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a gun ...

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SEVENTH WEEK

All District 7-B Football Team Includes Three Bronco Players

The Devil's River News District 7B all-star football team, composed of the stars of the district and any kids whose papas happen to be automobile dealers, is herewith presented to the eager public. Fans who have been waiting for the selection, in order to start tearing it to pieces, may now set in upon it. After waiting - without success - for a week or so to see if any of the other papers from District 7B cities would select a team we could copy, the writer has decided to set forth into the land of the brave and pick his own.

Another word before getting down to the business at hand - this team is picked from the District 7B teams which the writer saw in action. These teams were Reagan County, Junction, Ozona, Menard and Sonora. Any member of the Eldorado team placed on this selection is placed there for a mighty good reason. For instance, one of the Eldorado players had a place on the team until I found out - just in time to scratch his name - that his beautiful blonde sister had married only the week before.

Since it is an established fact that the first shall be last, it seems only fair to put the ends at the beginning. The choice was a

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS 1948 ALL-DISTRICT 7B FOOTBALL TEAM					
First Team			Second Team		
Player	Team	Pos.	Player	Team	Pos.
Williams	Menard	LE	Hoover	Ozona	LT
Allen	Eldorado	LT	Warren	Menard	LG
Walters	Sonora	LG	Sutton	Menard	C
Shattuck	Big Lake	C	Moore	Junction	RG
Holland	Junction	RG	Fell	Big Lake	RT
Holt	Big Lake	RT	Kring	Sonora	RE
Ogden	Sonora	RE	Torres	Junction	QB
Cardwell	Junction	QB	Armstrong	Big Lake	LH
Kelly	Big Lake	LH	Jones	Eldorado	RH
Jackson	Menard	RH	Haines	Sonora	FB
Allen	Sonora	FB	Crumley	Junction	

tough one, for the loop was well-supplied with good wingmen this season. Leading the list of star terminals were the names of Wayne Ogden of Sonora and McWilliams of Menard. McWilliams was the more spectacular performer, Ogden the steadier. McWilliams shone when the spotlight was on his team, Ogden failed to turn in a poor game all season long. Crowding these boys were such performers as Smith of Sonora, Hoover of Ozona, and Torres of Junction.

Next, the tackles. This was perhaps the easiest choice to be made, for in Allen of Eldorado we have a standout. He was a can opener on offense and his fierce defensive play stopped more drives than gasoline rationing. With a weak team, this boy still has no trouble making the all-district team.

The other tackle post lies between Holt of the Big Lake Owls, Warren of Menard, and Kring of Sonora. Holt gets the nod for his fine work all through the campaign. He was a bulwark in one of the best lines of the district.

wealth of backs and the choice was most difficult. Bobby Allen of the Broncos is our first choice. Here is a kid who has everything - drive, speed, elusiveness, brain and brawn. With a club in the higher classes of high school and the stronger support which he would get with such a club, Bobby would rate mention among the all-state backs. The kid is a hard worker, never gives up and is a natural leader. He stood out like a bouncer in a Bible Class all year long for the locals, and no all-district team would be complete without him.

The quarterback slot goes to David Cardwell of Junction. He is a smart signal-caller, a fine passer and an excellent runner. On top of all this, he is as fine a "money" player in the clutch as this writer has seen in high school in some time. Next to Allen, or we should say, along with Allen, the best back in the district.

The two remaining backfield posts go to Kelly of Reagan County and Jackson of Menard. The deeds of the mighty Kelly are too numerous to mention, but he stood out on both offense and defense for the Big Lake club. The kid is a real ball player, and perhaps the best runner in the district. He gallops along with the greatest of ease and no apparent effort, but tacksles slide off him like water off a duck. He is harder to "corner" than a railroad bum in a round-house.

Jackson was the leading light in a Menard offense, which, as most Sonora will agree, refused to be stopped. He is fast, shifty and makes the most possible use of every bit of interference. He is double-tough on defense, for his speed enables him to come in toward or fade back with a play with great ease. A fine fourth in a fine backfield.

Crowding these backs were several other district stars, headed by Charles Lee Haines of the Broncos. Haines was the most improved player on the Bronco squad when the season ended. Had his work for the whole year been as good as it was during the last five games, he would have crowded one of the other backs off the roster. He gets the nod as the first backfield sub on the all-district eleven.

Teaming with Haines in the second backfield are Crumley of Junction, Jones of Eldorado, another really fine seat back, and Armstrong of Reagan County. Other contending backs included Hamilton and Barker of Sonora, Shook of Reagan County, Burns and Hulstedler of Ozona, Napier of Menard and Hicks of Eldorado. The last-named might have edged into all-district consideration if he had not been injured early in the season.

Bids Awarded Tuesday For New School Bldg.

Switch To Dial Phones Planned December 10th

Santa Claus is coming to town! And since Sonora has been a good city all year (w-e-l-l-l, NEARLY all year, anyway) he is going to bring the city a present.

It will be a dial telephone system, and it should be ready for use about December 10, according to W. R. Barnes, local manager, and Robert Cluff, who is supervising the installation of the system.

Sonorans who tend to grumble when given a wrong number will have no one but themselves to blame after that date, for the system is fool-proof, hard-headed and mechanically-minded - it gives you only the number you dial for.

Worse still, those of us who are able to remember their friends' names, but not their telephone numbers, and who get them simply by asking the operators to "ring Jones" will in the future be faced by nothing more encouraging than the coldly impersonal dial tone humming in their ears as they pick up the phone. Looks like these telephone directories will be getting a real workout come Dec. 10.

Still want that dial system, Sonorans? Just in case you do, there are a few things to report about it and the service it will bring you.

To begin, there will be new directories, for all numbers will be. This is necessitated by the system itself, and is not an effort on the part of the phone company to give everybody an even start in the new game Sonorans will be playing for a month or so - learning new telephone numbers. The directories will be delivered a few days before the dial system goes into operation, according to Bill Barnes.

There will be 810 phones in service in the dial system, with room for about 125 more new phones, limited only by the shortage of cable for lines into new districts. Whenever a phone is needed in a vicinity where there are already phones, it should be obtained without any trouble.

This is a far cry from 1908, when Barnes first came to Sonora to work with the telephone company. Then, there were approximately 135 phones. There was an iron wire stretching from Sonora to San Angelo, which conveyed the phone traffic from seven stations - San Angelo, QXZ Ranch, Christoval, Head of River Ranch, Eldorado, Thompson Bros. Ranch and Sonora.

Barnes first came here as night operator and trouble shooter under the late Mrs. Daisy Palmer. Transmission on the single line was very poor, according to Bill, and at times parties were forced to wait several hours to get their calls through.

Earl Hardgraves was local manager for the phone company from 1913 until 1920, having succeeded E. C. Beam, who became manager upon the death of Mrs. Palmer in 1910. Barnes, the present manager, took over from Hardgraves in 1920.

At that time, says Barnes, there was one direct copper circuit to San Angelo, one to Del Rio and one to Rocksprings, with 282 magnet telephones in the city.

The company abandoned the magnet system in 1938, and switched to the battery. Since that time they have extended their service until there are now three direct lines to San Angelo, three to Eldorado, one to Ozona, one to Rocksprings and one to Del Rio.

Five direct lines from San Angelo to San Antonio pass through here, plus three San Angelo-Del Rio direct connections. There are also two to Austin and two to Houston.

There are nine company lines extending into the rural sections of Sonora, in addition to the many privately-owned ranch lines which web the country.

The installation of the new dial system will work no hardship on the telephone operators, for they will all retain their jobs under the new setup. In order to give 24-hour service at the switchboard, a total of five operators is needed at the local board.

Since the local board will be the toll center and information service for Eldorado, and since there will be an increased number of games - and vice versa. We have enjoyed our arguments with the "sideline coaches" of the city, and hope for more next year. And, as the clock-maker said when he handed me the key - this winds it up.

Calling for an expenditure of \$287,248, the Board of Trustees of the Sonora schools Tuesday awarded general contracting, electrical and plumbing and heating bids to one Brownwood and two San Angelo contractors for the construction of a new Elementary School building for the local system. An estimated \$35,000 additional cost will be added for equipment. By agreement among the board, Wilson and Patterson, architects and the contractors, bids may be necessarily revised slightly, but no major changes will be made.

500,000 Pounds Local Mohair Sold This Week

LARGEST SINGLE SALE IN PAST 15 MONTHS

The mohair market received another boost here this week when 500,000 pounds of adult and kid mohair were sold by the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. Buyer was Talbot-Mottla, Inc. of Boston, represented by W. F. (Son) Drake of San Angelo.

Price was 40 and 75 cents, with approximately 12 per cent of the total being kid hair. This has already been picked up by the purchaser.

This half-million pound sale was the largest single sale made by a Texas house in the past 15 months, and prices were in line with sales made since the mohair market opened two weeks ago. Ranchers of the area state that the price is still out of line, as compared with the price which wool is bringing throughout the state.

The sale leaves some 1,300,000 pounds still resting in the warehouse of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. Although more than 4,000,000 pounds have been sold to more than half-a-dozen buyers in the Del Rio-Sonora-San Angelo area during the past two weeks, it is estimated that approximately 10,000,000 pounds of mohair remain in storage after the buying spurge, in some cases representing four and five clips.

This compares with some 2,000,000 pounds of unsold wool in the area. The wool market remains strong, with sales price on 12-months wool averaging approximately 65 cents.

In the local sale, between 80 and 90 growers were involved, most of them from Sonora and surrounding country.

Body Of S/Sgt. James Morgan, Jr. Being Returned

The body of Staff Sergeant James S. Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan, has arrived in New York City from Italy and is enroute to Sonora for reburial in the Sonora Cemetery, according to word received here from the Adjutant General Department.

Sgt. Morgan died October 19, 1944 of wounds received on the Italian front. He was born March 12, 1912, in Llano County, attended schools there and was graduated from Hutcherson High School. He moved to Sonora in 1932.

Volunteering for army service January 14, 1941, Sgt. Morgan trained with the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Bowie and at several other posts in this country. He was later transferred overseas and joined the 6th Armored Infantry in Africa, going from there to the invasion at Anzio beachhead. He was wounded by a land mine and died during evacuation.

Graveside services only will be held at the local cemetery with the Rev. J. E. Eldridge, officiating.

Survivors include the parents; three sisters, Mrs. Marek Azle, Mrs. Archie Shirley, Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and Mrs. Otto Prittle, San Angelo; and four brothers, Raymond of Sonora, V. T. of Llano, O. V. of San Saba and W. B. of Floyd County.

REBURIAL SERVICES HELD FOR LT. DELVA I. SMITH

Reburial services for 1st Lt. Delva I. Smith, who was killed in a jeep accident in Italy during World War II, were held at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, at 11 o'clock Tuesday. Lt. Smith was a brother of Frank Smith and Bill Smith of Sonora.

Those attending the funeral were a son, Tommy, 7, who lives with an aunt in Marathon, eight brothers, John, Carroll, O. L., of San Angelo; Bill and Frank of Sonora; W. E. Smith of Van Horn, R. E. Smith of Eastland and C. K. Smith of San Antonio; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Sitas of San Angelo, Mrs. R. L. Bricker of San Angelo and Mrs. A. J. Willeke of Merton.

SERVICES HELD FOR MOTHER OF SONORAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Ramsell, 80 mother of Mrs. Finis Hamby of Sonora, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Massie Funeral Chapel in San Angelo. Interment was in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Mrs. Ramsell died in Merton Sunday night. She had been a resident of Merton for the past four years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Hamby, Mrs. S. S. Evans and Mrs. Lake Tankersley of Merton, and four sons, Felix, Fritz, Dick and Adolph Ramsell, all of Merton.

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Bronco Cagers Open Season Here Tuesday

LOCALS MEET JUNCTION EAGLES IN NIGHT TILT

The Sonora High School basketball team opened their season here Tuesday night in the school gym against the Junction High School Eagles, in a non-conference game. Coach Yank McKnight has succeeded in lining up a 12-game slate thus far, including games with Junction, San Angelo "B" and Del Rio, plus entries in the Eldorado Tournament on Jan. 14-15, Reagan County Tournament on Jan. 21-22 and the Ozona Tournament on Jan. 28-29.

The cagers have been hard at work for the past two weeks, and are ready for their first test of the season. Approximately 22 high schoolers are working out at present, with J. W. Joy and Derrell Alley due to join the group when their football hurts have been cured.

Coach McKnight has a good-looking group around him, with more height than is average for a high school quint. Running as starters in scrimmages thus far have been Wayne Ogden, Bobby Allen, Johnny Smith, A. Z. Joy and Scotty Walters. First-line reserves include Joe Kile, Gene Henderson, Charles Haines, Clay Odom, Bobby Granger and Henry Berlanga.

Also working-out, although in the morning, are the junior basketballers, composed of the 7th and 8th graders. This group has several games ticketed, including a trip to a San Angelo tournament while their big brothers are playing in Eldorado.

The Broncos open their conference schedule against Big Lake on Jan. 7, at Big Lake, then meet Ozona and Eldorado here before closing out away from home. The district in which they play - number 22 of Region 2 - has been divided into two zones to cut down on travel. Big Lake, Ozona, Eldorado and Sonora comprise this part of the district. The winners of the two zones will meet to decide the district champion.

Game time Tuesday night is 7 o'clock.

Attend SOME Church Sunday.

The Warner Construction Company of San Angelo was awarded the general contract on a low bid of \$244,560, David Vickers of San Angelo got the plumbing bid on a low bid of \$33,932 and The Brownwood Electric Company of Brownwood was given the electrical contract on a low bid of \$8,756.

Contracts are now being drawn up by the architects and will be submitted to the board and its attorney, L. W. Elliott. When approved, architects will issue work orders and actual construction will start within ten days after work orders are sent out. Estimates are that workmen will be on the job in about three weeks.

Meeting with board members Bryan Hunt, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. George H. Neill, George D. Chalk, Lea Allison, Howard Espy and Frank Bond were Supt. A. E. Wells, Web Elliott, and architects Edward L. Wilson and W. A. Dakan.

Commenting on the proposed structure, Wilson told the board that "there hasn't been a school building contract comparable with this in quality let in Texas in eight years."

While some of the bidding for contracts showed wide variance, competition in many cases was very keen. Eight general contractors out of twelve invited submitted bids ranging from \$300,410 by Bates Construction Company of Dallas to the low bid of \$244,560.

Ten plumbing and heating contractors sent in bids ranging from a high of \$57,723 by the C. E. Smith Co. of Midland to the low of \$33,932. One local bid was received from John A. Martin, Jr. and A. H. Adkins for \$9,938.70, but this wasfor plumbing only and therefore could not be considered because the architects called for bids on plumbing and heating in one bid.

Electric bids were received from eight firms, one of them local, and had the widest range, running from the Brownwood company's low of \$8,756 to \$19,400 submitted by the Abilene Service Company of Abilene. The local bid was submitted by Eaton's Electric Co. and was for \$18,957. The closest bid to the low bid was \$14,494.

All bidders awarded contracts are bonded and must complete all work according to specifications within 360 elapsed days.

Buick, Cadillac Agencies Set Up

Sonora has two additional automobile agencies in operation this week, giving the city a total of five agencies representing seven makes of cars.

Lyles & Rape, Inc. have been awarded the Buick Agency for Sutton and Schleicher Counties, and will soon receive their first car. The firm has been in operation for some time in Sonora, but this is its first time to represent a car manufacturer. The service department will continue to operate as before, with a new emphasis to be placed upon Buick service.

Granger-Johnson Motor Co., which recently completed its new home to serve as the Pontiac dealers for the area, now have added Cadillacs to its agency. L. E. Johnson, Jr. will continue as sales representative, with Wes Granger in charge of service.

Sonora is represented by sales agencies for Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth, Pontiac, Chrysler, Buick and Cadillac.

Lions Roar

Approximately 55 members of the Sonora Lions Club heard two visiting pastors speak at the weekly meeting of the club on Tuesday. The Rev. Fred Brucks and the Rev. Lee Ramsour, both of San Angelo, spoke briefly to the group.

Ladies of the Episcopal Guild served as hostesses for the occasion.

Among those attending the Grand Lodge meeting of the Masons in Waco this week are Ray Baker, Leonard Gibbs, Harold Friess, A. E. Prugel and Paul Turney.

Mrs. C. F. Browne, who has been receiving treatment in a San Angelo hospital, returned home Sunday.

Halbert Ranch Being Irrigated

B. J. Merrill, Agricultural Engineer, from San Angelo, is here this week working with local technicians of the Soil Conservation Service in planning and laying-out an irrigation system on the Robert Halbert ranch. The system being installed on Halbert's No. 3 Field is one designed specifically to fit the land and present over-all methods of operation, in order to get maximum efficiency in water use and insure maximum production.

This irrigation system is one phase of Halbert's coordinated conservation plan as worked out with the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District.

As pointed out by the SCS office here, this type of technical assistance is one of the many available to local ranchers through cooperation with their district SCS service.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Nance and son, Cleveland, returned Tuesday from Camp Lee, Virginia, where they visited their son and brother, Billy Joe Nance, who is in the army. The Nances were gone ten days.

Miss Evelyn Newman, who is attending nursing school in Houston, visited here over the holidays.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Television on the Farm

Buck Childs' home has become mighty popular ever since he got that television set—one of the few sets in our town, outside of Andy's Garden Tavern.

Not only do the kids stay home nights, but the neighbors drop in to see whatever's being telecast. And Buck and the missus always make them welcome, with a mellow glass of beer or ale (with cider and cookies for the youngsters).

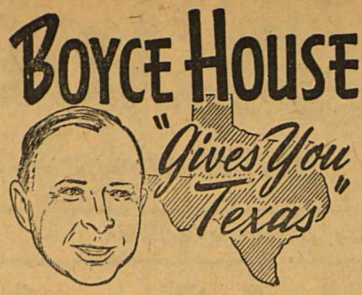
While I guess everyone admits that television still has far to go, it's not hard to see that it will some

day be as much a part of American home and farm life as the temperate glass of beer that Buck serves, and the hospitality that goes with it.

And from where I sit, anything that adds to gracious living in America—brings folks together for temperate, quiet entertainment—is a boon to this home-loving land of ours. (We're thinking of buying a television set ourselves!)

Joe Marsh

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Some of the favorite touches given by the writers for Western story magazines and for the cowboy movies are treated rather roughly by George Hendricks in his book "The Bad Man of the West," (Naylor Company, San Antonio).

Very few of the famous real-life gunfighters fired two guns at the same time, nor did they fire from the hip.

Of approximately 250 gunfighters whose records Hendricks studied, Billy the Kid was the only one who preferred the double-action .45 to the single action. To fire the double-action pistol, all you do is pull the trigger, the mechanism automatically lifting the hammer, then causing it to fall.

With the single action gun, the user had to pull the hammer back with his thumb and then squeeze

the trigger with his finger. However, the experts usually altered the mechanism so the weapon could be fired merely by pulling the hammer back with the thumb and then letting it fall back, not using the trigger at all. In fact, usually the trigger was filed off.

But it would be almost impossible for the fiction writers to think up situations more exciting or unusual than actually happened, as related by Hendricks' book.

For instance, Red Kelley's final fight. Kelley was credited with having killed Bob Ford, who was the slayer of Jesse James. Kelley and an enemy met at very close range, each went for his gun and each seized the other by the wrist of the gun-hand. As they struggled, each fired three times before they fell heavily to the ground

with Kelley on top. His adversary finally was able to free his arm sufficiently to level and fire, killing Kelley; but the victor was so exhausted from the struggle that he could neither throw off Kelley's body nor wriggle from under it but had to ask to be liberated by spectators.

One time, a bad man got the drop on the famous Texas Ranger, Captain Bill McDonald, ordering "Hands up." McDonald slowly raised his hands but just as they reached the elevation of his hat, he grabbed the brim and sailed the hat into the other's face, then whipped out his six-shooter and shot him.

Captain Harry Wheeler of the Arizona Rangers found himself in an even more difficult position. He was unarmed and two outlaws

leveled their pistols on him. "Wait a minute," he said, "while I tie my boot" and, after he had tied the boot, as he was raising up, he threw a handful of sand in their eyes, grabbed a gun and covered them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shaw and son, Brady Shaw, of Lovelady and Mrs. Mary Jane Whittenburg and daughter, Bonnie, of Houston spent three day this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders in Sonora and the Shaw's son-in-law, H. C. Saunders, Jr., who is in the Base Hospital at Goodfellow in San Angelo.

H. M. Smith and daughter, Nina, attended the University of Texas - Texas A&M game in Austin Thursday.

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 10:45 a. m., Worship
 6:15 p. m., Young People's Meeting
 7:00 p. m., Worship
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 Holy Communion 7:30 A.M.
 9:30 Adult Bible Class
 9:30 Church School
 11:00 Morning worship with sermon.
 Sunday Club 7 P.M.

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 W. H. MARSHALL, Pastor
 Church School 9:30 o'clock
 Morning worship 10:50 o'clock
 Choir 7:30 o'clock

TEXAS BUILDING PERMITS SHOW OCTOBER DECLINE

Building permits issued in Texas for October declined 15 per cent from September, the Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.
 Permits issued in Edinburg, Pampa, Texarkana and Tyler more than doubled from September to October. Other substantial gains during the month were made by El Paso, 90 per cent; Denton, 63 per cent; and Temple, 51 per cent.
 Declines from September were turned in by Texas City, 92 per cent; Childress, 77 per cent; Lubbock, 76 per cent; and San Angelo, 75 per cent.
 In comparison with October 1947, permits more than doubled in Lamesa, Pampa, Kenedy, El Paso, Del Rio and Paris.
 Houston permits totaled \$7,329,700 in October for the greatest amount of permits issued in the State, followed by Dallas, El Paso, San Antonio, and Austin, in that order.

39 Years Ago

S. E. Gilbert moved his family to the ranch this week.

Carl Gunzer was in town Tuesday trading.

Mrs. C. T. Davis and babies left for Miles last week on a visit to her people.

Born on Saturday, May 22, 1909 to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Luckie, a boy.

Sam McKee, the cattleman whose ranch is 25 miles south of Sonora, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn and children and Miss Dela Smith, who has been teaching at the Cauthorn ranch, were in Sonora Monday.

Hull Bros., the well drillers, were in Sonora Saturday for supplies. They have just finished a well for Jim Cauthorn and gets lots of water at 341 feet.

Joe Ross and son, Joe Brown, and D. Wallace were in Sonora Thursday delivering steers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wallace of Clifton, Teas, arrived in Sonora this week on a visit to their daughters, Mesdames J. W. Mayfield, Ed. Grimland, Warren Kee-see and G. Curtis Allison.

Mrs. G. W. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, Miss Chalk, Miss Stephenson and Wirt Stephenson were in Sonora Monday visiting.

Harold Mills, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, returned Sunday from Fort Worth, a few days at the ranch 25 miles

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Mr. and Mrs. R. T Baker spent east of Sonora

R. H. Martin of Sonora bought from J. S. Brown 130 two- and three-year-old steers at \$20 and \$30.

John T. Cooper of Sonora sold 2,700 bred ewes to Loftin Henderson of San Angelo at \$4 per head.

LIQUOR STORE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, J. T. Penick, whose place of business is located on U. S. Highway 290, 23 miles west of Sonora on the Dempster Jones Ranch, Sutton County, Texas, have applied to the Liquor Control Board in the city of Austin, Texas, for a retail package store permit under provision of

the Texas Liquor Control Act. J. T. Penick 2tc

John Allen Ward, who arrived home Thursday from Austin, had as his guest, his roommate, Carl Martiny of Austin. Both boys killed an 8-point buck while here and returned to the University Sunday.

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SUTTON COUNTY GETS GOOD TASTE OF WINTER WEATHER

Sonora received its first taste of winter weather this past week, with below-freezing temperatures being recorded nearly every morning of the week. Lowest temperature reported in the city was on Monday morning, with a low of 17 degrees.

Fortunately, the cold weather was accompanied by sunshine, which brought the temperature up into the sixties during each day.

Reports are that the spell will soon break, and that Sutton County will again enjoy fall weather before winter sets in for good.

Boy Scouts In First-Aid Show

Announcement has been made that Boy Scout troops from Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora will engage in a first-aid contest at the high school gym here on Friday night, Dec. 3, with the show to start at 7:30 o'clock.

Approximately 30 boys will enter the contest, with two troops from each city. All types of first-aid problems will be faced by the contestants, and the "victims" will be made up as suffering from various accidents. The boys will be forced to judge what is wrong with each accident victim and then required to render the correct aid.

Scouts participating in the contest are from the Ranch District of the Concho Valley Council, and the show will be under the direction of J. B. Morris of Del Rio, Assistant Executive of the Council.

Sonora citizens are urged to attend the contest.

Mrs. Fred Simmons and Miss Alice Karnes were in Uvalde Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond.

Party Entertains Local Auxiliary

The Firemen's Auxiliary was entertained Wednesday night by Mrs. George Barrow.

Mrs. Loy Gulley won high club in "42", Mrs. Clyde Smith won high guest in "42". Mrs. Lee Patrick won bridge high club, Mrs. Curt Herweck won high guest in bridge, Mrs. Earl Duncan won high cut in bridge and Miss Tris Scott won the duce prize.

A dessert course was served to Mesdames Jack Rape, Guley Ervin Willman, Jack Hite, Lewis Roueche, A. H. Adkins, Wes Granger, Clyde Smith, G. G. Bennett, Duncan, J. H. Brasher, Herweck, Arthur Carroll, Patrick, Scott Roberts, Ford Allen and Tommy Smith. Also Misses Christine Legg, Emma Hamilton, Katherine Davis, Anne Falmer, Tris Scott and Billy Blackburn.

LOCAL CUB SCOUT PACK HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Pack Nineteen of the Cub Scouts met Tuesday night for their regular monthly meeting, with 16 parents present. Den Three won the parents' attendance contest, with nine parents present.

In the roundup contest being conducted in the Ranch District, the local pack is in second place, behind the Eldorado Pack. Only 100 points separate the two teams.

The Tuesday night meeting was featured by exhibitions of the handicraft work being done by the local Scouts.

The next monthly meeting of the Pack will be held at 7:30 o'clock on the night of Dec. 21 at the Scout Hall for the annual Christmas program.

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Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Friday

PRESENTS FOR LEGION VETERANS COMING IN

Presents for the disabled veterans at the Legion Hospital are coming in slowly, according to Mrs. Ella Archer, president of the local Legion Auxiliary. Boxes have been placed in nearly all of the city's stores to handle gifts for the hospital patients.

All gifts, whether bought in the stores or made by the donors, are welcome. Mrs. Archer points out. Also, all types of gifts are welcomed, for some of them will be sent on to families of the veterans. The gift campaign closes on December 15.

There will be a meeting of the auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Gene Lightfoot at 7:30 o'clock Friday night to make gifts and discuss plans to obtain more gifts for the veterans.

Congratulations To These New Parents

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Swindle became the parents of a son Thursday morning, November 25, at the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene. The boy has been named Mack Ed and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brown and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Swindle, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adams of Recksprings are the parents of a baby boy, Elmer Lee, born here Friday morning.

Mrs. J. T. McClelland and her daughter, Mrs. Henry Decker, attended funeral services in Keene Thursday for Mrs. McClelland's mother, Mrs. J. A. Chitty, 89 years of age, who died in Keene Monday.

Sonora Music Club Plans Laid For Christmas Community Pageant

The Sonora Music Club is completing tentative plans for a community Christmas pageant to be given on Sunday evening, December 19.

Junior Music Club members will take the parts and the choir is to be made up of men and women in the community who like to sing. All songs will be familiar Christmas carols.

Cards have been mailed to people whose names have been suggested, and singers whose names have been missed are most cordially invited. Practice nights will be each Monday and Thursday night from 7 to 9 o'clock at the Methodist Church, beginning Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halbert and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, all of Sonora, will attend the National Polled Hereford Show in Denver on Dec. 9, 10 and 11. They will leave Sonora on Sunday and expect to be gone about a week.

G. H. Browne of Fayetteville, Arkansas, arrived Tuesday to spend a week visiting his son, Dr. C. F. Browne and Mrs. Browne.

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DONNIE WADDELL HONORED BY PARTY ON 7th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Richard Waddell honored her son, Donnie, on his seventh birthday Monday afternoon.

Peanut cups were given as favors and the guests played bingo and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Punch and cake were served to Linda and Jackie Eason. Rebecca and Bennie William Babb, Gloria, Mary Jo and Beverly Robinson, Janell Mayhew and Myra Sue Hazelwood. Also Mesdames W. J. Eason, Gene Robinson, Bennie Babb and W. M. Hazelwood.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glasscock and children, Anna Rose and Ray, left last Wednesday for Abilene and Dallas, where they visited friends and relatives. They returned home Monday.

Guests in the H. M. Smith home Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hardeman of Mart and Mrs. J. B. Brown of Waco.

Attend SOME Church Sunday

Two Churches Hold Revivals

Sonora is the scene this week of two revival meetings, one at the Baptist Church and the other at the Methodist Church. Out-of-town speakers occupy the pulpit in both meetings.

At the Baptist revival, the Rev. Lee Ramsour, pastor of the Harris Avenue Baptist Church of San Angelo, is chief speaker. Singing services are led by the Rev. Glenn Edwards, pastor of the Ozona Baptist Church, who has been bringing groups from his church to give musical numbers for the gatherings.

The Methodist meeting features the Rev. Fred Brucks, Superintendent of the San Angelo District of the Methodist Church, as the speaker and Ross Hay as singing leader. In addition, Rev. Brucks teaches a class in Sunday School instruction after each night's sermon.

Both meetings began last Sunday night, and will close the coming Sunday night. Only night meetings are held, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Mrs. L. W. Elliott underwent minor surgery in a Dallas hospital Monday morning. She is reported to be recovering.

METHODIST MEN HOSTS AT TUESDAY BANQUET

The men of the Methodist Church were hosts to a group of Sonorans on Tuesday night, November 23 in the basement of the church. Barbecue and trimmings were served to the gathering, which included pastors and board members of the other churches in the city.

Speakers for the night included the Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun, Superintendent of the San Antonio District of the Methodist Church, and Mr. S. E. McClellan, also of San Antonio. Both addresses were enjoyed by those hearing them. Singing by the group was led by Ross Hay of the Sonora school faculty.

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Local Cattle In National Show

Robert Halbert, local rancher, is sending a herd of ten show cattle and seven sale cattle to the National Polled Hereford Show in Denver, which will be held on Dec. 9, 10 and 11. The first two days are show days, with the final day

being devoted to sales. Included in the herd is Domestic Woodrow 3rd, Grand Champion of the Texas Polled Hereford Show in Waco this year, and Grand Champion of the Louisiana State Fair for 1948. He will be shown during the show days, then placed up for sale on the close of the show.

Also in the Halbert herd are two calves, sired by Advance Mischief 3rd, famed show animal sold earlier this year by Halbert for \$20,500 to a California rancher. The two calves, a Junior bull and a Senior heifer, won first place in the Louisiana Fair as top calf pair. In addition, the bull was the Reserve Grand Champion of the State Fair of Texas.

Going with the herd to Denver will be Don Reynolds and Slay Mayo of the Halbert Ranch.

William Waddell and William Neely, both of El Campo, spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waddell.

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ACA Election Of Committeemen Set For Dec. 7

\$39,000 ALLOWED SUTTON COUNTY FOR 1949 WORK

Ranchers of Sutton County are reminded that the election of 1949 County Committeemen for the Sutton County Agricultural Conservation Association will be held at the courthouse on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Ranchers who cannot be in town on that day are urged to appear at the local ACA office when they come to town, and cast their ballots. The ballots may be sealed in an envelope and be opened when the other ballots are counted, according to Mrs. O. C. Ogden, Secretary of the Association.

Mrs. Ogden also announced that the 1949 allotment has been made for Sutton County, and amounts to \$39,000. A list of the approved projects is listed below:

Construction of terraces for which necessary outlets and waterways are provided.

Construction of diversion terraces to control excess water.

Drilling or digging for livestock water.

Installing pipelines for livestock water.

Construction of earthen dams or reservoirs for livestock water or erosion control.

Elimination of destructive plants on non-crop pasture and range land. (Payment rate increased for 1949. For details, see county ACA office.)

Reseeding range or pasture land by deferred grazing.

Establishing or improving permanent pastures by seeding adapted pasture grasses, pasture legumes, or mixtures of grasses and legumes.

Growing a green manure or cover crop of summer legumes.

Renovation of oak pastures. (Local practice.)

Ranchers desiring to participate in any of these conservation programs are reminded that they must receive prior approval for their projects, and this may be obtained by submitting their work programs to the local ACA office.

All ranchers are urged to cast their votes for committeemen, either on Dec. 7 or by sealed vote method. Mrs. Ogden stressed that the amount of interest shown by the ranchers often influences the allotment for that county for the next year.

Mrs. Sam Thomas and son, Guy, of San Angelo, Miss Jamie Trainer and Miss Billy Cooper of Grandfalls visited Mrs. J. W. Trainer over the weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louie Trainer and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Allison of San Angelo attended the SMU - TCU football game in Dallas last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor and daughter, Blanche Lavon, and Carlene Peoples attended the Texas A&M - University of Texas football game Thursday in Austin. Billy Wright Taylor returned home with his parents and spent the weekend, before going back to College Station, where he is attending school.

Word has been received here that Pvt. Tony A. Adams, who volunteered from Sonora three weeks ago is now stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls and is undergoing basic air force training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alams, also of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. McCarthy of San Antonio are visiting over the weekend in the Karnes home.

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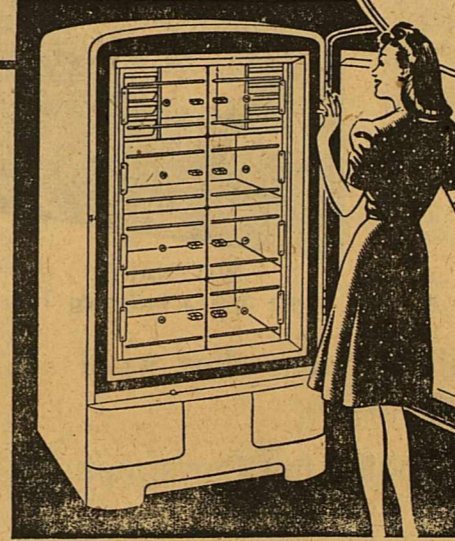
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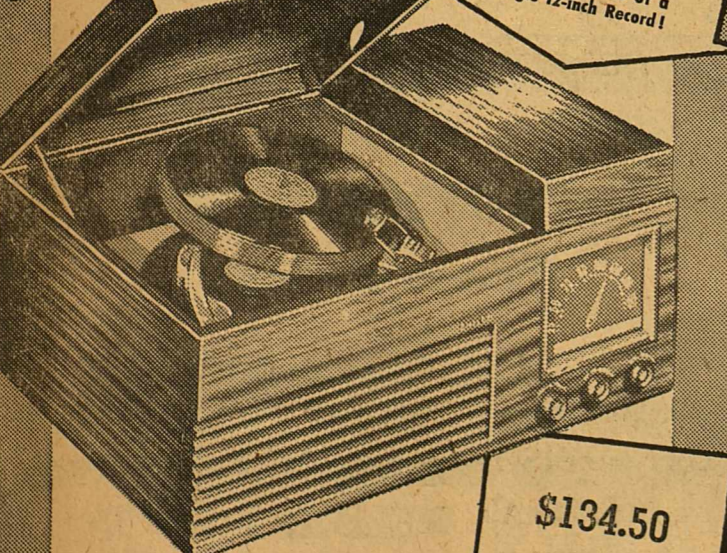
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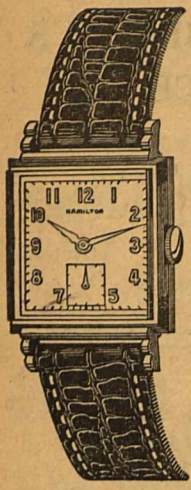
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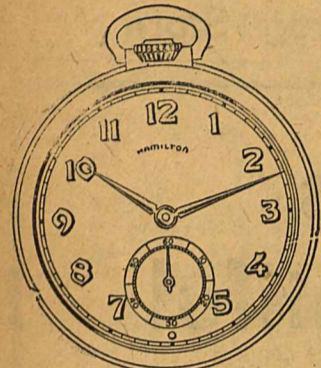
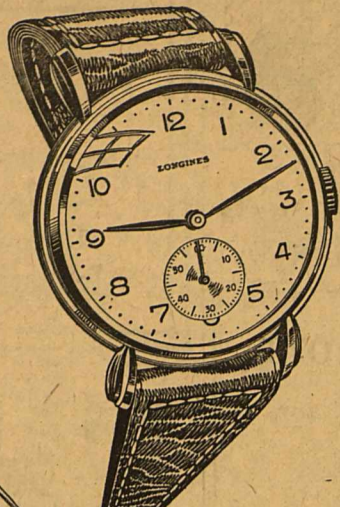
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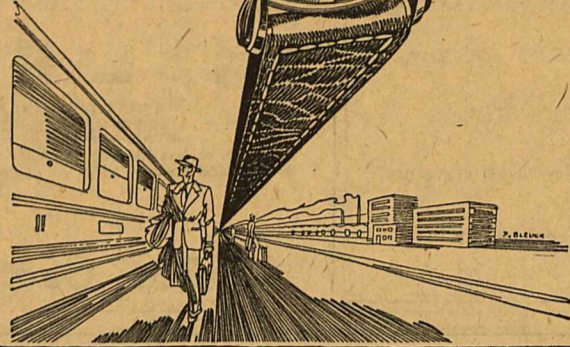
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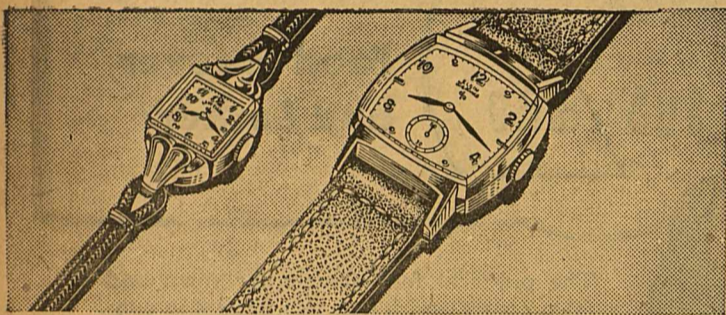
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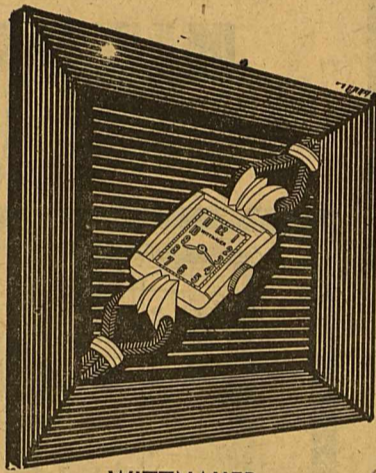
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Land has been leased from landowners in each of the 254 counties, the report showed, and there is oil and gas production in 175 counties at the first of 1948. Ten more counties have had production but are not producing now. During 1947, Kenedy, San Augustine, and Sterling counties produced oil for the first time.

The Texas petroleum industry during 1947 paid Texas landowners scattered over 254 counties, a total of \$331,738,000 for leases, rentals, bonuses, and royalties.

Landowners last year received more than \$89,348,000 in lease and bonus payments. The report said this sum was "a considerable income in view of the fact that only a portion of these leases will ever become productive."

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TAX COLLECTIONS DROP

Federal internal revenue collections in Texas totaled \$65,274,120 in October, falling 5 per cent below year-earlier collections, the Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

The 15-per-cent climb of income taxes during the past year was overbalanced by a 4-per-cent decline in employment taxes and an 18-per-cent drop in withholding taxes.

Collections from July 1 to October 30 gained 9 per cent above the like period of 1947. Income taxes during that period rose 18 per cent; employment taxes increased 11 per cent; and withholding taxes fell 5 per cent.

DRAFT BOARD SETS HOURS

Hours for the Sutton County Draft Board are now 9-12 in the morning and 1-4 each afternoon, five days a week, according to Mrs. Dee Neville, clerk of the Local Board.

The board is located in the courthouse, and those desiring information from the board may call there.

Mrs. B. M. Babb of Del Rio visited her son, Bennie Babb, and family during the Thanksgiving holidays.

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Son of a gun



With deer and turkey season still in full swing, tall tales are making the rounds. For a real hunting story, Son-of-a-Gun suggests that you contact JOHN LOWREY and hear the one he likes to tell.

—(?*½\$*?)—
Sonorans will soon have a new Elementary school to brag about. The contract was let on Tuesday afternoon, to the Warner Construction Co. of San Angelo.

—(?*½\$*?)—
ROBERT HALBERT continues to have good sales for his Polled

Herefords. Latest sales to be announced are a bull (Domestic Woodrow 133rd) and two heifers to NELSON BROS, ranch of McConnellsville, Ohio. Later in the week, HALBERT shipped two bulls to Roswell, N. M. Due to the Sonora man's herd and efforts, Sonora is fast becoming the Polled Hereford center of the business.

—(?*½\$*?)—
Still bearing memories of the BRONCO - YELLOW JACKET game are J. W. JOY and DERRELL (WARTY) ALLEY, both of whom are getting around town on

crutches. The boys don't mind the hurts so much, except that they start in basketball playing is thereby delayed.

—(?*½\$*?)—
Turney Fries got his first buck, an 11-pointer, this week. The deer dressed 125 pounds.

—(?*½\$*?)—
The Christmas season is a scant three weeks away and already evidences of the holiday season are beginning to be seen. Merchants are switching over this week to Christmas themes in store windows and shops and toys have been on display for several weeks. Christmas lights haven't been strung on the streets yet, but we've been meaning to speak to one of the commissioners about it.

Many citizens get a double holiday this year since Christmas comes on Saturday, leaving Sunday in which to clean up all the wrapping paper, get over the turkey dinner, etc.

SWING OF SOUTHWEST MARKETS

Livestock and grains showed some easiness during the past week, in otherwise unchanged to stronger southwest farm markets, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports.

Texas sheep markets paid steady to \$1 higher prices for sheep and lambs, as other terminals dropped as much as 25 or 50 cents a hundred on some classes. Goat prices rose mainly 50 cents at San Antonio. Best ewes cleared around \$9.50 at San Antonio and Denver, \$8.50 at Oklahoma City and Wichita, and \$10 at Fort Worth.

Southwest wool prices strengthened following the advance in foreign Merino wools. Mohair sold around 40 cents for adult and 60 to 75 for kid, f.o.b. Texas.

Cattle sold unchanged to \$1 higher for the week at most southwest terminals, although some classes lost as much as 50 cents at Kansas City. Cows and calves were most numerous in the week's trade. Killing calves moved largely from \$25 down at Kansas City and Oklahoma City. Heavy slaughter calves sold mainly from \$19 to \$24 at Denver, as good and choice grades brought \$19 to \$24 at Wichita and \$21.50 to \$25 at Fort Worth. Good calves made \$24 to



FIGHT TB Buy Christmas Seals

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt, Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Mrs. Mans Hoggett of Mertzon, Mrs. Annie Sharp, Mrs. J. W. Trainer and Sid Awalt went to Mason to attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Awalt. Mrs. Lowrey is a sister of Sam Awalt.

Mrs. E. E. Steen, Mrs. Pearl Martin and Mr. and Mrs. George Wynn went to San Antonio Sunday. Wynn returned home Monday and the others will remain in San Antonio for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hay and son, Don, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Viard and Mrs. Helen Hay.

\$25 at Houston and San Antonio.

Happy Birthday

Friday, December 3—
Wm. B. Morgan
David Shurley
Saturday, December 4—
Mrs. George Kisselburg
A. F. Moffit, Jr.
Vicky Jo Savell
Mrs. George Wynn
Sunday, December 5—
Lea Roy Valliant, Jr.
Mrs. C. H. Carson
Monday, December 6—

Mrs. W. W. Renfro
Mrs. Ray Baker
Tuesday, December 7—
R. E. Glascock
Mrs. Wilburn Glascock
Georgia Sue Norris
Wednesday, December 8—
Savell Lee Sharp
Thursday, December 9—
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LUX, 3 Reg. Bars	27c	GREEN VALLEY	
HEALTH SOAP		CABBAGE, 2 lb	13c
LIFE BUOY, 3 Bars	27c	FIRM - NICE	
ADVANCED		YELLOW ONIONS, 2 lb	13c
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If you should lift your phone and all sixteen cables are in use, your phone will flash the busy signal to your ears even before you start to dial. However, the installation crew has tried to arrange the phones where such a thing will be unlikely to happen. Since business phones are the most-used, only a certain number of business phones will be assigned to each group.

In the equipment room is a board with small tabulating tables, and they record the total number of calls per day, the number of busy signals given, the number of completed calls, and how many times the group was overloaded for the day. An overload occurs when all sixteen lines in a group are busy

and someone in the group attempts to call out.

If there is an overabundance of overloads, then the company will rearrange the phones in that group, taking out some of the busier and putting in some phones which are not used so often. If that fails to solve the problem, then the only answer is to add more cables into particular group, which is reported to be a rare procedure. Most of the time the problem can be solved by the switching of phones from one group to another.

The equipment itself is a lazy man's dream. When something goes wrong in the setup, the trouble shooter can dial a number and the machinery will tell him - over the phone and by transmitting certain signals - what is wrong with the

equipment, where the trouble is, whether it is a major or minor - it will do everything but fix it for him.

Should one of the fuses on the eight cables in your group blow out, a signal is sent indicating which group the blown fuse is in, and the phones serviced by that cable automatically switch over to the remaining seven cables for service until the blown fuse is replaced.

In order to give the employees and trouble shooters a little leeway, the whole setup is duplicated. If something goes wrong with the ringing, dialing or selection equipment, there is a duplicate for each, assuring uninterrupted service until the original machinery can be repaired.

To lift your phone, dial a number, get the number and ring the phone at the desired place requires 50 relays, or electrical impulses. The system will be hooked onto the city power lines, with the privilege of switching onto the West Texas Utilities power immediately, should the city power fail. All that needs to be done is to pull a master switch and the power source is shifted.

If both city and Utility power should be disrupted, the company has 24 large batteries in the garage to carry the system for at least 35 hours. If such a situation should arise, the length of time the

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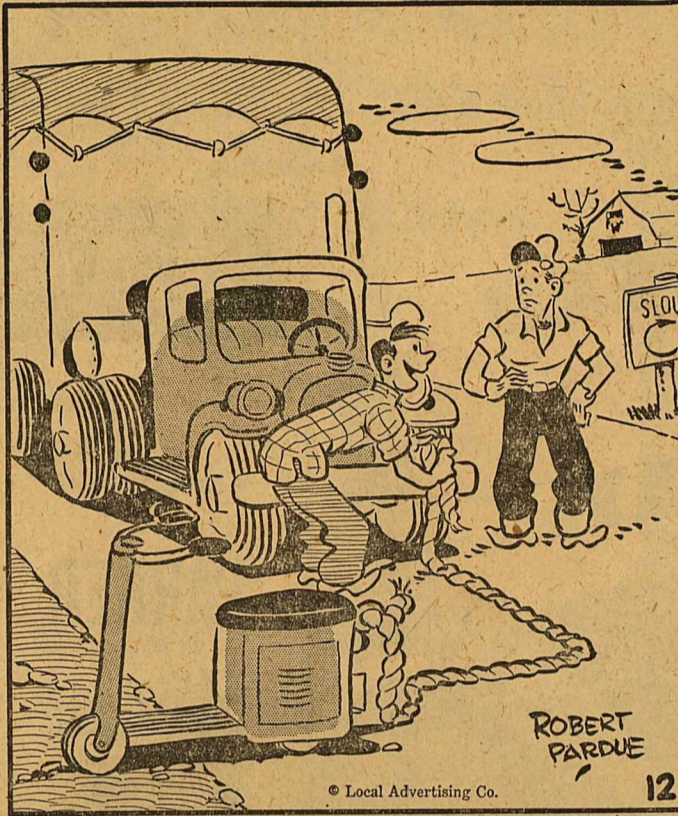
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batteries could carry the system would depend upon the number of calls placed during that time. The more calls, the sooner the batteries would be dead. Remember - those 50 electrical impulses for each call?

The equipment is most delicate and temperamental. Recently, in testing, Billy Drennan ran into trouble. One of the numbers he was dialing would not respond to the signal. Billy looked and looked, then finally took down the selecting unit for that number. In it he found a small speck of dirt, which he was able to see only with the aid of a magnifying glass, but which was between the transmitters and kept them from touching each other to register the impulse and ring the number. Every effort is made to keep the equipment

covered and away from such troubles, but it is sometimes impossible. When your phone is out of order, remember this and bear with the trouble shooter - maybe he can't find his magnifying glass.

The phone service as a whole will be improved, for under the old setup there were only 30 cables into the 700 available switches, while there will be 56 cords into the available switches under the dial system. (Seven groups, eight cables into each group.)

All of the rural phones will remain on the magneto system, which makes it necessary to ask the operators for a number when calling in from the rural phones. Also, when calling from town, it will be necessary to first dial the operator and give her the rural number.

One question which must be in your mind - it was in the mind of this reporter, and Cluff gave us the answer. Do we actually hear the ringing of the phone when we dial a number? The answer is "no." The ringing device is a separate one, and the sounds you hear are merely electrical impulses, put there to keep you from becoming impatient. However, the impulses ring at about the same intervals as the ringing device, so if you count to ten rings before hanging up, chances are that the phone actually rang about that many times.

The only drawback to the dial system (to some Sonorans) is this - when there is a fire, there will be no calling the operator to find out where it is. When the system is set up correctly, the call will be dialed direct to the fire station and the members of the Volunteer Fire Department will pick up the truck on the way to the fire or go by the station for the information, leaving the operators out in the cold - as far as knowing where the fire is. Also, there are only ten trunks leading to the operator and waiting for one of them to become free to ask her where the fire is might run into full-time work.

Cluff, in talking about the equipment, made the statement that all of the delicate wiring is done by women at the North factory. The phones to be used in Sonora will be made mostly by women - which is as it should be, as they are used mostly by women, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hamilton and son, George, Hayden Barker, Nita and Norva Smith went to Austin Thursday where they attended the University of Texas - Texas A&M game.

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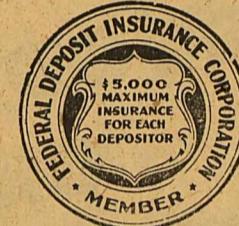
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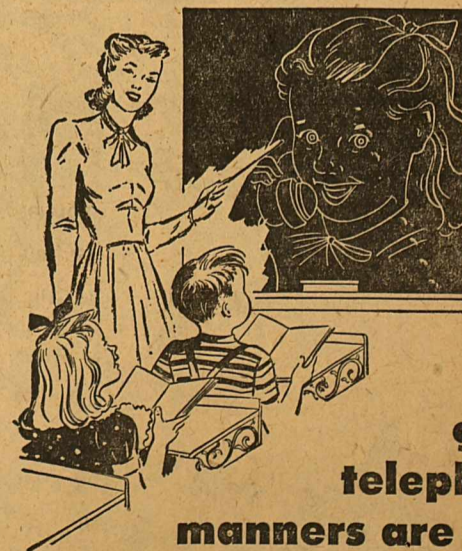
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