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SCHOOLS MEET HERE EARLY IN NEXT MONTH

PLANS BEING WORKED OUT
FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC
LEAGUE MEET

Loving Cups Offered

Story-Telling Contest Will Be Held
For Children Below
Ten

Plans are being formulated for the county meet of the Texas Interscholastic League to be held on the local high school grounds on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4. Superintendent, B. H. McLain, is the Director General for Nolan County.

A number of new features are being planned for this year, and it is the hope of Supt. McLain to make the meet this year an unusually good one. It is the intention of the officials to try to offer prizes for the winners in the individual contests, and a loving cup to the winner of each team contest. Six loving cups have been offered in the past, one on which was awarded and will be awarded again this year to the winners of the Boys Debate, one to the winners of the Girls' Debate, one to the high score man in Class A Track, and one to the high score man in Class Bx Track.

Tots to Tell Stories

One of the main features for this year will be a story-telling contest in which school children under the age of ten years will be eligible to participate. The contest is intended to stimulate even the smallest of school children to literary effort.

Girls athletics will hold an important place on the program. A girls track meet is to be held, and it is to be hoped that a great deal of interest will be taken in this phase. Girls' basketball contests will also be held.

Interest Created

A complete track and field program will be outlined. The local high school boys are working hard in daily practices, and will have competent men in every contest. Reports from Roscoe and Blackwell are to the effect that those towns are each expecting to send winning track teams to the meet. These contests will create more interest among the young people than any other; in fact, a great deal of interest is already being developed here. Much stress will be and is being put on the various literary contests. Boys and girls are at work on debates and declamations, and a number of schools will send contestants to enter the spelling contests.

The different directors are given below, and anyone desiring information on any of the contests should see or write the director of the contest in which he desires information: Superintendent B. H. McLain, Sweetwater, Director General; Joe Gibson, Sweetwater, Director of Athletics; Mr. McDonald, Dora, Director of Debate; Mrs. L. C. Curry, Sweetwater, Director of Declamation; Miss Julia Bishop, Roscoe, Director of Essays; Supt. D. D. Shawver, Blackwell, Director of Spelling; and Mrs. Dolby Nolan, Director of Music Memory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scudday of Brownfield who are visiting their son Roy Scudday, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Scudday several weeks.

PLAN ORGANIZATION FOR PRO- DUCTION OF BETTER COTTON SEED

A meeting of the farmers of this locality has been called for Saturday afternoon, March 7, at 1:00 p. m., for the purpose of considering plans for the organization of a Cotton Seed Growers Association. The meeting will be held at the Court House.

It would be the purpose of the organization to produce better cotton seed for mutual benefit of the members and to market the surplus seed produced at a better price. Only cotton seed of high class and quality would be raised by the members of such an Association, is the plan of the farmers who have called the meeting.

Such an organization was perfected at Roscoe last year, it is said, and the members of the organization have been getting about \$2.50 per bushel for their seed as a result.

600 SCHOL CHILDREN SEE "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

As the children of Hamlin followed the Pied Piper down the streets of that town and into the bowels of the mountain, so did the children of Sweetwater follow the Palace Organist down the streets of this town and into the Palace Theater last Tuesday afternoon to see one of the greatest historical pictures ever shown on the screen, "Abraham Lincoln." Six hundred school children—big ones, little ones, old ones, young ones, poor ones—rushed, scrambled, pushed, and fought their way into the theater in order that they might learn more on one of the nation's greatest characters.

The children gathered at the Queen Theater shortly after 4:00 o'clock, and from there went in a body to the Palace. Through the courtesy of Mr. Rogers, manager of the local R. & R. Enterprises, over fifty children who were not financially able to go to the show were passed free of charge. The matinee admission fee was lowered to 10c for the children which made the cost less than 1c. a real, since there were 13 reels. This was a great deal lower than the pre-war show prices of 10c for 3 reels.

Mayor of Roscoe Says Town Growing

According to A. J. Parker, Mayor of Roscoe, who was in town Monday transacting business, there is a great deal of building going on in his home city, and there are prospects of a great deal more building being done in the near future. Roscoe did something like \$300,000.00 worth of improvement work last year, and the town bids fair to become a good sized little city.

Besides four brick business buildings and two filling stations, there are at least seven modern residences under construction at the present time, and it is being rumored that a number of other residences and business buildings will be built soon. Among the new residences being built, according to Mr. Parker, are two houses by P. A. Smith, one by Dick Dennis, one by H. L. Ratliff, one by a Mr. Lightfoot, and one by Mr. Ables. The two latter are of stucco, while the former are frame buildings. J. V. White is just completing his sixth residence, and he may possibly build more.

While in Sweetwater, Mayor Parker paid the office of The News a visit and praised the quality of the paper being printed.

Slaton Preacher Fills Methodist Pulpit

Rev. D. W. Dodson, of Slaton, was in Sweetwater Sunday and occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church at the regular Sunday evening service. Brother Dodson used as the text of his sermon, "Blessed are they that do his commandments," and his theme was "True Happiness."

Bro. Dodson was formerly presiding elder of this district and had many friends here who were glad to see him again and to hear him preach.

A Levy spent the first part of the week in Brady looking after business interests.

JUNIOR CLASS FEATURES DAY AT CARNIVAL

MISS NINA MAE MAJORS, JUNIOR
CROWNED QUEEN AFTER
SPIRITED CONTEST

Proceeds Reach \$480.

Marked Improvements Shown Over
Previous School
Entertainments

The Junior Class featured the day and carried away all honors in Sweetwater High School's most successful school activity, considered from a standpoint of finance and interest, held in the Wright building next to the Hotel last Saturday. The Colonial Tea began at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and closed with the crowning of the Queen, Miss Nina Mae Majors, at 10:00 in the evening.

Much interest was manifested in the contest for the Queen's crown, and the class loyalty displayed was unsurpassed. All day Saturday members of each of the high school classes worked with untiring efforts, selling votes at a penny each, to gain the most votes for their representatives in the Queen's race. Miss Nina Mae Majors, Junior, was finally elected Queen of the Carnival after the Seniors had held the lead up until the last few minutes of the race.

Miss Majors received a total of 12,827 votes; Miss Elizabeth McKissick, Senior, 9,605; Miss Bernice Sheridan, Sophomore, 6,689; Miss Lenora Bishop, Freshman, 4,829; and Miss Elizabeth Glascock, Seventh Grade, 3,078.

Juniors Parade

Early in the afternoon the Junior Class staged a parade down the streets of the city, attracting much attention and drawing large crowds to the carnival. All day the school students worked the streets, soliciting voters and attendants to the show, and as a result the High School has the much needed sum of \$480.00 to use for buying of song books, debate and declamation material, and for the furtherance of various other literary and athletic activities. The total proceeds amounted to \$495.00 or \$600.00, however, expenses will run in the neighborhood of \$15 or \$20.

Each class of the High School had a booth at the Carnival from which pies, cakes, candy, pop corn, apples, etc., were sold. One of the main attractions was the "Bull Fighters Show" in which Spanish dances and a Bull fight took place.

Marked improvement and interest was shown in this year's Colonial Tea over those of previous years. Something like \$175.00 more money was realized from this year's affair than from last year's.

Bring Prisoners Thru En Route To Pen

Seven prisoners from Lubbock and Hale Counties, headed for the State Penitentiary, were brought into Sweetwater Saturday afternoon and held over here between trains. A great deal of interest was created as Sheriff Yarbrough marched six of the seven of the prisoners bound in chains from the Santa Fe depot to the jail. A seventh prisoner, who was paralyzed, had to be carried in a car.

The Lubbock county men were J. C. Tucker, two years for bootlegging in Lubbock county and four years for the same offense in Scurry county; Homer Reed, two years for the attempted robbery of an Idalou store; Willie Coleman, negro, three years for bootlegging, and Willie Hall, 17 negro, who is to serve 50 years for attempted statutory assault on a Lubbock county white woman.

Hale County prisoners all received two years sentences. They were: Andrew Newman, bootlegging; R. L. Salyer, bootlegging; and Angus Simmons, hijacking. Simmons is a negro. The men were accompanied by Sheriff H. L. Johnston and Deputy Vernice L. Ford of Lubbock county, who turned them over to Bud Russell of Huntsville at Southland.

TO OPEN SANDWICH SHOP ON NORTH SIDE

Jack Yonge and Eddie Powell are making preparation for the opening of a Sandwich Shop on the north side of the square. The shop will be in the Willis building.

EX-STUDENTS HOLD MARCH 2ND BANQUET

CRANE AND HORN TELL OF
EARLY DAY AT
UNIVERSITY

Focht New President

Twenty-Five Former Students Of
Texas U. Attend Ban-
quet Tuesday

Sweetwater and Nolan county ex-students of the University of Texas had a great time at the annual March 2nd banquet, held Tuesday evening at the Wright Hotel, relating the experiences of their student days in that institution. R. D. Cox, president of the local ex-students association, presided at the banquet, which began at 7:30.

Mr. Cox proved his ability as a toastmaster. A very interesting program was rendered. Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, and Louis Horn of Blackwell, both of whom were students in the University away back in the '80's, told of many very interesting incidents that happened in and around the campus of the Alma Mater in the early days.

Later students were given a chance to tell of their experiences, and Jno. Focht and Supt. B. H. McLain told a number of interesting happenings during the past few years of the University history.

Before the close of the reunion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: John Focht, president; "Speck" Neblett, vice-president; and Mrs. Joe H. Boothe, secretary-treasurer.

The twenty-five Exes who gathered for the banquet were seated at tables arranged in the form of a T. The meeting was typical of U. of T. meetings, it being full of University interest and enthusiasm, which was manifested in conversation, talks, and in the singing of "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You."

SWEETWATER PEOPLE ATTEND S. S. SUNDAY

Eight hundred and twenty-eight Sweetwater people attended seven different Sunday Schools of the city last Sunday morning and contributed a total of \$203.42.

The following are the reports from the seven Sunday Schools: Methodist, 211 present, \$88.10 collection; First Baptist, 208 present, \$18.80 collection; Christian, 160 present, \$12.50 collection; Presbyterian, 120 present, \$20.50 collection; Church of Christ, 75 present, \$62.50 collection; Lamar Street Baptist, 42 present, \$1.32 collection; Episcopal, 12 present, collection not reported.

Local Men to Try Planting Cactus

Nolan County soil and climate has proven that it will successfully grow cotton, corn, kaffir, maize, feterita, oats, sorghum, several varieties of hay, fruits, vegetables, and watermelons. The next crop of major importance may be Spinless Cactus.

W. R. Hope, well known Sweetwater farmer, living northwest of town, has just received four hundred cactus plants and is setting them out on his place. W. C. Calvert, county agent, has also ordered four hundred plants, which he expects to be in within the next few days. These cactus plants are of the Burbank variety, having been deprived of their spines by the great naturalist through a breeding process. This will be the first cactus to be planted in Nolan County and among the first to be planted in this part of the state. Cacti is being successfully raised in Brown County.

Cactus plants make good food for cows, chickens, and sheep. The plant may be grazed down in the fall and winter, and then it comes out again in the spring without replanting. The cacti leaves are easily planted. A small hole is dug out and the end of the leaf is stuck in the hole. Mr. Calvert and Mr. Hope intend to plant their cacti leaves four to six feet apart.

Elder J. T. McKissick and wife are visiting in Dallas and Fort Worth this week. Their son, John, who is teaching in Venice, Texas, came over to Dallas to be with them.

SUPERINTENDENT McLAIN RE-ELECTED BY BOARD

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held last Friday evening, Superintendent B. H. McLain was re-elected as head of the Sweetwater school system. McLain has been at the head of the schools for the past year, and members of the board and patrons in general seem to be unusually well pleased with his work here.

Mr. McLain came to Sweetwater last year from Childress, where he successfully piloted the schools of that city. He is a graduate of Southwestern University and of Texas University.

The re-election of the Superintendent was unanimous, no other applicant being even considered for the position.

At the meeting the Board also named Saturday, April 4th, as the day for the election of trustees to take the place of the out going members of the Board. Four new trustees will be elected, while the other three hold office for another year.

Trustees For County Board To Be Elected

Election of trustees to the County Board of Education will be held on Saturday, April 4th, is the announcement made by County Superintendent Will H. Scott. Three members are to be elected to the board, one each from Precinct Two and Three, and one will be elected from the county at large to act as chairman of the board.

The places left vacant will be those of W. H. Bennett, of Precinct Two, and B. Y. Butler, of Precinct Three, and elections will be held in these two Precincts to fill the vacancies. John L. Ross, chairman of the board, term also expires this year, but it is thought that he will be re-elected to the same position for another term.

The County Board is composed of A. J. Rogers, Precinct One, and L. T. Youngblood, Precinct Four, in addition to those named above, and these men will hold over another year.

An election of four members to the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater City Schools is also scheduled to be held on April 4th.

Male Quartet Sings At Baptist Church

The Southwestern Four Male Quartet appeared at the First Baptist church last Sunday evening at 7:30 in an hour of music. The members of the Quartet are students in the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, and they are making a tour of this section advertising that institution.

The Quartet is known throughout the Southwest for their unusual ability in solo and quartet work. In their program here Sunday night they featured religious music and negro spirituals. The program was very fine from start to finish, and many say that it was one of the best entertainments of its kind ever heard in Sweetwater.

Those composing the Quartet were Nelson, Carnett, Brown and Turner. Nelson, who plays by ear, proved to be a wonderful accompanist. Mr. Turner is a brother of Lester Turner of this city.

SPRING SESSION OF DISTRICT COURT OPENED ON MONDAY

District Court opened here last Monday morning at 9:30 when the Grand Jury was selected and sworn in by Judge W. P. Leslie. Since that time the Jury has been working behind closed doors, and have not made any reports yet. District Attorney Brooks is working with the Grand Jury.

During the week several jury and non-jury cases have been tried, most of them being tried on Tuesday. A number of non-jury cases were scheduled to be tried today (Thursday), and the jury will be back on the job Friday, at which time two jury cases are scheduled to be tried.

The case of Ralph Mims vs. the City of Sweetwater was continued until the next term of court. The case involves the building on the east side of the square which was condemned by city authorities last year as a

LOCAL CONCERN HAS HATCHED 18,000 CHICKS

THOUSANDS OF EGGS BEING SET
BY LOCAL AND NEAR-
BY BREEDERS

Capacity Is 20,000

Chicken Fever Runs High As Many
New Breeders Enter
The Field

Eighteen thousand chickens are a good many chickens, but that is the number hatched out by the local hatchery since it began operation on January 10th. In addition, thousands of eggs are in the huge incubators, and about 4,000 baby chicks are being hatched weekly.

Chicken fever is running high in this section, according to the authorities of the Sweetwater Hatchery, and many new breeders are catching the fever day by day. By the close of the season, about the middle of June, Nolan county will be much richer than ever before by several tens of thousands of chickens. The farmers are finding that chicken raising is very profitable, and as a result nearly one hundred people now have eggs in the incubators.

Raised for Breeding
Most of these chickens will be raised for breeding purposes, however, some will be raised directly for the market. People are making a rush on the local hatchery before the hatching season closes, and the books of the Hatchery are full two weeks ahead of time.

The two incubators have a capacity of a little more than 10,000 eggs each, or a total of more than 20,000 eggs, which may be put through the process at the same time. 3,600 eggs are set on each Tuesday and each Saturday, making a total of 7,200 eggs a week. On each Monday and each Thursday 2,000 baby chicks are taken from the incubators, put in small paste-board crates, and they are ready for delivery to the owner.

One of the incubators is now running on the third series of eggs, while the other is running on the second series. Both are filled to capacity.

Big Settings
Among the hundred breeders now having eggs hatched by the machines several have as many or more than 1,000 eggs. They are: J. V. DeBusk, Palava, 3,000 White Leghorns; Mrs. Otho Thompson, of Lornine, 1,500 White Leghorns; Ben Daniels, of Sweetwater, 1,000 Rhode Island Reds; Leonard Miller, of Nolan, 1,000 Rhode Island Reds; C. E. Jones, Sweetwater, 1,000 Barred Rocks; and M. E. Brazelton, Eskota, 1,000 White Leghorns. Mrs. Thompson will soon set another 1,000 eggs. Sixty-five to seventy per cent of the eggs that are fertile hatch. Hatchery authorities state. About fifteen per cent of the eggs that are brought in for hatching purposes are infertile. But figuring at a very low basis a great deal of profit may be made from a hatching.

J. Hassen of Hassen-Company store returned Wednesday night from the New York and St. Louis markets. Mr. Hassen also made business visits to Ranger and San Angelo, where the Hassen-Co., have stores before returning to Sweetwater.

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TUESDAY MORNING FIRES DAMAGE TWO LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSES

The Bon Ton Cafe was gutted and Heath's Tailor Shop badly damaged by fire Tuesday morning when a coffee urn in the front part of the cafe exploded throwing fire over the entire room.

The fire was discovered at about 4:00 a. m. by Nightwatchman W. W. Hudson who happened to be near the building when the urn exploded. Mr. Hudson ran to the fire station, across the block, and turned in the alarm. Water was soon being thrown on the fire, but the blaze had spread so rapidly that a great deal of damage had already been done. The firemen got the fire under control almost immediately after their arrival. The fire ate through the wooden wall to Heath's Tailor shop.

The loss was estimated at about \$3,800. The cafe's loss being around \$1,500, Heath's \$1,500, and the building about \$800. The fixtures of both businesses and on the building was partially covered by insurance. The Bon Ton was owned by Fred English, who has only been in possession of the cafe for about a month.

The fire was the second one during the night, one alarm having been turned in at about 12:00 o'clock, when a barn at South West 6th Street burned. The barn, owned by Mr. Kilbrew, was a total mass of flames when the alarm was turned in. The loss in the barn fire is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$100.00.

Mrs. J. N. Dulaney is just up from a spell of sickness.

Plain Coats Harmonize With Varied Frocks



The popularity of figured fabrics, in lively colors, for frocks and blouses, promotes the cause of plain coats this spring. The plain coat, in unassertive colors, harmonizes with any sort of dress. These utility coats are entirely untrimmed and are made of sueded cloth, kasbas, twills, tweeds and other coatings. They are cut on smart and easy lines, sometimes with the ragged type of sleeve and usually with double-breast fronts. Colors best liked for them are light brown, russet, tan and wood shades, beige, sand and a few blues and greens. A typical plain coat and street hat for spring are shown in the picture above.

County Superintendent Will H. Scott is building a five room home on Elm Street.

New Bricks Being Completed at Roscoe

Four new brick buildings, owned by Millard Smith, are going up at Roscoe on the lots west of the old Trammel bank building and east of the Medlock Drug Store. The buildings are now nearing completion, and it is expected that they will be ready for tenants by the 10th of this month.

The buildings are all modern and well built, and have dark speckled brick fronts. One of the buildings is 20 by 70 feet in size, one 15 by 70, and the other two 13 by 70. They will be occupied by the Elbert Martin Tailor Shop, the Ideal Bakery, the Electric Shoe Shop, and the Sanitary Barber Shop.

NEW WEEKLY NEWSPAPER STARTED AT SWEETWATER

The Nolan County News is the name of a new weekly paper launched at Sweetwater by the Watson-Focht Printing Company, with Luther Watson as publisher and manager, Frank P. Hill, son of E. I. Hill, former district attorney, is editor of the publication.

The initial number of the News is an eight page well edited and printed paper. The management announces The News is to be an all home print paper of from eight to sixteen pages. With the weekly edition of the Sweetwater Reporter, this gives Sweetwater the second weekly.—Colorado Record.

"Ted" Hall, Jr., Died Suddenly Sunday

Little Shelby Madden Hall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. (Ted) Hall, 100 East North 3rd Street, passed away early Sunday morning after a few hours sickness, and his body was put to rest at the City Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The little boy only lived a few hours after being attacked by locked bowels Saturday evening. Doctors could give him no relief, and death called him at about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Little Shelby, known to all his friends and playmates as "Ted" was a very fine little man, and his fond parents had an unusual interest. At the time of his death he was exactly 3 years and 11 months of age.

Rev. J. R. Henson conducted the funeral services, which were held at the Methodist church. A large number of friends and acquaintances of the family were present.

For the first time in Sweetwater boys acted as pall bearers at the funeral; the following boys serving: Shirley McGlaun, P. T. Quast, Jr., Rush Dudgeon, and Alton Gother.

"Ted's" mother, who was very ill with the influenza at the time of his death, is reported to be in a serious condition as a result of the shock.

Goode Man Claims Largest Hog

Week before last The News reported that Louis Sweet of the Blackwell community had dressed what was probably Nolan County's largest hog. Sweet's hog must drop to second place, for Felix Dooley, of the Goode community reports that he killed and dressed a hog weighing 766 pounds. Thirty-eight gallons of lard was rendered from the hog. The hog weighed 65 pounds more than the Sweet hog, which weighed 701 pounds. Some hog.

Surely there is not a larger hog than this one in the county, if so, who owns it and how much does it weigh?

Home Improvement Specialist Speaks In 3 Communities

Mrs. Claytor, home improvement specialist from the Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College, visited Nolan county last week and lectured in three communities.

Mrs. Claytor lectured at Blackwell to thirty women Wednesday afternoon on "Kitchen Improvement." The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Reeves. Thursday morning she lectured to the members of the Hylton Girls Demonstration Club on "Bedroom Improvement," and in the afternoon she lectured to the women of the Nolan community on "Kitchen Improvement" at the home of Mrs. Ross Artman. Thirty women were present at the latter meeting.

NOLAN COUNTY NEWS LAUNCHED LAST WEEK

The Nolan County News, published by the Watson-Focht Printing Company, Sweetwater, made its appearance last week. Frank P. Hill is editor and Luther Watson manager of the new publication. It is a 6-column 8-page and loaded to the brim with choice reading matter and good line of advertising, and the mechanical appearance very neat.

Here's hoping that the new weekly will serve the people faithfully.—Blackwell Times.

We have several used Automobiles that must be sold. \$25.00 and up. Sweetwater Overland Co.

Mme. Marguerite Vogel



Mme. Marguerite Vogel is the first woman to be appointed to a French cabinet, having been given the post of undersecretary to the minister of labor.

"Hey Daddy!"
Your first duty is to
BUILD A HOME
for those you love—



Burton-Lingo Co.

The Pioneer Home Builders

J. C. Seale of the Seale ranch, seven miles south of Roscoe, was here for the Hereford Show and Sale Monday.

JUDGE LIKES PAPER

District Judge W. P. Leslie of Colorado, who opened District Court here last Monday morning, says he likes the first issue of The News fine and he is glad to see a new weekly paper in this territory. The Judge had his name put on the subscription list.

Roscoe Man Makes Bond on Charges

J. B. McCauley of Roscoe, who was arrested on Tuesday night of last week charged with gun play and assault and battery, waived examining trial in Justice Court at Roscoe last Saturday afternoon. McCauley is now out on a \$1000.00 bond pending the action of the Grand Jury, now in session.

McCauley is charged with pulling a gun on Carl Matthews and Ted Rayburn, and also with assault and battery against Matthews.

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City and Country

They Must Pull Together and Not Apart
If They are to Prosper.

By Richard T. Ely
(In The Country Gentlemen)

If City and Country pull apart instead of together, can both or either prosper?

My thoughts on this question turn back to a fable told by the Roman historian Livy—the fable of the stomach and the limbs. According to this fable, the various parts of the body, becoming indignant at the apparent idleness of the stomach, which did nothing but receive food and enjoy itself, conspired together to discipline the stomach.

"But while," writes Livy, "they were trying to subdue the stomach by famine, the members themselves and the entire body were reduced to the last degree of leanness. In this way it became evident that the service of the stomach was by no means a slothful one."

Here is a 2000-year-old fable that is apt today.

There are people today who look upon the country as the limbs of the economic body, the feeder of the city, while the city is regarded as the stomach, idly absorbing the products of the farm.

But just as in the fable, is it not true that neither city nor country can prosper if they conspire against one another?

The rural and urban elements of our population have drifted more or less apart. They have not been pulling together as they should in the solution of those economic problems upon which our future national welfare depends.

Home Market Our Salvation.
The city has been blamed by the country for the double price level of the past few years. But although in two years the value of farm products based on prices at the farm shrank from almost \$18,000,000,000, in 1919 to \$9,922,000,000, in 1921, the farmer did not suffer alone.

One indication is found in the statistics of sales of farm implements. In 1920 \$489,000,000 worth of farm machinery was sold; in 1922 \$149,022,000 worth was sold.

To blame the city for the farmer's distress ignores the fact that prices generally are fixed by economic forces, not by malicious conspiracy.

Hard times for the farmer means hard times later for the city. If the double price level goes too far, both parties suffer. Though it may be true that as agriculture is prosperous, so

goes the nation, it is equally true that as the city is prosperous, so goes agriculture.

The explanation of this economic interdependence is relatively simple. The city is the farmer's best market, and the country one of the most important markets for city manufacturers.

How many farmers realize that over four-fifths of their land is devoted to production for a domestic market? The purchasing power of the domestic market has kept the farmer from suffering greater economic distress than really occurred.

We may be certain that the different elements of our population, and especially rural and urban, must put forward their best efforts in the solution of present and future problems if we are going to continue to be a happy country in which people are making progress in their accumulation of material and spiritual wealth.

W. W. Baldwin, Vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, in urging upon our Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities the investigation of taxation said something like this:

"The railways and the farmers are in the same boat when it comes to taxation. What we have is like the farmer's land, it is tangible. It cannot run away and it is susceptible to oppressive attacks of one kind or another."

Both Sides Suffer.
So the railways and the farmers should have been working together to solve their common tasks; but, as an unfortunate result of the failure to connect the problems of the city and the country, they have been opposing each other to their mutual disadvantage.

They should have been working together to find out what extensions of railways were needed at particular time, what were the costs to furnish satisfactory service, what freight structure was needed by the farmer, as well as for the country as a whole, and what return to be investors in railways was necessary to secure the service and bring the railways the desirable proportionality of investment funds.

The questions involved are those of land economy and public utilities.

The farmer, as direct contact and concern with land problems, for

is almost completely dependent on the city for marketing facilities.

The farmer is both producer and consumer, just as the city man is both consumer and producer. We are just fairly beginning to realize that farming has become commercialized and is a business as well as a mode of life. The farmer raises for the market and buys from the market things which he needs.

Easy exchange in right proportions of products is essential to a prosperous agriculture, but we do not find this satisfactory exchange at the present time.

Storing food products is a means of smoothing the price fluctuations that arises from the inevitable seasonal production on farms. Without storage facilities, the low prices of a glutted market at harvest time would normally be followed by the high prices of a scarcity market.

With storage facilities, products can be held until needed for consumption, thus tending to reduce the peaks and fill up the hollows.

The development of business farming and of transportation has gone hand in hand. It is not so many years ago that the farmer brought his wares to market in his own wagon, he himself handling the reins. Nowadays we have a network of rail transportation, both steam and electric, and the motortruck, which, aided by the good-roads movement, is bidding for supremacy in short hauls.

Sometimes the farmer owns and drives his own truck, but also there is a growing fleet of trucks furnished by trucking companies and wholesale distributors.

Costly Terminals.
These and other transportation agencies are located in cities great and small and in country villages. The land problems involved are essentially those of cities.

One of the greatest single problems in transportation is that of terminals, which is tied up with great costs of reaching the consumer of agricultural products.

The most of terminals in the cities amounts to many hundreds of millions of dollars and is constantly increasing. Steam railways are working on these problems. Port authorities, private and public, are giving time and attention to these problems.

One suggestion that has been proposed is that the railways should bring freight to the doors of cities, and that distribution should then be effected by separate unified agencies. If this solution is found, it means a tremendous task in land planning.

The influence of city land is felt not alone in marketing farm products but in many other ways. More than half the population of the United States is now living in urban com-

One of the significant things about this is that the urban majority utilizes only 1-190th of the total land area of the country.

At first it may seem incredible that so small an area should have such important influences on the farmer. But we must remember that area alone does not necessarily measure the importance of land.

What is especially significant in this connection is that this small land area plus its improvements is valued at figure considerably over half the estimated total value of both farm and city real estate.

It is the overflow of these high values on to farm land that reacts upon the farmer.

A few years ago the influence of a city on farming was studied by the United States Department of Agriculture. The city chosen was Louisville, Kentucky. It was found that the value per acre of farms increased as one approached the city, whereas the size of farms decreased.

Also, the nearer one got to the city, the more important became the truck gardening and the less important became grain farming.

The farmer, as a wise business man, must take account of all these influences. He should recognize that it is foolish for him to grow grain crops on the outskirts of a city as under some conditions it is for him to cultivate garden truck 200 miles from a city.

Farm operations, to be successful, should be planned with reference to the city. They cannot be properly planned as though the city did not exist.

There is another important relation of the city to the farmer. From the city comes most of the farmer's credit. Next to individual lenders, banks and insurance companies are the sources of farm-mortgage credits. On such funds farmers normally depend for the means of aiding more land or more equipment to their businesses.

The large quantities of farm land in Montana that reverted to various city creditors have been a great embarrassment to the creditors. It is not the loss of mortgage interest alone that concerns them, but the fact that city creditors, such as insurance companies, are in no position to run the farms that come into their

hands. Such farms are a burden, not an asset.

Since the creditors cannot operate farms at a distance, they must either sell at a loss or try to reestablish the farm on a paying basis by encouraging a tenant to work toward ownership.

This difficulty is a compelling reason for the interest that various city business men take in the prosperity and welfare of the farmers.

Another aspect of city and country is found in the fact that the city is a frequent retreat for the retired farmer, although we have to do very largely with small urban centers—frequently simple country villages.

What kind of life does a farmer live who has retreated from the farm to an urban center?

It is folly simple to say that the farmer who has as a result of a lifetime of hard work accumulated a competence should not have the privilege of retaining his property and going to the city, if he and his family wish to do so. The wisdom of it may be another question.

Another aspect of this question of city and country is found in the retreat of the city man to the country. With the development of easy and cheap transportation, and especially as furnished by the motor car, there is a tendency for the man in the city to find his home in the country.

This is sometimes to be encouraged, but here again, many problems of city and country remain to be solved. Too frequently men of wealth who own farms are inclined to look upon them as playthings. In many cases they do not enter into vital relations with their neighborhood and too often pay prices for labor and things which they purchase which are demoralizing to the farmer who conducts farming operations from a living.

Give and Take.
Important consequences, also, it seems some will flow from the fact that with the automobile and good roads the city is becoming the playground of country people, just as the country is where city people are going in increasing numbers for recreation.

A year ago when I was motoring through Western Ohio, on a Saturday evening we came to a country town where farmer's cars were parked five rows deep on the main street of the town. The movies and the shops were filled. Such sights were rare fifteen years ago.

Similarly the farmer finds it to his advantage to join a city church rather than continue the relatively heavier burdens of supporting a small country parish.

I cannot help but feel that these changes tend to bind city and country closer together and help to remove some of the mutual suspicion which has obscured the economic independence of the two modes of living.

We ride through the country, and we pass from one kind of land to

another. But we find no signboards marked, "Here agricultural land begins." "Here is forest land." "Here is mineral land." "Here is suburban land." "Here is city land."

When we reach the rural districts we have to plan so as to keep the utilization of land above the margin and to make the margin as high as possible.

Had we had that land planning which would have assigned each kind of land with rough approximation of accuracy to its proper use, and had we had that kind of urban planning which would have provided terminal facilities and markets for the farmers, the present situation would have been a much better one for the nation as a whole.

An essential part of planning the utilization of the land is the classifying of land resources of an entire region in their relations to one another.

Regional planning on a national as well as a local scale, based upon a real and sympathetic understanding of farmers and city dwellers toward each other, is one of the most helpful ways of binding together the mutual interests of farm and city.

WEST TEXAS ELECTRIC CO. STARTS HIGH LINE WORK

A crew of sixty men have been started at work on the West Texas Electric Co. high line extension from Colorado to Big Spring. The line will afford electric service to Westbrook, Coahoma and the Mitchell county oil field.—Colorado Record.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. C. B. Simmons left Tuesday for Maude, Oklahoma, to attend the funeral of her mother. Mrs. Simmons received the message of her mother's death Tuesday and left immediately for Oklahoma.

MR. AND MRS. RAMSEY RETURN FROM RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ramsey returned the first part of the week from an extended visit to their ranch holdings in the northern part of Texas and the northeast part of New Mexico.

Mr. Ramsey reports that cattle in that section are doing nicely and everything is looking fine.

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We shall constantly strive to make The News a better paper. Through your suggestions and criticisms, we may improve our paper at an even more rapid rate.

THE LOAFER
By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

"Twas the voice of the sluggard,
I heard him complain,
"You have waked me too soon,
I must slumber again."

I HAVE never known what loafer it was who inspired these ancient lines, but I have always suspected that the fellow who wrote them had met Higgins. Higgins was a direct descendant of one of the seven sleepers; he was on the most intimate terms with Morpheus, and Somnus, and Ethier and all the other gods and agencies which induce prolonged and refreshing sleep.

I have called him over the telephone at noon to be told by the friend who answered that he was not up yet. I have dropped in at his house at 9 p. m. to be informed that he was rather tired and had gone to bed early. I have found him dozing before the fire at three o'clock in the afternoon, a cigarette between his lips. A loafer always smokes, though of course a great many people who smoke are not loafers. I have often wondered what became of him; he's probably dead or asleep at the switch.

We read a great deal about the dissipated youth today—of the real devils who drink and gamble and indulge in unnamable immoralities, but most of it is bunk. The real menace of life today is the loafer—the fellow who smokes himself into stupidity before the grate fire, who wastes his hours in billiard halls and ice cream parlors, at vaudeville and moving picture shows, and in strolling about the town imagining himself in love. It is the man who sits up late at night doing nothing worth while, and who sleeps late in the morning to get over it who is most worthless of all.

The loafer can't or won't work him self, and he is seldom satisfied to loaf alone. He is a procrastinator without enthusiasm or plan or system in his work. It has never occurred to him that he has a real business to which he should give his serious attention. He could not work regularly eight hours a day on a bet. There is no place for him in the world or out of it. His only salvation is to get a job where he will have to work hard 16 hours a day.

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Mrs. Kendal of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herman Burge.

L. J. Mashburn has been sick for the last ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gordon of Roscoe attended the Coleman funeral here last Saturday. The Gordon's were old time friends of Mr. Coleman.

Miss Oma Ruth Prim visited in Roscoe last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dobbins and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts of Roscoe attended the funeral of "Ted" Hall last Sunday.

Mrs. Rufus Wright complimented The News very highly and had us send the paper to her mother, Mrs. R. F. Evey at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Simmons and family are leaving this week for Corpus Christi, where they will spend two or three weeks. C. R. Simmons will install a laundry in that city. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clark of Abilene.

E. L. Gibson of the Dora community paid a pleasant call to The News office last Wednesday afternoon. Incidentally, he handed us a check for \$1.50 for a year's subscription to The News.

Cecil Rutledge, who underwent a serious operation at the Sweetwater Sanitarium two weeks ago, is now out of the Sanitarium and doing well, according to reports.

Jim Kinsey and W. L. Waggoner of Hylton are here attending the spring term of District Court.

FOUND—Roll of oil cloth. Owner may have same by calling at News office, describing the cloth, and paying for this ad.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following citizens have announced their candidacy for election to the various city offices for the coming two-year term, subject to the action of the voters at the city election to be held April 7, 1925.

For Mayor:
JAS. H. BEALL, Jr.
JNO. J. FORD

For Water Commissioner:
L. E. MUSGROVE (re-election)
ROY BARDWELL.

For Street Commissioner:
M. C. MANROE

For Chief of Police:
W. R. (BUCK) JOHNSON (re-election)

For City Secretary:
W. H. BARTLETT (re-election)

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs
Prices \$1.50 to \$3.50 per setting of 15. A limited number of choice baby chicks. Stock can be seen at my place one mile south of Sweetwater.—R. L. SHAFFER, Sweetwater, Texas.

Coats of Handsome Cloth Make Early Spring Appeal



To inaugurate the spring season with a utility coat of handsome cloth smartly fashioned, such as the picture shows, is the sensible thing to do. A coat of this kind not only carries style conviction, but it also insures its wearer against the caprices of wind, rain and snow flurries, which are apt to occur even in the best of regulated spring seasons.

In addition to soft surfaced cloth such as is employed in the styling of the model illustrated, tweed and all wool blanket effects, especially plaids are very popular.

When the coat is of the conservative sort, as illustrated, the art of good dressing is expressed in such style-convinced details as generously large set-on pockets, adjustable collar, and decorative cuffs, utilizing the cloth in novel basket interweaves.

The "touch of color" which fashions believes so fully in these days is supplied by a gay lining, a printed scarf and of course, a perky spring bonnet inevitably crowns the ensemble with success.

OLD FIDDLERS REUNION IS BIG SUCCESS

OLD TIMERS PLAY TO FULL HOUSE AT LOCAL THEATER

Proceeds Net \$400

Show Given To Send Veterans To State Meeting At Dallas

The people of Sweetwater and near by towns were carried back to the days of the '60's, '70's and '80's at the Old Time Fiddlers' Reunion held at the Lyric Theatre last Monday afternoon and evening and sponsored by the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Old time music, old time fiddlers, and old time costumes featured the programs. At the evening program an audience packed the house until standing room was not available.

Encores after encores were given the entertainers, and no one realized that time was slipping by until after "Dixie" had been played and those present began to file out of the theater. An unusually effective close was made of the program in which all the entertainers appeared on the stage and that good old Southern piece was played.

J. A. McCurdy, secretary of the Board of City Development, introduced the characters one by one as they appeared on the stage. There were so many good musicians and entertainers, it was hard to tell what feature of the program was the best. But fiddlers who deserve special mention are: Murray Hubbard, Tom Hughes, C. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Daniels, A. B. Chambers, C. P. Houston, Earl Harris, Claude Harris, Eli Coker, Horace Wade, J. W. Turner, John Moody, J. J. Curlee and Frank DeBusk.

Mr. Hubbard at the fiddle and his son whistling attracted unusual applause. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels in a unique number, a dance and song by Misses Katherine Aylor and Altiene Gray, a reading by Melrose Myers, and readings by Mrs. Barrow of McMurray College also were very entertaining. Turner and Nelson, of the Southwestern Four Male Quartet, furnished unusually good vocal music.

The Virginia Reel brought back memories of boyhood and girlhood days to all the older and middle aged people. A number of Sweetwater people dressed in costumes of the fiddle music furnished by Mrs. Daniels.

A total of about \$400.00 was realized from the reunion entertainment, and the money will be used to send Confederate veterans of the local camp to the General Reunion which meets in Dallas in May.

Judge Jake M. Mabe, county judge of Crosby County, and little son, William, were in Sweetwater Thursday. Judge Mabe was returning home from Austin where he had been on business.

S. M. Evans of Blackwell is spending the week in Sweetwater attending court.

Mrs. Dr. Campbell of Littlefield, Texas is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ford on North Locust Street.

Dr. A. H. Fortner is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Ed Bradford is very sick this week.

Lion or Lamb?



Society

W. M. S. HOLDS PRAYER SERVICE.

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church spent from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Monday in prayer, the service being held at the church. A business hour followed the prayer service. Messrs Turner and Nelson favored the ladies with a much enjoyed quart. Mesdames Leach and Justice of Fisher county were out-of-town visitors who attended the all day meeting.

SLOAN HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE TUESDAY

A fire, caused by a defective flue, which broke out in the attic of the old Sloan house at 206 Bowie Street last Wednesday at 12 noon, caused considerable damage to be done to the upper story of the building. Firemen soon extinguished the blaze, but had they been a few minutes later in getting the alarm the fire would have been too far gone. The roof of the house and the ceiling of the second story was badly burned, and damaged was done to furnishings and wall paper.

GAVE BRIDGE PARTY WEDNESDAY.

A delightful Bridge Party was given at the home of Mrs. C. E. Mays, Jr., 311 Cedar Street, last Wednesday afternoon, at which a number of Sweetwater ladies were well entertained for the afternoon. There were eight tables at the party. Mrs. Doscher won the prize, a pink boudoir pillow; and Mrs. Robt. Calvert won the "boobie" prize which was a box of Tulip tally cards. The color scheme of pink and white was very beautifully carried out in the room decorations, the refreshments, the flowers, and the prizes. Pink and white rose buds adorned the centers of the tables, while cranations of the same color were also used. Drinks were served after the first table. Ice cream in little pink cups and pink and white cake were served the guests as refreshments.

HOW IS THIS ONE?
Frank Elliott says that it does not pay to be crooked; look at the cork screws that are out of business!
Elder W. D. Black is in Eden, Texas this week preaching during the week for the people of that city. Rev. Black will be back in town Sunday.

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W. T. and G. W. Lewis, Blackwell
 stockmen, were here Monday with
 several head of registered Herefords,
 which they entered in the Hereford
 Breeders Show. W. T. Lewis returned
 with the cattle Tuesday, while C.
 W. left Monday night for the Fat
 Stock Show at Fort Worth.

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J. A. Sasse of Rule was here on
 business this week and visiting M. G.
 Cooper.

DR. MORONY AWAY

Dr. L. G. Morony, pastor of the
 First Baptist church, is in Atlanta,
 Georgia, this week on business. He
 will return the latter part of the
 week.

Roy Spires, Went Witherspoon, J.
 C. Gray, Bryan Haney, Jim and
 Miles Emerson, all of Roscoe, were
 in attendance at the Nolan County
 Hereford Breeder's Show and Sale
 held here Monday.

R. A. Carter is off duty at the store
 this week, but the boys report that
 he is down with the "flu."

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"March"

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To be on the safe side, is to have plenty of coal in the n. No matter if you do not use it all for spring fires—you will have that much in for next winter.—And it will be no cheaper then.

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LONGWORTH MAN REAL FARMER

Fred G. Imken, a progressive farmer of the Longworth community, and his two sons, Marvin and Edwin, were in Sweetwater trading Saturday and made the News a pleasant call. Mr. Imken is one of the leading citizens of the Longworth community and a very successful and progressive farmer. He stated that he was practically through terracing the last thirty acres of his farm. He is a great believer in terracing.

Mr. Imken is also a fancier and breeder of thorough bred Rhode Island Red Chickens and markets practically all his eggs and chickens in Sweetwater. He also does the bulk of his trading with Sweetwater merchants.

NOLAN NEWS

NOLAN, March 5.—The population of Nolan has been increased by one in the person of a fine nine pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shirley. He made his arrival on March 1st. The mother and babe are doing well.

M. Roy Holt has been quite sick with the Flu and throat trouble, but is doing fairly well at present.

Several of our people were listeners at the Old Time Fiddlers Reunion at Sweetwater on March 2nd.

Mrs. W. P. Hammond has been confined to her bed several days with the Flu. She is better at present.

P. C. Thompson of Abilene is visiting at the home of C. Y. Butler for a few days.

L. G. Kirby and Cooper Denson attended the Odd Fellows Lodge at Dera on March 2nd.

The singing at Nolan last Sunday evening was fairly well attended. Nolan hopes to organize a good class during the spring month.

On Friday night, March 13th, there will be a divorce case tried at the Nolan Schol House. This will take the place of the regular literary program at that time. Everyone is invited.

Mr. Gregg who operates a store and filling station on the Blackwell Sweetwater road reports that his place of business was burglarized on last Friday night. Several articles in the grocery line being taken. It is

time steps were taken to put a stop to this practice.

Malon Holt and family have been on the sick list but are better.

School is progressing nicely under the efficient administration of Mrs. Delby and Miss Fla Jones.

The farmers are busy with the preparation of land for another crop. A little dry spell don't make West Texans so blue as they are accustomed to that. That is what makes West Texas the health retoring place that it is. We still have plenty of time to make a crop.

Bill Edison and wife have been on the sick list, and he has been unable to operate his Blacksmith Shop for a few days. Both are better now.

Jim Basham has also been ill with Flu, but is up again.

THAT FLU STUFF

(The little bit of verse printed below has been going the rounds in the newspapers for a number of years, but since the "flu" comes once a year, the little poem may be read and appreciated once a year. We believe it to be entirely appropriate for this season.)

If you have a tummy-ache,
It's the Flu!
If you're weary when you wake,
It's the Flu!
Is your memory off the track?
Is your liver out of whack?
Are there pimples on your back?
It's the Flu!
Are there spots before your eyes?
It's the Flu!
Are you fatter than some guys?
It's the Flu!
Do your teeth hurt when you bite?
Do you ever have a fright?
Do you want to sleep at night?
It's the Flu!
Are you thirsty when you eat?
It's the Flu!
Are you snaky on your feet?
It's the Flu!
If you feel a little ill,
Send right off for Dr. Pill,
He will say, despite his skill:
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It's the Flu!
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It's the Flu!

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Club and Society

Mrs. Frank Hill, Editor.

Phone 400

PREPARING PROGRAM FOR EASTER

The choir of the Methodist church is preparing an unusual program for the Easter services to be held on April 12th. Several special numbers are being prepared.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SELLS CANDY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church held a candy sale Monday afternoon at the corner of the City National Bank. But due to disagreeable weather, the ladies closed the sale after a few hours.

The sum was small but it will go to the treasury of the organization.

CHOIR SINGING AT METHODIST S. S.

The Sunday School Choir, made up of thirty-five boys and girls, is singing each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour at the Methodist church. They are furnishing much very fine music. All Methodists of the town and all other people who do not go to any other Sunday School are cordially invited to come to the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 9:45.

SOROSIS CLUB TO STUDY HOLMES

The subject for the Sorosis Club program, which meets Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, will be "Oliver Wendell Holmes As a Poet." The Club will meet with Mrs. F. J. Neal at 400 East North 3rd Street.

The Self Culture Club will meet with Mrs. Robert Withers, Friday afternoon.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR LEGION AUXILIARY

On account of Mrs. Warren, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the local post of the American Legion, moving to Fort Worth, Mrs. Jess Robertson, vice-president, will now become president of the organization. The Auxiliary meeting for last Tuesday night was postponed indefinitely due to so much sickness in the city.

GULF COAST SEVEN PLAYS FOR ELKS

The Elks and Junior Elks are enjoying a dance at the Elks' Club Rooms tonight (Thursday), the music being furnished by the popular Gulf Coast Seven Orchestra. The Orchestra played at the R. & R. Palace Wednesday night. The dance lasts from 9:30 to 12:30.

This is the orchestra that created a sensation in Colorado at the Lorraine Gardens, Colorado Springs.

ENDEAVORS HOLDING INTERESTING PROGRAMS

The Christian Endeavor Society, which meets each Sunday evening at 6:30, is having some very interesting and instructive programs.

R. D. Cox was leader of the program last Sunday evening. The subject was "The Cost of Friendliness." Elmer Shaw will be the leader of the program next Sunday, and a good program has been prepared. The subject will be "Jesus' Way of Winning Souls."

TROUBADORS PLAY FOR ELKS

Elks and Junior Elks entertained with a dance Friday night at the Elk Club room.

The Brownwood Troubador Radio Artists, who furnished the music, have given several concerts from radio station WBAP, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The orchestra is considered to be one of the best dance organizations in this section.

A number of the members of the local Lodge and of nearby Lodges attended the dance.

Sandwiches, coffee, and cake were served to the guests.

LEAGUE HOLDING CONTEST

Much interest is being developed in the two months contest being staged by the Epworth League of the Methodist church. The League has been divided into two divisions, the White and the Gold, and the losing side will be required to give the winning side a banquet or big entertainment of some kind. The Whites are now leading. The contest is based on new members, number present, and the parts on the program.

Last Sunday thirty-two members were present. Ethel Hope was leader of a program the subject of which was "Christ of Friendship." Estelle Cage read the scripture. Other parts on the program were: "Friendship of the Young" by C. W. Watson, "The Basis of Friendship" by Luther Gordon, and "A Higher Friendship" by Bettie Cutbirth.

The subject for next Sunday will be "The Master's Method of Winning

Followers," and the leader will be Levona Cline.

STEWARDS ENJOY OYSTER SUPPER

A big oyster supper was enjoyed by the Stewards of the Methodist church and a number of visitors at the regular monthly Stewards meeting held at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. Thirty people were present at the supper. Following the supper, the regular routine of business was transacted and the affairs of the church discussed.

Short talks were made by Rev. R. A. Stewart, Presiding Elder of this district, Rev. J. R. Henson, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Moore, and G. E. Ramsey, District Steward. All of the speakers made many well chosen remarks. Mrs. Schooler favored the group with a solo.

Dr. J. H. Hamilton, chairman, presided at the meeting. He said it was an imposition on Bro. Moore to come out to partake of the oysters. He also stated that Bro. Ramsey came all the way from his ranch, 250 miles away, in order to be at the supper. The Doctor rendered several splendid numbers on his harp.

An excellent social time was had by all present, and a spirit of brotherhood prevailed.

EASTER SUNDAY COMES ON APRIL 12

Easter Sunday comes on the twelfth day of April this year. Many people often wonder how the date of Easter Sunday is determined. The day is always the Sunday which follows the 14th day of the calander moon which falls upon or next after the 21st day of March, according to the Texas Almanac.

Easter is a festival observed in the Christian Church, from early times, in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It corresponds with the Passover of the Jews, which, in the King James Version of the Bible, is called by the name of Easter (Acts. xii, 4). Its ancient title was "The Greatest Day."

Last year Easter came on April 20.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Marriage Licenses have been issued during the past week by County Clerk, Gus Farrar, to:

L. B. Carile, Roscoe, and Miss Faustin Misso, Roscoe, on Feb. 27.

Ronald A. Vineyard, Hermleigh, and Miss Georgia Farmer, Hermleigh on Feb. 28th.

BIBLE CLASS STUDIES THE CREATION

The Women's Bible Class of the Church of Christ studied the second chapter of Genesis, "The Creation," at their regular meeting at the church Monday afternoon. Mrs. Powers acted as leader. Elder Black will lead next Sunday. Fourteen members of the class were present at the meeting.

TO HOLD SINGING AT COTTONWOOD SCHOOL

O. E. Peden, secretary of the Nolan County Singing Convention, and his class of singers will sing at the Cottonwood School House on the fourth Sunday in this month, March 27th. The people of the Cottonwood community and of the entire country are cordially invited to attend the singing.

BOYS DEFEATED BY ALBANY TEAM

The home boys did not cop the world's series of basket ball games at Abilene last Friday, but it is said they put a hard fight for that honor. They drew a big husky team that out-classed them in rough games. But even if the boys failed to reach the coveted goal, they have a record to be proud of, and next year perhaps a different tale may be told.

The score was 14 to 28 in favor of Albany.—Blackwell Times.

Garnett Richards of Tahoka and Mrs. Bettie Richards of Grapeland, visited the family of Judge I. W. Brashear Saturday. Richards, who formerly lived in Sweetwater, was accompanying his mother back to her home. Mrs. Richards is Judge Brashear's sister.

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Annual Hereford Breeders Show Proves Successful

The fourth annual Sweetwater Hereford Breeders Show and Sale brought hundreds of people to Sweetwater Monday to view and buy the fine registered cattle. The Show and Sale was held in the wagon yard on West Fourth Street, west of the News office building. The show and sale was managed by Walter L. Boothe and other local Hereford breeders, assisted by John Burns, of the Texas Hereford Breeders Association. The largest number of prizes were won by the Dulaney herd of Sweetwater.

The show opened at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, when the judging of the cattle was begun. Prof Barnes beef cattle specialist, did the judging. A small crowd was present at the opening due to the disagreeable weather, however, by afternoon several hundred people crowded around the show pen, many of them coming from a great distance.

Fine Cattle Sold

Many extraordinary fine cattle were auctioned off at the sale, which began in the early afternoon. Many cattle were sold at exceptionally low prices, all of them being first-class registered stuff and as good in breeding as any in this section of the country. Col. Hull, of Iowa, conducted the sale.

Nearly twenty animals were auctioned off at the sale, most of them selling in the neighborhood of \$60.00. The highest price paid was \$150.00; one of the Lewis Bulls was sold to Si Dennis of Nolan for that price. The lowest price paid for cattle was \$150.00.

The principal showers were John D. Childers, Walter L. Boothe, W. T. and C. W. Lewis, J. D. Dulaney, John Sears, and Paul B. Sorenson.

The prize winning animals and their owners are listed below:
Bulls calved between January 1 to June 30th, 1923; 1st, Superior, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Sons, of Sweetwater; 2nd, Stanway, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater; 3rd, Prince, owned by W. T. and C. W. Lewis of Blackwell.

Bulls calved between July 1 and September 30th, 1st, Stanway, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater; 2nd, Prince Y, owned by W. T. and C. W. Lewis of Blackwell.

Bulls calved between October 1st and December 31, 1923, 1st, Dandy Domino, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Sons of Sweetwater; 2nd, Boo Ston-

way, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater.

Bulls calved after January 1, 1924, 1st, Capitol Domino, J. D. Dulaney and Sons, of Sweetwater; 2nd, Primo, owned by W. T. and C. W. Lewis, of Blackwell; 3rd, William, owned by John Sears of Merkel.

In the Senior Champion Bull contest Diamond Stanway, owned by W. T. and C. W. Lewis, won the honors, and in the Junior Champion Bull contest Capitol Domino, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Sons, won the honors. The latter was the Grand Champion Bull.

Fine Cows Shown

Cows calved during or before 1921—1st, Bessie Bucknell, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater.

Heifers calved in 1922—1st, Freda Fairflax, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Sons; 2nd, Emily Fairflax, owned by Paul B. Sorenson of Sweetwater.

Heifers calved between January 1st and June 30, 1923—1st, Lady Domino, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Son of Sweetwater; 2nd, Pauline Stanway, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater; 3rd, Frances Lad, E. B. Herndon of Eskota.

Heifers calved after January 1, 1924—1st, Lady Leno, owned by D. F. Maberry; 2nd, Sunbeam, owned by D. F. Maberry; 3rd, Bessie Stanway, owned by Walter L. Boothe of Sweetwater.

Freda Fairflax, owned by J. D. Dulaney and Sons, won the Senior Champion honor; and Lady Leno, owned by D. F. Maberry, won the Junior and Grand Champion honors.

AMARILLO GLOBE EDITOR PRAISES FIRST ISSUE

The News Editor is in receipt of a personal letter from John L. McCarty, of the editorial department of The Amarillo Daily Globe, in which he praises the appearance and contents of the first issue of The News.

He says in part: "I enjoyed the first copy of your paper immensely and read it from cover to cover. You had a mighty fine paper, especially for the first issue. Although I don't think much of your proof-reader I understand that anything is likely to happen to a paper and to a newspaper plant during the first few months of its life. If I recall correctly there were 146 mistakes in the issue of The Globe, and we still grip out a paper with mistakes in it every day."

Phillips Gives Information On Poultry Incubation

By Frank R. Phillips

Head of The Department of Agriculture, West Texas State Teachers College.

Contrary to popular belief artificial incubation has been successfully practiced since prehistoric times—it was carried on by the ancient Egyptians in egg ovens where heat was secured by fermenting manure. Later fuel was substituted for the fermenting process. China had a similar system of incubation. In both countries certain families in the agricultural district hatched eggs for the neighborhood, as is attempted now sometimes in the large incubators of our present day.

Heat Most Important.

After one has secured the type of machine which he wishes to use, he must give careful attention to the heat supply. For farm use, most incubators are heated by means of kerosene lamps. I have found that many college students do not know how to operate a kerosene lamp. They often light the lamp and return a few minutes later to find the flame too high, at which they express surprise. For this reason, I have them attend to the lamp before they turn the eggs, and the proper adjustments which are necessary are made just before they leave the machine. We run our incubators two or four days before the eggs are placed in them. This offers an opportunity for us to discover the peculiarities of the different machines. We have found that it is necessary to have incubators level, that they might be in properly ventilated rooms and that they do best in rooms where the temperature is kept uniform. The larger the machine, the less trouble outside temperature variations will cause. We follow directions accompanying our machines.

It has been found that eggs under a hen vary in temperature from 101 to 104 degrees. The average temperature being approximately 103 degrees. If one is going to place the thermometers above the eggs, which is the most satisfactory place for it, he should try to run his machine at 103 degrees for the first two weeks, then run it to 103.5 or 104. It is more important to have the current temperature the first two weeks than the remainder of the time.

Many people who do not realize that it takes considerable time for eggs to warm after they have been cooled try to adjust machines too quickly and too often. Should the temperature go above 106 the eggs may be cooled to 101 for awhile. Temperatures should be read morning and night before attention has been given to the machine. If the incubator is kept at the correct temperature for two days before the eggs are placed in it, one can expect it to keep the correct temperature throughout the hatch and should not try to regulate it, unless unusual temperatures occur.

Avoid Sudden Temperature Changes.

When one is filling the egg chamber, he should not only have fertile eggs, but he should observe also the following precautions: First, avoid abrupt temperatures. If the eggs have been in a room with a temperature as low as 45 degrees they should be placed in another room having a temperature of 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit for a sufficient length of time to allow them to warm before they are placed in the incubator. Some suggest that they be kept on the small ends six or eight hours before they are placed in the machine. The second precaution to be observed is that eggs should not be piled on top of each other in the incubator; fill the bottom tray only. The temperature varies one degree each inch from the bottom of the machine; therefore, the eggs on top would get too hot.

Eggs should be cooled each day. Some experts recommend two coolings daily. The object is to imitate nature. In cooling, the egg has an opportunity to receive air which furnishes the required amount of oxygen. We begin cooling the fourth day and keep the eggs out five to eight minutes in a room having a temperature of from 60 to 70 degrees. We turn the eggs at the same time that we cool them. Our incubators are not opened after the nineteenth day.

Moisture Problem Serious

We have never been able to work out a satisfactory system for moisture control suitable to West Texas climatic conditions. We have not tried any of the patented apparatus advertised for this purpose. Others claim that they can determine when their eggs need moisture by means of the amount of air space in the egg. Such a condition can be detected only after many experiments and long years of work in the field. Our theory is that it is better to have too much

moisture than too little. We solve this problem as best we can by keeping shallow vessels with moist sand in our machines at all times.

Experiment station records show that increasing moisture supply has increased the percentage of eggs hatched from 62 in dry to 70 in moist machines, that moist machines produced more vigorous chicks, that chickens from wet machines were more successfully brooded, the percentage being 52 to 89 in favor of the moist machines. Mr. Moore, who is in charge of the poultry project for our department, thinks that the humidity can not be kept too high under average conditions of Randall county.

Test All Eggs

Where only one incubator is being run on a farm, testing is not as essential as where several machines are being run, and all possible space is needed. Most poultrymen agree that the most opportune times for making tests are on the seventh and sixteenth days. Testing may be done by using any kind of a light. We cut a hole in an oatmeal box and let the light globe down into the box in a dark room, and secure fair results. If one is interested in chick development, he will find that the third day shows interesting conditions. A study of the air cell will give one an idea as to the moisture needs; however, we have never seen an egg under West Texas conditions in which the air cell indicated there was too much moisture.

Don't Open Incubator While

Hatching

The greatest trouble we have in keeping the students from opening the machines during the hatching periods. A uniform temperature of 103.5 degrees is essential at this time. Most poultrymen recommend that the glass in front of the door be kept covered during the hatching in order that the chicks may be more contented. The chicks should not be removed until thirty-six hours after one expects all eggs to be hatched. Their first feed should be fine grit and oat meal; this will stimulate the digestive system of the chicks. If one does not have proper grit, he should secure it from a reliable feed store before the chickens are hatched. The cost of the grit will be of minimum importance when compared with the results obtained from its use.

NEW WEEKLY PAPER

Nolan County has a new weekly newspaper. The Nolan County News, published at Sweetwater by the Watson-Focht Printing Co.

Luther M. Watson is manager and Frank P. Hill is editor. The first issue came to our desk last week and was a very creditable paper in every way. It was full of live news such as is of interest to every citizen of Nolan County, and we are sure ever succeeding issue will be well worth reading.

Mr. Watson has been engaged in the commercial printing business in Sweetwater for the past several years and has made an outstanding success at his trade.

Frank Hill is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Hill, former editor of The Roscoe Times, and is well qualified to fill the editor's chair, having been practically reared in a newspaper shop and having taken special training in the work at Canyon Normal.

We wish for the new paper the success that the publishers deserve. —Roscoe Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Arledge of Bronco and Ed Arledge of Abilene were in Sweetwater Monday attending the Hereford Show.

Germany's Champ Skater



Frau Brockhoef, champion woman skater of Germany, who will represent her country in the international contests in Christiana on February 11 and in Manchester, England, on February 28.

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Building Filling Stations At Roscoe

Two new brick filling stations are under construction at Roscoe. John Hastings and E. E. Mathis are rebuilding a new brick drive-in station just west of the business part of town on the highway. The station will be first-class in every detail and will contain a ladies' rest room.

Ney Sheridan of Sweetwater is remodeling the old Farmers State Bank building into an up-to-date filling station. Mr. Fewell, also of Sweetwater will operate the business.

HAVE A NEW GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Matthews are the proud parents of a beautiful little nine and one-half pound girl, born at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Matthews is connected with the Wright Furniture and Undertaking Company.

Will Hancock, general manager of Petty Brothers, Hico, was here Tuesday visiting Cobb Wallace of the Wright Furniture Company. Messrs. Hancock and Wallace are old time friends.

C. L. Moore of Roscoe attended the Nolan County Hereford Breeders Show and Sale held here last Monday.

College Basketball Teams Pass Thru

The Buffalo Basketball team from the West Texas State Teachers College passed through Sweetwater Sunday night enroute to Abilene where they are to play two games each with Simons College, Abilene Christian College and McMurray College.

The Buffalos, who won the Texas Interscholastic Athletic Association championship last year, have played seventeen games this year and have not lost but one.

The Buffs have already defeated Simmons in two games played at Canyon by decisive scores, and they hope that the same story may be told of the Abilene games. Their standing in the T. I. A. A., previous to the Abilene games this week, was .875.

The team is composed of Hale, Crump, Fuller, Hill (Capt.), Hern, Stone and McVicker.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Upton left Wednesday morning for Marlin where Mrs. Upton will take baths and treatment for rheumatism. Brother Upton will return to Roscoe by March 7th, and will fill his pulpit on March 8th. Bro. Upton asked us to announce that Rev. Lloyd Neely will preach next Sunday at morning and evening hours. He urged that every one hear him, especially the young people. —Roscoe Times.

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We wish to thank the people of the town for their gracious support and good will during our carnival. It is that willing support for which we strive in every thing we do. We certainly appreciate it.

HONOR ROLL

(By Fannie Levy)

For the last term of our school work, it was found that twenty-seven pupils made straight "A" reports. These people have been put on our Honor Roll. They are as follows:

Seniors—Monte Caine, Vera Elliott, Loraine Kelm, and Fannie Levy.

Juniors—Vivian Boyd, Aivin Kendrick and Paul McGlothing.

Sophomores—Howard Duff, Royce Farris, Alta Mae Anderson, Mildred Bardwell, and Margaret Morrow.

Freshman—Alva Barrett, Eugene Hardin, Charles Stamps, Jack Sublett, Giles Bradford, Virginia Bowyer, Bernice Cundiff, Ruth Dudgeon, Hazel Greer, Adala Lassiter, Dwight Moody, Jean Moroney, Doris Samms, James McAdams, and Fairy Harris.

Seventh Graders—Ira Dee Anderson, Louise Bradford, Lucile Cauten, Josephine Coleman, Mary Crutcher, Dorothy Davis, and Jewell Jones.

FACULTY AND SENIORS

WILL PLAY GAME

There will be a baseball game some time right away between the faculty and the seniors. Be sure and see the game. The performance of some of the members of the faculty will be worth going a great distance to see, don't miss it. Watch this paper for the date.

A CHALLENGE

The Senior Class has issued a challenge to all grades in the High School to a track meet, to be held at the High School Thursday, March 12th. Come out and support your favorite class.

SCHOOL PERSONALS

Mr. McLain spent several minutes of the physical training period Monday training Jack Henry for a high jumper.

Leah Edwards has returned to school after several weeks of illness. Mr. and Mrs. McLain enjoyed a visit from their nephew, Earl Schumann from Rowena.

We wonder why Mr. Ward's check last month was made out to Mrs. Rufus C. Ward. When did all this happen?

Clara Belle, Joseph, Helen and Robert played baseball Sunday afternoon. They must be training for the track meet.

Mr. Freeman is recovering from night when James Payne stepped on his foot.

How did Ralph Wright know that the flag which was put up Saturday night, was not made up of the Junior colors? We wonder.

Can any one tell us why Willard got in home so late Saturday night? Trying to compromise eh, Willard?

GIRLS' TRACK MEET

For the first time in several years an interclass track meet will be held among the students of Sweetwater High School. The date set for the meet is Thursday, March 5, 1925.

Many girls have already entered the track events designated for them. Class rivalries begun in the Carnival Queen race are now manifest in athletic stunts. Events open to the girls of the local high school will be:

- 1st—30 yard dash.
- 2nd—50 yard dash.
- 3rd—120 yard relay.
- 4th—Baseball throw for distance.
- 5th—Basketball throw for distance.
- 6th—The baseball relay with six girls on each team.
- 7th—High jump.
- 8th—Broad jump.
- 9th—The old reliable potato race.

Each event will have three or more entrants, some of whom hold records in this district, as well as Oklahoma and elsewhere. There is much good material to draw from for a girls' track meet in the high school, including the basketball girls. The daily classes in physical training are doing a great work to foster further development of girls athletics, which is often unwisely neglected in high schools.

SUPERINTENDENT MCLAIN TALKS IN CHAPEL

(By Gregory Moroney)

We opened chapel Monday, the entire student body repeating the Lord's prayer, led by Superintendent McLain. Following this Mr. McLain discussed the out come of the Colonial Tea. The features he mentioned as being attractive were: That there was cordial assistance from both teachers and pupils, pre-venting the burden being on one person; that every one seemed to enjoy himself immensely; that the financial returns—some-where near five hundred dollars would pay up debts of long standing for students activities and finance all required for the remainder of the year; and especially, the class loyalty evidenced by all classes. He said: "If we just keep that spirit in classes for each class and among all for the school, we can not be stopped. We're started now. Just keep it up and Sweetwater will have the best school in West Texas." The Junior class was congratulated and given a rising compliment for the manner in which they put over their princess for Queen. The good spirit was shown by every student rising to give this vote.

Mr. Neinst then gave the joyful tidings to the school that the school board had asked Mr. McLain to stay two more years. This news was received with great applause by the students, who think to much of Mr. McLain to give him up under any circumstances. The chapel was closed with the singing of a number of songs led by Mr. Freeman.

TRACK PRACTICE

Track practice in the local high school has been under way for about three weeks, and indications are very bright for a winning team. New men are showing up each day, and it is hoped that before the end of the week there will be twenty five men out.

In Merlin Toler, we have the best all round track man that we have ever had, and, as captain of the team, he is going to do his best to see that we have a winning team. Merlin was high point man in the county meet last year and won for himself the right to go to the State meet. He is a sprinter capable of making the 100 in close to ten seconds and the other dashes in near record time. Aside from this he high jumps over five feet, broad jumps over 21 feet, and vaults ten feet or more, which we all think is good for a high school athlete.

We also have some other men that are very good in the dashes. Dick Mitchell, Burton Herring and Bill Sheridan are among the best.

In the mile and half-mile Armand Castevens, Marshall Willis, R. L. Allen, Tommie Hardin, Joe Hamlet, Elton Taylor, Arthur Brians, Robert McKissick, Claude Wilson, Holland Mitchell, and Leo Sheppard are doing well.

In the weights are Schumann and Beall, and Bowen. Each are putting the shot and throwing the discuss good distances and should develop more with time.

AMERICAN LEGION AND WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DONATE FLAG

(By Ralph Shaffer)

The American Legion and Woman's Auxiliary have given the Sweetwater High School a large American flag and a fifty foot steel flag pole. They will present them to its High School in connection with a program probably the last of this week or the first of next week. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Further announcement concerning this will be made in the city papers.

MRS. McCURDY AWAY

Mrs. J. A. McCurdy is in Corsicana attending a family reunion and the Golden Wedding Anniversary of her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lee. While Mrs. McCurdy is away Secretary McCurdy is high boss of the office as well as chief stenographer.

ORGANIZE AND START BASEBALL TRAINING

(By Merlin Toler)

On Tuesday of last week the boys of the High School met and organized for the coming season of baseball and track. Merlin Toler was elected captain for both divisions, and baseball practice was started that afternoon.

As practically the same boys that are coming out for the track team are coming out for baseball. A plan was formed whereby track should be practiced two days and baseball three days each week.

With the material that is out and the others that are coming out later, the prospects for a winning baseball team this year are indeed bright. The Sweetwater High School team hopes to give the city some games that will compare favorably with any that have been played since the passing of the Swaters of the West Texas league.

It was impossible to get a complete list of the boys and their positions but the following is enough to make any West Texas team hop. For catcher, we have Arthur (Birdseed) Brian, who is doing the most notable work. Frank Roberts seems unusually good in obeying orders and working his head. Leo Sheppard stays in there and is willing to go any time. Among the first basemen, we have Willard Schumann, who has been handicapped by a sore finger, and Orville Cage, Orville has a good chance, but Willard has the advantage in size. Merlin Toler, who alternated last year between first and second, is scaring the other boys. At second Day Roy and Bill Sheridan both showed up well for the scouts last year. Day fields well, but Bill is somewhat better hitter. At the hot corner, Russell Henry and Jack McClain are both good, but Iky shades Jack on size and peg. At short, Harold Homer, John Bledsoe and Earl Webb are trying, but Earl will have to be used as a pitcher, which may eliminate him as a possibility at short. Several hard hitters are out for the out field. Dick Mitchell, a three year man and dependable hitter, ought to have a cinch. Castevens, Boyles, Allen, Taylor, Risinger, Morrow, Duff Wright, and Woods are trying. Burton Herring and Earl Webb are the best bets for pitchers. Burton is a Portside hurler with some tantalizing curves, but he needs to acquire more control. Earl pitches from the starboard, and has a world of speed with unusually good control.

New uniforms have arrived. They are mighty pretty gray with a light stripe and a red "S" on the left breast. Red socks and caps finish a classy uniform. All the boys are anxious to be the regular wearers.

Of course, there is always a fly in the ointment. No boy can expect to play unless he makes his passes. For a few of those above mentioned that fact casts a heavy shadow.

Judge R. C. Crane was in Roby Thursday.

Winner in Squash Tourney



Photograph shows Stuart M. Sperry of the Princeton club squash team, winner of the Class C championship, who defeated Milton Baron of the City Athletic club in the third round of the Princeton club tourney.

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THE WISE MEN

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
 Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

THIS is a day of wisdom and we all have to do with wise men of all sorts. Self-interest is perhaps the most common sort of wisdom. We hear from "all sides the necessity of looking out for Number One, the obligation one is under to take care of himself, and the utter foolishness of spending good money on anything without getting an adequate return. "All for one" is the motto of such a wise man, and the one he has in mind is himself.

Jimmy and I were having a little conversation about certain rather questionable proceedings of which he had been a part. Jimmy belonged to an organization, and he and it were in trouble.

"I don't care about the other fellows," he asserted. "What they do doesn't concern me. I'm interested entirely in clearing myself. I learned long ago that the main thing is to take care of yourself." His point of view is not an uncommon one among men of wisdom, but it will not go far toward bringing "peace on earth and good will toward men." The wisdom of self-interest and of selfishness is a poor wisdom that robs us of the sweetest pleasures of life.

The wise men who brought their gifts to the Christ Child had come a long way over barren desert roads. They were following an ideal, and in order to realize it they were willing to make sacrifices, to endure hardships, and to face dangers. The gifts they brought represented the best they had, the most precious things they could buy, and they laid them willingly at the feet of the Child.

There is no star shining in the west for us today, perhaps, and we may have neither gold nor frankincense nor myrrh, but there is about us everywhere opportunity for sacrifice, for remembering kindnesses, for thinking and doing for others, for showing the Christian spirit. For they are the true Wise Men who spend themselves, who realize that it is withholding that impoverishes and giving unselfishly that enriches.

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Attendance Short At Training Course

Attendance at the Nolan County Boy Scout Leadership Training Course last Tuesday night was cut short due to the many other activities in the city. Eighteen men were present at the meeting, nine of them coming from Roscoe.

Scout games opened the program. This was followed by patrol contests such as "Over and Under Pass Ball," and individual contests such as "Swat the Fly," "Hand Wrestling," and "Tractor Pull." A period was given to the singing of Scout songs. The men taking the course are week by week becoming better Boy Scouts, and by the time the course is completed they will be prepared to take hold of real Scout work.

The keeping of records, one of the hardest jobs for the Scouts to do, was studied. The system of Chas. F. Smith, of Teachers College, Columbia, was studied. Smith, who is an experienced scoutmaster, first tried this system out on his New York troupe and proved it to be very successful before he offered it to the field.

"Interest in all four counties of the Buffalo Trail Council," says Scout Executive, W. S. Barcus, "is very satisfactory and request has already been received for the organization of six new troupes in the district, the organizations to be perfected within the next sixty days."

Mr. Barcus says twenty men were present at the meeting at Colorado Monday night, and nineteen at the Snyder meeting Sunday afternoon. No meeting was held at Roby Thursday night due to a big sandstorm which blew up in the afternoon.

COLORADO MAN PREACHES TO LOCAL CONGREGATION

Rev. B. F. Etesos, of Colorado, preached at the Episcopal church evening at 7:30 o'clock. A number of the members of the congregation heard Bro. Etesos.

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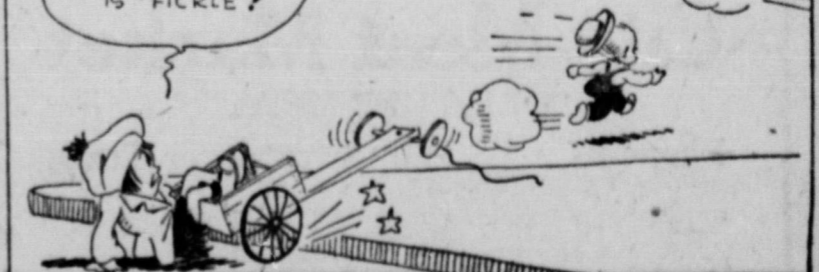
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