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"JUST US"

The "song of the saw and hammer" is heard in Sonora possibly stronger than in any other town at this section. The noise is not altogether due to a mere spring clean-up and paint-up campaign, but evidence of a strong and consistent growth. Let's have more of it.

Next week has been set aside by Gov. O'Daniel as a statewide clean-up week. Sonora should follow suit. We never did believe that the citizens of a community should await an official mayor's proclamation before starting a spring clean-up.

The fact that the Sonora Lions Club, which in addition to its fun-making proclivities serves the community as an efficient Chamber of Commerce, board of city development and in several other capacities, has found a couple of worthwhile activities to sponsor, indicates that the city is not yet completely grown. As long as developments need completion, or need a beginning, a community has possibility of growth. We refer particularly to the possibility of the town securing a larger and more valuable library for the benefit of the reading public.

With the amount of work now being carried forward in Sonora, both skilled and unskilled, there seems to be a dearth of idle men in the community. Artisans of all kinds, concrete mixers, carpenters, painters, and even good pick and shovel men, no doubt have had an opportunity to work. We see but few unemployed on the streets.

Planting of flowers, and cleaning of yards seem to be occupying the attention of the housewives of Sonora. We'll venture to say that the appearance of the town will be all the better for their efforts.

Actual construction of the Stephenson tourist courts has been started under the supervision of Earl Merck. Materials for the job has been furnished by the Sonora Trading Company.

Finishing paint work on the Sawyer garage apartment is being done, and the new building will be ready for occupancy within a few few days.

The residence of Sam Hull, which has been moved to make room for

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RANCH ROUND-UP PLANNED FOR JUNE 17-18; DETAILS OF CELEBRATION ARE STUDIED

According to an announcement made Thursday by W. H. Dameron, head of the Ranch Experiment Station, the annual Ranch Round-Up is scheduled to be held on June 17-18 this year, with indications of a most successful affair.

It will be recalled that the annual affair last year was cancelled because of threat of illness over the entire western portion of the state, and as a result, visitors who have been annually enjoying the hospitality and entertainment offered by the Experiment Station were deprived of that pleasure. It is the intention of the Experiment Station management this year to make amends, if possible, and give visitors so much more in the way of instruction, entertainment and hospitality that they will not regret passing up last year's affair.

Plans are in the making now, but nothing definite has been accomplished. Mr. Dameron stated that it was the intention to secure the very best speakers for the occasion, and that everything offered in the way of pleasure and instruction would be superlatively good.

More definite announcement of the program and other features of the Round-Up will be published as they are decided upon.

HUTCHERSON CANDIDACY IS ANNOUNCED

B. W. Hutcherson, efficient and congenial sheriff and tax collector of Sutton county, has authorized the News to place his name in the regular political announcement column as a candidate for re-election to the office in which he has served so capably for the past number of years. Sheriff Hutcherson, in a prepared statement states that he is placing his candidacy in the hands of his friends, relying on their good judgment and his record while occupying the office to which he is seeking re-election. His promises are not overdrawn—merely declaring that if elected he will continue to perform the many and various duties of the place to the best of his ability and look after the interests of Sutton county people at all times, performing his tasks without fear, favor or partiality.

For Sutton Judge



ALVIS JOHNSON

JOHNSON SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS JUDGE

In our political announcement column will be found the name of Alvis Johnson as candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. Mr. Johnson, in placing his name before the people of Sutton county as a candidate, did so after due consideration, and with full reliance on the judgment of the people, who will decide his as well as other candidacies on the basis of merit and service.

Judge Johnson is completing his ninth term in the office to which he is seeking re-election, and his long tenure of office not only speaks well for the service and satisfaction he has rendered as county judge, but for the knowledge of his official requirements which has made his tenure of office satisfactory to the people whom he has served for the past two decades.

Judge Johnson has no particular campaign platform. He is basing his candidacy on service and knowledge of the office gained through long association with the people of the county in their official affairs and a decision to conduct his office, should he be returned, with impartiality, to the best of his ability, and without fear or favor. His case rests with his friends and acquaintances of Sutton county.

Kimble County Places Bounty On Fox Head

Joe M. Vander Stucken and J. T. Shannon, game warden stationed in Sutton County, were visitors last week in Junction, and attended a meeting of the Kimble County Commissioners Court, at which time a bounty of one dollar per head was placed on fox.

A set of rules for the checking of the bounty payment was passed, as follows:

Heads will be received once each month, the second Monday, which is the regular meeting day of the Court.

Each person who presents a head and claim the bounty must make affidavit that he killed the fox himself.

Bounty payments began with the last meeting of the Court, and will be paid until June 1, 1940.

The movement was sponsored by the Kimble County Wild Life Federation and taken up by the Hill Country Wild Life Federation. All ten counties in the district are cooperating in paying a bounty on fox.

The fox, as a wild life predator menace, has gained for itself an unenviable reputation, and payment of the bounty and the authorized destruction of the animal should be determined whether the animal merits its unsavory reputation as a game destroyer

The cost of State government in Texas in 1924 was \$50,519,819. By 1938 it had more than trebled, being \$157,747,878.

Lions Of Sonora Will Assist In Library Project

Plans calling for a barbecue to be given by the Sonora Lions Club, with the Eldorado club a guests of honor, were briefly discussed at the Tuesday luncheon, it being brought out that in addition to the barbecue, a combined initiation of new members in each of the clubs would be held. Also, it was stated that wives of the members would be invited to make the affair a truly get-together meeting.

Several other matters engaged the attention of the membership present, but perhaps the real treat of the day came when Myron Morris, high school student, delivered his oration on Americanism, which was not only well spoken, but contained the essence of such a great matter that every listener was impressed. Myron, a member of the Sonora High School debate team, is the entry of the Sonora Lions Club in an oratory contest which will be decided at Winters next Tuesday night. The contest, in which Lions Clubs of seven towns are participating, will be attended by from twelve to twenty local Lions, who will journey to the Runnels county city to support Myron in his effort to win the contest for Sonora.

The luncheon itself was an excellent treat, and was highly enjoyed by a large number of Lions and several guests, including a delegation of three members from the Eldorado club, and District Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort Stockton and his court reporter, Mr. Wade.

Rex Cusenbary suggested that the local Lions make some effort to assist the Sonora Woman's Club in supporting a public library for

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Barn Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

A barn and contents belonging to Robert Rees, residing near the school campus, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday, during the noon hour and the fire alarm caught many of the members of the Volunteer Fire Department at the Lions Club luncheon. However, men and equipment were speedily rushed to the scene of the blaze, but due to delay in turning the alarm in, it was not possible to save the structure.

Ed Tipton of Ozona brother of Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley, was here last week-end.

GRAYSON AND MOORE TO GRADE MOHAIR IN STATE; BEGIN WORK AT SABINAL

Mohair grading, believed by many Texas growers a boon to the industry because of increased returns, began in Texas Monday.

Ellis Moore of Boston, life-time wool and mohair sorter, was due to arrive in San Antonio Saturday, according to Frank Grayson, of the Agriculture Marketing Service, who spent last week in Fort Worth.

Grayson, whose service is a part of the Department of Agriculture, will act in a supervisory or technical advisory capacity in Texas this year, with Moore actually doing the grading. Warehouses in the mohair territory, where demand for grading exists, are securing the commercial sorter's services, and a schedule for Moore is to be worked out. W. R. Nisbet, sheep and goat specialist of the Texas Extension Service, has worked in a preliminary way with warehouses, determining the demand for a mohair sorter.

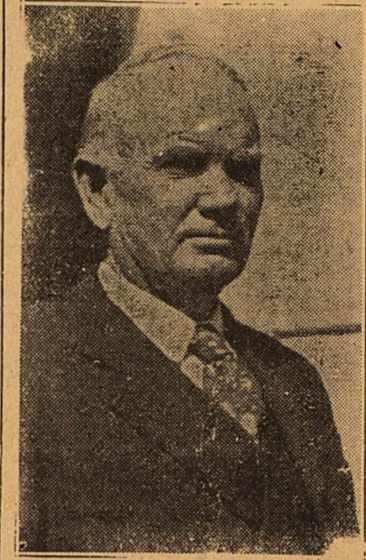
Suggested as new definitions for mohair grades, but left up to popularity with the growers, are the following terms: Super fine (No. 1 kid); fine (No. 2 kid); medium fine (No. 1 grown hair); medium (No. 2 grown); coarse (No. 3 grown); kempy. It is not definitely established that the new terms will go into common use this season, but it has been suggested that they are more char-

SONORA LIONS PREPARE FOR ELDORADO; PLANS MADE TO FEED WINNERS AND GUESTS

CLERK LOWREY SEEKS OFFICE FROM CITIZENS

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of John D. Lowrey for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held July 27, 1940.

Continuously in the same office



since 1907, and even before that time as deputy clerk in the office of Clerk Sam Stokes, "Judge"

Lowrey is one of the oldest county officers in point of service in West Texas, and is known far and wide because of his long association with court and county affairs of this section since shortly after the turn of the century. Mr. Lowrey first sought election to the office of County and District Clerk of Sutton county upon retirement of his employer, Mr. Stokes, and since that time he has always been found around or close to the courthouse, keeping himself informed of and in touch with county and district affairs at all times.

He has earned for himself a wide acquaintance among citizens not only of Sutton county but throughout this entire area, and has proven not only extremely capable, but a very valuable man to have around.

In announcing as a candidate to succeed himself at the coming primary election, Clerk Lowrey must needs say little, merely pointing to his record of service while in the office and the long tenure which has given him an insight into his duties few county officials can surpass.

Thursday, April 18, will be a gala day in the affairs of the local Lions Club, that being the date when the debt owed to the Eldorado Lions Club will be paid off in a manner and style and to an extent not expected by the Eldorado club, who, as a result of winning a membership drive in January, have won the right to be entertained by Sonora Lions.

As a part of the festivities, the local club, first of all, decided that the affair, to be carried out properly, must include the ladies, and a notice will be sent out conveying the information that each Lion and his lady of Sonora, each Lion and his lady, of Eldorado, are to be invited to the event; also, the Sonora school faculty have received a special invitation to attend as faculty members, as well as the high school band, the Boy Scout Troop of Sonora, and the Sonora organization of Girl Scouts. Included also in the list of these invited are a few special guests.

The main event of the occasion, of course, is the dinner, which is to be served in the City Park at 7:30 in the evening, with the school band furnishing music for the occasion. Dinner to be served will consist of barbecue and all the trimmings prepared in the good

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Workshop Club Holds Meeting March 12

The Sonora Home Workshop Club met Monday evening, March 12, at the school, and a most enjoyable evening of work and discussion was reported by those attending. Among the major happenings of interest was the showing of a film, "Veneering for Home Crafters," showing steps taken by home workers in carrying on this practical work.

On the following day, the film was shown at the school by Preston Lightfoot to the manual training class of the school, which received much benefit from the practical demonstrations contained in the showing.

C. H. Allen took several photographs of club members and others present at the meeting. Two new members were accepted into the organization, Bill McGilvray and Howard C. Kirby.

Present at the meeting were H. C. Atchison, Howard Kirby P. J. Taylor, A. H. Atkins, McDermott, Bill McGilvray, Robert Rees, Ben H. Cusenbary, son and daughter, Preston C. Lightfoot, Cecil H. Allen and C. H., Jr., O. G. Babcock, S. L. Sharp and George D. Chalk.

4000 BOYS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR CCC CAMPS

Adam R. Johnson, director of the State Department of Public Welfare, who has the responsibility for the selection of boys for the Civilian Conservation Corps, has been advised that approximately 4000 boys will be needed in April to bring existing camps to full strength.

"Boys who wish to be selected for the CCC must be of character, at least 17 years old and not more than 23 years six months, and not have already served more than 18 months since July 1937," explained Mr. Johnson, "for we desire only the best boys as members."

Applications should be made to the various County Welfare Offices as quickly as possible so when final county quotas are announced, those eligible may be sent to enrolling points. At present there are over 16,000 Texans in CCC camps, 10,000 in Texas and 6,000 in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming—over \$300,000.00 per month being returned to the family groups of these boys.

"Members of the CCC cannot be automatically transferred to the Army," commented Mr. Johnson, "as they are considered in all

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WARD'S SHOW FLOCK OF ANGORAS CAPTURES MANY HONORS AT FORT WORTH EXPOSITION AND SHOW

It may be a little late, but it's still good reading. John Ward, showing B type Angoras at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, led the parade in that division, winning more ribbons and honors with his entries than any other exhibitors. Among the awards were five first places, six seconds, one third, three fourths and a fifth place, in addition to which his buck entry was awarded the B type championship at the show. Ribbons and awards totalled seventeen during the course of the show.

In the C type division, J. L. Gulley & Sons of Uvalde were consistent winners with their entries, taking the blue ribbon in six events and showing the champion doe of that division. In all events, the Gulley entries captured eight first, five seconds, two thirds and one fifth.

Other winning exhibitors were Marvin Skaggs of Junction, who showed the champion C type buck; W. H. Rawlings & Son of Johnson City, and Donley Brothers of Ranger.

Results of the show were as follows:

TYPE B ENTRIES:

Four-Six Tooth Buck—First, John Ward; second, Donley Bros.; third, Rawlings; fourth, Arthur Davis, Uvalde

Two-Tooth Buck—First and second, John Ward.

Buck Kid—First, Ward; second and fourth, Donley Bros.; third,

Rawlings; fifth, Gulley & Son.

Four-Six Tooth Doe—First, Gulley; second, Ward; third, Gulley; fourth, Donley Bros.

Two-Tooth Doe—First, Bob Davis, Uvalde; second, Ward; third, Rawlings.

Doe Kid—First, Skaggs; second and third, Gulley; fourth and fifth, Ward.

Champion Buck—John Ward.

Exhibitors Flock—First, Ward; second, Gulley; third, Donley Brothers.

Kid Flock—First, Gulley, second, Ward; third, Donley Brothers.

Get of Sire—First, John Ward; second, Gulley; third, Donley Brothers.

TYPE C ENTRIES:

Four to Six Tooth Buck—First, Gulley; second, Rawlings.

Two Tooth Buck—First, Gulley; second, Ward.

Buck Kid—First and third, Skaggs; second, Gulley, fourth, Rawlings.

Four to Six Tooth Doe—First and second, Gulley; third, Rawlings.

Two Tooth Doe—First, Skaggs; second and third, Gulley.

Doe Kid—First, Skaggs; second and third, Gulley; fourth, Ward; fifth, Skaggs.

Champion Buck—Skaggs. Champion Doe—Gulley. Exhibitor Flock—Gulley.

Kid Flock—First, Gulley; second, Ward; third, Rawlings.

Get of Sire—First, Gulley; second, Skaggs; third, Ward.

The Sonora Broncho

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5-COUNTY MEET

ELDORADO, TEXAS
MARCH 22 AND 23, 1940

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

9:00 a. m.—General Assembly
Auditorium

High School Division

FRIDAY

9:15 a. m.—Senior Boys Declamation
Auditorium
Senior Girls Declamation
Auditorium
Junior Boys Declamation
Auditorium
Junior Girls Declamation
Auditorium
Extemporaneous Speaking
Rooms 4 & 5 (H. S.)
Typing Room 3 (H. S.)
Spelling Room 6 (H. S.)
Ready Writers
Room 2 (H. S.)

10:00 a. m.—Debate (Girls)
Room 4 (H. S.)
Volley Ball (Preliminaries)
Gymnasium
10:30 a. m.—Shorthand
Room 3 (H. S.)
11:00 a. m.—Debate (Boys finals)
Room 4 (H. S.)
1:00 p. m.—Volley Ball (Semi-finals and finals)
Gymnasium
Debate (Girls finals)
Room 4 (H. S.)

SATURDAY

10:00 a. m.—Track and Field Preliminaries
Football Field
2:00 p. m.—Track and Field (Finals)
Football Field
5:00 p. m.—Award of all-round high school trophies in auditorium.

Grade School Division

FRIDAY

9:15 a. m.—Playground Baseball (All Divisions)
School Grounds
Picture Memory
6th Grade Room
Music Memory
7th Grade Room
Ready Writers
Room 2 (H. S.)
10:30 a. m.—Spelling IV and V
5th Grade Room
Spelling VI and VII
6th Grade Room
Number Sense
7th Grade Room
1:00 p. m.—Declamation
Auditorium
Story Telling
Auditorium
2:00 p. m.—Baseball (semi-finals)
School Grounds
4:30 p. m.—Baseball (finals)
School Grounds
Choral Singing
Auditorium

SATURDAY

10:00 a. m.—Track and Field (Preliminaries)
Football Field
2:00 p. m.—Track and Field (Finals)
Football Field
5:00 p. m.—Award of all-round grade school trophies in auditorium.
Any conflict will be altered by Mr. Aycock and Mr. Reynolds and the directors in charge of the conflicting events.

SONORA PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED FOR MEET

Sonora contestants in the Five-County Interscholastic League meet at Eldorado this week-end are determined.

The volleyball team is made up of Pasty Gilmore, Jamie Trainer, Peggy Gilmore, Dorothy Henderson, Billie Jo Henderson, Mary Lee Hefflin, Lois Hill, Alletta Willingham, Vinagene Powell, Bessie Ray Kiser, Louise Merriman and Lora Dell Ory.

Spelling: Jewell Marie Watkins and Dorothy Henderson; Declamations: Mildred Trainer, Elizabeth Taylor, K. C. Cllier; Extemporaneous Speech: Dock Simmons;

Debate: Willie Nell Hale, Doris Meckel, Myron Morris and Nelson Stubblefield; Typing: Pasty Gilmore and Doris Meckel; Tennis: senior doubles, Dock Simmons and Kelso Locklin, alternate James D. Trainer; singles tennis, Myron Morris, alternate Sam Odom; junior doubles, Wilfred Berger and Boyd Wilson; singles, Billy Shurley; girls' team, Patsy Gilmore, Jamie Trainer, Margie Crowell and Wanda Thomas; Track: junior division, Wilfred Berger, Robert Hamer, George D. Wallace, Glen Richardson, R. C. Luckie, Richard Boughton, Lewis Andrews, Billy Shurley and Jack Sawyer; and senior division, Hollis Bricker, James D. Trainer, O. B. Higgins, Rex Hutcherson, Robert Sawyer, O. L. Richardson, Willie B. Ory, Leon Morris, Eugene Neurerburg, Buster Shroyer, Rex Merriman, Ray Cooper, Clayton White, Ray Stephenson, Dock Simmons, Vernon Cook and R. W. Hill.

SCHOLASTIC CENSUS

During the month of March each year a school census is taken over the state of Texas. This school census includes all children that will be six years of age or over by September 2nd of this year, and those that are under eighteen years of age on the same date. Stating this law in another way, the children that were born on or before September 1, 1922 or after September 1, 1934 must not be enumerated.

The state of Texas remits to each Independent School District \$22.00 for every child whose name appears on the school census. Last year there were eight hundred and seventy-eight children listed. We are endeavoring to get nine hundred on our rolls for the year of 1941. It is the duty of everyone to see that all eligible children are enumerated. Please co-operate with the census takers to this effect. The census trustees are as follows: Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mr. W. H. Dameron, Mrs. Cashew W. Taylor, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. Leonard Gibbs, Mrs. John L. Nisbet, Mrs. Joe Trainer, Mrs. J. D. Wallace and F. T. Jones.

Texas petroleum is produced today from an average depth of 4,000 feet or four-fifths of a mile. Before 1920 it was produced from an average depth of 1,200 feet.

PAN AMERICAN CLUB PRESENTS PROGRAM

On Friday, March 15, the Sonora Pan American Club presented its annual assembly program. The program consisting of typical songs and dances of Mexico, was called "South of the Border" and was presented in authentic costumes of Mexico.

Before the musical program, Dock Simmons gave a most interesting talk on the Pan American Club trip to Monterrey.

Doris Meckel opened the program by singing "South of the Border" followed by a novelty dance number of Mexican folk dances by Peggy Gilmore, Libbye Jo Wallace and James D. Trainer and Dock Simmons. Mary Jo Rape and O. L. Richardson carried on a conservation in Spanish with the customs house at Laredo as a setting. Doris Meckel sang two popular Mexican songs "Inquietud" and "La Panchita." Peggy Gilmore and Jamie Trainer sang "Las Mananitas," the birthday song of Mexico.

A very entertaining dance called "Los Viejos" was danced by Glen Richardson and George D. Wallace in authentic costumes which the boys purchased in Monterrey. It is a very funny dance which had its origin on the shores of Lake Patzcuaro in the state of Michoacan. Strong young men dress up as old one and pretend to be so feeble and old they can hardly dance. Then they do dance steps that require great ability, endurance and muscular control.

"La Jarana Yucateca" was danced by Peggy Gilmore and George D. Wallace. This is the typical dance of the state Yucatan. Miss Johnnie Allison sang "La Paloma" and "Clavelitos." "Clavelitos" is a song of the carnation vander. Dock Simmons and Libbye Jo Wallace danced "Las Chiapanecas," the dance that has its origin in the state of Chiapas. "Amapola," a love song, meaning "The Poppy," was sung by Miss Marie Watkins.

To climax the program, James D. Trainer and Peggy Gilmore danced "El Jarebe Tapatio," the national dance of Mexico. It is a very old dance and is said to have originated in the state of Jalisco; the adjective "tapatio" is applied to anything which comes from Jalisco. The usual significance is that it is a dance of courtship; the man is persistent, the girl coquettish, and both exceedingly happy when he wins her in the end.

Willie Nell Hale explained the meaning and significance of each dance and song as it was rendered. Others appearing on the program were: Jamie Trainer as the basket vander Opal Randle as the sarape vander, Rex Hutcherson, the beggar, and Wilfred Berger as the cargo bearer.

Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and Miss Elizabeth Caldwell were accompanists.

The SIDEWINDER

What did you lose last Friday night, Louise??

Mildred is getting good at these proposals!!! R. W., when will the wedding be??

Willie Nell, what are these messages you are getting from a certain boy in the army?? Are they very important??

Wanda, you'd better be careful about these pins!! Or does he know that fraternity pins could be dangerous??

Doris tells us she's been hanging curtains and keeping house!! Has it any connection with that dream??

Lois and Lyndon must have been having trouble Friday night?? Lois, haven't you learned to stay at home when you're taken??

Regulation of the Texas oil and gas industry by the Texas Railroad Commission is paid for by the oil industry itself through a special tax on every barrel of oil produced in Texas. In 1939 this tax totalled \$860,000.

In 1922 the average cost of drilling an oil well in Texas was \$15,000. In 1938 it was \$26,000 due to wage increases, deeper drilling and more expensive equipment.

DOROTHY HENDERSON VOLLEYBALL CAPTAIN

At a meeting of the volley ball team on Tuesday, Dorothy Henderson was elected captain. She will officiate in that capacity at the Five-County Meet to be held in Eldorado on Friday (today) and Saturday. There will be at least seven teams entered in the meet.

Other girls who will participate in volley ball are: Jamie Trainer, Patsy Gilmore, Billie Jo Henderson, Mary Lee Hefflin, Alletta Willingham, Lois Hill, Peggy Gilmore, Vinagene Powell, Bessie Ray Kiser, Louise Merriman and Lora Dell Ory.

PERSONALS

Libbye Jo Wallace was in San Angelo Tuesday.

Marjorie Davis and Doris Keene went skating in Ozona Saturday.

Kathleen Largent was a visitor in San Angelo Saturday.

Marjorie Davis was in San Angelo Saturday.

Libbye Jo Wallace, Willie Nell Hale, Orval Edmiston and Myron Morris went skating in Ozona Saturday night.

Boy Scouts Will Participate In World's Fair

The Boy Scouts of America will have an active part in the New York World's Fair and the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco this year. The Scouts' participation at both fairs in 1939 was successful, both from the standpoint of the boys and their leaders as well as in the judgment of the officials of the on a two-acre site adjacent to the Once again the Movement will maintain its own Boy Scout Camp on a tow-acre site adjacent to the Federal Building at the New York Fair. Here provisions are being made for 160 Scouts and Scouters to camp each week, living as Boy Scout Troops with their own boy and adult leaders. This represents an increase of ten or more campers per week.

Last year, 3,804 Scouts and their leaders lived at the New York World's Fair in a tented village of their own. They came from more than 700 towns in 32 states, the District of Columbia and the Canal Zone. Their helpfulness to Fair officials and fairgoers and their conduct won praise from many quarters.

Use Of Gasoline By Texas Motorists Shows Increase

During the first six months of the state's current fiscal year, motor vehicle owners used 30,873,925 gallons more of gasoline than in the same period year ago, according to figures furnished the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

State Comptroller George Shepard reported that the additional consumption of gasoline added an additional \$1,234,785 to the state treasury over the amount of gasoline taxes collected during the same period of 1938-39.

The total from September through February amounted to \$26,282,244, compared with \$25,047,286 for 1938-39. An increase was shown for each of the six months, with January the largest total collections of \$4,403,452, an increase of \$251,148.

Home Accidents Kill As Many As Automobile

The old gag that 'home is a dangerous place to be' is coming true.

There were around 32,000 people killed through accidents in the home during 1939—an increase of 2 per cent over 1938 totals.

Falls, with 17,000 deaths, were responsible for the biggest part of home accidents.

Slippery floors, small rugs, frayed rugs, and lack of hand rails on stairs were some of the things contributing to falls.

To prevent these falls, points out Mrs. Bernice Clayton, home improvement specialist of the Texas A. and M. Extension Service, floors should not be too highly polished; rugs should be mended;

non-skid material should be placed under rugs.

She suggests a 'Fix-It' movement as a means of holding down the number of home accidents. Many of the needed repairs are those which homemakers, or their men-

flocks, can make, she said.

Natural gas from the Panhandle gas field of Texas is piped nearly one thousand miles to the industrial centers of Illinois and Indiana.

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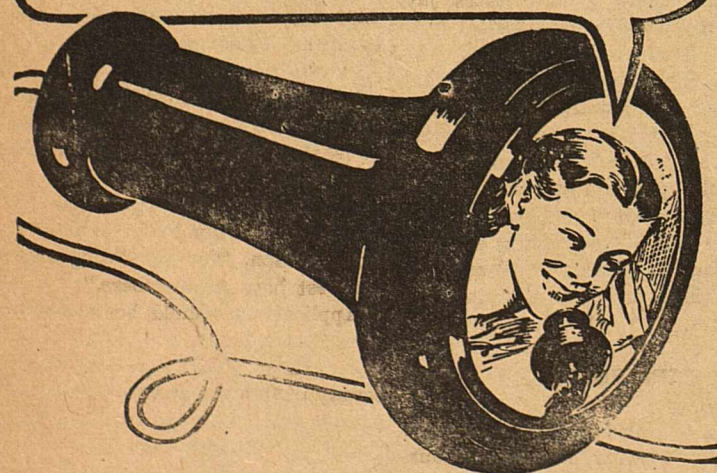
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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

The starling is often called a blackbird, and it is no wonder. For from a distance he looks black. Too, starlings fly in flocks much like blackbirds. But the blackbirds are more slender with tails longer in proportion to the wings. While blackbirds and starlings both move in compact ranks and wheel to circle speedily in formation, I have often thought that the starlings are a shade more leisurely. In alighting the latter sail down to the ground more after the manner of the meadowlark.

Once they are on the ground, it is easier to distinguish between the birds. The blackbird is well proportioned. The stubby tail of the starling gives him a bobbed-off look. He has a long bill too, and sometimes when he leans forward to feed he looks so top-heavy that I wondered if he wouldn't lose his balance.

When we get closer to the starling we see that he is not a solid color, but that highlights of iridescent purple and green shine from his feathers; there are white tips to his plumage that give it a scaly look. In mid-winter the dark bill begins to lighten until it turns a pale yellow. This is the only "blackbird with a yellow bill" that we have.

We have had the starling in North America since 1890-91, when it was introduced into Central Park in New York City. The bird has not spread as rapidly as the English sparrow, but may eventually be as common. Like most imported species, he left behind his natural enemies in the old country. Because he is aggressive by nature, he has not had difficulty in gaining a firm foothold.

Since crossing the Alleghenies in 1916 the starling has steadily ex-

tended his breeding range. The government bulletin on the birds states that they may appear as winter visitors for several years before they are established as breeders. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Stillwell "Check List of Birds of Dallas County" state that starlings were for the first time observed around Dallas as recently as the winter of 1930-31.

The starling is somewhat more talented as a songster than his fellow-countryman, the English sparrow. But there is nothing remarkable about his whistle. He is said to be an excellent mimic, reproducing the notes of several native birds to experts that they are indistinguishable from the originals.

We read a good deal about the starling nowadays, and most of the reports are unfavorable. A town has in immense starling roost, and tries in vain to break it up with Roman candle. Or cattlemen discover that starlings are injuring their cattle in their half-neighborly act of riding along on the backs and plucking off parasitic insects. Add to these misdeeds the fact that the starling does not belong in America in the first place and we have a strong case forming against the birds.

Sound biologists generally frown on the policy of introducing alien species. Our experience with the European sparrow and starling should be valuable warnings to us for the future. But there is one fact we should face in regard to both species; they are here to stay. To refuse to accept it is like refusing to accept the weather. We may prefer our native species first and last. But if there are two sides to the picture we should have the con-

solation of considering them both. There is not room here to discuss the results of the several exhaustive studies carried on in regard to the starling. But the column lists some salient findings that should be remembered.

1. The bird's tendencies to do harm are intensified by its flocking habits. Locally it may be the bird's overabundance rather than individual tendencies that make it harmful to agriculture and horticulture. These are the circumstances that justify reducing the starling's numbers.

2. Nestling starlings eat voraciously. One brood of five averaged 118 feedings per day consuming three or four cutworms, earthworms or grasshoppers at each feeding. This continued for fifteen days.

3. Nearly half of the starling's insect food consist of beetles. An eighth of its yearly food is furnished by grasshoppers, long-horned grasshoppers and crickets. It is an effective enemy of the cutworms, and eats many hibernating individuals in the winter months. As far as we know, the starling eats more millipeds than any native bird.

4. There is no question that in moderate numbers the starling is beneficial. The biologist states, "As a destroyer of such pests as the clover-leaf weevil, the Japanese beetle, may beetles, cutworms and grasshoppers, it is even more energetic than some of our protected native birds." And in another place, "After carefully weighing all the evidence available, it is safe to state that in the North eastern states the starling is the economically superior of the robin, the catbird, the red-winged blackbird, the grackle, the cow-bird or the English sparrow."

State University Announces Record Enrollment — 11,000

For the first time in its history, the University of Texas has 11,000 students, Auditor C. H. Sparenberg has revealed.

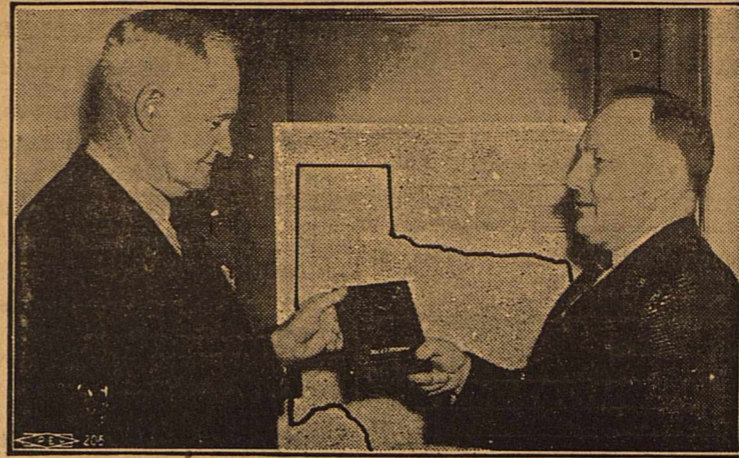
Student No. 11,000 is Mrs. G. H. Newlove, wife of University accounting professor.

Enrollment for 1939-40 touched the 11,011 on March 6 as late registrants—largely students who have completed credit work and are filing for degrees—continued to pay fees. When official registration for credit closed on February 8, 10,947 students had enrolled.

Final registration for 1938-39 was 10,923.

Texas produces more than four-fifths of all the nation's output of carbon black, used mainly by tire manufacturers.

FARM CHIEF PRESENTED PLAQUE



J. E. McDonald, left, Commissioner of Agriculture, is being presented a plaque by Pierce Brooks, President of the Texas Safety Council. The plaque was awarded by the directors in recognition of Mr. McDonald's work in behalf of safety and the general welfare of the people.

Landowners Pay Half Of Cost Of Quail Stocking

Practically all of the 20,000 quail which the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission will distribute this year have been planted in every section of the state, it is announced by the executive secretary of the Game Department. The birds are obtained from Mexico where they are trapped and are shipped to sportsmen and other persons interested enough in restocking their places with quail to pay half of the cost of the birds.

The policy of distributing quail on this basis has been followed by the Texas Department for several years. In addition, the Department is planting several thousand birds this year on quail restoration areas which are being set up in various parts of the state with the aid of federal Pittman-Robertson funds. More than fifty of these areas have already been established by the Division of Wildlife Restoration of the state game department and as many more will be completed by the end of the year.

Many of the quail demonstration areas need not be restocked due to the fact there are a small number of birds there. Improving of the cover and food supply is expected to produce sufficient birds on these areas to stock considerable countryside.

Mexican quail, which are used by several states for restocking purposes, are moving through Texas now. It is estimated by the Uvalde-Leader-News that more than 100,000 will be sent through the ports of Laredo, Del Rio and Eagle Pass. Of this number the Texas Game Department gets 20,000 and was able to purchase them, by obtaining bids, at the lowest price in history of game distribution. The birds were purchased for 69 cents each by Texas. Other states are paying as much as \$1.30 per bird.

Trapping quail in Mexico is an interesting process. A V-shaped brush fence not over a foot high is constructed, with the point running into a woven wire funnel some ten foot long. Quail herders, upon discovering birds, walk slowly toward them herding the birds inside the brush enclosures. The birds follow the brush until they come to the narrow opening in the wire trap and walk in. They are then caught and placed in crates to be transported to the United States. It's a simple process but tens of thousands of quail are captured in Mexico each year.

Scouring Texas Wool

A new chapter in the story of Texas industrialization was written in San Marcos last week when the state's first wool-scouring plant went into operation. In the past, Texas has been spending vast amounts in freight charges on the grime and grease attached to clipped wool shipped to Boston and other Eastern points. But on the white, fleecy wool from the new San Marcos plant, freight bills will be lower. And profit from the scouring process will remain in Texas.

The difference in price between raw wool and scoured wool is enough to make the scouring industry important for Texas. It is just as logical to have the scouring done at the source of production as at the point of spinning and weaving. Though it requires expensive machinery, the scouring is essentially a simple washing process that is less technical than many other kinds of processing. Natural spring in the Hill Country offer an abundance of water for this industry.

The San Marcos enterprise,

which the Governor will formally dedicate in June, culminates seven years of preparation by two brothers, H. C. and L. B. Rea. The success that has come from their initiative should spur others to like ventures since scouring of all the wool and mohair produced in Texas would require many plants like the one just opened. Wool scouring is a natural processing industry for Texas and could be used to add materially to the state's income.—Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Safety Conference Urges Attendance At April Meet

Motor vehicle accidents in Texas during 1939 caused 1583 deaths, 29,000 personal injury accidents, 122,650 property damage accidents, and an economic loss of more than \$45,000,000.

Every 5½ hours someone was killed in a traffic accident; approximately one person was injured every 15 minutes.

Motor vehicle accidents caused twice as many deaths as diabetes, three times as many as syphilis, almost four times as many as fire.

The death toll in 1939 for Texas was equivalent to the destruction of Grand Prairie, Texas; the injury total exceeded the population of Tyler, Texas.

For these reasons, it is important that safety-minded citizens and civic leaders attend the Texas Safety Conference in Austin, April 16-17th. National and state traffic authorities will give them remedial measures for the reduction of this appalling and needless loss to Texas.

The Panhandle gas field is the largest natural gas reservoir in the world.

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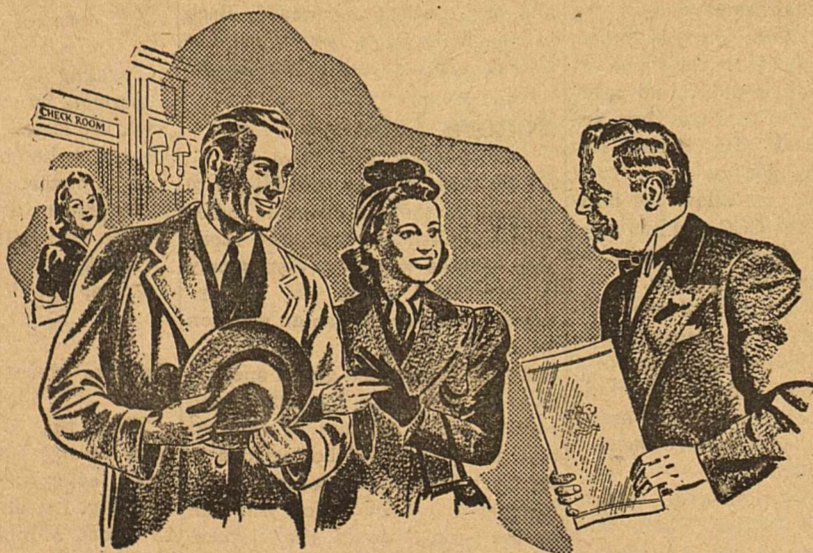
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EASTER SERVICE PROGRAM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1940, 10:45 A. M.

Prelude—"The Palms" Four
Miss Elizabeth Caldwell
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Oliver Holden
Choir and Congregation
Creed and Prayer Rev. R. F. Davis
Prayer Response Choir
Solo—"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
J. H. Flathers
Cantata—"Rise, Glorious Conqueror" Heysler
Sing Aloud Choir—Soprano
"One of You Shall Betray Me" J. C. Stephen
"In the Garden" Mrs. C. A. Tyler, Choir
"And When They Had Bound Him" P. C. Lightfoot, Choir
"He Was Despised" Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley, Miss Marie
Watkins, Boyd Caffrey, J. C. Stephen
Offertory Solo—"The First Easter Morn" Scott
Miss Marie Watkins
Sermon Rev. R. F. Davis
"Lift Up Your Heads" Choir
"Thanks Be To God" Choir
Benediction Rev. R. F. Davis
"Three Fold Amen"—Philip James Choir

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THE SUTTON COUNTY ROUND-UP

LIVESTOCK--RANCH DEALS

According to W. H. Rawlings, former head of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, and a ranchman at Johnson City, mohair in Texas this year should move at around 60 and 75 cents per pound. Buyers in the territory have been making efforts to contract at prices based on 50 cents for grown hair, but without much success.

Two mohair deals at Llano the past week saw the purchase of 2450 pounds of grown hair by Littlepage Produce Company and Ben Donop of that city, at 45 cents per pound. The fleece was sold by Cecil and Ozro Cone of Llano.

Rain totalling some 21-100 inch fell in Sonora and vicinity Wednesday afternoon, which will prove of much benefit to ranges. Coming at the present time, when grass and weeds are just beginning to appear, the growth will be greatly hastened. Considerable hail was reported from several sections of the county, but no damage occurred.

Lions of Sonora—

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The town. In the past, the woman's organization has shouldered the burden of providing school students and citizens of the town with a supply of free reading, and have done an excellent job in maintaining a library which has remained open and active throughout the summers as well as the winters, and Mr. Cusenbary's suggestion was to the effect that the Lions Club investigate the possibility of assisting the women of the town in increasing the facilities of the library, so that a wider range of reading, and a larger number of books might be obtained for the benefit of Sonorans who, in many cases, had no other means of securing reading material than through the library which is being maintained. A committee of Mr. Cusenbary, Joe Logan and Haynie Davis was named by President Dameron to work with a committee to be named by the women's organization to see what can be done and how it can best be accomplished. The suggestion was approved by the entire membership of the club.

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PEDRO CROWELL

MOVIES

By WAYLAND STUBBLEFIELD

A new personality aimed for a debut similar to that of her predecessor, Deanna Durbin, in "Three Smart Girls," will reach the screen when Gloria Jean appears in the title role of Universal's "The Under-Pup" Friday and Saturday at the La Vista Theatre.

The eleven-year-old singing actress shares starring honors with Robert Cummings and Nan Grey in the new film, a Joe Pasternak production boasting a long cast in a strong story.

No less than 15 featured "names" are in the lineup of "Under-Pup" talent, including C. Aubrey Smith, Beulah Bondi, Ann Gillis, Virginia Weidler, Margaret Lindsay, Billy Gilbert, Raymond Walburn, Paul Cavanaugh, Frank Jenks, Ernest Truex, Samuel S. Hinds, Dickie Moore, Shirley Mills, Doris Lloyd, a new musical comedy team, Billy Lenhart and Kenneth Brown, and others.

Gloria plays the title role, that of "Pip-Emma," a poor girl from the East Side of New York who wins a trip to an exclusive girls' camp. There her troubles begin. Faced with the animosity of the wealthy girls, "Pip-Emma" nevertheless wins not only their friendship but their envy through her loveable personality.

"Pip-Emma" also plays a part in arranging the love match of Miss Grey and Cummings, upsetting the iron-handed rule of the "Penguin Club's" youthful president.

Richard Wallace, who made "The Young in Heart" and many other hits, directed "The Under-Pup" from I. A. R. Wylie's Good House-keeping magazine story and Grover Jones' screenplay.

"Brother Rat and a Baby," Warner Bros. new sequel to the comedy hit "Brother Rat," will have its local showing at the La Vista Theatre Sunday and Monday. Heading the cast are Priscilla Lane, Wayne Morris, Eddie Albert, Jane Bryan, Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan and Peter B. Good, the infant actor who plays the second half of the title.

Based on a story by John Monks, Jr. and Fred F. Finklehoff, who originated the "Brother Rat" comedy for the stage and later for the screen, the new film continues the adventures of trio of V. M. I. cadets after graduation. Eddie Albert, the Brother Rat who became a father on Commencement Day, is the proud screen papa of little Peter B. Good and Jane Bryan is the mother. Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane pick up the tangled

threads of their romance where they left off in "Brother Rat" and Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman are another twosome, bucking parental disapproval.

The six of them meet in New York to try to get Albert the job of varsity coach at V. M. I., but the baby manages to throw their plans out of gear. With his innocent propensity for making mischief he manages to get them all in and out of trouble with remarkable speed. The cadets who thought all their troubles would be over if and when they managed to graduate from V. M. I. find that there are still some merry mix-ups for them to get into.

The supporting cast includes such players as Arthur Treacher, Henry O'Neill Moroni Olsen, Nana Bryant and several others. Ray Enright directed.

Five major thrills, reminiscent of five great news events, provide the background for the Clark Gable-Myrna Loy picture, "Too Hot To Handle," coming to the La Vista Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

They include the aerial bombing of Shanghai, the crash of a famed aviator's plane on a round-the-world flight, the explosion of a mystery munitions ship, the disappearance and rescue of an American flier held as a white god by natives in the South American jungles, and a pitched battle between the New York police and a notorious two-gun gangster barricaded in a tenement flat with a "tommy-gun."

A story of newsreelmen, Clark Gable and Walter Pidgeon play rival newsreel cameramen and Myrna Loy portrays the daring aviatrix. They are supported by Walter Connolly who plays Gable's boss and Leo Carrillo as Gable's sound man.

For the picture, a section of bombed Shanghai was recreated, a plane was crashed and burned, a 315-foot liner was burned at sea while two hundred expert swimmers were rescued from the turbulent sea, a New York street was erected for the gun battle, and a picture expedition was sent into the Dutch Guiana jungles to film a tribe of one thousand Negroes who had never seen a white man.

On a round-the-world flight, Miss Loy crashes her plane in Shanghai. A keen rivalry begins to obtain her flying services for newsreel companies. She joins Gable's company on condition it finances her to find her missing brother, believed to be held prisoner by jungle natives. Meanwhile, Miss Loy and Gable scoop the world with a newsreel of a burning liner. Gable and Pidgeon finance her expedition and the brother is rescued. Back in New York, Miss Loy rushes into Gable's arms during a gun battle.

4,000 Boys Are—
(Continued from page 1)
respects civilian employees of the government. Were they at home, at work on the farm, or in stores or banks, they would be no safer from Army service than they are as members of the Corps. Mr. Roosevelt has plainly and clearly stated he will not allow the militarization of the CCC and has gone so far as to place the camp commanders on a civilian basis.

"Texas boys will find the CCC experience one of the most beneficial of their lives, where the best of care, food and attention is theirs, while they are able to assist their families with the allotments," added Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Grace Roberts, Sutton County Case Worker, stated that boys who are within the eligible requirements, should see her previous to the first of April, in order to secure whatever information is desired concerning enrollment in the CCC.

TO THE VOTERS OF SUTTON COUNTY:
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. I highly appreciate the confidence the voters of Sutton County have reposed in me in the past, and have exercised my best efforts to render you efficient and faithful service; and upon my record as your Sheriff I solicit your support and vote, assuring you that I will appreciate it and that I will continue to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability and without partiality, fear or favor.

Yours truly,
B. W. Hutcherson.

Political Announcements

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

For District Judge:
J. B. RANDOLPH
Kimble County
W. C. JACKSON
Pecos County
Re-Election
For County and District Clerk
JOHN D. LOWREY
Re-election
For County Judge:
ALVIS JOHNSON
Re-Election
For Sheriff and
Tax Collector-Assessor:
B. W. HUTCHERSON
Re-Election

WITH THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Let us make Easter a banner day in Sunday School.

10:45 a. m.—Morning Sermon subject "The If of the Resurrection." The choir will render the Easter cantata. See program of service in this issue.

7:30 p. m. Evening Sermon subject "He Goeth Before You."

Let us make this Easter day a great occasion. Come bring your friends.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

Come to the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class Sunday morning where congeniality reigns. You are cordially invited to attend and bring a visitor with you. Get your "Euddy," men! Let's strive to keep our attendance as high as feasible. We can secure the desired results by giving our concerted support. Remember Sunday is Easter Sunday! Come early—9:30 o'clock—and enjoy the instrumental program, a good lesson and the fellowship which is yours.

Preston C. Lightfoot, president

Baptist Church

Easter Sunday is rapidly drawing near, it will gladden our hearts to have the opportunity to greet you in all of the services of the day at the Baptist Church. Let every member of the church plan definitely to be present next Sunday morning, and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Sermon, by pastor 11:00 a. m.
Special Easter Music by the Choir.

Sermon subject, "The Importance of Christ's Resurrection."

Training Unions 6:30 p. m.
Sermon, by pastor 7:30 p. m.

At the close of the evening service the ordinance of Baptism will be administered, and all are invited to be present and be a part of this service that will commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Come, a welcome awaits you.
R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Men's Bible Class

With the attendance growing now, we are looking forward to a large attendance Easter Sunday morning. Let all the men plan now to attend a Bible Class next Sunday, and if you are not in Sunday School elsewhere, why not be with us at La Vista Theatre Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. Special music will be part of the program planned for the day, and we want to strike hands with you there.

W. W. Gibson, President

expected to receive final action. Since the special program is being arranged for Thursday, it has been decided tentatively to dispense with the regular Tuesday noon luncheon of that week.

Other matters pertaining to the program will be given proper publicity as decisions are made.

RICHARDSONS TO DALLAS
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Richardson were in Dallas last week where Mrs. Richardson received medical treatment for her arm. The cast was removed and replaced with a small brace. It is reported that her arm will soon be entirely healed.

LA VISTA PRESENTS

Friday & Saturday

2 BIG FEATURES 2
No. 1

"THE UNDER-PUP"

With
GLORIA JEAN
NAN GREY
ROBERT CUMMINGS

No. 2

"COLORADO
SUNSET"

With
GENE AUTRY
SMILEY BURNETTE
Also Serial

First Chapter of
"THE SHADOW"

Sunday & Monday

SUNDAY MATINEE—2:30 P. M.

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MATINEE—4:00 P. M.

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Wednesday-Thursday

"TOO HOT TO
HANDLE"

With
CLARK GABLE
MYRNA LOY
Also Serial

"ZORRO'S
FIGHTING LEGION"

SHOW STARTS 7:30 P. M.

Music . . . Art
Women's Interests

SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

Sonora Baptist Choir At S. S. Meeting Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Concho Valley Association of Sunday Schools was in San Angelo at the Emanuel Baptist Church Monday night.

Part of the program was given by the choir from the Baptist Church here, and their numbers were "King All Gloria" sung by the choir; Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and Lavelle Meckel presented a duet, "Peace Troubled Heart;" the entire choir sang, "Almighty God Upon Whom Our Blessings Flow;" and the concluding number was "Beside Still Water," a solo given by Lavelle Meckel.

The pianist is Kathleen Brinkley, the director, Lavelle Meckel, and other members of the choir are Miss Nona Woodard, Miss Sue Glasscock, Mrs. F. T. Jones, Miss Ruth Freeman, Mrs. W. P. Truitt, Miss Doris Meckel, Mrs. Perry Mittel, Mrs. R. C. Brinkley, John Bowers, Leonard Ray, Robert Sawyer, F. T. Jones, Mac Lattimore, Rev. R. C. Brinkley, Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, Miss Kathleen Largent.

Others from here attending were Mrs. John Bowers, Mrs. L. H. McGhee, Miss Virginia McGhee, Miss Jewel McGhee, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meckel and Norma Jean Brinkley.

Methodist Church To Have Easter Program

An Easter service and contata will be given Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. The choir, under the direction of Miss Marie Watkins, will present the contata which is the story of the last days of Christ, the crucifixion and resurrection in conjunction with a service by the Rev. R. F. Davis.

The cantata is titled "Rise, Glorious Conqueror" and is by E. K. Heyser. The services will start at 10:45.

Members of the choir include Miss C. A. Tyler, Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth, Miss Thelma Rees, Miss Johnnie Allison, Miss Edith Engle, Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett, Boyd Caffey, Preston C. Lightfoot, Rev. R. F. Davis, James Caldwell, J. H. Flathers, J. C. Shephen, Edgar D. Shurley, Edwin Sawyer and W. E. Caldwell. Miss Elizabeth Caldwell is pianist and Miss Marie Watkins director.

Lillie Marie Smith To Be Bluebonnet Belle

Miss Lillie Marie Smith, daughter of Mrs. Velma Shurley, will be presented as one of the Bluebonnet Belles at "A Parade of Beauty" at the annual Round-Up held at the University of Texas, April 5.

Miss Smith is a senior at the University, and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Reagan Literary Society, the West Texas Club and the Co-Ed Assembly. She is also an upperclass adviser at Jessie Andrews dormitory.

Pastime Club Honored By Mrs. Jones

Using an Easter motif in decorations, table appointments, and the refreshment plate, Mrs. F. T. Jones was hostess to members and guests of the Pastime Club.

Forty-two provided the afternoon's entertainment, and after several games, Mrs. Joe Berger and Mrs. Earl Lomax tied for high score for club members and Mrs. Orion Brown had high score for guests.

On the refreshment plate, which was served after the games, was ice cream moulded in the shape of an Easter lilly, cake topped with yellow and the favors were corsages of pansies. Pansies were also used to decorate the home.

Members present were Mesdames A. W. Awalt, Joe Berger, O. G. Babcock, C. A. Tyler, O. V. Cory, Cecil H. Allen, Rita Ross, Hi Eastland, Earl Lomax, J. W. Trainer, C. E. Stites, Robert Rea.

The guests were Mesdames Dave Locklin, H. P. Largent, Merton Shurley, W. P. McConnell, Jr., J. D. Wallace, Josie McDonald, Orion Brown and Erwin Willman.

Birthday Party For John Stanley Hamby

Mrs. Johnnie Hamby, assisted by Jan Caffey and Geraldine Morrow, entertained for her son, John Stanley Hamby, who was celebrating his sixth birthday anniversary.

During the afternoon an Easter egg hunt was enjoyed with the prizes going to Peggy Barker and Blanche Lavon Taylor and Frank Howell won the contest award.

Rabbit shaped cookies and ice cream were served, and the favors were Easter eggs.

Those attending were Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Ann Karnes, Peggy Barker, Nancy Neill, Inez Chalk, Kay Chalk, Beverly Smith, Eddie Farrell Smith, Charles Brent Allen, Jo David Ross, Betsy Ross, Connie Mack Locklin, Flora Dell Davis, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Darlene Barrow, Lois Lou Lomax, Lois Ann Mann, Nancy Eaton, Frank Howell, Bill Decker, Rayford Lee Hull, Jimmie Morrow, Ernest Stephen, Sally Dawn Prater and Sandra Ruth Jones.

Merton Shurleys Have Guests This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Shurley had as their guests, Tuesday and Wednesday, Major and Mrs. E. E. Aldrich and two children, Peggy and Jim, of San Antonio.

They left Wednesday for College Station to visit their son, a senior there. They are en route to Charleston, South Carolina, from where they will sail by way of Panama, San Francisco and Hawaii to the Phillipines where Major Aldrich will be stationed for the next two years.

Mrs. Aldrich was a schoolmate of Mrs. Shurley and they have made several previous visits to Sonora.

Wanda B. Rape, who is attending Sul Ross College, is here to spend the vacation with her family.

Young Pianist



GEORGIA NICKLETT

Famous Speaker To Tell of Norway Here

Glaysd Petch, world-famous speaker and authority on Norway and its people will give an illustrated lecture here on the subject "Where the Gulf Stream Dies" on Monday April 1 at the high school auditorium. Mrs. Petch, who is known as "Ambassador Without Portfolio" from Norway, is a close personal friend of the Royal Family and shows exclusive pictures of them and their castles in Norway. Mrs. Petch was sent from Norway to inspect the Norwegian exhibits at both the New York World's Fair and the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco. She has made many trips throughout this country and Canada giving her highly entertaining lectures on Norway and it is indeed a privilege to have her in Sonora.

With Mrs. Petch is the youthful pianist, Georgia Nicklett, who will play the musical settings for the fascinating pictures shown by the speaker. Miss Nicklett is a talented young lady and her playing of Norwegian music is a delight to the hear.

Miss Nicklett, who is the artist-pupil of the famous pianist, Samuel Dall of Hollywood, has a tremendous repertoire of master classics. Though a petite and demure young lady of only twenty years she has power and force in addition to her unusual technique far beyond her age and stature.

Demonstration Of Koolerwave Hair Dress

Demonstration of the Koolerwave hair dressing, held at the Draper Beauty Shop Tuesday, attracted much attention from the feminine element of the town. Using a live model in the person of Miss Lillie Owens, the hair dress demonstration was effectively displayed, with the model sitting in a window at the beauty shop, where many of the women of the town studied the finer points of the Koolerwave.

Tuesday evening at the La Vista Theatre, the Koolerwave demonstration was shown to a number of interested ladies, the showing taking place just previous to the show.

Many comments were heard as to the attractiveness of the hair when using the Koolerwave process, and the finer points of the process itself.

The Koolerwave is being featured at the Grace Draper Beauty Shop this week.

Party Given For Betsy Ross

An Easter egg hunt and birthday party was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Joe Brown Ross for her daughter, Betsy.

The golden egg was found by Connie Mack Locklin and Turney Friess, and both were awarded a prize.

Birthday cake and ice cream were served to Connie Mack Locklin, Turney Friess, Charlie Brent and Jonnel Allen, Lois Lou Lomax, Sandra Ruth Jones, Nancy and Dan Eaton, Dorsey Carroll, Sue Ann Stokes, Ruth Chalk, Sally Dawn Prater, Jo David Ross and the honoree.

Miss Margaret Schweining and Basil Taylor are spending the vacation days here. Both are students at N. T. S. T. C.

Mrs. Allison, Recent Bride Honored With Tea

Mrs. William M. Allison, nee Rena Glen Shurley, was honored with a tea given from three to five Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley and Mrs. Rip Ward at the Shurley ranch home.

Floral decorations were jonquils and plum blossoms arranged at vantage points in the home, the tea table was centered with a large bowl of pansies, and the buffet was decorated with a miniature scene of the bride, groom and the minister standing before an altar.

In the receiving line were the hostess, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Merton Shurley, Mrs. Lillian Allison, Mrs. Lea Allison, Mrs. E. E. Aldrich, Miss Kathryn Brown, Mrs. Collier Shurley, Mrs. A. G. Blanton, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn, Mrs. Billy Penick, Mrs. F. T. Jones, Miss Alice Sawyer, and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr.

During the afternoon a program including music and readings was presented. Mrs. Batts Friend and Miss Rena McQuary gave piano selections, and Mrs. Joe H. Trainer presented a group of three readings. Miss Marie Watkins with Miss Elizabeth Caldwell at the piano, sang a group of songs; Mrs. Albert Murray then presented a reading.

Those registered in the bride's book were Mrs. Joe H. Trainer, Miss Rena McQuary, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Miss Sally Wardlaw, Miss Clara Allison, Mrs. C. E. Stites, Mrs. Paul Turney, Mrs. Cleve Jones, Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. Alfred Schweining, Mrs. G. L. Neersta, Mrs. Billy Penick, Mrs. F. T. Jones, Mrs. Gus Love, Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet, Mrs. Bryan Hunt, Mrs. Louis Stuart, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary, Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr., Mrs. R. F. Davis, Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, Mrs. Joe F. Logan, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. W. L. Davis, Mrs. John Eaton, Jr., Mrs. George E. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn, Mrs. A. G. Blanton, Mrs. Earl Lomax, Mrs. Stella Keene, Mrs. Dantes Reiley, Mrs. Collier Shurley, Mrs. J. S. Glasscock, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. Rita Ross, Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, Miss Marie Watkins, Mrs. Albert A. Murray, Mrs. Hix Hall, Miss Jean Saunders, Mrs. V. F. Hamilton, Mrs. J. F. Howell, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. G. H. Davis, Mrs. H. P. Largent, Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Mrs. L. W. Elliott, Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. George H. Neill, Mrs. H. V. Stokes, Mrs. Sam Allison, Mrs. John Fields, Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., Miss Viva Milstead, Mrs. Boyd Caffey, Miss Johnnie Allison, Miss Jonniemae Edmonson, Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr., Miss Nann Karnes, Mrs. Clara Murphy, Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth, Mrs. C. A. Tyler, Mrs. Hillman Brown, Mrs. Maysie Brown and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

To my many friends I have met in Sonora and to those that I haven't met, a most cordial invitation to come in to see me at my new shop "Rancho Togs and Toggeries."

Due to delay in arrival of merchandise, the shop has been slow in opening its doors. Now they are open although the official opening will not be until a later date.

It is Mrs. Lines' desire to bring to Sonora women the merchandise they want, and at all times give quality at a reasonable price.

"May I at this time state" quotes Mrs. Lines, "that this shop was created by one of you! Created by a person who was born in West Texas, namely Sonora, and who is inspired by what West Texas has to offer. Mrs. Wille B. Whitehead, who is known to all as 'Della,' is creating in her mind each minute something pertaining to West Texas. Here at Rancho Togs and Toggeries you will find her handiwork. The furnishing down to the smallest detail depict something of Texas."

This is one of her dreams fulfilled to design a Western shop and Mrs. Lines is proud to open the doors to each and every Sonora as well as all others. Mrs. Anita Onies Lines.

Troop I Scouts Give Easter Program

Troop I of the Girl Scouts here presented an Easter program Wednesday night to entertain their mothers. The meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Jane Collier opened with the history of Girl Scouting in the United States. Lila D. Chalk, Jean Cliff Johnson and Davie Dean Locklin gave "Father William," from Alice in Wonderland. Billie Cartwright, Martha Jo Moore, Lila D. Chalk and Marguerite Howell sang "At the Balaliakia" and were accompanied by Sammie Jeanne Allison.

A short play, "Lost and Found," written and directed by Josette Boughton was presented. The leading parts were played by Jan Caffey, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Billie Cartwright and Frances Atchison. Minor parts were given by Bettye Fay Glasscock, Janie Collier, Carolyn Johnson, Marjory Dameron, Marguerite Howell and Geraldine Morrow.

Piano numbers were played by Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Geraldine Morrow, Marguerite Howell and Jean Cliff Johnson. Sammie Jeanne Allison, dressed as a young man, and Martha Jo Moore, dressed as young lady with her Easter bonnet sang "Easter Parade." They were accompanied by Miss Cathryn Trainer.

After the program delicious refreshments of punch and cookies were served by the Scouts, directed by Miss Cathryn Trainer and Mrs. Raymond Morgan. Mothers present were Mrs. Sam Allison, Mrs. Andrew Moore, Mrs. Boyd Caffey, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. Ralph Trainer, Mrs. J. L. Nisbet, Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. A. C. Atchison, Mrs. Joe Brown Ross, Mrs. Lem Johnson, Mrs. Casper, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. A. W. Ezell, and Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Addah Miers Weds Mac Cauthorn Monday

Miss Addah Miers and Mac Cauthorn were united in marriage Monday afternoon in Eden. Both are members of pioneer ranch families of Sutton county, Mrs. Cauthorn being the daughter of W. A. Miers of Sonora.

The couple will be at home on the Cauthorn ranch near here after a honeymoon in San Antonio.

Tournament Held April 4

The annual bridge tournament, which is sponsored by members of the Young Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell April 4.

Everyone interested is urged to make their table arrangements and be present on that occasion.

Mrs. Jack Mann was in San Angelo Tuesday.

Texas Composers Theme Of Club Thursday

Texas composers, their lives and their music, were the subject of a program on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. John L. Nisbet.

Miss Leeta Mae Garrett was program leader and Miss Johnnie Allison discussed music brought to us by the Spanish in 1659; of Father Lomez and the Mendoza expedition. Also the life of Frank Vander Stucken, born in Fredericksburg in 1858, who is a Texas composer, was given.

Mrs. Gus Love, Misses Leeta Mae Garrett, Thelma Rees, Marie Watkins and Elizabeth Caldwell gave numbers by Oscar J. Fox, David Guion, Ruben Davis and Annette Myers.

Miss Cathryn Trainer and Miss Edith Engle presided at the refreshment table.

Those present not mentioned above were Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Misses Jonniemae Edmonson, Viva Milstead, Alice Sawyer; J. H. Flathers, Dearly Beard, Gus Love, John L. Nisbet, Mesdames W. R. Cusenbary, Edith Bond, Maysie Brown, Sterling Baker, E. E. Sawyer, W. P. Truitt, D. F. Barrett and Ben Cusenbary.

Committee, Business Discussed By Club

Meeting at their building Thursday for a business session members of the Sonora Woman's Club convened. During the afternoon Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary presided and Mrs. Sterling Baker and her library committee were allowed \$10 to purchase children's books to be added to the library. Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, chairman of the yard committee is to secure shrubs for the lawn.

The president, Mrs. Cusenbary, appointed Mrs. John Fields, Mrs. W. H. Dameron and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken as the nominating committee. The calendar committee, which was also appointed at that meeting is Mrs. H. V. Stokes, Mrs. G. H. Hall and Mrs. I. B. Boughton. Other present were Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. R. F. Davis, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley and Miss Nann Karnes.

Alfred Schweining, Jr. is here from Schreiner Institute, the guest of his parents.

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Traffic Accidents Are Source Of Economic Loss

By CAPT. CHAS. F. LINDSAY
Texas Safety Council

We are accustomed, when discussing safety to think in terms of lives lost in automobile accidents—and properly so.

After all they are our greatest asset. Who knows the promise of future service that may have been in the mind of the little boy or girl whose career was ended by a thoughtless automobile driver along a heavy traffic lane?

This side of the picture cannot be overemphasized. But there is another side. It was impressed upon us recently by Pierce Brooks, President of the Texas Safety Council, who said:

"There is a very serious economic loss in these traffic accidents. Last year in Texas the property loss was in excess of \$45,000,000. Every dime of it was the result of a preventable accident. There is no such thing as an unavoidable accident.

"What we need is a safety-conscious driving public and a safety-conscious pedestrian public. What we need is a consciousness upon the part of our wives and mothers to the necessity of educating their children in the homes in the rudiments of safety.

"If a gang of armed bandits were running loose in Texas and inflicting an annual economic loss of more than \$45,000,000, the whole State would be up in arms. The whole state ought to be up in arms against this wanton waste of material resources. The majority of accidents are caused by unthinking drivers. More are caused by drunken drivers. The first can be reformed by education. The latter ought to have their licenses revoked, and, as the law provides, in aggravated cases, they ought to be sent down to Huntsville for a sojourn.

"It will never be possible to end all traffic accidents. The human equation is such that it can't be controlled to that degree. But we can make it so unpopular to drive unthoughtfully and to drive while drinking that these accidents can be so materially reduced that they will be negligible. We are making progress. We will make more progress as more citizens enlist."

PRODUCTION OF TEXAS FRUITS INCREASES

As nearly 900,000 fruit trees and vines planted by Texas home demonstration club women and 4-H girls during the past three years came into production during 1939, production of fruit rose 1,150,398 pounds over the figure for the previous year.

This factor and unusually favorable weather conditions brought the figure from 2,258,804 pounds in 1938 to 3,410,202 pounds in 1939, in the opinion of Jennie Camp, specialist in home production of the Extension Service of Texas A. and M. College.

For the purpose of providing future increases in fruit for home use, 72,228 home demonstration club women and 4-H girls planted 631,742 fruit trees and vines during the year. In addition, more than three million peach or other fruit seed were planted for budding in 1940, an increase of 1,819,248 over 1938 plantings of seed.

Proper care and management of orchards were emphasized by J. F. Rosborough Extension horticulturist, with the result that 77,547 fruit and nut trees were budded to improved varieties and numerous other recommended practices were followed, including the planting of green manure crops to increase orchard fertility.

Texas Safety Council To Meet At Capitol April 16-17

The Texas Safety Conference on April 16-17 will be held in the Senate and House chambers of the state capitol building, it was announced here this week by the Texas Safety Association.

The two-day conference will be attended by several thousand civic leaders and officials from over the state who will hear the nation's outstanding traffic safety authorities.

The statewide conference is sponsored by the Texas Safety Association, state departments, and scores of statewide organizations. Governor W. Lee O'Daniel has been invited to make the welcoming address to the delegates. The Texas State Network will broadcast proceedings of the conference.

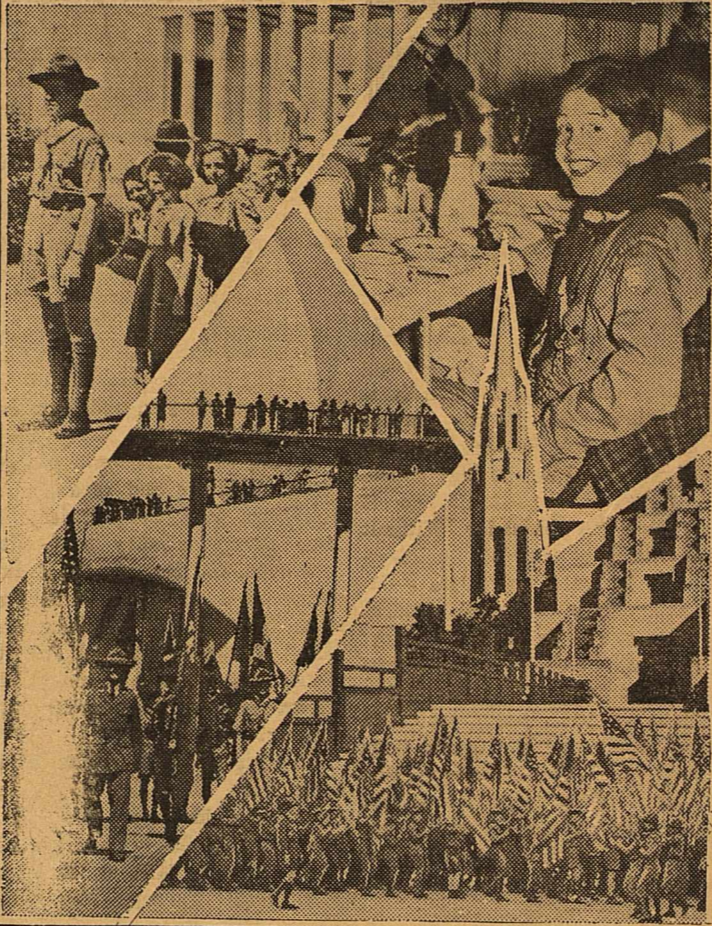
Awards to mayors of Texas' safest cities in 1939 will be a feature of the annual Safety Award Banquet, which will have Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker Corporation, as the principal speaker.

Traffic safety exhibits prepared by state departments, state organizations and municipalities will be an attraction for conference visitors.

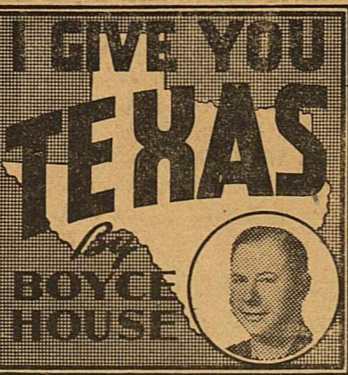
No registration fees will be charged.

Texas' present proven oil reserves of 10,794,055,000 (billions) barrels are over five billion barrels more than the oil produced in Texas during the past fifty years.

Scouts at Both Fairs Again



Boy Scouts participate in the New York World's Fair and Golden Gate Exposition at San Francisco. Top view—New York World's Fair Boy Scout Service Camp. Others show Scouts at both expositions.



Wherever fine pecans are known, the Burckett pecan is known. J. H. Burckett is the man who discovered and perfected the variety which bears his name. This observer recalls—after the lapse of a good many years—the privilege of a visit to the parent tree, under the personal guidance of Representative Omar Burkett of Eastland, son of the man who developed the pecan.

And now, J. H. Burckett at an age when 80 is not far away, has begun a new study—the study of grass.

Grass is commonplace—it is taken for granted. But Walt Whitman called it, "The handkerchief of the Lord." Carl Sandburg wrote: "Pile the bodies high at Austerlitz and Waterloo, Shovel them under and let me work—I am the grass; I cover all."

John J. Ingsall said it this way: "Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood torn with the rust of the cannon grow green again with grass, and carnage is forgotten.

"Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish but grass is immortal. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor but its homely hue is more enchanting than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, and yet—should its harvest fail for a single year—famine would depopulate the world."

As Mr. Burckett says, "Our civilization depends upon grass." Flocks and herds marked the beginning of civilization. Not only does it still provide sustenance for unnumbered sheep and countless cattle grazing upon a thousand hills, but grass provides a background of beauty, a soft restfulness for the eye. Imagine what a bleak, brown, bare world this would be without grass. Further, grass prevents floods and stores up the bountiful water of spring against a later need and it holds the good

earth, with its rich fertility, in place.

Perhaps Mr. Burckett will be able to develop grasses adapted to our Western ranges—hardy, drought-resisting. Grass too may be the answer to the challenge of the winds sweeping in blinding clouds through a "dust bowl."

Some years ago, when this observer was on the staff of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Harold Banks—then state editor—heard that there had been a fire, the night before, in a small town so he called the local correspondent. The latter had been out of town and promised to investigate and report—which he did, in a few minutes.

"The fire wasn't in town," he said, "and it wasn't much of a fire—just a farm-house."

"I see," Banks replied and was just about to express his thanks and hang up the receiver but the correspondent remarked casually: "By the way, one of the children burned to death."

"What!" gasped Banks.

"And another one isn't expected to live," the correspondent continued. "The farmer and his wife were burned also in trying to rescue the children. He threw the year-old baby out of the window and the little fellow didn't get a scratch. Also he had just sold his crop the day before and all the money was burned up."

By this time, Banks had gotten

his breath:

"I see—not much of a fire; one dead, one dying, two others burned, baby miraculously saved and the earnings of an entire year destroyed."

The other said, "Yeah, that's right—and, say, Blankville plays football here next Friday and you tell Boyce House we want a darn good write-up."

Texas has proven oil reserves of more than ten billion barrels, or over half the proven oil reserves of the entire United States.

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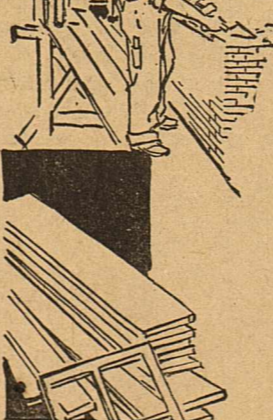
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Boy Scout Troops Given National Recognition

Four Boy Scout Troops have received National recognition for 100 per cent subscription to Boys' Life on the Troop Concession Plan, according to E. S. Mayer, Chairman of the Reading Program for the Concho Valley Council. The Troops receiving this banner are: Troop 18 of Eldorado, 26 of London, 27 of Rocksprings and 83 of Uvalde. The Reading Committee is presenting a series of awards for Troops qualifying on the Boys' Life Concession Plan in connection with the Troop Budget Program for Boy Scouts.

District Camporee

Scout Troops in San Angelo will be hosts to Scouts of the San Angelo District and several Troops of nearby towns at a Camporee Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, according to H. H. Batjer, Chairman of Camping and Activities for the Concho Valley Council. The Camporee is to be held at the Old Scout Village Grounds, and the program will start with the erection of camps at 5:00 p. m. Friday. After supper is cooked, Scouts will gather around a campfire, where Pat Close, District Game Warden, will give his experiences in antelope and deer distribution, also plans for the extension of range for the javelina. Troops will present Troop stunts, songs and other activities. Saturday morning, the Scouts will enjoy a Camporee program, with competition in camping and Scouting activities. In the afternoon, demonstrations will be given in archery, bait casting, turtle trapping, gas model plane and model motor exhibits. The program will close with a visit to the Skeet Club, sponsored by the West Texas Wild Life Association. The Saturday program will be conducted by John E. Robbin, Jr., District Commissioner, assisted by the Commissioner Staff, composed of W. J. Schwartz, Bert Gray and Albert Baze.

Ranch District Camporee

Scouts and leaders of Rocksprings are preparing to entertain Scout Troops on the Ranch District at the annual Camporee to be held March 29-30. The program starts with a Camp Fire and Courts of Honor Friday night, followed by competition in many phases of Scoutercraft on Saturday. The Rocksprings committee, aided by M. E. Noble, superintendent of schools, are preparing to entertain the visiting Scouts Troops of Eldorado, Sonora, Ozona, Menard and London.

Magill School Troop Complete

The newest Scout Troop organized in the Concho Valley Council is at the Magill School west of San Angelo. The Troop Number 33, is to be directed by C. L. Shannon, a Scoutmaster with five years' experience. He will be aided by a committee composed of F. A. Tomlin, Bryan Kirby and Joe York.

HOME OWNERS FORUM

By ABNER GORDON

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Take care to protect the outer surface of murals with a painter's cloth, or a piece of light canvas during the rolling process.

New, unpainted plaster should be allowed at least six months to dry out, or receives a priming paint coat composed of 3 parts (by volume) soft paste white lead and 4 parts lead mixing or lead reducing oil before applying adhesive. Unseasoned plaster contains free alkali which tends to keep adhesive from forming firm bond.

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ANS. To avoid buckling due to expansion and contraction cleats—not nails—should be used to fasten the sheet lead.

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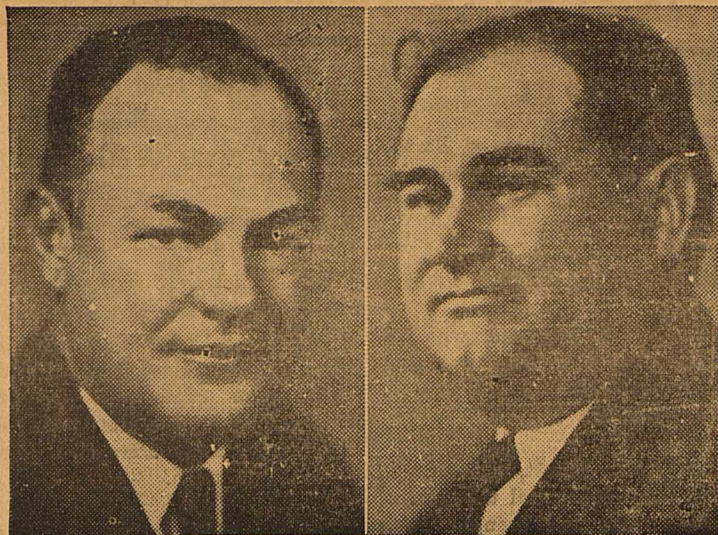
Blindness In Texas Is Now Declining

Looking out in the world with clear vision is the birthright of each and everyone, according to Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer. Texas has many hundreds of persons that are blind or with impaired vision. These figures would be more tragic if given before the law was passed making it mandatory to use prophylactic drops in the eyes of new born babies. Since then blindness caused by birth infections has been greatly reduced.

In the examination of school children other diseases of the eyes are encountered quite frequently. Chief among these is trachoma. This disease is contagious and causes a destructive inflammation characterized by the formation of trachoma granulations. These gradually form scar tissue. Trachoma, if left untreated, will impair the vision and eventually cause blindness. This happens when the proper treatment is not given or the diagnosis and treatment is not given in its early stages.

Trachoma is most prevalent where poor sanitary conditions exist. The prevention of this disease consists not only in avoiding the infection but also in maintaining sanitary conditions. Parents should watch closely for any indi-

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caution of anything wrong with the vision of their children. Many diseases of the eye readily respond to treatment in their early stages, but, if allowed to develop, may seriously affect the vision if not cause blindness.

Texans Reach High Posts In Agriculture

Two dirt farmers, with a combined experience of 54 years of farm operation and leadership, are now in the No. 2 and No. 3 posts of the Nation's Department of Agriculture.

Grover B. Hill, who was named Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in December, has been a Texas rancher and farmer since 1911. Claude R. Wickard, newly appointed Under Secretary of Agriculture, has farmed a general grain and livestock farm near Camden, Ind., for nearly a quarter of a century. Both men have been associated with administrator work of the AAA Farm Program in recent years.

Mr. Hill 51 was named a field representative of the AAA in 1934,

after serving on a committee which drafted the AAA Range Program. Since 1936 he has been in charge of the range program for the Southern Region of the AAA. During the drought of 1934, he directed the regional cattle-buying program in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. He studied at the University of Texas from 1909 to 1911, after which he went into ranching and farming near Amarillo.

The new Under Secretary first became connected with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1933 and in 1936 he was made director of the North Central Division of the AAA. As director of the division, which includes the Corn Belt States, Mr. Wickard stressed farmer-administration of the AAA. Mr. Wickard, now 47, has operated the same Indiana farm which was farmed by his father and grandfather. He graduated from Purdue University in 1915 and in 1927 was named a Master Farmer of Indiana in recognition of his work as a farm leader and the improved farming practices which he followed.

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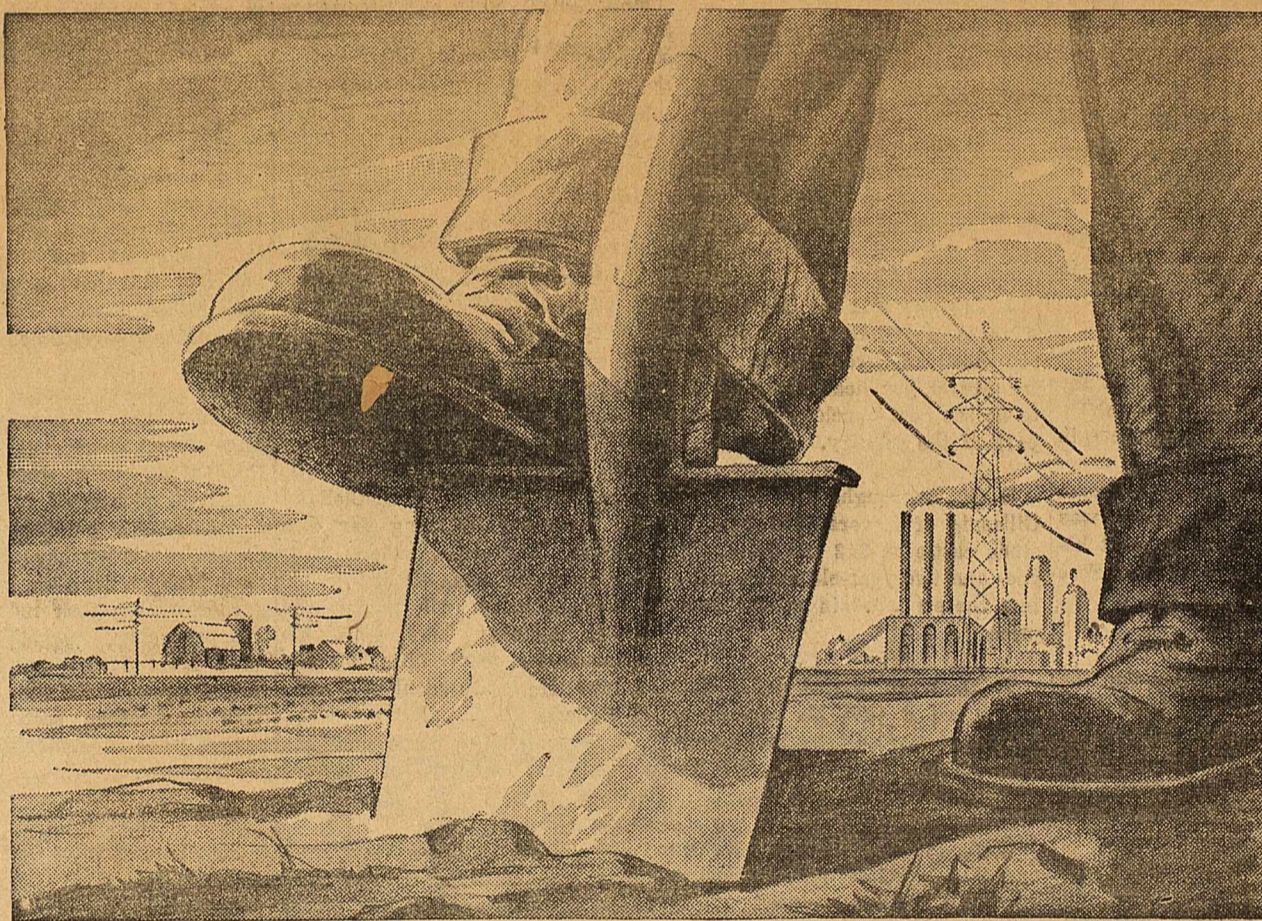
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No, it isn't an accident that electricity has reached its greatest present development in the United States. The reason is that these thousands of men and women in the electrical industry have the American spirit of initiative—the good old-fashioned kind.

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Your electric company doesn't often think about the work it has done because it is too busy planning the work that lies ahead.

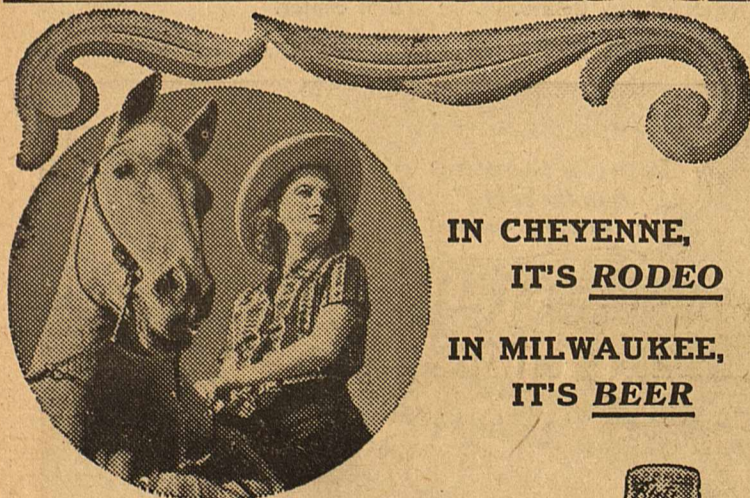
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35 Years Ago

J. O. Rountree was in from the ranch Tuesday morning trading.

Seth M. Lewis of London, was in Sonora this week.

Garland Smith, Claude Lohnmann and Oliver Bailey of Eldorado, were in Sonora Friday.

Rich Minica, the blacksmith, left on Sunday for Katemcy, Mason county on a prospecting trip.

O. K. Bailey and E. B. Cozzens, the Eldorado lawyers, were in Sonora Friday.

Clyde Windrow, tinner for the Vander Stucken Co., is out on the Ford Ranch putting up a 10,000 gallon tank for Alex McGonagill.

Charlie Warren, the well-known stockman of Edwards county, was in Sonora last Friday to meet his sister, Miss Studie Warren of Fort Worth, who will visit him on the ranch for some time.

R. A. Evans, salesman for the Land, Live Stock and Loan firm of Silliman, Campbell & Evans of Eldorado, was in Sonora this week with his mother and wife, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Strickland.

Miss Verne Cox departed for her home in Ladonia Tuesday, after a very pleasant stay with her many friends in Sonora. To know Miss Verne is but to love her and we only hope our town may be visited by many others of her same noble character.

Mrs. C. A. Trainer and son, Joe have moved into the Miers residence on the square.

Miss Laura Stokes arrived home Friday from a visit to friends and relatives in Mason and McCulloch counties.

Now is the time to clean the town of weeds. Pull up, dig up or cut down the weeds and burn them.

E. E. Parker finished the well for T. V. Dewoody, nine miles south of Sonora, at a depth of 240 feet.

Mrs. Ed Pfeister and children from the Sawyer ranch, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berger in Sonora this week.

During the Carnival Sept. 1 and 2, R. E. Harris will reserve a show window in his drug store to exhibit the needle work of the ladies

of Sutton county. Please bring any you have to exhibit.

Concho Avenue, east to the fair grounds, looks good. Have all the streets and alleys put in shape. There's money in it.

Tom and Arthur Stuart were in from their ranch Saturday attending to business.

A. P. Belcher and son, Jack, were in from the ranch Thursday on land business.

Giles Hill was in from his ranch Thursday, and reports having sold 425 grown sheep and 335 lambs to E. F. Nolke of Sherwood, at \$2.55 per head.

J. A. Cope sold for Chris Hagelstine to W. C. Bryson of Sonora, 550 head of two-year-old steers for \$16.50 per head. This is said to be the best bunch of 2's in this part of the country.

D. H. Burroughs sold to T. P. Gillespie of Sonora, 250 head of stock cattle at \$12 per head. The one- and two-year-old steers and a few three's went in at the same price.

T. D. Word writes under date of August 2 that his carload of bulls have started from San Angelo for the Sonora Carnival. He has 29 head in all.

Uncle John Allison, Geo. Allison and Claude Stites were in Sonora Thursday on land business.

Misses Pearl Miller and Nellie Malloy, of Eden, Concho county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Virge Brown and children of Edward county, who have been visiting Uncle John Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ross, were in Sonora Friday, shopping.

Wm. Sultemeyer was in from his ranch Friday for supplies. Mr. Sultemeyer informed us that he intends moving his family to Del Rio for school purposes. He says he would prefer Sonora but could not get a suitable house.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express thanks and appreciation to the members of the fire department and others for their efforts in our behalf when our barn was destroyed by fire.
Robert Rees.

More than half the counties of Texas, or 147 out of the State's 254, now produce oil or gas. In 100 more, oil or gas exploration is now under way making a total of 147 out of 254 counties with oil or gas activity.

SHORT NOTICE

MRS. McCLOUD ILL

Mrs. Paul McCloud of Station A has been ill at her home, but it is reported that her condition is much better.

MRS. MAYFIELD ILL

Mrs. Ed C. Mayfield, who has been ill is reported to be improving.

MRS. ELLIOTT HOME

Mrs. A. C. Elliott, who was in a San Angelo hospital the first of the week, was brought home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith of Odessa were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Johnson Tuesday night. The Smiths were returning to their home at Odessa after wintering in the valley.

For lovely silverware, nothing can surpass Manchester Sterling. On display and for sale at Barrow Jewelry Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet spent last week-end in San Angelo. Miss Emma Sessions, a student at Sul Ross College, arrived Wednesday for the Easter vacation, accompanied by Miss Buelah Burns, also a student there.

Marion and Webb Elliott and Wesley Sawyer, all attending the University of Texas, are here for the Easter vacation.

Do you like beauty in your table appointments? If so, dress up your table service with Manchester Sterling silver. Barrow Jewelry Store.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott, who is attending Hockaday Junior College in Dallas, will arrive tomorrow for the holidays.

Misses Edwardine Russell, Maxine Culwell and Bobbie Cook of San Angelo are to be the week-end guests of Miss Vinagene Powell.

Mr. Ernest Carroll has recently returned from Houston where she has been visiting for a time.

Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster spent several days last week in San Antonio.

For a gift that will last a lifetime, acquire a set of that beautiful Manchester Sterling silverware now displayed by Barrow Jewelry Store.

Annual Bridge Tournament to be held April 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell under the sponsorship of Young Women's Guild.

Miss Mary Sue Blanton, Miss Margaret Sandherr, Miss Wynona Hutcherson and Reginald Trainer, all students at Southwestern University, are the guests of their respective parents during the Easter vacation.

She will be pleased with a service of Manchester Sterling silverware. Barrow Jewelry Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McClelland left yesterday morning for Los Angeles, California, where they plan to spend some time.

Jack Shurley will spend the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Shurley. He is a student at A. and M. College.

Barrow Jewelry Store now has a complete display of several leading patterns of Manchester Sterling Silverware.

Mrs. W. M. Mittel left last week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Light, in Llano county. Mrs. Mittel will probably return in about a week.

A. W. Awalt, who is attending Sul Ross College, is here to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt. Accompanying him here are Houston Plunkett and William Beard, a brother of Dearl Beard, who is a teacher here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick of Ozona were here the middle of the week visiting relatives.

Allan McKinney of Ozona is employed in Sonora at present as carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ory and little son of Menard spent the week-end in Sonora, visiting with Mr. Ory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ory and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bobbie Allison and little daughter, Bobbie Fay, returned last week from Uvalde, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Tommy Taylor and family.

Manchester Sterling silverware is an asset to anyone's table. See it today at Barrow Jewelry Store.

While the average cost of drilling a 1,000 foot oil well in parts of Texas is \$6,000, a 11,000 foot test costs nearly 24 times as much, or \$143,000.

"JUST US"

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a new brick veneer building, has been made ready for occupancy. It adjoins the lot on which the new Hull residence will be constructed.

Interior painting is being done at the City Variety Store as a part of the remodeling work which Mr. Wood has authorized in a modernization plan which will see the Variety Store take its place as one of the most attractive store buildings in town.

Painting of the ceiling in white, and the installation of a large new refrigeration unit constitutes part of the improvements being made by the Club Cafe. The management will also complete installation of an air-conditioning unit within a days.

The interior of the McDonald Hotel has received a new coat of paint within the past week, which has greatly improved the appearance of that modern and home-like hostelry.

Notice that Sonora was to hold its third annual Auction Sale and Wool Show was contained in the current issue of the Angora Journal, printed in Portland, Oregon. With publicity of such an extensive nature, the show ought to "go over" in a big way.

Remodeling and increasing the floor space of the Nisbet Insurance Agency in the News Building, is being done this week. When completed the Nisbet Insurance Agency will have considerably larger and more attractive place in which to transact their business.

Just another reminder to the merchants of Sonora that should the Third Annual Wool Show and Auction Sale be allowed to come to an end, without at least one day being devoted to a well planned Trades Day, the town and the business of the community will suffer to that extent. Not only will such a Trades Day be the means of bringing people to Sonora for trading purposes, but it will permit merchants to move much more merchandise than would be the case should the Trades Day idea not be carried out.

Several other building and improvement projects are being contemplated for the near future, notice of which will be given in due time. Thus Sonora continues its growth and development.

This may not properly belong in such a column as we are conducting in this space, but it appears that along with good business progress, plenty of building and a considerable population growth, Sutton ranchmen have maintained their position near the head of the parade of livestock industry, and are producing livestock and products from Sutton County ranges that compare more than favorably with any other section of the nation. "The Stockman's Paradise" continues to improve.

Jack Thomas, mechanic at Elliott-Taylor Motor Company, was a business visitor in Big Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glasscock have returned from Marathon where they spent about a week attending to their ranch interests there.

Miss Naomi Harris spent last week-end in San Angelo the guest of her sister, Miss Mozelle Harris.

Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr. and Mrs. L. L. Gulley were visitors in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown were in Del Rio Sunday visiting with Mrs. Simmons' father, who is ill there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hull of Austin were in Sonora last week-end visiting their parents, Mrs. Clyde Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull.

Mrs. Lillian Allison of San Angelo was a visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Good, mother of Mrs. Maurice Kennedy who is employed by the Corner Drug Store, Inc., of this city, spent last week-end with her daughter.

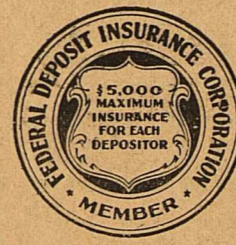
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Mrs. Edith Bond is spending Easter in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crumley were visitors in San Angelo Monday.

Miss Jo Collier, San Angelo, nurse at Shannon Memorial Hospital and Miss Billie Van Dyke of Tennessee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Collier Tuesday. Miss Van Dyke remained here for a visit. The young ladies are sister and niece of Mr. Collier.

Joe Burkett of Austin was in Sonora Wednesday in the interest of the candidacy of W. H. (Bill) McDonald for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Burkett expressed himself as highly surprised at the progressive spirit of Sonora as a business center.

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is in the Eating"

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