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Things That Pertain To —

"Just Us"

— Serious And Not So Serious

Our apologies to the old timers of Sonora. For the past two weeks we have omitted our regular feature, "35 Years Ago," due to the fact that we simply overlooked an interesting part of our news columns. Our attention has been called to the omission, and we promise we will be extra careful in future to see that the record of days gone by is printed in our every issue.

With this issue of the News, we are glad to announce that Mrs. Raymond Morgan is connected with the newspaper in the capacity of society editor. Women of the town who would like to see the social events of the community properly recorded, can be of great assistance to Mrs. Morgan if they will make it a point to call her at the News office and tell her of the social happenings. The paper will be better for it, too.

One of the most progressive developments in the city in recent months is the removal of the antiquated lighting system in the county court house, and replacing it with the most advanced system, a complete installation of fluorescent light. Each room in the court house, including the district court room, has the modern lights installed, and the effect is as daylight even after night.

Swede Johnson of Ozona was a visitor in Sonora Sunday. In commenting on the appearance of the town, Mr. Johnson stated that it

was his impression that Sonora is one of the best towns in this section of Texas, with which we heartily agree.

Many fishermen have been taking advantage of the open season and the unusually warm weather to take off for the forks of the creek on angling expeditions. Fair luck has been reported thus far, and as the season and warm weather advances, many more of the finny tribe are likely to be outgussed in that most fascinating guessing game—angling—or just plain fishin'.

J. Ralph Stewart of San Angelo, with the Texas Securities Commission, and secretary of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, was in Sonora Saturday evening on his way home from a directors meeting of the TAGRA at Uvalde. Mr. Stewart stated that the annual show and sale of the association scheduled at Uvalde gives indication of being one of the best in history of the organization, with the sales part of the program being unusually attractive. Many visitors from Sonora are expected in Uvalde at the convention and sale, it is reported.

The Grace Draper Beauty Shop and the City Variety Store are two business concerns which are getting ready for warm weather by the installation of air conditioning units. The work is being done through the West Texas Utilities Company.

Cub Pack Charter Displayed At The Corner Drug Store

The charter for Cub Pack No. 19, displayed in a window of the Corner Drug Store, carries the following information, concerning the groups and individuals which are sponsoring and carrying forward the work devoted to the boys of the community:

Sponsor, Brotherhood Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church.

Cubmaster, Dearl Beard. Assistant Cubmaster, Boyd Caffey.

Den Mothers, Mrs. Willie Andrews, Mrs. Earl Merck, Mrs. Tom Bond, Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary and Mrs. H. C. Atchison, Jr.

Pack Committee: A. H. Adkins, Chairman; Geo. D. Chalk, George J. Trainer, Frank Bond, Collier Shurley and V. T. Hamilton.

Sonora Sends Delegates To Lions Convention

Sonora will be well represented at the Corpus Christi convention which began Thursday morning, and will extend until Sunday. Making the trip from here to officially represent the local Lions Club are the following: H. V. Stokes, Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and Lavelle Meckel, the latter two being on the program of the convention for entertainment features, the three leaving early Wednesday morning; and Wallace Dameron, Joe Berger, W. R. Cusenbary, George E. Smith and John L. Nisbet, all of whom left Wednesday afternoon for the coastal resort city to enjoy and participate in the convention.

MRS. MURPHY ILL

Mrs. Clara Murphy has been ill for several days at her home.

ALDWELLS VISIT OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell left Tuesday for Oklahoma City to attend a meeting of the executives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. John L. Nisbet was in San Angelo Monday.

City Variety Store Completes New Installations

F. J. Wood, proprietor of the City Variety Store, announces that renovation of his store, and installation of new fixtures, work on which has been under way for several weeks, has now been completed, and as a result the store now presents a metropolitan appearance compared to the old. In addition to new display counters, two air conditioners of 4,000-foot capacity have been installed, the units being capable of completely renewing the air in the building every two minutes. New floor matings of rubber have been placed down each aisle, and the remainder of the floor has been painted with brown concrete dye to improve its appearance. Customers and friends of the store are invited to inspect the new improvements.

Rev. K. P. Barton Will Deliver Baccalaureate

Superintendent F. T. Jones announces this week that plans have been completed for the commencement exercises closing the current term of school with the selection of Rev. K. P. Barton, superintendent of the San Angelo district, and a former pastor of Methodist churches at Milford, Gorman, Austin, Houston, San Angelo and elsewhere, to preach the baccalaureate sermon next Sunday, May 12. The service is expected to begin at eight o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Barton is a native Texan, trained at Georgetown, and he has risen to an enviable position in the church of which he is so able a member and laborer. His reputation is wide, and his ability is unquestioned. Hearers at the baccalaureate sermon next Sunday evening are assured that a better selection could hardly have been made.

Aged Pioneer Dies Saturday; Burial Sunday

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Sunday afternoon for Miss Keziah Barksdale, a resident of Sutton county for more than 40 years. Rev. R. F. Davis, pastor of the Sonora Methodist Church, was in charge of the service, which was held at the Halbert ranch, home of the deceased for the past 35 years. Robert Massie Company and Joe Berger, local funeral home operator, had charge of the interment in Sonora cemetery. Miss Barksdale died at six p. m. Saturday.

Miss Barksdale was an aunt of the late Mrs. B. M. Halbert, and had been confined to her bed for many months. She was a daughter of Mary Louise Gilliland and Louis Barksdale, natives of England, who emigrated to Texas in the early years of the century. Miss Barksdale was born near Lockhart, Caldwell county, August 16, 1851, living there until the beginning of the Civil War, at which time she moved with her family to a ranch near Pleasanton. Later she moved with her family to Barksdale, in southern Edwards county, and being the only young lady in the community, the town was named after her. The town was laid out and established in the early 1870s.

Active pallbearers were J. D. Lowrey, R. C. Vicars, Joe Brown, Ross, R. L. Barker, John Fields, and Fred Simmons.

Friends of the aged pioneer grieve to learn of her passing.

STERLING BAKER ILL

Mr. Sterling Baker has been receiving treatment in Christoval. It is reported the he is doing nicely.

Savell Lee Sharp visited in Alpine last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ray and little daughter were visitors last Sunday at Christoval, where "Shorty" managed to get in a little fishing.

MAIN SPEAKER



HON. O. C. FISHER

Commencement Will Be Featured By Fisher Address

Hon. O. C. Fisher of San Angelo, district attorney for the 51st Judicial District, has been chosen to feature the commencement exercises at the close of school, and will be the speaker of the evening at that function. Mr. Fisher, whose picture appears above, is well and favorably known to Sutton county residents, has been actively identified with the legal profession in this section for many years, and is an able and interesting speaker. His hearers are sure to thoroughly enjoy his address—and the graduating class of Sonora High School will profit from the sound advice and information which he will extend during the course of his address.

Commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday evening, May 17, at the high school auditorium, and it is expected that an unusually large crowd will attend and listen to Mr. Fisher.

Man Hit By Truck Dies In Hospital At San Angelo

Earl Abner Lowe, 28, Crystal City trucker, run over by a truck near Sonora on Ozona highway Wednesday, died early Monday morning in a San Angelo hospital.

Slate Highway Patrolman Glenn Warner, who investigated the accident, said Lowe and several other men were gathered about two trucks pulled off on the south side of the road about 10 miles west of Sonora. One of two trucks coming over a hill swerved toward the borrow pit and Lowe, who had started for the pit, was struck by the trailer, Warner said.

Patrolman Warner said charges of violating the law of the road have been filed against F. J. McFadin of Sierra Blanca, driver of the truck.

Lowe's body was sent overland to Crystal City Tuesday morning in a Massie funeral coach. Services will be held at the Baptist Church there but the day or time have not been set.

Lowe was a native Texas and had lived in Crystal City 20 years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge there.

Survivors include the wife, Isla D. Lowe of Crystal City; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lowe of Crystal City; two brothers, Terry and John D. Lowe of Crystal City; and two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Roberson of Kilgore and Mrs. Jimmie Mang of Crystal City.

CORRECTION

In last week's issue we inadvertently omitted, due to a typographical error, the names of two seniors, Dock Simmons and Robert Sawyer, who were present at the Senior Reception given by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Jones honoring the Senior Class of 1940. We regret that the omission occurred. Also, concerning the Pan-American Club entertainment at the Hotel McDonald, our list of those attending did not include the name of Richard Boughton, who was present at the affair.

Census Count Is Not Yet Complete; Few Days Are Left

Final returns on the 1940 census for Sonora and Sutton county are not yet available and Mrs. Jack Neill, enumerator, requests that she be notified if any person has not yet been counted. The census reports will not be forwarded to Kerrville headquarters for a day or so yet, as she has been very busy re-checking her files to be sure that no one has been missed. Shortly after the reports are sent in to district headquarters of the census at Kerrville, it is thought that a preliminary report of the population of the town and county will be made available.

In discussing the desirability for everyone in the community to be listed under the census, it was pointed out by Mrs. Neill that should the population reach above 2500, Sonora then will be classified as a city rather than a rural community, which will result in added business, a larger trade territory for the town, more publicity with attendant growth, and many other distinct advantages not possessed by any community which, because of not having reached city classification, can not claim them.

While it is not known just what figure Sonora is approximating from a population standpoint, it is felt that the town will far exceed that of ten years ago. At the same time, if those who have not yet been listed will call Mrs. Neill and advise her of the fact, the chance for increasing the population of the town to city classification figures will be much better.

Myron Morris Will Represent Sonora In Declamation

In connection with the story appearing elsewhere in this issue regarding the "My Home Town" contest being sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, it has been learned that the contest this year is creating more interest than at any time in the past. It is expected that at least one hundred towns will be represented in the contest, there having been 76 entries last year in the same contest.

Myron Morris, whose essay is reprinted in full in other columns of this issue, is representing Sonora, and will go to Big Spring, the convention city, to deliver his essay on Thursday, May 16. Should he be successful in entering the finals of the contest he will deliver the address again on the following Saturday. Going to Big Spring with Myron is J. H. Flathers, his coach.

All entries in the contest will be divided into groups of 25 each, from which will be selected in the preliminaries the best two out of each group, who will enter the finals Saturday to decide the winner.

Awards in the contest have been set as follows: First place, Thomas Etheridge cup and \$25 in cash; second place, \$15 in cash; third, fourth, fifth and sixth places, \$10 each.

FREE BARBECUE IS SCHEDULED FOR STATION B

Word has been received that preparations are complete for the annual free barbecue to be given May 17 by employees of the Humble Pipe Line at Station B, down Junction way. Included on the program of entertainment and activities for the afternoon is a softball game scheduled for 2:30 in the afternoon, and the huge free barbecue to be served at 6:30 in the evening.

The general public is given a cordial invitation to attend this annual free barbecue and attendant entertainment features.

PAT LYLES' DAUGHTER ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lyles carried their small daughter, who is ill, to San Angelo Monday.

LIONS REPORT ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS

Meeting at the Baptist Church Tuesday for their regular weekly luncheon, members and visitors of the Lions enjoyed an excellent program rendered by pupils of Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, under the direction of Miss Rena McQuary.

One of the most interesting phases of the business session was the report by John L. Nisbet, membership chairman, in which he stated that four new members had been signed this week, bringing the total to an even for the local club group, surpassing, so far as known, an other club within international organization in a town of similar size. The four new members signed were Cecil H. Allen, M. M. Stokes, Dock Friend and G. G. Stephenson.

Several other matters of business were transacted, which were of interest to those present.

John W. Martin Buried Here Wednesday

Funeral services were held at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon for John W. Martin, with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Rev. R. C. Brinkley had charge of the service, which was conducted from the home of Mrs. Harvey Morris, a daughter of the deceased.

Mr. Martin was born October 17, 1867, and died May 8, 1940, in Del Rio, at the home of a son, John L. Martin, being aged 72 years, five months and nine days at the time of death. He was married in 1888 to Miss Annie Purcell, and to the union were born 13 children, four of whom preceded him in death. Mr. Martin had been a resident of this section for many years before moving to Brawley, California, where he had resided for the past sixteen years.

Pallbearers at the funeral Wednesday afternoon were John D. Lowrey, Neil Roueche, Joe C. Norris, T. R. Driskill, G. G. Stephenson, W. E. Caldwell, W. E. Wallace and Orion Brown.

Surviving relatives include the widow; seven sons, W. D. of Sonora; J. L. of Del Rio; D. A. of Santa Anna, Calif. Clyde, Clifford, Clifton and Milton, all of Brawley, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Morris of Sonora and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Big Bear City, California; in addition to which there are eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ellen Green Dies Sunday; Buried In Sonora Cemetery

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Emma Ellen Green, who died early Sunday morning following an illness of several days.

Rev. R. C. Brinkley was in charge of the funeral services, conducted at the home at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, with interment made in the Sonora cemetery.

Mrs. Green was born December 25, 1854, and was aged at the time of death 85 years, four months and ten days. She was married in 1871 to Mr. Wayne Purcell, to which union were born three children. In 1879 she was married to Mr. J. M. Green, and seven children were born to the latter union.

Mrs. Green had been a member of the Baptist church for many years and during her Christian life had been actively identified with every good work to further the cause of her Master. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Martin, Brawley, Calif.; Mrs. A. J. Owens and Mrs. R. I. Hallum, both of Sonora; three sons, D. A. Purcell, Christoval, Sam Green, Fabens and John Green, Sonora; and 34 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers were Carl Purcell, Jesse Green Barton, Johnnie Martin, W. D. Martin, and Wilson Owens.

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SENIOR TRIP

It's over! That long talked-of and looked-forward to Senior Trip. It was a tried, but happy, group of eighteen Seniors, five room mothers, the sponsor, the Superintendent and his wife that drove into Sonora Sunday night declaring they had spent a delightful week-end.

The adventuresome three-day's trip assumed proportions of importance when the crowd made a short stop in Austin, where they climbed up the steps to the dome of the State Capitol. The crowd enjoyed a short drive around the University of Texas campus looking at the buildings.

The destination of the trip was reached when the party drove into Galveston Friday afternoon. Swimming in the Gulf was the thing of most importance it seemed. Since this was the first time for many of the group to be in salt water we greatly enjoyed the experience. Early Saturday morning up with the sun, the cheerful bunch visited the Coast Guard Station, and the Military Reserve. This was especially interesting to some of the students.

The boat trip scheduled for two o'clock was very successful. While the boat was encircling the harbor, the party enjoyed seeing a number of foreign ships, and two United States destroyers. The boat trip took us beyond the ten mile zone.

The history-loving students were all pleased with the old Civil War Officers homes in Galveston. Those who weren't so interested in history had to admit that the buildings were beautiful.

Leaving Galveston about four-thirty, the next important stop was at San Jacinto Battlefield. The group went to the top of San Jacinto Monument in an elevator and looked down on Houston and Galveston from 570 feet elevation.

The party reaching Houston rather late Saturday night, enjoyed thoroughly, dinner at Houston's most exclusive restaurant Ship Ahoy. After dinner a theatre party as guests of the Southern Engraving Company was very entertaining to the crowd.

Sunday morning we had a short trip seeing the city of Houston and visiting Hermann Park before we started for home. The long, but successful trip home was broken with a short stop in San Antonio,

visiting the Alamo, and Breckenridge Park. Most of you who stayed home know when the Senior group reached our own Sonora Sunday night.

CLASS DAY PROGRAM

The Senior Class presented its regular class day program Thursday of last week at the assembly hour. Myron Morris acted as master of ceremonies, introducing each speaker. The program was the typical program from a humorous viewpoint.

Typical synopsis was given by Libby Jo Wallace. Dock Simmons, the class poet, read from his book of poems. Marjorie Davis gave Dr. Howell's report of what the Senior mind is composed of scientifically. Rex Hutcherson gave the General Average of the Senior Class (not very high) supposedly written by Mr. Lightfoot. Nelson Stubblefield read the Class Will, explaining how the Senior belongings would be distributed among the lowerclassmen. And last, Mildred Trainer gave a class prophecy, telling what each Senior has done, where he is, etc. fifty years hence.

PERSONALS

O. L. Richardson was in Austin Friday to participate in the State Meet.

Patsy Gilmore was in Austin Friday.

Mr. Sharp spent the week-end in Alpine.

That Senior Bunch went to Galveston and around. Darn it!

Willie Nell Hale visited in San Angelo Saturday.

The rest of the bunch stayed home and watched "Cinco de Mayo."

PAN AMERICAN CLUB

At the last regular meeting of the Sonora Pan American Club on May 2, Spanish American heroes were discussed. Opal Randle gave an interesting account of the life of Simon Bolivar, the South American Liberator. Doris Keene spoke on Benito Juarez and Jamie Trainer told the club of Maximilian

and Carlota. Miss Johnnie Allison, Club sponsor, told the students of having visited Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City where she saw the bedroom of Carlota as it was when she used it during Maximilian's reign in Mexico.

Rex Hutcherson, treasurer, reported that the club has \$14.95 which will be carried over to begin the work next September.

Miss Allison expressed her appreciation to the officers of the club for their co-operation during the year.

Delegates to the National Convention in Biloxi were discussed, but it was decided not to try to send delegates to the Convention.

The national paper, "The American Student," has just been received and Sonora Chapter news appears in this issue.

The state convention will be held in Denton, Texas, next March and the club expects to have a large delegation at that time.

The SIDEWINDER

Kathleen was an interested admirer of the Zoo Sunday in San Antonio!! We wonder why??

Willie Nell ask Myron whose picture is next to yours??

Mary Jo, what do you mean by going with a certain boy Sunday night??

We hear Doris McDaniel enjoyed herself Sunday night. Could it have been her company??

We wonder who was the reason why Sue was in such a hurry to get home Sunday night??

It's been said that Vina is unhappy this week. Could it be that the aviator hasn't written her??

A certain Senior girl was very anxious to read a certain letter Sunday night!! We wonder why??

Dock, you must explain things to Sam next time!!

And, by the way, Sam, why were you in a great haste to see Bessie?

Why didn't Mildred and Louise get home early Sunday night?

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Some Improvement Noted In Woolen Mill Operations

The receipt of initial specifications on men's heavyweight fabrics has permitted some improvement to take the place in wool mill operations following nearly a half year of decline. Activity previously had dropped to the lowest level in twenty months. The new season thus far has been only fairly satisfactory as regards volume and prices and the mills have accumulated only a moderate backlog of orders equal to about two-thirds the year-end figure and well below the amount of business normally on the books at this time of year. Nearly one-half a normal fall season's business remains to be placed and since time is drawing near for making deliveries to clothing manufacturers, there may be some piling up of orders in the closing weeks of the season. Cloth prices recently have shown a firming tendency as a result of an improvement in sentiment but quotations continue to lag below the level at which the bulk of the lightweight season was booked. Prospects for the woolen mills are reported to compare favorably with the outlook for worsteds. Retail clothing sales meanwhile have lagged under the influence of unseasonable weather and clothiers are hesitant about making forward commitments.

A wide diversity of opinion regarding the outlook for raw wool prices is reported in the local trade. A few representative dealers whose inventories have been well liquidated are paying steady to rising prices in the West. Shearing operations have been delayed by poor weather, however, and only a small portion of the new clip has been sold. Other purchasers who are more cautiously awaiting developments as the domestic clip moves to market, point out that wool now is priced about 25 per cent over a year ago, which is slightly higher than in rise in general commodity

prices during that period, whereas stocks of wool in the hands of manufacturers and top makers are larger than in April 1939. There is also some question regarding the outlook for consumption in the near future as compared with the cor-

of this difference of opinion is attributed to the difficulty in accurately appraising the long-term effect of the European war on the domestic market.

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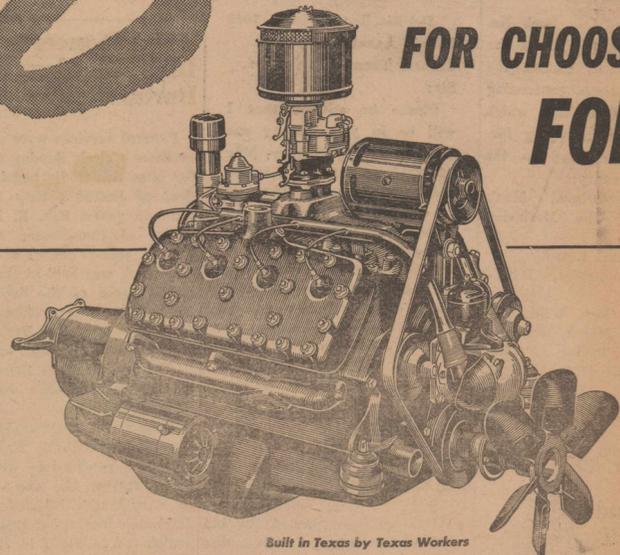
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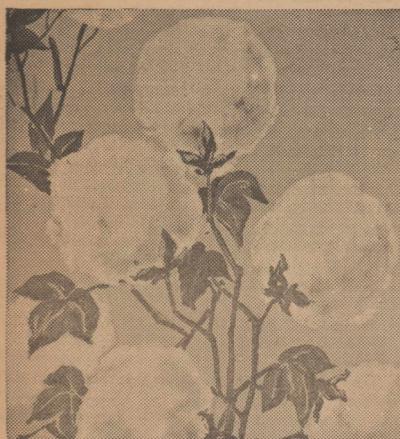
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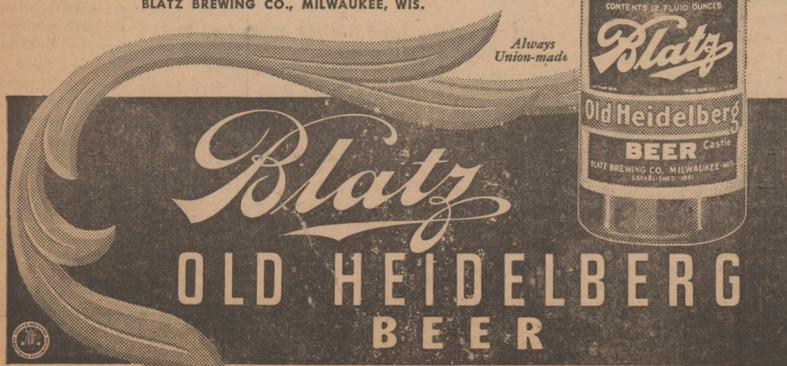
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Uvalde Show and Sale Reported As Best In Years

Final and complete plans were announced at the end of last week for the show and sale to be held in Uvalde by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers' Association, at the quarterly meeting of the directors of the group held in that city. The annual event has prospects of being the best ever staged by the association, with the sale featuring fully five hundred animals in the various classes.

With activities scheduled to begin July 30, the second full classification Angora sale will be gotten under way before an unusually large attendance of ranchmen and others interested in the development of the Angora industry in this state. In addition to the show and sale features of the annual affair, directors have voted to include a number of entertainment features, including a shearing contest to stress the necessity of proper and efficient shearing of goats. A committee to handle affairs of the contest was named by the directors.

A new show and exposition grounds had been prepared for the annual show this year, affording excellent facilities to care for the increased exhibits and to provide proper handling of animals scheduled for entry into the auction ring. Approximately \$15,000 had been spent in making the grounds everything that could be desired.

The show and sale will extend from July 30 through August 3.

License Plates Ordered by State

The State Highway Commission announced Monday that the order for 1941 license plates has been placed with the State Prison System which manufactures the plates according to specifications prepared by the highway department.

Passenger car plates will be black with numerals of gold. The truck and other series of plates will be the reverse, gold with numerals of black. These color combinations were selected because of high visibility and proven durability.

The manufacture and distribution of three and one-half million plates is a job of considerable magnitude, requiring careful preparation and constant inspection.

Myron Morris and Coach Flathers Enter "My Home Town" Contest Sponsored By West Texas Chamber of Commerce

Below is reproduced in full the essay which will be delivered by Myron Morris Tuesday, May 16, at Big Spring, the occasion being the West Texas Chamber of Commerce "My Home Town" Contest. The essay was prepared entirely without assistance by Myron, and should have an excellent chance to bring first place to the Sonora entry:

"MY HOME TOWN"

By MYRON MORRIS

A panorama of the Edwards Plateau reveals wide valleys and picturesque hills, a sculptural handiwork of God, carved throughout the ages by Mother Nature. When the Indians, Mexicans, Franciscan Padres and trail drivers visited this area in traveling the Old Spanish Trail from San Antonio to El Paso, they frequented a trading post located in the valley of the Devil's river. Since the surrounding hills acted as resonators for sounds coming from the settlement, the early settlers named my home town Sonora, meaning resonant or full of sound. According to legend and historical data on file in the archives of the University of Texas, people were living on the site of my home town even before it was actually founded.

Sonora serves a large territory that is devoted primarily to the livestock industry to which it is ideally adapted. The gentle slopes and valleys offer an abundant variety of native vegetation. The hills are timbered with live oak and shin oak, and the valleys are dotted with mesquite. Sheep, goats and cattle browse upon the rolling hills surrounding my home town.

With this setting in mind let us go down into the city which is located at the terminus of the Santa Fe Railroad.

The surrounding counties have no railroad so Sonora has one of the largest wool and mohair houses in the United States, and last season it gained the distinction of being the largest initial livestock shipping point in the world. To develop livestock research the government has established a Ranch Experiment Station near Sonora.

Because of nature's gifted adaptations, the railway connections, the storehouse for raw wool and mohair, and the Experiment Station my home town is known far and wide as the capital of the Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora is a town of splendid public educational facilities. The

four modern and completely equipped buildings with the well qualified teaching force offers every advantage to us. My high school is a fully accredited institution and is a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Colleges and Schools. Latin-American children of my town have a new twelve room school building, and here they receive their education through high school. Our High School Pan-American Students Forum, the only one between El Paso and Austin, fosters democracy between the English speaking and the Spanish speaking people. It has become a great aid in advancing friendly relations between these two races.

I like my town because it is a vivid example of democracy at work. Sonora is an incorporated municipality employing the city-manager plan of government. Our people are friendly and prosperous because they have worked together and exchanged ideas. Our Lions Club was organized in 1928 and today it has 93 members, the largest Lions Club in proportion to population in the world. Its members are supporting its principles, directing its policies and working together as a unit for the material advantages of projects within the community. We proudly boast of several recent civic improvements consisting of a new swimming pool, a beautiful city park and 60 blocks of newly paved city streets. During the past two years many fine residences have been constructed.

As a representative of Sonora, I issue a most cordial invitation to come to the Capital of Stockman's Paradise, to hunt deer and turkey and to fish in the Devil's river. Come and see for yourself my home town where democracy, Pan-Americanism, and Lionism prosper in a town of true western hospitality.

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Ruined Standing!

Recently, our attention was called to the strange plight of a 16-year-old boy residing in the Piney Woods of Southeast Texas. It seems that the youth was showing his pa a bag of nineteen squirrels which he had neatly dispatched with nineteen shots from his trusty .22 rifle—nineteen shots, nineteen squirrels. The head of the house examined minutely, and with fatherly pride, each squirrel until he came to the last one. Suddenly, the old codger's brow wrinkled, his face grew tense, and his eyes bulged; then, without so much as a word of explanation, he grabbed up a leather trace and flogged the whey out of his gangling offspring. The onlookers didn't savor the sire's rash act, and could only stand aghast—in open-mouthed wonder.

"To think," the gruff old fossil snorted, "that one of my own flesh and blood could miss a squirrel's brain so far as to plug him smack-dab in the neck!"

That clumsy boy had smeared the family escutcheon—practically ruined their standing in "the forks of the creek." No wonder he got the rawhide!

Conference To Be Held in West Texas

Recommendations of ranchmen from the 17 range states as to how to improve the AAA's range program will be heard—and heeded—at the national range conference to be held in West Texas from June 24 through June 28.

For it will be on the basis of the suggestions of ranchmen-delegates to the conference that the 1941 Range Conservation Program will be drafted, Howard T. Kingsberry, Santa Anna ranchman and member of the state Agricultural Conservation Association committee, points out. Ranchmen at the meeting will suggest ways of improving the program to increase its effectiveness by the approval of new range improvement practices, changing rates of pay for the practices, and other changes.

The conference will open at Midland, June 24, from which point the delegates will make a tour of West Texas ranches to inspect the conservation work done in 16 West Texas counties. The itinerary includes visits to ranches in the vicinity of Midland, Pecos, Ft. Davis, Marfa, Alpine, Del Rio, Sonora and San Angelo. The final sessions of the conference will be held in San Angelo.

Scheduled to speak at the conference are R. M. Evans, national AAA administrator, and Grover B. Hill, Panhandle ranchman recently appointed assistant secretary of agriculture.

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AAA Range Meet For West Texas Is Slated For June

The second annual National AAA Range Conference will be held in West Texas, June 24 to 28, it was announced today by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

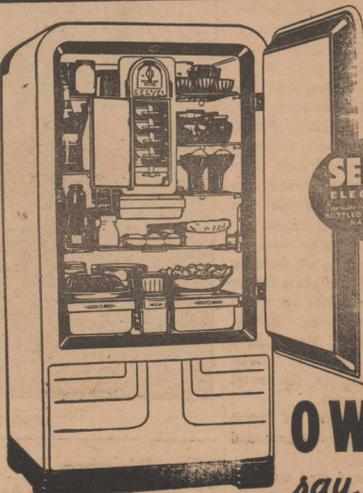
The conference, which will include actual inspection of Triple-A practices which have been used to improve the range, will open at Midland, Texas, June 24 and adjourn at San Angelo on June 28. Between those dates, visits will be made to ranches operating under the program in the vicinity of Midland, Pecos, Fort Davis, Alpine, Del Rio, Sonora and San Angelo, and the sub-station of the Texas Experiment Station at Sonora.

Ranchmen from 17 states will attend the meeting. They will discuss the Range Conservation Program with A. A. A. representatives and suggest ways in which it can be improved and made more effective in 1941. The 1941 program will be drafted on the basis of the suggestions offered at this meeting.

During the conference, the group will hear talks by two Washington officials, Grover B. Hill, assistant secretary of agriculture, and R. M. Evans, AAA Administration. Hill is a native Texan, and former cattleman. Before moving to Washington, he made his home in Amarillo.

States to be represented at the conference are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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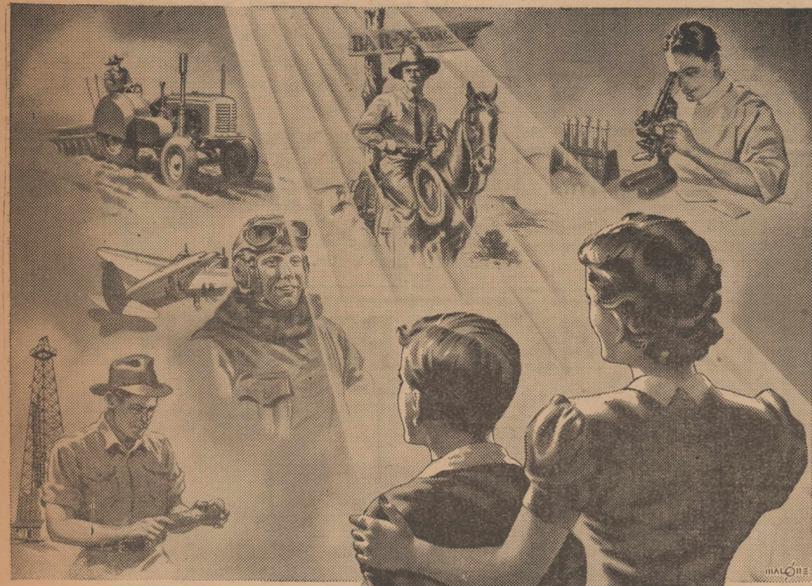


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Bobbie Halbert Is Honoree At Bridge Party

One of the most colorful social happenings in recent weeks was the bridge party given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. R. A. Halbert honoring her daughter, Miss Bobbie, who approaching marriage June 22, to Lieut. George Columbus "Lum" Hines of San Angelo, was cleverly announced to the guests present. The social gathering was held in the Woman's Club House, where the guests gathered at two-thirty to enjoy the gracious hospitality of the hostess and the honoree. In the receiving line to welcome guests as they arrived were Mesdames Halbert, C. W. McBride, a sister of the honoree; Gay Copeland, Lula Hines, mother of the groom-to-be; Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., Mrs. Lem Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Taylor, Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Miss Ada Steen, Mrs. W. B. McMillian, Mrs. Howard Kirby, Mrs. Batts Friend and Mrs. B. M. Halbert. Arriving guests were presented with their bridge tallies, and twenty-one tables of players enjoyed the bridge games of the afternoon.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream in the form of pink wedding rings were served, the plate favors being books of matches on which were printed the words, "Bobbie, Lum—it's a match." Match book covers were in various pastel shades, conforming to the room decorations of flowers.

At each table prizes of sweet peas in a dainty vase were awarded for high cut.

Mrs. Batts Friend was awarded high score prize, with Mrs. Estelle McConnell receiving second high. Miss Halbert was presented a gift.

Present were the following: Mesdames George J. Trainer, Clara Murphy, Susie Blanton, B. M. Halbert, Jr. Henry Decker, Ben Cusenbary, Rector Cusenbary, J. S. Glascock, George D. Chalk, Earl Duncan, Wallace Dameron, J. D. Wallace, Ben L. Wheat, Josie McDonald, Estelle McConnell, Rip Ward, O. G. Babcock, John A. Ward, Seth Lancaster, J. W. Taylor, David Locklin, John Fields, W. B. McMillian.

Lee Allison, W. J. Fields, Jr., Libb Wallace, Joe Trainer, George Barrow, DeWitt Lancaster, Howard Kirby, A. C. Elliott, C. E. Stites, Lem Johnson, P. J. Taylor, R. C. Vicars, Sterling Baker, G. H. Hall, Bryan Hunt, Jack Mann, E. E. Sawyer, Edgar D. Shurley, Fred Simmons, J. F. Howell, L. W. Elliott, C. A. Tyler, Harry Harrison, H. V. Stokes, Preston Prater, Rose Thorp, Joe H. Trainer, Paul Turney.

Jack Turney, Raymond Morgan, B. W. Hutcherson, Batts Friend, Billy Penick, Bill Norris, J. B. Ross, W. T. Hardy, Velma Shurley, I. B. Boughton, Ernest McClelland, Stella Keene, E. F. Vander Stucken, M. M. Stokes, J. T. Penick and J. L. Nisbet.

Misses Kathryn Brown, Jean Saunders, Rena McQuary, Ada Steen, Alice Sawyer, Cathryn Trainer, Jo Ann Marion.

Out-of-town guests present for the occasion were the following: Mesdames Wade Tomlinson, Virgil Powell, Lillie Allison, Mary Evans, Lula Hines, Gay Copeland, Addie Runyan, B. M. Halbert, Sr., and Homer Bird, all of San Angelo; Mesdames Sidney Millsbaugh, Jr. and Ralph Jones of Ozona; Mrs. Will Wilkinson of Menard, and Mrs. C. W. Settles of Centralia, Mo.

Black-Taylor Nuptials Are Performed

Mr. Roy Black and Mrs. Lura Taylor were married last Saturday evening, May 4, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Davis, Rev. Davis performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Black is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips of Llano, and has been employed for the past several weeks at the Club Cafe as cashier. Mr. Black, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Black of Mason, is chef at the Club Cafe, where he has been for the past two months.

The couple are making their home for the present at the Hotel McDonald.

Approaching Marriage Announced



MISS BOBBIE HALBERT

Mrs. Blanton Is Hostess To Monday Contract Club

Mrs. Susie Blanton was hostess to the Monday Contract Club, at which time Mrs. R. C. Vicars, the guest, and Mesdames E. F. Vander Stucken, Sam Hull and Mrs. Blanton enjoyed several games of their favorite pastime. Mrs. Vander Stucken was declared high score winner.

Woman's Club Meets Thursday At Club House For Business

The Woman's Club met Thursday afternoon of last week in the Club House for a program and business meeting, there being present eight members of the organization. An interesting program had been arranged for the meeting, some of the outstanding divisions being as follows:

Mrs. J. F. Howell talked briefly on "The Importance of Health" which was an interesting discussion concerning both adults and children. Mrs. Jodie Trainer read an article from "The Reader's Digest" on a subject of great interest to those present, and the current event discussion was given by Mrs. I. B. Boughton.

Mrs. Sterling Baker reported to the club the present standing of affairs of the community library.

Present to enjoy the meeting were the following: Mrs. John Fields, Mrs. Sterling Baker, Mrs. Jodie Trainer, Mrs. Earl Duncan, Mrs. J. F. Howell and Mrs. I. B. Boughton.

Seventh Grade Is Honored With Picnic Party

Mrs. Libb Wallace gave a picnic party recently honoring the Seventh Grade of school. The party was taken to Simmons Park, on the Ozona highway, where a substantial picnic supper was served and outdoor games were indulged in for recreation and amusement.

Present were the following: Sidney Awalt, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Bille Cartwright, Flora Jean Hildreth, Frances Atchison, Jimmy Martin, Eugene Shurley, Francis Green Wright, Don Nichols, James McMillian, Warren Reddoch, Delmar Lee Logan, Wanda B. Cook, Jerry Meckel, Viola Ory, Esta Lee Burch, Lettia White, Sybil Burlison, Marjorie Dameron, Marguerite Howell, Jean Wallace, Georgia B. Kisselburg, Lorene Frambough and Josette Boughton.

Sixth Grade Gives Barbecue In Honor Of Seventh Grade

Members of the Sixth Grade of school entertained the Seventh grade Monday afternoon from five to seven o'clock, the scene of the affair being the City Park. Barbecued meats, and many other delicious picnic foods were served. The goats for the barbecue were donated by W. L. Miers, and the meat was barbecued by John Fields, assisted by Tom Bond, Andrew Moore, Sam Allison and Mr. Miers.

Sixty or more students of the two grades were present for the affair and a most enjoyable outing resulted from the plans made and developed by the Sixth Grade students, assisted by Mrs. Andrew Moore and Mrs. Sam Allison, Sixth Grade room mothers.

Freshman Class Is Honored With Swim Party

Going to the Collier Shurley ranch for a swimming party, members of the Freshman class of Sonora High school were entertained last Friday afternoon by the room mothers, Mesdames O. G. Babcock and John L. Nisbet. Games of baseball and pitching washers were engaged in during the early evening in addition to the swim, in which Mr. Flathers served as life guard.

Weiners, ice tea, ice cream and other items of a delicious picnic lunch were served.

Present for the enjoyment of the evening were Edith May Babcock, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Nancy Christie, Elizabeth Taylor, Hilda Mae Luckie, Billy Shurley, Kathleen Brinkley, Kathryn Cartwright, Wanda Thomas, Lois Morris, Roy Cooper, Margie Crowell, Glenn Crowell, Justin Odom, Louie Andrews, Raymond Shroyer, Boyd Wilson, Clyde Henderson, Sanford Trainer, R. W. Wallace, Laura Dell Ory, Jewell Mae Watkins, Bessie Ray Kiser, Willie Mae Baker, Miss Johnnie Allison, class sponsor, and Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and Marjory Ann.

NEWS OPERATOR TO DALLAS

James H. Morgan, Jr., News operator, left Thursday for Dallas where he will spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan, and relatives.

Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet left Wednesday for Wellington, Kansas, to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGee.

Sonora Art Club Installs Officers, Enjoys a Picnic

At a picnic given recently by Miss Annie Duncan and Mrs. L. H. McGhee were hostesses recently to the Sonora Art Club, at which time Miss Gertrude Babcock was made an honorary member, recently elected officers were installed, and a study course for the coming year was discussed.

Officers installed at the meeting were Mrs. W. P. Truitt, president; Mrs. Albert A. Murray, vice president; Mrs. Hillman Brown, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, reporter. Several committees were also named, including the following:

Calendar—Mrs. Murray, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett, Miss Edith Engle and Miss Babcock;

Finance—Mrs. Brown and Miss Viva Milstead;

Exhibit—Mrs. M. O. Britt, Miss Duncan, Miss Juanita Collier and Miss Nona Woodard;

Membership—Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry, Mrs. Hubert Fields, and Mrs. John Fields;

Scrapbook—Mrs. Maysie Brown, Mrs. McGhee and Miss Elizabeth Caldwell.

Present at the picnic and business meeting in addition to the above, were the following: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Truett, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elder of Eldorado, Mr. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stites, Mrs. C. W. Settle of Centralia, Mo., Mrs. J. W. Garrett, Mrs. M. M. Stokes, Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mrs. Ervin Willman, Mrs. Preston Prater, Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Mrs. John Fields, Mrs. George B. Hamilton, Miss Nan Johnson, Miss Jewel McGhee and McLain Lattimore.

Birthday Party Sunday Honors Young Howell

A lawn party Sunday afternoon given by Mrs. J. F. Howell honored the seventh anniversary of her son, J. Franklin, Jr. Favors were pig balloons, and refreshments of cake, cookies, all-day suckers and ice cream were served to some twenty little guests, who, in addition to enjoying themselves immensely expressed wishes for many more birthday parties for Sonny.

Mrs. Howell was assisted in entertaining her guests by Mrs. Velma Shurley and Miss Marguerite Howell, sister of the honoree.

Bill McGilvray and Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Recital Given Tuesday Evening By Music Pupils

The high school auditorium was the scene Tuesday evening of the piano and voice recital given under the direction of Miss Marie Watkins, in which she presented her pupils in a school-end activity. The recital began at 8 o'clock, and was well attended by parents and others others interested in the musical progress of the students for the past months have been coached by Miss Watkins.

Pupils who appeared on the recital program included Katherine Ross, David Shurley Tommy Bond, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jan Caffey, Jimmy Cusenbary, Duane Trainer, Charlene Hull, Alice de Berry, John Allen Ward, Geraldine Morrow, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Marguerite Howell, Josette Boughton, Marjorie Dameron, Frances Atchison, Edith May Babcock, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Billy Shurley, Richard Boughton, O. L. Richardson, Jr., Doris Keene and Flora Jean Hildreth.

In addition to music pupils, the Choral Club rendered several excellent numbers highly pleasing to the audience. Members of the Choral Club include the following pupils:

Lynn Morris, Clayton Hamilton, Jan Caffey, John Allen Ward, Janie Collier, Norma Jean Brinkley, Ethel Mae Alley, Betty Payne Glascock, Barbara Bowers, Geraldine Morrow, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Martha Jo Moore, Lila D. Chalk, Ada Ruth Martin, Charlene Perry,

Christine Bird, Flora Jean Hildreth, Marguerite Howell, Lois Whidden, Billie Cartwright, Marjorie Ann Dameron, Geraldine Meckel, Josette Boughton, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Sybil Burlison, Wanda B. Cook, Lorene Frambough, Dorothy Bricker and Frances Atchison.

"BIG ONE GOT AWAY"

Jimmie Simmons went a-fishing last Saturday night down on Devil's River. He reports an excellent outing, but stated that as usual the big one got away.

Mrs. W. E. Wallace, who has been in Christoval for the past few days, is doing very nicely.

Richard Saunders has been employed the past week or so in Crockett county, assisting Bill Conklin, surveyor of that county, in measuring and locating lands surrounding the new oil development in the Iraan sector.

Library Reports Many New Books On Shelves

Several interesting facts were brought out in a library report delivered last week before the Sonora Woman's Club. The report in general indicated a healthy growth for the library, and increasing interest in its welfare on the part of citizens of the community.

A total of 1,341 books were read during the time between the first Thursday in October, 1939, and the second day of May, 1940. A total of 45 new books for children were donated to the library, in addition to which 79 new books were purchased through funds furnished to the Library by the Sonora Lions Club. Among those received are the following outstanding books:

"Flowering of New England", "Royal Purple", "Black Narcissus", "Way of Transgressors", "Enter-taining the Iclander", "Escape", "Brazos", "Long Rifle", all for adults; and "The Travelogue for Children" by Lowell Thomas, in addition to which were added several Tarzan stories and others by Zane Grey. "The Life of Our Lord," by Charles Dickens, "Gulliver's Travels" and "Bambi" and Greek, French and German legends were also included in the new shipment of books.

A special selection of books purchased for children includes several circus stories, among which are "Old Covered Wagon Show Days," "Musical Jumping Beans," "Turgot Lives in Turkey," "Shaggy Horse of Wyoming." Several selections of mystery stories, light fiction and non-fiction books were also purchased to give the library a well-balanced series of books for public reading.

Sonora Girl To Attend A. & M. Banquet and Dance

Miss Jimmie Gwynne Langford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDaniel and a student of Texas Christian University of Fort Worth, will attend the Senior Banquet and Ring Dance at Texas A. and M. College Friday evening, May 10th. She will be the guest of Lieutenant Pete Jacoby of Rock-springs.

Miss Langford will return to Fort Worth Saturday morning and will appear in the pageant "Dance of the Nations" which will be presented on the campus of T. C. U., Saturday evening, as part of the University's Mother's Day observance program.

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Officers Installed At P.-T. A. Meeting Last Wednesday

The final meeting of the year for the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association was held last Wednesday afternoon, at which there was a fine representation of members. The program for the day was well arranged, and those who were present reported that the last meeting of the year was perhaps the best.

Miss Annie Duncan delivered before gathering the state president's message. Mr. Sharp, as a part of the entertainment program, gave a demonstration of the new Recordio instrument recently purchased for the high school system. Leader of the program for the day was Mrs. Tom Bond. Based on National Child Health Day and National Music Week, the program gave recognition to both, the feature of the program being the talk by Mrs. Bond concerning the annual Summer Health Round-Up of pre-school children.

Also included in the program were several good talks covering the activities and accomplishments in the association for the past year.

Installation of officers and the selection of committees to serve during the coming year engaged the attention of the membership. Mrs. Velma Shurley, district officer, had charge of the installation ceremonies.

President, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary. Vice President, Mrs. G. H. Davis. Secretary, Mrs. Leonard Gibbs. Treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Britt. On the various committees were the following:

Program, Mesdames G. H. Davis, Rosanna Hildreth, I. B. Boughton, F. T. Jones.

Membership, O. C. Ogden, George E. Smith, Cashes Taylor.

Finance, W. H. Dameron, W. R. Cusenbary, H. L. Taylor, Tom Bond.

Study Leader, Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley.

Goal Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Trainer.

Hospitality — Mesdames E. E. Sawyer, Joe Brown Ross, A. W. Awalt, Velma Shurley, Miss Marie Watkins.

Publications — Mesdames H. C. Atchison, V. T. Hamilton.

Mother Singers — Mrs. Bryan Hunt, Miss Rena McQuary.

Music, Miss Elizabeth Cadwell.

Art, Miss Edith Engle.

Girl Scout Committee, Mesdames J. L. Nisbet, W. H. Dameron, J. C. Morrow, M. O. Britt, O. G. Babcock, J. F. Howell, Mr. Boyd Caffey, and Supt. F. T. Jones.

Radio, Mr. J. H. Flathers.

Visual Education, Mr. F. T. Jones.

Public Health Summer Round-Up — Mesdames Otto Mund, J. C. Morrow, Carney Wyatt.

Publicity Chairman, Miss Annie Duncan.

Reporter, Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Parliamentarian, Mr. Preston C. Lightfoot.

Auditor, Mr. Cecil H. Allen.

In connection with the Summer Health Round-Up intended for children of pre-school age, Mrs. Cusenbary, the new president of the association, stated that the work among the smaller children began Thursday of this week, and will continue until into next week, during which time it was said that she hoped to have the work completed. In connection with the summer round-up health work, Mrs. Cusenbary also said that she was particularly interested in having the children vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria this year, but that other remedial measures would be given in cases where needed. If parents with children who have not been so treated will call either one of the Sonora physicians, arrangements can be made to take care of the health programs.

K. C. Collier has been busy the past several days in Ozona, where he has been remodeling the Rape Drug Store building.

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High School Seniors Return Sunday From Three-Day Motor Trip

Seniors of Sonora High School, eighteen in number, returned late Sunday afternoon from their annual trip, which this year took them by automobile from Sonora to Galveston and return. In the party, in addition to sponsors and room mothers, were the following: Sue Glasscock, R. W. Hill, Sam Odum, Marjory Davis, Mildred Trainer, Louise Morris, Dorothy Henderson, Libbye Jo Wallace, James D. Trainer, Rex Hutcherson, Leon Morris, Kathleen Largent, Dock Simmons, Myron Morris, Nelson Stubblefield, Juanita Cartwright, Merle Ory and Marian Adams.

Accompanying the seniors on the trip in the capacity of overseers were the following: Mrs. J. S. Glasscock, Mrs. R. W. Morris, Mrs. G. H. Davis, Miss Viva Milstead, Mrs. H. P. Largent and Supt. and Mrs. F. T. Jones.

The itinerary of the trip included the following: from Sonora to Galveston by way of Junction, Fredericksburg, Brenham and Houston, and home by way of Houston, Schulenburg, San Antonio and Junction. The trip consumed three days, including traveling time, leaving Sonora Friday morning at five o'clock, and the returning students arrived in Sonora about nine o'clock Sunday evening.

In Austin, a short time was spent inspecting the State Capitol and environs, the University of Texas campus, with a picnic lunch being served beyond Austin. The first night was spent at Galveston, the party stopping at Hotel Buccaneer, and a trip to the Beach Amusement Park was greatly enjoyed.

Saturday morning was spent making a tour of interesting points in and about the island and city, including the famous beach drive, airport, sand dunes, coast guard station and a real lighthouse. Swimming was also in order in the famous Galveston beach waters. The afternoon was spent in boating, and other water recreations.

Late Saturday afternoon the party left and visited the noted San Jacinto battleground, where Texas liberty was won, and the night was spent at the Rice Hotel in Houston, and the after dinner hours were pleasantly spent in an impromptu program arranged on the spot.

Sunday morning early the party gathered for the return home, and the trip was concluded with hilarious parade of Sonora streets upon their arrival here. Every person making the trip, including the grown folks, report a wonderful excursion and a pleasant vacation.

Pioneer Club Is Organized Here Last Week

Meeting in the basement of the Gilmore Hardware Company building Thursday evening of last week, organization of the Sonora Pioneer Club was perfected, the object of the club being to study and perfect knowledge of old-time dances, including the square dance.

Elected as officers were the following: Jodie Trainer, president; Dearly Le Beard, vice president; Cathryn Trainer, secretary and treasurer.

The club is to meet regularly each Saturday night, and it was learned from the charter members of the organization that membership in the Pioneer Club would be restricted to invitation.

The first meeting Thursday was devoted to organization and to learning the intricacies of the square dance.

Charter members of the new club are as follows: Messrs. and Mesdames W. C. Gilmore, Boyd Caffey, Carrol Stephens, Jodie Trainer, Misses Cathryn Trainer and Nona Woodard, and Dearly Le Beard and McLain Lattimore.

MISS KARNES ILL

Miss Alice Karnes was taken to San Angelo Monday for medical treatment. Miss Karnes has been suffering for the past several weeks from an attack of the flu, and has not fully recovered from that malady.

Mrs. Jesse Green Barton and Mrs. Pat Carroll visited in Del Rio Monday.

Mrs. Pat Carroll visited her mother, Mrs. McKee, in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

Approaching Rites Are Interesting To Many Sonorans

Appearing in last Sunday's San Antonio Express is an interesting account of the announcement of Miss Mary Julia Loughborough of that city to Albert Russell Cauthorn, son of Robert Cauthorn of Del Rio.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late Maj. William Baldrige Loughborough, is one of the socially prominent young ladies of the Alamo City, known to her friends as "Jerry." She was a student at Incarnate Word Academy.

The marriage of the young couple will take place at eight o'clock Friday evening, June 21, in the Fort Sam Houston Post Chapel. Following the wedding there will be a reception in the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club.

The groom has been a member of the State Legislature from the Del Rio district, having served since 1937, when he was elected by special ballot to succeed Stanford Payne, resigned. He was re-elected for a regular term in 1938, one of his greatest interests while in the Legislature being the development of the Big Bend Park. He spent his school days in Sonora where his parents resided, and is known to most of the people of this section not only personally but through relationship with other prominent families of this section. He has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the office he now holds.

After their marriage the young couple will make their home on their ranch near Sonora.

F. W. B. Club Is Honored At Friday Meeting

Mrs. Max Turney was hostess to the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club last Friday evening, the affair being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMillian. The decorations were pink roses scattered profusely over the various rooms.

High score award went to Mrs. Allen Adkins. Lottie was plenty lucky at cards that night.

A salad plate was served at the conclusion of play. Present to enjoy the hospitality of the hostess were Mesdames Adkins, Joe Brasher, T. A. McMillian, Jodie Trainer, Bobby Allison, Jesse Green Barton, O. V. Mullins, Cashes Taylor, Dayton Barrett, H. R. Fields, Beamon Speed, Lee Patrick and Raymond Morgan.

Sophomore Class Complimented With Swimming Party

Complimenting the Sophomore Class, room mothers and several faculty members of the Sonora High School, Mrs. Pope Lindsey gave a swimming and barbecue party last Thursday afternoon at the Robert Halbert Ranch west of Sonora.

An enjoyable outing and recreational period were enjoyed by the following: Class members Alletta Willingham, Jamie Trainer, Addie Thorp, Jo Beth Taylor, Fannie Sellman, Opal Randle, Vinagene Powell, Louise Merriman, Willie Nell Hale, Peggy Gilmore, Betty Jo Adams, Wayne White, Ray Wallis Stephenson, Georgie D. Wallace, Gleen Richardson, Willie B. Ory, Rex Merriman, Jack Lindsay, K. C. Collier, Robert Hamer, Jack Sawyer, Vernon Cook, Wilfred Berger, Richard Boughton and Eugene Alley.

Others present were J. H. Flathers, class sponsor, Mrs. Hub Hale, Mrs. Joe Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Murray, Supt. and Mrs. F. T. Jones, and Mrs. Walter Anthony.

Theatre Party Given Tuesday Evening By Miss McQuary

Miss Rena McQuary, Intermediate superintendent at the First Baptist Church, honored the Junior Grils of her department with a theatre party last Tuesday evening, after which the group went to the Corner Drug Store and were served refreshment of ice cream. Present at the party to enjoy the hospitality of Miss McQuary were the following:

Barbara Bower, Jan Caffey, Norma Jean Brinkley, Betty Faye Glasscock, Helen Bruce, Janie Collier, Gwendolyn Kring, Charlene Hull, Charlene Perry, Frances Jo Lancaster, Betty Jean Rankhorn, Juanita and Avonietta Eaves, and Mary Lou Neuerburg.

Mrs. Howell Gives Report Covering P.-T. A. Growth

In bringing you a brief summary of the progress of this administration and its accomplishments, your president concludes her Parent-Teacher activities over a period of four years as an officer of this association. The first office filled was that of recording secretary with Mrs. M. O. Britt as president. The second office was that of first vice-president and program chairman with Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary as president, and for the past two years served as your local unit president.

During this time a number of projects have been completed and have neared completion. Most gratifying of outstanding importance is the increase in membership from less than eighty in 1937 to one hundred and fifty-nine as of the last count this year.

Each year we have received certificate awards for doing summer round-up work with our pre-school children. Our unit also received a grade A standard of excellence last summer for work done in 1938 and 1939. During the same year delegates were sent to district and state conferences and a state life membership was awarded to Mrs. Velma L. Shurley. Our organization was also honored by having her name as a district vice president for two terms. This year we did not send a delegate to the state convention but were represented at the district conference by our president-elect, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary. Both years we have conducted classes in parent education. On our monthly programs special out-of-town speakers have appeared as follows: on Safety, Mr. J. B. Carlyle; on Social Hygiene, the district health nurse, Miss Brumier; on Child Health, a child specialist, Dr. R. M. Fink, of San Angelo; on Founders' Day, Mrs. W. C. Womack, district vice president of P.-T. A.; on Girl Scouting, Miss La Faye Streichscome, Girl Scout Executive; on Education, Dean C. C. Minatra, of San Angelo College; on Visual Education, a demonstration by Mr. Mann; on Play and Recreation, a demonstration of musical instruments by Jake Houston of San Angelo.

Projects and activities accomplished by special committees appointed by the president have been the placing of school zone safety signs on highways adjacent to schools. Aiding and placing radio victrola in Grammar School for use in teaching public school music; aiding the school in purchasing the Encyclopedia Britannica for high school library and aiding in the purchasing for the entire school an audio-visual education machine and two day-lite glass headed screens, one eight by ten feet size and the other of class room size; a drinking fountain for the elementary school; the Recordio machine which was recently purchased for use by both schools.

And last but not least we are doubly proud of our Girl Scout organization for which the administration is responsible and which is sponsored by this organization.

A President can never take credit for the accomplishments of her administration. Her cherished dreams become realities only through the unreserving loyalty and conscientious efforts of her membership. The co-ordination of our program and fulfillment of our dreams could not have been done without the earnest, intelligent support and co-operation of each and every member of the association. And to each officer, chairman and committee who have served with your leader she is deeply grateful and thankful.

To those who follows, we pledge loyal support, and have confidence that our Sonora P.-T. A. will move onward self-forgetting, ever striving to reach the high goal of a truly inspired movement.

(Signed) MRS. J. F. HOWELL

Mrs. H. A. Dalton and daughter, Peggy Joyce, left the middle of last week for Galveston, where they intend to spend several weeks.

Mrs. A. W. Awalt is visiting in Alpine with her son, A. W., who is enrolled in Sul Ross.

Mrs. Joe Berger returned Monday from a visit in San Angelo with her brother, Archie Mittel, and Mrs. Mittel.

Miss Bobbie Halbert returned from Dallas, this week, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. C. W. McBride of Dallas.

Sonora Groups Arrange Program For Music Week

Arrangements were made this week by a committee from the membership list of the Sonora Music Club covering activities of National Music Week. Three outstanding musical programs are to be presented, under the auspices of the club, plans for which were perfected over the past week. The first program, rendered Wednesday morning at the high school auditorium, was a presentation of musical renditions by the San Angelo College Choir. Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, presented pupils of the elementary grades in a May Festival Wednesday evening at the City Park, and Thursday afternoon in the Woman's Club House a Stephen Foster program was presented before a large gathering.

Serving on the committee which arranged the program for Music Week were Mesdames Edgar D. Shurley, John L. Nisbet, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett, Miss Johnnie Allison, and Miss Marie Watkins.

Several other events during the week carried out the theme of observance of Music Week, they bring principally music and voice recitals given under the direction of the various music and voice instructors of the town.

Blue Monday Club Entertained By Mrs. Sandherr

The Blue Monday Contract Club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Tom Sandherr. Two new members were passed on, they being Mrs. O. G. Babcock and Mrs. Leo Brown.

Mrs. Joe Trainer won high score in bridge games for the afternoon and Mrs. Libb Wallace received high guest. Present for the afternoon's entertainment were the following:

Members, Mesdames W. E. Caldwell, C. E. Stites, Rose Thorp, George Trainer, Sr., T. A. McMillian, Joe Berger, Robert Rees and Joe Trainer; guests, Mesdames J. D. Wallace, Libb Wallace, Joe Brasher and B. W. Hutcherson.

SON TO TOM NEVILLES

A son was born to Mrs. Tom Neville, the former Miss Dee Trainer, in a San Angelo hospital Monday morning. Mrs. Neville is a daughter of Mrs. Rena Trainer of Sonora. Reports are that both the mother and son are doing well at present.

Tom Drennon and family visited relatives and friends over the week-end on a ranch near Barnhart.

Oscar Avera, manager and life guard of the Sonora Swimming Pool, spent last week-end in San Angelo.

Elwood "Mac" McWilliams, bookkeeper for Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company here, spent last week-end in Fort Stockton.

Mrs. Annie Sharp is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wood left Monday for San Antonio.

May Festival At City Park Wednesday

One of the most enjoyable activities of the school-end period was held last Wednesday evening at City Park when Miss Elizabeth Caldwell directed pupils of the elementary grades in a May Festival. The program was a musical fantasy with participants dressed to represent mythological and legendary figures. All grades in the elementary department of school were represented by pupils in dancing and singing parts, speaking and otherwise carrying out their various roles.

The first public use of the new Recordio machine recently purchased for the school made it possible for those present to hear distinctly the voices of the children as they sang and spoke, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the program.

A complete list of the children who participated in the enjoyable program of the evening is not available.

W. A. MIERS ILL

Mrs. Stella Keene returned Monday from San Angelo where she had been with her father, Mr. W. A. Miers. Mr. Miers is in a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Fields spent Sunday in San Angelo.

Visitor in the Bert Swales home, is Billy Swales of San Saba.

Visitors in Del Rio over the week-end were Mr. L. L. Gulley, manager of the Club Cafe, and H. V. (Froggie) Morris.

Robert Allen Simmons, student of A. & M. College, visited his parents over the week-end.

Mrs. C. W. Settles of Centralia, Mo., arrived Thursday for a three-week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Taylor, and Mr. Taylor.

Miss Cathryn Trainer spent the week-end at the Jap Holman ranch.

Mrs. R. F. Davis returned home Thursday from Fayette, Missouri, where she had been visiting with relatives.

Visitors at the W. E. Caldwell's home Sunday, were Mrs. Caldwell's mother, Mrs. C. F. Briggs, Evelyn Morgan, Bessie Esterly, Mrs. Luddie Crow and Montez Crow, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones and children were here from Rock-springs Sunday, visiting Mrs. Jones' brother, J. H. Sawyer, and family.

Mrs. Ruby Stokes and Mrs. Elizabeth Elder of Eldorado attended the Interscholastic Meet Art Exhibit at Austin last week-end.

Mrs. R. A. Halbert and Bobbie were visitors in San Angelo last week.

Miss Jo Collier and brother from San Angelo, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Collier.

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Liveoak Brush Is Distinct Asset To Ranchmen of County; Eradication Would Is Fatal Mistake, Is Opinion

In an isolated instance or two, we have heard it rumored that some of the ranchmen of Sutton county, not satisfied with the eradication of prickly pear from their ranges, are now contemplating requesting a federal assistance fund for the eradication of liveoak. We may not have the proper insight into ranch economy, but to us liveoak on a ranch is one of the larger assets of West Texas—good

for livestock, good for feed, shade and shelter.

Sutton county hills would be bare indeed if all prickly pear and liveoak were eradicated—indeed, they would be even more than bare—they would be barren. Naked hills, with cattle roaming from one rocky point to another—no livestock brush on the hillsides, no pear in the valley—what would the cattle critters do for feed and shade

and shelter. Boys, let's not cut our liveoak. That would be a fatal mistake, in our estimation. Thin it out, if necessary, on the thicker places, but destroy it totally—never.

Child Health Is Important State Project

"Especially where the young child is concerned, health conservation in recent years has represented a major interest not only of health officials and the medical profession but of civic groups also," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, states.

"Educational efforts, public health activities and the direct influence of the family physician have emphasized the value of prenatal care, protection against the childhood disease hazards, sound nutritional programs, and the removal of remediable physical handicaps in the pre-school child.

"The result is that today, as never before, the protection of child health occupies an important part in public and semi-public endeavors throughout the year," Dr. Cox pointed out.

"That children of Texas have an inalienable right to be well-born and raised healthy is self-evident to everyone. To deny the youngsters safeguards available through medical science would not only be unfair to the children themselves,

but to the future of Texas. Healthy children set the stage for healthy adults. And it is the healthy, vigorous, vital and clear-thinking adult of the coming years who must carry on when the leaders of today no longer are active.

"In the child-health program, prenatal interest is vital. Physicians and public health officials may point the way through education and correction of physical defects. The direct concern of the parent, however, is to see that the children are protected against the communicable childhood disease. That physical defects, if present, are discovered early and remedied, and that nourishing food is made available. Without this personal interest, intelligently and generally applied, the child conservation program cannot achieve its goal.

In Place Of Wool

Texas his little economic concern over the marketing of nylon stockings, which hosiery manufacturers predict will capture 5 per cent of the silk-stocking markets this year and 10 per cent next year. Japan is doing the worrying over this new development. But the recent action of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company in obtaining a patent covering production and processing of a crimped wool-like fiber made of nylon may lead to competition that will, in time, give serious concern to Texas sheepmen.

Du Pont officials describe nylon crimped fiber as made from the same basic elements as other nylon products—coal, air and water. They say it will approach, and may even equal, wool in crimp retentivity and heat-insulating properties. Strength, heat stability and favorable dyeing characteristics are also claimed for the new fiber. However, in contrast to the nylon hosiery, which goes on sale nationally May 15, the wool-type nylon cannot be produced commercially for some time, since it requires manufacturing machinery not now available.

Thus far, the answer of the sheep raisers to competition from synthetic products has been to call for restrictive laws, such as pending "truth in fabrics" bill that would require the accurate labeling of cloth and clothing as to its ingredients, even differentiating that made of virgin wool from that made of reclaimed wool. But if synthetic fabrics offer advantages in quality or price or both, labeling laws will not stop their sale. The sheep raiser's own wife and daughter, in that event, will buy the new products, just as the cotton planter's womenfolk insist on wearing silk stockings instead of cotton ones.—Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Plans Being Made For New Rules In AAA Program

What changes do you think should be made in the AAA program?

Farmers all over Texas and the rest of the United States are being asked that question in community meetings as the AAA makes ready to draft the rules and regulations for the 1941 program.

Questionnaires sent from the College Station state headquarters of the AAA program to the counties are being filled out at meetings of farmers. From the suggestions received in these meetings, each county committee will prepare its recommendations for submission to the state committee, composed of 12 Texas farmers and ranchmen. From a tabulation of all the county recommendations the committee will prepare its report to the national conference of state committeemen to be held in Washington July 10, 11 and 12.

The questions asked are limited to changes which could be made without the necessity of additional legislation, George Slaughter, chairman of the state committee, pointed out. The action the national conference takes will depend largely upon the recommendations from the counties.

"It will be rather unusual if all the recommendations from any community or county are adopted in full," Slaughter continued, "for it is usually true that the recommendations from one area are made with the problems of that area in mind and they may often conflict with suggestions of some other area. All suggestions must necessarily be considered in the light of budget limitations as well as present legislation.

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Angelo Orient Club Defeats Sonorans Saturday

San Angelo' Latin-American Orient softball club defeated the team of the L. W. Elliott school of Sonora last Saturday afternoon, 10 to 5. The game was played at San Angelo.

Antonio Menchaca, Orient pitcher, fanned 15 men before letting Victor Cardiel take the mound for the last two innings. In addition, Menchaca knocked a homer, as did Dan Alonzo. Alex Jaramillo got four hits in five times at bat. Raymond Carrasco caught for the San Angelo team.

Sonora's batteries were Isidro Virgen and Alexander Garcia. Sonora got three hits.

Roy Enriquez managed the Orient team, Herbert Speece the Sonora club.

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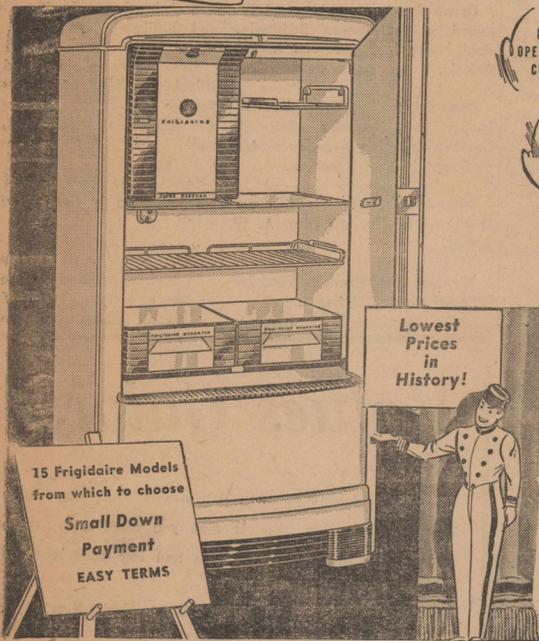
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For County Judge:
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St. John's Episcopal Church

Rev. Frederic M. Brasier, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, has sent notice that the service at the church has been postponed until May 19, with regular services to be held at 11 a. m. The Holy Communion and sermon. Members and visitors are requested to remember the postponement and be present on May 19.

Methodist Church

9:45 a. m. Sunday School. Classes for all ages.
 10:50 a. m. Mother's Day Service. "The Ideal Mother." The choir will sing.

A pot plant will be given to the oldest woman present, and a box of candy to the largest family present. Any aged person who will phone 82, we will send a car for you.

There will be no evening service no account of the Baccalaureate sermon at the High School Auditorium.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

Our attendance was somewhat affected last Sunday but our spirits are aroused with the anticipation of a good turn out for the Sunday morning class.

Come to the basement of the Methodist Church at 9:30 o'clock and remember to inform the buddy selected for you to assist in getting his attendance regular again.

All visitors are cordially invited to attend the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class. We have enjoyed the visitors that have come our way in the past and hope for a continuation of their seeking satisfaction in attending a Bible Class.

Preston C. Lightfoot, president

Baptist Church

Sunday morning will be Mother's Day and we are especially anxious about the attendance at the morning service. Let all the Fathers and Mothers plan now to bring all the

West Texas Counties Benefit Greatly As License Fees Paid

Increased highway usage in 1940 was seen recently by Oscar Burton, president of The Texas Good Roads Association, based on official reports that registration of motor vehicles was running ahead of 1939. The increase in registrations cannot be estimated accurately at this time, but it was indicated registrations would be up substantially from last year. Officials reported a sharp demand for 1939 license plates during the last few months of the registration year, indicating increased motor vehicle sales.

"Motor vehicle usage in 1939 increased by 800,000,000 vehicle miles in Texas over usage in 1938," Mr. Burton said. "It would appear from advance reports that Texas will experience another heavy increase in highway usage during 1940 due to more widespread use of motor vehicles as a medium of transportation."

"Most of our citizens have just paid their motor vehicle registration fees for the 1940 registration year. The average registration fee is approximately \$11. The payment of this fee should make highway users conscious of the heavy taxes they are paying for road construction and maintenance. It should give them pause and at least cause them to make inquiries as to the manner in which funds derived

children and worship with us.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service—Special musical program and sermon by the pastor 11:00 a. m.

There will be no evening service in view of the fact that the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Men's Bible Class

Our attendance has been very good in recent Sundays and we are anxious to see a large attendance next Sunday. We greatly enjoyed Miss Caldwell and the Choral Club last Sunday.

Come, a welcome awaits you.
 W. W. Gibson, President

TO MAKE SURVEY ON BIGHORN SHEEP

Preparatory to setting up a refuge for the bighorn mountain sheep, generally considered a vanishing species, but one which the Texas Game Department hopes to bring back, the Department will inaugurate a survey of the mountainous areas of West Texas immediately, it is announced by the executive secretary of the Department. It will be a Pittman-Robertson fund project.

Before it will be possible for the Game Department to obtain the areas best suited to the raising of bighorn sheep, it will be necessary to know which sections of land in the Trans-Pecos are most desirable; to gather additional information on the breeding habits of the wray animals; to study the effects of predators such as eagles, bobcats, mountain lions and coyotes; to observe the movements of the sheep by day in an effort to obtain information on the types of habitats used by sheep; to study the ecology of the region to determine what habitat improvements may be necessary to study the diseases which afflict the bighorn.

Most of the work will be carried on in the Beach, Sierra and Diablo Mountains in Culberson and Hudspeth counties.

It is estimated there are now approximately 300 bighorn sheep in the mountains of the Trans-Pecos. The Texas Game Department believes with proper control of predators and protection for the sure-footed animals their numbers can be increased appreciably.

from motor vehicle registration fees and other automotive sales and excise taxes are being used. Motor vehicle taxpayers should be interested in seeing that they obtain the maximum in service facilities from each dollar of taxes paid.

In District No. 7 including Sutton county, the counties retained \$324,421.25 in motor vehicle registration and \$55,401.45 was allocated to the state highway fund. A division of the license fees in each county of the district is shown below:

County	Retained by County	Amount to State
Coke	\$ 12,478.09	\$ 5.00*
Concho	20,661.18	19.50*
Crockett	14,599.22	20.70*
Irion	6,990.69	7.75*
Kimble	23,938.20	39.00*
Mason	22,064.71	29.75*
Menard	17,669.87	24.15*
Reagan	9,449.90	20.25*
Runnels	57,413.31	7,509.65
Schleicher	16,420.88	16.95*
Sterling	6,977.54	11.25*
Sutton	13,648.89	11.40*
Tom Green	97,373.36	47,680.35

*Duplicate Registrations and Penalties.

Norse Battles May Be Key to Present European War

Speaking of Hitler's Scandinavian adventure, Major Gerohe Fielding Eliot recently wrote: "While Germany cannot afford to lose, Britain cannot afford to let her win." A German defeat would mean that important Scandinavian resources would be lost to the Reich, and that she must face war on two fronts. A German victory would mean the virtual collapse of British prestige amongst the neutrals—to quote Major Eliot again, "No other little nations in Europe would depend much on Allied guarantees if even Norway, on Britain's doorstep, cannot be rescued from the Nazis."

So the war could be lost or won by either side on the Scandinavian peninsula. This doesn't mean that a decisive victory either way there would end hostilities—both sides could fight on indefinitely. But, in the opinion of the experts, is might be a futile struggle for whichever side lost in Denmark and Norway.

In the meantime, Italy still holds the spotlight. Mussolini's telegram to Hitler on his birthday, in which he said, in effect, that was certain of German success in the war, was almost unprecedented, coming from the head of a theoretically neutral power. Yet few experts are willing

to wager that Italy is yet ready to enter the war. Most think she is still sparring for position.

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Funeral Service By Rev. Brinkley At Eldorado

Rev. R. C. Brinkley of the Sonora Baptist Church had charge of the funeral services last Thursday in Eldorado, at which time interment was made of the remains of J. C. Anderson, aged 35, who was killed at a place in Illinois. Assisting in the service was Rev. Williamson, pastor of the Eldorado Presbyterian Church.

Deceased, who died April 24, is survived by his widow, mother, three brothers and six sisters, in addition to other relatives.

Jack West of Fort Worth is a visitor this week with Earl Duncan and Curtis Nicholas.

W. C. Gilmore was in San Antonio this week on business.

Heavy Rainfall Reported

Report from the San Angelo Telephone Company covering the rainfall in this area Wednesday night conveys the following information: Loma Alta, two inches; Spofford, one-half; Rocksprings, one-half; Eldorado, 1 1/2 inches; Ozona, .85; Kerrville, .94; Del Rio, 1 1/2; Juno, 4 inches; Jap Holman ranch, 4 inches; Junction, one-half; Menard, good rain; Sonora, .80; no report from Fort McKavett.

Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland were in Del Rio Saturday.

A half-million dollar baking plant is now under construction for Campbell-Taggard Associated Bakeries, Inc. This concern has just moved its national headquarters to Dallas from Kansas City, Mo.

35 Years Ago

The following items are gleaned from our files of May 19, 1896—more than forty years ago, and are of considerable interest to pioneer residents for the memories they revive, as well as to the younger residents of Sonora who delight in finding out occurrences affecting their parents:

H. H. Sheard, the sheepman of Sonora sold P. G. Hill 712 mixed sheep at \$2.25 per head.

John McKee sold 50 head of yearling steers to Judge Garland of Paint Rock at \$15 per head.

Adams & Donegan of Sonora bought 700 mutton from A. R. Cauthorn at \$3.25 per head.

At Trinity Mills, Denton county last week 9000 pounds of wool was sold at 20 cents a pound.

W. F. Luckie, the well known stockman from the Breezy Bluff, neighborhood in the eastern part of the county, was in Sonora Wednesday and reports having sold to Wm. Bevans & Co. 63 yearling Bros., also sold 41 head of 1- and 2-year-old steers at \$15 and \$20.

Jim Alford, John and Mat Keton, Berry Baker, Ernest Brown, Lon Reynolds, and F. B. Holstine passed through Sonora Saturday with 400 head of the Alford, Brown, Hamrick and Keton cattle for the Jud Swearingen ranch. They were a nice bunch of natives and looked well.

Wm. Babh, the well driller, finished a well for R. J. Owens at Owensville, last week obtaining a good well on the hill at a depth of 162 feet.

Walter Harper of San Antonio was in Sonora this week. He is out here looking after his bunch of cattle at John T. Brown's ranch. Mr. Harper offers these cattle for sale.

The plans and specifications for the First National Bank of Sonora, were received by Vice President Vander Stucken this week from Architect Ruffini of San Angelo. The design is a very neat, complete and convenient and the structure will add much to the appearance of the town.

John McKee and Lee Huggins, the stockmen, were in from the Rountree & Tayloe ranch for supplies Wednesday.

Jim Rucker, who has been running Sam Oglesby sheep in Fields pasture, started Saturday with about 1280 mutton for San Angelo.

Sam Stokes, commissioner of Precinct No. 2, was in Sonora for a few days this week attending commissioners court.

Will Wyatt was in from Devil's river Wednesday for supplies and says their new well is getting along all right.

Max Vander Stucken and sister, Miss Sophia, left on a visit to their old home in Menard Saturday, Max returned to Sonora Wednesday and Miss Sophia will remain for some time.

Sol Mayer, partner and manager of the stock firm of F. Mayer & Son's, was in Sonora Monday from their T-half circle ranch and left on Tuesday to visit their Middle Valley ranch. Sol says things are coming smooth.

George B. Hamilton sold to Louis LeMin 900 mixed sheep at \$2.50 per head.

Adams & Donegan of Sonora bought 300 muttons from James and Robert Cauthorn at \$3.25 per head.

Frank Turney, late proprietor of the Red Front livery stable, returned from a visit to his old home in Rockwood, Coleman county, Sunday. Frank says he had a splendid time.

Walter White, the new windmill man, arrived in Sonora Wednesday and is so busy that he hasn't time to say what will you have or to write an ad.

Mesdames W. A. West, Earl Duncan and Curtis Nicholas spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

THE SUTTON COUNTY ROUND-UP LIVESTOCK--RANCH DEALS

Duke Wilson of Sonora has bought 160 yearling mutton goats from David Burns of Mertzton at \$3 a head. Wilson also bought 117 yearlings, nannies and kids from Clark of Mertzton at \$3 for the yearlings and \$4 a pair for the nannies and kids.

The J. D. Varga Warehouse at Rocksprings has sold 75,000 pounds of mohair to Louie Ragland, of R. P. Collins, Inc., at 50-60-70 cents. The grown hair brought 50 cents per pound, the usual 15 per cent kid 60 cents and the kid in excess of 15 per cent, 70 cents.

Clyde Jones has bought 1,550 mixed yearling goats from Dan Leifeste of Mason, loaded from Junction Saturday.

Clay Atchison, Sutton county agent, and Mrs. Atchison and their three children were visitors in San Angelo Saturday. The children are Clay, Jr., Frances and Betty Jane. Mr. Atchison announces that the 4-H Club Wool & Mohair Show in Sonora June 8 is to be the largest yet and that an attractive list of prizes has been compiled. Range is in good shape, he reports, but has reached the point where further moisture is needed to carry the vegetation into summer in good condition.

San Antonio Livestock Market

Hogs: Estimated salable and total receipts 400. Market active at prices mostly 25c lower than late last week. Top \$6.00 for most good and choice 170 to 300 lb. butchers. Best 140 to 170 lbs. \$5.00 to \$6.00. Packing sows \$5.00 down. Feeder pigs around \$3.75 down, few heavy pigs above.

Cattle: Estimated salable receipts 1,200, total 1,250; Calves, salable and total 1,600. Supplies fairly heavy and generally on the increase. Bulls 15c to 25c lower, fat cows drabby, and some weakness on medium yearlings and killing calves, with some yearlings unevenly lower. Other classes generally slow and about steady with late last week. Fat calves and stockers active and strong.

Steers and yearlings in light supply. Bulk of the yearling were common and medium kinds and sold from \$6.00 to \$8.00, few \$8.25; good yearlings scarce, few 674 lbs. \$8.65. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.50 to \$4.75, few shelly kinds down to \$3.25. Good cows to \$6.25, odd head above. Bulls mostly \$5.00 to \$6.25, some canner kinds below.

Good killing calves mostly \$8.50 to \$9.00, choice kinds to \$9.50, one lot of 380 lbs. to \$9.75. Common and medium kinds mostly \$6.00 to \$8.25, culls down around \$5.25. Stocker steer calves bulked at \$9.00 to \$10.00, few around 400 lbs. to \$10.50, most heifers \$8.00 to \$9.00, few lots above. A 110-head string of choice 225 lb. mixed steer and heifer calves cashed at \$11.00, 25 head out at \$10.25.

Sheep: Estimated salable and total receipts 500. Market slow and about steady with late last week. Few 62 lb. milk-fed lambs \$7.00. Shorn stocker lambs mostly \$4.00 to \$4.75. Shorn matured wethers mostly \$3.85 down, few mixed ages including some twos and threes to \$4.50. Goats scarce.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the consideration and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our loved one. The floral offerings were beautiful, and served in some measure to aid us in bearing the burden of our grief more easily than would have been possible. May your kindness, thoughtfulness and consideration be rewarded as such virtues should be.

Mrs. J. W. Martin
And Children.

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer and Alice, Mrs. Rip Ward and Albert, and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot and Marjory Ann were visitors in San Angelo Tuesday.

Rubber Bands at The News. tf

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RULES GIVEN FOR SAFE AND SANE BOATING

The fishing and boating season in Texas is rapidly approaching and the executive secretary of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission is urging boatmen to be careful in the operation of their crafts, whether they be rowboats and canoes or larger boats. Observance of the following simple rules will assist in holding down the list of drownings, the secretary said:

Never overload a boat, nor allow occupants of a boat to stand up in it.

Do not use a motor of too large horsepower for the size of the boat. It is also unsafe to use a small horsepower motor on a large boat because in case of a storm the boat will be uncontrollable.

Every boat should be equipped with: one life preserver for each person in it, fire extinguisher, lights and good oars or paddles.

Every outboard motor should be equipped with a chain or rope because motors will frequently become loose and be lost at the bottom of the lake.

While a motor is running, never leave it unattended. The motor may give a quick turn and throw you into the water.

Leave your bottle at home. Water and alcohol do not mix.

Mrs. Ed C. Mayfield has returned from a hospital in San Antonio. She was accompanied to her home by her sister, Mrs. Edna Wheat Beam.

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