

Index Of FEATURES . . .

Listed below is a short index to the anniversary edition. In order that the reader can better find the material he is interested in, a few features from each section are listed with their page number.—Ed.

SECTION ONE*

General news that happened this week. Anniversary includes story of the first white child born in Sutton county, and the story of Mrs. Frank Turney.

SECTION TWO*

The organization of a banking system in Sonora which resulted in the founding of the First National Bank of Sonora in 1900 is brought out in Section Two. The founder of the bank, Ed. R. Jackson, is pictured on the first page and pictures of the old and new bank buildings may be seen on the other pages.

SECTION THREE*

The San Angelo Telephone Company and the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company are featured here, together with a number of old timer stories on Mrs. M. S. Davis, George S. Allison, and C. W. Adams. This section tells of the growth of the city, the early stage coaches, rustlers, and early activities of the volunteer department. Parties which were given in the 1890's are also described in detail.

SECTION FOUR*

Education in Sutton County, its beginning and its growth are described in pictures and words in this section. On the first page is a picture of the High School, and the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, and on page four other schools may be found. Also in this section is the story of how law was brought to this section. Listings which may be found are graduates of the schools, old court proceedings, and the story of the organization of the Wool and Mohair Company.

SECTION FIVE*

Section five is devoted to the E. F. Vander Stucken Company, which is also celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary this week. Included are the stories of Mr. Vander Stucken, G. W. Morris, Mrs. Josie McDona, with pictures of all. The history of the experiment station, the discovery of water here, and the story of Sonora's churches may also be found in this section.

Manager



Preston Prater, pictured above, is manager of the Men's Clothing department at E. F. Vander Stucken, Inc., and has been with them several years.

First Grade Children Visit Fields Dairy

The children of the first grade of the Elementary School, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Rosana Hildreth, and several mothers of the first grade children, were the guests of Mrs. Frank Turney Tuesday when they visited the Fields Dairy on an inspection tour.

The tour was conducted in such a way that the children were able to see the exact procedure taken during the dairy process from the time the cow is brought into the barn until the milk is drunk.

As each cow was brought in, it was washed off with a hose and completely disinfected. Then the milker disinfected his hands and after milking the cow, placed the milk into a closed top bucket. During the milking, the barn was closed in order to keep out dust and insects.

Immediately after milking, processing began. The milk was first strained seven times, then put through an Airanator machine which strained it twice more, thus further cleaning it. After the straining, the milk was machine-capped. During the whole process it was never touched by human hands.

Having seen how milk is prepared for consumption, the children and their mothers and Mrs. Hildreth were served refreshments.

MIKE MURPHY WAS TYPICAL COUNTRY EDITOR

It is likely that many of you, upon seeing Mike Murphy's picture in the center of this page, will recall this jolly Irishman who formerly headed the destinies of the Devil's River News.

Unfortunate for the staff members

of this edition, Mike was unknown to us, but we have seen much of his work, and heard so much about him that it is about the same as knowing him.

He must have been some fellow!

The Southwest got him from Toron-

to, Canada, when he left that place to visit his mother in San Angelo. His brother, Pat, was owner of the Standard (San Angelo) at the time, and we understand he put in some time there before coming here to found The Devil's River

News. Mike died in 1922 at the age of 54. His widow, Mrs. Clara Lee Murphy, still lives in Sonora.

Then, it is principally to him that we dedicate this issue of the paper . . . a fitting tribute to a fine man of the fourth estate.

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THE FIRST DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS—OCTOBER 18, 1890

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MIKE MURPHY, EDITOR-PUBLISHER

"YOUR NAME, PLEASE?"

NOTICE Wanted! Wanted All ex-service men to be present at a meeting to be held at First National Bank of Sonora, Wednesday, at 7:00 o'clock, October 30th, at which time plans will be worked out for organizing an American Legion Post in Sonora.

Firemen's Wives Club Meets The Firemen's Wives Bridge Club met with Mrs. Lee Patrick at her home Wednesday evening. Three tables of members and guests were present. Dahlias decorated the room. Mrs. Joe Brasher was awarded high club prize and Mrs. Vernon Jamilton received high for the guests. A sandwich plate was served. Messdames Max Turney, L. E. Holland, Hamilton, Brasher, Huether, Sheeny Adkins, T. A. McMillan, George Barrow, Cashes Taylor, Bill McGilvary and Raymond Morgan were present.

BROTHERHOOD BIBLE CLASS Sunday morning all men are invited to attend the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class. Your presence has been quite an incentive to everyone to want an aggressive class. You are a part of us and when you are absent from your place you are missed to the extent that we would like to have you back in your place Sunday morning.

The lesson will be presented by our new pastor, the Rev. L. K. Brown.

Come and bring that visitor with you. All visitors are welcomed to our organization. The class meets at 9:30 in the basement of the Methodist Church.

THANKS! We want to thank all the old timers and citizens of Sonora and Sutton county who so graciously and wholeheartedly rendered support to this edition. We believe it is something you can be proud of and will want to keep, and we sincerely hope you enjoy it.

G. H. HALL, Publisher. ANDREW RANDOLPH, Manager.

Otis Horton, Santa Fe employee, was giving his name to Mrs. Lem Johnson, registrar, last Wednesday morning at the courthouse when this picture was taken. Out of county registrations by Sutton County residents brought the total number of local registrants up to 514—exactly the number registered here Wednesday.

As soon as the national drawing takes place, men whose numbers have been drawn will be given questionnaires to fill in.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS PHOTO

Both Businesses Were Founded In October, 1890

Celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary together, the E. F. Vander Stucken Company and the Devil's River News are bringing out a special edition of this newspaper dedicated to the City of Sonora, to Sutton county, and to the people who came here many years ago when the country was little but prairie and had the vision and belief in the future to stand up to the many hardships of that day in order that they could make "The Stockman's Paradise" this beautiful, well-ordered, modern, safe country that it is today.

This edition is divided into four sections of eight pages each and one section of twelve pages—the history of Sutton County in forty-four pages. Many readers will glance back through the years when they see the pictures of old timers and old time scenes. To others it will mean nothing. But regardless of reception, it is the last local history that will come for some years.

MEETING CALLED

There will be a meeting of the Sutton County Wildlife Committee at 7:30 o'clock Monday night at the First National Bank. The purpose of this meeting, according to Clay Atchison, is to consider ways and means of improving game regulations in the county and to take steps toward keeping a permanent game warden the year around in this section.

W. L. NORRIS PROMOTED

W. L. Norris, former Sonoran, has been elected vice-president and director of the Donaldson Lumber Company in Houston, according to word received here Wednesday.

Remembered here for his work with the William Cameron Lumber Company, Mr. Norris joined the Donaldson organization only two years ago.

He graduated from the Sonora High in 1931 and had worked with Cameron Company in Iran and Odessa before returning here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norris. His wife was the former Opal Aiken of San Angelo.

CARD OF THANKS

Very kindly appreciate the cooperation I received this week in providing for a needy family. JOEL SHELTON, M. D.

Rouche Court Scene Of Croquet Matches

An all day croquet tournament was held Sunday on the Lewis Rouche court, and a barbecue dinner and supper was served.

Irwin Willman, Bud Smith, G. W. Archer and Cliff Johnson played their way into the finals. Due to lack of time, their final game was postponed until a later date.

Each guest brought something for the supper and dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith, and family, Lewis Rouche and family, Cliff Johnson and family, Irwin Willman and daughter, Cashes Taylor and family, Palmer West and family of Eldorado, Ford Allen and children, T. A. McMillan, Preston Lightfoot, Preston Prater and family, G. W. Archer, L. E. Holland, Bill Wright and family, Gomer Minnick and family, Easy Ezell, Henry Greenhill, Lester Archer and daughter, and Lee Patrick, Miss Mary Lee Heflin and Sheeny Adkins were present.

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EDITORIAL

Many an American who has been watching Europe during the past year has had his attention suddenly diverted to the Far East. At the present time, the action there, so far as we are concerned, is of a diplomatic and not of a military character. But, in the opinion of many an authority, the question of whether this country is to remain at peace or go to war will be answered in that vast Oriental land that lies some 6,000 miles away from our Pacific Coast.

We now have a very different Far Eastern policy than we had a year or two ago. We are taking a firm stand with Japan. Our efforts at appeasing her are apparently over. This new policy could have been forecast when the President appointed Mr. Stimson to the Cabinet. When Mr. Stimson was Secretary of State under President Hoover, he tried to effect a joint English-American policy which would have stood squarely in the way of Japanese empire-building in China. The English, however, refused to come in, and the effort failed.

There are many conflicting arguments as to whether our current policy is right or wrong, necessary or foolish. Those who support it say that if we give Japan an inch she will demand many a mile—that every concession made her simply paves the way for new and stronger demands in the future. And, with England at war in Europe we possess the only check rein that can be used against Japanese ambitions to dominate and control all Asia, and thus establish herself as a world power equal or superior to the United States and Britain. Furthermore, they argue that we have an economic stranglehold over Japan—that if we refuse to buy from her and sell to her she will no longer be able to obtain the resources that are necessary to building an empire. And lastly, they quote naval authorities who have testified that if war comes, and fleet is pitted against fleet, we can wipe out Japan's navy in a matter of months.

On the other side are those who argue that we have no business in the Far East. Our investments there are comparatively small, and belong primarily to a few very large industries. The Philippines are, in the view of some, practically indefensible, and should be abandoned along with Guam and other lesser outposts. So far as the natural resources of the Dutch East Indies are concerned, they say, we can use substitutes or find and develop other resources nearer at home. Lastly, they believe that we cannot afford the gamble that a war with Japan would entail—it would mean that our naval power would be concentrated in the Pacific, almost half a world away from our shores, thus leaving the Atlantic coast undefended and open to attack from Europe if England collapsed.

Whether this will become a telling political issue in the short time remaining before election is still another factor. Mr. Wilkie, like Mr. Roosevelt, is in favor of helping China and combating Japan. But, going by his speeches, he feels that this can be done without taking a chance on involving ourselves in a war which we might lose—and which would be immensely expensive, in both dollars and materials, even if we won. Hugh Johnson, one of the leading columnists, recently wrote that Mr. Roosevelt is leading a war party and Mr. Wilkie a peace party, and said that in his opinion this should be the decisive issue of the campaign. It is true that some men supposedly in the know are saying that there is an even chance of us becoming actively involved in war within a few weeks, or by the end of the year at the outside. Navy Secretary Knox, on being questioned by newsmen concerning this, has simply said that he didn't know.

At any rate, we are today working hand in hand with England in the Far East. It is felt certain that Britain will throw open her great naval base at Singapore to American fighting ships if we ask it—whoever controls Singapore controls India and the far-flung lifeline of the Empire. Japanese statesmen have said that they would consider American use of the Singapore base a declaration of war, and that Nippon would fight to prevent it. However, of late Japanese official declarations have been more moderate in tone, and some think that Japan may be slowly backing down.

One thing is almost certain—we are closer to war now than at any time since 1916. We can't go actively to war in Europe, for obvious geographical and strategical reasons. So if we do fight, it will be in the East. And, if that happened, we would be automatically at war with Germany and Italy, under the terms of the recent Axis agreement. Then a new World War, far greater in extent and purpose than the first, would at last be underway. The armor-clad figure of Mars would shadow all the earth.

Rocksprings Tabs Sonora By 7-0

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line for 6 yards. Mitchell through left side of line for 9 yards. Owens through line for eight yards. No gain. Shroyer intercepts pass on Sonora's own 48 yard line. Pearson intercepts for Rocksprings on their 47 yard line. Owens then makes about 7 yards. Owens passes but Ory slaps it down. Owens around right end for 12 yards. Richardson makes this tackle. Mitchell thru line, Ray Wallis Stephenson stops him. Mitchell through line is stopped by Ory. Owens through line for six yards. Mitchell through line is stopped by Ory. Owens through line for six yards tackled by Cook. Owens makes penetration near pay stripe. Owens makes it within inches of line. Once more the Ongoras charge that line only to be stopped by those Broncos. On this down Sonora takes the ball almost on their one yard line. Richardson punts Mitchell takes the ball up to be stopped by Stumpy. Owens caught behind line for a four yard loss. Merriman tackled. Owens around left end for about 2 yard gain. Owens' pass is incomplete. Owens lateral to Mitchell stopped by Stephenson. Sonora gets ball then punts.

Fourth Quarter

Owens gains 15 yards and is tackled by Stumpy. Fumble picked up by Mitchell with still a loss. Owens punts out of bounds. Sonora is then penalized 15 yards for clipping. Richardson punts to 38 yard line. Babb through center to be tackled by Stumpy. Owens takes lateral for a small gain to be tackled by Stumpy. Through center for a yard gain. Owens loses 4 yards, tackled by Ory. Owens punts and Sonora gets the ball an 8 yard line. Sonora punts and Mitchell receives. Stumpy makes tackle. No gain. Owens makes small gain. Mitchell injured on next play but stays in game. Babb passes to Mitchell who made a good run but no first down. Rocksprings through center for a first down. Pass is incomplete. Babb to Owens pass nets first and ten. Owens makes a touchdown for Rocksprings. Drop kick nets another point. Rocksprings 7, Sonora 0. Owens kicks with Mitchell holding. Richardson brings it up to the 44 yard line. Richardson passes to Stevenson who misses. Glen Richardson makes 15 yard gain. Richardson passes again incomplete. Sonora penalized for offside. Richardson makes five yards. Pass is intercepted by Angora but Sonora recovers since an Angora was offside. Play called back. Mitchell intercepts and is tackled by Shroyer and Stumpy. Owens makes a run around right end for a 15 yard gain. McMillian substituted for Stephenson. Rocksprings makes two yard gain. Owens punts and Sonora gets it on twenty yard line. Pass is incomplete. Game is over.

Rev. L. K. Brown Assigned To Sonora Methodist Church

The annual Texas Methodist Conference, which met in San Antonio, closed Sunday with the reading of 225 pastoral appointments by Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston.

It was explained by the conference cabinet leaders that it was decided to reduce the eight districts to six at the 1941 conference. It was deemed better to reduce the districts by one this year and one next year.

Rev. R. F. Davis, who has been Methodist pastor here for nearly five years, will be moved to Hondo and Rev. L. K. Brown will be the new minister here.

District Missionary Secretary will be Eugene Slater of Ozona and K. P. Barton of San Angelo will be the District Superintendent.

H. V. Stokes Named Finance Chairman

With the campaign for a "million Texas votes for Roosevelt in 1940" well underway, the Texas Democrats have launched their statewide finance drive to assist the nation-wide fight to return the President to office on Nov. 5, Myron G. Blalock, Texas Roosevelt campaign manager, has announced from headquarters at Austin.

H. V. Stokes of Sonora has been named by Blalock as chairman of the Sutton county finance committee and is in charge of collecting local contributions for the Roosevelt drive. Democrats here have been urged to contact the county Democratic finance chairman.

Funds collected in Texas, Blalock stressed, will be used by the National Roosevelt Campaign committee in the doubtful states to combat the vast financial backing of the opposition. Every Texas Democrat, he said, is to be offer-

small, to the Roosevelt cause.

Those who wish to contribute may either give the help to the county chairman or mail it to the Democratic Campaign headquarters at Austin, Blalock asserted. An official souvenir receipt will acknowledge every contribution reaching Austin, and a second receipt will be mailed the donor from Washington headquarters, he added.

"There is no doubt Texas will go overwhelmingly for Roosevelt November 5, but as the banner state of American Democracy, Texas must also help the fight financially in borderline states. As usual we must depend upon the people themselves to combat the almost unlimited financial backing Eastern capital is giving the Republican nominee," Blalock stated.

Four Texas farm homes out of five on REA lines have installed radios, a survey made by the Rural Electrification Administration shows.



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One Old Timer to Another . . .

Climaxed by this masterpiece of the printer's craft which so fitly represents the history and romance behind this country, the Devil's River News commemorates its 50th Anniversary. Always progressing within the stride of our enterprising city, The News now prepares to enter the second half of a century of service to our community.

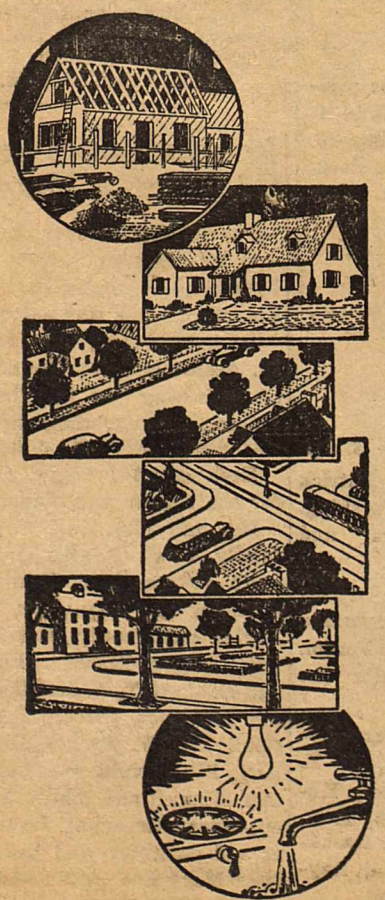
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76 Years in the Southwest 12 Years in Sutton County



Chris Wyatt, at 20, Held Ranch Interest

Chris Wyatt—Christopher Denton Wyatt, to be exact—was born in 1872, and came to these parts from Hamilton county some 58 years ago, (about 1881). His father, Ed Wyatt, was a Confederate soldier.

When 14 years old Wyatt went to work for his brother-in-law, A. J. Winkler, on his ranch four miles south of Sonora, only there was no Sonora, its first recorded human inhabitants being this same Winkler and his employees, who made a sheep camp "under the Big Live-Oak" in 1886. At that the sheep had to be driven four miles to water, there being no permanent water supply in Sonora until the drilling of the well-known Adams well, in 1889.

By the mid-1880's however, Mr. Winkler had a drilled well on his ranch four miles due south—one of the three that Mr. Wyatt remembers as being on this range when he came to these parts.

Chris Wyatt worked five years for his brother-in-law and got together while doing so a small herd of sheep of his own; acquired an interest in a ranch by the time he was 20. This ranch is now owned by B. Halbert.

"Nobody owned much land in the early 1880's" said Mr. Wyatt. "The land was mostly owned by the state or railroads, and was free open range. Later on, folks would acquire land titles — generally, however, only to sections on which there was water. Before the drilling of many wells and the putting up of windmills, the people depended on the North Llano river and a few waterholes. The best-known waterholes on our range were known as the "Three-Mile Waterhole" "Eight-Mile Waterhole" and "Ten-Mile Waterhole;" so-called from their estimated distance from old Fort Terrett, which stood at the head of the North Llano river; the river furnishing the only seven or eight miles of running water in this part of the country then as now.

"These waterholes are still used of course, but it seems to me that they go dry more frequently now than they used to.

"There was a well near Beaver Lake, 45 miles south of Sonora, and one a few miles northwest of Sonora. There was one good water hole 14 miles south of Sonora, known then as now as Elbow Lake. The well drilled by Winkler four miles south of Sonora is now owned and still used by Edgar Shurley, who ranches there.

"The Winkler sheep, horses and cows were, I think, a little above the average for those days. We thought a lot of them, and herded them closely to keep the wolves from getting them. There were a great many wolves, and the government was taking no interest in thinning them out for us. Instead, the ranchers sort of banded together at times to pay trappers to catch them or shoot them, and most ranchers trapped a little themselves. Now, with the county paying bounties for wolf scalps during most of the past forty or fifty years, I doubt if there is a wolf left in Sutton county."

Mr. Wyatt had gotten well into the stock business by the time he was approaching his 23rd year, and in the fall of 1895 he married Miss Zadie Baker, R. T. Baker's youngest daughter, who was 18 at the time and attending school in Sonora where her parents had built a home. Most of their married life has been spent on their ranch home 32 miles east of Sonora where he still owns 11 sections of land. They lived there some 30-odd years, moving to Sonora about 11 years ago. He has another ranch of some 7½ sections south of town.

They now live in a comfortable home in the eastern part of town. Their living children are:

Mrs. John Reiley, of Sonora, Mrs. John Fields, Sonora; Henry Wyatt, who lives on his ranch, and also has a home in town; and Carrie Wyatt, who also has homes on his ranch and in Sonora.

Clerk Is Invoiced With Store Stock In Four Sales

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from 6 to 10 horses and mules—



Freight was 40c per hundred

pounds. When it rained he and his team would eat most of that up. Grain was spilled all along the dirt roads and streets by the freighter. The blackbirds used to swarm in the streets of Sonora in the early morning. Major Deberry saw them and decided he wanted a blackbird pie—so he cut loose with a double-barrel gun in the streets—He got the bird pie, but it cost him about \$15 a dozen —"at's high for bird pie—" He disturbed the peace. Folks came a-running in night dress to see who had been murdered!

"Booger Red, the First" was a bronco buster for Mayers and other ranchmen. He used to bring his horses to Sonora and ride them on the streets.

The Murphys had a sign "The Devil's Retreat," and Abe Mulkey saw it one morning while holding a meeting here—He pulled off his

coat and rolled up his sleeves and went in saying "he had been fighting the devil always, but never had him cornered before." Steve Murphy said he was the "Devil" to wade into if he wanted an Irish fight."

Three ranchmen sold a bunch of cattle, took a check on the bank, and the cashier told them that they had no currency. And they made him count it out in silver dollars. They put it in double coffee sacks and took it home. Next day a neighbor passed their ranch and they were throwing the dollars in 3 piles.

In the early days bacon was called "sow-belly;" and molasses or syrup was "lick."

A cowboy went in a restaurant to eat. The waitress asked him how he wanted his eggs. His reply: "On a plate, please."

Stopped at a ranch for dinner—and the lady asked me how I want-

ed my coffee sweetened, long or short. Long was "syrup;" short was "sugar."

A sheepman who was camped at a water hole down the draw, used to come in and get pretty full. He would say he was the best sheepman that ever hit the "Paradise." For he had never paid out a dollar for grass, water or salt. Everything was free to him.

A wonderful change has taken place in the Sonora country in the last 30 years. Telephones, radios, woven wire fences, shearing machines, good roads, highways and automobiles, which puts and keeps us in touch with what's going on in the outer world.

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CHILE, Gebhardt's No. 1 Can, No Beans	16c	TAMALES "Pure Maid"	2 cans	25c
PINEAPPLE, Del Monte, Crushed, No. 2 can	15c	PEACHES, Shortcake, Monarch No. 2 1/2 can	23c	
PUMPKIN, Our Best, 2 No. 2 cans	19c	PUMPKIN PIE SPICE	2-oz. can	8c
BAKER'S COCOA, 1-lb can	16c	BAKER'S COCOA, 1/2-lb can	10c	
PITTED DATES, 2 7 1/2-oz. pkgs.	17c	COCOANUT, Fresh	1-lb cello bag	19c
BRAZIL NUTS, New Crop	1b 15c	PECANS, New Crop, Thin Shell, good size,	1b	15c
BAKER DOT CHOCOLATE	1/2-lb. bar	CRISCO, SNOWDRIFT, or SPRY,	3-lb	49c

BEANS, Pintos, Choice Colorado Recleaned 10 lbs 39c

RINSO'S Good Will Offer	2 25c pkgs.	39c	SOAP, CRYSTAL WHITE,	7 Bars	25c
CATSUP, "J—ersey"	14-oz. bottle	10c	PICKLES SOUR or DILL,	Quart Jar	15c
SYRUP, Log Cabin	25c can	19c	APPLE BUTTER, White House,	Quart Jar	19c
TOMATOES, Royal Rio"	6 No. 1 Cans,	25c	TOMATOES, Royal Rio,	No. 2 Cans, 2 for	15c
KRAUT, Texas Pack	No. 2 1/2 can	9c	MATCHES, Strikealite	6 Boxes	15c
PRESERVES, "Ma Brown" Tomato, 1-lb glass		19c	SCOTT'S TISSUE,	three 1,000-sheet rolls	22c
KLEENEX, 200-sheet Boxes,	assorted colors	13c	PAPER NAPKINS, Colored,	80 count, 2 for	15c

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SPUDS, No. 1 Colorado,	10 lbs	16c
AVACADOS, California,	3 for	25c
SQUASH, White or Yellow,	2-lbs.	9c
CABBAGE, Fresh and Green,	2 lbs.	5c
SPINACH, Fresh, Crisp	2 lbs.	9c
PUMPKINS, All Sizes,	lb.	2 1/2c
ORANGES, Texas,	Dozen	20c
ALL BUNCH VEGETABLES,	3 for	10c
ONIONS, Yellow	3 lbs.	10c
GRAPEFRUIT Good Ones,	2 for	5c
GREEN TOMATOES FOR CHOW CHOW		

AUTUMN ADVENTURES SALE
Highest Quality **MEATS**

OYSTERS, Baltimore Select, Pt. 43c; Standard, pt. 38c	
ROAST, Selected Grain Fed Beef, No. 7	1b 20c
ROAST, Selected Beef, Rib or Brisket,	2 lbs. 27c
BACON, Corn King, Extra Lean, Sliced,	lb. 25c
PORK CHOPS, Small and Lean,	lb. 23c
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Mrs. Raymond Morgan, Society Editor

Mrs. W. B. Wilson Introduced At Wednesday Tea

To introduce Mrs. Willie B. Wilson of San Angelo, Mrs. Nannie B. Wilson and Mrs. Lloyd Earwood were hostesses at tea Wednesday at the Sonora Women's Club.

In the receiving line were the honoree, hostesses and Mrs. Duke Wilson. Mrs. Sol Kelly presided at the register. Mrs. Rip Ward, Mrs. Cleveland Jones, Mrs. Sidney Millsbaugh, Jr., of Ozona, Pat Cooper of Fort Stockton, and Mrs. Leo Brown were in the house party.

Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken and Mrs. Sam Hull poured tea the first hour and Mrs. Sterling Baker and Mrs. Josie McDonald presided the second hour.

The tea table was centered with a bowl of white and lavender chrysanthemums on a reflector. Lavender candles in crystal holders burned on each side of the centerpiece. A color scheme of lavender and white was used in the decorations and refreshments.

Musical numbers were played by Mildred Dusek, Henry Dusek, and Joseph Romich, all of San Angelo.

Those calling during the day were Mesdames E. F. Vander Stucken, Sam Hull, Sidney Millsbaugh, Rip Ward, Pat Cooper, Cleveland Jones, H. V. Stokes, B. M. Halbert, Jr., M. A. Valliant, Nettie Steen, Fred Earwood, Stella Keene, Bryan Hunt, Cleve Jones, Ben Cusenbary, W. R. Cusenbary, Cashes Taylor, P. J. Taylor, R. C. Vicars, D. O'Leary, Nannie Wheat.

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W. S. C. S. Meets With Mrs. Dameron

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held their social at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dameron Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hix Hall played a musical number to open the program and then the group sang "The Kingdom Coming." Mrs. Dameron's topic was "The Heritage of Women in Christian Service."

A report on the work accomplished by the missionaries in the Phillipine Islands was read by Mrs. A. W. Awalt. Mrs. J. T. Sellman's talk was on African, Bulgarian, Poland and India's missionaries and how they had raised the women to a higher standard. Japan was discussed by Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Mrs. Pearl Welch gave the report on the missionary conference held in San Antonio. Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson attended the meeting.

A gift was presented to Mrs. R. F. Davis who left Thursday for Hondo where he was transferred.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Robert Rees, Pearl Welch, Lem Johnson, J. T. Sellman, Artie Joy, W. E. Caldwell, Rita Ross, A. W. Awalt, Joe Trainer, Rose Thorp, R. F. Davis, Joe Logan, John Lowrey, G. H. Davis, C. E. Stites, E. E. Sawyer, J. F. Howell, Hix Hall, I. B. Boughton, and Ruth Ellsworth of New York City.

The R. F. Davis' Given Farewell Dinner Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Davis were given a farewell dinner by the teachers and officers of the Methodist church Tuesday evening at the basement of the church.

After dinner, H. A. Dalton, superintendent of the Sunday School, gave an informal talk on "How to Increase the School Church Attendance," and Rev. Davis made a short talk. A round table discussion was held. Mrs. H. V. Stokes presented Rev. and Mrs. Davis a gift of appreciation.

Teachers and officers present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, Mesdames Dave Locklin, Tom Driskell, Stokes, Edgar Shurley, Pearl Welch, John Lowrey, M. O. Britt, Bailey Renfro, Clay Atchison, Authur Carroll, Cashes Taylor, Raymond Morgan; Misses Louise Briscoe, Gertrude Babcock, Nonette Camp; Darrell Beard and Hubert Speece.

Miss Dameron Honored On Birthday

Mrs. W. H. Dameron honored her daughter, Marjory, on her 13th birthday Tuesday with a treat party.

After the show the girls returned to Mrs. Dameron's home for refreshments and to play games. The Hallowe'en motif was used throughout the party and the rooms were decorated with yellow chrysanthemums. The white cake centered the table adorned with thirteen candles in marshmallow holders.

Miss Dameron received gifts from:

Sammy Jean Allison, Martha Jo Morrow, Frances Atchison, Marguerite Howell, Berie Dawn Gibbs, Flora Jean Hildreth, and Josette Boughton.

Mrs. Maysie Brown



Mrs. Maysie Brown is assistant cashier at the First National Bank. She has been a resident in Sonora for several years and is an active member of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Howard Kirby Honored at Party Monday Afternoon

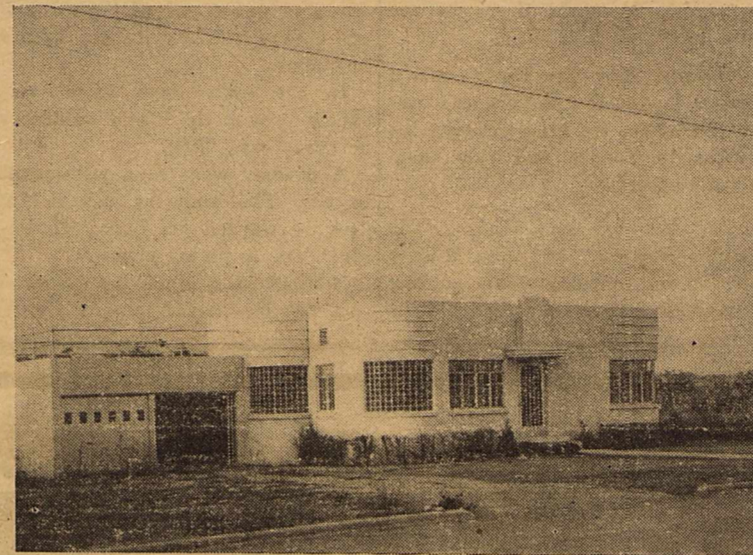
Mrs. Preston Prater was hostess to the Sub Deb Club Monday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. M. Stokes. Mrs. Howard Kirby presented gifts from the members and guests.

A color scheme of pink and blue was used. Mrs. Prater won high score and Mrs. Ernest McClelland was high for guests. Flowers in past shades decorated the playing room.

Mrs. Prater served a salad plate to Mesdames Kirby, Dewitt Lancaster, Seth Lancaster, Bill Norris, Jack Turney, Rip Ward, J. W. Taylor, W. P. Truitt, Miers Savell, Cleveland Jones, Rose Thorp, Joe Trainer, McClelland, Dave Locklin, and W. B. McMillan.

Miss Rose Fields of San Francisco visited her cousin, Mrs. Alvis Johnson, last week. Miss Fields arrived Sunday and left Wednesday for Austin where she expects to spend a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Fields. This was Miss Fields' first trip to Texas. Her father, Dr. D. B. Fields will be remembered here.

BROWN'S HOME IS MODERN IN DESIGN AND FURNISHINGS



One of the most attractive homes in Sonora is that of Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown. The home in the above photograph, has four rooms and is very modern from the patio topped garage, glass brick windows to the furnishings in the interior.

The living room paper is dusty pink with a silver horizontal stripe and the rug is light green. The furniture is brown and tan. A round table and a red occasional chair completes the furnishings. One corner of the room has a round window enclosed with glass bricks.

From the living room, one enters the dining room. This room is papered in dusty pink with a large floral design imprinted on it. Blonde furniture, upholstered in tan, carries out the modern scheme. A light green rug, resembling the one in the living room, covers the floor. Adding to the beauty and convenience of the room, is a large glass brick window, similar to the living room window.

Joining the dining room is the kitchen. The color scheme is blue and white. The top of the cabinets are covered with blue linoleum of the same design as the floor coverings. White cabinets and fixtures complete the modern kitchen.

The hall, papered in white and with a light green carpet, is entered either by the living room or

Royce Brickers Feted at Shower Saturday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Bricker were honored Saturday evening with a gift party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finous Gill. Mr. and Mrs. Bricker were recently married in San Angelo.

Hallowe'en and guessing games were played. Floral arrangements were of the Hallowe'en colors, and the gifts were wrapped to carry out the Hallowe'en motif.

Punch and cookies were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Bill Horton, Johnnie Andrews, Leonard Bingham, O. F. Gill, and Ollie and Oscar, Wendell Hoskins, Beaumont Speed, G. W. Kisselburg, and George B., Sam Adams and Delmar Lee and Tony, George Powell, J. V. Roberts, Otis Horton, J. C. Harris, and Carl Harris; Mrs. W. L. Palmer; Misses Willie Mae Eskew, Jayne Kyle Kiser, Alma Merck, Annie Mae Lakey, Nellie Jo Baker, Faye Harris, and Alma Lackey; and W. C. Bricker, Dorothy Mae, Jack and Billy Bricker, Pete Harris, V. J. Coleman, Robert Eskew, Cloma Roberts and Scott Roberts.

Cliff Johnson Hosts at Party For Social Hour

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnson entertained with a forty-two and bingo party Saturday evening at the Henry Greenhill home.

Fall flowers decorated the house. Mrs. Herbie Hart won high for the ladies, Cashes Taylor high for the men and Cliff Johnson received the low prize.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Hart, Cashes Taylor, Lewis Rouche, Bud Smith, Lee Patrick, Ford Allen, H. L. Taylor, T. A. McMillan, Easy Ezell, G. W. Archer, and Henry Greenhill and Duward Archer.

Hallowe'en Motif Used At Entertainment in Club Hall

Mrs. Earl Duncan and Miss Jean Saunders entertained Monday afternoon with a bridge party at the Club House. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Harold Saunders, Mrs. Batts Friend and Mrs. Raymond Morgan.

Each one in the house party was presented a corsage of chrysanthemums.

The Club Hall was decorated in orange and black, the Hallowe'en motif. Chrysanthemums in pumpkin vases, tallies of witches and orange clothes were used to carry out the chosen scheme.

Prizes of pot plants were won by Mrs. Libb Wallace, high; Mrs. Sidney Millsbaugh, of Ozona, second and Mrs. A. W. Awalt, cut.

A salad plate was served to Mesdames: Frank Bond, I. B. Boughton, Ben Cusenbary, John Fields, E. F. Vander Stucken, J. A. Cauthorn, Lloyd Earwood, Johnnie Hamby, Carl Morrow, Joe B. Ross, Sam Karnes, Andrew Moore, Ralph Trainer, Reta Ross, J. F. Howell, Lem Johnson, R. C. Vicars, John L. Nisbet, Josie McDonald, G. H. Hall, R. A. Halbert, John Eaton, G. H. Davis, Sterling Baker, C. A. Tyler, O. G. Babcock, P. J. Taylor, F. T. Jones,

Mrs. L. E. Holland Wins High Score At Club Party

The Nine of Spades Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. R. E. Taylor Friday evening.

Mrs. L. E. Holland received the high score award.

A salad plate was served by Mrs. Taylor to Mesdames James L. Decker, D. L. Dukes, Holland, Marjorie Batson, Blanche Bode, P. M. Carroll, and Miss Viola Adams.

Cashes Taylor, W. E. Caldwell, W. D. Wallace, Joe Brasher, Claude Stites, J. D. Wallace, Geo. Trainer, Sr., Sol Kelly, Joe Berger, Awalt, Libb Wallace, Francis Wood, Harvey Morris, Dee Lyles, Bert McIntyre, Lee Patrick, Millsbaugh, Lee Labenske, George Barrow, Harry Harrison, L. L. Gulley, Robert Rees, Robert Kelly, Earl Lomax, B. M. Halbert, Jr., W. H. Dameron, Bill Barnes, Arthur Carroll, Tom Driskell, Anita Lines and Cecil Allen; Misses Nann Karnes, Ada Steen, Margie Tyler and Guggle Marion.

Mrs. Alvis Johnson



Another long-time resident of Sonora, is Mrs. Alvis Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Red Cross and has taken an active part in other activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Willman were in San Angelo Saturday.

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Mrs. Turney Admires Today's Young People

Mrs. Frank Turney came to Sonora from Junction City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Stephenson, in the spring of 1890. She was little Lottie Stephenson then, nine years of age. There was no school in Sonora yet, but she went with her people and others to Sunday School and other church services in Wentworth—but not for long—for the roundtop schoolhouse was soon finished in Sonora on the site where the Masonic building and the Church of Christ now stand.

"Prof. Belle and wife were among our first school teachers, said Mrs. Turney. "Sunday School and church services for all denominations were held in the schoolhouse. My father rhymed an indication of Sonora's rapid growth in the first three years of its history thus:

A Sunday school was started—
Some of you remember—
Just three years ago
Last December;
With thirteen little pupils—
Is it not bewildering;
Now we have a Sunday school
With three hundred children.

"I was born in the old fort at Fort McKavett where my father was a soldier. After he got his honorable discharge at the end of his enlistment we moved to Junction City. He died 30 years ago and my mother passed away about six years later. During the 50 years I have known Sonora as a home I have raised eight children, and all of them have high school diplomas; five graduating from Sonora high school and the other three getting most of their high school education here. I am mighty proud of them."

Miss Lottie Stephenson and Frank Turney were married on August 26, 1900. He died in 1931, and during the past five years she has conducted a successful dairy business in Sonora.

Mrs. Turney's children are: Mrs. J. D. Lloyd of Sonora; Mrs. Blanche Collier, of this city; Mrs. Anna Crowell, of Sonora; Hilton Turney, who ranches near Camp Allison; Frank Turney Jr., of Sonora; Mrs. Mildred Merck, of Sonora; Max Turney of the Red & White Store staff; and Lynden Turney of the H. V. Stokes Feed Company.

"The comforts of life as we now understand them did not exist in early-day Sonora; but we were very happy, as I remember. We made our own fireworks — fireballs we called them—by wrapping enough strings around wads of cotton and soaking them in kerosene oil. When they were set on fire we could pick them up and throw them without burning our hands.

"We played open-air and indoor games. There was no money for cold drinks except on the 4th of July, when we had good lemonade. There were no picture shows of course; but we had an occasional traveling show, and frequent plays with home talent. And it seems to me that children were more contented then than now. I am a modern. I admire all the great improvements that have enriched life during the past 50 years; think boys and girls understand each other better than when I was a girl; and the present is much to be preferred to the conditions that went before. But there had to be a foundation laid for the better life we have now; and the early settlers of Sonora and Sutton county seem to have done their work pretty well, I reckon."

Markets for about 65 per cent of former European cotton exports have been cut off by naval blockade as a result of the war.

The 1940-41 session is the fourth consecutive year that the world supply (carry-over plus production) of American cotton has been close to 25 million bales.

Lem E. Johnson First Native Son

Lem E. Johnson, born November 18, 1889, at his father's ranch on the Dry Devil's River, some 20-odd miles southwest of Sonora, is traditionally known as the county's first native-born citizen, inasmuch as he came earliest into this part of the world after Sutton county had been created by the Texas Legislature. He is the son of J. C. and Eunice Johnson, both deceased, who came to the Devil's River country in 1887 and settled on the ranch where he was born.

"Johnson's Run" is frequently mentioned in the copies of the Devil's River News of the 1890's and after. It is a draw just over the ridge from the old J. C. Johnson ranch headquarters, where the Johnson horses used to run in the earliest times.

The Johnson pioneers came from Callahan county and ran stock hereabouts a couple of years before there was a town known as Sonora, but they knew that Sutton county was a fact and was later to be organized.

Young Lem E. Johnson got his early education in the excellent schools that were soon provided in the new and growing town of Sonora and learned the stock business on his father's ranch and elsewhere. He is the foreman of the Aldwell Brothers ranch at this time.

Lem E. Johnson and Miss Jessie Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, were married at the Smith home in Sonora on August 25, 1915. They have one son, Lem Eriel Johnson, 22; a graduate of Texas A. & M. College.

"HOMEWARD BOUND" PENNANTS OF THE NAVY

The longest pennants used in the U. S. Navy are the "Homeward bound" pennants. When a ship has served for more than year on foreign duty, it flies the pennant on its return to the United States. The usual procedure is to allow one foot of pennant for each man in the crew. The U. S. S. Houston, when returning from duty in the Asiatic fleet, had a pennant 575 feet long.

When this pennant is hauled down there is a grand rush by members of the crew to get a remnant as a souvenir.

Teachers' College Exes To Convene In Fort Worth

Sonora teachers who are graduates of Texas State Teachers Colleges have been advised that five thousand bulletins will bring to members of the Federated Ex-Students Association of the seven state teachers colleges, the program and other details of the annual banquet to be held in Fort Worth Friday, November 22, at the Blackstone Hotel. The association is composed of graduates and ex-students of Texas State Teachers colleges and the banquet is a feature of the annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association.

The bulletins are being printed by the North Texas State Teachers College, to be mailed by each of the seven teacher training institutions to its graduates and ex-students. The purpose of the Federated Association—the coordination of the Public Schools, the State Department of Education, and the State Teachers Colleges—is covered in a foreword of the bulletin, which also lists the officers of the association, officers of the local ex-students association of each college, the program of the Fort Worth banquet, presidents of the teachers colleges, and the Board of Regents. Photographs of the officers of the associations, presidents of ex-student groups, and participants on the banquet program are a feature of the bulletin.

Banquet tickets have been prepared and issued in quotas to all state teachers colleges for pre-convention sales. Committees have been appointed from each ex-students association to promote ticket sales prior to the time of the Fort Worth banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly went to Lubbock Friday to visit their son, Robert, Jr., and to attend the Tech-Utah game Saturday.

There are several tropical possessions of the United States that today are under the direct cognizance of the Navy Department. Among these are Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Congratulations To The Devil's River News on the completion of 50 years continuous service to Sonora and Sutton County

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TRUCK EQUIPMENT

The Public Roads Administration has a questionnaire drawn up to find out what kind and type of trucks are now in operation, Lynn Shaw, manager of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, said today.

The plan is now reposing in the office of the National Defense Advisory Commission. If the idea gets approval all operators will probably be asked to describe their equipment when the time comes to register trucks for 1941.

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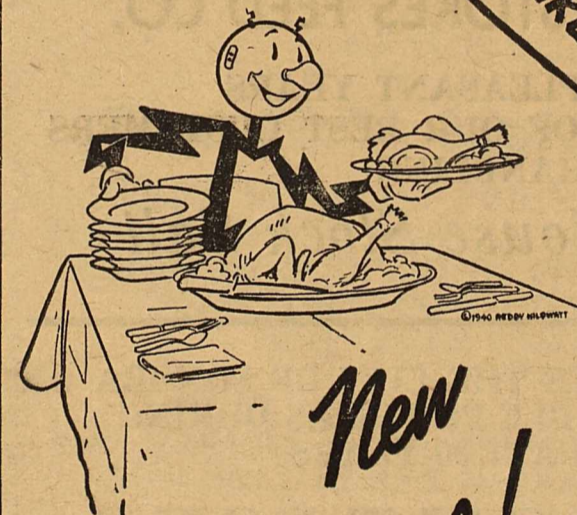
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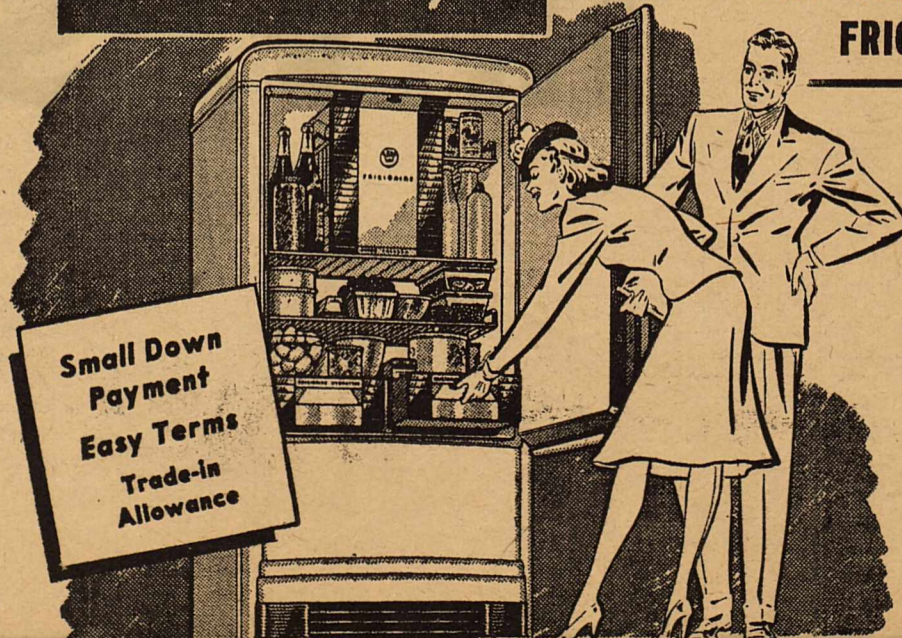
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Baptists To Get Dallas Building

Texas Baptists attending the Baptist General Convention in Houston are expected to sanction the purchase of a three-story building in the center of Dallas to be completely remodeled and air conditioned and to be used as a Baptist center for the state. The purchase was made recently by the relief and annuity board of the Southern Baptist convention, the pension organization covering 19 states. Its assets are over \$5,000,000. The building will include the executive offices of the Baptist General Convention, of Texas, headquarters for Sunday school, training union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Baptist Student Union Departments; The Baptist Standard Publishing Company; the Baptist Foundation and the Relief and Annuity Board. The Baptist Book Store will occupy the ground floor.

"War conditions will probably affect a great deal of our mission work in 1941 and the Houston convention will no doubt concentrate on foreign mission projects in Central and South America and put special emphasis on religious work in the home land," stated Dr. Campbell, executive secretary of Texas Baptist numbering 750,000.

An enlarged budget will be proposed which will include apportionments for nine Baptist schools and three hospitals and supplementary support of religious workers at mission posts, especially among the foreign-language speaking people of Texas.

BATTLESHIP REPLACEMENTS

The U. S. S. Arkansas and the U. S. S. Texas will be the first of six battleships to be replaced in the present naval construction program. These two will be replaced by the Washington and North Carolina, which are now under construction.

Thirteen of our present fleet of fifteen battleships are over sixteen years old, the Colorado and West Virginia being the only exceptions.

CHAMP MILK DRINKERS

University of Texas students are doing their part to keep the Texas dairy industry booming, a recent 30-day check revealed.

The survey of patrons seating at the Commons, University cafeteria disclosed 73 milk-drinkers out of each 100 customers at lunch and dinner, 54 out of each hundred breakfast eaters, Dr. Jet Winters, University home economics professor, said.

About 4 per cent of the men's trays checked carried more than one half-pint bottle of milk for breakfast, 14 per cent at lunch and dinner, while during the whole month's survey only one girl called for a second bottle. Students are more milk-conscious than are faculty members, their trays indicated.

A record total of 365,838 crop insurance contracts on the 1941 crop were taken out by winter producers in the United States, an increase of 60,000 over last year's number.

Sunday Chosen As "Navy Day"

Navy Day, which comes Sunday, was first celebrated in 1922 and was sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, a voluntary association of individuals who seek to place information about the U. S. Navy before the citizens of this country. Since that time the official approval and cooperation of all patriotic and veterans associations have been offered in support of observance of this day.

The day selected to hold observance of Navy Day is October 27th. This day was chosen for two reasons: First, on October 27, 1775, members of the Continental Congress introduced the first Navy Bill; second, October 27th is the Anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, who was born on October 27, 1858, in New York City.

Therefore, October 27th is observed each year as Navy Day, with the hope that the people will become better acquainted with the traditions, ideals and purposes of their Navy. As interested parties in this Federal institution, and upon whom its proper maintenance very largely depends, it is confidently believed that the more people know about their "First Line of Defense," the more likely it will be maintained in a condition to meet any national emergency that may arise. Therefore, on this special day it is sincerely hoped that the people will take advantage of the opportunity offered to become better acquainted with the Navy as it is and to give thought to the honorable services of the Navy in the past. It is the duty of every American to see that we have a Navy as large as the Treaty strength allows. Your Navy is an important factor in keeping this country at peace with the world.

MODERN ENOCH ARDEN THEME UNDERLIES FILM, "MY FAVORITE WIFE"

A breezy, sophisticated treatment of the familiar Enoch Arden theme bristling with modern trimmings and delightful plot twists is given the gay romantic comedy, "My Favorite Wife," co-starring Irene Dunn and Cary Grant, which comes to the La Vista Sunday.

A production by Leo McCarey, who directed the two stars in the smash hit, "The Awful Truth," "My Favorite Wife" presents Miss Dunne as a wife who has been missing for seven years, supposedly in a storm at sea.

She is miraculously saved, however, and returns home on the very day that her husband, Cary Grant, weds Gail Patrick. The newlyweds leave by automobile for Yosemite on their honeymoon, to which Miss Dunne flies and greets an astonished Grant. The hilarious developments gain momentum when Grant learns that she spent the seven years an island with handsome, athletic Randolph Scott — all of which is developed with a lightning-fast series of exciting sequences right through to the hilarious climax.

Garson Canin, who recently directed "Bachelor Mother," handled "My Favorite Wife" for RKO Radio. Bella and Samuel Spewack, who wrote "Boy Meets Girl," provided the screenplay.

Rise In Fire Losses Continues

AUSTIN, October 23—An increase of approximately 19 per cent in insured fire losses for the first eight months of 1940 over the corresponding period of 1938, was reported today by Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner. The figures were based on the fire reports of city fire marshals.

There was an increase of 67 per cent in insured fire losses in 1939 over the year 1935, and each year has brought a decided gain in losses. The total for the first eight months of this year is \$3,827,814. January, with insured losses totaling \$1,003,598 was the worst month by a margin of more than half a million dollars. Best month so far this year has been June, when losses totaled only \$293,281.

The Commissioner listed four things that should be done in each Texas community annually as a fire prevention measure to maintain a low loss level, (1) one or more inspections each month of mercantile and manufacturing districts, (2) a vigorous investigation of suspicious fires, (3) a dwelling house inspection, (4) and careful underwriting by local fire insurance agents and representatives of fire insurance companies for two reasons, (a) to determine moral hazard, (b) and the inspection of the risk involved will reveal the physical hazard and the sound value thereof.

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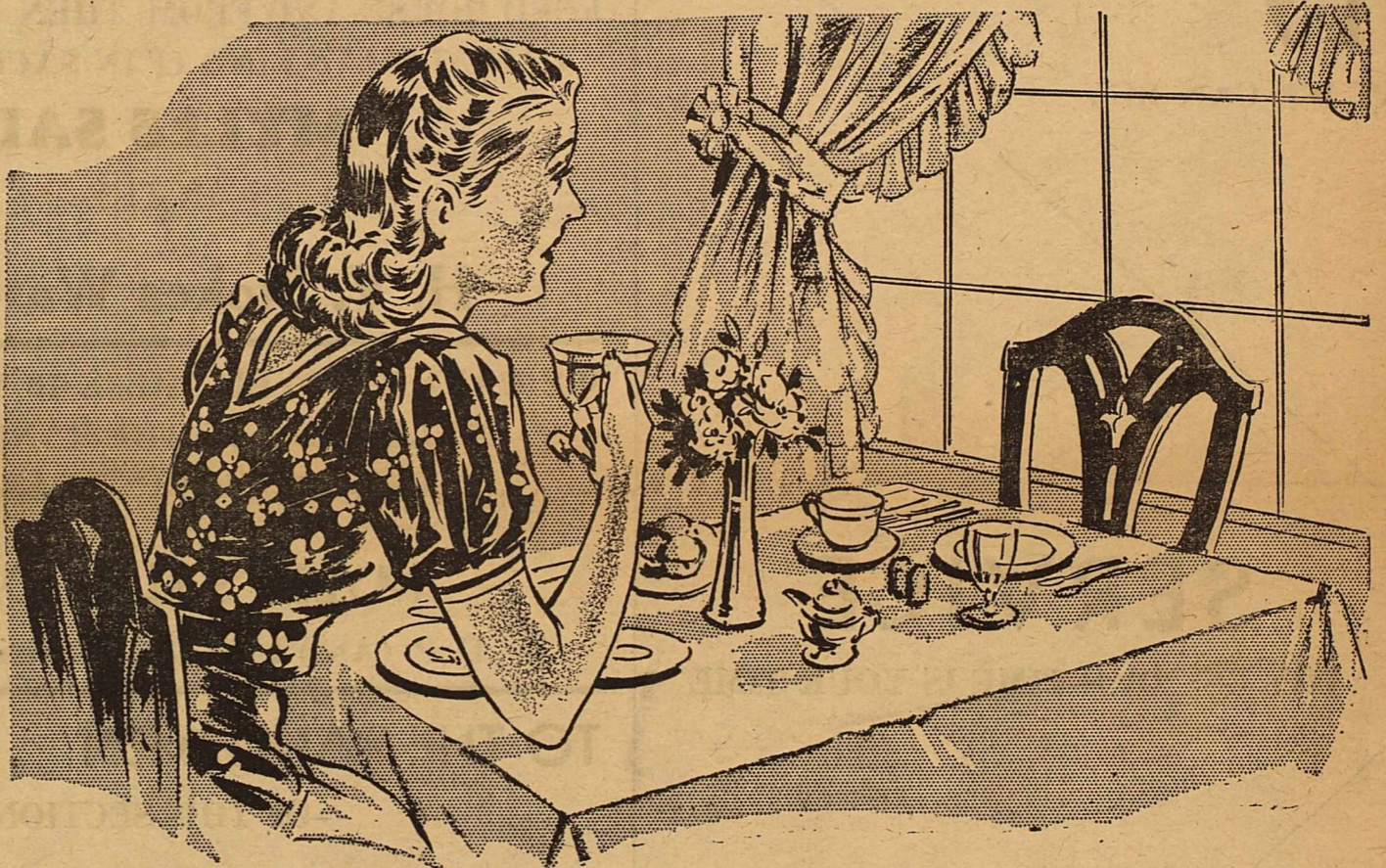
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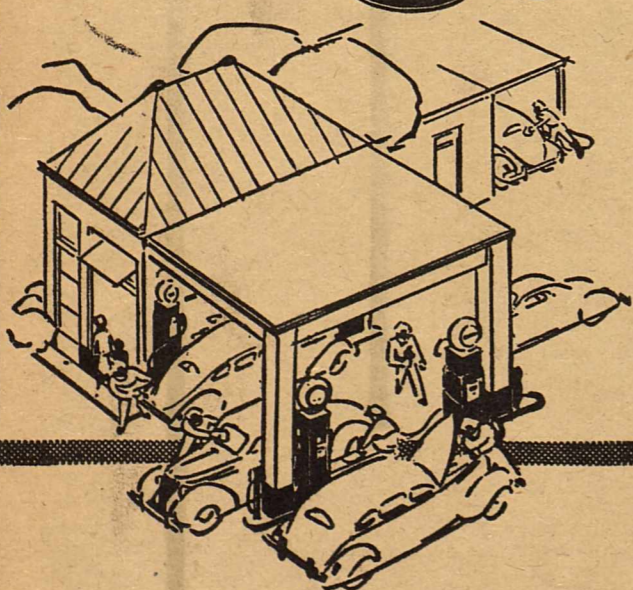
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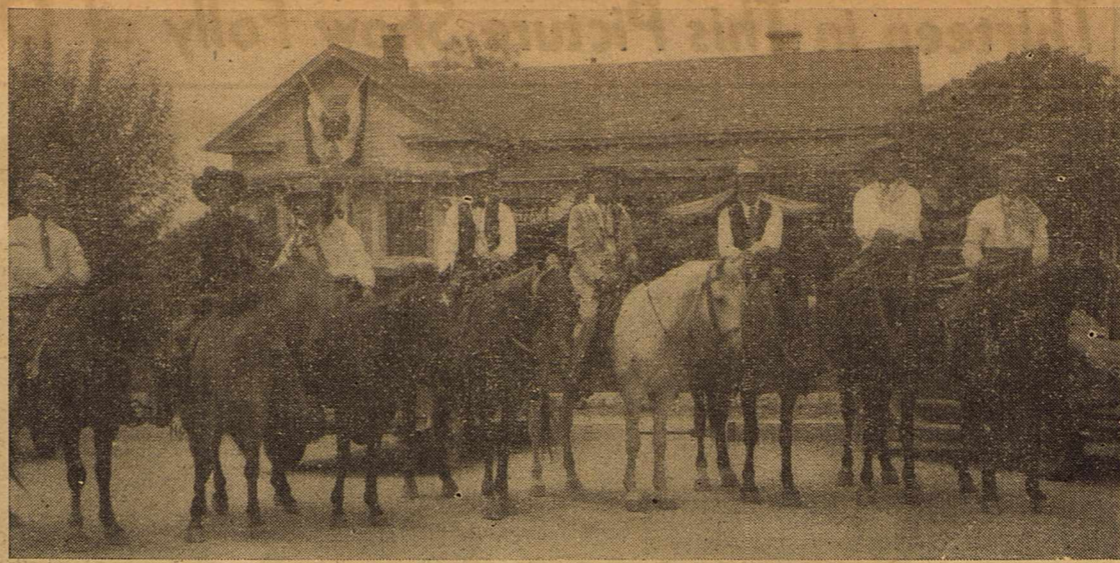
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W. L. Aldwell called "the Father of Sonora," and through whose influence the Santa Fe was induced to extend the Orient from San Angelo to Sonora, was unable, due to illness, to participate in the celebrate July 1 and 2, 1930, when the first train was run over the extension. On the first day a number of prominent citizens of this

section who worked with Aldwell for the railroad, "rode over" to his house to say "howdy" to their fellow cowboy and rancher. They are shown in the above picture. They are, left to right:

Fred Berger, breeder of registered sheep; T. M. Shorier, "Uncle" Johnnie Johnson, the father of the first white child in Sutton county; W. J. Fields, who went

to that county during the days before wire fences were known there; Walter Whitehead, who owns large ranching interests in the Devil's River country; Joe Ross, breeder of Hereford cattle; D. Wallace, cattleman and sheepman; and G. W. Stephenson, who raises some of the best Angoras in the United States.

Rancho Togs Shop Patents Furnishings

How would you like to have your curtain rods made out of end gates, your chairs out of end gates covered with wool sacks, or a table made out of a chuck box?

Although it might sound impossible or possibly impractical, that's exactly how the Rancho Togs and Toggery Shop is furnished. Protected by patent, the furniture designed by Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead, and built by hand on her ranch, was installed last spring when the shop was opened. Rancho Togs and Toggery was incorporated in September with Miss Lois Nell Whitehead taking a block of stock.

Featuring mostly California and western styles, it was the intention of Mrs. Whitehead, and Mrs. Anita Olivies Lines, who manages the shop, to appeal to the atmospheric taste of West Texas.

Quite a bit of the buying is done in Fort Worth, which, according to Mrs. Lines, is fast becoming a style center of Texas.

Before coming to Sonora, Mrs. Lines was with the Fredericks Importing Company in Mont Clair, New Jersey, and at Roachs Department Store in Del Rio, where she managed the California Shop.

Rancho Togs is without doubt one of the most novel shops in Texas. The visitor is immediately impressed with the clever conversions of ordinary ranch equip-

Three Entertain With Shower for The Ralph Crowes

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crowe of San Angelo were entertained Thursday evening with a shower and bridge party by Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Mrs. Lem Johnson and Mrs. R. A. Halbert at the Halbert home.

Mrs. Batts Friend won high score for the women and Mrs. Howard Kirby high cut. Mr. and Mrs. Crowe were presented a chest of silver by the hostesses.

A blue and white color scheme was used and fall flowers decorated the home.

Pumpkin pie and coffee were

ment into modern furniture.

First, there is the mirror made from the fifth wheel of a wagon and trimmed with rope. Curtain rods and dress racks are made of branding irons, curtains from wool sacks, the display table from a chuck box, and the window display is a large wooden horse shoe, studded with square-headed nails which are over fifty years old.

Mrs. C. A. Tyler to be Convention Delegate

Mrs. C. A. Tyler has been chosen for the Music Club to the Fifth District Convention of Music Clubs in San Angelo Friday and Saturday.

Miss Marie Watkins will represent the club on the Fine Arts Program at the close of the first meeting Friday night. She will sing "Voi, che papete," by Mozart from the "Marriage of Figaro," and "One Fine Day," by Puccini from "Madam Butterfly." Miss Watkins will be accompanied by Miss Gertrude Babcock.

The Club is making plans for an interesting group of concert attractions which will be announced at an early date. Last year, Ish-ti-opi, American Indian baritone, who is giving his first recital of the season at the Town Hall in New York City, sang here under the auspices of the club.

ON VACATION

Cleve Jones is going to spend his long postponed vacation on Sow Hollow hunting hogs. Len Johnson and Sam Karnes will share in the fun with Mr. Jones.

ATTENDS GAME

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond and Tommy of Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Busty Halbert and Rooster, Mrs. Anita Lines, Louie Trainer, George Edward Allison and Sam Karkes attended the football game between T. C. U. and A. & M. last week-end at College Station.

Miss Cathryn Trainer and James D. Trainer are spending the latter part of this week in San Antonio.

served to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor, Batts Friend, Hillman Brown, Howard Kirby, Cashes Taylor, Miss Ada Steen, George Wynn, Dr. Joel Shelton, R. C. Vicars, Lem Johnson and R. A. Halbert.

WILL MEET

The Episcopal guild will meet this Wednesday at the Church for a regular monthly meeting. All members are asked to attend.

The average life insurance bought by Texas People from all companies is approximately 2,800,000 per year.

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By B. M. HALBERT

"The Devil's River News" was established in Sonora, by the late Mike Murphy 50 years ago and he was joined a little later by his brother Steve. Mike gave this beautiful country its name—"The Stockman's Paradise," which it has carried to this day. I have not been here quite as long as The News. I landed in San Angelo 48 years ago, broke. There I met a ranchman in a wagon, who was up there for supplies, with two horses hitched to a little wagon. I asked him for a ride to this country. We left San Angelo one morning, that evening late he drove into the Concho River at Christoval, with his horses very dry. When the team had drunk their fill they could not move the wagon, so I took off my shoes and socks, rolled up my pants and my friend asked me what I was going to do. I said "get us out of here." I took the big gravel from in front of the wheels, and took a hold on one hind wheel and told him to pop 'em on the tail and we went out in high gear—we camped that night on the river, next night out where Vernan used to be, and the third day out we were on the divide about where Eldorado is today. I told my friend goodbye and headed for my brother's ranch east on the divide about 10 miles away. There I got a job working on the ranch at \$20 per month the first year, second year \$25 per month—worked on the ranch about two years, learning the ranch and sheep business. Someone told the late Dr. March about me and he sent out after me and gave me the job of keeping books in their Sonora store—The store changed hands three or four times but I was invoiced and went with the business each time. The town of Sonora and The Stockman's Paradise country were indeed wide open then, just a few pastures. Cattle and horses turned loose and sheep herded on the open ranges. The Mexican herders were paid from \$12 to \$15 per month.

Wool sold around 10 to 14 cents per pound, the sheepmen held their muttons until they were two or three years old (big enough to eat?) and sold them for \$1.75 to \$2.25 per head when fat and shipped to market. The steer yearlings sold around \$10 per head to be held until they were two's and three's by the steer men. Then shipped to grass in the North or to market. Before the World War we never killed anything to eat until it was grown (Big enough to eat) Now we kill and eat calves, lambs and kids, just as a wolf does. Why? Because they are better eating. As the ranchmen began to drill wells and lease and buy the lands in the Paradise they began to fence their pastures with three and four barb wires, and in ten years it was all fenced. When I bought my ranch 42 years ago last July it was fenced, and the owners had leased but 2 1/2 sections of the 10 1/2 sections in the pasture, and that lease had been out two years. Men respected each others ranch holdings then, but won't do that in these days. I took the census of Sutton county in 1900, and valued all ranch lands at a dollar an acre, because the state was asking that for its school lands, and it was easy to figure a ranch at that price.

Two or three prominent ranchmen objected to me putting that price on their lands saying "it is not worth but 50c or 75c per acre." I said "No," and advised every one of them to buy their four sections of school lands at the \$1.00 per acre price, with three per cent interest and 40 years time, and quite a number of them did. If I remember right there were about 120 ranchers in the county, running cattle, horses and sheep—with only three goat men in the "Paradise" and they were all making money. On June 30th that year I bought my first Angora goats at the Brown and Ross ranch.

In 1907 and 1908 the first wire fences were built in West Texas across the Pecos river by a Mr. Anderson with Elwood wire sold him by Findlater's. In the summer of 1908 Mr. Abbott told us about this Anderson fence and showed us the wire. Tom Adams, R. F. Halbert and myself were trying to run sheep and goats loose under

Thirteen in This Picture Show Folly of Old Superstition



It was a happy event when this family of 12 brothers and sisters and their mother were all together Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stallings, 1680 West Craig Place. Standing, left to right: John U. Trainer, Baytown; Joe G. and Jack E. Trainer, Goose Creek; Mrs. Edith Peters, Big Springs; Cliff L. Trainer, Baytown; George M. and Fred Trainer, Texas City. Seated: Miss Mildred Trainer, Sonora; Miss Serena Trainer, Austin; the mother, Mrs. Rena Trainer, Sonora; Mrs. R. D. Stallings, San Antonio; Miss Frances Trainer, Temple, and Mrs. Tom Neville, Odessa. The family group of 13 laughed at superstition when its members posed for their picture. Courtesy of the San Antonio Express—

six- and seven-barbwire fences, in adjoining pastures and the wolves were bad. So we three ranchmen went together agreeing to put up our outside fences around 35 sections, with 42-inch Elwood net

wire and gave Findlater's the order through Mr. Abbott for the wire—in a short time our fences were completed—the first woven with the Angora goats. Of wire wolf-proof pasture east of the Pecos river. In the summer of

1909 I bought sheep of Giles Hill and traps, but found that we had to change our inside fences to mesh wire before we could catch and control the wolves—We gave barbecues and wolf hunts, and our

neighbors would bring their packs of hounds and join us, and in a few years we had no wolf troubles. And now all of "The Stockman's Paradise" is under wolf fences, and you might say all of Southwest Texas is under woven wire fences, with sheep and goats running loose.

In the Early Day of Sonora

A bookkeeper sent a ranchman his bill, when he was working for March Brothers: "To March Bros., Dr." And the ranchman bet a neighbor that the "Dr." stood for Doctor March—and lost a five dollar bill.

We had no phone connection with San Angelo. One of the bosses came down and said corn had jumped to a dollar a bushel wholesale.

And we had a domino playing grain merchant that was selling corn at a dollar a bushel. I told him I would take all his corn, but he said he wouldn't "have anything to do." So we had to buy the corn a sack at a time. Some job!

The first telephone line was built by Sol Mayer from Sonora to San Angelo. The poles were gotten out of the Llano River and delivered at a dollar in Sonora.

It used to take a freighter from 6 to 8 days to make a round trip to San Angelo, with a team of (Continued on Page Three)

Store Wide Specials

FRIDAY, October 25 SATURDAY, October 26

Our Store Will Close at 6:30--Except Saturday

Grocery Department

COFFEE		MILK	
Folger's Regular or Drip		Borden's Silver Cow	
5 lbs...\$1.18	2 lbs...48c	1 lb...25c	7 large cans...49c
White Crest FLOUR		APPLE BUTTER	
24 lbs...94c		Pure	
12 lbs...49c	6 lbs...27c	18 oz. jar...10c	1/2 gal jar...29c
		1 gallon jar...49c	
CHERRIES, whole		SHORTENING	
Glace, lb...49c		Mrs. Tucker's	
		3 lb. carton...29c	8 lb. carton...75c
CITRON HALVES		PUMPKIN, No. 2 cans	
lb...33c		2 for...19c	
PINEAPPLE, sliced		PEAS, Trellis, No. 2	
Glace, lb...46c		Cans, 2 for...19c	
PECANS, shelled,		HOMINY, No. 2 1/2 can	
New crop, lb...47c		2 for...19c	
MARSHMALLOWS		SOAP, Palmolive	
1 lb. bag...15c		3 bars...20c	
COCONUT,		SOAP, Crystal White	
1 lb. cello bag...19c		10 bars...41c	
BRAZIL NUTS,		SUPER SUDS, blue	
New crop, lb...15c		1 large and 1 small...23c	
PEANUTS, Roasted		VEL, for finer fabrics	
lb...15c		Pkg...23c	
Date Nut Bread		TOMATO JUICE	
Dromedary, 2 cans...25c		C.H.B., LIBBY'S or CAMPBELL'S, 2 cans...15c	
RICE, White House		PINEAPPLE JUICE	
or Comet, 2 lb. pkg...15c		Doles or Del Monte...17c	
Wheatworth CEREAL			
Fresh Stock, pkg...19c			

SPUDS, washed russets 10 lbs 15c

CRANBERRIES Eatmor, 1 lb. bag...19c	CABBAGE, Green, firm 2 lbs...5c
ORANGES, Texas seedless, 288 size, 2 doz...25c	ONIONS, Yellow No. 1 2 lbs...5c
GRAPEFRUIT, Texas seedless, 96 size, doz...28c	GREEN TOMATOES 10 lbs...17c
APPLES, Red delicious 100 size, doz...27c	SPINACH, Texas New Crop, 2 lbs...9c
CARROTS, BEETS, MUSTARD GREENS, ONIONS 3 bunches...10c	BEANS, Kentucky Wonder, 2 lbs...11c
YAMS, No. 1 Sandy Land, 5 lbs...14c	SQUASH, White or yellow 2 lbs...7c

Dry Goods Department

COMFORTS		GIRLS'	
Large size		SLACK SUITS	
Asst. colors, each...1.98		8 to 14, each...1.95	
PRINTS, fast color		JACKETS	
Reg. 20 c yd., yd...15c		Men's Wool Plaid \$2.98 to \$8.50	
DRESSES		PRINTS, fast color	
Ladies wash 14 to 50, each...1.00		Reg. 15c yd., yd...10c	
Luncheon Sets, 50"X50" 6 napkins, each...79c		ANKLETS, children's asst. colors, pair...10c	
PANTS		MATERIAL	
Men's Army cloth Sanforized, pair...1.98		New Fall Patterns 59c to \$1.50 per yd.	
SHIRTS to match 14 to 16 1/2, each...1.98		SWEATERS	
JACKETS		Men's Sleeveless Asst. colors, each...1.00	
Men's Waterproof Fleece lined, each...1.98		PANTS, Men's khaki Green or tan, pair...98c	
OXFORDS		SWEATERS	
Boys Dress, black or brown, pair...1.98		Boys', sizes 6 to 12 Asst. colors, each...79c	
Children's Corduroy SUITS, assorted Colors, 0 to 8, each...2.98		SOCKS, Men's fancy patterns, 3 pair...25c	
SHOES, men's or Boy's work, pair...1.49		HATS, Men's Felt \$2.50 values, each...1.98	

Hardware Department

Silver Cream Polish Wright's, 8 oz...23c	LIQUID WENEER, 12 oz. bottle, each...43c
SPONGES each...10c	CANISTER SETS 4 in set...69c
ABRAZO, Aluminum cleanser, each...9c	GARBAGE CANS Step on, each...98c
STOVE POLISH, Black Silk, can...18c	FILES, Royal Mill 10 inch, each...20c

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PIG LIVER, pound...15c	ROAST, Fancy baby Beef, pound...19c
HAM HALVES pound...17c	VEAL STEAK pound...21c
HAM center slices pound...29c	PORK ROAST pound...18c
SPARE RIBS pound...15c	PORK CHOPS, lean Pound...22c
JOWLS, sugar cured 2 pounds...25c	PORK SAUSAGE 2 pounds...35c

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EDITORIAL

It has been called to our attention that some one has been driving around on our new sodded field in a car. We are sorry to hear this because we didn't believe that there are people here that didn't appreciate our town and school more than that.

Of course we don't know who did this thing and we are not trying to find out this time, but the next time we hear about it, we will find out who did it.

Sonora has been quite a number of years in getting a sodded field for the school because it takes a great deal of money to do the sodding and to keep it up after it has been sodded. Now that we have it, are we going to tear it up even before the first football season is over?

Many students have the idea that there is nothing wrong in chewing gum. We wouldn't see anything wrong with it if it weren't for the fact that it is very rude to be used in public.

Emily Post says, and we quote in the vernacular of the layman, "If there was a time or place to chew gum, the school room wouldn't be it."

Of course, we don't know much about this subject but we are always reminded of this maxim: "The difference between a student chewing gum and a cow chewing her cud is the intelligent expression on the cow's face."

IN THE HUDDLE

More new plays No wonder the substitutes seem to have turned around when they get to play. Although new plays help a team to make touchdowns, there is such a thing as having too many of them. It is better to have one play that the team knows how to work well than to have a hundred that they don't know.

One of our most important games of the year will be played Friday evening, and a large crowd is expected to attend it for it is going to be a tight game.

As for the Rocksprings game, just forget about it. It sure is something to want to forget, when Laddie intercepts a pass and runs for a touchdown, only to have a referee say he stepped out of bounds, then we want to forget it.

Senior Boys Organize Club

The mystery is no more. Since a week after school started several of the senior boys have been meeting every Sunday at Johnson. A club has been formed and members selected. The senior boys being foremen and all other members "dudes." Plans were made at the last meeting for a supper for members only, tonight. The club plans many such outings before the year is up since the purpose of the club is to get younger sets to cooperate more and thus have more get-togethers. Foremen of the club are: R. W. Johnson, Clayton White, O. L. Richardson, Clayton White, Harold Briscoe, Ponc Nueburg. Dudes will be announced later since not all have been selected as yet.

Students Present Assembly Program

Miss Milstead was sponsor to the assembly program held Friday, October 18. The program consisted of entertainment made up by the students of high school.

The first thing on the program was a duet sung by Doris and Jerry Meckel.

With Doris Meckel acting as announcer the following people gave talks:

Jack Sawyer, Marjorie Nesbit, Mary Jo Rape, and O. L. Richardson.

The judges were Flora Jean Hildreth, Don Nichols, and Gene Wallace.

Jamie Trainer presented emblems to all the students on the program. O. L. Richardson won a small medal for first place.

Troop 2 Decide To Go, On Hike

The Girl Scouts of Troop II met in the cafeteria Monday. The meeting was opened by saying the Girl Scout promise, led by Addie Thorp.

A picnic was planned for next meeting.

Broncos Talk It Up

The Mason Cowboys will be here today to try to ride the Broncos. But to hear the boys talk, they will have a pretty tough time of it. The Mason boys have a pretty tough squad, they won last year, and this is what is going to happen to them:

Captain O. L. Richardson—"We will fight to the last down."
 Co-Captain Willie B. Ory—"We're really going to tame those cowboys."

Quarterback Glen Richardson—"We're going to fight them."
 "Mousie" Merriman—"We're going to hit them hard."

Wilfred Berger—"We're going to beat them."
 Bench-warmer Wayne White—"Just sit and hope every minute."

Roy Copper—"We're going to whip them."

Biology Class Making Progress

The biology class has been working hard on their first outside project. This was catching and mounting butterflies. As well as staying up with the book. There were about thirty different kinds of butterflies caught. The next six weeks they are going to catch and mount insects. We hope to have as good luck or better in this project.

'I Won't Tell A Soul'

We wonder why Elizabeth (Betty) is such a Willkie fan. (Don't blame us if we make mistakes).

Doris Keene, what were you so happy about Friday, or maybe we should say all weekend. (Couldn't have been company from Austin!) Bernice had better watch Jim Hill!

Can you beat it? Mary Jo is going to Chicago . . . we wonder if she is really going—What about the ring from Ozona.

Seems as if you have some interest in San Angelo, Mary Lee—How was your trip to Sheffield? Buster seems to be on the spot as to whose ring Jewel Marie has—sorry, Buster, but we can't help you.

M-m-m. Willie Nell has a cold. Wonder who else has one?

Lois and June must have been frightened Sunday night!

Who was embarrassed in English class? How about Lois?

Who did what—in what class—to whom, Friday? (Manly).

What'cha all riled up about, Miss Flora Jean? S'matter, cant'cha take it?

Wreathed in smiles—and a boy at that! (Berger, you aren't interested in our new pupil are you? First come, first serve.

What new faculty member was seen with whom last Friday night?

ROCKSPRINGS TAPS SONORA BY 7-0

Last Saturday, the Broncos tangled with the Rocksprings Angoras in Rocksprings. The game was, so far, the most exciting of the season.

The spotlight for the day turned on O. L. Richardson, Jr., who intercepted a pass on the Bronco 3-yard line and ran ninety-seven yards for a touchdown, only to have it called back and ruled "out of bounds."

Another outstanding play of the afternoon was the dropkick for the Angora's conversion, by Jackson Lee Babb.

Below is a play-by-play description of the game:

LINEUP	
Sonora	Rocksprings
Stephenson	Brown
Shroyer	Draper
Cook	Huff
Odom	Noble
Berger	Cox
Nuerburg	Adams
Merriman	M. Babb
Johnson	Mitchell
O. L. Richardson	Thurman
Glen Richardson	Owens
Ory	Pearson
	Fullback

Rocksprings received. Sonora kicked with Glen Richardson holding and Merriman kicking. Pearson received the ball for Rocksprings and brought it up to the forty. Owens around right end for about a 12 yard gain. Mitchell on the next play picked up eight yards. Owens carried on the next play. Mitchell through left guard for several yards then fumbled and O. L. Richardson covered for Sonora. Richardson picked up about 7 yards. On the next play, Johnson lugged the leather for two yards. Richardson picked up about 2 yards for a first down. A pass from Richardson to Stephenson was a little long but at that it was a beautiful pass. Another pass was then tried but it was intercepted by an Angora, but an Angora player was off side on the Bronco kept possession of the ball. Richardson then sliced thru the line for about an eight yard gain. On the next play Richardson punted for fifty yards. Mitchell around left end for 3 yards, tackled by Ory. A lateral from Owens to Mitchell tackled by Stumpy after making a small gain. Owens lost about four yards, and made it a fourth down and 8 to go. Punted to Sonora where Glen Richardson received but fumbled, and an Angora recovered. Rocksprings made about a yard. On this play Owens to Mitchell lateral. Ory and Shrouer made the tackle. Owens passed but it was incomplete. Owens punted. Richardson received and is tackled by Adams. Richardson punted then and Mitchell received and was tackled by Stumpy. Mitchell laterals but it is a fumble with a Bronco recovering. Rex Merriman was the Bronco who covered the ball. Richardson passes but it is incomplete. Johnson loses about eight yards. Richardson then punts to the 50 yard line with Mitchell receiving. Owens passes but it is incomplete. Lateral to Owens who fumbles but recovers but is set back 20 yards. by Stumpy.

Third Quarter
 Merriman kicks with Richardson holding. Angoras stopped on the 34. Owens through right side of line for about 5 yards. Merriman makes the tackle. Pearson thru

Second Quarter
 Jackson Rabb substituted at the quarter. Rocksprings' ball on their own 30 yard line. Rabb punts. Glen received and is tackled by Mitchell. Sonora on their own 30. Richardson to Wright for about a yard. Next pass incomplete. Richardson punts with Mitchell catching to be tackled by Vernon Cook. Babb through the line for 8 yards. Picking up a fumble on the line Owens then loses about 7 yards. Ory made this tackle. Owens then punts, Johnson catches it on the 30 yard line.

Ten Pupils On First Six Weeks' Honor Roll

The students of S. H. S. received their report cards last Wednesday. Some were happy while others wore a gloomy look on their faces. Below are the ones who were especially happy:

HONOR ROLL
First Six Weeks
 Freshmen, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Sophomores, Marjorie Reba Nisbet.
 Juniors, Jack Sawyer, Willie Nell Hale, Fanny Sellman
 Seniors, Harold Briscoe, R. W. Johnson, O. L. Richardson, Doris Meckel, Mary Jo Rape
 Lion—R. W. Johnson, Jack Sawyer, 92.
 Lioness, Mary Jo Rape, Doris Meckel, 94.

Boy! Was He Dreaming

The Junior Class has been studying predicate adjectives. During class last week Glen was asked to give a sentence containing a predicate adjective. This is the conversation that took place:

Miss Milstead: Give a sentence containing a predicate adjective.
 Glen: The road was long and rough.

Miss Milstead: Now what is the predicate adjective?
 Glen: I don't know.

Miss Milstead: What is the subject of this sentence, "Mary and John are school children."
 Glen: Road.

"Lest We Forget"

France and Germany may have their revolutions but Sonora high school has one all of its own. The battle cry is "No more chewing gum for teachers and students."

Sonora Juniors Down Rocksprings, 28-0

The junior team's best playing was witnessed Friday afternoon when they beat the Rocksprings Juniors 28-0 on the Sonora field. It was nice to see that every member of the squad played, and that no one was seriously injured in the game. A return game is to be played in Rocksprings Friday, at 3:30 p. m. The boys are confident they can win. The Sonora line-up was:

Raymond Johnson	Left End
Raymond Cooper	Left Tackle
Earnest Bode	Left Guard
Donald Ray Behrens	Center
Charles Andrews	Right Guard
George Thurman	Right Tackle
Dickie Street	Right End
A. B. Crosley	Quarterback
Bobby White	Left Half
Barney Ensley	Right Half
Truett Wilson	Fullback

Substitutes: Clayton Hamilton, Olien Boughton, Billy Thurman, Frank Leslie Moore, J. D. Burch, Elmer Stuart, Narbert McIntyre, Joe D. Cook, and Cleveland Nance.

The most yardage was gained by passes and line plays. Touchdowns were made by Barney Ensley, Dickie Street and Truett Wilson. Some brilliant passing was done by Truett. Just keep it up next week, boys, and you will win again.

Personals

We are glad to have back with us this year Miss Betty Shoemaker who is classified as a Sophomore. Betty left Sonora when she was in the seventh grade.

Miss June Pfeister has been ill for several days.

We are glad to have Bernice McKee back at school again. Bernice had her tonsils removed.

Mama,
Gi' Me
S'More



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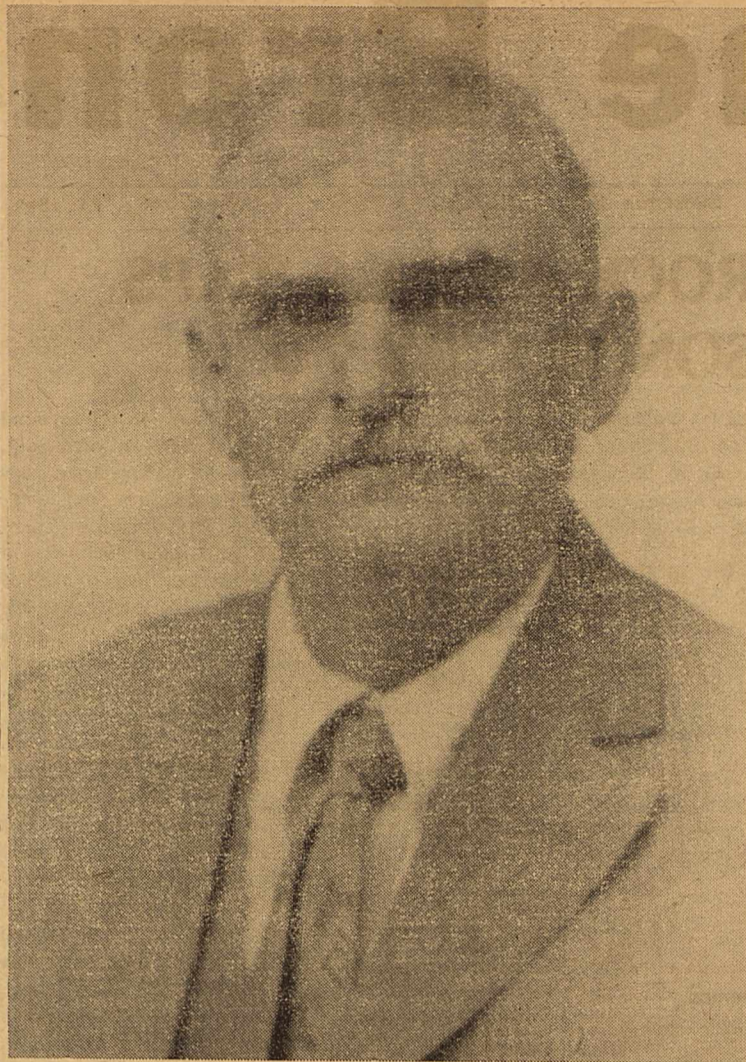
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Phone 150

Mrs. Frank Turney, Mgr.

S. H. STOKES



S. H. Stokes was one of the pioneers settlers of Sutton County. He ranched in this country for many years and is well known all over West Texas. He came to this country in 1888 and helped build the Court House in 1890. Mr. Stokes was elected County District Clerk in 1894 and held this office for two terms and in 1900 was again elected for a term of 6 years. He served on the last draft board with Roy Hudspeth and Dr. Craddock and was chairman of the board. He was active in politics all through life. He died in 1931.

Mrs George Trainer One of Older Citizens

The above photograph was taken about 1897 and represents Mr. and Mrs. George Trainer and their baby, the latter being R. D. Trainer, who has managed the grocery department in the Vander Stucken store in Sonora during the past 20 years. Mr. George Trainer died some four years ago, but his wife still lives in the old home which they built here in 1911 that they might live where there were good school facilities for their

children. They had moved to Sonora in 1902. Both the Trainers and the Adams family were more or less cognizant of the war which broke out between the cattlemen and sheepmen around Ft. Terrett in the middle 1880's when P. H. Wentworth began to fence the range thereabouts. The war raged along for years and ended only about the middle 1890's. Wentworth was the owner of the Fort Terret ranch, the houses for

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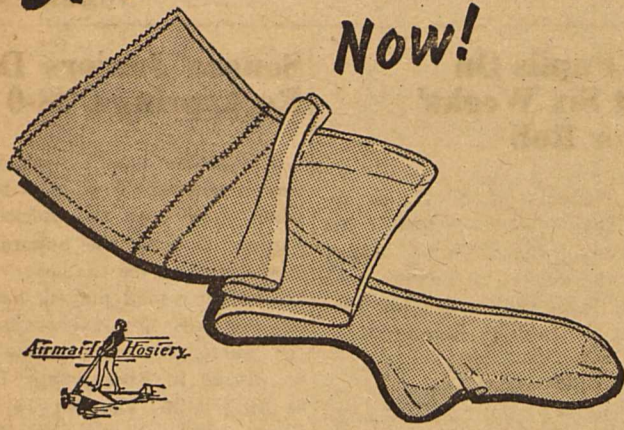
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Corner Drug Store Inc
SONORA, TEXAS

Peggy Willman Entertained With A Picnic Supper

Peggy Ann Willman, who was eight years old Friday, was entertained by her mother with a birthday picnic at the Junction park.

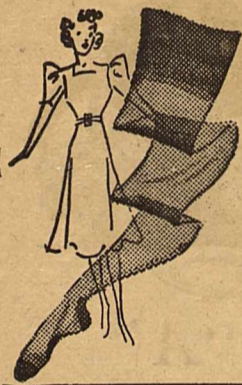
A picnic supper was served and after games were played, the children had a marshmallow roast.

Favors of balloons were given to each child.

Peggy Ann received gifts from Blanche Lavon Taylor, Peggy Sue Barker, Anne Karnes, Flora Dell Davis, Eddie Farrell and Beverly Smith, Martha Lou Renfro, Betty June Drennan and Darlene Barrow.

LOST—Fitted, dark glasses. Tartar-shell frames.—Lillie Marie Smith 2t-pd

Anniversary EDITION Sale



SHEER PURE SILK 3 prs.

HOSIERY \$1.00

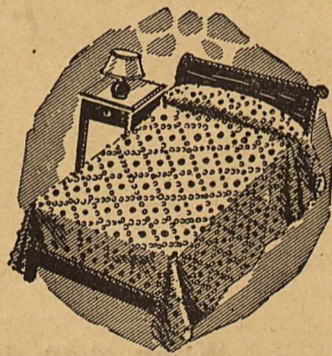
New Fall Shades (Limit 3)

\$1.39 Women's Blouse SWEATERS, each 88c

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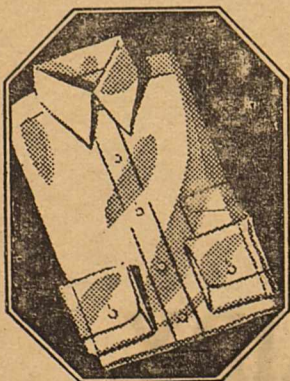
BED SPREADS, \$1.29 each

5 colors (Limit 2) 2 for \$2.50



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Men's SHIRTS Reg. \$1.00 Fast Color Starchless Collars 69c 2 for \$1.35 (Limit 2)



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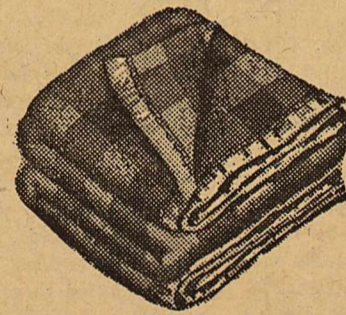
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BOYS' OR MEN'S SILVER GREY SWEAT SHIRTS, 2 for \$1

Regular 49c Girls 6-to-12 KNIT UNIONS, each 20c

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Soft Tan Plaids, Full Size 2 for \$2.50

(Limit 2)

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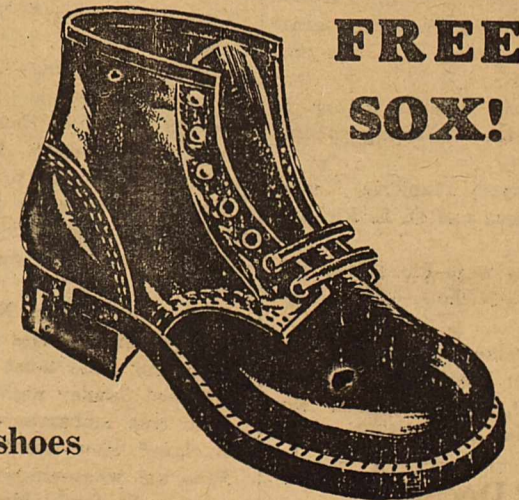
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RUBBER SOLE \$1.79

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2 PAIRS SOX FREE!! With each pair shoes above during sale



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Standard 6-inch Joints STOVEPIPE 10c (Limit 4)

City Variety Store 5c to \$5.00

29c Two-Quart Glass PITCHERS 10c (Limit 1)

PRESENT BANKING SYSTEM RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF PLANNING, HARD WORK

COX-RUSHING-GREER HAS FINE REPUTATION IN SAN ANGELO

The name and reputation of Cox-Rushing-Greer Company is behind every item which has been sold by that firm in the 27 years it has been in business in San Angelo.

That in itself is a sufficient guarantee of satisfaction. But the fact that Cox-Rushing-Greer sells only nationally-advertised quality merchandise is additional assurance. The store has become well known for the nationally-advertised lines it handles.

At Cox-Rushing-Greer Company one may find scores of products, the names of which have become household words, among them 18 lines which the firm has handled since the day it started business 27 years ago, and many others which have proven their worth and have been added since.

As an example of what is meant take the word Stetson — it has come to common usage as a word meaning "the best in hats." Stetson's have been sold by Cox-Rushing's for 27 years and by the C. B. Henderson Company before it.

Quality Is Guarded

But that is one of many. It is often pointed out that a person is known by the company he keeps. Likewise a store is known by the merchandise it handles, believe officials of this San Angelo company. They have, therefore, extended every effort to handle quality goods that reflect a favorable light on the store, choosing lines well known over the country in carrying out the idea.

Cox-Rushing-Greer has developed the understanding in West Texas that the firm carries goods of which the quality is guaranteed. Buying an article at Cox-Rushing's, therefore, is a guarantee in itself that if the customer is not satisfied the purchase price will be refunded.

Outstanding among the nationally advertised lines is the line of Kuppenheimer clothes, in which the Kuppenheimer individuality alone is an asset.

"Clothing bearing this name is inseparably associated with quality," says Carson C. Miles, who is in charge of the clothing department. "There is about each model a rare tempering of modern style with a genuine respect for service—and your comfort. Exclusive weaves, light in weight, shape-retaining and smartly handcrafted for style and usefulness are among the merits of Kuppenheimer," he said.

There are other nationally-known clothes, however, as the Hickey-Freeman line, a well-known product that is enjoying immense popularity, the Curlee suits, and products of Baltimore Clothes, Inc.

Dobbs Hats Popular, Too

While Stetson hats have long been leaders in their field of both cowboy and dress headgear, there are other lines, including the Dobbs and Borsalino, which are enjoying a wide sale.

In the way of underwear, pajamas and shirts none in the world are superior to those sold by Cox-Rushing-Greer, including the famous Manhattan and Van Heusen lines. The Van Heusen, with wrinkle-proof collar attached, has been a sensation, and another shirt in this class is the Essley. Universal sleeping garments, sold for years, are still well to the fore.

The shoe department carries a wealth of selections for men, women and children. Florsheim, a name meaning "best" in shoes, has been added in recent years. Stacey-Adams and Crosby Square footwear have been heralded to the world many times and on the women's side the customer may choose between such well-known

Shown at right is a \$75,000 investment. Constructed of Arkansas brick in 1928, the banking house is probably the most modern in this part of the Southwest. Its erection terminated a long period of business in cramped quarters.

Firm Head Was Delivery Boy in 1913

On the day that the Cox-Rushing-Greer Company started operations under its new name, March 26, 1913, Emmett D. Cox (see photo on inside page), now the firm's president, made the first delivery from the place of business to the home of Mrs. J. Willis Johnson.

He was working after school hours and on Saturdays, as he has done with the C. B. Henderson Company, which Cox-Rushing-Greer succeeded, using a horse and buggy for delivery purposes.

brands as Peacock, Trupoise, Selby Arch Preservers, Red Cross and a variety of dressier shoes for evening wear.

The Buster Brown shoes is believed to be the best known for children and the Buster Brown line of youth's footwear is featured in the new exclusive children's shoe department.

Interwoven and Holeproof hosiery for men and Brown Durrell models of the Golden line and Kayser and Holeproof designs are among those available to women wanting the best in hosiery.

Lee unionalls, Pool's overalls and work clothes, and Pioneer belts and suspenders are other nationally-advertised produces for men which may be found at the Cox-Rushing-Greer Company.

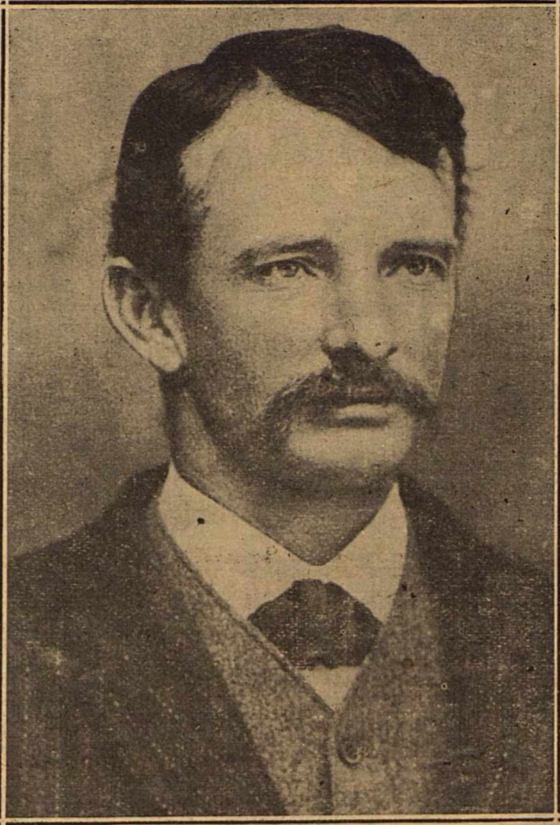
Bradley Knit frocks, sweaters and bathing suits need no introduction to persons who know anything about quality.

In the ladies' department and ready-to-wear divisions the entire lines are of the best. Dorothy Gray toiletries, for instance, or Del Monte-Hickey coats and suits and the A. Traina and Lettie Lee gowns and frocks for other examples.

Hartmann and Belber products are displayed in the luggage department, these being the best known. It is said that more Hartmanns may be found aboard trains and steamships than any other kind. The Peerless and other lines of Gladstones are also handled.

These and many other outstanding nationally-advertised lines may be found at Cox-Rushing-Greer Company, another link in the chain which marks this store as outstanding for quality merchandise.

First President of Bank



Ed. R. Jackson, rancher, was founder of the bank, and its first president. He apparently recognized the value of this territory, for he sold out a ranching interest in Crockett county and came here seeking to establish a bank in 1899.

ASSETS TODAY RUN WELL OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS

New Bank Building Costs \$75,000

The most beautiful architectural edifice in Sutton county is the new bank building, which was erected in 1928 at a cost of \$75,000.

Built of Arkansas brick, the structure was erected after a building committee meeting October 14, 1927, gave the go-ahead signal in spite of the fact that some thousand dollars had just been spent on the original house.

Formal opening was held January 7, 1928.

Located on one of the main corners of the city, the structure is on the main thoroughfare of transcontinental travel across the southern states, the old Spanish Trail, and is viewed annually by thousands of tourists.

It faces 35 feet on the city's main street, siding 90 feet on the street next of importance. It consists of a basement, first floor, mezzanine floor, and a second floor for offices, practically making a four-story structure.

The building is not only fire-proof throughout, but has been modeled after the most up-to-date type of banking structure as is featured in so many of the Federal Reserve Bank buildings.

First Report Shows Resources \$88,128.87

The first report to the Comptroller of the Currency on the condition of the First National Bank was made at the close of business on September 5, 1900, after the institution had been organized less than a month. Resources were shown to total \$88,128.87, with loans and discounts amounting to \$25,549.63.

United States bonds and premiums totaled \$13,000; the banking house, furniture and fixtures were valued at \$2,501.93, and cash on hand and in banks aggregated \$45,077.31.

Liabilities showed capital stock, paid in, to be \$50,000, undivided profits during the short time totaled \$366.94, deposits were \$37,717.24, and other liabilities totaled \$44.69.

February 14, 1891

The best opening for a bank in West Texas is in Sonora, the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise.

Foreword

We believe this section of the Devil's River News, Section Two of the Pioneer Edition, will be on of the most interesting in the group of several.

It is dedicated principally to the First National Bank, although there are advertisements and stories from other organizations.

You will notice stories of the origin of the bank, the growth, etc., you may read how the deposits started and how they grew as the years passed, bringing about the evacuation of the old building and the erection of the new one.

Also pictures of the old and new buildings are shown, together with pictures of several of the bank officials, past and present. This was the first section of the Pioneer Edition printed and we wanted to make it one of the most interesting. The cattle and sheep industry, and its growth, are also given considerable space; this, as you all know, was the vital element in the growth of Sonora. Possibly there's not a more suitable spot in Texas for livestock, particularly sheep, than the section around Sonora. It is ideal, and the pioneers discovered that fact long ago.

Since this is the financial and industrial section of our Anniversary Edition, we also felt it necessary to cite some of the important events leading up to the eventual settlement of the region around Sonora. So we gathered pictures and stories from several of the pioneers of the territory, and you will find them appropriately placed.

All in all, we're rather proud of this section.

Banking House Is One of Texas' Most Beautiful



Today the First National Bank in Sonora, completing its fortieth year in business here, is a tribute to the pioneer spirit which, in 1900, instilled public-spirited citizens with an ambition to make Sonora a place in the rapidly expanding Southwest.

Apparently, attempted organization of the bank was a hazardous venture, for two similar institutions had previously failed.

Plans for the bank were started after a visit by Ed R. Jackson to Sonora in 1899. Mr. Jackson had just sold his interests in the "09 Ranch," on the old stage line between Ozona and Sherwood in Crockett county, and was anxious to invest his money.

Coming here in the fall, he talked with a number of citizens. All believed that the Sonora section offered real opportunities for a banking house, and had never given up the idea, despite the previous failures.

As a result, Mr. Jackson, together with W. L. Aldwell, held an organization meeting May 3, 1900. Officers of the bank, which was to open in August, included Mr. Jackson as president, and Mr. Aldwell as cashier. E. F. Vander Stucken was chosen as vice-president, and incidentally, is the only official to have held the same position since organization of the bank.

Those present at the first meeting were Mr. Jackson, Mr. Aldwell, D. A. Cauthorn, J. Lewenthal, S. G. Taylor, George S. Allison, R. F. Halbert and Walter Whitehead. The first directors of the institution, elected at the meeting, were: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Aldwell, Mr. Vander Stucken, Mr. Allison, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Cauthorn, and Mr. Whitehead.

So out of this group of enterprising pioneers, most of whom are deceased, came the First National Bank of Sonora, for forty years a stable institution.

Visitors here always notice the bank building, for it is a beautiful structure of acme-colored Arkansas brick. Sonora is proud of the bank as it stands now, but prouder of the sacrifice and genius that put it there.

Water Drilling Machines Active

From The Devil's River News January 10, 1891

Since the first of last January, W. B. Rountree, with one machine has finished 14 wells in the Sonora country, and obtained plenty of water in all of them. He has orders for many more and is never a day idle. This gives you an idea of how things move in the Stockmen's Paradise. Mr. Rountree is now putting down a well for Messrs. J. M. G. Baugh and B. A. Osgood, 15 miles below town.

Robinson-Gibbons Wedding Performed

A quiet little wedding took place Thursday morning, December 28, 1893, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibbons, the contracting parties being Mr. J. D. Robinson and Miss Lucelle Gibbons. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Wright of the Methodist church.

Mr. Robinson is the agreeable head salesman for DeBerry and March and is also a member of the livery and grain firm of Robinson, Fields & Co.

From The Devil's River News: December 29, 1893—

Peter Robertson, one of the best known stockmen of the Sonora country, was married at Menardville last week to Mrs. Johnson, widow of the late Wm. Johnson.

(An advertisement for the Cox-Rushing-Greer Co. may be found on page eight).

Elliotts Early Land Owners In Rusk Co.

The Devil's River News notes an article of late date in the Henderson Times, (published these 36 years at Henderson, Rusk County, Texas), concerning the great-grandparents of L. W. Elliott and A. C. Elliott of this city.

The William Elliott alluded to in the story here reproduced, came from Delaware to Texas an hundred and ten years ago or more—as shown by the original land grant treated of. The following was copied from Deed Record Book A of Rusk County:

"The Republic of Texas, County of Rusk. Know all men by these presents: That I, William Elliott of the said county and republic; for and in consideration of the love and affection which I have toward my wife, Polly Elliott, have this day aliened and conveyed . . . unto my wife Polly Elliott . . . the following described property:

"Fourteen hundred and forty acres of land situated at Mt. Prairie in the County of Houston, being a part of my own headright; one-half a league of land situated in Rusk County, together with improvements thereon, being my homestead and where I now reside; all my household and kitchen furniture; a Negro man slave named Henry, about 30 years of age; his wife Violette, about 40 years old; and her child Henry, about 8 years old; a negro man slave named Anthony, about 35 years of age; a negro boy slave named John, about 7 years of age; a negro boy slave named Ellick, about 15 years of age; a negro slave girl named Eliza, about 15 years of age; a negro girl slave named Caroline, about 14 years old; a negro girl slave named Kate, about 7 years old; two mules, one of them a brown horse mule branded with a stirrup iron; the other a bay mare mule; a gray horse called Tom, and a wagon and six yoke of oxen marked with a underslope in each ear and branded E;

"To have and to hold . . . In testimony I . . . have hereunto set my seal . . . this 13th day of December Anna Domini 1845."

"The foregoing needs little explanation. The half-league of land alluded to as located in Rusk County is known to the Henderson abstractors as the William Elliott Survey. The original grant was made to William Elliott by the Republic of Mexico in 1829, and filed for record at Nacogdoches with the Mexican alcalde. It was for a full league, but half had been disposed of, as shown in Book A, Rusk County Deed Records. The other land alluded to as located in Houston County was called "a part of my headright," indicating it was a grant from the Republic of Texas. . . A league of land meant 4,428 acres; so William Elliott was devising some 3,628 acres to his wife.

"Land, however, was very cheap in Texas in the 1830s and even in the 1840s. We get this also from the records; for in the Index to one of the destroyed books in the early years . . . we find an allusion to the sale of one thousand acres to Berry Adams by a Cherokee Indian, the consideration being a flint-rock rifle, a Spanish pony and a pair of shop-made boots.

"Mules, oxen, negro slaves and improvements on the land were however, much valued property—especially negro slaves. The first recorded mortgage in this same record book A mentioned a negro girl slave as security for a loan of \$200; it being specified that if the borrower could not pay the money within the time named, he was to receive \$200 more, and the girl was to become the property of the mortgage holder. Which shows that a slave girl in her early teens was worth well over \$400.

"An average male slave, if in his twenties or thirties, was worth about \$1,000 as a field hand or other laborer; if a blacksmith he ranged in value up to \$2,000 or more.

"William A. Elliott, a grandson of the pioneer grantee and a son of Lewis Elliott, died only a few years ago at the age of 76 years. This William A. Elliott's first wife was before marriage Miss Marion Flanagan, a daughter of Gen. Webster Flanagan, and all his children were born of this first marriage. There are two of their sons living in Sonora: L. W. Elliott, a lawyer; and A. C. Elliott,

a businessman of varied interests with his brother in Sonora and ever a considerable area of this part of Texas! There is also a daughter, Miss Wilma Elliott, a teacher who makes her home in Austin.

"The beautiful old Elliott home is still standing on Highway 22, running from Timpson to Mt. Enterprise. There are several of the descendants of William Elliott still residing in Rusk county, one of whom R. Y. Rountree of Con-

cord, says that the pioneer was known as Judge Elliott."

The Devil's River News learns from the writer of the foregoing article, that the maternal grandfather of L. W. Elliott and A. C. Elliott, Gen. Webster Flanagan, president and builder of the first railroad in Central East Texas—The H. & O. R.R., now a part of the Missouri-Pacific system, that it declared a dividend under his management in its first year of

operation and is still a moneymaking part of the M. P. System. Gen. Flanagan was Lieutenant-Governor of Texas and a member of the Texas legislature in the 1870s, and held Federal appointive offices almost continuously thereafter until near the time of his death at the age of 92 years, in 1924. His father, Major J. W. Flanagan, came from Kentucky to East Texas (Rusk county) in the late 1820s or early 1830s. He was a man of

large property in land and slaves before the Civil War, and it is on record that he entertained Sam Houston at his elegant home in Henderson during the 1840s and 1850s, when that great man was campaigning and lecturing on Masonry in those parts. After the Civil War he served two terms as United States senator from Texas. Major Flanagan died at the age of 82, and is buried in the historic Flanagan Cemetery at Henderson.

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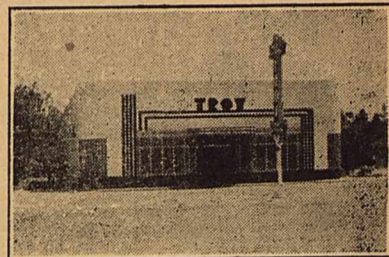
Since 1908 The Troy Laundry has pleased thousands with their immaculate cleaning. Modern equipment and trained workmen make ours the dependable laundry, always turning out first-class work quickly.

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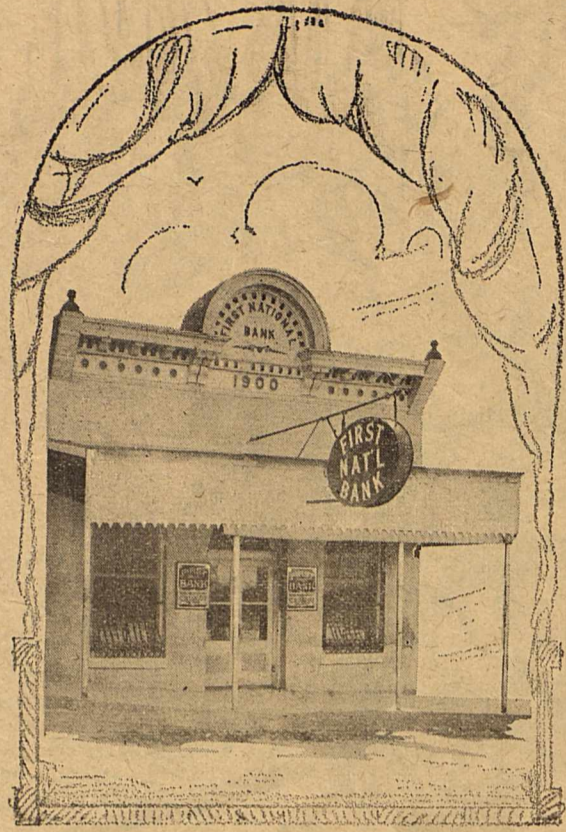
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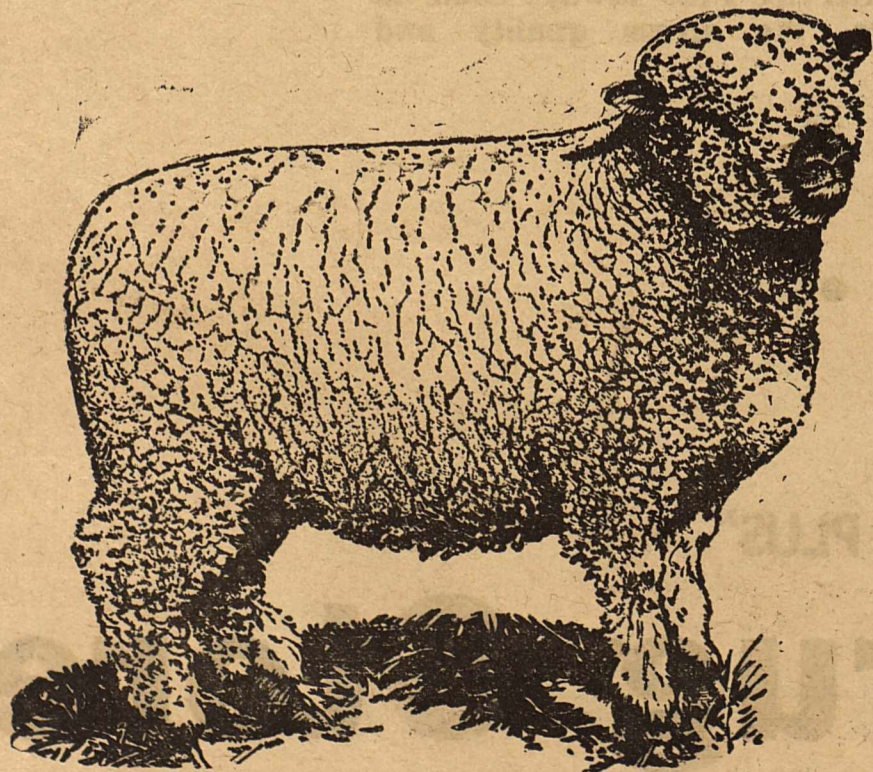
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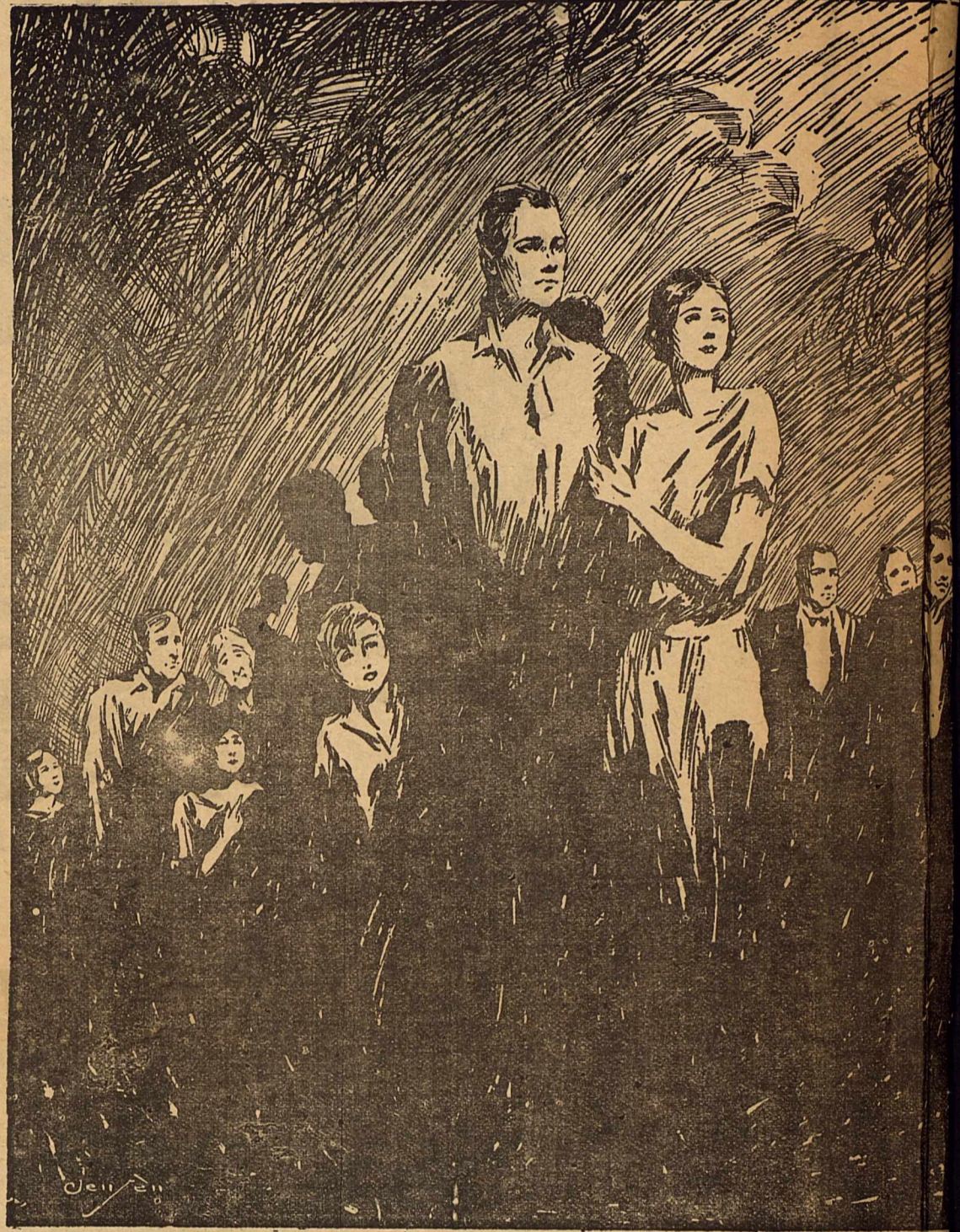
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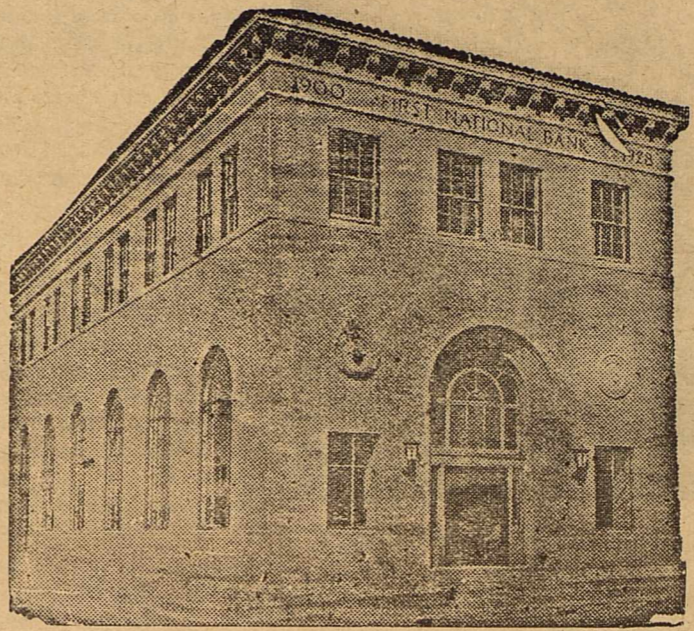
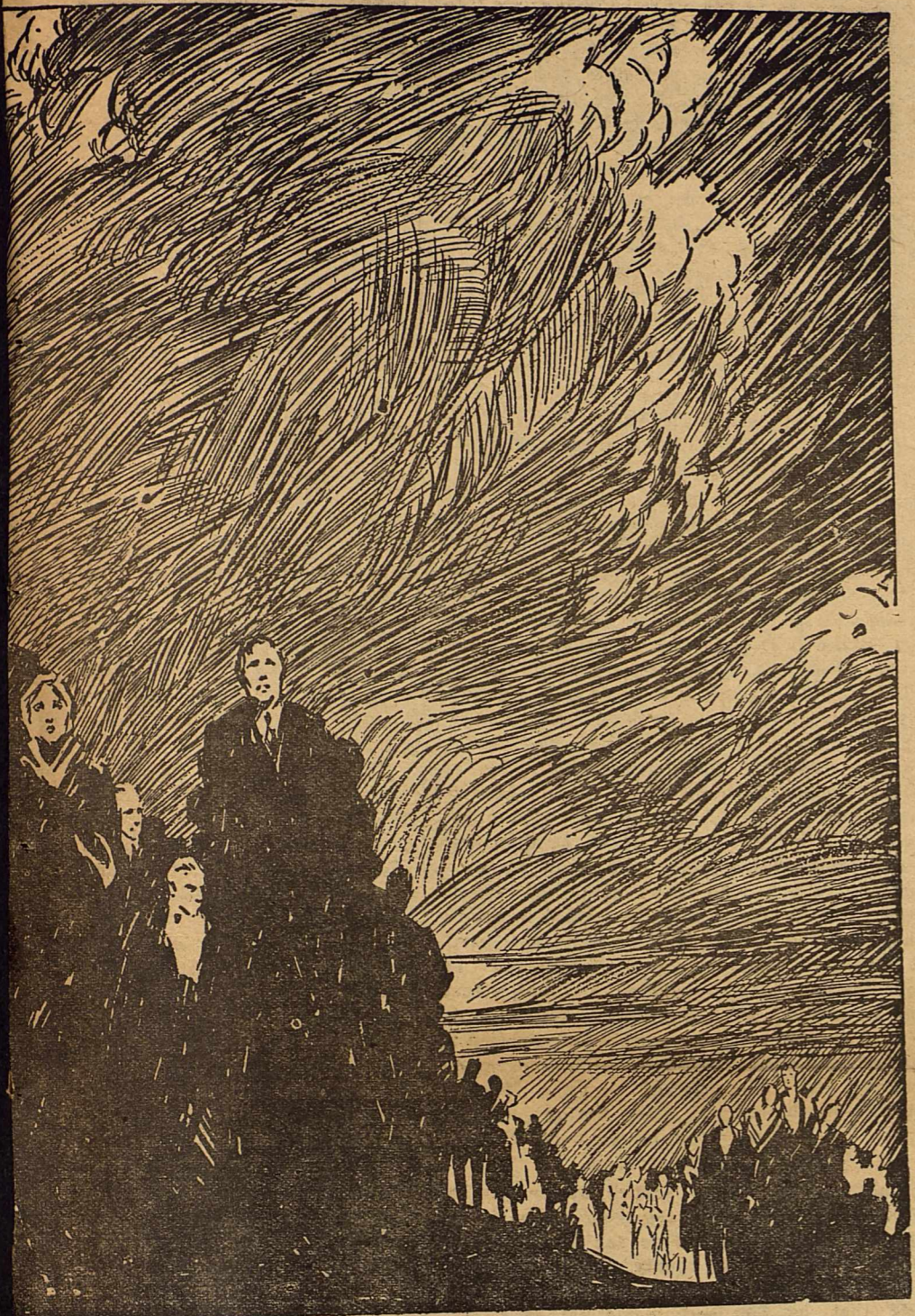


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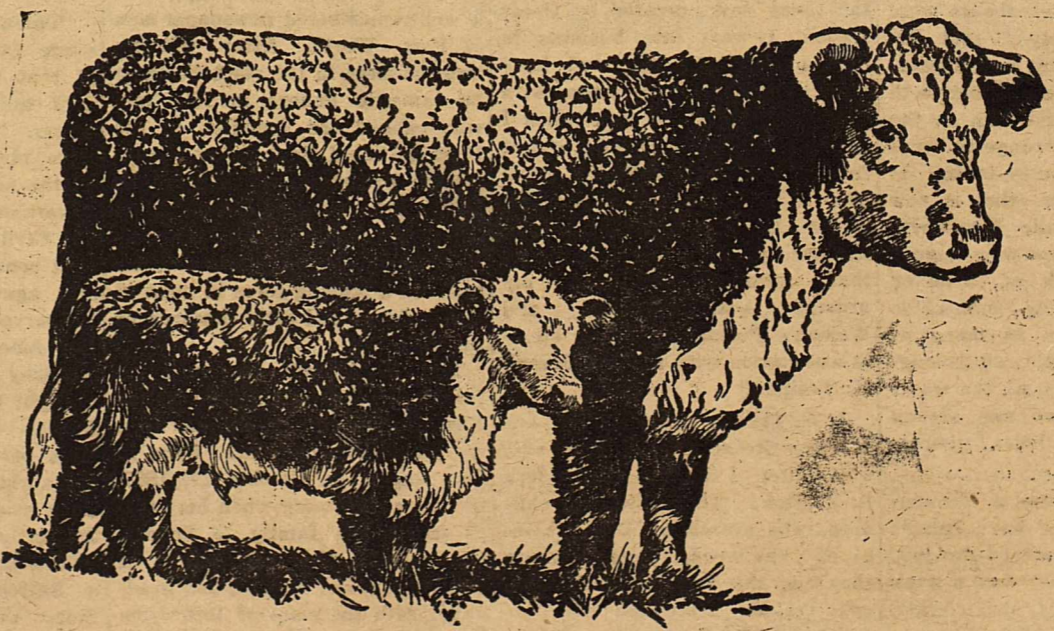
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SUTTON'S COUNTY CLERK



J. D. Lowrey came to Sutton County in the early 1890s—living here during 1892-93. He came from McCulloch County and returned there for a few years, and three years before returning to Sutton County crossed into Mason County and married Miss Ellen Awalt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Awalt. While Mr. Lowrey did not make this his permanent home until the turn of the century, he has been a constant citizen for all these 39 years that have followed.

Mr. Lowrey worked five years after coming to Sutton County with the T Half-circle ranch—until 1905. He then served as deputy county and district clerk under S. H. Stokes for a year and a half, and was elected to that office in 1906. He has since been re-elected county and district clerk 16 times, serving so far some 33 years in that capacity. The people of Sutton County do not readily change their mind about their public servants. The man that makes good on the job seems to make good with the people.

It is almost a vain search for a citizen in Sutton County who has not reared in the stock business; and J. D. Lowrey's chief aims have also been towards success in that way. He has an interest therefore in 31,303.7 acres of ranch land in eastern Pecos County—which is leased to active

ranching folk; owns some 200 acres adjoining the town of Sonora, a couple of farms near Lubbock and a home in Sonora.

A member of the Methodist church for twenty-five years, Mr. Lowrey is also advanced in branches of Masonry-Scottish rite, Knight Templar, and Shriner; also, Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. The Knight of Pythias have a claim on his allegiance, and he was connected with other Sonora lodges until they failed of sufficient memberships.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey have three children: Grady Lowrey, a lawyer of Del Rio; Mrs. Marie Hoggett, wife of Mons Hoggett, stockman of near Merton; and Mrs. Guila Vicars, wife of R. C. Vicars, druggist of this city. She is a member of the staff in the clerk's office.

If one is minded to seek a reason for J. D. Lowrey's continuity in the office of county and district clerk, he will only need to go as far as the courthouse in Sonora, look over the records that are so carefully kept there, ask for information about anything he wants to know; and Mr. Lowrey or any of his staff will so readily, cheerfully and speedily attend to the matter that the answer is self-evident—he is kept on the job because he does the work with a will and likes his employers as well as they like him.

J. W. TRAINER FORMER RESIDENT OF BEXAR COUNTY; CAME HERE IN 1885

J. W. Trainer, merchant of Sonora, came with his widowed mother, Mrs. Cora Alice Trainer, and two brothers, George J., and Fred, from Bexar county to old Ft. Terrett on the head waters of the North Llano in 1885. P. H. Wentworth and some northern associates owned the Ft. Terrett ranch, and they ran as many as 50,000 head of sheep on the open range, having watering places in the Llano and at various waterholes.

"All the sheep hereabouts were herded in those days," said Mr. Trainer, "there being no considerable areas under fence. Wentworth in fact, was the first man on the Llano-Devil's River range to fence lands in later years—taking in some 20 sections, in what is now Sutton county. While Wentworth ran only sheep, there were a good number small herds of cattle on the south prong of the North Llano where I have seen as many as eight thousand cattle, all belonging to small owners, as the water fronts on the Llano and around the various waterholes thereabouts.

"My brother, George J. Trainer, was foreman of the Fort Terrett ranch, and it was one of my jobs to go to Junction City once a week and get the mail. I also clerked in the commissary, putting up provisions and other supplies for the herders. There were some 200 Mexicans on the ranch—the herders and their families. Mr. Wentworth lived mostly in San Antonio, George J., running the

ranch. The hard times of the Cleveland administration and free wool led finally to the failure of Wentworth," said Mr. Trainer.

"I went from Fort Terrett to Old Mexico and worked for some American interests there, and spent some time in the stock business on my own account in Oregon during the following years of my absence from Sutton county. But I returned finally to the old range and went into the goat business with Stanley Green on the ranch now operated by Oscar Appelt. I went into business in Sonora 32 years ago, and have been in business here since, with the exception of one year when I ran stock on 5½ sections I bought from the Aldwell brothers. From 1920 to 1927 I owned an interest in the E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Co., and have, since selling that interest, conducted my present business—Men's and Women's Furnishing Store, etc.—in association with my son, Joseph H. Trainer."

J. W. Trainer married Miss Laura Ellen Stokes some 31 years ago, a daughter of the late county clerk S. H. Stokes. They have four children, who are: Mrs. S. A. Thomas of Sherwood, Texas, where they run the Trainer ranch; Joseph Trainer, associated with his father; Louie Trainer, a partner in the Piggly-Wiggly store in Sonora; and Jamie, 15, now in high school. There are also two grandchildren—Sam Harrold and J. W., children of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thomas.

Mayfields Came From Kentucky

The parents of Mrs. J. W. Mayfield came from Kentucky to Bell county, Texas, before the Civil War and she was born there during that conflict. Her father came home in 1863 on the only furlough he was ever granted during the war, to see his daughter, who was only a few months old, riding the horse he rode throughout those fighting years. Incidentally, neither he nor his horse got a scratch, though they were together in several battles and many skirmishes.

Marrying a Denton county man when she was 19, she came with her husband from Bosque county to the Llano country, Ft. McKavett, and thence to Sonora before it was so-called—in 1888. She is able to give the date surely because it was the winter before the cause it was the winter before the first funeral that occurred in the new town—in December of the following year, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield were, like nearly all the people of this region, ranch people all their lives—until his death some eight years ago at the age of 75.

There was a good school in Sonora at an early date after the settlement of the town, Mrs. Mayfield says, which was attended by her only child, Ed C. Mayfield, now ranchman and president of the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company. This son was born in Bosque county 55 years ago. His ranches lie some 30 miles south of Sonora and in Edwards county.

There were no churches in Sonora when Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield came to the Llano country, the Divide and finally to Sonora—and she remembers the coming of the first general store, moved here by Mr. Callahan from McKavett. Cattle, sheep, and goats were then as now almost the sole producing resources of the men of business—all other occupations depending on these.

The first Mayfield ranch, eight miles from Sonora on the Menard road, is now the R. A. Halbert Ranch. They drilled a well there in the middle 1880s. The Winklers, Charlie Adams, the George S. Allison and the Words are remembered by Mrs. Mayfield as neighbors in those early days. Fred Berger too, was herding sheep then for Mr. Allison, she says, in the Middle Valley section. The epidemic of measles and grip of the period was a date-reminder to Mrs. Mayfield, as she was called from her ranch to wait upon the sick in the Allison home, where all were ill. Ft. McKavett, 45 miles away, was the nearest place from which a doctor could be called.

Mrs. Mayfield comes of a long-living family, for her mother was upwards of 93 when she died in 1933, and her father was 91 at the time of his death.

Though only some seventy-seven years of age, Mrs. Mayfield thinks she remembers with difficulty; but her statements, to the Devil's River News' writer are in close relation with those of other early settlers who have furnished data for these pioneer stories.

History of Aldwell Family Given

W. L. Aldwell, the father of Roy E. Aldwell, came to the Southwest Texas stock country in his early twenties from Canada, acquired considerable ranching interests while still a young man, and married Miss Winnie Harris on December 14, 1884, daughter of a well-remembered newspaper man of Fort Worth. After winning large success in the stock business he came to Sonora in 1900 and was one of the founders of the First National Bank, soon becoming its president, which place he held at the time of his death on April 14, 1931. He was Sonora's first mayor, serving several terms and was a moving force in most of the business and civic concerns of the city.

Roy E. Aldwell succeeded his father in the presidency of the First National Bank, and has been its president ever since. Born in San Angelo on October 17, 1887, he was quite young when his father moved his family to Sonora. He attended the local school of San Angelo and Sonora, and graduated with the class of 1909 from the Texas A. & M. College, where he specialized in electrical engineering.

His education finished, he began a business career in the bank of which his father was president, and See ALDWELL, Page Seven

E. C. Saunders County Surveyor



J. C. Saunders, the father of County Surveyor E. C. Saunders of Sutton County, was born on September 29, 1831, in Lynchburg, Virginia. He died in Ballinger, Texas, on April 28, 1919. His wife, Mary, had previously died in Ballinger on May 6, 1910. But before J. C. Saunders passed away he had seen something of the earth and the doings therein going early to the California gold-diggings after the 1849 discovery, from his Virginia home, he had just moderate luck, with a strike of some fifteen hundred dollars in his first year of endeavor.

Young J. C., however, took the mountain fever. Doctor's charges then as now were sometimes rather sizeable for treating patients known not to be broke; so young Saunders' illness cost him (he alleged afterwards), about five thousand dollars every time he turned over in his delirium—and turned over plenty. Anyway, when he was able to about the young forty-niner had only \$250 left with which to start life anew.

And being not yet strong enough to rough it along the washings, he paid \$100.00 for a barrel of flour, and opened a way-side pancake dispensary—selling his cakes for \$1.00 each. He always said afterwards that he might have done well enough if his friends had not dropped in so often to dine with him—a single friend sometimes consuming as many as five or six dollar's worth of pancakes at one sitting. So, to save himself from bankruptcy he discontinued the experiment and sought other ways of making a fortune in the Golden State.

Coming back towards where he had come from, after a thorough tryout of California, he crossed the Isthmus of Panama where the well worn track that Mr. Vanderbilt, Trader Astor and others had made, and, in the course of human events showed the improvement that adversity had made in his impressionable young mind by settling permanently in the State of Texas that same year of 1853. He started the old Bouldin ranch the next year, where E. C. Saunders, the subject of this sketch, was born in 1857.

"There was not more than 10 white families in Blanco county at that time," said E. C. Saunders to the Devil's River News' writer. "But Comanche Indians were plentiful. My father entered the service of the Confederate Government with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, and was first sent to Fort Davis as a secret agent. Throughout the war he served in this capacity, and also found time to command a company of Texas volunteer riders to fight Comanche Indians. These Indians were then living for the most part around the waterholes and springs in this part of Texas. They raided continuously through the settlements further east.

"One may find a various springs in Sutton and Crockett counties today the deep mortars in the rocks made by Indian women in which to pound their corn or acorns into meal. Generally they mixed grasshoppers with this meal and made a sort of crackling bread. These mortars may be seen more See SAUNDERS, Page Seven

MRS. GEORGE HAMILTON, FORMER JUNE WYATT, CAME HERE IN 1889

Mrs. George Hamilton—then Jane Wyatt, came to Sonora in December, 1889, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wyatt, from Kerr county, who brought some stock with them. Mr. Wyatt's first enterprise was a blocksmith shop, but he later built the McDonald Hotel and made it his home. A livery stable was operated by Mr. Wyatt in connection with the hotel.

"Before there was a jail or courthouse in Sutton county," Mrs. Hamilton said, "my father was justice of the peace in Sonora, and prisoners to be tried in his court were sometimes chained to posts on Main Street or in the shop.

After a number of years spent in various endeavors, F. M. Wyatt sold all his Sonora interests and went into the ranch business, operating in Sutton and Edwards counties. His old ranch home is now owned by W. D. Wallace.

Miss Jane Wyatt married Geo. D. Hamilton, rancher, at her home in Sonora on November 11, 1896. County Judge J. M. Bell performing the wedding ceremony. They made their home at their ranch on Devil's River in Edwards county for awhile, but later moved to Sonora, and went into the grocery business in 1908. The business is still in the family, managed by their son, Vernon F. Hamilton. It is now known as the Red and White Store.

"There were no church buildings and only one store when I first saw the town of Sonora in December, 1889," said Mrs. Hamilton, "There were perhaps a dozen houses on the new townsite, and I remember some of the neighbors; notably Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart. Their old home is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Clyde Gardner. The Callahan home was another. Pat McQueen and family, the Tom Bertrongs, C. F. Adams—and his father's family too, were others. The parents of W. A. Miers were also living here when we came.

"My father built the twelfth residence to be erected in Sonora. It was built on a lot now partly occupied by the telephone exchange building, and was a four-room, single-story frame house with two porches—all finished by him before we came. Other neighbors I recall as Chris Meinecke and wife, they having just married. Two others were P. Hurst and R. W. Rudicil.

"R. W. Rudicil, by the way, had the first vegetable garden in Sonora, and so far as I know in Sutton county. People hereabouts at that time had an idea that garden truck would not grow here. Mr. Rudicil's successful garden in 1890 taught them something, but it was still several years before there were enough fresh vegetables—and we depended on dry vegetables for the most part.

"While there were no churches, as before remarked, a Baptist minister, Rev. Cunningham, came to Sonora from time to time and preached whenever it was most convenient. Sonora people used to attend Sunday school and preachings at the nearby little town of Wentworth, the buildings of which were later removed to Sonora.

"In December, 1889, and on into 1890," continued Mrs. Hamilton, "Charlie Adams, the father of Sonora, was building a two-story house on the lot now occupied by the Utility Building. This house was long used as a hotel and was only torn down a few years ago when the utilities building was erected.

"Another hotel building that stood for a number of years on Sonora's main street was conducted by Emory Gibbons, father of Mrs. J. W. Fields.

"Sonora was an inland town when I first knew it; and it so continued until quite recent years. Travel between Sonora and San Angelo in the 1890s and onward was therefore by horse-drawn stages, buckboards or horseback. There were two or three stage stations between Sonora and San Angelo, and a full day was required in good weather to make the journey—with two or more changes of horses in the 75 miles over the bad and crooked roads.

"But if the weather was bad, the stage did not always get thru; I have seen," Mrs. Hamilton said, "blood running down the front legs of some of the horses as the four of them surged into their collars to pull the heavy stage-coach out of the mud and rocks. I can't remember just how long it took to get our groceries over the road from San Angelo in winter, but it was always two or more

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"The stageline was operated out of San Angelo, but I remember some of the men who drove stage. Jeff Carter was one, now living at Christoval. Jim Taylor was another. Walter Measby another. Theo and Tom Savill were two more. Theodore is living in Sonora and is a ranchman. And a Mr. Holman also. Most of the drivers were young men.

"The first dozen or so families in Sonora had no doctor nearer than Ft. McKavett, and that was 45 miles away. The epidemic of grip came—and they came plenty frequently—and people would come in from ranches to nurse. The first Sonora physician I remember was Dr. H. Guernsey Jones. He died not many years after coming here, and was buried in the cemetery of his wife's father—on Col. Black's ranch—near Ft. McKavett. He was a mighty fine man.

Mrs. Karnes Names Wolves as Ranchers' Worst Enemies

Forty-six years ago Mrs. Lula Karnes came to Sutton county from Tom Green county with her husband, William Houston Karnes, whom she had married on December 18, 1889, as Miss Lula Byrd, a daughter of Capt. B. F. Byrd, who enlisted in Littlefield's Texas Rangers at the outbreak of the Civil War, serving through that conflict in Hood's Brigade and taking part in battles in both Virginia and Tennessee until wounded and captured towards the end of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Karnes moved to Sonora in 1893. They sold their first ranch property after a few years and acquired a ranch 30 miles southwest of Sonora which Mr. Karnes managed until his death in 1925. Mrs. Karnes still owns the nine sections which her husband left her. They had lived generally in the ranch in summer and in Sonora during the school terms.

"The wolves were the ranchers' worst enemies," Mrs. Karnes said. "We set steel traps for them, which helped some; but sometimes we caught a sheep-killing dog instead of a wolf. My husband bought this 9-section ranch from my father, B. F. Byrd, who ranched in Crockett county and helped to organize this county in 1891, the first commissioners' court convening under a live oak tree.

"Our nearest neighbors were the R. H. Martins, Bob Peacock, and J. W. Friends. The Friends are still ranching down that way, in Crockett county. At one time they owned 108 sections of land there."

Mrs. Karnes makes her home in Sonora now. She has six living children: Mrs. Fred Simmons, who lived with her husband on their ranch 12 miles west of Sonora; Mrs. Vernon Marion, of Sonora; Miss Alice Karnes, who lives with her mother; Mrs. Gertrude Remington, also of her mother's household; William Houston Karnes, who manages the ranch; Miss Nann Karnes, of the Karnes home in Sonora; and Sam Karnes of Sonora.

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SUTTON COUNTY'S RED CROSS GOAL IS SET AT 300 MEMBERSHIPS

The American Red Cross, confronted with increased demands of the current national defense program and growing needs for widening its regular domestic operations, on November 11 will embark on its greatest membership Roll Call since the days of the first World War. Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Roll Call chairman, declared today.

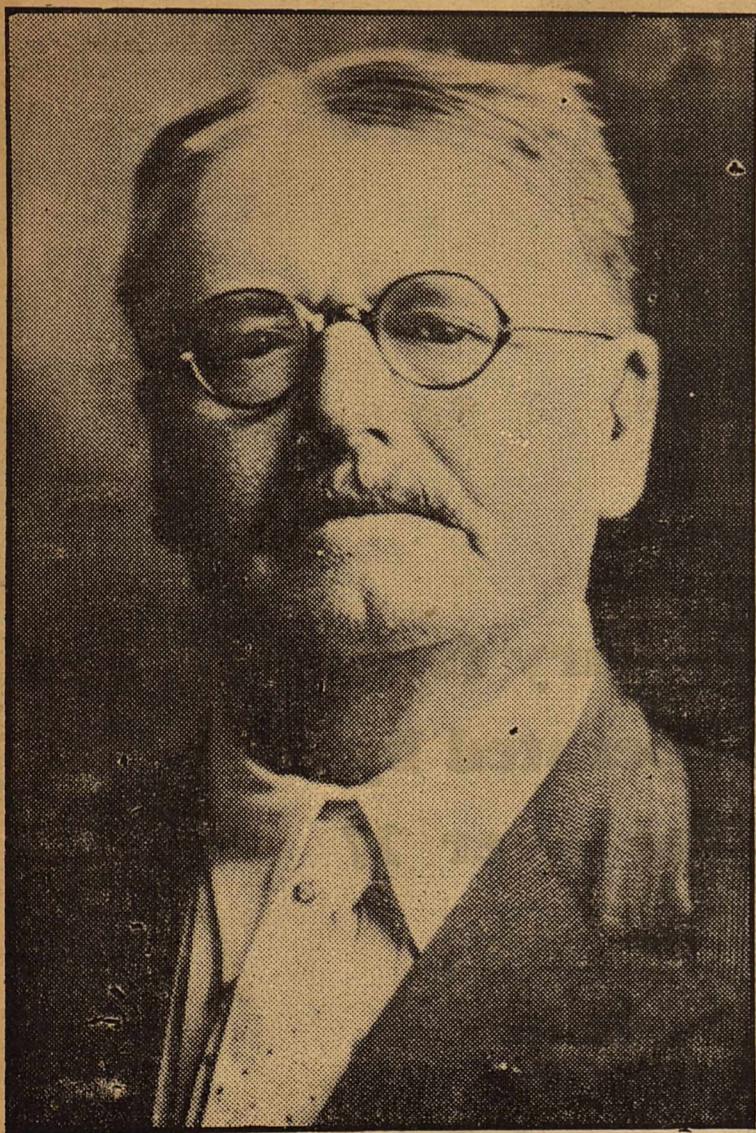
Appealing for greater membership Mrs. Johnson declared the success of the national enrollment of members will hinge upon the individual success of chapters in attaining their membership goals. She urged every person who can to become a member of the Red Cross to insure the Sonora chapter meeting its share.

"Following the outset of 'total war' last May," Mrs. Johnson said, "the American Red Cross

asked the public for a fund of \$20,000,000 to widen its war relief operations in Europe. This amount has been raised and oversubscribed, enabling the Red Cross to ship thousands of tons of food, clothing and medical supplies to the war zone areas where it has been most needed."

Differentiating from the needs of European war relief, Mrs. Johnson stated that the Red Cross Roll Call is held each year to support the national and local Red Cross organizations in their domestic operations. Funds realized at Roll Call time, she explained, will not be used for war relief, but to enable the Red Cross to continue its day-to-day operations in disaster relief, first aid, life saving, nursing and its assistance to the United States Military and other programs.

BANK'S FIRST CASHIER



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served in most capacities until he became its president in 1931. Roy Aldwell saw service in France with the 7th division as lieutenant during the World War—from August 1918, until May, 1919—returning to his family and to his duties in the bank after the end of the war. He had married Mrs. Alla Hastings, a daughter of Don Rogers of Hillsboro, on June 12, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell have one child, who, after graduating from Sonora high school, Texas A. & M., and taking a master's degree from the State College of Oregon, has leased a few sections of ranch land from his father and is following in the footsteps of his forebearers in the breeding of stock. He is also a man of family, having married Miss Mary Ethyl Reed of Corvallis Oregon on March 19, 1937. Their son, Roy Edward, II, is representing the fourth generation of the

Aldwells in Sutton county.

Roy E. Aldwell has been connected with a great many successful ventures in Sutton county, but since his ascension to the presidency of the First National Bank, has devoted most of his time to that institution. He is still, however, associated with his brother, Geo. L. Aldwell, in extensive stock raising and land holdings. He has not neglected the affairs of his city either; hardly a line of civic endeavor but bears the evidence of his able services, including many years as alderman and a term of mayor.

A thirty-second degree Mason, Mr. Aldwell has held all the offices of the order up through the chapter and the council; was district Deputy Grand Master; and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, of Alzafar Temple, San Antonio. A communicant of the Episcopal Church, he has also membership in several well-known clubs of Southwest Texas.

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particularly in Sutton county at Willow Springs where the Indian women drilled them in the solid rock.

"I left the old home ranch about 1877, when I was 20, with my father," Mr. Saunders continued, "and we settled in McCulloch county on the San Saba river, where he bought 3,000 acres. My father was the only citizen with enough landed property to make the sheriff's bond—and it was the bond of the first sheriff of McCulloch county—Marion Miller. We ran sheep thereabouts and elsewhere in Texas thereafter during the following 37 years."

E. C. Saunders first came to Sutton county in 1888 on a hunting and prospecting trip, and his party camped for six days on the site of the future town of Sonora—under a big liveoak where the J. W. Mayfield residence now stands. He shot a buck on the hillside east of where the courthouse was located three years later. He returned to Sutton county in 1889, and Sonora has been his home ever since.

"Charlie Adams was then giving everybody a town lot who would build a house on it," said Mr. Saunders. "So I built a home just northeast of where the jail was afterward built—a hundred yards from where I now live. I went to the woods in late December, 1890, and got the tree for the first Christmas celebration held in Sonora."

Mr. Saunders married Miss Helen McGregor of San Saba county on October 8, 1879. His wife died during the night of October 8, 1834 after they had lived together just 55 years. Their children are:

Alex E. Saunders of Ballinger, where he has been as assistant or first assistant postmaster during the past 31 years;

Harold E. Saunders, who is in the windmill and engine business in Sutton county;

Ernest and Ronald Steve Saunders, both of whom are dead. The first named was born in McCulloch county.

There are few movements or pursuits of civic, political or industrial nature that have not had more or less attention from E. C. Saunders, whose name appears in such connections throughout every year of the half century records of Sutton county and Sonora history. He was elected tax assessor for Sutton county in 1900; county surveyor in 1906; and has served in that capacity almost continuously since that time—upwards of 30 years. He had previously acted as assistant surveyor at Brady in 1880.

In his very early youth, E. C. Saunders attended school in Austin, where he had gone as a child about the mid-period of the Civil War to the burial of the Confederate General Green, and had been badly frightened when the soldiers fired the honor volley over the grave. When 16 he again went to Austin for schooling. He was born and raised on the frontier; has seen the roughest of conditions and worst of times—and the best; has never been under the influence of liquor in his life; never took a dozen drinks in a saloon; does not use tobacco, and has not sworn an oath in 30 years. Without church membership, he still loves to go to church—and does; is a lifetime Democrat, but always voted the prohibition ticket.

Mr. Saunders was 83 on August

24, 1940. He is very active indeed in his work, making almost constant surveying trips over Sutton and adjoining counties. His hardy constitution was inherited from past generations of frontiersmen, whose qualities of endurance seem to have multiplied generously in Sutton county's grand old surveyor.

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1 1/2 tsp. salt
4 eggs, well beaten

Scald the milk in a double boiler. Gradually stir in the cornmeal and cook until the consistency of mush. Add the butter and salt, and pour over the well-beaten eggs gradually while stirring. Pour into a greased or oiled 1 1/2-qt. baking dish. Bake in a hot oven of 425° F. for 45 min. Serve at once with plenty of butter. Serves 6. To serve 2 or 3 make half this recipe. Serve as a main dish for Sunday-morning breakfast with fruit or fruit juice, creamed dried beef, and coffee.

Puffy Omelet

8 eggs, separated
3/4 tsp. salt
3/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 c. water
2 tsp. salad oil or fat

Beat the egg whites stiff with a hand beater or an electric beater at high speed. Beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored; add the salt, pepper, and water, and beat thoroughly. Fold the egg-yolk mixture lightly but completely into the egg whites. Meanwhile heat the salad oil or fat in a skillet, tip the skillet to grease the sides and the bottom evenly. Then turn the heat to low and add the omelet mixture. Cook over low heat until well puffed and golden brown on the underside—about 9 min. Then set in a moderate oven of 350° F. for 5 min., or until the surface seems set when pressed with the finger.

Now loosen the sides of the omelet with a spatula, cut through the middle—at right angles to handle of the pan—without cutting all the way through. Then fold the omelet carefully from the handle to the opposite side of the pan and turn onto a hot platter. Serves 6.

Egg Stuffed Tomatoes

6 medium-sized tomatoes
Salt
Pepper
1/2 c. soft bread crumbs
2 tbs. minced onion
6 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. melted butter
6 tbs. bottled milk or 3 tbs. evaporated milk and 3 tbs. water
1 10 1/2-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup

Scrape out all the pulp and juice from the tomatoes and sprinkle the inside well with salt and a little pepper. In each tomato place 1 tsp. bread crumbs and 1 tsp. minced onion. Break 1 whole egg into each tomato cup; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine the remaining 2 tbs. of bread crumbs with the melted butter, and sprinkle 1 tsp. over each egg. Bake in a shallow baking pan in a moderately hot oven of 375° F. for 25 min. Meanwhile add the milk gradually to the soup, stirring constantly, and heat. Serve with the stuffed tomatoes. Serves 6. In serving 2 or 3 make half this recipe. If a 16-oz. can of cream of mushroom soup is used for the sauce instead of the condensed soup, melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine, add 2 tbs. flour, and blend. Add the soup, and heat thoroughly, stirring constantly.

Combining grape juice with the juice from another fruit, such as apples in making jelly prevents formation of small crystals in the product, according to the Bureau of Home Economics.

Only 25 of Texas' 254 counties have county libraries.

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Approximately 111,000 children in 1,684 Texas schools benefited from the Texas free school lunch program last year.



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Our business, too, has been built on constant and competent service to the ranchers in this section. Many years of experience have taught us the necessary procedure to carry out in doctoring animals . . . sheep, goats and cattle . . . for diseases of any nature. We urge you to protect your stock and call on us when there is the slightest appearance of disease or sickness among your flock or herd.

Congratulations

. . . to the Devil's River News on the completion of their fiftieth year of publication in Sonora and Sutton County. There has been a real service to this territory, and everyone appreciates the part they have played in the building of the Western Empire. We sincerely hope their next fifty years will be as successful as the past fifty!

M. M. STOKES

STOCK MEDICINE COMPANY

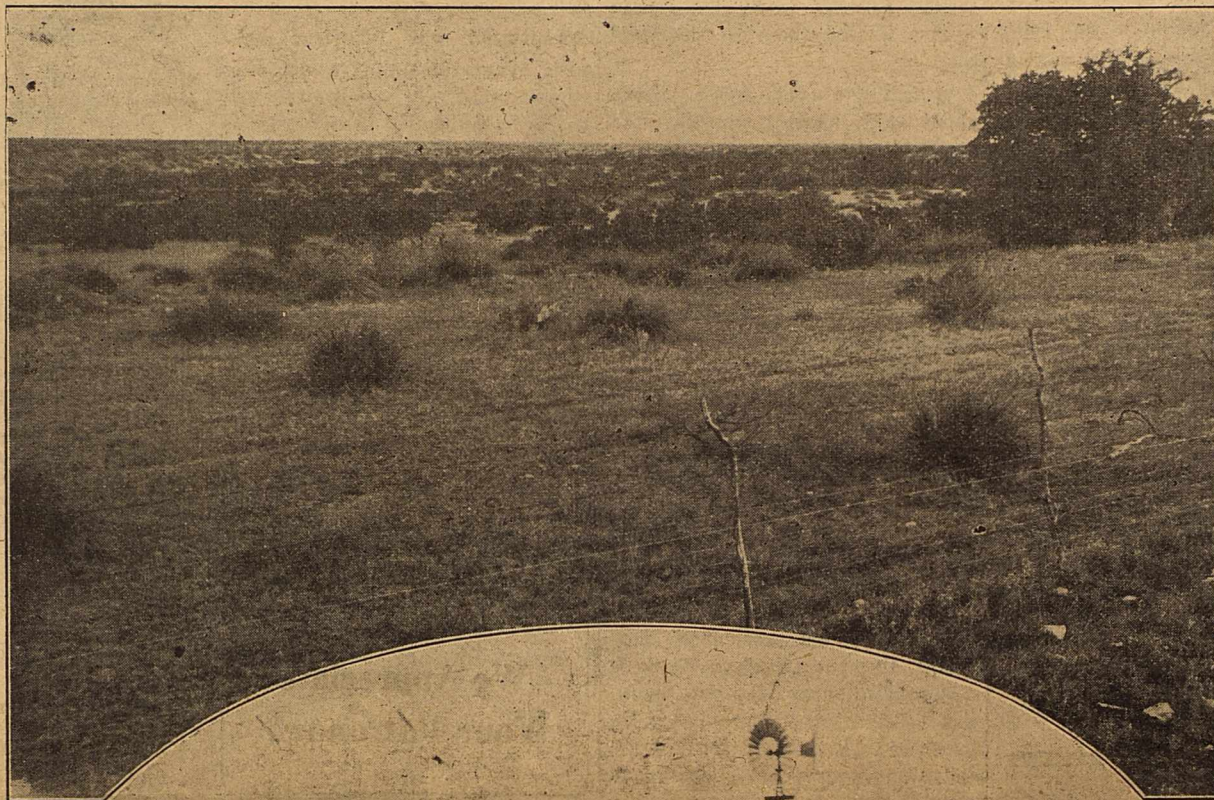
Sonora, Texas

HOWDY, FOLKS!

GREETINGS to SUTTON COUNTY AND THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

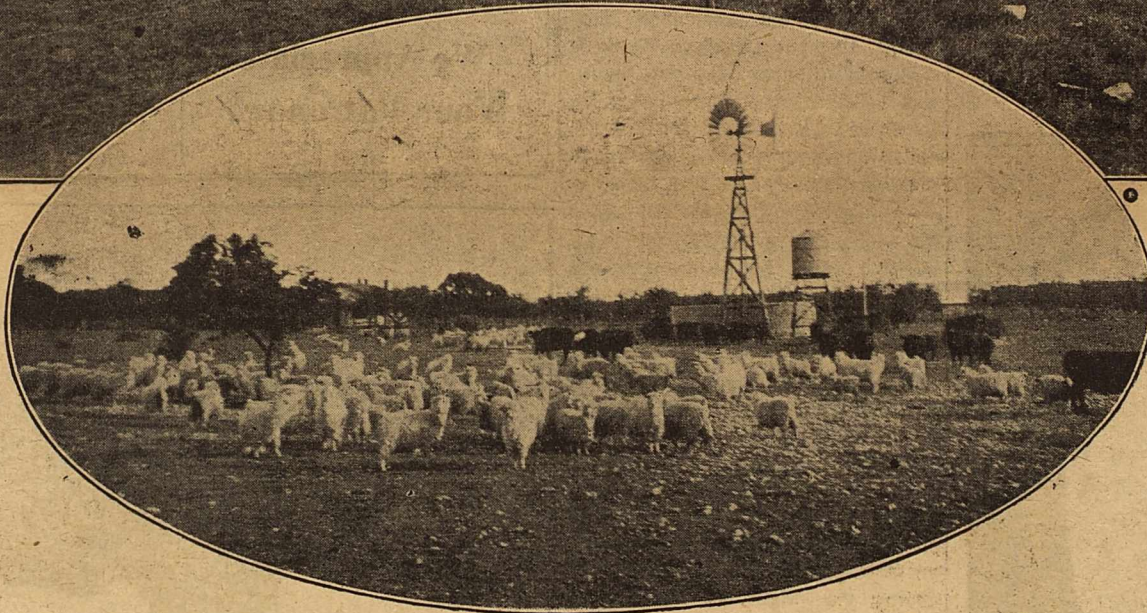
For over 27 years we have faithfully served the people of the great ranching district in the Southwest. They have come here from all over the section, knowing their needs could be satisfied promptly and efficiently, with small cost.

Whenever quality merchandise is needed, the first thought is always of the Cox-Rushing-Greer Company, where any purchase, large or small, is appreciated. We solicit the continued patronage of our old customers, and ask that prospective customers give our store a trial.



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*The Only Completely Air-Conditioned
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EVERY SHOPPING CONVENIENCE

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Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company, Telephone Company Play Big Part In Sonora Economic Life

George S. Allison Successful Sutton County Rancher

One of the most successful stockmen of Southwest Texas is George S. Allison of Sonora and Menard, who came to these parts and viewed with much satisfaction the land that is now Sutton county on December 24, 1884. He had brought along a small bunch of cattle which he at once established on the free range of that day and time.

Mr. Allison was young and loved everything that went with the country he chose for his home and the working out of his career as a stockman. He now runs cattle, sheep, goats and horses on eight ranches, six of his ranches being located in Sutton county.

Mr. Allison has been a director in the First National Bank of Sonora almost continuously since its organization on May 15, 1900, and is of late years additionally honored in the second vice-presidency of the institution. He is Sutton county's grand old man of business—\$6 on October 18, 1940.

George Allison was among the first stockmen to learn that Sutton county land is of the best for feed crops; and he generally has some five hundred acres in culti-



GEORGE S. ALLISON

vation.

John Allison, father of the subject of this sketch, brought his family to Texas from Dade county, Georgia, in 1870. He died on his ranch in Sutton county. His wife was before marriage Miss Mary Sutton.

George S. Allison and Miss Maggie Thornhill of Fort Worth were married more than half a century ago. They have eight living children:

John Allison of San Angelo, who operates the Pecos ranch in the Fort Stockton country.

Curt Alison of Sonora, who operates in eastern Sutton county.

Mrs. C. E. Stites of this city, whose husband's interests are in ranching.

H. P. Allison of San Angelo, ranchman.

Miss Clara Allison, who has range interests near the city.

Mrs. Alfred Schwiening, whose husband's business is also ranching.

Mrs. J. W. McDermott of St. Louis, whose husband is a salesman for International Silverware.

Sam Allison of Sonora, stockman and director of the First National Bank.

The third generation of Sutton county Allisons, it may be seen, are very well established in the business concerns of the southwest—especially in Sutton county.

Company Expects Yearly Progress

Four hundred seventy-five telephones in Sonora and on rural extensions are controlled from the local switch board, according to W. R. Barnes, manager of the Sonora branch of the San Angelo Telephone Co., Inc. Of the 475, two hundred eighty-three are in the city, and 192 are rural extensions. Seventy per cent of them are the new, modern French type.

Mr. Barnes, who came here in 1908 as night operator and trouble shooter under the late Mrs. Daisy Pamer, said that at the time of his arrival there was but one iron line stretched from her to San Angelo, conveying the traffic of seven stations: San Angelo, XZQ ranch, Christoval, Head of the River ranch, Eldorado, Thompson Bros. ranch, and Sonora. Transmission on the line, Mr. Barnes said, was very poor, and at times parties were forced to wait several hours to get their calls through.

Earl Hargraves was the manager of the company from 1913 until 1920, having succeeded E. C. Bean, who became manager upon the death of Mrs. Palmer in 1910. Mr. Barnes, the present manager, took over from Mr. Hargraves in 1920.

Many Lines Pass Thru Here

At that time, Mr. Barnes said, there was one direct copper circuit to San Angelo, one to Del Rio, and one to Rock Springs, with 282 magneto telephones in the city.

The company abandoned the magneto system in November, 1938, and switched to the common battery. Since that time they have extended their service until there are now three direct lines to San Angelo, one to Ozona, one to Del Rio, two to Eldorado, and one to Rock Springs. Three direct lines from San Angelo to San Antonio and one from San Angelo to Del Rio pass through here.

Just recently completed are eight copper metallic lines extending into the rural section of Sonora.

Mr. Barnes said his switchboard had a 400-line capacity in the city and a 64 capacity in the rural district.

Progress of Sonora is evidenced by the growth of the local telephone company. Since the time of Mr. Barnes' arrival in 1920, 193 phones have been added, with many more contemplating putting in the service in the near future.

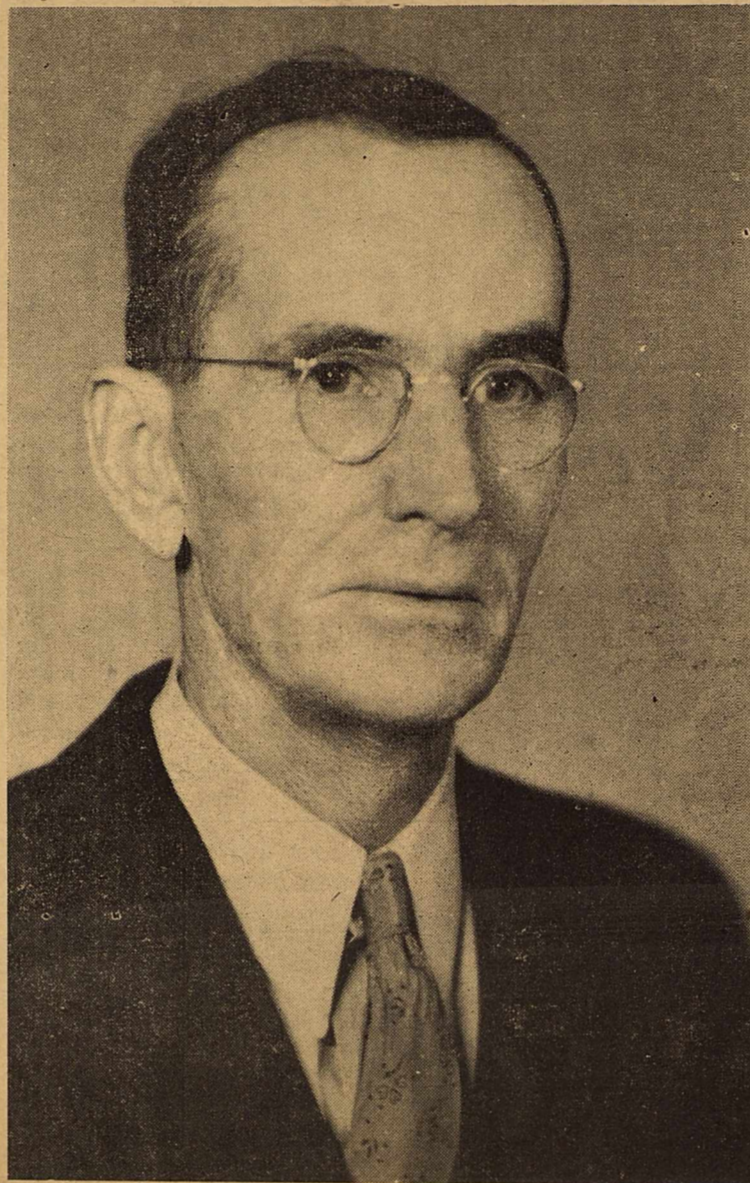
Baker Is Manager Of Robert Massie Co.

A. Ray Baker, the present owner and manager of the company, has been associated with the store since 1927. For some time he was with the Swann-Schulle Furniture Company at Austin and returned here only to manage the store. Twice a year Mr. Baker makes trips to Chicago and other leading furniture marts that he may constantly keep in touch with the newest style trends in every type of furnishings, and the large display of the most modern suites and pieces is ample evidence of his success in keeping abreast of the modern stylings.

In 1939 Mr. Baker purchased the entire store and in operating it continues to adhere to the customs of business that have made it the best-known furniture concern in the southwest. Buyers without access to modern furniture in their own cities generally go to the Robert Massie Company knowing that they will be able to gratify their desire in the kind of furniture they desire.

The Robert Massie Insurance Company is another department of the concern, although operated separately. Policy holders can arrange for payments in this company on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis and for a

Local Telephone Manager



W. R. Barnes, above, is the manager of the Sonora Division of the San Angelo Telephone Company. Mr. Barnes came here in 1908 as night operator and trouble shooter under the late Mrs. Daisy Palmer.

Grand Ball Held Christmas Eve

From The Devil's River News—December 27, 1890

"The grand ball which took place in the schoolhouse on Christmas Eve night was one of the largest ever held in Sonora. The music was by local talent, which we are proud to say cannot be beaten anywhere; and Messrs. Williams, Erwin and Baugh, in that capacity, assisted greatly in the evening's enjoyment.

"The merry dancers tripped the light fantastic 'til early in the morning. The following are the names of a few of those present: Mr. and Mrs. John Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. G. Baugher, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dunagan, Mr. and Mrs. George Allison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miers, Mr. and Mrs. O. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. Meinecke, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tra-week, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, (illegible for several lines, then) Misses Bessie Wyatt, Sophie and Mary Dunnagan, Cotter and Mattie Dunnagan, Lonie Wyatt, Florence Tra-week, Jennie Mitchell, Minnie Thomas, Icy, Frankie and Beckie Adams, Nora Moss, Eula Miers, Alice Fulcher, Anna and Rena Sellers, Annie Stephenson, Liety Moss, Minnie Rouch, Alma Miers, Pearl Mills, Minnie Valentine, Mary Boyd, Annie Matthis.

Messrs. Max Mayer, John F. Steagall, Felix Vander Stucken, F. W. Jackson, C. W. Sewall, Hugh and Will Drake, Frank and Herb

small cost provide for a substantial amount of life insurance payable in cash. Hundreds of West Texans now hold policies and the past few months have seen many new ones added to the lists of this organization.

AND WHAT DOES HIS LITTLE WOMAN GIVE HIM?

From The Devil's River News January 17, 1891—

From a bushel of corn the distiller gets four gallons of whiskey, which will retail at \$16.00. The government gets \$3.60; the farmer gets 40 cents; the railroad gets \$1.00; the manufacturer gets \$4.00 the retailer, \$7.00; the consumer gets drunk.

Maddox, John Sowell, Joe, Chris and Tom Wyatt, Sam McCaleb, John Martin, Bob and Will Martin, Percy Silliman, W. H. Cusenbary, P. Hurst, John Hurst, P. Hurst, Jr., Curt and Guy Hebert, J. S. Moss, J. E. Mills, H. A. Al-berthal, J. J. Mills, Frank Merchison, Wm. Saunders, Lee Dunagan, Alexander Mills, R. I. Smith, Joe Robbins, Ben Robinson, Will Miers, M. Parker, Roy Hudspeth, Bob Benton, S. Williams, Tom Adams, J. W. Hill, C. W. Adams, Coleman Whitfield, James Woods, Albert Costley, W. R. Rudieil, Mark Baugh, Jeff Dunagan, E. Pride, A. W. Pride, John Thomas, Ase Robinson, Louis Morris, Perry McConnell, Chas. E. Davidson, James George, Doc Simmons, W. W. Smith, Raymond Callahan, Wm. Johnson, and Mike Murphy, The Devil's River News man."

Hunters Bag Game!

From The Devil's River News—January 10, 1891

Chas. Davidson, John McNicol, George Allison, Tom and C. W. Adams were out on a surveying tour a week ago Monday and they killed a bear towards the Llano, about 20 miles from town. During the night the coyotes were around in numbers and liked the taste of bear meat so well that they carried of the carcass and hide, cut the stake ropes of the horses and kicked up a fuss generally.

Tom Snyder and W. H. Click were out on a hunt last week and killed 18 deer and some smaller game. . . They report stock in fine condition.

Caldwell Is Manager Of Lumber House

One of the most progressive, and yet youngest firms in Sonora is the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber company, whose time in business here is measured in months, rather than in years. For the Foxworth-Galbraith company, although pioneers in the trade in the Plains sector, has just recently invaded the Sonora territory, having purchased the yards of the West Texas Lumber Company at Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona and Barnhart.

The business office and yard here is 90x100 feet, facing north. Then in addition to the central office, they control an immense warehouse near the railroad yards, which is equipped to outfit large ranches, and to serve Ozona, Eldorado and Barnhart divisions of the organization.

W. E. Caldwell is manager of the company's Sonora division, and is ably assisted by Elwood McWilliams, bookkeeper, and Ernest Castro, yardman.

Helped Build West

Mr. Caldwell stated that the Foxworth - Galbraith company is really the pioneer of the lumber business in the west, and that their name stands for quality in merchandise, and fairness in transactions. They have been in business in Texas for over forty years, he said.

You can find about any sort of building materials on the market at the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., and, take it from Mr. Caldwell, it will be the best the market affords.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Caldwell and the company at large for choosing Sonora as headquarters for their Southwestern division. We feel they will be a real asset to Sutton county in the years to come.

Angelo Furniture Concern Progressive

Occupying four floors in the heart of San Angelo, the Robert Massie company, one of the southwest's greatest furniture stores, has long been associated with the traditions and activities of this section of the state.

For several decades this institution has been serving West Texans. Established by Robert Massie, a native of Scotland, this store was a pioneer in the furniture business and has always been one of the foremost in presenting the newest styles in furniture at the beginning of each season. In fact, it may be said, that West Texans always felt they could shop at Robert Massie's with the utmost confidence, considering style, quality and price.

Mr. Massie came to America when he was sixteen years old and resided here for 48 years. During that time he pioneered the organization of sheepmen for the marketing of their wool and was a leader in the livestock industry until his death, which came in 1931.

In addition to the furniture store the Robert Massie company operates a modern funeral home two and one-half blocks from the store. This home is managed by men who have spent many years in their profession and are competent in every respect. Nothing necessary to the perfect operation of a funeral home has been neglected in its equipment and all rites are proficiently conducted in every respect.

Robert Massie was a great believer in culture, education and religious uplifting. When he died in 1931 a portion of his estate was left to provide for the use, uplift, culture, education and training of young people. Some of this was to provide scholarships in the San Angelo College.

Mrs. M. S. Davis One of First Settlers Here

Mrs. M. S. Davis, the widow of former Sheriff J. L. Davis of Sutton county, came with her husband to Sonora from Burnet county, Texas, November 24, 1890. Two years later, in 1892, her husband was elected sheriff, serving three terms first and last and some years also as deputy for Sheriff Briant.

Mrs. Davis was a pioneer of three frontiers in American history. When she was born in Fayette county, Alabama, in 1856, the Northwest Alabama country was being developed as a land of opportunity. Her father enlisted in the Confederate Army when she was five years old and she never saw him again until the end of the war, when he came home from a six-months' stay in a Federal war prison.

Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. David Howton, and when the Civil War was over they were still young enough to adventure into the new land of Texas, settling in Burnet county in 1867. The Comanche Indians were public nuis-



MRS. W. S. DAVIS

ance number one at that time—running off stock, and murdering settlers when convenient. Both her father and the young man who later became her husband were Texas Rangers, and fought the Comanches on occasion.

"The Indians would come tracking around the place at night," Mrs. Davis said, "and we would find their moccasined footprints in the dust around the blacksmith shop in the morning. One neighbor claimed she could smell Indians when they were near—say within a few hundred yards."

So, after her marriage to J. L. Davis and their migration to Southwest Texas, Sutton county as a frontier was nothing new to them.

"This has always been a prosperous country, too; and it is still The Stockman's Paradise."

Mrs. Davis' husband died in 1914. They had ranched near Sonora to move to town during the school terms, and Mrs. Davis has lived in Sonora continuously since her husband's death. The old home ranch, some six miles north of the city is now owned by her son-in-law, B. F. Meckel. It is composed of 8½ sections. Her six living children are:

Mrs. Lillie Covington, of Plainview; Mrs. Hollis B. McGonagill, of Dallas; Mrs. B. F. Meckel, of near Sonora; J. R. Davis of Rock Springs, ranchman; Mrs. W. E. Wallace, who lives with her husband in Sonora; and Mrs. M. C. Clark of Ft. Worth, whose husband is a horticulturist of that city.

Mrs. Davis was 84 years old on August 19, 1940. She has a good memory and is vigorous enough to make long journeys to see her children who live in distant places.

"The Stockman's Paradise" Was Gay In "Gay Nineties"

Gunfire, Dances, Big Events "Them Days"

That the old-timers had plenty of entertainment in the old days, and were not forced to spend most of their hours at home, was evidenced when old files of The Devil's River News revealed accounts of numerous dances, gun-battles, and parties, not to mention advertisements pertaining to the abundance of hard liquor then sold here.

Apparently there was a formal dance each month, with several informal affairs being thrown in between; and no great surprise was expressed if a man was "gunned" in the middle of the street. Men under the influence of liquor went their way undisturbed; that is, unless they disturbed someone else, and then there was the devil to pay. Someone would be hurt.

Possibly the days were similar to the ones we frequently see portrayed on the screen: long rows of wooden shacks with hitching posts in front, and intermittently dotted with saloons, the general store, which sold harness, saddles, grub, hardware (guns to you), and maybe some sort of dry goods (in order to take on a refined appearance); a grocery store or two, a boot shop, and perhaps a store that sold nothing but clothes (for both men and women). And in between this array about six combination saloons and dance halls were thrown in.

Stock for this conglomeration of retail dealers was hauled by wagon-train from San Angelo, and the trip generally required some three or four days.

So, although the elements here perhaps weren't quite so rough as the region controlled by Judge Roy Bean, in the land "West of the Pecos," it was sufficiently rowdy to afford the citizens of that day and age plenty of excitement.

This page lists some of the events occurring between 1890 and 1900.

"Pays to Advertise"

From The Devil's River News: March 23, 1894—

Keg beer 5 cents a glass at Morris & Allison's.
T. B. Birtrong's Saloon:
Bar-Whiskey, 10 cents a drink.
Niagara at \$1.50 per quart.
Bourbon at 75c per quart.
Brandy at 75 cents per quart.
Sherry wine at 75c per quart.
Catawba at 75c per quart.
Beer, 5 cents a glass.
Don't forget to make the Maud S. Saloon your headquarters!

"ABOVE THE CLOUDS"

From The Devil's River News: April 23, 1898—

A drama in two acts, will be produced at the courthouse in Sonora on April 13, 1898, by the Sonora Dramatic Club. Cast of characters:

Crazy Phil, a hermit—Burroughs.
Alfred Thorpe, a villain—Gonagill.
Gaylord, country gentleman—Anderson.
Howard Gaylord, his son—Collins.
Chips, a bashful lover—Bramley.
Nat Naylor, a poet—Mrs. Ford.
Susie, Gaylord's daughter—Mrs. Cahill.

ALL CLEAR FOR THE U. S. MAIL



The first Devil's River News building and post office is shown here. The mail is just coming in and several youngsters are marveling at the feats of Uncle Sam's mail carriers. We made every attempt to learn the identity of the children but couldn't. About 1890.

Editorial Starts Angora Raising

WRITER APPARENTLY WAS PARTIAL TO RAISING OF ANGORAS

An editorial appearing in the November 21, 1891 issue of The Devil's River News, divulges the beginning of Angora goat raising in Sonora. Following is a re-write of the editorial:

Wide-awake ranchers in this section are contemplating the raising of Angora goats, since the mohair off the animal is becoming a valuable product. Manufacturers are using it increasingly in their factories.

This brushy, mountainous country, is well-adapted to the business, and there is little doubt but what a flock of Angora goats could be as valuable as a flock of sheep. The goats will thrive where sheep starve.

A close survey of statistics reveals that the sheep, while shearing 4 to 6 pounds per head, will not afford the rancher as much profit as the goat, which, although shearing but three pounds, generally, allows the rancher more money, as his fleece is about twice the value of a sheep's.

The Angora goat requires no dipping, while the sheep must be dipped several times a year. Sheep must be run in herds of 1200 to 1600, but it not uncommon to see goats run in herds of 2,000 and over.

The value of a goat's pelt quadruples that of a sheep.

Kids can be raised with much less trouble than lambs, and there is no reason why Angora goat raising in Sonora cannot become a principal means of raising cash. (Editor's note: Apparently this editorial was effective as there are now many herds of goats in this territory. The editorial was signed "Doc" and perhaps is familiar to some of the old-timers).

From The Devil's River News: February 21, 1891—

Born, on Saturday the 14th instance, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, a boy.

Chris D. Wyatt, Rancher, and Miss Zadia Baker United In Marriage Ceremony

From The Devil's River News: October 12, 1895—

Married, at the home of the bride's parents on the North Llano, Sunday, October 6th, Justice W. A. Stewart of Sonora officiating, Miss Zadia Baker to Mr. Chris D. Wyatt.

GARDNER - ALLEN DANCE DECLARED BIG SUCCESS

From The Devil's River News: May 16, 1896—

"The best time I ever had in my life," was the answer to inquiries made about the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Horton Allen at their ranch on the North Llano Wednesday night in honor of Miss Jessie Gardner's 16th birthday.

Personal Happenings

From The Devil's River News: March 21, 1891—

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson opened the door of their new home in "Brooklyn" on Tuesday night, and made the evening pass pleasantly for the young people in attendance.

W. J. Fields, one of the largest land and cattle owners in Sutton County, returned this week from a two months' visit with relatives in Austin. He was accompanied by his cousin, W. A. Fields, of West Virginia, who will locate in the Stockman's Paradise.

March 7—
The Postmaster General, recognizing the growth of Sonora, has granted a petition for a money order department in our post office.

A meeting of citizens is called for 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the school house, for the purpose of reorganizing the Sunday school.

March 14—
Alexander Bros. will begin

Only the families of the contracting parties were present. Miss Baker is the charming and cultured daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker; and Chris Wyatt is one of Sutton county's best known and successful young cattlemen.

FIFTY WAGONS CARRY FREIGHT TO SONORA

From The Devil's River News: March 13, 1897—

There are twenty freighters, representing fifty wagons, hauling 200,000 pounds of freight, constantly employed bringing merchandise from the railroad station at San Angelo to Sonora; to say nothing of the wagons loaded with lumber, windmills, piping, wire and machinery.

shortly the erection of a \$2,000.00 merchandise and grain warehouse on the corner opposite The Devil's River News office.

John Sowell was married Sunday night to Miss Minnie Thomas at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Justice Traweck officiating.

The Dunagan House changed hands this week, L. D. Dunagan having leased the place to John Cole.

Tom Bertrong, member of the Sonora Supply Co., was in from his Lost Lake ranch Tuesday. He says his truck garden is doing splendid. March 21—

Jim Brothers came in from the Llano a day or so ago with his first catch of fish—200 pounds—which he quickly sold at 10 cents a pound. He says Bill Seigor is an expert fisherman, and their boat, "The Sonora Belle," is much admired by the natives. Jim brought fish weighing from 5 to 35 pounds.

35 Make January, 1895, Honor Roll

From The Devil's River News: January 5, 1895—

First Grade
Nettie Word
Christian Hemphill
Lee Haley
Eddie Glasscock
Baby Bunton

Second Grade
Clyde Bell
Columbus Heflin
Eva Mills

Low Third Grade
Orin Schupbach
Harry Sharp
Lettie Gibbons
Daisy Palmer

Third Grade
Eva Bean
Evelyn Charland
Roland Saunders
Florence Duke
Wharton Haley
Wade Marshall

Fourth Grade
Dona Allison
Lou Thomason
Carl Schupbach
Della Carlton
Orville Word

Fifth Grade
Ira Glasscock
May Wyatt
Daisy Johnson
Hollie Davis
Claude Baker

High Fifth Grade
Birtie Taylor
Lula Holland

Sixth Grade
Bessie Mills
Annie Adams
Minnie Schupbach
Nellie Douglas

Seventh Grade
Mona Rountree

SONORA CHURCHES IN 1896

Methodist—Rev. W. G. Cooke,
Baptist—Rev. H. Q. Kendall.
Episcopal—Rev. Edward Martin.
Catholic—Rev. J. B. Rigaud.
Presbyterian—Occasional services.
Church of Christ—Occasional services.

Misses Ella Winson, Dee Drake, Honor-ees at Dance

From The Devil's River News: January 31, 1891—

A delightful little hop took place last Friday night in the new office of The Devil's River News. The affair was gotten up Messrs. Max Mayer and John F. Steagall, in honor of Miss Ella Winson and Miss Dee Drake, with Mr. Felix Vander Stucken as floor manager. The music was provided by Messrs. R. E. Erwin and M. W. Sellars.

Taking everything into consideration, a very enjoyable evening was spent and the new office of the only and original Devil's River News got a good warming.

The following were present:
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. James Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. O. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Sowell, Justice and Mrs. Traweck, Mrs. J. M. G. Baugh, Mrs. Carson.

Misses Dee Drake, Ella Winson, Lucille Adams, Bessie Baugh, Alice Fulcher, Cotter Dunagan, Minnie Thomas, Lonnie Wyatt, Jennie Mitchell, Annie Mathews; and Messrs. Max Mayer, Felix Vander Stucken, Col. W. L. Black of McKavett; Judge Ball, John F. Steagall, Steve Murphy, J. P. McConnell, Herb Maddox, H. C. Reynolds, W. H. Cusenbary, W. R. Rudicil, M. Parker, C. Whitfield, John Thomas, Mark Baugh, Lee Russell, B. Barfield, M. W. Sellars, R. E. Erwin, Lee Dunagan, Jerry Robinson, John Sowell, Rodger Hemphill, Wm. Drennan, and Mike Murphy, The Devil's River News man.

RUSTLERS!

From The Devil's River News: April 18, 1896

John T. Cooper lost last week a herd of 2,300 good muttons, which were stolen by Mexicans and driven across the Rio Grande at the old Brown ranch. The money loss is \$5,000, and is the third such loss that Mr. Cooper has suffered within the past five years. Mr. Cooper and Tom Kileen returned from Del Rio and Eagle Pass last Friday, where they had trailed the muttons.

Anglers Bad News To Devil's River Fish

From The Devil's River News: May 9, 1896—

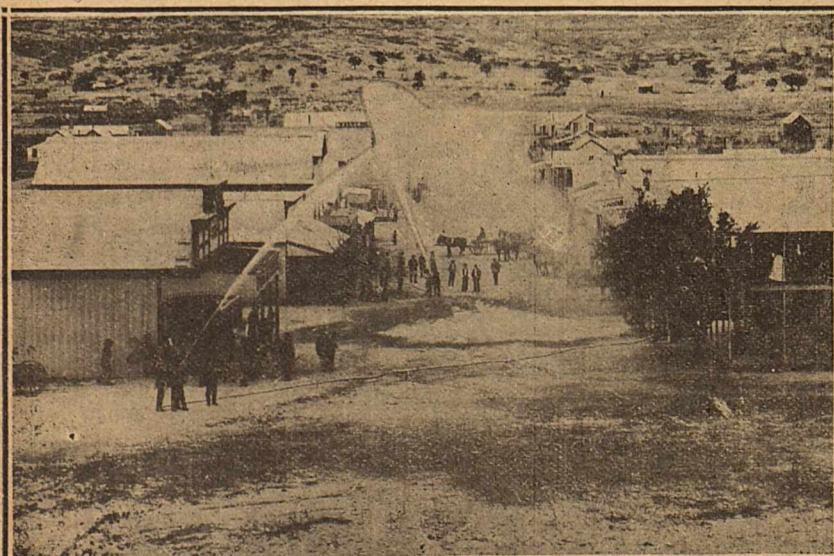
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atkinson, Misses Annie Dunagan, Minnie Schupbach, Manda Duke and Messrs. Jessie Hill, and Earl Duke returned Wednesday from their fishing and hunting trip to Stoneway Falls on the Devil's River.

They report a successful trip. Caught 150 pounds of fish the first evening and as many the next day. When they wanted squirrels they shot them; and Carl Atkinson killed a fine deer which lost its life for being a little inquisitive. They brought home a quantity of dried fish.

From The Devil's River News: Feb. 21, 1891—

T. B. Birtrong, one of the popular members of the Sonora Supply Co., is putting in a new ranch about one mile south of town. He will raise fine horses, cattle and sheep, and show the fertility of the soil by growing his own feed.

FIRE FIGHTERS (MAYBE?)



The Sonora "Volunteer Fire Department" is pictured here ganging up on a blaze in the downtown district. Persons command-

ing the hose are unknown, but it is presumed they are Sonora business men at the turn of the Twentieth Century.

CHRISTMAS BALL

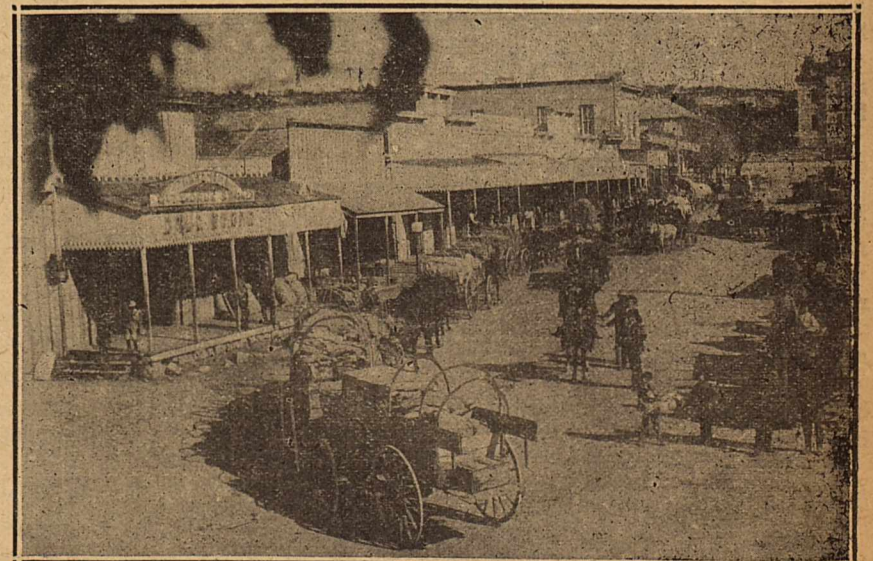
From The Devil's River News: December 16, 1893—

The Ball at the courthouse on Christmas night will open at 9:00 o'clock standard time. The following will be the program:

1. Grand march.
2. Quadrille.
3. Waltz.
4. Scottische.
5. Quadrille.
6. Polka.
7. Waltz.
8. Quadrille.
9. Scottische.
10. Polka.
11. Quadrille.
12. Waltz (Home, Sweet Home).

The McDaniel string band of San Angelo has been engaged to furnish the music. The committee has secured the courthouse for the ball, one of the finest halls in West Texas.

TYPICAL STREET SCENE



Must be Saturday! Large crowds mill about Sonora's main thoroughfare many years ago. Citizens can be seen talking and walk-

ing about the streets, and what apparently is a freight wagon is noticed. The picture obviously was taken in the early nineties.



“Why, I Can Remember When . . .

. . . there wasn't even a telephone in this country.
 “Way back in 1890, about the time the Devil's River News was established, the only way we had to hear about anybody or anything, was through the old stagecoach, which didn't get here but about twice a week. We didn't know any better then, though.

“Then came the telephone, and what a difference! Well, as I recollect it, people went near mad gettin' to talk on the things. Can't you just imagine how we felt talking to somebody fifty miles away. Guess we thought it was some kind of magic.

“But you youngsters don't think anything about the telephone. Nothing strange about it now; it's just one of the household necessities. You couldn't and wouldn't do without it.

“Yes, sir, the telephone shore played a big part in the growth of this country!”

1898

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In the early 1840's, Alexander Graham Bell conceived the idea of transmitting the vibrations of the human voice through wire, and succeeded, in 1848, in speaking into his crude apparatus and being heard by a colleague in an adjacent room, the first time man had ever conversed beyond earshot. This telephone consisted of an inconspicuous box containing two diaphragms, or carbonized discs.

Patent on the telephone was held up in the late 90's pending a court decision, but Mr. Bell finally succeeded in marketing his invention, which today plays a big role in the life of Americans.

A party in New York can, in the course of a few minutes, have on the wire a party in San Francisco; a vast network of telephone lines connects every section of the world.

It is an intricate system, but seldom is there any complaint from telephone users; all employes of telephone companies are specially trained to handle their duties competently.

The San Angelo Telephone Company, Inc., has played a big part in the development of this great territory.

SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE CO.

W. L. Aldwell Elected First Mayor Of Sonora In 1917

Initial Meeting Held in February

The first meeting of the Sonora town government was convened February 17, 1917, and members present were W. L. Aldwell, mayor; Theo. Savell, S. R. Hull and Roy E. Aldwell, aldermen. Frank Decker was made secretary on the motion of Roy Aldwell.

Roy Aldwell, G. W. Stephens and J. S. Allison were named a committee to draft ordinances, etc., for the government of the town of Sonora.

At the meeting on March 20, the office of city marshal was dispensed with and the duties conferred on the sheriff of Sutton county. Proposed ordinances reported by the ordinance committee were adopted.

A special session on April 15 adopted more of the committee's ordinances, including the San Angelo sanitary laws. The organization of the city was completed at the meeting of November 2, when the city officials, who had qualified at the July 7 meeting, chose Ora Merck city secretary, H. B. Belck, recorder; and Alvin Johnson, city attorney.

When the council convened on February 25, 1918, Miss Merck having resigned, J. S. Allison acted as secretary until Mrs. J. A. Cope could be elected by the Board of Aldermen as secretary-treasurer assessor and tax collector, at a salary of \$50 for the term.

When the drawing for long and short term for aldermen was held on March 7, 1918, J. S. Allison, Sam Hull and G. W. Stephenson drew the long terms; and an election was called for the first Tuesday in April.

E. F. Vander Stucken, T. L. Benson and Fred Simmons were made a board of equalization of the city tax levy; and the pay of the city secretary was raised to \$75.

The tax rate was fixed at 10 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation on March 16; Kenneth Taliferro was named judge of the election to occur on the first Tuesday in April; and on May 6, George B. Hamilton and E. S. Long took the oath of office as aldermen before County Judge Briant. Mrs. Cope was re-elected city secretary.

W. L. Aldwell Resigns As Sonora's Mayor

The foregoing appears to have been all of the proceeding for 1918, but on February 1, 1919, Mayor Aldwell's resignation as Mayor was accepted, and E. S. Long was chosen to serve as mayor pro tem. Fire equipment was ordered and examined with a view to purchase by the city; 50 dog tags were ordered. The tax rate for the fiscal year was fixed at 5 cents on the \$100.

The council canvassed the votes cast at the recent election when it convened April 7. Claude Keene was declared elected mayor; W. L. Aldwell, L. W. Elliott and G. W. Stephenson, aldermen. They qualified and took office.

May 5 Mrs. Cope was again named city secretary-treasurer, tax assessor and collector. The meeting of the 12th of May discussed the location of the Vander Stucken scales and the placing of traffic signs—concrete pyramids—for the streets.

On June 4, the Sonora Board of Aldermen received a bill of \$56.25 contracted by the ladies of the Women's Club of the city as the result and expense of their civic operations on Clean-Up Day. The bill was allowed.

The growing importance of city government was indicated when the bill was allowed by the board of alderman on Sept. 3, 1919, of J. B. Eaton, Sr., for \$200.00 for water furnished for fire protection. The mayor was asked to see to the enforcement of the city's traffic laws.

March 1, 1920. The bill for \$200 of the Sonora Light & Water Co. was allowed, the vote of L. W. Elliott not being cast, because he was a stockholder in the company. The tax for the fiscal year was levied at 12½ cents on the \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

The secretary's monthly salary was raised from \$8.35 to \$15.

The council canvassed the returns of the election of the first Tuesday in April, and declared the results to be the election of W. E. Caldwell and H. V. Stokes as aldermen.

When the board of aldermen met on March 8, a resolution was passed asking all citizens to co-

operate with the Women's Club of the city for Clean-Up Day; and pledging financial aid of the city in hauling trash and so forth. And on April 4 Carl Morrow was appointed aderman to serve the unexpired term of H. V. Stokes. He was sworn in by L. W. Elliott, county judge. The tax rate was fixed at 12½ cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation. Dr. A. G. Blanton was made city health officer.

Mayor Clyde Keene was named recorder, in addition to his other public duties, at the meeting of the council on April 20. At the April election, W. E. Caldwell was made mayor; Claude Keene, G. W. Stephens, W. L. Aldwell, aldermen. Mrs. Cope was re-named secretary.

In the August 4 meeting, S. L. Merck reported back that the county judge had consented to the use of the jail by the City of Sonora. An don September 5, S. L. Merck, as city marshal, was voted a salary of \$15 per month.

Money in the treasury was indicated on November 7, when the board required a bond of \$2,000 by the city secretary-treasurer. And on December 5, the mayor and marshal were granted permission to appoint a sufficient number of deputies to handle the Christmas holiday crowds. Cal Ory, one of the deputies, was allowed 15¢ at the January 1, 1922 meeting for his Christmas services.

This same January 2 session also granted the city marshal's bill of \$5.25 for "empounding and feeding" a horse that had been allowed to run at large in the city contrary to ordinance. There was an explanatory entry on the minutes to the effect that the unclaimed horse had been sold for \$9.25; the city being able to pass a net \$3.75 into the treasury.

The council met in regular session on February 6, 1922, whereupon the businessmen of the city were called to an open special session to consider the purchase by the city of fire-fighting apparatus. S. L. March was named fire marshal with a salary of \$3 per month. The mayor was requested to urge the school trustees to have Fire Prevention taught in the schools. A reward of \$100 was offered by the city for the arrest and conviction of anyone on an arson charge.

A resolution of the city council on March 6, pledged its financial support to the annual Clean-Up Day activities of the Sonora Women's Club.

The board of aldermen canvassed the returns of the city election of recent date at its April 20 meeting, finding that Carl Morrow had been elected alderman for the ensuing two years. A fire truck was ordered purchased at a price of around \$1,800—"if city warrants to pay for same can be given in payment or sold to that extent." And a committee was appointed to sell \$2,500 warrants in the market. Mrs. Cope was elected city secretary.

City Pays \$3,450 For Fire Engine

There seems to have been some mosquitoes in the summer of 1922, for on June 25, the council was ordering crude oil to be sprayed on mudholes and the weeds cut. October 2, the tax rate for the fiscal year was fixed at 25 cents on the \$100.

The council acted March 2, 1923 in the matter of fire-fighting equipment; buying a fire engine at a price of \$3,450; \$450 down and the balance in yearly payments of \$600 at 6 per cent interest. A siren was also purchased at a cost of \$50.

Election returns were canvassed on April 10, the result being that W. E. Caldwell was shown to have been elected Mayor; E. E. Sawyer and W. C. Bryson, aldermen. Mrs. Cope was again made city secretary-treasurer.

The August 11 session of the city fathers named J. L. Cook city marshal and fire marshal.

The first entry of note in the 1924 minutes of the city council proceedings was the requirement that dog-owners buy license tags for their pets. And the only other and last notable entry was that the sanitary administrators for the town see more vigilantly to matters concerning public health.

June, 1925, saw a revival in the vigor of city government affairs. At the first meeting in that month the secretary reported taxable valuation in Sonora of \$542,290; and a cash balance in the city

Grant Permit For Erection of Theater

treasury of \$9.50.

So, when the council convened on March 2, a tax levy of 25 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation was ordered collected.

Returns on the April elections, canvassed by the council's session of May 4, showed S. R. Hull and J. W. Travis chosen aldermen for the ensuing two years. And an election was called for June 9 to vote on a proposed change from present city organization to a commission form of government.

When the council reconvened on July 5, City Secretary L. G. Gilmore reported that a canvass of the returns showed the proposed commission form of government authorized by a majority vote of the people; and S. R. Hull and W. C. Gilmore had been elected commissioners.

At the council meeting of August 3, a permit was granted to Carl Gunzer for the erection of a new motion picture building.

Roy E. Aldwell was named commissioner in the place of W. C. Gilmore by the October 5 council meeting, who had refused to qualify as such. W. E. Caldwell resigned as mayor and was succeeded by W. C. Gilmore. And on October 8, Mrs. Gilmore was named city clerk, at a salary of \$15 per month, plus \$100 for making the tax rolls. Cal Ory was chosen both town and fire marshal at a salary of \$18 per month. The fire truck driver was allowed a salary of \$5 per month.

The council voted to pay the mayor and commissioners \$5 for regular monthly meetings and \$2 for each call meeting—but only two called meetings in any month to be paid sessions.

The council let it be known at the February 1 meeting in 1926, that the citizens must help enforce the stock law, as the city could not afford to pay a full-time marshal. The returns of the April 6 election were canvassed by the council meeting on April 8, showing Wm. C. Gilmore elected mayor for the ensuing two years; R. H. Hull and C. G. Dunklin, commissioners for two years.

Bond Issue Has Close Call, 78-70

The commissioners issued a call at their meeting on August 27, 1927, for an election to take place October 15, 1927, on the question of a bond issue for \$45,000; the bonds to bear interest at 6 per cent; and to levy a tax of sufficient volume to provide interest and sinking funds; the money realized from the sale of said bonds to be used to construct a sewer system.

The returns on the bond election were canvassed by the commissioners on October 25, who found that 78 votes had been cast for the bonds and 70 against the proposition. And on November 16, a survey of the city boundaries was ordered as a preliminary measure to action in the sewer survey.

March 2, 1928. The council changed the per cent interest of the sewer bonds to 5½, and the commission accepted a bid for the purchase of the bonds at par and accrued interest. On May 2, A. C. Elliott's salary as city secretary was made \$100 per month for three months, or until the sewer system should be completed.

May 17 Roy C. Aldwell was appointed building inspector, following the passage of the building ordinance.

In July the sewer connection rentals were fixed at \$1 for residences, \$2.50 for business houses. A plumbing ordinance was adopted.

Meetings of August 9-28 did routine work looking to street improvements, H. L. George being named city engineer. Sept. 11-15-18-29: Bids for street improvement accepted and warrants issued for same to the face value of \$7,250.

Roy E. Aldwell qualified as mayor of the town of Sonora on July 6, 1929; and the Sonora Water Company's franchise was approved at the same meeting of the commission. Mrs. Jessie Johnson was appointed tax assessor.

December 12. The commissioners present were S. R. Hull and W. C. Gilmore; Mayor Roy Aldwell presiding. C. F. Holliday, city secretary. The proposition to close several streets in Sonora was ordered submitted to the people in an election.

September 23 meeting exempted Sutton county from sewer rentals

for 20 years in consideration of county aid given in fire protection equipment and street paving. The tax rate for 1929 was fixed at 90 cents per \$100; 25c for the sewer fund and 65c for the general fund. City Secretary Holliday's salary was made \$125 per month.

The commission meeting of March 6, 1930, ascertained that the election proposition for street closings had carried. And at the April 7 session a canvass of the returns on city election for officers showed all old officers re-elected.

August 6. The secretary was ordered to ask for bids for 1,000 feet of paving and drainage. Sept. 30. The tax rate was fixed at 90 cents on the \$100 for the fiscal year.

On October 9, 1930, George E. Smith was made city manager. November 6, the Orient Ry. Co. was granted a franchise to operate over certain streets. And Sonora ceased to be an "inland" town. A charity fund of \$50 was appropriated.

In 1931 the tax rolls for the year showed the assessed valuation to be \$718,520.00.

April 7, 1932. The returns on the city election indicated W. C. Gilmore re-elected mayor; Alfred Schwiening and V. F. Hamilton, commissioners.

Sept. 5. The budget was studied and approved. The tax rate for the fiscal year—Oct. 1, 1932 to Sept. 30, 1933, was fixed at 80 cents on the \$100. Oct. 3. The salary of the city treasurer was reduced from \$120 to \$10 per month. Nov. 7. George H. Neill was made county treasurer.

February 15, 1933. The pound keeper was instructed to charge owners \$1 for cows and 25c for sheep caught running loose on the streets.

George Baker, president of the Sonora fire department, appeared before the city commission on May 1, and discussed the plan of sending delegates to the West Texas chamber of commerce school to learn more about RFC self-liquidating loans. The commission favored the idea and \$10 was appropriated to further it.

A proposition to erect a municipal building for Sonora came before the commission at its meeting on June 9, 1933. George Baker, George Wynn and George Smith were appointed a committee to fill out an application for a \$3,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; and to secure plans and location for the building.

At the commission's meeting on January 12, 1934, the mayor nominated and the commission elected John G. Becker municipal building inspector. The secretary was ordered to get a picture of Lowrey Draw to be submitted to the highway department, looking to the building of a bridge.

Sonora Gets First SW Texas WPA Grant

The city manager submitted a loan agreement, on April 4, between the City of Sonora and the Government of the United States, providing for a combination fire station and city hall, which was accepted by the commission; about \$2,100 being loaned to the city under the agreement for the present building. (It was the first WPA project for this section of the State of Texas). The city issued \$4,700 in bonds, which the U. S. Government purchased—making a "grant" amounting to 30 per cent of the cost of the labor and materials.

The commission assembled in April to canvass the returns of the recent election and declared W. C. Gilmore had been elected mayor; V. F. Hamilton and Alfred Schwiening, commissioners. W. M. McDonough was named assistant fire marshal.

In July (the 6th), advertisements were ordered to be inserted in the San Angelo Standard-Times and The Devil's River News for bids on the Sonora City Hall. \$20 was allowed the fire department for the expense of members attending the A. & M. Firemen's School.

On February 11, 1935, the city commission convened and discussed with Alvin Johnson, R. S. Covey, George Wynn and L. W. Elliott, (in a round-table talk), a plan to purchase the local waterworks and light plant and institute an extensive street-paving with the help of PWA loans—\$65,000 for waterworks, \$60,000 for light plant and \$7,000 for paving—being the estimates.

In May Secretary-Manager Geo.

Floyd Dunagin Court Reporter

Smith wrote for engineering advice on the water and light project.

At the September 9 meeting Floyd Dunagin was named court recorder. A franchise was granted for the laying of pipe lines in Sonora for natural gas.

A canvass of the election returns in April showed all of the old city officers re-elected.

"June 1, 1935" is recorded in the minutes of the city commission as the day on which it first convened in the new city hall "in the office of the city manager at 8:00 o'clock p. m." At this meeting the proposed PWA loan was ordered to be changed to an application for a "grant."

The Sonora city commission convened at the city hall on December 8, 1936. "The budget was adopted" and the tax rate for the fiscal year was fixed at 80 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation.

January 13, 1937. E. S. Emerson and Mr. Roach were before the commission to discuss the financing of revenue bonds for a municipally-owned waterworks project; Emerson agreeing that his company would underwrite \$100,000 worth of bonds at 4½ per cent interest, the company's attorney to advise as to the legal handling of the election, etc., for five per cent of the cost of the project.

January 22, L. W. Elliott was retained as attorney for the city in the proposed waterworks project at 1 per cent cost thereof. And at the February 1 meeting the commission transacted concluding business for the issue of \$90,000 in 40-year bonds at 4½ per cent interest for the proposed waterworks project; and an election was called for March 27, 1937, for the property-owning taxpayers to vote the issue.

On March 29, 1937, the election judges—H. V. Stokes, W. E. James and W. H. Perry—reported to the commission that 110 votes had been cast for the bonds and 6 against the bond issue. And on April 9 a resolution was adopted by the city commission ordering the issue of the bonds.

Purchase Two Lots For Park Sites

July 22. O. C. Ogden was chosen manager of the Sonora Municipal Water System. The first \$50,000 of the bonds were ordered sold at the meeting of the commission on the 26th day of July, 1937, at \$90.60 on the \$100.00 and accrued interest. On August 7, 1937, the U. S. Government's offer of 45 per cent aid for the building of the waterworks project was accepted.

In the September 8 session of the city commission, Beal Freeman was allowed pay as night-watchman for the water system.

August 4. The current for the waterworks and street lighting was contracted for at reduced rates for the ensuing year. And on November 1, the water rates were reduced by the commission. Also, \$20,000 additional bonds were ordered sold for the completion of the waterworks system. Two lots were ordered purchased from the Sonora Townsite Company at a cost of \$300 for city park purposes.

December 26. The contract for the construction of the waterworks was let at \$54,811.80.

February 21, 1938. A resolution passed by the commission recognized the calcium and magnesium bicarbonate in the Sonora water, and declared the water satisfactory for city use. A cement floor for the city reservoir was voted.

April 4, 1938. Returns from the city election showed the following results: W. C. Gilmore, re-elected mayor; Alfred Schwiening and Vernon Hamilton, commissioners.

On August 14, Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell and Mrs. Robert Jacobs, representing the Sutton County Beautification Committee, submitted to the city commission the plans for the proposed city park, and were promised financial aid in the 1938-39 city budget; or a WPA project would be asked for to forward the improvement of the park lots.

On December 9, City Manager George E. Smith was requested to negotiate for the bringing of Irion county WPA certified laborers to Sonora to work on the paving projects as Sutton county had no citizens eligible for WPA employment; and a house was ordered provided for the said workers.

January 9, 1939. James K. Avery was appointed city engineer

for the street-paving project. February 8, free water was voted by the commission for the Mexican park, located between Mesquite and Orient Streets in the Mexican Addition to the City of Sonora. County warehouse water was also to be free. The city fire department was allowed \$25 to defray members' expenses attending the firemen's convention.

April 8, 1939. The purchase of a scraper at a cost of \$3,075 was ordered recorded on the minutes.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS (Unmarried Editor)

January 17, 1891—

County and District Clerk W. S. Strader, after a lingering illness, died January 11, 1891, and was buried Monday in the city cemetery. Deceased was born in West Virginia about 33 years ago, where his parents now reside.

There is considerable talk of organizing Crockett county. A new post office has been located at Hembrie, 15 miles west of the center of the county on Howard's Draw.—San Angelo Enterprise.

The genial T. D. Word, from Sutton county, one of the editor's boyhood chums, was in Menardville this week.—Menardville Recorder.

The appointment of W. B. Silliman to the office of County and District Clerk, was spoken of with general satisfaction Thursday and Friday, and the public sentiment is that Mr. Silliman will fill the office with credit to himself and the county.

NOTES FROM GWYNN

Gwynn, March 4, 1891—Spring has opened at last with prospects good of plenty of grass in this part of the country, as we had fine rains last night. Dr. Taylor bought 1,000 cattle down on the Nueces and is on a trade for 5,000 more.

We are putting in quite an extensive farm on the ranch. It consists of 50 acres, which will be mostly in sorghum. We have five acres of oats five inches high and the same amount of corn just over the ground. We expect to supply Sutton county with watermelons this coming summer.

F. R. Gwynn of New York is out here to spend a few months.

The handsome Mr. Briant of Kentucky was out spending a few days with us.

THE BOOK OF BACONHAM

From The Devil's River News, May 23, 1891—

Yea, verily, and it came to pass that on a certain time I sojourned in the land that is called Sutton, which is hard by the land of Crockett and over against Val Verde, and abounds in sheep, and in cattle, and in asses.

And the people dwell in tents. Yea, verily, they build chimneys unto live oak thickets and dwell therein. And they dig deep into the earth, and they have strange machines which they raise high into the air, and compel the winds of heaven to do their bidding; and labor for them like unto a wheel ox. Verily, verily, I say unto you these people are great magicians and exceedingly cunning in many strange arts.

Now in this land are exceeding high mountains and mighty lakes which knoweth not the color of water and are forever dry like unto an ancient bone.

But the quality of the grass is good and it everywhere abounds; whereat the sheep rejoice muchly and the cow groweth amazingly fat. And the stockman gathereth in much tin and waxeth exceedingly rich, and rideth about in road carts and putteth on much style, and sayeth, "Behold how mighty am I!" Selah.

And when the storm cometh and the rain descendeth in torrents he laugheth ha! ha! and sayeth, "Behold it maketh the grass to grow, and the weeds to flourish. Verily I have pitched my tent in goodly land, and here will I abide until I am called hence, and gathered unto my fathers."

And when the drouth cometh and the rain falleth not, he smileth unto himself and sayeth, "Verily, I careth not; for behold I have great stores of water laid by me in my goodly cypress tanks. And have I not a well that is an hundred and ninety and nine feet deep, in the bottom whereof there is water sufficient for a great nation?"

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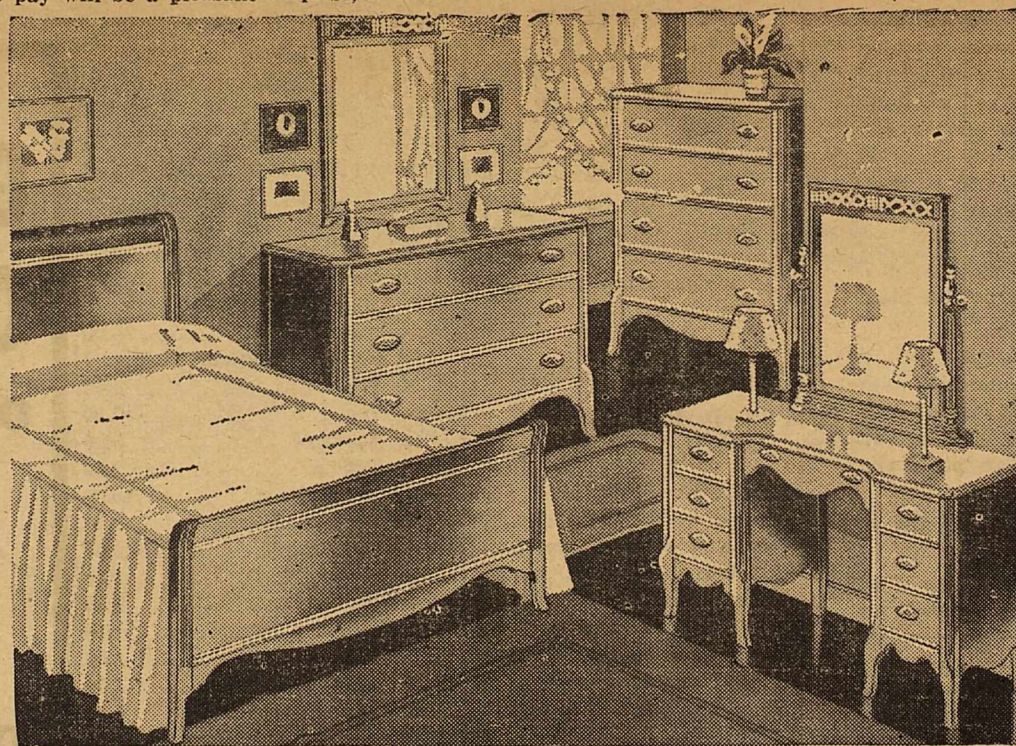
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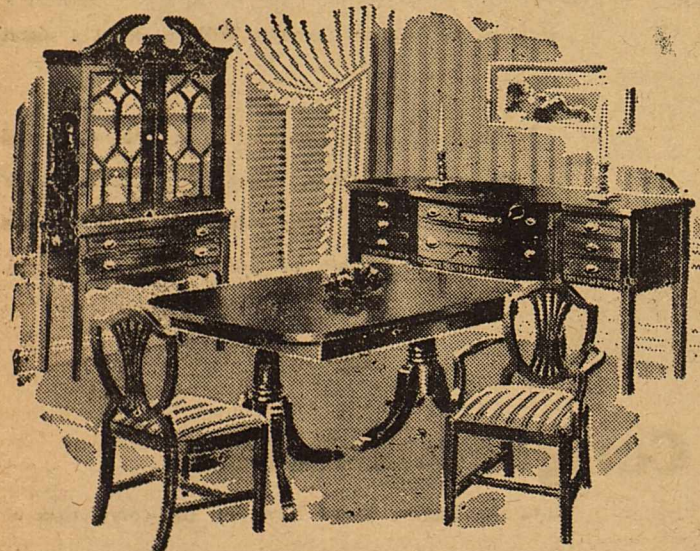
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We welcome with genuine pleasure this opportunity to extend sincere congratulations to the publisher of The Devil's River News, this greeting from one "old timer" to another.

Fifty years ago a handful of type, a George Washington printing press, and the grim determination of a pioneer newspaper man started The Devil's River News. From time to time after that beginning new equipment was added at intervals . . . not "regular" intervals as, sometimes, several years would pass before a new piece of equipment COULD be added. By drawing upon our imagination we can visualize long periods of time when the editor, who was also printer, printer's devil, typesetter, pressman, reporter, circulation manager and what have you, was endeavoring to swap an "ad" or a year's subscription to the paper, for a few pounds of pinto beans, flour, salt pork, molasses, or anything he might happen to be in need of at any particular time.

Perhaps, however, he was never compelled to do this, but practically all of our pioneers were subjected to "hard times" at some period of their operation, whether it was a general merchandise store, restaurant, rooming house, hotel, ranching or any other industry, and we can imagine that this editor and publisher had his ups and downs. But the fact that his grim determination to succeed is evidenced by the fine, completely-modern equipment that is used to publish The Devil's River News of 1940.

Today the customer can telephone, or call in person, at the office of this newspaper and contract space for an advertisement, or order any kind of printing to meet his individual requirements . . . and his order will be filled.

Such is progress! Such is the modern institution that was built upon the work and dreams of the founder, the pioneer of fifty years ago. To him we extend due recognition, but we wish to recognize, also, the management of today, who is maintaining the business on a level with other similar organizations and to them both we are glad to address as real builders and operators of an industry that has been a great asset in the development of the territory of which Sonora is the recognized center.

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Report of Six-Shooter Awakens Sonora Residents to Cry of "Fire!"

From The Devil's River News: December 9, 1893—

About 2:00 o'clock Thursday morning the inhabitants of Sonora were awakened by the sharp report of a six-shooter and cries of "fire!" Felix Mann of Menardville was sleeping in the west end of the hotel and was startled by the screams of a young girl. When he looked out his window he discovered the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Decker, adjoining the hotel, to be on fire. He gave the alarm, and he and others succeeded in getting the children out of the burning building.

From the Decker residence the fire spread to the Star Hotel operated by E. Gibbons. Furniture was carried from the hotel with other valuables. A vacant lot on the west side of the Decker house saved further spread of the fire, and the insufficient water supply made the saving of the two buildings impossible.

On the suggestion of a woman, wet blankets were spread on the fronts of the blistering buildings nearby, and they were all saved. It was the first fire of any consequence in Sonora's history. Mr. Gibbon's losses approximate \$2,500; Mr. Decker's, \$600.

Blistered fronts of other buildings, and damaged goods that had been moved in the street will be covered by \$400. None of the property was insured.

The hospitable people of Sonora opened wide their doors to the homeless and the Star Hotel boarders were scattered all over town Thursday.

Recall Hardships Of Early Day Stage Drivers

About the last stage line to connect the old days in Southwest Texas with the new order was the Sonora-San Angelo drive, which gave way to the auto-bus lines a few years before the coming of the railroad to Sonora. Jerry and Jim Robinson and J. B. Holman were the pioneers stageline drivers between Sonora and San Angelo in the gay nineties. They were succeeded by A. J. Savell and sons, Theodore and Tom, towards the end of that period, who had the line during several weeks. The connection of the Savell family had been intimate, however, before Theodore Savell moved to Sonora in 1897. He now owns some 8,750 acres of ranch land in this section.

Mr. Savell, the last survivor of the pioneer settlers of his family, has two children: Mrs. Velma Savell Hunt of this city, and Miers Savell, who lives with his family on the ranch.

"No, we never had a hold-up of the stake while we ran the line," Mr. Savell said, answering a question expected to bring out the romance of frontier days on the stage routes. "We never carried enough cash in the express or mail to tempt stage robbers, I reckon. What money got through was mostly in the form of drafts.

"Passengers going to San Angelo were generally local Sonorans or ranch folks. If on business, they took one day to get to San Angelo, a day to attend to the business, and another day to get home. Sometimes we carried a drummer.

In the worst of weather we used four horses to pull the stage out of the mud—for the roads were then very bad.

Sometimes the stage didn't get through, but the mail always got to its destination—even if we had to use a light buggy for a part of the way."

The road—or roads—between Sonora and points north were never good at their best; mere rutted tracks in the best of weather.

In 1911, Dr. L. L. Craddock put on the first automobile stage-line—but also used horses. He raised the old rate to \$6 for a one-way journey and \$10 for the round trip between Sonora and San Angelo. His car was a Cadillac, and while not always a sure thing under adverse conditions, it could generally negotiate the passage over the seventy miles of good and bad roads when the teams could not pull through. Anyway, the mails usually got to Angelo and Sonora on the days they were due.

And there was perhaps another reason why robbers never tackled the express and mail on the Sonora-San Angelo stage lines: the herds of cattle and sheep on the range were better picking.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS—

From The Devil's River News: October 18, 1890—

We were pleased with a visit from Mrs. C. F. Adams and Misses Maggie Farley and Susie Martin on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. G. Baugh leave for Callahan county today to close out their interest in that county and hurry back to the Stockman's Paradise and the best inland town in the state.

Lumber for the following new residences came in this week and it is reported that the road from Angelo is full of more lumber for Sonora: W. H. Devore, S. K. White.

Experienced well-driller wanted by Chr Meinecke, Sonora; good wages and steady employment to first-class man.

J. M. Hallcomb from down the creek was in Thursday for supplies, and called in to see the Devil.

Misses Oyllie Gurley and Lucile Adams, accompanied by Messrs. John F. Steagall and Guy Herbert, brought sunshine to our office on Thursday morning.

S. N. Merck died at Cusenbary's ranch on Saturday, October 11, at the age of 57. He was one of the first settlers of this county, having lived here for 15 years. He leaves a widow and nine children to mourn his loss.

The Arizona mocking bird in Hurst's feed yard has been singing every night for the past week: "Come to my Arms, Nora Darling" and "Nearer My God to Thee," until the people in the entire neighborhood wish he was nearer there than he is to Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Saunders left Monday morning for San Angelo, Ballinger and McCullough county, on business and pleasure. Mr. Saunders has 1000 head of stock sheep in McCullough county that he will start on the road to his ranch in this county. He expects to get back before election.

Believing that there exists a need for some other place of amusement besides the schoolhouse, where concerts, dances and operas could be held, it has been suggested that we make mention of it through the columns of the News, and see what you all think about it. In order to set the ball rolling P. McHugh will give \$25 towards a town hall, and F. Meyer & Co., \$50. How much will you give?

Chr Meinecke is putting in a well for Joe T. Gurley, at his place on Johnson's.

R. F. Halbert of the firm of Halbert and Mills was in town today, and said their clip of 9000 pounds of wool was sold in San Angelo for 18 1-4 cents per pound before its arrival.

A banking house would pay in Sonora.

The county is full of game of all kinds, and now is the time for sport.

Our first premium watermelon has been received from Mark Fury, a jolly and prosperous sheep man from Schleicher county.

Ben Cusenbary came back from San Angelo Sunday, where he has been representing Sonora in the railroad agitation. He has no doubt but that the road will come to Sonora.

Will Gurley of Johnson's Run is taking in the city.

"Same Old Stuff!"

From The Devil's River News: December 16, 1893—

The situation in Europe is again becoming critical. Gladstone of England and Bismarck of Germany are reported unwell. The government if Italy is about swamped and the King has been compelled to recall Crispi to the helm. Crispi is a firebrands, and if he accepts the charge will probably provoke war. France and Russia are ready for the fray; and England and Germany are keeping their war-eyes open.

NAMES OF GRAND JURORS ARE LISTED

From The Devil's River News: September 15, 1894—

Thomas Bond, William Schupbach, D. A. Cauthorn, R. W. Galahlan, J. W. Hagerlund, S. L. Alexander, Geo. McDonald, J. O. Rountree, Sim White, R. W. Barton, D. D. Willis, N. T. Guest, W. A. Holland, A. W. Mills, I. N. Brooks, H. B. Hudspeth.

List Few Items In News On Its Second Birthday

The first anniversary number of The Devil's River News, dated October 17, 1891, gives a very good idea of the growing town of Sonora, then about 2 years old. Some news items and advertisements are quoted:

The trade of the Stockman's Paradise is increasing so rapidly that the present business houses are unable to supply the demand. Come to Sonora if you want business.

The urgent necessity of mail facilities between Sonora, Gwynn, Emerald and Ozona; between Sonora, Rock Springs and Kerrville; between Sonora, Juno, Comstock and Del Rio; between Sonora, McKavett and Junction City is every day becoming more apparent. Call at The Devil's River News office and sign the petition asking that these lines be established.

CHEAP WATER

The President of the Citizen's Waterworks Co., F. M. Wyatt, says his company is now prepared to furnish water at the following monthly rates: Families, \$1.50; business houses, \$1.00; and stock 10 cents a head.

Sonora and San Angelo Stage and Express Line, J. R. Holman, Proprietor; Single trip, \$5.00; Round trip \$8.00. Stages leave Sonora and San Angelo every day, except Sunday, at 7:00 a. m., the trip being made in one day.

W. H. CUSENBARY, Agent, Sonora. R. E. HARRIS & BRO. Agents, San Angelo.

That there were more less echos reverberating from the unpleasantness between the sheep men and the thieves is evidenced by at least two items in the Devil's River News of this date:

\$50.00 REWARD—Lost from Sonora on the 24th of May, 300 dry sheep; branded round top A (Signed) Chas. Sowell, Sonora.

The other item is a proclamation by Gov. J. S. Hogg offering \$150 reward each for the arrest and delivery of unknown persons who on June 16, 1891 cut the wire fence enclosing the lands of W. J. and D. B. Fields, near Sonora. The arrested parties were to be delivered inside the jail door of Sutton county. Gov. Hogg must have known that our jail was at least far advanced toward completion at the time.

PEOPLE'S PARTY MEETING

From The Devil's River News: June 10, 1894—

The People's Party of Sutton county will hold a meeting in the courthouse on Saturday, August 11, 1894, for the purpose of organizing a club. All parties in sympathy with and in favor of the reform move are earnestly solicited to come and stay with their people.

Thanksgiving . . . Model of 1899

The Devil's River News of November 18, 1899, carried the following notice of Sonora's determination to fittingly celebrate Thanksgiving Day:

PROGRAMME

Thanksgiving Programme for Thursday, Nov. 30, at 10:00 o'clock at the courthouse. Everybody invited to attend:

- Instrumental music.
 - Song by Choir.
 - Origin and Aim of Thanksgiving, by T. C. Cahill.
 - Instrumental Music.
 - For What Should Our Profession or Business Be Thankful:
 - Preacher—Rev. A. R. Watson.
 - Teacher—Prof. J. R. Bradley.
 - Lawyer—W. A. Anderson.
 - Physician—Dr. T. J. Dodson.
 - Instrumental Music.
 - Merchant—John W. Hagerlund.
 - Editor—D. B. Woodruff.
 - Carpenter—B. F. Fellows.
 - Cowman—S. H. Stokes.
 - Song.
 - Sheepman—M. B. Atkinson.
 - Goatman—J. T. Brown.
 - Saddler—R. C. Dawson.
 - Baker—W. J. Owens.
 - Instrumental Music.
 - Turkey Dinner—12:00 o'clock to 2:00 p. m., 35 cents, for benefit of church.
 - Dentist—Drs. G. W. Sesson and O. B. Love.
 - Druggist—W. D. Biggs.
 - Shoemaker—J. F. Cannaday.
 - Butcher—G. B. Black.
 - Song.
 - Barber—D. H. H. Berry.
 - Water Works—T. D. Newell.
 - Blacksmiths—M. V. Sharp and W. A. Adams.
 - Windmill—E. C. Saunders.
 - Liveryman—H. C. Hunt and R. S. Caruthers.
 - Hotel—A. J. Caldwell.
 - Restaurant—Geo. Kirkland.
- Each speaker shall be limited to ten minutes.
- Song, by the Choir.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED?

From The Devil's River News November 18, 1899—

Contributions to the Sonora Cemetery Association have been made as follows:

- Fancy Dress Ball, March 17, 1898 \$38.50
 - Ice Cream and Cake, Sept. 16, 1898 12.70
 - Cake and Coffe, March 17, 1899, 10.55
 - Membership dues 33.00
- The following individual subscriptions have been received:
- R. W. Callahan—land to the value of \$50.00
 - Geo. Allison—Cedar Posts to the value of 25.00
- Cash Contributions Paid
- O. H. Wood 5.00
 - Sam Merck 5.00
 - J. O. Rountree 5.00
 - S. G. Taylor 2.50
 - Robert F. Halbert 10.00
 - Swearingen & Brannan 2.50
 - D. A. McGanagill 2.50
 - A. L. Taylor, M. D. 2.50
 - Cusenbary & Lewenthal 2.50
 - J. W. Keene 1.50
 - Chris. Harwell 1.00
 - B. F. Bellows 1.50
 - R. C. Dawson 1.00

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD FOR MISS DRAKE

From The Devil's River News: November 8, 1890—

The birthday party at Gwynn last week, given by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Drake to their charming daughter, Miss Dee, included dancing for the dancers, cards for those so inclined, delicious refreshments, delightful music, and a thoughtful hostess made all consider that the time for leaving came all too quickly.

Miss Drake secured many beautiful presents.

- W. F. Decker 1.00
- Hagerlund Bros. 2.50
- Mayor Bros. & Co. 2.50
- M. O'Meara 1.50
- J. P. McConnell 2.00
- B. F. Berkeley 1.00
- W. W. Collins 1.00
- Devil's River News 1.00
- Steve Murphy 1.00
- Mark Baugh 1.00
- M. B. Atkinson 2.50
- N. Rose 2.00
- Mrs. C. T. Turney 1.00
- A. R. Cauthorn 5.00
- G. W. Morris 5.00
- E. S. Briant 2.50
- W. D. Thomason 1.00
- G. W. Morris, Jr. 1.00
- McIlwaine Bros. & Nelson 10.00
- Will Whitehead 12.50
- J. C. Barksdale 2.00
- A. J. Winkler 5.00
- Mat Karnes 2.50
- Miss Thrasher's piano recital 6.25
- Prof. Scott's Vitascope 4.75
- F. M. Wyatt 1.00
- I. N. Brooks 1.00
- R. T. Baker 5.00
- R. H. Wyatt 5.00
- Dr. H. G. Colson 2.50
- D. Joe Wyatt 5.00
- T. D. Word 2.50
- Anderson & Chisholm of Brownwood—by M. B. Atkinson 5.00
- Mrs. J. C. Barksdale 3.00
- C. Smith 5.00
- Sam White 2.00
- John T. Brown 2.50
- Joe N. Ross 2.50
- Mrs. T. D. Newell 2.50
- W. A. Miers 2.50
- Oyster supper, Nov. 14 22.50
- R. S. Holland, agent for the New York Life Co. 5.00

There are others who have contributed, but the amounts have not yet been handed to the treasurer. The fencing is now on he ground.

Carle Atkinson, Miss Dora Duke Married

From The Devil's River News: June 10, 1894—

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke, on Wednesday, June 13, 1894, at 9:00 o'clock P. M., Mr. Carle Atkinson to Miss Dora Duke, Rev. J. A. Wright of the Methodist church officiating.

The bride is a pretty and accomplished lady with many friends in church circles. The groom is one of Sonora's successful young business men and owner of the Citizen's Water Works.

NEW FAMILIES BUY RESIDENCE PROPERTY

From The Devil's River News November 20, 1899—

The following parties with their families arrived in Sonora this week, and bought residence property: J. T. Nicks, S. J. Nicks, J. L. Davis, S. L. Alexander, M. D. Alexander, L. N. Halbert, G. T. Love, R. B. Hemphill, D. M. Barfield, Thomas Snyder and W. J. Thomas.

H. C. Reynolds, a fine gentleman and late druggist of Paint Rock, is in Sonora, and will probably locate.

Born, on November 24, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wyatt, a son. He weighed 11 pounds and both mother and son are doing well.

Tom Mebane has just finished a residence for Mr. Cooper of Dry Devil's River.

R. W. Murchison and C. D. Doty returned from New Mexico Wednesday. They have started 1,200 head of cattle on the road for Stockman's Paradise (Sutton County) and have 1,000 head ni another herd to follow after round-up.

Dr. J. B. Taylor, an enterprising stockman of Sutton county, has received a herd of 100 blooded Polled Angus cattle for his ranch.

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We suggest Gandy's because of its freshness, and its wholesome goodness. Keep their vitality at its height during the long school days by always keeping a big supply of Gandy's milk on hand.

Congratulations

—to the Devil's River News on the completion of fifty years of faithful service to the Sonora trade section. Like the Gandy Creamery, their contribution to the welfare of the Southwest has been invaluable. May they enjoy fifty more such years.

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2 lbs. beef
 2 Tablespoons Gebhardt's Chili Powder
 3 Tablespoons flour 2 Teaspoons salt
 4 Tablespoons shortening 1 1/2 quarts hot water
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Chop or cut the meat in small chunks . . .
 Sear well in shortening . . . Add Gebhardt's Chili Powder . . . salt and water. Simmer until tender . . . Add flour to thicken gravy a few minutes before serving Serve hot.

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Through honest and fair dealings we have built our business up until today it is looked upon with both confidence and respect. Ours is a stable institution, founded and conducted on pioneer instincts:

To You

So we salute another pioneer of the Southwest, the Devils River News, on its fiftieth anniversary. As man to man, let's make the Southwest ever bigger, so that when finally great industries overflow our prairies, we can say with pride:

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"We were a part of that!"

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company

Kerrville Freighters' First Terminal

Sutton county's fifty years of history takes in the most eventful half-century in human progress—including the development of the automobile and modern roads. There was just one way to get to market or railroad shipping point with wool from the Devil's River country in the 1880's, '90's and early 1900's; the freighters served all transportation purposes in that way.

Before San Angelo (some 90 miles from Sonora over the crooked roads of those days) developed her great warehouses, wool was largely freighted to Kerrville out of Sutton county, a distance of some 115 miles. The roads were mere tracks of mud in bad weather and streaks of dust in dry weather—where there were any tracks. A trail was more a direction than a road—and several days were needed to make the trip from Sonora or vicinity with a load of wool.

Several days, in good weather, camping by the way and carrying a barrel or so of water besides the load.

R. E. Glasscock used to freight from Sutton county over the trail to Kerrville with six horses. His

loads consisted generally of some 5000 pounds of wool in the lead wagon and 3000 pounds of wool in the trail wagon. After a number of days and nights on the journey he would spend at least one day in Kerrville before starting the return journey—to give his stock time to roll and breathe and brace up.

"But on the road to San Angelo," Mr. Glasscock commented, in speaking of the freighting days, "one was seldom out of sight of freighters either going or coming. Most of them used six-horse or six-mule teams with trail wagons—and it was a matter of days for each trip—in the best of weather. Very little was ever done in the way of improving the roads. The stages, carrying only passengers, express and mail, sometimes used only four horses and made better time. The passengers could make the round trip in three days and have time to attend to the business or pleasure he had in mind—weather permitting."

A wagon sheet or so, a roll of bedding and a grub-box made life comfortable enough for the freighters on the old trails—and some of them traveled far.

Clipping Reveals Old School System

Found among the old files of The Devil's River News of some date in 1890 (the date-line was obliterated) was a news story concerning the school system here during that time. Excerpts from the account follow:

"It is a matter of gratulation to us that our town maintains one of the most prosperous schools in Southwest Texas. From Prof. J. M. Bell we have obtained the following facts:

"The present term of school opened Sept. 1, Prof. Bell and his wife as teachers, with an enrollment of 45 pupils, and has steadily increased until the enrollment is now 110, with an average daily attendance of 75.

"One year ago the people of Sonora view with pride the commodious, as it then was, school building that they had erected, as it were, in the wilderness, and thought with much satisfaction that Sonora was well provided at least for facilities for a school that would at some time become a factor in the development of the town. But they had wrought more wisely than they knew; for since the school passed under the present management it has formed, through all the petty strifes and contentions by which the town was beset during the first year, the common point, the center around which its people have rallied with a concert of purpose and action that has won for it the notice, the admiration and support of a class of large-hearted men, and made it already to be regarded as the most potent factor in the growth and prosperity of the trade center and coming town of the finest grazing land on earth.

"And today Sonora is already confronted by the question of making an addition to her temple of learning, that neat, trim and comfortable, adorns like a gem of beauty the emerald hillside on which it stands; at once the prominent feature of the landscape and the proud attestation of the enterprising public spirit of its wide-awake projectors and builders.

"The present term of school is for six months a public school; which will be continued four months longer by subscription, and before the opening of another term the necessary extension of the school building will have been made; for the people of Sonora will in no wise allow themselves to be cramped in that which has been to them the chief element of success."

From The Devil's River News January 10, 1891—

A woman's face was not made to be covered with veils, powder or shame.

A flirt is a girl who takes desperate chances of becoming an old maid.

When a glad lover contemplates the future it makes him palpitate like a pump.

There is nothing in the world more deliciously charming than the summer girl, unless it be the same girl sitting near you by the cozy hearth fire in the howling wintertime.

A NEW TOWN FOR CROCKETT

From The Devil's River News May 28, 1891—

F. M. Drake of Crockett county was in Sonora Monday and said Crockett is to have a new town at the Powell well, half a mile from Joe T. Gurley's. E. M. Powell, of Dallas, owner of the land and well was there Monday and is cutting up half a section into town lots and laying out a town. Mr. Powell will at once build a large church and schoolhouse, and will furnish them in fine style. He has donated the well to the town and will immediately put up the best of machinery and tank; and the well affords an abundance of water.

The site of the new town is one of the prettiest in Texas. No name has been selected as yet, but "Davy" has been suggested. (Crockett county was being organized).

C. W. Adams Old Settler In Sutton

C. W. (Lum) Adams, a native of Missouri, came as a boy to Crockett county with his father, Dave Adams, in 1884, and later helped A. J. Winkler to drill the second well in this part of what is now Sutton county, located about four miles south of the site of Sonora—only there was no Sonora then.

The Dave Adams family came from near London in Kimble county.

"It was slow business getting that well down 280 feet to the water," Mr. Adams said. "We had to haul our water for all purposes 12 miles (from the Bertong well), with oxen, and the wagon brought ten to twelve barrels to the load. It required about three months to finish the well, but the Bertong well and the Winkler well proved that there was plenty of water in the country at a moderate depth and led to the drilling of others.

"Before the well water was found in abundance under the fine range, Fort Terrett on the head of the North Llano was the only important place and it was headquarters for the great ranch still known by that name. Cattle and sheep began to swarm into the country though with the discovery of water well possibilities, an alled to the creation of Sutton county in the late 1880's.

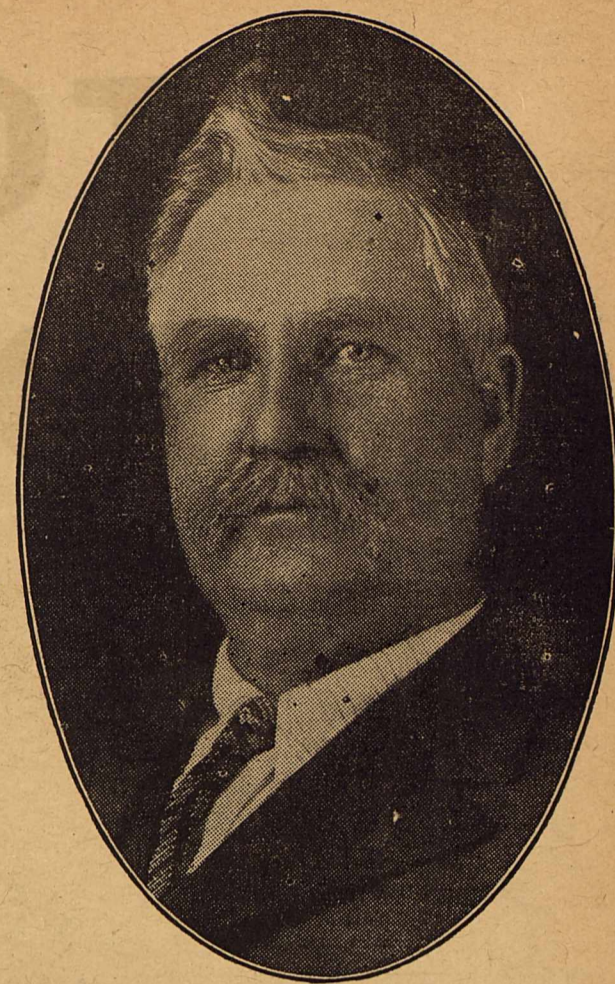
"Some of the interested folks located a townsite near the Winkler well with a view of making it the county seat, and named it Wentworth with the hope of swinging the big vote on the Fort Terrett ranch; but it did not work out that way. The townsite of Sonora was located in 1888, and when the county seat election came off in 1889, the town won the election easily, and the Wentworth nominees for county offices were also defeated.

"My father bought the first hotel that was built in Sonora—erected by Mr. Sowell. Father took charge of the hotel on January 1, 1889. Sonora had a blacksmith shop, a hotel, two livery stables and a store. And a couple of saloons were not long in opening up.

"In the days before the discovery of well water on the range between the head draws of Devil's River and North Llano," said Mr. Adams, "a longhorn steer thought nothing of walking ten miles for a drink of water—and the sheep had to go the same distance if they got any, whether they liked it or not."

Mr. Adams went to ranching on his own account about 1892. His venture was made on the same ranch lands 34 miles east of Sonora that he still owns; nearly

Founder of Company



The late Robert Massie was the founder of the firm in San Angelo that now bears his name. Mr. Massie came to America from Scotland when he was sixteen years of age.

five sections. He raises a little feed but otherwise does no farming—running sheep and goats.

Lum Adams is county commissioner for Precinct 3; has been elected to that office six times and is serving in his twelfth year. On December 12, 1894, he married Miss Vina McNutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McNutt, at their ranch. They have eight living children:

Mrs. Myrtle Brite, of Val Verde county; Harmon Adams of Val Verde county; Sarena Cash, Val Verde county; Estes and George Adams, of Terrell county, Ulice Adams of Brewster county; Elba and Leo, who live with their parents on the ranch.

A naval fleet of eleven men-of-

war was built as one of the first acts of the Republic of Texas after its establishment in 1836, University of Texas records show. Six years later, all of the vessels were docked, however; and after July, 1843, no warship ever sailed, flying the Lone Star flag.

Addition of 23 new teaching posts at the University of Texas this fall brings the faculty strength of the institution to total 584. About 1,200 classes are taught, many of them having several sections.

A reader of this newspaper can get the answer to any question of fact about Texas by writing A. Garland Adair, Curator of Patriotic Exhibits, Texas Memorial Museum, Austin, Texas.

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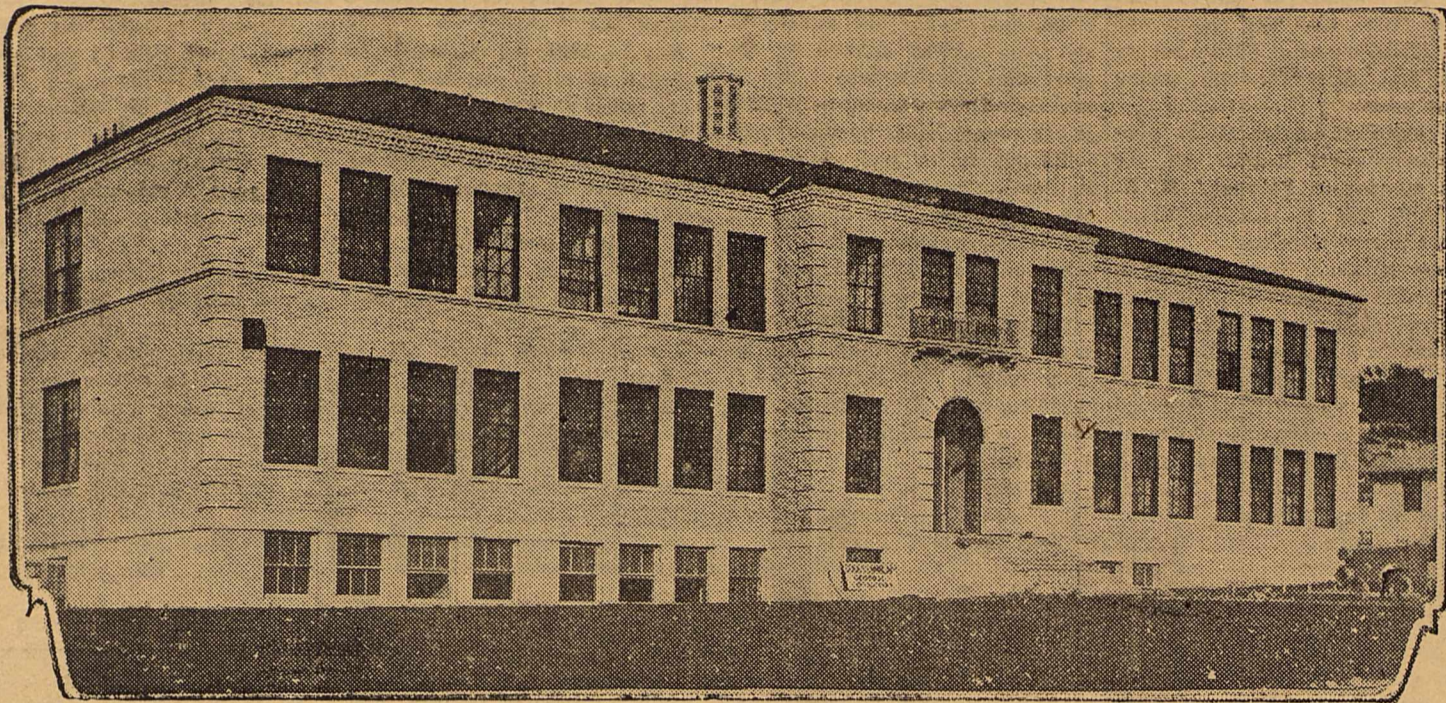
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List Graduates Since Organization of School

The following list of graduates of Sonora High School is not complete. But it is almost so, and was compiled by Miss Rena Glen Shurley, now Mrs. William Allison. Readers will find much interest in the list of names and addresses of pupils who have journeyed all the way through Sonora schools to take their places in the life of the various communities to which they have gone:

- 1906-07—
L. R. Morris.
Alex Saunders.
Ira Shurley.
Mason Rountree.
R. A. Halbert.
- 1907-08—
Emma Whitehead (Mrs. C. B. Wardlaw) Del Rio.
Lela Wyatt (Mrs. John Hicks) Dallas.
- C. H. Whitehead, Del Rio.
C. S. Keene, Sonora.
Fred Simmons, Sonora.
- 1909-10—
Pearl Owens (Mrs. Jeff Smith) San Antonio.
Cora Rountree (Mrs. Frank Hardin) Brownwood.
Myrtle Briant (Mrs. Myrtle Bruquest) San Angelo.
Geo. Whitehead, Del Rio.
Bessie Beaford (Mrs. Dock Kelson) Eagle Pass.
Lucille Grimland (Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson) Sonora.
Willie Smith, Del Rio.
Carra Karnes (Mrs. Fred Simmons) Sonora.
- 1918-19—
Fordie Beard, Harlingen.
Betha Carolyn Pfister (Mrs. J. L. Guthals) San Angelo.
Gertrude Karnes (Mrs. Gertrude Reming) Sonora.
Joseph Warren North, Ozona.
Miers Savell, Sonora.
A. B. Stokes, deceased.
George J. Trainer, Sonora.
Gladys Turney (Mrs. Sam Lloyd) Sonora.
- 1919-20—
Justice Adams, Sonora.
Millard Bryson, Uvalde.
Bernice Glasscock (Mrs. Sid Evans) San Angelo.
Thelma Kelley (Mrs. Charlie Bishop, Cleo, Texas).
Floyd Ogden, San Angelo.
Joe Brown Ross, Sonora.
- 1920-21—
Kathlene Cocke (Mrs. Clyde Bell) El Paso.
Bonnie Glasscock (Mrs. W. J. Mangum) Corpus Christi.
Guila Lowrey (Mrs. R.C. Vicars) Sonora.
Rita Merck (Mrs. E. B. Pool) Sweetwater.
Irma McCollum (Mrs. Eph Cummings) London, Texas.
Pauline Pfister (Mrs. W. R. Barnes) Sonora.
Woodson Hebert.
Graydon Rees, San Antonio.
Lorene Rees, San Antonio.
Albert Reynolds.
Dorothy Smith (Mrs. H. L. Taylor) Sonora.
Joanna Stokes, deceased.
Evelyn Trainer (Mrs. Libb Wallace) Sonora.
Winnie Wyatt (Mrs. John Fields) Sonora.
- 1921-22—
George D. Chalk, Sonora.
Jewel Eaton (Mrs. J. C. Rigney) Lubbock.
John Eaton, Sonora.
Lucille Hill (Mrs. Ben Gilbert) Sanderson.
Pearl Hull (Mrs. C. C. Smith) Sonora.
Sam Karnes, Sonora.
Gladys McClelland (Mrs. Henry Decker) Sonora.
Guida Ogden (Mrs. Forrest Emfinger) San Angelo.
Horace Rees, Eldorado.
Grace Trainer (Mrs. J. D. Wallace) Sonora.
Blanche Turney (Mrs. Kim Collier) Sonora.
Mary Dan Wilson (Mrs. Lloyd Earwood) Sonora.
- 1922-23—
Marian Archer, deceased.
Millard Cope, San Angelo.
Mary Fields, deceased.
Ethel Mae Jones (Mrs. Melvin Rogers) Menard.
John Martin, Sonora.
Eula Mae Ross (Mrs. Forrest

One of Sonora's Institutions of Learning



Pictured above is the high school building, which annually graduates about 20 pupils. It is located about one block off the San Antonio highway. F. T. Jones, graduate of Hardin-Simmons, has been superintendent since 1936.

- Avant) Dilley, Texas.
Anna Turney (Mrs. Pedro Crowell) Sonora.
Jonnie Delle White (Mrs. Virgil Powell) San Angelo.
- 1923-24—
Belle Adams (Mrs. Herbert McKee) Sonora.
Gwyne Blanton (Mrs. Ben Martin) Rocksprings.
Leonard Caldwell, Sonora.
Lula Belle Caldwell (Mrs. Wilbur Dunn) Forsan, Texas.
Hamilton Ford, Galveston.
Marvin Logan, Eldorado.
Earl Merck, Sonora.
Gwyneth Ridley (Mrs. R. N. DeVilbess) Roanoke, La.
- 1924-25—
William Fields, Sonora.
George B. Hamilton.
Charlie Hull, Sonora.
Hattie Ory (Mrs. Charlie Kiser) Sonora.
Thelma Rees, Sonora.
Gertrude Thiers (Mrs. Bill Barker) Sonora.
Dymple Trainer (Mrs. Sam Thomas) Sherwood, Texas.
Rena Uzzle.
Jewel Williamson (Mrs. J. L. Royal) Menard.
- 1925-26—
Frances Adams (Mrs. Jack Stockley) Uvalde.
Billie Caldwell, Austin.
Ray Glasscock, Lakeview, Texas.
Alvis Logan, Bonham, Texas.
Cliffa Pfister (Mrs. George D. Chalk) Sonora.
Katie Lee Rape (Mrs. Lum Trainer) Mertzon.
George (Bud) Smith, Sonora.
Louise Streigler (Mrs. Hugh Rose) Sanderson.
Holstein Ware.
- ONLY 8 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN '27**
- 1926-27—
Jamie Gardner, Sonora.
Audrey Rankhorn (Mrs. Hubert Fields) Sonora.
Ovid Rankhorn, Colorado City, Texas.
Floyd Ridley, Dryden, Texas.
Sara Taylor (Mrs. Tom McKee) Sonora.
Hilton Turney, Sonora.
Joseph Trainer, Sonora.
Lawrence Williamson, Menard.
- 1927-28—
Lida Archer (Mrs. Henry Greenhill) Sonora.
James Caldwell, Sonora.
Alvin Hollmig, Sonora.
Joe Hull, Sonora.
Thelma Johnson (Mrs. E. G. Ashley, San Antonio).
Nan Karnes, Sonora.
Pauline Kring (Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr.) Sonora.
Alma Ory (Mrs. Tom Taylor) Sonora.
Bernice Stokes (Mrs. Miers Savell) Sonora.
Howard Streigler, Lingleville, Texas.
R. E. Taylor, Sonora.
Estelle Watkins (Mrs. George Cobb) Gouldbusk, Texas.
Annys Whitley (Mrs. Lonnie Pollard) Junction.
Wayman Williamson, deceased.
- 1928-29—
Gertrude Babcock, Sonora.
Margaret Hull, Sonora.
Exa D. Meckel (Mrs. George Barrow) Sonora.
John McClelland, Texon, Texas.
Mildred Turney (Mrs. Jake Merck) Sonora.
- 1929-30—
Dorothy Baker (Mrs. Sidney Millsbaugh) Ozona.
Hillman Brown, Sonora.
Mae Cauthorn (Mrs. Rip Ward) Sonora.
Jessie Louise Evans (Mrs. James Yantin) Abilene.
Lottie Hull (Mrs. Allen Adkins) Sonora.
Faye James (Mrs. John McClelland) Texon, Texas.
Seth Lancaster, Sonora.
Sam Logan, Menard.
Muriel Simmons (Mrs. Hillman Brown) Sonora.
Zella Lee Thorp (Mrs. Dewitt Lancaster) Sonora.
- 1930-31—
Johnnie Adams (Mrs. Q. M. Sharp) Crane.
Matt Adams, Sonora.
Lea Roy Aldwell, Sonora.
Marvin Barnes, Robert Lee.
Elizabeth Caldwell, Sonora.
Pat Cooper, Ft. Stockton.
Roy Garvin, Hobbs, N. M.
Allie Halbert (Mrs. C. W. McBride) Dallas.
John Hull, Houston.
Harva Jones (Mrs. Pat Cooper) Ft. Stockton.
Dewitt Lancaster, Sonora.
Gomer Minick, Sonora.
Edith McGhee (Mrs. Ford Stansell) San Angelo.
Woodrow Norris, Houston.
Jack Pfister, Kermit.
Edwin Sawyer, Sonora.
Mary Schweining (Mrs. Ralph Jones) Ozona.
Annella Stites (Mrs. Adolph Steurmer) Houston.
Lena V. Stokes (Mrs. Preston Prater) Sanderson.
Hattie Taylor, Denton.
William Taylor, Sonora.
Frances Trainer (Mrs. Tom Nevell) Odessa.
Louie Trainer, Sonora.
Blanche Wright (Mrs. Palmer West) Eldorado.
- 1931-32—
Edythe Carson (Mrs. N. B. Taylor) Fort Worth.
Velma Chadwick, San Saba.
Ruby Lawler (Mrs. Woodrow Smith) Segovia, Texas.
Lillie Margaret Lehne (Mrs. Fred Ellis) Menard.
Mora Lee Meckel (Mrs. Jimmie West) Eldorado.
Charlie Pharis, Sonora.
Ella Roe (Mrs. Howard Nolley) Tyler.
Ealen White (Mrs. Clayton Bray) Longview.
- 1932-33—
G. W. Archer, Sonora.
Jose Barrows, San Angelo.
Lillie Barrows, Sonora.
Marjorie Chadwick, Sonora.
Nelson Chadwick, Sonora.
Edna Ensley (Mrs. Archie Ory) Sonora.
Harold Friess, Sonora.
Mary Louise Gardner (Mrs. Jno. Hull) Houston.
Ethelda Hefflin (Mrs. Lawrence Holland) Sonora.
Myrtle Hill (Mrs. Ikey Kring) Sonora.
James Ed Hutcherson, Fort James Ed Hutcherson, Dryden, Texas.
L. C. Matthis, Lometa, Texas.
Maggie Matthis (Mrs. Milton Martin) Brawley, Calif.

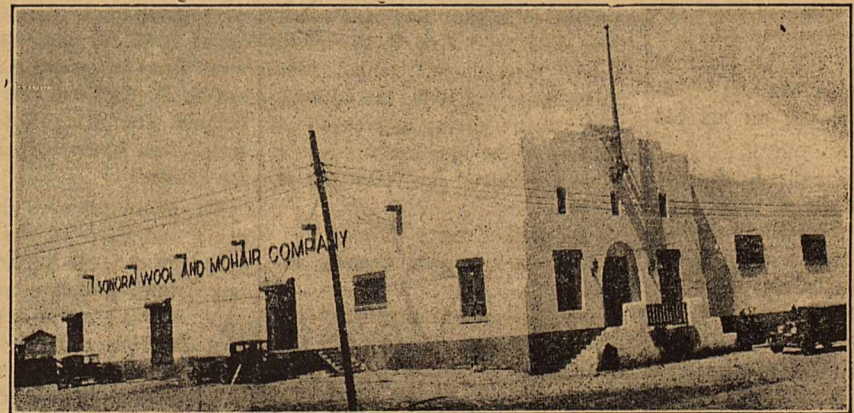
Many "Students" Wed After Graduation

- Alice Sawyer (Mrs. Cleveland Jones) Sonora.
Lacey Smith, Sonora.
Dee Trainer, Temple.
Pauline Turney (Mrs. Harold Friess) Sonora.
- 1933-34—
Ora Altizer, Spofford, Texas.
Stella Archer (Mrs. Ernest Smith) Camp Hughes, Marshall Ford Dam.
Ella Mae Barnes, San Antonio.
Reba Callan (Mrs. Seth Lancaster) Sonora.
Mary Frances Covey.
Herbert Fields, Tularosa, N. M.
Ruth Freeman, Sonora.
Cleveland Jones, Jr., Sonora.
Lavelle Meckel, San Antonio.
Clovis Neal (Mrs. Donald Tripson) McAllen, Texas.
Sara Ory (Mrs. Bobbie Allison) Sonora.
Billy Penick, Sonora.
Vincent Rouché, Sonora.
Ernest Smith, Camp Hughes, Marshall Ford Dam.
Ches Thorp (Mrs. Howard Kirby) Sonora.
Troy White, Alpine, Texas.
- 1934-35—
V. J. Glasscock, Sonora.
Viba Holland, Sonora.
Alvis Johnson, Jr., Sonora.
Lem Eriel Johnson, Sonora.
Joseph Logan, Sonora.
Raymond Morgan, Sonora.
Dorothy Penick (Mrs. Wm. Norris) Sonora.
Marvin Smith, Sonora.
Winnie Mae Trimble, Menard.
- 1935-36—
Kenneth Babcock, McComery.
Violet Drennan (Mrs. Pat Lyles) Sonora.
Edgar Glasscock, Sonora.
- Bobbie Halbert, (Mrs. Lum Hines) El Paso.
Nora B. Hill (Mrs. Harry Kiser) Sonora.
Wilma Hutcherson (Mrs. Batts Friend) Sonora.
Lunetta Marion (Mrs. Raymond Morgan) Sonora.
J. O. Mills, Sonora.
Virginia McGhee, Sonora.
Wesley Sawyer, Sonora.
Curt Schweining, Sonora.
Robert Shapleigh, El Paso.
Dora Shroyer, Big Spring.
Lester Shroyer, Sonora.
Helen Smith (Mrs. Joe Barranger) Disney, Okla.
Lillie Marie Smith, Sonora.
Ida Belle Sykes, Sonora.
- 1936-37—
Eugene Adams, Sonora.
Louis Davis, Sonora.
Marion Elliott, Sonora.
Wilna Hamer (Mrs. Curt Schweining) Sonora.
Bob Jackson, Los Angeles.
Lillian Kring (Mrs. Lester Archer) Sonora.
Emmalou Logan, Sonora.
Jo Ann Marion, Sonora.
Cesarito Martinez, Sonora.
Jo Nell Miers, Sonora.
Loyd McGhee, San Pedro, Calif.
Joyce McGilvary (Mrs. Word Sherrill) Uvalde.
L. M. Rouché, Sonora.
Emma Sessions, Sonora.
Wayland Stubblefield, Sonora.
Wilton Stubblefield, Sonora.
Reginald Trainer, Sonora.
Richard Vehle, Menard.
- 1937-38—
Francis Archer, Sonora.
A. W. Awalt, Sonora.
Kathryn Brown, Sonora.
Fleurette Carmichael, Costa Me-

Questions and Answers About Sutton County

- Q. What business was Ed Trimble in?
A. Barber.
- Q. Who owned the Sonora Colt, and what was the colt's brand?
A. G. W. Morris. The colts brand was F O T on the left shoulder.
- Q. Who owned and operated the McDonald Hotel before Mrs. McDonald bought it?
A. Frank Wyatt.
- Q. Who shot E. S. Bryant while he was sherrif of Sutton county?
A. Bill Stewart 1/4, 3/4.
- A. A man by the name of Hob-
- See QUESTIONS on Page Four
- sa, Calif.
Webb Elliott, Sonora.
Harrell Turney Espy, Sonora.
Edith V. Faught, Sonora.
Mattie Mae Friess (Mrs. J. W. Parker) Sonora.
Elward Glasscock, Sonora.
Wynona Hutcherson, Sonora.
Frances Kirkland, Pueblo, Colo.
Lois Merck, Austin.
Pearl Lee Ory, Sonora.
Vernon Morris, Sonora.
Vincenta Sanches, Sonora.
Alan W. Saunders, Sonora.
Richard E. Saunders, Sonora.
Alfred Schweining, Jr., Sonora.
Jack Shurley, Sonora.
Rena Glen Shurley (Mrs. Wm. Allison) Sonora.
Robert Allen Simmons, Sonora.
Garland Slaughter, Chicago.
Jim Taylor, Sonora.
Cathryn Trainer, Sonora.
Serena Trainer, Austin.
Willie Ray Willman, Mason.
- 1938-39—
Mary Al Adams, Sonora.
Thelma Andrews, Sonora.
Edward Archer, Sonora.
Ina Archer (Mrs. Elwood Glasscock) Sonora.
Mary Sue Blanton, Sonora.
Emmitt Burlison, Sonora.
Robbie Louise Briscoe, Sonora.
Claude Thos. Driskill, Sonora.
Elizabeth Elliott, Sonora.
Daphne L. Jungk, Sonora.
Katha Lea Keene, Sonora.
Robert Kelley, Sonora.
Jimmie Gwynne Langford, Austin, Texas.
Margaret Ada Martin (Mrs. Edgar Ree) Sonora.
J. C. Norris, Sonora.
Lillie Owens, Sonora.
Billie Partin, Sonora.
Wanda B. Rape, Sonora.
Margaret Sandherr, Sonora.
Margaret Louise Schweining, Sonora.
Margaret Fay Smith, Sonora.
Wirt Ellis Stephenson, Sonora.
S. H. (Mankin) Stokes, Sonora.
Basil Taylor, Sonora.
Grace Thomas, Sonora.
Thomas Thory, Sonora.
Robby Jo Wyatt (Mrs. Vernon Morris) Sonora.

Wool and Mohair Company's Massive Warehouse



The Sonora Wool & Mohair Co., one of the biggest organizations of its kind in Texas, has handled 34 million pounds of wool and mohair since it was opened in the earlier part of 1930, and at the height of the industry here in 1939, sold wool at 45 cents a pound, and mohair at 65 and 75 cents.

This year the company handled 4,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair.

Ed. C. Mayfield was first president of the organization, and is in that capacity today; C. H. Evans was the first manager. The first year in business saw the company handling one million pounds of wool.

In 1932 William J. Fields, Jr. succeeded C. H. Evans as manager, and under his supervision the practice of grading the wool was begun. Since 1936, when the grading system was set up, growers estimate that they have made thousands of dollars, as a local rating system will eliminate the cost of outside grading. This year graded wool brought an average of 34.58 cents a pound, while the ungraded variety brought but 32.81 cents a pound.

Incidentally, the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. is the only warehouse in Texas that does its own grading.

Two exceptionally large shipments have been made since organization of the company: one in 1930 when 23 carloads, consisting of 707,660 pounds, were shipped, and the other this fall when 21 cars, totalling 775,000, were loaded.

Fred Earwood is the present manager of the company, and has been since March 1, 1939.

The personnel includes George D. Chalk, who has been with the company since its organization; James Caldwell, bookkeeper since See WOOL HOUSE on Page Four

Court House Proceedings Listed In "Old Sutton County"

The first session of the Sutton County commissioners court was a special one, called to order on Monday, the first day of December, 1890, the Hon. L. J. Dunagan, county judge, presiding; commissioners present being J. M. Taylor and T. B. Birtrong; other officers present being J. P. McConnell, sheriff, and W. S. Strader, county and district clerk.

This first meeting of county officials was held in the ground floor of the G. W. Morris residence, which faced towards the public square. This room is now the west room of the Morris home.

The first act of the court was to name O. H. Wood as a member of the body, he having been elected to represent a territory in Kimble county which had become a part of the newly-created Sutton county.

Fifty dollars was appropriated to pay W. R. Rudicil for transcribing those parts of the tax rolls of Kimble county that concerned the taxation of property now become a part of Sutton county. Books and stationery to the cost of \$2,186.45 were ordered purchased by the county clerk and paid for by warrants bearing 10 per cent interest—the county having no funds as yet.

E. W. Wall was present as the fourth commissioner at the next meeting on the third Monday in December, 1890, when the petition of J. W. Hagerlund, R. W. Callahan, P. Hurst and 20 other citizens and voters of Sutton county was presented to the court—asking that L. N. Halbert, Esq. be appointed county attorney, and the petition was granted.

This meeting was also held in the Morris house, but a room was now rented from P. Hurst, at \$10 per month to serve as a courthouse and office for County Clerk Strader. Strader was a bachelor and his was probably the first grave in the bachelor row in Sonora cemetery, he having died not long after the county was created.

At the May 11 term of court in 1891, it was ascertained that the taxable valuation of property in Sutton county had been placed at more than one million five hundred thousand dollars. Whereupon the court ordered bonds to be issued and sold to realize funds with which to build a courthouse and a jail. Also, \$14,000 of bonds were ordered issued and sold for the building of bridges in the county. A tax levy of 15 cents on the \$100 was voted to create a fund for interest on and liquidation of the bonds. An occupation tax was among those levied.

The court authorized the building or improvement of a road from Sonora to Juno. Also a road from Sonora to the Edwards county line.

February 11, 1891, Drs. Wood and Matthis were named as a board of health for Sutton county, and they were instructed to urge upon the people the necessity of immediate vaccination.

The contract for a jail was given to a jail-constructing firm, and a bond of \$23,500 was required of the contractors. Plans for a court house were received from Oscar Ruffini, architect, of San Angelo, for a courthouse and filed with the county clerk, the architect to receive 3½ per cent upon the cost of the building when the contract was let. He was to be further compensated for superintending construction.

The county commissioners were put on a compensation of \$3.00 per day for their services, for each day of their sessions. J. D. Gafford was given a contract for the building of the courthouse on his bid of \$27,006.00.

The courthouse square, site for the proposed buildings, was accepted as a gift from R. W. Callahan, T. B. Birtrong, and J. I. Adams. L. J. Dunagan was appointed to select thereon locations for the courthouse and jail.

May 12, 1891, the county was ordered divided into four school districts conforming to the four commissioners districts, and three trustees were ordered to be elected on the First Saturday in June following. The following persons were named to conduct the elections:

District 1. (Sonora) W. H. Sowell, C. C. Hammonds and W. A. Stewart.

District 2. O. T. Ward, J. M. Holcomb and Peter Robertson.

District 3. Thomas Bond, J. H. Woods and Sam Merck.

District 4. P. H. Wentworth, Geo. Van Buren and G. Huber.

The election for District 1 was ordered held in the public school-house in Sonora—which is the first

official announcement of that institution's existence.

W. M. Guest's ranch was the place of holding the election in District 2. In District 3, at Thomas Bond's ranch; and in District 4 J. M. Taylor's ranch was named as the voting place.

Mike Murphy's bid of \$80.00 for publishing the proceedings of the court for a year was accepted. He was the founder of the Devil's River News and the paper was the official organ of Sutton county from that time forward during many years.

At the first session of the commissioners court in 1892 on the first Monday in February, R. W. Callahan and H. Knausenberger were the new members.

John McNicol, county surveyor, was ordered to transcribe the field notes of Sutton county from the General Land Office at Austin.

At the May 9 term, 1892, a levy of 20 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation of all property was made for general fund purposes; and a wild animal scalp bounty was repealed. At the same term of court the four leagues of land assigned to Sutton county for school purposes was ordered offered for sale. Gov. James Hogg had patented the land to the county in the previous year. The land was not to be sold for less than \$1.00 per acre. Purchase money was due and payable 20 years from date of sale and the purchaser was to pay 6 per cent interest per annum in advance in the interval.

The court had a lot of trouble during 1892 in getting the courthouse and jail and bridge bonds legally authorized and sold, but it was finally done; and on the first day of June, 1892, the \$28,000 bonds for courthouse and jail were ordered turned over to the county treasurer; and on July 19 of that year Contractor Z. D. Gafford's receipt for \$13,606.44, part payment for building the courthouse was recorded in the court minutes.

When the Sutton county commissioners court convened on the 8th day of August, 1892, there was much money in the treasury, realized from the sale of courthouse bonds; and W. H. Sowell's bond as county treasurer was increased by \$18,000. His commissions were at the same time raised to 2½ per cent for receiving county funds and the same for paying out certain monies. Commissioner H. Knausenberger had his vote registered on the minutes to the contrary and it stands on the records as "nay."

County Funds Show Increase

The sheriff was ordered to furnish water for the jail, and \$6.50 per month was allowed him for the service. The following-named citizens were appointed to preside at all elections in the various precincts during the ensuing two years:

Precinct 1.—Mike Murphy; precinct 2, R. J. Bean; precinct 3, M. B. Atkinson; precinct 4, to be supplied.

On August 16, 1892, the \$11,830 realized from the sale of the bridge bonds was transferred to the courthouse and jail fund—together with hother bridge funds.

The finance committee reported on August 18 that \$16,341.29 was on hand in the various county funds. Also, \$1,044.51 was given as credited to the "available school fund"—and \$20,368.80 to the credit of the "permanent" school fund.

November 14, 1892, the commissioners court having canvassed the returns on the election for county officers, declared the following results:

J. M. Bell, County Judge.
A. J. Swearingin, County Attorney.

John McNicol, County Surveyor.
W. B. Silliman, County and District Clerk.

J. L. Davis, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

W. R. Rudicil, Assessor.
W. H. Cusenbary, Treasurer.

W. A. Stewart, Commissioner and J. P. for Precinct 1; M. Park-er, Constable.

O. H. Wood, Commissioner and Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2.

John Allison, Commissioner and Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3.

H. Knausenberger, Commissioner and Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4.

W. A. Glasscock, Hide and Animal Inspector.

The time of holding court for

civil, criminal and probate hearings was fixed for the third Monday in January, April, July and October of each year.

S. G. Taylor & Co. and J. Q. Adams were granted permission to file a new map of Sonora.

At the February 13 session in 1893, the weather "coming on to be cold," eight more stoves were bought off John O. K. White of San Angelo for the court house—in addition to the one already in use. And it was ordered by the court that convicts who failed to pay their fines were to be worked on the county roads by the sheriff—the guards for such convicts to receive not more than \$1.50 per day. One guard was allowed for each three convicts or less.

School District No. 1 was authorized to hold an election on Saturday, March 18, 1893 to vote in the matter of authorizing a 15 cents on the \$100 tax for school purposes; and Mike Murphy was appointed to conduct the election in Sonora.

A financial report of the condition of county finances was ordered published in The Devils River News.

The sheriff was instructed to order one large room and two small ones in the upper story of the Morris & Allison saloon building in which to hold District Court, the session beginning February 20, 1893. Morris & Allison were to receive \$40 as rent for the time of the court session.

The county judge's salary for ex-officio duties was fixed at \$300 per annum. The county clerk's pay was named at the same figure. The sheriff's ex-officio remuneration was also \$300.

The court asked for bids from contractors for the furnishing of water to the court house and jail, and proposed to pay one-half the additional cost of a public watering place in Sonora for transient people's stock needs, provided the citizens of Sonora paid the remaining half of the cost.

The February 20 meeting of the Sutton county commissioners court awarded the water contract for supplying the courthouse, jail and transients to F. M. Wyatt.

The court canvassed the returns on May 8, 1893, of the school tax election in District 1—to levy 15 cents on the \$100 for schools—and it was announced that of the 30 votes cast in the election 29 were "for the proposition." The lone vote in opposition seemed only to emphasize the initial enthusiasm in Sonora and Sutton county for good schools. An election was then called for the first Saturday in June for the choosing of school trustees.

The tax rate for the general fund was levied at 25 cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation for 1893; another 25 cents was levied for interest and sinking fund on the county's bonded indebtedness; 15 cents more was named for the bridge-building bonds.

Appropriations were made in payment of rent in various places in the town of Sonora for offices of county public servants. And there was one prisoner of the county whose board was being paid; also the prisoner was attended by more than one doctor, as witness the several such fees allowed, not to mention a night nurse whose bill was also allowed.

We know that the court house was finished by July 5, 1893, for on that date A. S. Gant was allowed \$935 for material used and work done in painting it. Contractor Z. D. Gafford also received a balance due him of \$444.71. The court then approved and accepted the building.

The commissioners showed great pride and care of the new court house on August 17, following its completion, painting and furnishings, by passing a resolution instructing the sheriff to allow no other use of it to the general public other than of official county business. During the succeeding years these instructions were repeated in resolutions from time to time, as local influence seems to have overridden the commissioners. Finally—towards the end of the first ten years of county history—public sentiment won a reluctant consent of the court to use the court house for public amusements—after the insurance policy should have been amended—at the same time alluding sarcastically to the "so-called court house."

November 14, 1893, Dr. C. R. Matthis, county physician, having left Sutton county, was succeeded

in that office by Dr. H. G. Jones. Dr. Jones was to receive \$76.51 per annum.

S. D. Foote was allowed the use of an office in the court house for a rental of \$32 for four months—payable in advance.

At the February, 1894 term of the court Sheriff J. L. Davis was allowed \$26.20 for his railway and stage fare to and from San Antonio "to capture the murderer of George Doty."

May 14, 1894, the commissioners added a 25 cents poll tax to the other levies in Sutton county.

Canvassing the returns of the election held early in November, 1894, the court announced the following results:

J. M. Bell, county judge.
L. M. Halbert, county attorney.
S. H. Stokes, district and county clerk.

J. P. McConnell, sheriff and tax collector.

W. H. Cusenbary, treasurer.

W. R. Rudicil, tax assessor.

R. J. Bean, county surveyor.

W. A. Glasscock, hide and animal inspector.

W. A. Stewart, county commissioner and justice of the peace, for precinct 1.

W. F. Luckie, county commissioner and justice of the peace for precinct 2.

G. H. McDonald, county commissioner and justice of the peace for precinct 3.

W. A. Holland, county commissioner and justice of the peace for precinct 4.

A resolution of appreciation was voted by the court for the public services of County Judge Bell.

At the December 10 meeting of the court the rent of offices in the court house was fixed at \$5 per month.

The February 11 term in 1895 was marked by the re-levying of the taxes of the previous year without changes, and R. A. Smith was mentioned as the district's representative in the Legislature. In March the court ordered that only blank envelopes be furnished by the county to public officials. The May term was notable for appointing A. W. Haly hide and animal inspector.

E. C. Saunders seems to have entered public life on February 10, 1896, for on that date he was named by the court to conduct an election in precinct 1. He was to hold in other decades more than one county office.

The court house bonds were ordered funded at 5 per cent interest. The tax assessor was ordered to assess stock as follows:

Stock horses, \$8 per head; saddle, work horses and stallions, \$25.
Stock cattle, \$7 per head; steers, two years old and up, \$12.

Stock sheep, \$1.00; muttons, dry ewes and wethers, \$1.50.

Hogs, \$1.00. Goats, not for shearing, 50 cents; clipping goats, 1.00.

Burros, \$5; breeding jacks, according to value.

The county taxes were re-levied as per the previous year, save that the levy for bond liquidation was reduced to 12½ cents on the \$100.

When the court convened on April 20, 1896, the resignation of J. M. Bell as county judge was the first item on the agenda. The resignation was accepted and J. M. Bell was appointed to fill the unexpired term made vacant by his resignation; and in the same breath the commissioners voted approval of his bond. Side-lights on these occurrences have flickered out in the 44 years that have passed and the records give only the dry joke. But it is clear that the county judge had the esteem of his associates.

T. D. Newell was made water contractor for the ensuing year. He was allowed \$150 for the service. The court also voted \$25 for fire protection hose, seeming to indicate that a Sonora fire company had been organized. And in July of that year the court house was insured for \$15,000 or \$17,000 for three years.

September 19 was named election day in Sonora, to determine whether hogs, cattle, sheep and goats should be allowed to run at large.

The court convened on November 9, 1896, to canvass the returns of the election for county officers and declared the following results:

J. O. Rountree, county judge.
W. H. Moon, county attorney.
S. H. Stokes, district and county clerk.

J. P. McConnell, sheriff and tax collector.

W. H. Cusenbary, treasurer.

A. J. Swearingin, tax assessor.
John McNicol, surveyor.

R. B. Hemphill, hide and animal inspector.

W. A. Stewart, county commissioner precinct 1.

O. H. Wood, county commissioner precinct 2.

Sam Merck, county commissioner precinct 3.

A. A. Williamson, county commissioner precinct 4.

February 9, 1897, the commissioners court declared that District 1 had voted in favor of a 15 cent levy on the \$100 valuation for school purposes. The court then levied the usual taxes for the ensuing year. A map of Sutton county was ordered prepared and paid for.

The county judge's salary was raised from \$480 to \$540 per annum.

While there was no increase in the figures on tax levies at this term of court, the valuation of property was increased, the improvement in the qualities of cattle, sheep and goats being very marked:

Stock sheep were valued at \$1.25 per head; muttons and dry ewes at \$1.75.

Stock cattle, \$10, steers two years old and up, \$15; jennets, \$5; jacks, according to value.

Common goats, 75 cents per head; shearing goats, \$1.50.

Land, \$1.75 per acre. Improvements, according to value.

Dr. H. G. Colson was made county physician, on a bid of \$60 for the year's services. Drs. Colson, Jones and Brobenton were appointed to constitute a board of health for Sonora.

At the November term of the court in 1897, T. D. Newell was allowed \$50 for additional water furnished for fire protection to the court house, etc.

The year 1898, February term of court, reflected a rise in the price of cattle, as shown by the following reclassification for taxation in Sutton county:

Stock sheep, \$2 per head; muttons and dry ewes, \$2.25.

Stock cattle, \$12.50 per head, two-year-old steers and up, \$18 per head.

The prices of horses were unchanged and land valuation was reduced to \$1.25 per acre—and later back to \$1. Bounties were offered for wild animal scalps as follows:

Coyote scalps, 50 cents; lobo wolf, \$1; panther or Mexican lion, or leopard, \$2.

Order Quarantine for Sonora

On February 6, 1898, The Devil's River News was the official organ of the county for the ensuing year. D. A. McGonagil was appointed county attorney.

The court canvassed the returns of the election on November 14, 1898, and declared the following results:

J. O. Rountree, county judge.
W. A. Anderson, county attorney.

J. B. Hill, district and county clerk.

E. S. Briant, sheriff and tax collector.

W. H. Cusenbary, treasurer.
E. C. Saunders, tax assessor.
John McNicol, surveyor.

R. B. Hemphill, hide and animal inspector.

W. A. Stewart, county commissioner, precinct 1.

O. H. Wood, county commissioner, precinct 2.

G. J. Trainer, county commissioner precinct 3.

A. A. Williamson, county commissioner precinct 4.

The incorporation of Sonora, with 25 square miles of territory for school purposes, was authorized by the court at its May term, 1899, the people of the proposed district having so voted.

A special session of the court was held on December 15, 1899, which ordered the county physician to quarantine Sonora and Sutton county against the spread of scarlet fever and "other infectious diseases," prevalent in adjoining counties, and to establish stations and camps for those held in quarantine. Later on, in the following year, small pox was named and other quarantines ordered.

February 13, 1900, saw another rise in the value of property listed for taxation, and also marked an increase in the volume of improvements. Fencing was valued at \$30 per mile. Land valuation how-

ever was reduced to \$1 per acre.

The county judge's salary was increased to \$600 per year and the clerk's salary raised to \$360. The sheriff's salary to \$400. The Devil's River News was again named official county organ.

May 14, 1900, the bid of \$60 by Dr. T. J. Dodson for the county jail practice for the year was accepted.

November 12, 1900, the court met and declared the results of the election in the county, and at the same time declined a suggestion that it take action to set aside the election.

The results of the election were: J. F. Cannady, county judge.

W. A. Anderson, county attorney.

S. H. Stokes, district and county clerk.

E. S. Briant, sheriff and tax collector.

D. H. Burroughs, county treasurer.

David Adams, county assessor.
John McNicol, surveyor.

P. H. Cooper, hide and animal inspector. G. W. Stephenson, commissioner, precinct 1; H. G. Justice, commissioner, precinct 2; George Trainer, commissioner precinct 3; R. T. Baker, commissioner, precinct 4.

February 11, 1901, Dr. A. L. Taylor was named county physician.

On August 16, 1901, the commissioners court yielded to the young dancing public enough to allow dancing in the court house twice each month, and additionally on holidays, naming a committee of responsible citizens to have charge of the building during such festive occasions.

In December, 1901, Tax Assessor Adams having died, E. C. Saunders was named to serve the unexpired term.

On February 12, 1902, the usual taxes were levied, the increase in valuation being due in great part to improvement in quality of livestock.

Dr. J. C. Midkiff was appointed county physician.

The county bonded indebtedness was refunded at a rate of 3 per cent interest.

The November 10 session of the court declared the results of the election for county officers as follows:

R. C. Dawson, county judge; A. L. Taylor, county attorney; S. H. Stokes, district and county clerk; J. L. Davis, sheriff and tax collector; D. H. Burroughs, county treasurer; R. H. Martin, tax assessor; R. M. Stevenson, surveyor.

C. Barfield, hide and animal inspector; and commissioners, R. F. Halbert, precinct 1; O. T. Wood, precinct 2; H. Thiers, precinct 3, and E. L. Martin, precinct 4.

February 9, 1903, The court fixed the salary of the district and county clerk at \$450.

The court made an order that the "court house shall not be used for any purpose other than general court purposes, political speakings and gatherings; which said order is to take effect May 15, 1903."

A windmill was ordered for the raising of water from the well in the court house square and the well was to be repaired.

Statutes were ordered supplied to justices of the peace in Sutton county.

At the March 7 term in 1903, L. J. Wardlaw was appointed county attorney.

From the session of the court on November 19, 1903, wolf and panther scalps were increasingly bountied, at first for \$2 each, but later the bounty rose to \$5.

An energetic roadbuilding impulse moved the commissioners court to activity in 1903. Street and bridge improvement in the town of Sonora was a part of the results.

At the June session in 1904, the court expressed regret for he resignation of D. H. Burroughs as county treasurer; and September 21, the resignation of R. C. Dawson as county judge was also accepted. D. B. Woodruff was appointed to the county judgeship to fill on the unexpired term. D. B. Woodruff was also given the contract for printing the ballots for the election to occur in November.

The court canvassed the returns of the election at its session of November 14 and declared the following results:

L. J. Wardlaw, county judge.

W. A. Anderson, county attorney

S. H. Stokes, district and county clerk

E. S. Briant, sheriff and tax collector

D. H. Burroughs, county treasurer

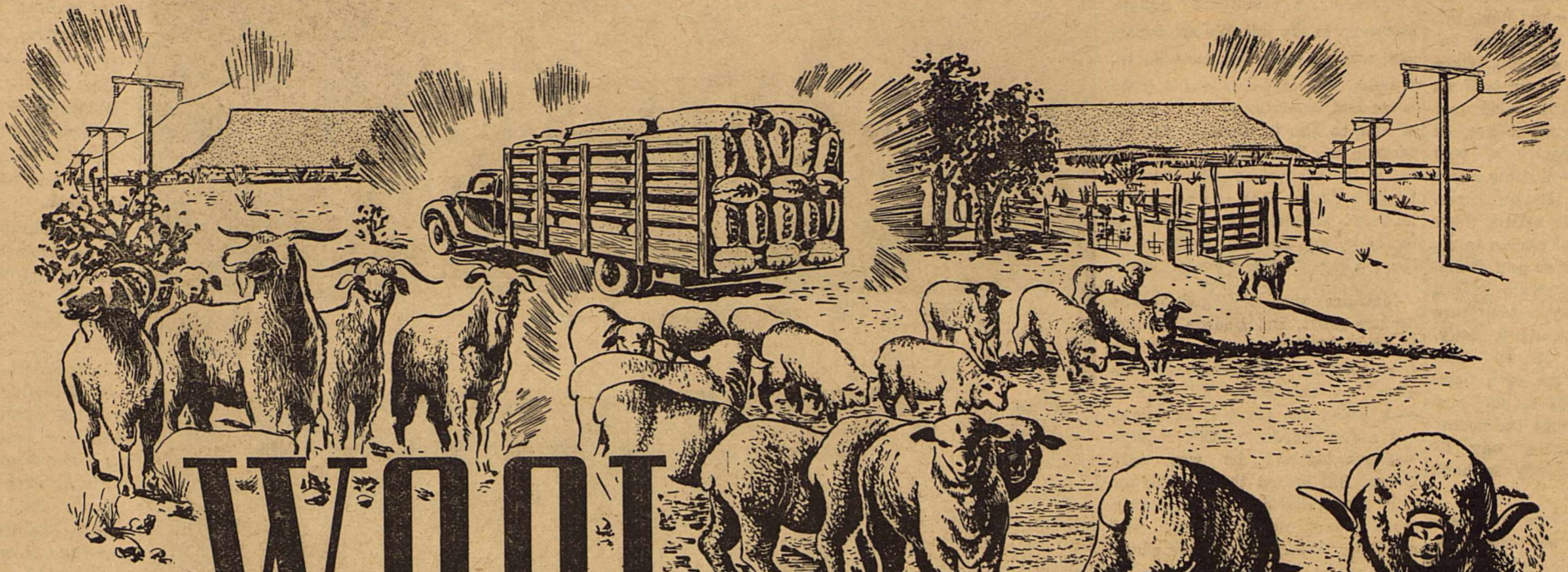
R. H. Martin, tax assessor

R. M. Stevenson, surveyor

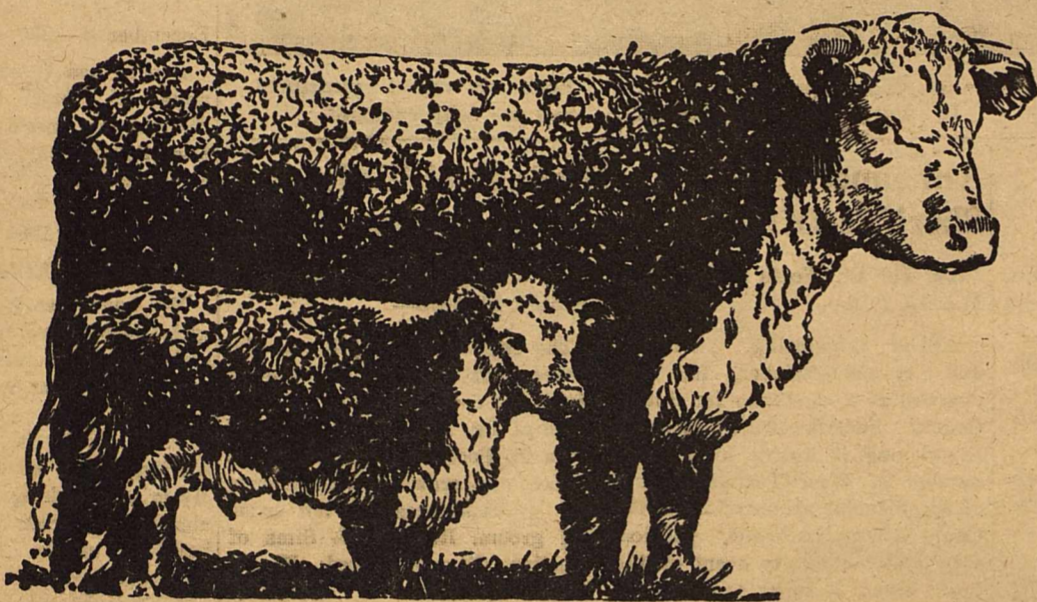
C. Barfield, hide and animal inspector

Commissioners, R. F. Halbert, precinct 1; O. T. Wood, precinct 2; H. Thiers, precinct 3, and E. L. Martin, precinct 4.

See RECORDS on page six—



**WOOL FOR A NATION
... MANY BAGS FULL!**



SONORA

-WHERE-

LIVESTOCK BRINGS IN MILLIONS

A leader in the campaign to bring new business to Sonora and West Texas is the West Texas Utilities which this fall and winter will carry the message "Invite a new business to West Texas—the Land of Opportunity" in its advertisements in over 80 newspapers.

The company, according to Local Manager W. R. Parsons, has conducted a campaign almost single-handed to publicize the opportunities for industrial development in West Texas and maintains an industrial department, headed by R. M. Fielder and Jack McCarty to cooperate with local communities in securing desirable locations and facilities which are attractive to new business.

"Such a campaign," Parsons said, "in no way conflicts with our support and encouragement given the livestock industry which has brought Sonora and this section of West Texas its present prosperity. Our purpose in urging diversified industrial development is to add to and spread prosperity through processing plants which manufacture raw products into marketable items.

"The disintegration of industry in eastern centers during the present world upheaval makes it imperative that West Texas go after business which is looking for new sites and new places to locate. We in this section have many advantages in the way of climate, acreage, cheap electric power and fuel. But we need to publicize these assets so that business leaders may learn about them."

As an attraction to industry, the utilities maintains three large centrally-located power plants, 14 stand-by plants, and 18 interconnections with other generating sources, which assure the region of a steady, ample supply of electric power both for industry and residential usage.

**Electric Service
IS CHEAP
In West Texas**

The company has been serving Sonora since 1927 but had its origin in 1911 at Abilene. All its officers and directors are West Texans living on the job.

The electric transmission, or hi-line, has been widely credited with lowering the cost of electric service—reduced 55½ per cent in average unit cost since the company began serving Sonora.

The West Texas Utilities, it was recalled, pioneered in the transmission line type of service, building the first such line in West Texas from Abilene to Merkel in 1914. The experiment proved so successful in lowering the retail cost of electric service—by dividing production costs among thousands of customers—that small, isolated plants since have been almost wholly discontinued.

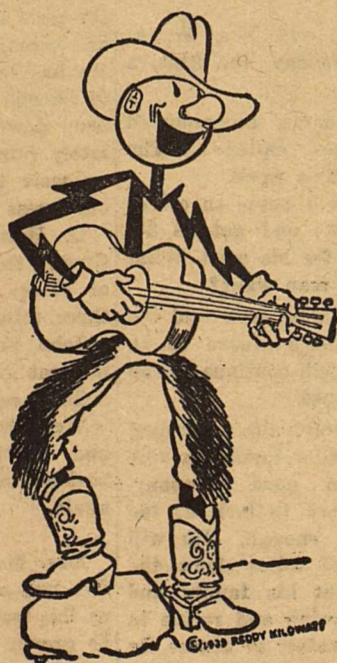
"We are glad to join in the tribute to two pioneer concerns here who are observing golden anniversaries—the Devil's River News and the E. F. Vander Stucken Company," Parsons said in commenting on this special edition. "We consider ourselves among the pioneers and believe that such concerns, which have stood the test of time will continue to make a valuable contribution to the growth of our community."

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

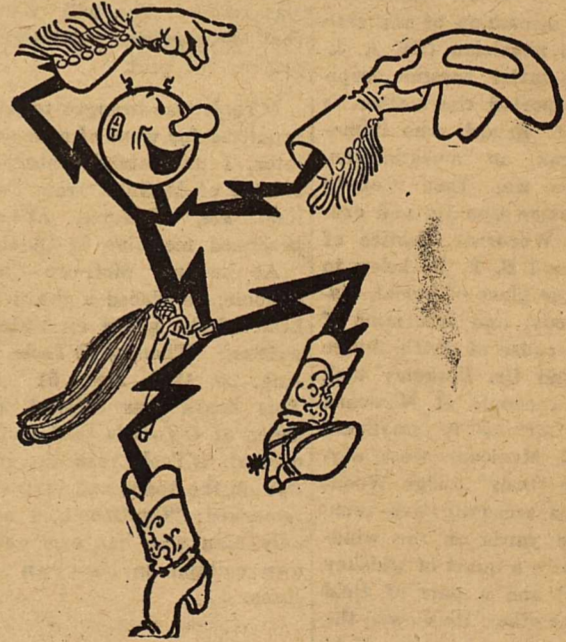
INVITE A NEW BUSINESS TO WEST TEXAS—
THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

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Congratulations
to
the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS
ON
Its 50th Birthday



Congratulations
to the
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.
Also Observing
A Golden Anniversary



Mason Rountree Reveals Fake Insurance Scheme

By MASON ROUNTREE

Back in 1901, there lived in the little city of Juno, Texas, one Dr. McGuire. The doctor had hung out his shingle in that little town, endeavoring to make a living. Once in a great while someone in Juno became ill, or a horse rolled over on some reckless cowpuncher, or maybe the story found its way to the little village nestling there among the hills of Devil's River. But outside of these events there wasn't much for a physician to do, except sit in the shade and dream of the day when he would have a big office in the city, taking care of thirty or forty patients daily. Time hung heavily on Dr. McGuire's hands and "the devil finds plenty for idle hands to do," and no doubt for some time the doctor had been figuring on a way to make some easy money without working for it.

So the doctor formed an association for financial purposes with one Thomas O'Toole, whereby a certain insurance policy on the life of O'Toole might be collected and the proceeds divided between the two.

As I have said before, business was rotten in Juno, and the doctor needed money.

In order to carry out their plot they went up Devil's River Draw to the Bob Martin ranch and camped on a mesquite flat some eight hundred yards from Bob's headquarters. There O'Toole suddenly developed smallpox. A couple of days after O'Toole took down, Dr. McGuire went to Bob's ranch house to report the disease and to secure provisions. During this time the doctor kept up a strict quarantine, using yellow flags tied to mesquite bushes.

On the sixth day the doctor again visited the ranch house. This time to report the death of the patient, and to secure tools with which to dig a grave and bury O'Toole. Bob loaned the doctor implements but told him in no uncertain language to keep away from his house. Then Bob took pick and shovel to a point about two hundred yards from the house and yelled to McGuire to come and get 'em. However, Bob was not there when the doctor gathered up the tools.

After working most of the day digging a grave and putting O'Toole away, McGuire went again to the ranch house to return the pick and shovel, but Bob was on the lookout for him and when he was within about two hundred yards of the house, Bob, using his hands for a megaphone, yelled to the doctor to "just put 'em down right there and get away from here."

The day following the burial of O'Toole, McGuire went to Sonora and began proceedings for the collection of O'Toole's insurance. During the discussion of the case with a local physician (Dr. A. L. Taylor) the latter became suspicious and reported the matter to Sheriff E. S. Briant, who immediately began an investigation. J. O. Rountree was then County Judge of Sutton County, and ordered D. B. Woodruff, Justice of the Peace, and B. F. Berkeley to proceed to the place of burial, disinter the body, and determine if possible the cause of death. Judge Woodruff and Dr. Berkeley took with them a couple of Mexicans who were immune to smallpox.

While the Mexicans were digging up the "body" Judge Woodruff sat in a mesquite tree some two hundred yards on the windward side, with a quart of whiskey in one hand and a pair of field glasses in the other. He viewed the proceedings through the field glasses, but I suppose it isn't necessary to tell you what he did with the quart of whiskey. When the Mexicans had dug down a foot or two they yelled to the: "Maybe so been dead three-four days, smell like, need drink pretty bad." However, they kept at their work until they had disinterred the "remains of the unfortunate victim"—a roll of old quilts.

At this point Sheriff Briant came into the picture again. He immediately took up the trail of O'Toole and arrested him on the point of crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico, where he was to await McGuire and the insurance money. Briant placed O'Toole in jail at Sonora, where he soon had McGuire for company. Now McGuire and O'Toole did not figure on this turn of affairs. They were up against a pretty tough proposition. They were broke, and

things looked tough for them. In a few days O'Toole summoned S. G. Tayloe, a prominent Sonora attorney, to the jail. We are broke, said O'Toole, "not one dime do we possess, but McGuire has a good horse and wants to give you a bill of sale to him in payment for defending us. That will be the last act of his life before going crazy." Lawyer Tayloe took the horse and McGuire immediately went violently insane. He kept everyone in town awakes with his howling.

McGuire was adjudged insane by the court, Dr. Dodson testifying that McGuire was suffering from "ataxia chronica scandaleuse." At this point Bill Glasscock asked the court if he might say a few words. Bill's request was granted and he was duly sworn. Bill stated that "whatever it is that McGuire is suffering from sounds pretty serious, and might be "ketching" and the whole town might take it. Furthermore, the Sonora country is the best stock country on the face of the earth, and even the cattle might take "that disease" also, and we can't afford to have a die-up of stock in this country."

O'Toole's bond was set at five thousand dollars which he could not make. In an effort to get the amount reduced, he was taken before Judge T. W. Timmons at San Angelo. While camping at noon on the Concho river, one of the escort party, consisting of Sheriff Briant, D. B. Woodruff and Lawyer Anderson, carelessly left a six shooter on the front seat of the hack. O'Toole, who was handcuffed to the rear seat, got possession of the weapon while the guards were busy with their lunch.

"Well, boys," he said, "here is where we sell out."

Bryant was a nery man, but the desperate character of the prisoner, coupled with his obvious advantage of the situation, produced no little alarm among the officers until O'Toole began laughing and said:

"Come on, boys; let's go and get my bond arranged."

Rube Halbert, a veteran sheep man of Sutton county was commissioned by the court to escort McGuire to the asylum. While waiting for the train at San Angelo, Rube handcuffed McGuire to an arm of a seat and left him. The doctor worked the screws out and got the arm loose. When Rube returned the doctor made a vicious run at him and downed him on the floor; pounding the floor just beside Rube's head in a most maniacal manner, coupled with vociferous language. While Rube prayed to the god of all shepherders in a scared voice, until he was rescued. You will remember that McGuire was not insane, only playing his part.

O'Toole was brought to trial and acquitted for want of evidence, and later, I understand, obtained the release of McGuire from the asylum. He, McGuire, afterwards practiced medicine in Oklahoma.

At the time McGuire "buried" O'Toole, he placed a board at the head of the grave on which was written: "Thomas O'Toole, died Aug. 20, 1901. Age 51 years." This board was offered in evidence at O'Toole's trial and when offered, O'Toole read the inscription on the board and sarcastically remarked: "Gentlemen, I am the only man who has ever read his own epitaph on his own tombstone."

SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

August 26, 1899—

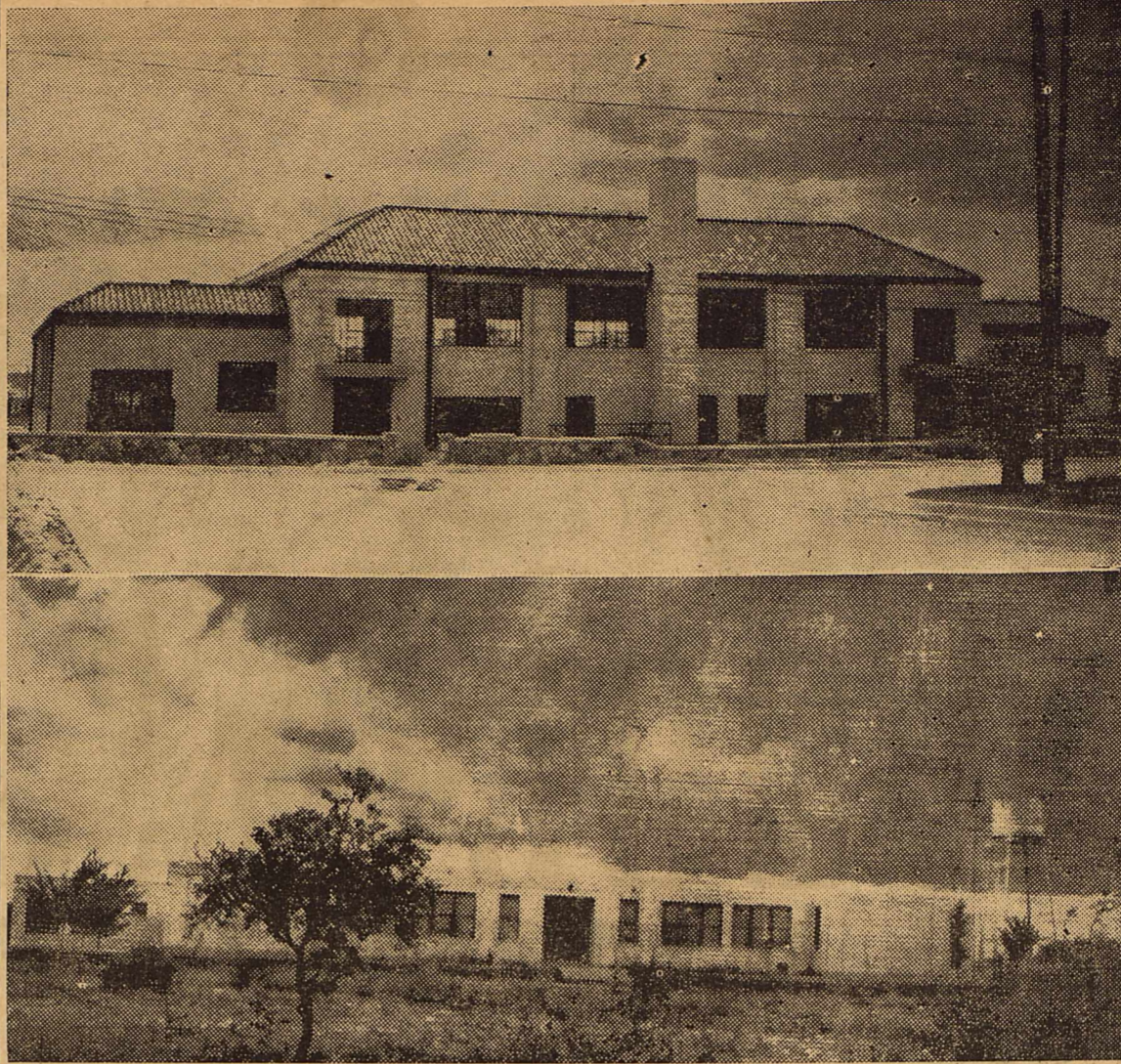
GIVES—A thorough, practical English or business education to young men and women; also prepares them for college or state university.

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TERM—Opens September 4th, 1899, and continues eight months. For further information address DR. T. J. DODSON, Secretary Board of Trustees; or J. H. BRADLEY, Principal. May 18, 1899—

Tom Savell will run a hack Sunday, Nov. 19, to San Angelo. Round trip, \$5. Those wanting to take in the roping contest at San Angelo Monday can take advantage of this reduction.

Gymnasium, L. W. Elliott School



Photos above show the local gymnasium and the L. W. Elliott school for Mexicans. M. D. Lattimore is principal. Both are recent structures, and are fully equipped.

Poem On Texas Written for News

Take me back to dear old Texas, Where there is plenty of room and air,

Cotton, corn, and watermelons, Johnson grass and prickly pear. Where there ain't no pomp or glitter,

Where a quarter is called two-bits. Where at night, the songbirds twitter,

Where the Indian fights were fit. Take me where there ain't no subways,

And no forty-story "shacks." Where they shy at gold-brick peddlers,

Dudes, plug hats and three-rail tracks. Where the dear old sun-tanned ranchman

Owens one corner of the earth, And the sleepy night-herd puncher Sings to steers and plays his quirt.

Take me where there's diamond hitches,

Ropes, brands and cartridge belts; Where the boys wear "chaps" for breeches,

Flannel shirts and Stetson Felts. Land of Crockett and of Bowie. Heroes who had hearts of gold;

Take me back to dear old Texas, Let me die there when I am old!

QUESTIONS—

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son, or Hopson. Q. What hotel in Sonora burned in 1893?

A. The Gibbons.

Q. What famous race horse picture was painted on the G. W. Morris saloon?

A. "Maud S."

Q. Who was the "Old Musica" (not Coster) and how did he get that name?

A. He got that name from playing the accordion.

Q. What two gamblers shot and killed each other in the old Ranch Saloon?

A. Walter Sapp and Frank Johns. Sapp died the night he was shot, and Johns died about ten days later.

Q. Whose brand was Half Circle 26?

A. A. J. Winklers.

Q. What Sonora man owned a wild animal show at one time?

A. George Traweek.

Q. Who was Old Cyclone, and who owned him?

A. Cyclone was a fast cow pony owned by Ace Robinson.

Q. Who owned the Yellow Wolf?

A. Cox Bros., Sam and George.

Q. Who was Judge Thomas, and what record did he hold?

A. A race horse owned by John T. Cooper. He held the world's record of one time, one quarter of a mile. (Several years ago I saw John Coop in Prescott, Arizona. He told me that Judge Thomas' record had not been lowered up to that time. I don't know.)

Announces for Sheriff's Office

From The Ft. Worth S-Telegram: May 10, 1938—

Alfred Schwiening, ranchman and city commissioner, has announced as a candidate for Sutton County Sheriff-collector-assessor. Schwiening is known by a large number of West Texans because of his biennial sponsorship of the Camp Allison barbeque, political rally and community event on the Llano river, 30 miles east of Sonora.

Albert J. Owens, a native of Coleman County, but a Sutton County resident 61 years, has announced as a candidate for constable in Precinct 1, in the town of Sonora. Owens was deputy sheriff junior under J. L. Davis, Sutton County sheriff many years ago.

SONORA BOY BOWLS HIGH GAME OF 238

From The Ft. Worth S-Telegram: May 12, 1938—

The fact that a 110-year-old San Antonio boy recently bowled a score of 210 meant little to Bobby White, 10, Sonora youngster who decided something should be done about it. He stepped up and made a score of 238, just 33 points less than that of the best adult Sonora bowler.

LOCALS—

From The Devil's River News December 20, 1890—

John Martin, one of the popular boys of Gwynn, was in town Saturday.

P. McHugh came in from the ranch Monday night with the report that a bear came into his camp, killed four sheep, terrified the herder and had killed a deer nearby; and that several of the boys are on its trail.

J. McHugh is going to fence a section of his ranch north of town and will cultivate about 25 acres in Johnson gress, sugar cane and oats. This is a good move, and many other ranchers might follow suit.

Sitting Bull was killed last week.

Everybody come to Sonora for the races on New Year's Day.

WOOL HOUSE—

Continued From First Page—

1933, and George Edward Allison, who has been employed there since 1934.

The officers and directors are as follows: Ed C. Mayfield, president; W. A. Miers, first vice-president; Fred Earwood, executive vice-president and manager, and A. C. Elliott, secretary.

Other members of the Board of Directors are Bryan Hunt, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Ben F. Meckel, Oscar Appelt, E. F. Vander Stucken, Joe M. Vander Stucken, E. D. Shurley, W. H. Karnes, S. H. Allison, Roy E. Aldwell, Joe B. Ross, and Geo. H. Neill, treasurer.

Della Pool Weds Dr. T. J. Dodson

From The Devil's River News October 12, 1895—

The church on the hill was the center of attraction on Wednesday night, the occasion being the marriage of Dr. T. J. Dodson to Miss Della E. Pool at 8 o'clock. The edifice was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the bride and groom. Rev. J. W. Sims of Junction City officiated; W. R. Rudicil was master of ceremonies.

The bride was becomingly attired in white silk, trimmed with natural flowers, bonnet to match trimmed with orange blossoms, white kid gloves, and no jewelry; and the general exclamation was, "How beautiful!" Miss Maggie Herbert and Miss Annie Gurley attended the bride. The groom was attired by H. W. Cusenbary and John F. Steagall.

After the ceremony the party was driven to the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. J. T. Gurley, where a supper was served. The happy couple left Thursday morning for Bartlett, the home of the bride's parents.

October 25, 1890—

Born on Thursday, October 16, to Mr. and Mrs. William Babb, a fine boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holland, on Monday, the 21st, a 12-pound boy.

Miss Icy Adams, accompanied by A. M. Seton, called on The News early in this week.

Wm. Babb is a papa, the owner of a fast horse, and got 18 3-4 cents a pound for his wool. What more does any man want?

Dave Adams this week sold the well-known Sonora House to D. Dunagan, who will continue to run a first-class house.

George H. McDonald, a rustling stockman of Mills county, a fine marksman and good company, came in Tuesday to look at the country—that's enough. He will locate about 25 miles down the creek, bring out his family and stock in the spring and reside in Sonora. As a matter of course, he subscribed for the Devil's River News, and you should do the same.

Mr. and Mrs. David Adams and daughters, Misses Beckie, Icy and Frankie, took The Devil's River News office by storm Monday.

Hugh Drake of Gwynn (Dr. Taylor ranch neighborhood) has returned from Pecos, and spent a day in Sonora this week.

R. W. Callahan, our leading business man, president of the Sonora Supply Co., and the principal organizer of Sonora and Sutton county, was unable to attend to business for a few days this week, but is now up and around again.

EDITORIALS

Blaine will take the stump to work for McKinley's re-election, (to Congress).

Germany contemplates the en-

tire exclusion of American meat. The population of the United States is now placed at 63,231,428. November 1, 1890—

E. C. Saunders requests us to announce that he is not a candidate for the office of commissioner of precinct 1.

Carpenters commenced work on five new houses in West Sonora this week.

F. Mayor & Co. are about ready to attend to customers.

C. T. Covington and family of Wentworth went to San Angelo this week.

J. C. Johnson, one of the leading horseraisers, was in town on Tuesday and deposited \$2.00 in our treasury. Johnson will reside in Sonora before the robins nest again.

S. H. Sokes, a progressive sheep man of McCulloch county, arrived with his family Monday and has secured a residence lot. He also has 1,500 sheep with him, and will locate a ranch down the draw.

H. G. Graham, architect and builder, has drawn the plans for a four-room cottage with an octagon front, double gallery and hall, to cost \$1,800. The plans are for the residence of John W. Hagerlund, and the building when completed would be an ornament to any city.

Misses Susie Martin and Bessie Wyatt, accompanied by Bob Martin, called at our office Monday.

December 6, 1890—

Sonora has three hotels, but as none of them advertises we thought we would let you know that Sonora has the desired accommodations.

December 13, 1890—

NOTES FROM GWYNN

We have plenty of boys and girls here; some of the loveliest girls you ever saw. If you have any doubts, come over and see for yourself.

F. M. Drake is now fitting up his two wells north of Gwynn. He is also making other improvements, and when completed will have one of the best improved places in the country.

N. W. Huntington of New York is stopping in the city and is so well pleased with it and surroundings, thinks he will spend the winter with us.

We had several visitors from Sonora during the past week, and one or two talk of locating with us. Gwynn is only 16 miles west of Sonora, just two hours drive with a good team; though some of the boys say it is only 12 miles over and 20 miles coming back—which foots up the same—32 miles there and back.

J. T. Gurley and family of Sonora will move over a few miles west of us in a few days.

John Rae has gone to San Angelo, and the boys all say that he will not return to the ranch alone again, but will be accompanied by Mrs. Rae. John is a good boy and the girls are all stuck on him and are hoping the report is not true.

He has been out quite a number of sheep, we suppose; as he has been down to Gwynn quite often lately hunting lost sheep; and if we were to guess the number, our guess would be just one.

C. Hammonds passed through Gwynn this week with two flocks of sheep en route to his ranch three miles west of here.

John Young has bought a half interest in the N. N. Staggs well-drilling equipment.

Well, dear editor, we will close; and if this escapes the waste basket you may hear from us again.

Mrs. McDonald of Juno sent a five and one-half pound turnip to us this week. This shows what can be grown in our county.

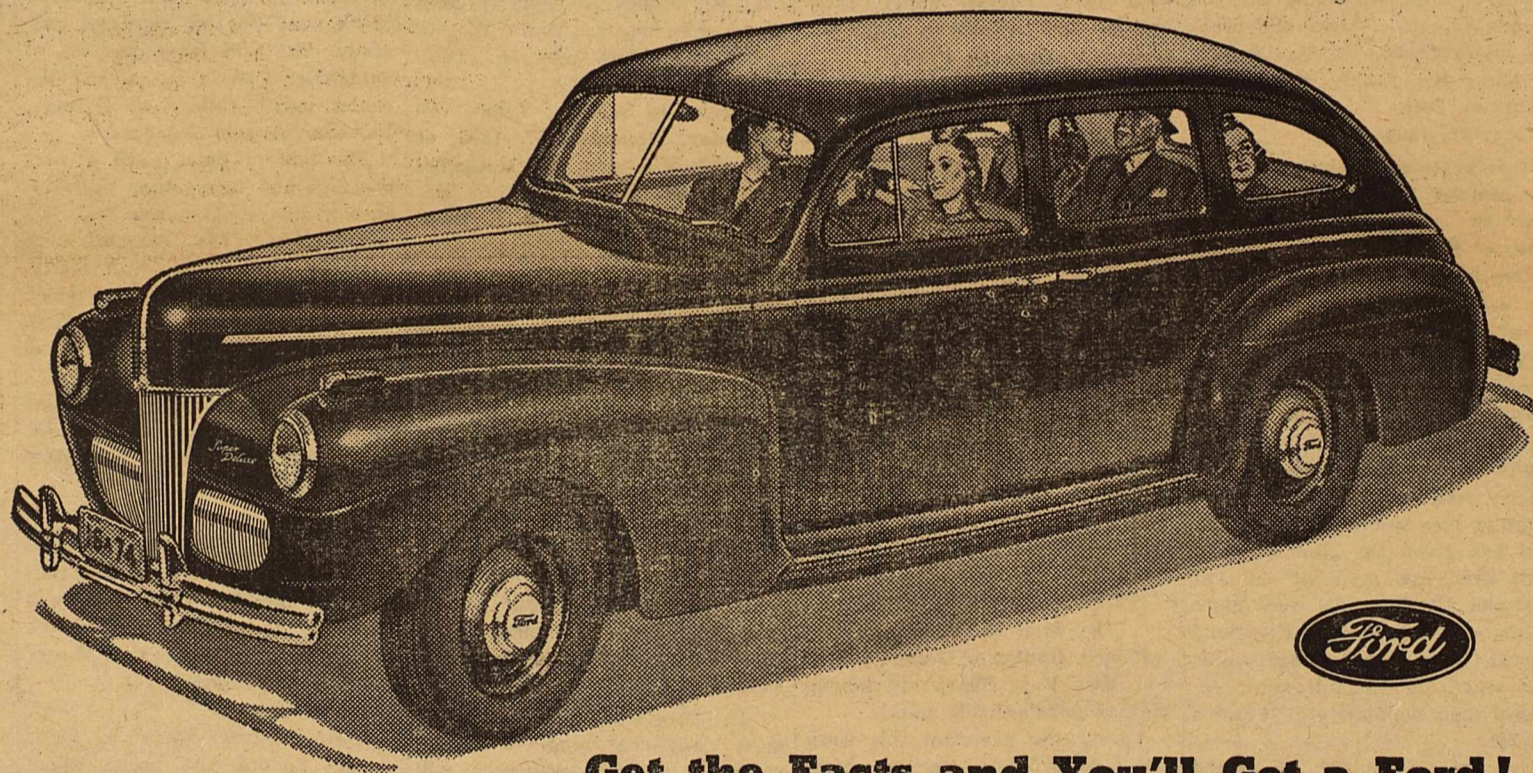
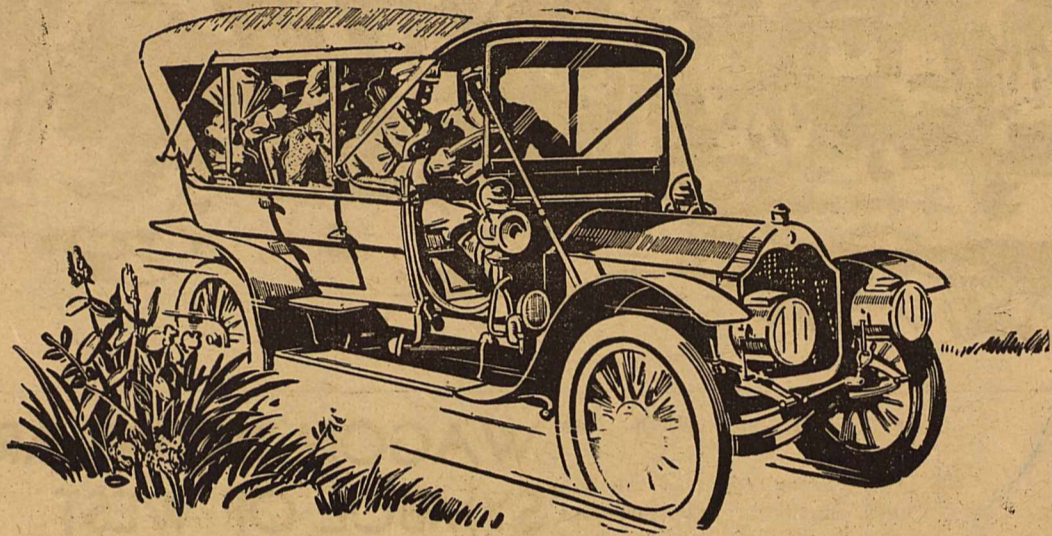
Oscar Clark has just finished putting up F. M. Drake's windmill near Gwynn.

EXPLANATORY.—Readers of names in The Devil's River News of the 1890's will find allusions to Gwynn, a name not now heard, perhaps, but then a community 16 miles west of Sonora. Also allusions to "Brooklyn" referring to a part of Sonora, no longer so called. "Wentworth" is another lost name. It was Sonora's rival for the county seat in the election of 1890. I was a community some two miles from Sonora, which had a school, mercantile establishments, church and Masonic lodge—all of which finally moved to Sonora.)

Mrs. Edgar Saunders arrived from Ballinger on Tuesday, and will reside in her new mansion near the school house.

Field glasses for ranchmen, at M. Eastland & Sons, the jewelers.

CONGRATULATIONS to the . . . Devil's River News



Get the Facts and You'll Get a Ford!

Over many years the Ford car has changed—in appearance, but not in quality. Surely, the car has been improved upon each year, but we mean that it is still the best car in the low-price field, just as it was twenty, or even thirty years ago.

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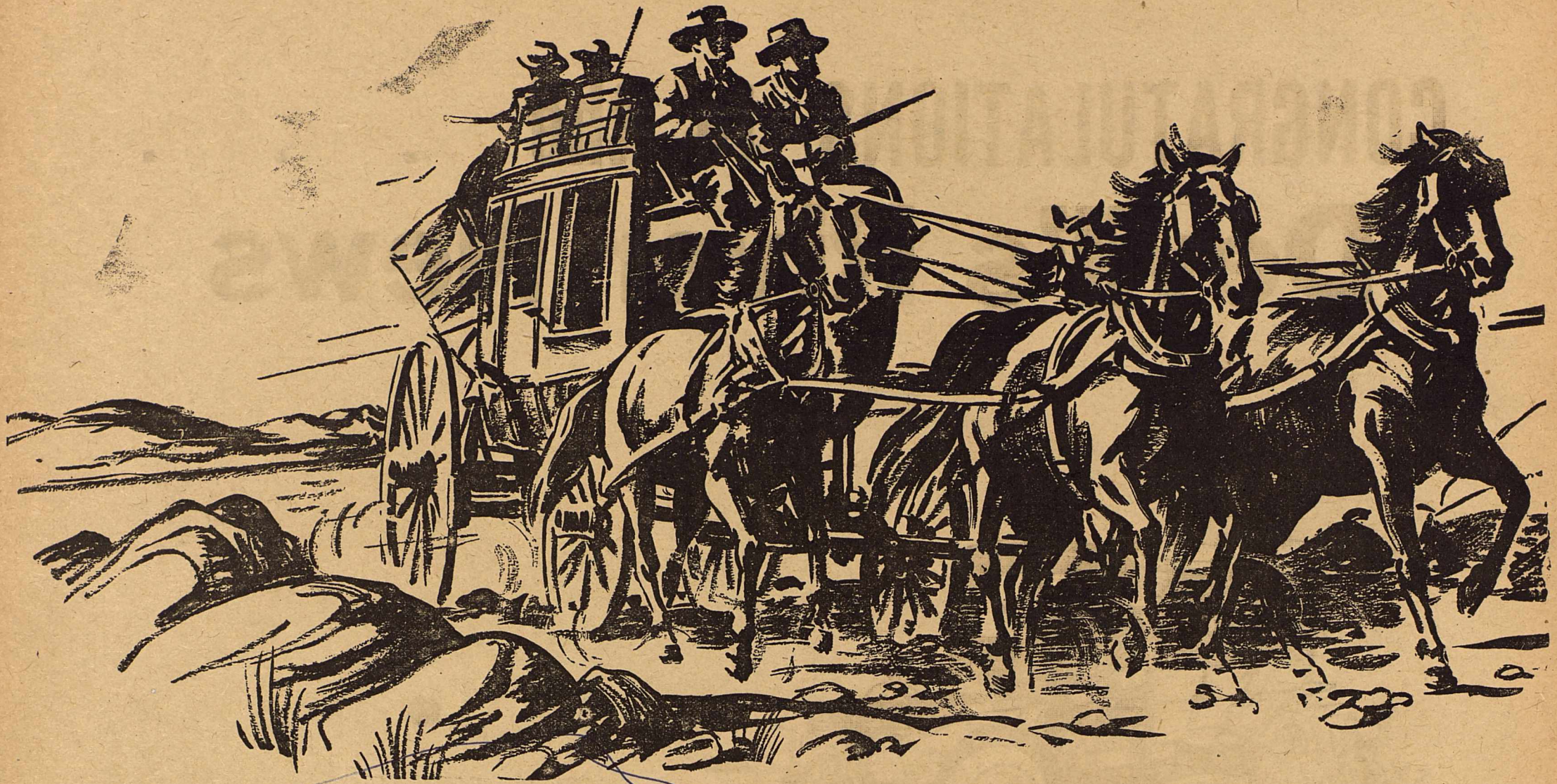
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RECORDS—

Continued from page two—

clerk; J. L. Davis, sheriff and tax collector; J. E. Grimland, treasurer; R. H. Martin, tax assessor; E. C. Saunders, county surveyor; C. Barfield, hide and animal inspector; and commissioners, R. F. Halbert, precinct 1; T. P. Gillespie, precinct 2; S. L. Merck, precinct 3, and E. L. Martin, precinct 4.

On February 13, 1905, “by order of the Court, the Woodmen of the World, Woodmen Circle, Knights of the Maccabees and Ladies of the Maccabees, be and are hereby permitted to hold meetings in the courthouse district courtroom, paying as rent for the same \$2.50 per month.”

Mike Murphy of the Devil's River News came again back into his old honor of having his paper called the county organ, being awarded the contract for doing the county printing by the court on February 16, 1905.

The resignation of W. A. Anderson as county attorney was accepted on May 8 of the same year.

On October 7, 1905, the four leagues of Sutton county school land (situated in other counties), was offered for lease subject to sale at 3 cents per acre for five years, or one year's lease at 4 cents per acre; but was sold to Dr. A. L. Taylor for \$2 per acre on 40 years' time; one-fortieth of the purchase price to be paid at the time of passing the deed, with 39 deferred payments to be made annually with interest at 3 per cent per annum in advance. The receipt of \$500 on the purchase price was acknowledged on the court minutes.

November 13, 1905, N. W. Graham was named county attorney. The bond of the First National Bank of Sonora as county depository was approved, and all county funds were ordered transferred to that bank.

The court convened on Nov. 12, 1906, to canvass the returns of the election for county and district officers and declared the following results:

L. J. Wardlaw, county judge; R. E. Harris, county attorney; J. D. Lowrey, district and county clerk; J. S. Allison, sheriff and tax collector; R. H. Martin, tax assessor; J. E. Grimland, county treasurer; John McNicol county surveyor; and commissioners, Geo. J. Trainer, precinct 1; T. P. Gillespie, precinct 2; S. L. Merck, precinct 3, and E. L. Martin, precinct 4.

The Sonora Sun was given the contract for printing on February 11, 1907 — for two years—and made the official journal of Sutton county.

J. S. Allison and Frank Salmon were made health officers.

A fireproof vault was ordered installed in the court house at a contract price of \$2,965.

May 11, 1908, a bounty of \$5 was paid to G. Stephenson for the killing of a panther; wild animal

Life During Hurdy-Gurdy Nineties Revealed In Clippings

November 15, 1890—
L. N. Halbert of Coleman, and brother, R. F. Halbert, were in Sonora this week. Mr. Halbert is a lawyer and will hang out his shingle in a few weeks and practice his profession in this paradise of ours. His family will arrive about the 20th.

October 13, 1894—
It is reported Kinch Mullens, the gambler who lived in Sonora about two years ago, was shot to death at Fort Worth recently.

Preaching tomorrow, both morning and evening, by Rev. J. A. Wright.

Chris Wyatt, Henry Baker and James Alford were in Friday from a work on the North Llano.

D. C. Kerr and J. B. Hudspeth are two of the sheepmen who will not go back on democracy on account of free wool. (The Springer Mill has given the New-England Mills 'free raw material' in that way and all sheepmen were more or less sore about it. Mr. Cleveland and all the Texas congressmen who voted for the bill never regained their popularity in Western Texas).

Everyone is invited to attend the candidate's dance and supper, to be given at the David Adams Ranch on the North Llano, on Tuesday, October 16.

Gus Batte and W. R. Rudicil have returned from an electioneering trip on the Llano; and while talking to Mr. Huggins at his ranch, a cow made a meal off their coat sleeves.

Mr. and Mrs. David Adams were in Sonora Saturday, buying supplies for the big supper to be given by the candidates at their ranch on Bee Hollow, Tuesday, October 16.

Susano Becerra, the Mexican Baptist preacher, was in Sonora this week and preached to a large audience.

Geo. Mole of London, England,

depreations among the stock having forced bounties to a record high.

The members of the board of equalization took the new oath for enforcement of the law for full value of property and the oaths as subscribed to were spread on the minutes of the commissioners court.

On November 9, 1908, the court declared the results of the election for county officers; there being no changes save the choice of Bert C. DeWitt as county attorney, W. B. Smith, commissioner for precinct 2; D. B. Woodruff as commissioner for precinct 4 and A. J. Owens, hide and animal inspector. The First National Bank of Sonora was again named county depository.

The court later appointed F. J. Jones to fill a vacancy in the county attorney's office.

The salary of the county and

is visiting his friends, Albert and Wedge Turner at their ranch. Mr. Mole is in this country for his health and has gained 25 pounds since his arrival about three months ago. All three gentlemen were in Sonora on Friday.

November 17, 1894—
Miss Eva Fleming, who is conducting a private school in West Sonora, is meeting with good success. She has 15 pupils in regular attendance.

T. B. Overstreet was in Sonora this week and reported having a 500-pound bear on his ranch in the lower part of the county. His neighbor, Lem Cox, also killed a large bear the previous week.

Sam Merck, one of the old Texas Rangers, a present ranching in the Frank's Defeat country, was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turney were in Sonora on Thursday shopping.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE

(By Miss Bessie Mills)
Robert Dunagan, George Moss and Miss Kate Sharp are among the new scholars this month.

Among the exercises this week was a debate. The question was: "Resolved, that Washington deserves more praise for defending America, than Columbus for discovering it." The affirmative speakers were Misses Nellie Douglas, Bessie Mills, Minnie Schupbach and John Allison. The negative speakers were: Misses Ana DeBerry, Mona Rountree, Buena Luckie and Tealie Mills. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

We are glad for visitors to come to the exercises, which we have twice a month.

December 29, 1894—
Born on Thursday, December 27, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Halley, a girl.

Attend the ball at the court house Monday night, and dance

district clerk was fixed at \$900 at the first meeting of the court following the late election. The sheriff's salary was also made \$900, and the county judge went also into the \$900 remuneration list.

The court convened on September 2, 1909, to canvass the returns on the prohibition election of August 26, and declared the result to be:

For prohibition, 57; against prohibition, 101.

It was ordered by the court when it convened on November 8, 1909, that each of the physicians of Sutton county be requested to file birth and death reports, as required by law.

The bond of W. J. Fields as county commissioner of precinct 1 was approved by the court at its meeting on February 14, 1910.

The last entry in the first book of the commissioners court records of Sutton county was as follows:

the old year out and the New Year in.

Pat Murphy, editor of the San Angelo Standard, spent Christmas in Sonora with his mother, sister and brothers.

Married on Wednesday, December 26, 1894, at the residence of the bride's parents in West Sonora, Mr. James Gillespie to Miss Annie Stephenson, Mrs. W. G. Coker, Methodist minister, officiating.

Married in Sonora, Texas, on Thursday, December 27, 1894, at 7:00 o'clock p. m. at the Methodist church, Mr. C. S. Green of Edwards county to Miss B. L. Richardson of Bath, Summersetshire, England, Rev. W. G. Coker officiating. The groom is a well known stock raiser; the bride a beautiful and charming young lady. A hop was given at the court house in honor of the bride.

April 13, 1895—

Sam Merck, one of the best known pioneers of the Devil's River country, was in Sonora for supplies Monday.

E Manson has taken charge of the Exchange Restaurant an intense running it in first class style. Game of all kinds to order. February 13, 1897—

"The Deestrick Skule" one of the most laughable and entertaining plays for amateur production, will be given in Sonora on Friday, February 26, for the benefit of the building fund of the Episcopal church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Doc Joy, on the 6th of February, a beautiful boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams at their ranch in Edwards county, a girl.

March 6, 1897—
Born February 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Merck, a girl.

August, 1897—
George Trainer, formerly boss for the Wentworth ranch, was in Sonora Thursday.

Mike Kinney, the well known contractor and builder, leaves today for Alaskan gold fields. Hope Mike strikes it rich, and that if

"R. H. Martin, tax assessor, presented the tax rolls (on September 1), for the year 1910, and the same were approved by the court. Total valuation of property for taxation, \$2,534,467.

At the May session of the commissioners court in 1891, the taxable property of the newly-created Sutton county had been ascertained at "more than one million, five hundred thousand dollars." There had therefore been an increase in taxable values in approximately 20 years of better than \$1,000,000.

Better grades of stock on the range and public improvements throughout the county had accounted for most of the increase.

During the ensuing thirty years however, increases in taxable values have been more marked, Sutton county property subject to taxation now being officially reported at approximately \$4,500,000.

WAGON TRAINS ARE SYMBOL OF WEST

he dies, he dies easy.—San Angelo Standard.

Miss Myrtle Dell Myers, after a two month's visit on her father's ranch near Sonora, returned Saturday. She will leave the 1st of September (1897), to attend the young lady's college at Stanton, Va.—San Angelo Standard.

The Sonora band gave a very pleasant and interesting performance at the court house last Saturday night. The entertainment consisted of music, minstrelry, farces, choruses, etc., all of which were ably rendered, and the local hits were particularly good. The net results amounted to \$40, which was a little short of one payment on the instruments, which cost \$220; and the tuition to date amounts to \$150.

June 3, 1899—

Misses Maggie Word and Luella Word left for San Angelo and Ballinger on Monday. The former will visit Miss Tom at San Angelo, and the latter will visit the Misses Douglas at Ballinger.

June 10, 1899—

There has been torrential rains around Sonora and pretty much over the North Llano and Devil's River country—and Theo Savell and Joe Caldwell spent Monday night in the mail buggy on the side of the draw, six miles above town. Owing to the old road being fenced off they could not come to town.

However, wagon trains in Sutton county were very commonplace after the section was settled. They drifted in and out of Sonora daily, carrying supplies from San Angelo for the rapidly increasing population here.

So they did play an actual part in the growth of this territory, although perhaps not so great as in other sections of the United States.

HOWEVER, STAGE COACHES MORE FAMILIAR IN SONORA

To name the one thing better characterising the West would be impossible, but perhaps the wagon train, slowly plying the length and breadth of the great prairie country, would be the most accurate symbol one could place on this immediate section of Texas. For it was through the wagon train, and the sturdy pioneers who drove them on and on, that the West was eventually settled and made into one of the richest lands in the world.

It is doubtful that many of these wagon trains had Texas as their destination (most of them originated east of the Mississippi and had placed their goal at California and the Pacific Coast states) but it is a known fact that more than a few drifted here, veering off from the midwestern states in order to avoid the Indians, of whom they had heard many tales of horror and death.

Wonder Where A. Capone Got His Start!

(Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from an Ozona newspaper carrying a February 28, 1891 dateline.)

COME TO OZONA—and be a tough.

HIGH premiums paid on all crime.

GAMBLING with cards in public allowed and is in operation at all hours—Sundays included.

SPECIAL REWARDS paid for scalps of gentlemen and tenderfoots; but will prosecute all murderers of our hoodlums, whiskey bums and scalawags.

PROMISCUOUS HELL raised in high places continually; crime is rampant; lawlessness increasing.

COME to the home of the toughs and join the enterprise.

MOTTO—Toughness.
AIM—Extermination of society.
DESIRE—To invert the order of this part of the universe and put hell (shame, shame) uppermost.
OBJECT—To rival San Angelo, and have hell on earth.

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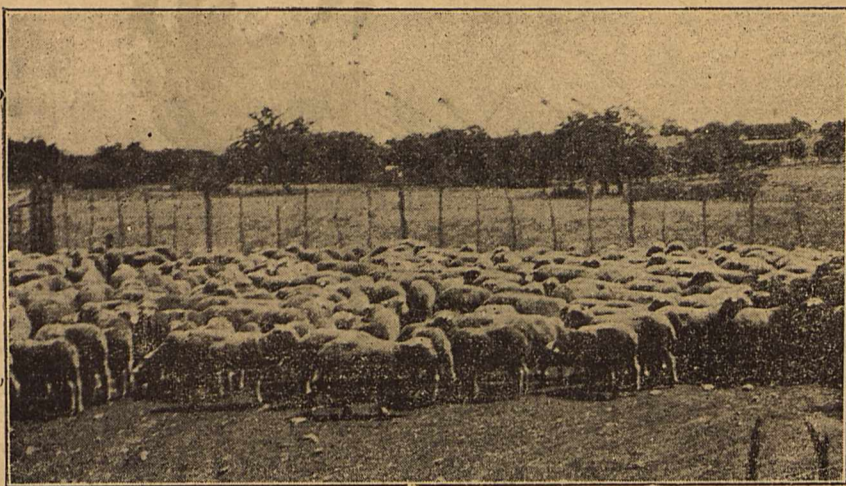
SO WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS MEANS OF EXTENDING OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS ON THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY, AND TO THANK THEM FOR THE SERVICE THEY HAVE RENDERED THIS TERRITORY!

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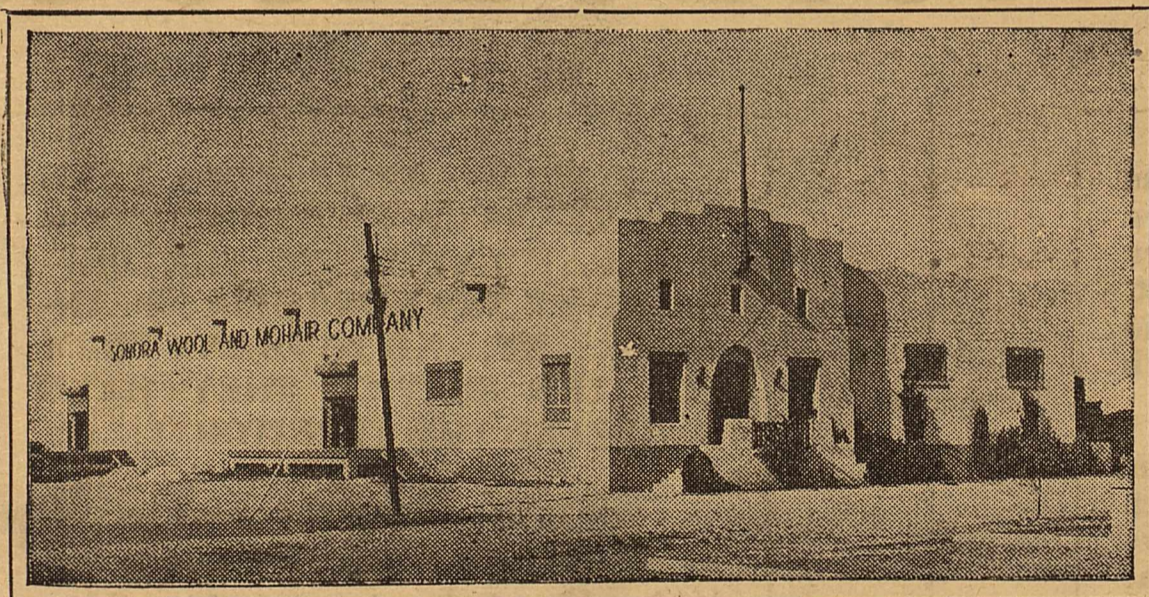
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