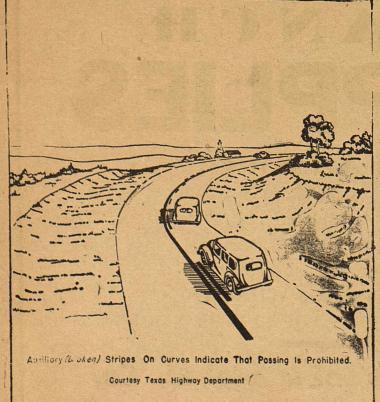
SONORA DRUG CO. (1)



Members of the club which conpresident, M. C. McDurmitt, Lee W. E. Wallace and Erwin Willman will commence contruction of their uary 26. The projects will include

Participation in the Photo and workbenches, tilt-top coffee table, the annual Achievement Contests magazine end table, bridge table, were voted by the organization. floor lamp, desk and other projects. For the best photo of the month | Of the subjects in which mem-

HIGHWAY MARKINGS EXPLAINED



the case of pedestrians fatally injured. In the South one state reports 20.4 per cent under the influence of alcohol, and a Western state reports 3.2 per cent.

Private opinion is considerably different from these official statistics. A traffic court judge in New York City estimates that 40 per cent of all traffic accidents involve liquor. A Chicago judge estimates 60 per cent. Both handle hundreds of cases yearly, and should be in a position to make reasonable estimates.

The National Safety Congress reported this fall that one out of seven pedesitrians and one out of ten motorists who were killed during the last year were under the influence of alcohol. These figures, however, do not take into consideration the number of persons killed as a result of this drunkenness who were not intoxicated themselves.

In view of this fact, the estimate of the National Safety Council's Committee on Tests, doesn't seem greatly out of line. The committee, after a three-year study, declared that 25 per cent of all traffic deaths appear to be caused by persons under the influence of liquor.

It is not a pretty picture, but it is one that, unfortunately, does not seem destined to rapid change. For apparent'y neither the general public nor some law enforcement officials can be convinced that drunken-driving is a serious crime -as serious, for instance, as carrying concealed weapons or robbery. Potentially, it is just as dangerous.

The suggestion is made that laws designed to cut down on the tremendous amount of liquor advertising might help, or that periods when liquor could be bought be sharply restricted. It might not do any good, but until the public awakens to the fact that this is as important as Joe DiMaggio's batting average, the heavy traffic toll will continue.

for about 60 per cent of all fatalities despite the fact that only one- enforcement of this law. The time quarter to one-third of the traffic is here when there can be no more is moving after dark. Since 1930, not including 1939, night traffic accidents killed 177,000 people.

"The inability to see in the dark," Mr. Rice said, "is one thing that cannot be blamed on the motorist nor can any educational program imbue him with new visual powers. The remedy lies in providing adequate visibility. Automobile manufacturers, in adopting the new-"Sealed Beam' lighting system as standard equipment on almost all makes of cars, have contributed materially to safer night driving. But the real answer can come only through the provision of fixed artificial illumination where accident experience proves the need for it. Such a program would be hopeless but for the fact that a prepnoderant number of night accidents occur on a very small percentage of road mileage. In other words, the night accident problem is largely limited to traffic arteries - main city thoroughfares and major, heavily traveled highways."

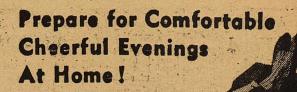
Fortunately, the move towards safety lighting modernization, supported by such organizations as the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, National Safety Council, the Institute of Traffic Engineers, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, and the American Road Builders Association has already affected great savings in life, injury and property damage in several states and many cities throughout the country.

In the nation-wide "Safety with Light" program of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, campaigns to modernize street lighting for safety have been carried on in over 50 cities durnig the past year and have already brought about the adoption of safety lighting projects by the

There needs to be tightening of temporizing with the matter. The

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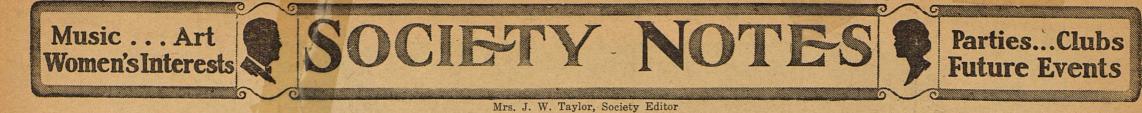
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WITH THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church

Next Sunday morning we will be looking for each and every one to be in their place in Sunday School. We are making a special effort to bring our attendance up to a high mark in this service, and hope that those who can will make a special effort to be there and help us increase our average.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Sermon by Pastor _ 11:00 a.m. Training Service ____ 6:00 p. m. Sermon by Fastor ____ 7:00 p.m.

If you are not attending Sunday School anywhere we want you to get started, and there is no time like the present. Prepare now, and come Shunday morning at ten o'clock.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Mens' Bible Class

All men of Sutton county who possibly can do so, are urged to meet with Down-Town class next Sunday morning at 9:30 to enjoy the special program prepared for that hour. Mr. Sharp will be present with the high school band and render a specia musical program, and we want a fine number of men there to encourage them in their work.

If you are not attending Sunday School elsewhere, why not come and be with us Sunday morning? A warm welcome awaits you, and the help you will give us will leave a lasting impression.

W. W. Gibson, President

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference of the **Concho Valley Baptist Associa**tion, meeting with the Sonora Church, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1940.

10:00 a. m. The Quarterly Meeting of the Associational W. M. U. with Mrs. Bradford of San Angelo presiding.

10:15 Executive Board meeting of the association with all the men meeting in the basement, Dr. A. D. Foreman presiding.

11:30 a.m. Special music. 11:35 Sermon, by Rev. Clyde Childers, Ozona.

Jolly Joker Club Entertained By Mrs. Mann

To compliment members and guests of the Jolly Joker Club Mrs.

Jack Mann was hostess for them Thursday afternoon of last week at her home.

Bridge provided the entertainment for the afternoon and after several games it was found that Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr. had won high score prize for club members, Mrs. Duke Wilson was awarded high score prize for club guests and Mrs. Ernest McClelland was given second high score prize.

A refreshment plate of creamed chicken was served to Mesdames John Fields, Robert Halbert, Andrew Moore, Fred Simmons, Ernest McClelland, Duke Wilson, W. J. Fields, Jr., Edgar D. Shurley, Joe Brown Ross, Lea Allison, Jack Cowden, Jr., R. C. Vicars, Henry Decker, W. P. McConnell, Jr., John A. Ward, Jr., G. C. Crosby, Eldorado.

Pastime Club Honored By Mrs. Stites

Potted plants were used to decorate the home of Mrs. C. E. Stites Thursday afternoon of last week when she was hostess to members and one guest of the Pastime Club. Forty-two provided the entertainment for the afternoon, and after several games it was found that Mrs. A. W. Awalt had won high score.

The hostess served a sandwich plate and tea to those attending which included Mesdames Earl Lomax, W. D. Wallace, A. W. Awalt, Joe Berger, F. T. Jones, O. G. Babcock, Rita Ross, members, and Mrs. George Trainer, Sr., the guest.

B. M. Halberts On Wedding Tour

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert of Sonora are on a trip to New Orleans, following their marriage on January 1 in Belleville. Mr. Halbert's brother, Rev. Basil Halbert, performed the ceremony which un-12:15 Lunch served by the local ited the couple in marriage. Mrs. Halbert is the former Mrs. L. Nisbet, Velma Shurley, J. H. Zoe Dunman Hayworth of Austin, Trainer. daughter of Mrs. R. L. Dunman of Coleman, and has been an employe of the State Highway Department at Austin for the past seven years. Mr. Halbert is a ranchman and authority on livestock production of nation-wide prominence, and the marriage announcement was an interesting bit of information in Sonora, where Mr. Halbert has been a resident for many years. It is reported that upon their return from New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert will reside in San Angelo.

NEW ROMANTIC TEAM

The gay, colorful and romantic days of Old Russia are recreated in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical "Balalaika," co-starring Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey, and featuring lilting folk songs and tender melodies.

Window Treatment Discussed At Club Thursday

Members of the Sonora Woman's Club met Thursday afternoon of last week at their clubhouse to discuss the subject, "Window Treatment." Mrs. I. B. Boughton was the leader and following her talk Mrs. Hi Eastland discussed "Prayer for Peace," by Ann Morrow, an article which appeared in the January issue of the Reader's Digest.

A group of current events was presented by Mrs. J. H. Trainer, and Savel Lee Sharp played two clarinet selections, with Miss Marie Watkins at the piano.

During the business session Mrs. C. A. Tyler was voted into the club as a new member.

Those present were Mesdames Roy E. Aldwell, I. B. Boughton, W. R. Cusenbary, Hi Eastland, J. Howell, B. W. Hutcherson, John

At Mrs. Blanton's To honor members of the Monday Contract Club, Mrs. A. G. Blanton entertained for them at

her home Monday afternoon. Several games of bridge were played after which it was found that Mrs. Clara Murphy held high used throughout the party, both score

A refreshment was served to Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. Sam Hull, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood, Mrs. Clara Murphy.

Sonora Art Club **Enjoys** Meeting Thursday

To discuss "Music and Its Affect on Modern Art," the Sonora Art Club met Thursday night of last week at the Homemaking Cottage with Misses Viva Milstead and Leeta Mae Garrett as hostesses. Mrs. Howard Kirby was the program leader and was assisted by Miss Garrett. A brief business session was presided over by Mrs. Maysie Brown, after which individual pies and coffee were served to Mrs. M. O. Britt, Mrs. Maysie Brown, Mrs. Hillman Brown, Mrs. Hubert Fields, Mrs. Howard Kirby,

Club Honored With **Buffet** Supper Monday

A buffet supper was enjoyed by members of the Monday Night Club when they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mann at their home Monday night.

After several games of bridge, which were played at five tables, it was found that Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward had won high score prize for club members, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Ozona, received high guest prize, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McMillian were awarded second high score prize, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt were given high cut prize.

The guess included Messrs. and Mesdames Duke Wilson, John A. Ward, Jr., Lea Allison, Edgar D. Shurley, Rip Ward, W. B. McMillain, Ralph Jones, Ozona, Bryan Hunt, Sam Allison, Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr.

Shower And Party Honor Mrs. Norris Friday

Mrs. W. O. Norris, nee Miss Dorothy Penick, was named honor guest at a bridge party and shower given Friday afternoon at the Clubhouse of the Sonora Woman's Club by Miss Bobbie Halbert, Miss Jean Saunders, Mrs. Batts Friend and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

In receiving line were the hostesses, Mrs. Norris and Mrs. J. T. Penick, mother of the bride. Mrs. W. M. Penick presided at the bride's book.

The clubhouse was decorated with bouquets of nandine, and a color plan of pink and white was in tallies and refreshments.

At the close of the bridge games, Mrs. Harold Friess received high score prize, Mrs. J. C. Morrow was awarded second high score prize, Mrs. Raymond Morgan received the deuce prize and the honoree was presented a gift.

The gifts were presented to the bride in a wagon, covered in pink and white paper and drawn by Tina Ann Taylor, who sang, "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Rena McQuary, at the plano.

Cake, coffee and mints, harmonizing with the color plan, were served.

Gingham Tea, Shower Honors Recent Bride

A gingham tea and shower, given Saturday afternoon in the Methodist Church basement, honored Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster, nee Miss Zella Lee Thorp. The hostesses were Mrs. Hillman Brown, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Mrs. John McClelland, and Mrs. Preston Prater; Mrs. Dave Locklin assisted the hostesses and Mrs. Howard Kirby, sister of the bride, presided at the bride's book.

The gifts were presented to the bride as the entered and were wrapped in brown paper and string, being in keeping with the motif of the party. Each table was centered with a potted plant and a gingham centerpiece and napkins.

A musical program was presented; Edith May Babcock playing a piano selection; Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot sang a vocal number, accompanied by Miss Rena Mc-Quary, Save Lee Sharp presented two clarinet selections, accompanied by Miss Rena McQuary; Boyd Caffey presented a song, and was accompanied by Miss Edgar D. Shurley. Miss Rena McQuary and Mr. Sharp presented improvised music.

A salad plate and tea were served to those attending, including Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. George D. Chalk, Mrs. Seth Lancaster, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Ozona, Frances Jo Lancaster, Mrs. J. H. Trainer, Mrs. Libb Wallace, Mrs. George Trainer, Sr., Mrs. M. G. Shurley, Mrs. M. M. Stokes, Mrs. J. C. Morrow, Mrs. John Hamby, Mrs. Hubert Fields, Mrs. Cashes Taylor, Mrs. George Barrow, Mrs. W. R. Barnes, Mrs. Rostein Pfiester, Mrs. Cleve Jones, Miss Emma Sessions, Miss Kathryn Brown, Mrs. Sterling Baker, Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. Tom Thorp, Mrs. Billy Penick, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Miss Edythe Carson, Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley, Mrs. John L. Nisbet. Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. W. E. Galdwell, Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Mrs A. W. Awalt, Mrs. C. E. Stites, Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley, Mrs. Richard Vehle, Mrs. Vernon Hamilton, Boyd Caffey, Miss Ruth Freeman, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary,

Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mrs. Stella Keene, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs.

Monday Contract Club

church.

1:15 p. m. Song and Devotional service. 1:30 p. m. Inspirational Address,

by Dr. J. J. Kellum, Junction.

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

(Sunday morning we desire to have a good group of men, inoluding all members, attending the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class which meets in the basement of the Methodist Church at 9:30 o'clock. Visitors are cordially invited. A program will be feature number. Come and be with us. Preston C. Lightfoot, president

St. John's Episcopal Church

Service at 11 o'clock.

We ask you to come to church and worship with us. Don't stay at home, that doesn't help either the church or you. That is why Christ founded the church.

We are glad to have you. Frederic M. Brasier, Rector

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Mrs. Dave Rusk of Station B, and daughter Mary Helen are staying in town for a few days, while Mary Helen is recovering from pneumonia.

Our new plan of installing natural tank gas saves you the cost of buying a tank. Why not get conveniences of gas in your home now? Let us explain our new plan. Joe Oberkampf. 13-1tc

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Huling of San Angelo are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McClelland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet, vide work for several men for formerly of San Angelo, have moved to this city to make their home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express thanks and appreciation to our many loyal and sincere friends for their numerous acts of kindness, words of condolence and floral offerings during the recent bereavement of our family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. (Jack) Neill Mrs. Geo. A. Neill and Family.

Street Grading **Needed In** West Sonora

One or two streets in West Sonora have been graded and gravelled to permit travel in wet weather in that section of town, but several others are desperately in need of attention. As they now are, it causes residents of that part of the city to make long detours to get to their residences. A suggestion to the city management would be to have these two or three streets paved, with gravel or some other moisture resisting material,

to permit all-weather travel. It would be greatly appreciated in that end of town, and would pro-

several days.

Rubber Bands at The News. tf Sunday.

Refugees Greatest War Problem, Letter To Sonoran Advises

Mrs. I. B. Boughton last week received the first word from her mother in Marnode, France, since the beginning of the war. Though several airplanes of un-

identified nationality had passed over the city, no bombs had been dropped and everything in that part of France, apparently was

peaceful her mother, Mrs. J. J. Bouin, wrote. Blackouts are observed regularly each night, however, as a precautionary measure.

The letter described arrival of refugees, and residents of that twon are sharing their homes. Many of those reaching there had left their homes so hastily that only a few personal belongings were brought along, and many families have become separated. More than 80 trains a day passed through the town at the beginning of the war, carrying the troops to the front, Mrs. Boughton's mother advised. Each train, day and night, was met by Red Cross workers, who served cof- R. C. Luckie, Richard Boughton. fee, food and wine.

All men between 20 and 40 have been conscripted, and women are taking their places in factories and stores, the letter said, though ployed by Joe Oberkampf. it was mentioned that no restrictions as to food and clothing had been ordered.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brinkey left for Dallas Tuesday morning to attend the State Officers and Teachers meeting to be held with the Cliff Temple Baptist Church. They will return Thursday night, and Rev. Mr. Brinkley will be here to fill his pulpit at all services

Mrs. L. H. McGhee, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Misses Mary R. Quisenberry, Edith Engle, Nona Woodard, Juanita Collier, members and Misses Johnniemai Edmonson, and Jamie Gardner of Deming, New Mexico, guests.

Two Hostess Give **Buffet** Supper Saturday

A color motif of yellow and green was used Saturday night by Edith May Babcock and Majory Reba Nisbet when they were hos-

A buffet supper was served, following which the guests played games and went to the show.

Luckie, Kathleen Brinkley, Mar-Wilfred Berger, George D. Wallace,

James Nunley of Graham, an experienced gas and Electrolux man, has moved here and is em-

Mrs. C. A. Tyler was called to San Marcos Monday by the illness of her daughter, Miss Marjory. It is reported that Miss Tyler is improving.

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Those present included Mesdames John Hamby, J. C. Morrow, Rose Thorp, Ernest McClelland, Preston Prater, Seth Lancaster, Howard Kirby, Edgar Glasscock, Raymond Morgan, J. H. Trainer, R. C. Vicars, L. E. Johnson, T. L. Harrison, Paul Turney, Jack Turney, Harold Friess, Richard Vehle, John L. Nisbet, I. B. Boughton, Edgar D. Shurley, Preston C. Lightfoot, E. E. Sawyer, Velma L. Shurley, M. G. Shurley, Robert Halbert, J. T. Penick; Misses Kathryn Brown, Alice Sawyer, Rena McQuary, Edythe Carson, and the honoree.

> Clipboards, large and small, for sale at The News office

Preston C. Lightfoot, S. L. Sharp, Mrs. Maysie Brown, Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr., Miss Alice Sawyer, Mrs. R. F. Davis, Mrs. Joe Berger, Miss Rena McQuary, Miss Bobbie Halbert, Mrs. Rip Ward, Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. K. Lancaster, Mrs. Rose Thorp. and the honoree.

John L. Nisbet left Wednesday for Dallas and is expected to return here Saturday.

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tesses at the Babcock home.

Those attending were Wanda Thomas, Lois Morris, Hilda Mae jory Crowell, Sanford Trainer, Billy Shurley, Glen Richardson, PAGE SIX

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WORLD'S TALLEST GIRL BASKETBALL STAR

Sonora, Texas, January 12, 1940



By ABNER GORDON

BEFORE applying paint on cinder **B** block construction, allow the blocks to weather thoroughly for several months, so that the chemically active alkaline substances present in cement will be neutralized by carbon dioxide in air. This will prevent destruction of the paint film.

If immediate painting is necessary, artificially neutralize the cinder blocks by washing them with solution of 2 lbs. of zinc sulfate in 1 gal. of Wall must be dried out before

Wall must be dried out before painting. Even after neutralization of surface areas when wall is slightly damp—whether due to rain or ex-cessive humidity—interior moisture containing soluble alkaline com-pounds will be drawn to surface, causing injury to paint. Apply 3 coats brushed on well to seal blocks against moisture, allow-ing for uneven absorption in priming

ing for uneven absorption in priming coat by porous surface.

For priming coat: 3 parts (by vol-ume) soft paste white lead, 5 parts half and half mixture of raw linseed oil and lead mixing or lead reducing oil is recommended.

Follow with body and finish coats of 3 parts soft paste white lead, 4 parts lead mixing or lead reducing

For colors, add colors-in-oil to paint mixed as above.

paint mixed as above. Q.—Suggest a coating for copper and brass to prevent tarnishing. A.—A coating of clear lacquer will preserve the polish and prevent tar-nishing for a considerable time. Before applying the lacquer, wipe metal well with benzine to remove all traces of dirt and grease. (Benzine is inflammable, handle with care.) Q.—Where can L obtain informa-

Q.—Where can I obtain informa-tion concerning chimney and fireplace construction? A.—Write to U. S. Department of

Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for farmers' bulletin No. 1230. The title is CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES, HOW TO BUILD THEM. The price, as listed, is 5 cents.

35 Years Ago

S. H. Stokes moved his family to the ranch this week.

Cart Mayfield was up from the ranch Friday on business.

John Mayfield was in from the Font Mayfield ranch several days this week on land business.

Chas. Cooper, of Valley Mills, is in the Sonora country prospecting for land and stock.

The Rev. Richard Mercer arrived ping and visiting. in town Friday and received a warm welcome from our citizens in general. He conducted services at the Episcopal church on Sun-

W. L. Aldwell S. G. Tayloe and E. F. Vander Stucken. The faculty Only 45 Per is composed of five able teachers headed by J. S. Morgan, principal.

W. T. O. Holman and daughter, Miss Ruby, were in from the ranch a couple of days this week shop-

ville country, was in Sonora this surveyed for topographic maps.

Monica Ryan, member of the her chosen sport, and her height, to her Miss Ryan will be seen in school faculty men's team engage Ozark Hillbillies Balletball Team, listed at six feet, three inches, ation at the Sonora Gymnasium is a star of the first magnitude in has been found to be a great asset January 17 when the Sonora high the girls in a basketball contest.

dent; W. A. Anderson, secretary; United States

Cent Mapped

The annual report filed in December by W. C. Mendenhall, Director of the Geological Survey, shows that at the end of the 1930 fiscal year, only 45.4 per cent of the United States had been mapped W. J. Pittman who is building topographically. During the past dition that we never want to hapthe Lott Railroad in the Browns- year, Alaska and Puerto Rico were pen in this country. National docense and all forms of national development are handicapped by the lack of complete maps. Mr. Mendenhall pointed out in his report. He recommended a greatly expanded mapping pro-When the historians write the gram that will enable the Geological Survey to complete this work at an early date. The Scorotaries of War, Commerce and the Interior, support this program. Besides its mapping activities, the Geological survey supervises many public land properties. Under the oil-and-gas leasing division, the Survey controls 8,560 propersays they would have had a better ties involving almost eleven and one-half million acres. Along with certain Indian and mining lands aslo supervised by the Survey, these properties had an estimated production value of \$83,000,000 las year. The survey also takes care of the production of gas and oil on certain Naval reserves, conducts numerous studies in connection with the water supply of certain sections of the country, and carries on geological investigations in collaboration with scientists of other institutions.

the picture of that country after, HAS 3-HORNED BUCK

the war is over, if it ever ends, and just imagine the dreadful condi ion that will exist there. No in that fields to fight, no animals in the woods to furnish at to the nature loving indivi-I duals and other resources will be allocted directly by this act. All generations to come must suffer spike nearly six inches long in this country because of the act , in that country because of the act forehead.

Eyron Skelton of Temple boasts an unusual trophy of his hunt near Ozona, Texas. It is a three-horned deer. Mr. Skelton shot a big buck with an unusually lrage set of wellshaped antlers, but was surprised, upon examining the head closely, to find the animal also sported a growing out of the center of its



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day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGonagill were in from the ranch Thursday visiting.

Prof. J. S. and Mrs. Morgan and family will leave on Monday for Temple and thence to the World's Fair. Before leaving the professor entered a subscrpition of \$25 to the school equipment fund.

Sam Stokes and daughter, Mrs Harry Sharp, were in from the ranch Friday shopping.

Bert Turney of Rockwood, Coleman county, is in Sonora on a visit to his brother, Frank Turney.

Fred Millard was in from the ranch Wednesday on business and paid the Devil his dues.

At the last regular meeting of the Dee Ora Lodge 715, A. F. & A. M. the following were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: J. J. North, W. M.; R. H. Martin, S. D.; L. J. Wardlaw, J. D.; J. Lewenthal, Secty.; C D. Smith, Treas.; R. E. Glasscock, Tiler.

J. Q. Sharp has moved to the Sam Stokes residence in East Sonora this week.

children were in Sonora Tuesday June 5, 1904, at the James R. the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Patterson at the Decker Hotel.

reports everything fine down there.

trading. John says everything is doing well down his way.

Sonora Independent School Dis- family and relatives in their for the people of that country. trict are: Dr. A. L. Taylor, presi- sorrow.

week enroute to San Angelo and Temple.

Coleman Whitfield, after several starts left for New Mexico via San Angelo Tuesday. At San Angelo he will be joined by Teelie Mills and proceed to the Roswell country and buy mutton. A. W. Mills is now in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell and children, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miers and children arrived home Tuesday from a fishing trip to Devil's River below Bakers. Theo. time only for the rain.

C. F. Adams bought mutton goats from the following parties last week: Brown & Ross, 750 at \$2.50; J. J. Ford, 250 at \$2.40; R. F. Halbert, 650 at \$2.35. The goats are to be delivered at Del Rio, by June 15.

Paul Kirkland, formerly a merchant of Roosevelt, was in Sonora Wednesday on his way to the Mayfield ranch. Paul intends building a store and residence at Pot Hole City right away, and as soon as they get the mail line down there he will apply for postmaster.

Frank Gibbons, aged about 50 Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and years, died suddenly Sunday-night Hamilton, sheep camp, on Carta Valley, 40 miles frmo Del Rio.

loss. Deceased was a brother to

Germany Will Be Wildlife Desert

By JOHN R. WOOD

State Game Warden There was called to my attention Frank Gibbons was the eldest son the other day about the new Ger-Walter Wyatt was in from the of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibbons, man wildlife conservation program, F. M. Wyatt ranch in Edwards formerly of Sonora and Bandera, and at the rate she is going now, county Friday for supplies. He Texas. He had been in the em- may God help her when her war ployment of Mr. Hamilton for the problems are settled. At the prespast ten years and was well known ent time Germany is paying men John McKee and John Woolford to the ranchmen of West Texas. \$2.50 per day to go into the Gerwere in from the ranch Tuesday He leaves a widow and five chil- man woods and kill all the wildlife dren at San Angelo to mourn his species that can be eaten. All the birds and all the game animals, Mrs. W. J. Fields of Sonora. The and on down to the little skunks The board of trustees of the News extends its sympathy to the will go under German fire, for food 'I would like for you to think of

Italy Remains Enigma In War Aims

story of the present war, they will have many a knotty problem to unravel. One of the most interesting will deal with Italy's current policy. She is supporting the Finns against Germany's economically, Russia. At the same time she recently announced that she still stands firmly by the Rome-Berlin axis. The only way you can get much sense out of that is on the supposition that Mussolini has decided to keep his country out of war at all cosits, while cementing her influence in the Balkans.

Also interesting is the recent British-French policy toward Russia. For years Allied statesmen were kept awake at night by the fear of a Russo-German alliancetall tales being told of the supposedly indomitable Red Army. Tcday England and France are actively helping Finland so far as is possible, and have thrown their whole moral weight behind the little nation. And, say correspondents abroad, it looks as if the Allies are no longer afraid of Russia joining Germany in military action. Some even say that the Allies may welcome this, as it would open a new front-the Allied high command apparently thinking it would be suicidal to attempt to storm the Siegfried Line.

One reason for this may be Russia's military showing in Finland. The Red Army, according to military experts, is a flop. Its high command is stupid, and its troops poorly trained, equipped and disciplined. Its airplanes and motorized equipment have fallen far short of advertisements. An efficient army, such as the German or French, they say, would have taken Finland in less than a week.

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1939 Sutton County Chronology

Newspaper headlines of 1939, as shown by files of the Devil's River News, reveals that the city and county made normal progress through the year, with no setbacks of consequence to dampen the spirits of the citizens or hamper the enthusiasm of the business establishments of the community. Looking over our files for the past year, we find the following outstanding accomlishments and happenings of much interest to us as residents of Sonora and Sutton county:

JANUARY 6-Thirty-three imported Irion county WPA relief workers began work on Sonora's city paving project, while ranchmen of the county listened with interest to C. E. Bowles, marketing specialist of A. & M. College, who was a visitor to the city.

JANUARY 13-Rain totaling 2.20 inches was recorded for the week; a Senior Boy Scout Patrol was organized, and George H. Neill, cashier of the First National Bank, was placed on the board of chariman. Ralph Trainer and John directors of the institution, while a A. Word were elected as school move was instituted to construct a Community Center in Sonora.

JANUARY 20-Two men, Dan Hallock and C. M. Osborne, were functioning. Roy E. Aldwell was injured in a dynamite blast on the Halbert ranch, and were treated Plans were under way for holding for injuries in Sonora; the a frontier Jubilee the following Sonora Music Club was instrumental in bringing Ho-Te-Ma-We, fa-Cleo Allen Hbibs, composerpianist, to the city, and the First Baptist Church of Sonora was host | Motor Co. to the 82 delegates of the Baptist Workers Conference.

JANUARY 27 - Mrs. R. C. Vicars and Mrs. Frank Bond escaped injury when the car driven by Mrs. Vicars turned turtle near Boerne; Dee Curry, aged 33, died after a ten-day illness of cardiac asthma, and postal receipts for the year 1938 showed a healthy increase, according to headlines of the issue.

FEBRUARY 3-W. J. Fields, Jr., resigned as manager of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company to become wool buyer for Tom Richey, representing A. W. Hilliard & Son, Sonora Fire Department listed Matt Adams as president, with much interest being shown, and a story stated that Herbert Fields was at home on a vacation before entering his duties as Vocational Agriculture teacher in Tularosa, New Mexico.

FEBRUARY 10-Dee Ora Masonic Lodge held their dedication service for their new home; a resi-

tertained by Miss Alta Turk, noted pianist.

neer ranchman, died at the age of 70 years. District court recessed totalled 4.37 for the week. A gas until April 1 after disposing of many cases. A speaker, W. N. limit for trucks in a talk before Club boy, won trip to San Francisthe Lion's Club.

MARCH 31-Another good rain, totalling more than an inch in some sections, was recorded. Sutton county recorded the purchase of a new tractor to be used on road work. L. H. McGhee, 55, died from a heart attack. A free clinic for crippled children was scheduled to be held with out of town specialists in attendance.

APRIL 7-The school board selected thirty teachers for the school faculty, with three additional having been named during the month of February. A. W. Awalt purchased the Kring Service Station. Red Cross elects new officers with Miss Nan Karnes chosen as trustees.

APRIL 14-A softball league was organized with five teams named president of . the league. week.

APRIL 21-Softball schedule and mous Indian concert artist, and league play announced. Frontier club. Jubilee under way, with 12th annual free dance given by Sonora

APRIL 28 Parent-Teacher Association reports profits of \$500 from Frontier Jubilee. Red Cross field representative, Leo Burg, calls on local group, Nelson Stubblefield and Myron Morris, go to state meet for debaters.

MAY 5-Ralph Crowe's Yankees were leading in the softball league. Another good rain reported for the county. City purchased Carry-All Scraper to be used on street paving work.

MAY 12-George W. Llogan, 85, died the previous Sunday, and was buried in Sonora Cemetery. Mrs. Jewell Shurley purchased New Mexico ranch. A joint Mother's Day service was held at the Methodist Church, with Rev. R. C. Brinkley of the Baptist Church being the speaker.

MAY 19-Thomas F. Fuller died Monday and was buried Tuesday. Twenty-seven members of the graduating class were announced. Building totalled \$60,000 for the vear. MAY 26-Lions Club spends \$2500 in community. A report from the Department of Education school system and complimented JUNE 2-Rites were held for Peggy Reming, 13, who died after a short illness. O. E. S. held public installation of officers. Miss Wanda B. Rape, valedictorian of the past school session was awarded Readers Digest scholarship.

PWA made an official visit to was taken to San Angelo for Sonora, and music lovers were en- treatment for a stroke of paralysis suffered three weeks previously. JULY 14-A general rain, MARCH 24-W. J. Fields pio- breaking a long drouth, was classed as a "million-dollar" rain, which Grande Gas & Power Co. of Rio! co's World's Fair.

JULY 21-The Masonic O. E. S. presented a patriotic ceremony with 22 members present. Many wool sales over section reported. Efforts were made to combat a mosquito menace following the heavy rains of the previous week. JULY 28-Twenty blocks of Sonora's streets were reported ready for topping. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert reported the burglary of their home during the, week. The Markees were stin crushed between the fire truck and leading the local softball league with five victories and one loss. George Barrow was in San Angelo for clinical treatment.

AUGUST 4-The Sonera Weel and Mohair Company cleaned out its warehouse with the sale of 300,000 pounds of the flecce to Collins & Aikman at 40 an 60 cents. County Surveyor Saunders suffered injuries at Menard when a tree fell on him. W. H. Dameron, precident of the Lions Club, returned from the International convention at Pittsburghs and reported the meeting at the local

AUGUST /11-Sonora Fire Department attended the convention. at Coleman and brought home the silver nozzle award for winning races. Sonora Softball All-Stars win two games from San Angelo. Meckel and Berger purchase 66 head of Corriedale sheep at the San Angelo Corriedale Show.

AUGUST 18-Dr. E. M. DeBerry purchased for \$65,339.75 ranch ands from Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Stephenson and Mrs. Rose Thorp. Precinct boundaries were changed for Precinct Two by the Court to accommodate voting population. Mayor Gilmore received letter

AUGUST 25-Notice of the ofcial opening of the Park Inn was carried. The grand jury for the fall term of court was printed. City evaluation and new city map almost complete. A revival at the Baptist was to begin on the following Sunday.

SEPTEMBER 1-County tax levy was reduced from 67 cents to 48 cents. Oscar Appelt purchased the McKee ranch, eight sections at \$72.00 per care. Mrs. W. A. Miers passed waay after a long illness. Fall court term was to convene on the following Monday.

Beall, travelling engineer for the ness for Sonora. J. T. McClelland night program the previous Friday OCTOBER 20-Sonora Scale Company announce installation of new scales at the railroad stockyards. W. E. James reported somewhat improved after a stroke of paralysis a couple weeks previously. Vinson Laundry opened during franchise was awarded to the Rio the week. Elliott Brothers and J. W. (Jimmie) Taylor announce new Bynum, sponsored increased load Grande City. Robert Kelley, 4-H business concern handling Chrysler automobiles and other products.

OCTOBER 27-Red Cross Roll Call under way. Sonorans attend field day demonstrations in New Mexico. Sutton County Ranchmen's Association announce enlargement of territory. Army officers on tour to purchase remount animals.

NOVEMBER 3-New set-up perfected for Sutton county wildlife association. J. Jackson home destroyed by fire. Lions club play proves successful venture. George Smith, escapes serious injury when building. School faculty presents playlet at Lions Club luncheon. NOVEMBER 10-Methodist

church holds dedication for debtfree church home. Lions Club announce plans to sponsor tree plant-B ptict revival announced for November 12 to 19.

NOVEMBER 17-R. E. Callender, game specialist with A. & M. College, meets with local ranchmen neos institutions. to organize extensive wildlife protective group. Rain of 36 hours duration proved welcome addition

to year's total. Red Cross Drive results in splendid showing. NOVEMBER 24 - Coritract let by highway department on Meckel Draw Bridge. L. W. Elliott begins construction of new business house adjoining La Vista Theatre. Grading of mohair adds to value, according to B. M. Halbert, Sonora ranchman. Grading mf ohoam nanchman. Merit certificate award-

ed to Devil's River News as apprecition of highway safety activities. DECEMBER 1-Football awards made to junior and high school football teams. Mrs. Clem Hardy, missionary to Brazil, speaker at First Baptist Church. Sonora teachers attend state convention

approving Sonora water supply.

in San Antonio. Miss Bobbie Halbert speaks at Lions Club luncheon on European travels and experien'ces

DECEMBER 8-Sonora Independent basketball league of five teams organized. Livestock sales slow, following much activity during previous weeks. W. T Benson, well known commission dealer, buried in Sonora cometery. Death followed auto crash seevral days previously.

DECEMBER 15-High school holds invitation basketball tournament won by Christoval. Ranchmen were to meet Dec. 18 to elect county committee for 1940. Paving project in Sonora being completed for year. Oil test spuds in Southern Sutton county.

DECEMBER 22-Christmas buying activity adds to revenus of loca, merchants. Boy Scout executive committee headed by F. T. Jones; new members elected. Meeting of Lions of Zones 8 and 9 held in Sonora. Miss Naomi Harris becomes outstanding girl shot of the county when she bags a buck with her first shot.

DECEMBER 29-Sonora Trading Company, a new firm, installed huge scales. Sonora schools receive \$5 apportionment on school payment. Ranchmen of Precinct ing compaign. Schora High School One and Three to meet January cornival proves great attraction. 2 to elect members of County Soil Conservation Committee. General check-up of year-end business reveals much progress in Sutton county and greater sales by busi-

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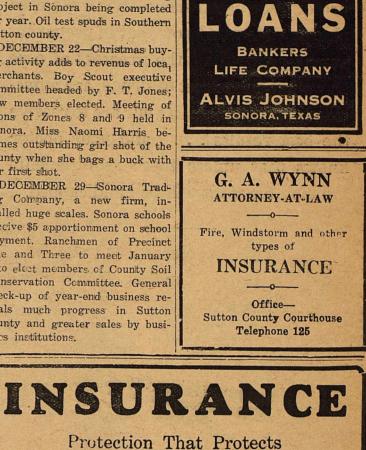
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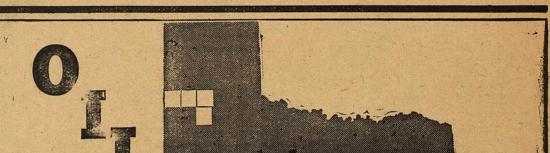
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dence for Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown was under construction, and at a meeting of the board of durectors of the Sonora Wool and listed improvements made in the Mohair Company, it was stated that over four million pounds of the faculty and town for the splenwool and mohair had been shipped did school plant. the previous year, with a total business of \$1,679,824.77. Fred T. Earwood was elected as new manager for the concern succeeding Bill Fields.

FEBRUARY 17-Sutton county realized a saving of \$49,720 in interest on road bonds, with the redemption of the 1919 Series A bonds, totalling \$100,000. The Sonora city park was about to become a reality, and the Sonora Boy Scouts were entertained by the Lions Club.

FEBRUARY 24-The Sutton county wildlife association listened with interest to Earl Saunders, regional game manager, at its regular meeting, while County Agent Atchison discussed the range program before a meeting of the Lions Club. At the district meeting of the O. E. S. in Sonora, 128 were registered, with 25 certificates being issued to the local chapter.

MARCH 3-Repairs were completed on the Methodist Church building, improvements were made on the intereior of the Baptist Church, and funeral services were held for Joe Ben Cusenbary, aged nine, who died from an attack of arthritis.

MARCH 10-Thirty men were busy on the street paving project while the city let bids for the construction of a new pump house. Mrs. Estelle McConnell received appointment as grand representative of Oregon to the Texas Grand Chapter of O. E. S. Lynn Oren Turner, aged 22, died following a two-week illness.

MARCH 17 - Sutton county ranchmen received \$64,274.78 for participation in range work, district court convened with 49 sum-

JUNE 9-Thorough clean up of the town advised. C. G. Roe was scheduled to open a butane gas business in Sonora. 4-H Club boys and county agent returned from trip to Balmorhea.

JUNE 16-Second Annual livestock auction show under Lions Club sponsorship grossed \$1500. In the wool and mohair show \$348 was paid as premiums to 4-H Club boys.

JUNE 23-Heavy but scattered rains were reported over the county. Sonora citizens and the fire department joined in a search for Felipe Rodriguez, Jr., who had strayed from home. The child was found just before dark about a mile and a half from home. Infantile paralysis scare creates report, unfounded, that Sonora had been placed under quarantine. Precautionary measures against the disease had caused the report.

JUNE 30-Miss Clara Allison, ranching five miles east of town, harvested 900 bales of oats from 49 acres. Plans were made for a bridge to span Meckel Draw north of town under highway specifications. H. L. Taylor, section highway foreman for a number of lace reports complete eradication of years, was promoted to district cedar on her ranch under governforeman and transferred to San Angelo.

JULY 7-At a Lions installation, 114 attended the city park open Stunt Night under the auspices of air ceremonies. Work was started Bpatist Young People, while the

SEPTEMBER 8-Bobbie Halbert reported safe after Athenia sinking. Methodist church announces revival ot start. George Barrow in new jewelry store building. Self-Serve Grocery completes interior decoration. Teachers honored by Lions Club.

SEPTEMBER 15-Mohair grading demonstration under direction of Frank Grayson, federal mohair specialist. James Carroll, negro, given seven years sentence for killing Willie Tolliver on Allison Ranch. Quincy Thiers, aged 27, died of injuries received when his horse fel with him.

SEPTEMBER 22-George H. Neill retailed to the Lions Club his vacation trip into Mexico. Board of Equalization met at city hall to adjust tax renditions. L. L. Butler and Ray Hays purchased Sonora Grocery and Market from E. B. Jones.

SEPTEMBER 29-W. W. Gibson was chosen to lead the Men's Bible Class. E. C. Saunders, veteran surveyor, was a guest of the Lions Club; remodeling of the Grace Draper Beauty Shop was soon to be completed. Parent-Teacher group was to hold meeting the following week.

OCTOBER 6-Boy Scout Court of Honor held and merit badges presented. New road, hard surfaced with oil, completed to Texas Pipe Line Camp. Sonors Wool and Mohair Company sold entire lot of 12-months wool at prices around 45 cents.

OCTOBER 13-Mrs. W. D. Walment supervision. More than an inch of rain was recorded over the county. Plans were perfected for moned for jury service. Van Zandt on the Park Inn, newest cafe busi- Parent-Teachers held their play-

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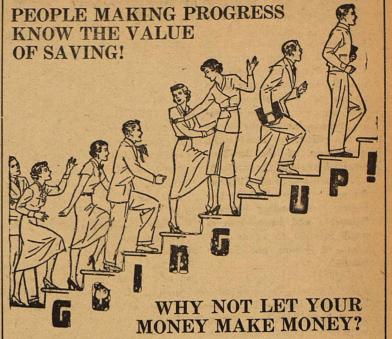
At this writing, the official reports on fourth-quarter business activity have not yet been pub ished. But preliminary reports and authoritative estimates are at hand. They show that business during the latter part of 1939 made one of the most rapid rises in our history. Where the Federal Board index of production stood at 98 in June, it shot upward to 125 in November. And the December level going by advance estimates, was 127 or better.

Of vital importance is the fact that practically all manufacturing shared in the improvement. In our previous "recovery" periods it has often been the case that some major industries lagged behind or remained static while the rest advanced-in other words, the betterment was usually spotty. That certainly wasn't true last year. Only a handful of relatively minor industries in the manufacturing field failed to respond to the general trend

Interesting point is that this re-Stockton this week made formal markable jump in business was almost completely unexpected. All of the experts were fooled. When the June low was reached, after The veteran Pecos county jurist half a year of steady decline, most of them forecast that the pickup of the 112th District Court last which was in mild evidence then would carry on into the new year. But they thought it would be a slow advance which at best would was confirmed promptly by the take us to the 105 level by December. Instead, expansion took place beyond all estimates.

> Just what caused this tremendous upturn is the question that is being widely debated now. And it isn't an easy question to answer. There has been no particular change in the domestic situation, political or otherwise. You can't attribute it to Europe's war-war orders so far placed in this country was way behind in its requirements of goods of all kinds-but that has been the case for many years.

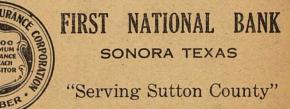
Ingenious key to the puzzle is provide by Ralph Robey, Newsweek's business authority. Mr. Robey argues that the tremendous error made by the forecasters last June was the result of a "failure to see the change which has taken place in the general policy of business men in the management of their companies. Previously it was the practice to keep business firms in the most liquid condition poss ble-relatively large cash resources, small inventories, and the minimum of future commitments. Within the past four months (Mr. Robey wrote this in late December) the whole tendency has been to reverse this policy." If that is true, it explains a great deal that has mystifying. And there is much evidence to back it up-business is spending its cash rapidly and inventories are being built up to extraordinary levels. Main point now is, how long will the trend continue? General opinion holds that there will be moderate leveling off soon, and that certain readjustments must be made. And most specific forecasts reflect the opinion that 1940, on the average, will be a considerably better than 1939, whether we get big war orders or not. February 1 will be a big day for many an elderly American. For on that day the United States Treasury will make its first old age retirement payments, under the terms of the social security act. To be eligible for the benefits you must be 65 (by January 1), must have worked in six different calendar quarters since the end of 1936, and must have earned \$50 or more during each of them. Persons of 65 who can't qualify may work on until they have gained sufficient wage credits. And pensioners may continue to work after qualifying providing they don't earn over \$15 a month. Maximum benefit at this time is \$82.40-for a worker with a wife over 65 and one or more dependent children. So government "social security" is now a going endeavor. But that doesn't mean the problem has been settled. The present system, in the view of most economists, is anwieldy and may prove unworkable. Inasmuch as the sums paid in by workers of the country must be invested in government bonds, and the money goes into the Treasury where it can be spent for any pur-



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J. Frank Grimes, IGA president J. Frank Grimes, IGA president, and Betty Roberts, housewife, meet the twin citrus-cotton surplus prob-lem with smiles. The former ex-plains that his organization plans a nation-wide campaign between Jan. 19 and Feb. 15 to move 1,000 cars of oranges and grapefruit, packed in cotton bags, into consumption, re-ducing both the state's citrus sur-plus and the South's cotton over-supply in the same drive. The mil-lions of bags to be used are cotton products. products.

W. C. Jackson **Enters Race For Re-Election**

Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort announcement of his candidacy for his first elective term as judge of the district he now serves.

was appointed to the vacant bench January following the resignation of Judge Joe G. Montague. His appointment by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel Texas Senate, and Judge Jackson assumed duties of the office immediately. The office was not new to him, since he had served in numerous instances as a special judge when it became necessary to substitute for an absent jurist.

Judge Jackson has been a Texan almost his entire life, having moved from Kansas to Comanche county with his parents as a small ad. There he grew up, and learned law by the painful route of night study and office work while operatng a gin. Admitted to the bar in 1898, he was elected county judge of Comanche county in 1900 and served two terms.

After three years practice of law in Haskell county, Judge Jackson moved to Fort Stockton prior to 1910 and became associated with Judge O. W. Williams, widely known pioneer surveyor, lawyer and historian. This association con-

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tinued until about 5 years ago when Judge Williams retired.

Judge Jackson served as attorney for two Peecos Water Improvement Districts prior to his appointment last January, and also participated in many important title suits and in much oil field litigation, becoming thoroughly versed in the problems of law thus presented. Judge Jackson lives quietly in his home in Fort Stockton, which was remodeled from one of the early-day officers' houses of the original Fort Stockton. He has made a hobby of gardening, and raises not only beautiful flowers, but many varieties of vegetables. Elsewhere in this issue Judge Jackson addresses a formal statement to voters of the county, inviting their careful investigation and consideration of his record as an attorney and as judge of the court since his appointment.

ELK STRAY INTO STATE

The Trans-Pecos region of Texas has approximately 400 elk, but reports of two elk in the Panhandle have been received recently by the Game Department. A cow elk was sighted east of Wellington and the Game Warden Captain of that region has in his possession the head and antlers of a bull elk killed by a Knox County rancher. These big game animals are believed to have drifted into Texas from the Wichita Game Preserve in Oklahoma

ADDITIONAL DATA

Additional data on rainfall both it density and duration will be available to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Army Engineer Corps, and other interested agencies as the Weather Bureau establishes a thousand new rain and snow gauges this fiscal year. The data will be available all co-operating agencies. One of the 10 regional offices while be established in Fort Worth.

Leader. Robert Linscomb, one of the oldest Orange County residents, is said to be the only man in Texas who can prove he killed two bears with one shot. Mr. Lincomb admits the feat was accomplished accidentally. It took place nearly sixty-five years ago. Back in those days game was so plentiful in Orange County that in a single season Mr. Linscomb brought down a total of fourteen of seventeen deer at which he shot

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IT PAYS TO HAVE WINTERI