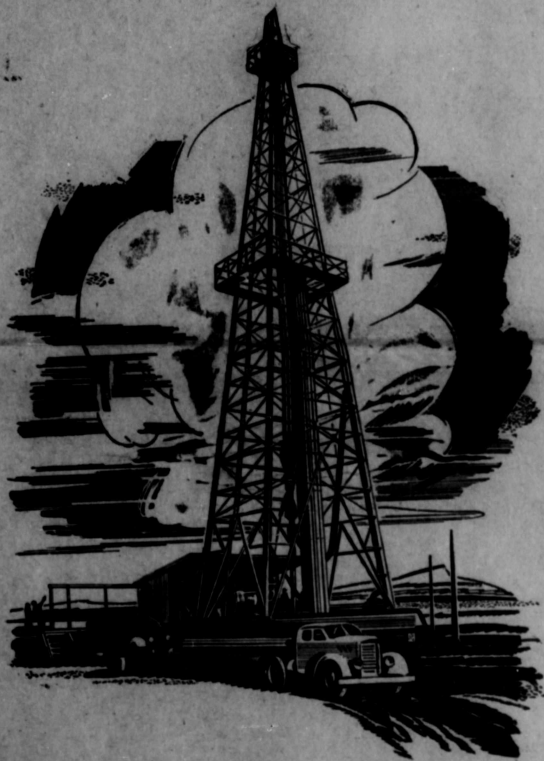


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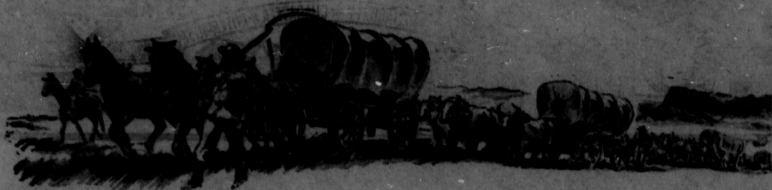
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County's Natural Resources Abundant for Development

Seven Lakes in Palo Pinto County

POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE — Capacity 750,000 acre feet. Located 14 miles west of Grford, 14 miles northwest of Palo-Pinto.

LAKE TUCKER — Capacity 1,200 acre feet. Located on Bassell Creek, four miles west of Strawn. Owned by City of Strawn as municipal water supply.

LAKE MINERAL WELLS — Located five miles east of Mineral Wells.

MINGUS LAKE — Capacity 800 acre feet. Located 1.5 miles north of Mingus.

GORDON LAKE — Capacity 240 acre feet. Located one mile southeast of Gordon. Owned by City of Gordon.

Other reservoirs in Palo Pinto County:

A lake on the **BRASS** River, owned by J. D. C. Mosley. Capacity 645 acre feet.

A lake on **Single Creek** — Capacity 220 acre feet. Located south of Palo Pinto. Owned by Palo Pinto Independent School District No. 1.

Six Streams in Palo Pinto County

BRASS RIVER — Located in north central section of Palo Pinto County. Flows northwest to southeast. Brass River has a yearly runoff of more than one million acre feet of water at Mineral Wells.

KEECHI CREEK — Located in north section of Palo Pinto County. Flows north to south.

TURKET CREEK — Located in northeast section of Palo Pinto County. Flows east to west.

PALO PINTO CREEK — Located in southwest section of Palo Pinto County. Flows west to east.

IONI CREEK — Located in west central section of Palo Pinto County. Flows west to east.

SUNDAY CREEK — Located in southeast section of Palo Pinto County. Flows from south to north.

All creeks feed into the Brass River. None of them, however, usually flow the year around.

The entire county is drained by the Brass River and the area has no artificial drainage. Much of Palo Pinto County's land is rough and sloped and, therefore, runoff is very fast.

County Water Area

Prior to 1927 when the Possum Kingdom Dam was completed, Palo Pinto County's water surface area was only 1,200 acres — three square miles — or only three percent of the total land area. Possum Kingdom Dam added 26,000 acres of water surface to hills the total is about 27,000 acres — 44 square miles — or 4.5 percent of the total area of the county.



Above is a picturesque scene along winding Palo Pinto Creek, after which Palo Pinto County was named 100 years ago. The photo was taken north of the Strawn city limits and shows the bridge traversed by State Highway 16 which links Strawn with the Metropolitan Gas Junction of U. S. Highway 100 and in the opposite direction with U. S. Highway 90.

UNDERGROUND WATER

Greatest source of underground water in Palo Pinto County is from the so-called Trinity sand of the Travis peak formation. The Trinity water-producing area extends from the western border of the Crataegus belt, known as the Western Cross T members in Central Texas, eastward a distance of 50 to 100 miles to Temple, Waco and Fort Worth. Water from this sand is used in the cities of Belton, Gatesville, Waco, Cleburne and Fort Worth. It is the chief source of supply for the farms and ranches over a wide belt in Central Texas. The wells produce from 50 barrels per well a day to 600 gallons per minute. The yield of the wells depends to a large extent on the depth drilled into the sand and the thickness of the sand.

Commonly two separate producing layers are present, each 50 to 100 feet thick, separated by 50 to 100 feet of dark-red clay. The lower sand is coarser, more porous, and generally yields the largest wells. Where the sand is completely penetrated, large wells produce from 250 to 600 gallons per minute. The upper sand yields sufficient water for ranch use. In Palo Pinto County the strongest sands are found in the eastern half of the county.

Most of the springs in the county are of the so-called gravity type. Their flow is intermittent and is greatest during the periods following a general rainfall.

ANALYSES

For the Trinity water in general the quality is variable but is usually good, chlorides range from 30 to 700 parts per million, bicarbonates from 130 to 600 parts, and sulfates from about 20 to 300 parts.

Palo Pinto County Oil Production

Palo Pinto County has produced 2,250,446 barrels of crude oil since the first commercial well was brought in near Strawn back in January, 1918.

The county's average daily crude production in 1954, according to Texas Railroad Commission reports, was 725 barrels.

The county produced about a million dollars worth of crude oil last year.

Geologists and experts estimate that Palo Pinto County known oil reserves total about 4,000,000 barrels.

Palo Pinto County's maximum production of 168,174 barrels of crude oil was reached in 1935.

At the end of the fiscal year (Aug. 31, 1955), 13 blind men and women in Palo Pinto County were receiving state assistance payments.

Palo Pinto County is abundantly blessed with plentiful natural resources, many of them most vital to future industrialization of this area.

The county offers abnormally large supplies of water, electric power, natural gas, coal and other minerals from productive geological formations.

Millions of tons of unmined bituminous coal and vast reservoirs of oil and natural gas, along with sandstone, limestone, burning clays and shales underlie the Palo Pinto County land area.

Burning Clay

The tile, brick, paving brick and aggregate industries are important in the industrial progress of Palo Pinto County.

Operations are centered at Mineral Wells and in the Strawn area. The brick and paving brick are manufactured at Mineral Wells from clays in the East Mountain shale of the Mineral Wells formation.

Clay deposits also are located in the East Mountain shale outcrop along the Mineral Wells branch of the Texas & Pacific Railway, south and east of Mineral Wells in the eastern sector of the county.

Large deposits also are located in the Strawn area where two aggregate plants are located.

These clays show low shrinkage, a fairly long vitrification range, a good color when burned, good tensile strength in the product, and freedom from heavy overburden or harmful ingredients.

Expanded Shale Aggregate

Large quantities of expanded aggregate are being produced at Strawn which has one of the first expanded shale aggregate plants to be built west of the Mississippi.

Use of expanded shale aggregate in modern construction is growing increasingly popular not only in the Southwest but over the nation, affording an ever-growing market for production of this material in Palo Pinto County.

This aggregate is produced by

exacting heat control in rotary kilns with temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees F., resulting in a chemically inert, cellular aggregate which is exceedingly strong, hard and tough with very low water absorption.

The outstanding characteristics of this material is that it weighs much less than sand and gravel, and that concrete made from it weighs one-third less than sand and gravel concrete, yet possesses the same strength. In addition, it has excellent insulating, fire resistance and acoustical qualities which are automatically obtained when the builder uses expanded shale aggregate.

Building blocks of expanded shale aggregate are being used to construct a vast number of small business, commercial and industrial buildings and many residences. They are also used for backing up the interior wall on a vast number of single and multiple-story buildings with brick exteriors.

The technique of curing to minimize shrinkage and to maintain design strengths, like other engineering features, are being conscientiously worked on and improved.

The insulation and acoustical qualities and pleasing interiors which can be attained by various treatments of the open block wall are mainly the reason for use of lightweight aggregate in single-story buildings. In multiple-story buildings there is a decrease in weight when light-weight aggregate blocks are used, and when combined with the use of light-weight structural concrete, a very appreciable saving in foundation and steel costs can be effected in design.

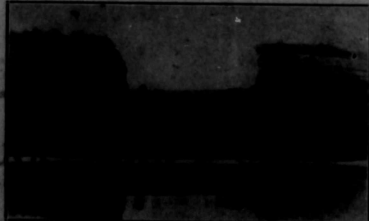
There have been other developments in the use of expanded shale aggregate in building construction and while representing a very small percentage of the production of this material, they are important.

Its use for a terrazzo finish has been very satisfactory. Also, a specially burned and specially graded aggregate or roofing material has been developed, tried and enthusiastically accepted by several roofing concerns for a cover material much lighter than cover stone previously used.

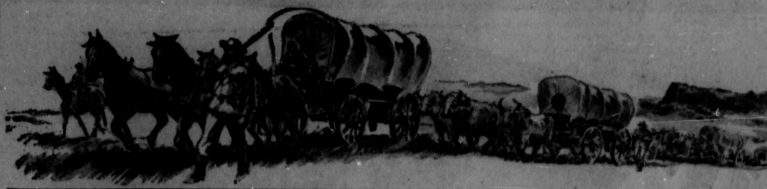
Sand and Gravel

Deposits of sand and gravel are widely distributed over Palo Pinto County with the most abundant located along the course of the Brass River up to the mouth.

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A photo of annual Lake Tucker, Strawn city water supply located four miles west of Strawn. Capacity of the municipally-owned reservoir is 1,200 acre feet and it assures a plentiful supply of water for future growth and development of the Strawn area.



County Population Gaining

The population of Palo Pinto County is estimated at 20,756. The official U. S. census figure for 1950: 17,154.

The current estimate is based on the growth of Mineral Wells. The 1950 census listed Mineral Wells' population as 7,801, but recent surveys indicate the city's population is approximately 10,500.

Palo Pinto County's population is 45.4 percent urban, 54.6 percent non-farm rural, 18.5 percent farm rural. The county population is comprised of 94 percent Anglo-Americans, 2.2 percent Latin Americans, and 3.8 percent Negroes.

Population

1950	17,154
1940	14,456
1930	17,576
1920	23,431
1910	19,596
1900	12,391
1890	8,320
1880	5,835

In 1909, three years after Palo Pinto County was organized, its population was estimated at 1,524.

Cities and Towns

(Official U. S. Census)

Brad	1940	1960
Brazos	93	40
Brazos	113	113
Gordon	522	464
Graford	804	655
Lone Camp	48	48
Lyra	50	—
Metcalf Gap	—	40
Mineral Wells	6303	7801*
Mingus	570	310
Oran	210	30
Palo Pinto	482	550
Pickwick	46	39
Poison	11	19
Salsville	150	40
Santo	500	360
Strawn	1107	922

* Mineral Wells' population is currently estimated at 10,500.

Age by Sex

Total	All ages	17,154	Male 8,459, female 8,695.
Under 1 year	288	Male 145, female 153.	
Under 5 years	1,639	Male 831, female 808.	
Age 5 to 9 years	1,531	Male 750, female 771.	
Age 10 to 14 years	1,229	Male 633, female 596.	
Age 15 to 19 years	1,093	Male 551, female 542.	
Age 20 to 24 years	990	Male 467, female 523.	
Age 25 to 29 years	1,119	Male 530, female 589.	
Age 30 to 34 years	1,081	Male 531, female 550.	
Age 35 to 39 years	1,075	Male 520, female 553.	
Age 40 to 44 years	1,222	Male 603, female 619.	
Age 45 to 49 years	1,047	Male 496, female 551.	
Age 50 to 54 years	1,090	Male 508, female 583.	
Age 55 to 59 years	989	Male 491, female 498.	
Age 60 to 64 years	901	Male 432, female 469.	
Age 65 to 69 years	808	Male 388, female 415.	
Age 70 to 74 years	649	Male 317, female 322.	
Age 75 to 84 years	605	Male 282, female 283.	
Age 85 years and older	93	Male 58, female 41.	
Total age 21 years and over	11,628	Male 5,826, female 5,807.	

County Population Statistics

Average number of persons per household in Palo Pinto County—2.97.
 Married Couples without own households—4.6 percent.
 Persons one year old or older who have resided in same dwelling for one year or more—72.6 percent.
 Persons 14 to 17 years of age in school—82.9 percent.
 Persons 14 years old and older in labor force—6,313. Male, 75.1 percent. Female, 23 percent.
 Employed engaged in manufacturing—15.5 percent.
 Average income of Palo Pinto County families—\$1,748.
 Families having annual incomes of less than \$2,000—56 percent.

County Economic Characteristics

Persons 14 years of age and older—Male 6,368, female 6,648.
 Labor Force—Male 4,781, female 1,352.
 Civilian Labor Force—Male 4,755, female 1,331.
 Employed—Male 4,586, female 1,488.
 Private Wage and Salary Workers—Male 2,640, female 1,035.
 Government Workers—Male 353, female 178.
 Self-Employed Workers—Male 1,547, female 200.
 Unpaid Family Workers—Male 46, female 78.
 Experienced Workers Unemployed—Male 168, female 41.
 New Workers Unemployed—Male 1, female 2.
 Not in Labor Force—Male 1,885, female 5,116.
 Keeping House—Male 34, female 4231.
 Unable to Work—Male 733, female 234.
 Inmates of Institutions—Male 14, female 5.
 Others Not Reported—Male 804, female 605.

CHARACTERISTICS OF RURAL NON-FARM POPULATION

Total males, all ages—2,105.
 Total females, all ages—3,075.
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED
 Total persons 25 years old and over—2,870.
 NO SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED—70.
 ELEMENTARY—1 to 4 years, 450; 5 and 6 years, 645; 7 years, 455; 8 years, 650.
 HIGH SCHOOL—1 to 3 years, 805; 4 years, 455.
 COLLEGE—1 to 3 years, 245; 4 years or more, 105.
 AVERAGE school years completed—8.5 years.

EMPLOYED

Total males employed, 1,563.
 Total females employed, 419.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COUNTY RURAL FARM POPULATION

Total males, all ages—1,674.
 Total females, all ages—1,498.
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED
 Total persons 25 years old and over—2,215.
 NO SCHOOL YEARS COMPLETED—30.
 ELEMENTARY—1 to 4 years, 206; 5 and 6 years, 365; 7 years, 255; 8 years, 300.
 HIGH SCHOOL—1 to 3 years, 415; 4 years, 290.
 COLLEGE—1 to 3 years, 95; 4 years or more, 45.
 AVERAGE school years completed—8.5 years.

EMPLOYED

Total males employed, 1,010.
 Total females employed, 114.

County Family Income

Total Families—4,533. Average annual income, \$2,063.
 Less than \$500—530 families.
 \$500 to \$999—460 families.
 \$1000 to \$1499—585 families.
 \$1500 to \$1999—615 families.
 \$2000 to \$2499—132 families.
 \$2500 to \$2999—475 families.
 \$3000 to \$3499—400 families.
 \$3500 to \$3999—255 families.
 \$4000 to \$4499—132 families.
 \$4500 to \$4999—95 families.
 \$5000 to \$5999—105 families.
 \$6000 to \$8999—75 families.
 \$9000 to \$9999—35 families.
 \$10,000 and over—85 families.
 Unreported income—300 families.

AIR TRAFFIC IN PALO PINTO COUNTY

Palo Pinto County's only large public airport is located at Mineral Wells.
 It is a regularly scheduled stop in flights of a large regional airline.
 Annual traffic includes approximately 784 airline flights handling 405 passengers through the Mineral Wells terminal. In addition, cargo included more than three and one-half tons of U. S. air mail and nearly one and one-half tons of air express and freight.



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★ Housing

There are a total of 6,982 dwelling units in Palo Pinto County, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce and figures of local surveys completed earlier this year.

A total of 6,203 of these houses are occupied, according to the Department of Commerce. Owners reside in 3,499 residences and 2,704 units are occupied by tenants. Average value of Palo Pinto County homes, the government reports, is \$3,324.

Number of Rooms

One-room houses—319.
 Two-room houses—692.
 Three-room houses—1,031.
 Four-room houses—1,845.
 Five-room houses—1,642.
 Six-room houses—779.
 Seven-room houses—228.
 Eight-room houses—91.
 Nine rooms or more—98.
 Not reported—256.

Vacant Homes

There are a total of 775 vacant dwelling units in Palo Pinto County. Of this total, 301 are for rent and 22 are for sale. Others are dilapidated, used seasonally, or not for sale or rent.

Residential Plumbing Facilities

WATER SUPPLY—Hot and cold running water is piped inside 4,102 dwelling units in Palo Pinto County. A total of 1,253 homes have only cold running water, and there are 1,187 other residential units with no piped running water.
TOILET FACILITIES—A total of 4,607 homes in Palo Pinto County have flush toilet facilities inside structures. Other toilet facilities, including outside privies, are reported for 2,173 units. No toilet facilities for 234 residences.
BATHING FACILITIES—A total of 4,495 homes are equipped with tubs and showers, and 2,379 other dwelling units in Palo Pinto County do not have such facilities.

Home Heating Equipment

A total of 1,080 homes in Palo Pinto County are equipped with central heating units, 4,520 other dwelling units have non-central heating.
HEATING FUEL
 In 1,080 homes having central heating systems, 1,055 are served by utility gas, and five burn coal. In 4,520 county homes with non-central heating, 3,058 are served by utility gas, 715 burn wood, 455 use bottled gas, 220 are served with liquid fuel, 15 burn electricity, five use coal, and five report other fuel.
COOKING FUEL
 In 6,673 Palo Pinto County homes, the following types of fuel

are consumed for cooking purposes:
 Utility gas, 4,490. Wood, 650. Bottled gas, 500. Liquid fuel, 260. Electricity, 130. Other fuel, 20. Coal, 5.

REFRIGERATION
 A total of 4,910 Palo Pinto County homes are equipped with mechanical refrigeration, gas or electric, and 920 other homes use ice.

RADIO & TELEVISION
 A total of 5,239 homes in Palo Pinto County have one or more radios. A total of 680 Palo Pinto County homes now have one or more television sets.

Palo Pinto County Homes -- Year Built

Number of homes built 1945 and later	1,125.
Number of homes built 1940 to 1944	785.
Number of homes built 1930 to 1939	1,110.
Number of homes built 1920 to 1929	1,270.
Number of homes built 1910 or earlier	2,465.

Monthly Rents

Monthly rents reported received from tenants in 1,980 dwelling units—average \$30.64. A total of 81 homes rent for less than \$10 monthly, 254 dwellings rent from \$15 to \$20, and tenants reside in 297 homes rent-free.

Value of County Residences

Average value of one dwelling unit structure, occupied by owners, in Palo Pinto County (total 2,352 tabulated), is \$3,327.
 Homes valued at less than \$2000—362.
 Homes valued at \$2000 to \$2999—178.
 Homes valued at \$3000 to \$3999—93.
 Homes valued at \$4000 to \$4999—57.
 Homes valued at \$5000 to \$5999—70.
 Homes valued at \$6000 to \$7499—104.
 Homes valued at \$7500 to \$9999—85.
 Homes valued at \$10,000 to \$14,999—27.
 Homes valued at \$15,000 to \$19,999—32.
 Homes valued at \$20,000 or more—22.
 Homes values unreported—273.

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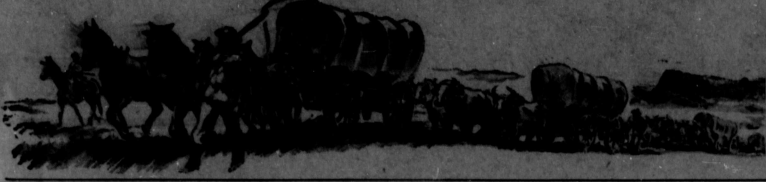
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Palo Pinto County -- 1956



Livestock Raising Is One Major County Industries

PALO PINTO COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION IS ONE OF LEADING ORGANIZATIONS IN COUNTY AREA

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Association was first organized in the summer of 1934.

The association was formed originally to better cooperate with and gain the aid of the federal government in its broad drought relief program in the mid-1930s.

First officers included Nick Biles of Graford, president; Earl T. Noland of Siroon, secretary; and R. E. Newwood of Mineral Wells, W. H. Stutcher of Palo Pinto, J. B. Hinkley of Graford, W. B. Wilson, E. D. Hinkley and T. Cantrell of Santo, and C. E. Miller of Fritchville, as a Blain Allen, Van Dusen, G. J. Campbell, Don Robinson of Ford Dow of Oran, di-

recting the raising of the critter-crotch problem, the association became inactive until 1939 when it was re-activated under the leadership of Sid Wheeler, then of Lipan and now of Graford.

Main purpose of the PPCLA is the promotion of the livestock industry in Palo Pinto and adjoining counties. Outstanding annual projects of the association's program is an annual FFA-4-H Club boys livestock show held in Mineral Wells in January and an RCA-approved rodeo staged at Mineral Wells during the summer. The 8th PPCLA livestock show was held on April 14 and 15, 1939.

The livestock barn of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association, site of the annual boys' stock show, is located west of Mineral Wells. The PPCLA's new rodeo arena, completed in 1934, is one and a half miles northwest of Mineral Wells off U. S. Highway 180.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Nick Biles of Graford.
Sid Wheeler of Lipan.
W. E. Brunson, Santo.
J. H. Stuart, Siroon.
Scott Hart, Bend.
Tex Dalton, Graford.
A. H. Newwood, Palo Pinto.
Paul Carter, Mineral Wells.
Currie Mitchell, Palo Pinto.

1934-36 OFFICERS

President — Aubrey Wallace of Mineral Wells.
First Vice President — C. M. W. Adams of Graford.
Second Vice President — Emory Stroh of Palo Pinto.
Secretary — Treasurer — John Winters of Palo Pinto.
Directors — Percy Adkins, E. J. Beardsley, Barry Bradshaw, Amos Bradshaw, Andrew Carey, C. C. Gustin, A. E. Gibson, Robert Gaudin, Charles Lambin, C. G. Lee, Tommy Miller, F. P. Rooddy, Jess Turner Jr., C. E. Weldon, E. B. A. Foster, Harry Dabbs, Bill Oldfield, Wiley Green, Allan

Progress Shown In PPCLA Steer Feeding Program

Results of dry-lot steer feeding program, sponsored by the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association, reveal that considerable progress was made by the 4-H Club and FFA leaders of the county in 1956 over 1955, according to County Agent Ralph Lindsey.

Joe Arratt Exhibits Grand Champ Calf Of '56 PPCLA Show

Joe Arratt of Santo, 4-H member, secured his grand champion entry to the 1956 annual Palo Pinto County Livestock Show in Mineral Wells Monday, January 15, 1956.

Reserve honors went to a Hereford shown by Howard McPherson of the Santo FFA.

John Arratt of Palo Pinto received the second best pro-cessed calf and his brother, Joe, took the third for the best show-man-ship.

John Kay of Mineral Wells led the steer with the best average daily weight gain. His animal weighed 490 pounds in September 240 Monday.

Max Jenkins of the Graford 4-H Club showed the reserve champ in the dry lot calf division. Jerry Wharton of Santo was third.

Other results:
Middleweight Dry Lot Class — Jenkins first; Jimmy Humphries, Graford FFA, second; Jerry Mitchell, Graford 4-H, third.

Lightweight Dry Lot — Clara Job; Wilfong, Palo Pinto 4-H, second; Tony Kay, Mineral Wells 4-H, third.

Wet Lot Heavyweight — Joe Arratt, first; Benny Brown, Graford 4-H, second; Max Jenkins, Graford 4-H, third.

Wet Lot Middleweight — Becky and Jane Arratt, Palo Pinto 4-H, first; John Arratt, Mineral Wells FFA, second; Ed Azzert, Palo Pinto 4-H, third.

Fat Barrow Champion — John DeBo, Milling FFA. Reserve — Donald Pope, Gordon FFA.
Champion Gilt — C. P. Floyd, Milling FFA. Reserve — Don Kubak, Milling FFA.
Champion Fat Lamb — Jerry Weldon, Mineral Wells FFA. Reserve — Weldon.

RESIDENTIAL FARMS

There are a total of 285 residential farms in Palo Pinto County. Products sold from each of these farms average less than \$20 per year.

Fourteen steers were fed 128 days in the 1956 program and the 14 steers averaged 1.75 pounds per day gain as a group. 16 steers were fed in the 1955 program and they averaged 1.54 pounds per day over a similar feeding period. The champion gaining steer in 1956, fed by John Kay of Mineral Wells averaged 2.83 pounds per day while the champion gaining steer of 1955, fed by Howard McPherson of Santo, averaged 2.18 pounds per day. The 1955 champion gain-

ing steer was owned by the W. P. Grant of Fritchville and the 1953 champion was a Hereford bred by A. E. Brackeen of Palo Pinto.

Other feeders in the 1956 program and their average daily gains were: Bud Wilfong of Palo Pinto, 2.83; James Green, Graford, 2.10; Earl Stone, Palo Pinto, 2.02; Jerry Wharton, Santo 1.58. Class Joe Wilfong, Palo Pinto, 1.83; Jerry Weldon, Mineral Wells, 1.75; Joe Mitchell, Graford, 1.74; Howard McPherson, Santo, 1.53; Tommy Kay, Mineral Wells, 1.49; Tommy Humphries, Graford, 1.46; Jerry Mitchell, Graford, 1.45; Jimmy Humphries, Graford, 1.32; and Max Jenkins, Graford, 1.32.

Farms and Ranches By Size

Farms under 10 acres — 103.
From 10 to 25 acres — 93.
From 25 to 50 acres — 74.
From 50 to 75 acres — 49.
From 75 to 99 acres — 73.
From 100 to 125 acres — 76.
From 125 to 175 acres — 63.
From 175 to 215 acres — 45.
From 220 to 250 acres — 37.
From 250 to 400 acres — 143.
From 400 to 600 acres — 39.
1,000 acres and over — 101.

TYPES OF FARMS AND RANCHES

Field Crops — 67.
Cash Crops — 21.
Cattle — 28.
Dairy — 29.
Poultry — 15.
Livestock — 220.
Manufactures and unclassified — 428.

RESIDENCES OF FARM

According to the current agricultural census of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, 789 approximately live on farms and ranches in Palo Pinto County. A total of 547 operators of farms and ranch establishments do not reside on their own farms.

Although Palo Pinto County, like many other sections of Texas and the growing Southwest, is becoming more industrialized year by year, agriculture continues to be one of the nation's major sources of wealth.

The livestock industry, primitively born in this then wilderness region back in the pioneer mid-nineteenth century, has changed radically since the middle 1800s when early settlers rounded up herds of wild, unbranded Longhorns and drove them on hoof up to market in Kansas each year over old-time cattle trails.

Today — gone is the old Longhorn. The cattle of Palo Pinto County's centennial year 1956 are heavier, lower built, short-horned, and offer far more and much better grades of beef. During the past century the progress and development of the industry can be attributed to scientific breeding and feeding. And increasing research continues to improve present breeds of beef cattle and also to create new markets for by-products of today's meat animals.

All these factors aid in the continued progress and further development of the livestock industry in Palo Pinto and adjoining counties.

Nearly 60 percent of Palo Pinto County's total land area of 813,760 acres is devoted to farming and ranching, according to the latest survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Of these 488,158 acres devoted to agriculture, only 30,000 acres is in crop land. The remainder is used as range and pasture for livestock.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that there are a total of 946 farms and ranches in Palo Pinto County, averaging 516 acres per unit. There are 300 stock raisers in the county, and 101 operators own and work land which totals upward from at least 1,000 acres.

Latest USDA figures show that the average value of land and buildings per farm and ranch in Palo Pinto County is \$21,408. Average value of county farm and ranchland, the government reports, is \$48.74 per acre.

LIVESTOCK IN PALO PINTO COUNTY

HORSES AND MULES

Total of 980 head reported in Palo Pinto County in U. S. agricultural census. Sixty-nine head sold during year for \$9,205.

SHEEP AND LANES

Total, 8,637. Shows and lamb sales, 2,910 head for \$33,676. Annual wool production, 6,771 head shorn for 55,615 pounds of wool.

CATTLE AND CALVES

Total, 23,548. Cattle sales, 5,000 head for \$66,822. Calf sales, 10,944 head for \$299,672.
Cows, including heifers that have calved — 12,911.
Steers, Bulls and Steer Calves — 6,672.
Heifers and Heifer Calves — 6,965.

GOATS AND KIDS

Total, 64,255. Annual mohair production: 81,222 pound shopped for \$19,297 pounds of mohair.

POULTRY

CHICKENS — Total, 64,413. Chicken sales, 14,528 birds for \$9,528. Egg sales, 226,000 dozen for \$22,200.

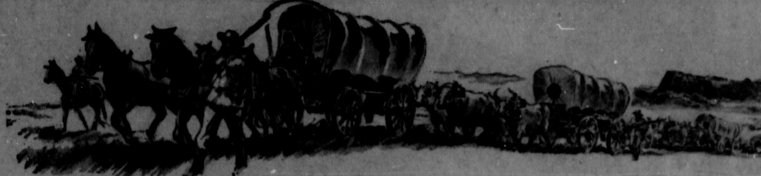
TURKEYS

Total, 5,983. Turkeys are raised in 22 farms and ranches in Palo Pinto County.

EGGS AND PIGS

Total, 1,574. Hog and pig sales, 2,111 head for \$66,265.

According to an official report at the end of the fiscal year (Aug. 31, 1955) recipients of old age assistance in Palo Pinto County totaled 247.



232 PALO PINTO COUNTY WOMEN ARE MEMBERS 14 HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS; HDC WORK ORGANIZED IN 1918

The combined membership of Palo Pinto County's fourteen Home Demonstration Clubs totals 232 women.

Home demonstration club work in the county is carried on under the supervision of Mrs. Ada Ruth Rankin, Palo Pinto County home demonstration agent.

First HDC in the county was organized back in January, 1922, at Sturdivant, and the Palo Pinto County Home Demonstration Council was organized at Mineral Wells in August, 1941.

During Palo Pinto County's centennial year 1956, the year's programs of the county's 14 rural women's clubs is built around family economics and clothing.

Home Demonstration Work in Area Began Back in World War I

Home demonstration work began in Palo Pinto County during the closing months of World War I back in 1918 with the appointment of two emergency agents. Miss Elsie Tyson, who served four months in 1918, and Miss Beza Baker, who served eight months in 1921.

On January 1, 1922, the Palo Pinto County Commissioners' Court voted the first appropriation for home demonstration club work in the county and the first club was organized by Mrs. Gertrude Blodgett in January, 1922, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Banks in the Sturdivant community.

County home demonstration agents from 1923 until 1928 included Miss Kay Johnson, Miss Alma Godfrey, Miss Mary Montgomery, and Miss Dora Garcia.

The Palo Pinto Home Demonstration Council was organized in August, 1931, in Mineral Wells under the direction of Miss Jane Boykin. Mrs. E. L. Banks was the first chairman of the Council. Succeeding chairmen have been Mrs. E. B. Turner, Mrs. R. L. Banks (second term), Mrs. W. C. Garland, Mrs. Claude Bonick, Mrs. Scott Hart, Mrs. A. M. Bryson, Mrs. C. E. Minick, Mrs. J. D. Flowers, Mrs. Price Heath, Mrs. E. L. Kahlman, Mrs. Joe Blain, Mrs. W. T. Goldsberry, and Mrs. Pearl Gilbert.

Miss Jane Boykin and Miss Pauline Leaky were agents from 1928 to 1937. While Mrs. Mary Sue Gessell was county home demonstration agent, Mrs. C. E. Minick was elected as the first Texas Home Demonstration Association chairman for Palo Pinto County. She has been succeeded by Mrs. T. C. Beatty, Mrs. J. D. Flowers, Mrs. R. B. Gilbert, and Mrs. Mary Bell Tompkins. Mrs. Leola Cox Sides was Home Demonstration Agent from February 28, 1946 until August 1, 1953, and Mrs. Ada Ruth Rankin was appointed as her successor in August of 1953.

Mrs. Rankin is working with fourteen active Home Demonstration Clubs in Palo Pinto County in carrying out the home demonstration program for this year which is built around two major demonstrations — family economics and clothing.

FIRST CHILD BORN

Mary Brown, born 1857, was the first white child born in Palo Pinto, county seat of Palo Pinto County.

Palo Pinto County Home Demonstration Clubs

ORAN — Membership, 11. Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2 p.m. Officers: Mrs. Violet Brown, president; Mrs. Frank Blain, president; Mrs. J. E. Hall, vice president; Mrs. B. W. King, secretary.

GRAFORD — Membership, 18. Meetings held first and third Thursdays of each month at 2 p.m. Officers: Mrs. Violet Brown, president; Mrs. Henry Sikes, vice president; Mrs. Dixie Fawke, secretary.

STRAWN — Membership, 17. Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2 p.m. Officers: Mrs. H. B. Waller, president; Mrs. Gloria Graves, vice president; Mrs. Royce Fuller, secretary.

PALO PINTO — Membership, 12. Meetings held third Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Officers: Mrs. E. K. Logsdon, president; Mrs. R. N. Townsend, vice president; Mrs. T. C. Beatty, secretary.

NEW SALEM — Membership, 12. Meetings held first and third Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. Officers: Jewel Bosley, president; Vera Robbins, vice president; Lottie Patterson, secretary.

STURDIVANT — Membership, 20. Meetings held first and third Thursdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. Officers: Oma Butick, president; Bertie McCabe, vice president; Ruth Holtz, secretary.

LU KINGDOM — Membership, 18. Meetings held second and fourth Fridays of each month at 2 p.m. Officers: Mrs. George Berry, president; Mrs. R. D. Hinkson, vice president; Mrs. J. C. Gaudin, secretary.

PROGRESS — Membership, 19. Meetings held second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Officers: Mrs. Daisy Reese, president; Mrs. Addie White, vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Busby, secretary; Mrs. Ruby Donaway, treasurer.

GRAFOORD — President, Mrs. Grace Green, Delegate, Mrs. T. R. Braun.

LIVE OAK — President, Mrs. Mamie White, Livan, Delegate, Mrs. Lola Ida Pruitt, Route 1, Livan.

LU KINGDOM — President, Mrs. Beanie Berry, Star Route, Graford, Delegate, Mrs. Oleta Hay, Star Route, Graford.

MINGUS — President, Mrs. Varus Gay, Delegate, Mrs. Beatie Foster.

NEW SALEM — President, Mrs. Jewel Bosley, Route 1, Santa, Delegate, Mrs. Mae Trainham, Route 1, Santa.

ORAN — President, Mrs. Frank Blain, Route 1, Perrin, Delegate, Mrs. George Moore, Perrin.

PALO PINTO — President, Mrs. E. K. Logsdon, Delegate, Mrs. Jennie Strong.

PROGRESS — President, Mrs. Daisy Reese, Mineral Wells, Delegate, Mrs. Jennie Fore, Route 2, Mineral Wells.

SANTO — President, Mrs. Joe H. Nealey, Delegate, Mrs. George Wilcomson.

STRAWN — President, Mrs. Harold B. Waller, Delegate, Mrs. Maurine Crawford.

STURDIVANT — President, Mrs. Oma Butick, Route 2, Mineral Wells, Delegate, Mrs. Sallie Holland, Route 2, Mineral Wells.

VALLEY VIEW — President, Mrs. J. T. Hubbard, Mineral Wells, Delegate, Mrs. Dora Price, Route 1, Mineral Wells.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN — Mrs. J. T. Hubbard, Mineral Wells, Mrs. Dora Price, Route 1, Mineral Wells, Mrs. Joe H. Nealey, Mineral Wells, Mrs. Beatie Foster, Strawn, Pigeon.

Varus Gay, president; Mrs. Daisy Bosley, vice president; Mrs. Beza Southern, secretary.

GRAFORD — Membership, 24. Meetings held first and third

Tuesdays of each month at 2 p.m. Officers: Mrs. W. L. Reasenor, president; Mrs. Louella Valon, vice president; Mrs. Myrtle Reasenor, secretary.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ASSISTS COUNTY'S FARMERS AND RANCHMEN

An important federal agency aiding and assisting farmers and ranchmen of Palo Pinto County and making a valuable contribution to the agricultural progress of the area is the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The Palo Pinto County ASC, functioning in direct cooperation with and under supervision of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies, administers various farm and ranch programs in the county, including the emergency feed program, crop allotments and marketing quotas, agricultural conservation, wool and mohair subsidies, etc.

Outline of County '56 ASC Program

During 1956, ASC crop allotments are in effect on cotton, wheat and peanut acreage in the county.

The year-around program, which includes a number of authorized and recommended farm and ranch improvement practices, is administered on a quarterly basis, with applications of farmers and ranchers filed prior to four deadlines — Dec. 31 for the January, February and March period; Mar. 31 for the April, May and June quarter; June 30 for the July, August and September period; and Sept. 30 for the final quarter, October, November and December.

Practices being carried out on farms and ranches in Palo Pinto County during 1956 include control of competitive weeds, aerial spray of mequitos, wells for livestock water, earthen dams, waterways in conjunction with terracing, deferred grazing, etc.

Membership Of ASC Committees

The Palo Pinto County ASC is headed by a committee of three farmers and stockmen who represent the four chairmen of the community committees who represent cooperators in the four commissioners' precincts of the county.

The three-man ASC group, and the 12-member community committee are elected during August and assume duties on September 1 of each year.

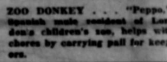
The 1956 County Committee is comprised of W. A. Edwards, chairman, Scott Hart of Brad, and Frank Blain of Perrin.

The Community Committee is composed of the following members elected by the farmers and ranchmen of their respective precincts:

PRECINCT 1 — Tom Jordan, chairman, of Palo Pinto; Jess Slemmons of Brad, and W. A. Carey of Mineral Wells.

PRECINCT 2 — Clarence Hamery, chairman, of Mineral Wells; Bruce Beatty of Perrin and Thomas Kubank of Graford.

PRECINCT 3 — Robert Barton, chairman, of Gordon; Jim Dickson



ZOO DONKEY — "Peppo," Spanish made resident of Louisiana children's zoo, helps with carrying pal for keepers.

of Gordon, and A. D. Crawford of Strawn.

PRECINCT 4 — Aubrey Gilbert, chairman, of Santo; Hubert White of Lipan, and Silas Slings of Lipan.

County ASC Office In New City Hall At Mineral Wells

The office of the Palo Pinto County ASC Committee is located in the new City Hall Building in Mineral Wells. Mailing address, P. O. Box 28. Telephone, 156. Office hours are 8 a.m. until 12 noon and 1 until 5 p.m. daily — Monday through Friday. The office is closed on Sundays and holidays.

County Receiving Relief For Drouth

Early in January, 1956, the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington designated Palo Pinto County as a drought disaster area, making it possible for eligible farmers and ranchers to participate in the federal emergency feed program.

The January additions brought to 170 the number of counties in 10 states which have been designated as disaster areas either as a result of drought, hurricanes or floods. There are 73 such counties in Texas.

Under provisions of the emergency feed grain program, eligible farmers and ranchers in designated areas may obtain certain feed grains at a price reduction of 11 per hundred weight.

The program is designed to help stockmen in stricken areas to maintain basic livestock herds, according to the Department of Agriculture.

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Homecoming time is even more important and more significant this year, for it also marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Palo Pinto County back on August 27, 1856.

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Big Attendance for Homecoming

STRAWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

The Strawn Public Schools will re-open for the 1956-57 session on Tuesday, Sept. 4. That was the message today from Lindol O. Watson, new superintendent of the local school system.

Supt. Watson said that school's opening would be highlighted with a general assembly in the high school auditorium beginning at 8:30 a.m. on that day. The assembly will be followed with registration of students, he said.

School buses will run at the regular time in the morning. However, the opening day's activities will be wound up before noon in time for students to return home for lunch.

Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and lunches will be served in the school lunchroom. Lunch rates will be the same as last year, the superintendent said — 25 cents for ward schoolers and 50 cents for high school students.

"All patrons and friends are extended a cordial invitation to attend opening day exercises," Supt. Watson declared, "and also to visit the school at any time during the year. This is your school!"

Observer Training School Set Sept. 20

A special one - night training school for present members and new recruits of the Strawn unit of the Ground Observer Corps will be held at City Hall here on Thursday evening, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m., according to J. L. Latimer, leader of the local post.

Present membership of the Strawn GOC organization is about 15 men and women volunteers and more are needed and urged to join in this all - important civil defense effort.

Persons interested may secure complete information by contacting Latimer at the city secretary's office in City Hall.

A NEW GOVERNOR FOR TEXAS

One week from Saturday — on August 25 — Texans will go to the polls to elect a new governor. Needless to say, their verdict will be of utmost importance and certainly vital to the future of our great Lone Star State.

We think U. S. Senator Price Daniel will make Texas a truly great governor. And we think he will command the respect not only of proud Texans but of the entire nation as well.

We not only admire his record in state and national public service, we not only admire his character and personal conduct and very highly respect his fine family, but we also greatly admire the constructive and gentlemanly manner in which he has conducted his state-wide campaign for Lone Star land's highest office.

Senator Daniel, we recall with many of you, left the final decision of his candidacy solely in the hands



MRS. ADA BRADFORD

M. S. CRAIG, 46, DIES OF FATAL HEART ATTACK

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Spear of Gordon have been in Odessa for several days where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Spear's brother-in-law, Morris Sheppard (Pete) Craig in Immanuel Baptist Church last Sunday.

Rev. J. B. Dolan officiated during the services and burial was in Odessa Cemetery.

Mr. Craig, 46, was a toolpusher for Mission Construction Co. He suffered a fatal heart attack near North Cowden. He was dead on arrival at Medical Center Hospital.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vera Mae Craig and a son, Richard Craig, both of Odessa; and his mother, Mrs. Molly Craig, also of that city.

At the time of his father's death, Richard was visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Spear, in Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Melton Corkle and son, Eddie of Galveston spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCorkle.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. BRADFORD HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada Bradford, 79 and a resident of Strawn for 60 years, were held at First Methodist Church in Strawn Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Officiating at the final rites for the Strawn woman Monday afternoon were Bro. Leas McDaniel, minister of the Strawn Church of Christ, and Rev. Van Merion, pastor of First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bradford, who had been making her home for nearly a year with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Caraway, in Amarillo, died at the Caraway home in that city Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Bradford was the widow of the late D. S. (Si) Bradford, well and widely known West Texas peace officer and former Strawn constable who preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1949.

Interment was in Mount Marion Cemetery and Baum & Carlock Funeral Home, Strawn, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were J. E. Stuart, D. C. Goforth, Mayor Frank D. Phillips, B. D. Wilson, J. I. Encke, and O. M. Hurst.

Mrs. Bradford, the former Miss Ada Gresson, was born in Tennessee on May 25, 1877. She came to Fair Point County in 1891 and on Sept. 15, 1894, she was united in marriage with her late husband.

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Motorists Are Asked To Drive Slow And Keep Down Dust

Attention, Strawn motorists! This important request for courtesy and consideration to harassed housewives and householders.

During those dry, hot summer days, the dust problem in Strawn is very acute.

And even moderate driving sets up billowing clouds of dust which filter into homes along the city's many unpaved streets.

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Drive-In Revival In Progress Here

An old - fashioned open air drive-in revival, inter-denominational is in progress nightly two blocks east of the Polka Dot Inn in Strawn.

The revival opened Monday night and Rev. J. D. Fisher, evangelist, is bringing the message beginning at 8 p.m.

An special feature, Rev. Fisher said, a colored quartet from Eastland will sing during the services Friday evening, August 24.

The public is cordially invited.



W. H. (BILL) HINKSON
... President of Strawn Exes



L. J. (LAZZIE) LOVERA
... Vice - President



MRS. ELIZABETH MILLS
... Secretary - Treasurer

3-Day Event Opens Friday at 6 p.m.; Saturday Big Day

• SEE HOMECOMING PROGRAM ON PAGE FOUR.

Throngs of ex - students, ex-teachers and ex-residents of Strawn are due to pour into the city this weekend for the gala 1956 Strawn Homecoming, an annual summer event, which opens Friday night and continues thru Sunday afternoon.

The annual affair is sponsored by the Strawn Ex-Students and Ex-Teachers Assn.

Credit for birth of the organization goes to Charles Fincher of Fort Worth, a 1934 graduate of Strawn High School and the association was organized on August 31, 1935 during the first annual homecoming.

Homecomings have been held yearly with exception of four years—1942 through 1946—during World War II.

First officers were J. R. Starks, president; Nell Farnley, vice president; Preston Witherspoon, secretary; Maggie Cato, treasurer; and Kate Vernon Manns, keeper of the records.

The 1955 Homecoming was staged Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13.

1956 Homecoming Queen—Miss Lora Grabin.

Parade Winners — Classes, Class of 1953, Commercial, Key Stalls of the Pick & Shovel.

Old Fiddler's Contest winners—Norman Solomon, Bryan Houston, Eastland, and R. D. Burkhalter of Throckmorton.

1956-57 OFFICERS

President — W. H. (Bill) Hinkson.
Vice President — L. J. (Lazzie) Lovera.
Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Elizabeth Mills.
Keeper of Records — Ruth Messimer.

Mrs. Floyd Jones and Mrs. Joe Roberson and daughter of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberson of Colorado spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Latta, daughter, Mrs. Marjorie and grandson, David Chamberlain.

ROUTE OF SATURDAY HOMECOMING PARADE

Following the coronation of Strawn's 1956 Homecoming Queen in the middle of the Main Street business block at 10 a.m., the queen will be escorted to the starting point of the parade three blocks north on Main Street at the corner of the residence of P. L. Stephens.

From that point the parade will move south on Main Street through the downtown area, then will continue across the T&P Railroad tracks and thence down State Highway 16 in the center three blocks north on the southern section of Strawn.

The procession will be headquartered at Lovera's Grocery and Market corner.

Ground Observer Alert Next Sunday

An alert of local units of the Ground Observer Corps has been ordered for next Sunday, Aug. 13. The alert will be in effect Sunday afternoon from 1 until 6 p.m., according to J. L. Latimer, supervisor of the Strawn Ground Observer Corps unit.

Local members of the corps are reminded to arrange schedules in order to be available for important observer duties during the five-hour alert period, Latimer said.

Johnny Morris and Billy Tyeer were in Fort Worth Monday on business.



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go, his father, who passed away here in 1963. The elder Dr. Pedigo began the general practice of medicine in Strawn back on November 20, 1913.

Dr. Paul C. Pedigo, who served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II graduated from Strawn High School in 1917. He entered Baylor University, Waco, 1918, attended the University of Texas, Austin, and completed his studies in the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston in 1925.

Dr. Pedigo is a member of the American Medical Association and the Palo Pinto-Parker County Medical Society. He is a past president of the latter organization.

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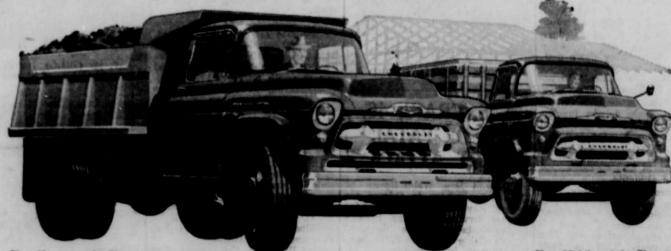
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED UPON IN NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44 proposing an amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the term of the Chief of Office to include appointive officers of the State.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: That Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Members of the Legislature, and all other elected officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following oath or affirmations:

"I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly been offered, or promised to receive any money or valuable thing, or promise of any money or valuable thing, or reward for the giving up, withholding, or suppression of any evidence, or the doing of which I was sworn to do, in any case."

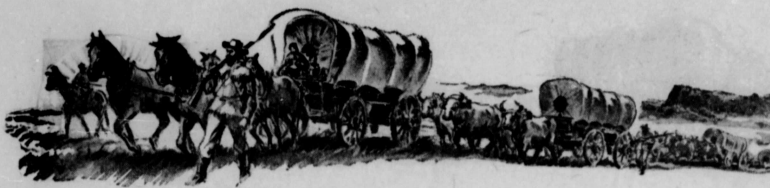
"I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly been offered, or promised to receive any money or valuable thing, or promise of any money or valuable thing, or reward to secure my appointment or the performance of my duties."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be referred to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all ballots shall be printed (except the following):

"YES, the Constitutional Amendment for changing the term of the Chief of Office for elective and appointive officers of the State."

"NO, the Constitutional Amendment for changing the term of the Chief of Office for elective and appointive officers of the State."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall keep a copy of the amendments proposed for the people, and this Amendment shall be printed on the ballot by the Commission and kept of this State.



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The City of Strawn has one of the finest city hall buildings of any community its size in the entire nation. The municipal edifice was completed in June, 1923, at a cost of \$50,000, during the administration of Mayor P. C. Sanders.

The attractive, well-built structure is a two-story building.

On the first floor are quarters for the Mayor, including two rooms on the first floor facing north and west.

On the east side, fronting north, is the office of the Justice of the Peace, and back of that is the office of the City Secretary and Tax Assessor-Collector.

The rear of the building, both first and second floor, is occupied by the Strawn Volunteer Fire Department. On the lower floor is the garage housing trucks and fire-fighting equipment and upstairs the department has a kitchenette, four bed rooms and a club and meeting room.

The front portion of the second floor of the City Hall building consists of a spacious city auditorium.

Strawn's Deceased War Veterans Listed By Legion Auxiliary

This list compiled by Women's Auxiliary Unit of Strawn Post, No. 497, American Legion, list includes veterans who died of natural causes in post-war periods, and servicemen who were killed in combat and died while serving in the United States armed forces. Remains of the following veterans are interred in cemeteries in Strawn and Gordon.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

J. W. Gibson, Dan Stuart, Ed Clifton, Capt. F. P. Boyd and Pat Johnson.

WORLD WAR I

Henry McMillan, Don McKinstry, Cecil Allen, Irby Watson, Jack Haab, Andrew Brothers, Jack Burton Robertson, Homer Sheppard, M. H. Patterson, F. E. Trott, Raymie Poyner, Dick Duke, Will Creighton, Vic Creighton, I. D. Guest, J. E. Guest Sr., John Stringendorfer, Dan Buzner and Dan Trowbridge.

WORLD WAR II

Harmon Boyd, Angus Gentry, Smokey Pruitt, Albert Tibbotts, Jack Looney, Everett Rhodes, Bob Mitchell and Arthur Moore.

Strawn Tops Quota In United Fund Drive

UNITED FUND DRIVE
The 1955 United Fund Drive in Strawn was staged under sponsorship of the Strawn Lions Club on Nov. 1 and 2, 1955. Strawnites contributed \$339.56, 104 per cent of the city's quota.

W. A. Vandaveer, Lions president, served as chairman and was assisted by Mrs. Maurice Crawford, Mrs. Bob Brothers, and Mrs. Pete Grabin.

Proceeds from the Palo Pinto County United Fund go to American Cancer Society, American Heart Assn., American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Crippled Children's Society, Salvation Army, United Defense Fund and United Service Organizations.

SECTION TWO

The Strawn Tribune

Established 1912

PALO PINTO COUNTY'S LEADING WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Vincit Omnia Veritas

THE TRIBUNE HAS GONE TO WAR!

50 YEARS OF FREE PRESS —

The Tribune, Established In 1912, Follows Strawn News, Enterprise

The citizens of Strawn and this section of Palo Pinto County have been faithfully served by a local newspaper for more than fifty years.

During this long, eventful half century which has seen this West Texas area transformed from a raw, undeveloped wilderness into a prosperous group of progressive communities and a host of fine citizens, the progress, growth and development of this section — a truly American pioneer saga — has been accurately and colorfully chronicled in the columns of a free press.

First it was the old Strawn News, published here back before the turn of the century. The News was Strawn's first newspaper, and it continued publication until 1903.

It was in 1903 that Strawn's second newspaper came into being with Eugene Moore, an enterprising publisher and a brilliant writer, at its helm. The Enterprise was published continuously until 1912.

The Strawn News and The Strawn Enterprise — both owned by Strawn and the surrounding territory for two decades.

Then came The Strawn Tribune. It made its debut here in August, 1912 — as the successor to its two pioneering predecessors — and was entered as second class mail matter at the Strawn post office on August 23 of that year.

The Stephens Printing Company — owned and operated by J. F. Stephens — first published The Strawn Tribune.

Next proprietors were Binyon & Soule, a partnership between W. A. Binyon, a minister of Red Oak, Texas, and James B. Soule of Strawn. Soule was actively associated with The Tribune as editor and business manager for several years.

Binyon & Soule continued publication of The Tribune until 1918 when the newspaper was purchased by the late S. D. Taylor. Mr. Taylor, a widely experienced newspaperman and one of The Tribune's most popular and most outstanding publishers, owned the newspaper until he passed away in a Fort Worth hospital at the age of 58 on Friday morning, December 4, 1925.

Following Mr. Taylor's death, his heirs placed S. C. Lee in charge of the publication.

Mr. Lee guided the destinies of The Tribune until early the following year, and on February 19, 1926, H. E. Choate became manager of the properties.

Three months later — on May 14, 1928 — W. L. Garner, one of Texas' most widely known newspaper men, purchased The Tribune from the S. D. Taylor estate and began a decade of ser-



30 YEARS AGO —

C. E. Maxwell, the newly appointed postmaster under President Wilson, took charge of the Strawn post office Tuesday morning, with Jim Groselove as his assistant, R. B. Gordon and daughter, Miss Nellie Gordon, retiring.

— 30 Years Ago —
Forney Washburn has completed the grading of the public road from Caddo to Breckenridge and moved his grading outfit to Lascasa, where he has been employed to do quite a bit of work (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.)

vice to Strawn and this vicinity as editor and publisher of its then 14-year-old newspaper. He was (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.)

● FROM WASHINGTON —

U. S. SENATOR TOM CONNALLY PRAISES K...

Extends Congratulations On Newspaper's Long Span Of Service To Texas And Nation

"I wish to congratulate you and your associate editors upon the wonderful record established by THE STRAWN TRIBUNE," writes Texas' distinguished United States Senator, the Honorable Tom Connally, in a letter of greeting from Washington to the publishers of The Strawn Tribune on the occasion of its completion of thirty years of service.

"The people in your community are also to be congratulated upon their good fortune in having in their midst for thirty years a publication that has rendered such outstanding service," Senator Connally said. "It is such newspapers as yours that represent what America is and will continue to be, and I wish for THE STRAWN TRIBUNE many more years of public service."



HON. TOM CONNALLY
United States Senator

Newspaper Is Solidly Supporting War Effort

Publisher's Report Reviews Loyal Cooperation Of The Tribune To Nation's Gigantic Drive To Victory

The columns of The Strawn Tribune — proudly and patriotically dedicated to a speedy Victory and a lasting peace for the United States and her allies, the United Nations — are now doing important war work.

Since Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, a total of 7,172 column inches of space in The Tribune — the equivalent of more than 51 full pages and valued at more than two thousand dollars — had been contributed directly to the Nation's war effort up until June 1 of this year, Grover C. Lee, Sr., publisher, reports.

Of this total space, 1,876 column inches in the news columns brought readers vital information regarding United States War Bonds and U. S. Army and Navy recruiting programs.

— 708 INCHES TO RED CROSS —
A total of 708 column inches of advertising pertaining to the Red Cross fund-raising campaigns appeared in The Tribune during the period from December 7, 1941 to June 1, 1943. Sixty-six inches of this total was donated by the publishers, and the remaining 330 column inches were sponsored and paid for by advertisers and by the War Production Board.

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— WAR BOND SPACE IS HEAVIEST —
Sales of United States War Bonds and Stamps were given more linage than any other war cause, according to the publisher's detailed report of The Tribune's wartime activities since Pearl Harbor.

A total of 3,606 column inches of advertising, pertaining entirely to promotion of the sale of United States War Bonds and Stamps have appeared in The Tribune since December 7, 1941. More than half of that total — 1,917 column inches — was sponsored by advertisers. And the remainder — 1,689 column inches — was contributed by the publishers. Total value of all space devoted to the U. S. War Bond campaigns up until June 1, 1943 totaled \$1,041.80

— AIDS U. S. ARMY AND NAVY RECRUITING —
A total of 62 column inches of display advertising space was donated to the United States Army and Navy wartime recruiting programs by The Tribune from December 7, 1941 through June 1, 1943.

— 524 INCHES OF WARTIME RATIONING ADVERTISING —
Important rationing information — occupying a total of 524 column inches of display advertising space — appeared in The Tribune from December 7, 1941 to June 1, 1943. More than 300 column inches of that total was sponsored by (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.)

50 YEARS OF SERVICE The Strawn Tribune 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

OUR COMMUNITY OUR COUNTRY OUR STATE AND COUNTRY

Palo Pinto County's Leading Weekly Newspaper

30 YEARS of SERVICE

The Strawn Tribune

Serving **OUR COMMUNITY
OUR COUNTY, OUR
STATE and COUNTRY**

Published Every Week
Palo Pinto County's Leading Weekly Newspaper

• ABOUT AN EX —

Hattie Tullos Jones

Mrs. Hattie Tullos Jones, owner and operator of the Modern Cleaners, Breckenridge, graduated from Strawn High School here in 1923. She completed a business course and graduated from the National Business College, Abilene, in 1926. Born in Eastland County in 1906 and the daughter of Joe Tullos of Fort Worth and Mrs. Mary E. Tullos of Breckenridge, Mrs. Jones spent her childhood in Strawn and during her high school days she distinguished herself as a member of the Strawn High girls' basketball team, starting as a forward. She was also awarded the title of "Best All-Around Girl" during her senior year. Mrs. Jones left Strawn in 1925 and last visited her old home town in 1941. She has written an interesting letter about herself which appears elsewhere in this edition of The Tribune.

• ABOUT AN EX —

Mrs. B. E. Dalton

Mrs. B. E. Dalton is a Strawn ex-resident who says she still loves her old home town. Mrs. Dalton, 68 years young, resides at Merkel in Taylor County and has written a letter for publication in this edition which appears elsewhere in this issue of The Tribune. Mrs. Dalton was born in Coman-

chee. She has two brothers living and her two sisters have passed away. Mrs. Dalton left Strawn in July, 1941. Her last visit to the old home town was in October, 1942. She has three children. A son, Willie A. Stockbridge, is 31 and lives at Merkel. Her daughters are Mrs. Eunice Blackman of Dallas and Mrs. Eula Stages, 1308 N. Broadway, Sayre, Oklahoma. Mrs. Dalton has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

• ABOUT AN EX —

Glenn D. Andrew

Glenn D. Andrew, 38-year-old auxiliary military policeman of St. Paul, Minnesota, is an ex-student of Strawn High School who is a long, long way from the old home town. Born at Morgan, Texas on December 15, 1904, Andrew is the son of Mr. George Andrew of Strawn. He left here in June, 1922, and his last visit down here in the Heart of Texas was in July, 1941. His relatives here include his father, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrew, and a sister, Mrs. Gena Beth Brothers Married, Andrew's wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Munkholm, also of St. Paul. Andrew and his wife, wed in New York City on August 31, 1934, are the proud parents of two sons—George M. Andrew, 7, and Robert H. Andrew, 6-months-old. An interesting letter from this Strawn ex appears elsewhere in this edi-



About
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EXES**

• ABOUT AN EX —

Averill Trott Heath

Mrs. George Averill Trott Heath, 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Maxine Trott of this city and a graduate of Strawn High School here in 1939, resides at 204 Bois D'Arc, Pecos, Texas. Born here on September 29, 1921, Mrs. Heath has one brother and two sisters. During her years as a Strawn High School student she was outstanding, having been a member of the Strawn High band, a talented public speaker, debater and declaimer, and a member of the student council. She is a houseball fan and was

married to Curtis Rayburn Heath, son of Mrs. Levia Heath of Afton, Oklahoma, on December 16, 1939, left Strawn with her husband on April 16, 1942. Her last visit here was in April of this year. Among her relatives here are her mother, a sister, Peggy Sue Trott, Harve O. Brothers and family, and Andrew Brothers. Mrs. Heath and her husband are the proud parents of a son, Perry Rayburn Heath. A letter from Mrs. Heath, a regular reader of her old home newspaper, appears elsewhere in this edition of The Tribune.

• ABOUT AN EX —

George Yalch

George Yalch, 34-year-old U. S. Railway Mail clerk, of 729 South Logan Street, Denver, Colorado, is an ex-resident of Strawn and one of The Strawn Tribune's most loyal out-of-town readers. Born here on April 16, 1909, George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yalch of this city. He is one of the Yalch's five sons. He has five sisters. The Denver resident left Strawn in 1924 and last visited here in February, 1939. His relatives here include his father and mother and two sisters, Miss Helen Yalch, and Mrs. A. P. Yell. He is married and his wife is the former Miss Margie Mae Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moore of Strawn. The couple wed at Roswell, New Mexico, on October 6, 1937. Mrs. Yalch is the proud parent of a 17-month-old daughter, Miss A. letter from

this Strawn ex-resident and long-time Tribune reader appears elsewhere in this edition.

• ABOUT AN EX —

Sarah Manney Clary

Mrs. H. B. Clary, the former Miss Sarah Manney, resides at 902 Mulberry in Duncan, Oklahoma and is employed as a deputy clerk by the City of Duncan. She is a graduate of Strawn High School and also attended North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Manney of Strawn, Mrs. Clary was born in Palo Pinto County on October 26, 1893, one of six children—three boys and three girls. She left Strawn on June 11, 1913 and last visited here on Mother's Day—May 9, 1940. Her relatives here are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brookman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sporer. Mrs. Clary has three children. Her son is James E. Clary, 27, who has been serving in the United States Navy since December 9, 1941—two days after the Japs' dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor. Her daughters are Mrs. James L. Wall, 30th and No. Poinsettia, Dixie Terrace Apts., West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Lloyd A. Richards, 902 Mulberry, Duncan, Oklahoma. Mrs. Clary has one granddaughter born on February 27, 1943. An interesting letter from this Strawn ex will be found elsewhere in this edition of The Tribune.

Buy MORE WAR BONDS!

• CONGRATULATIONS to THE STRAWN TRIBUNE on its 30 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE! •

Friendship is the Greatest Thing
in all the World!



EX-STRAWNITES — whoever you are and wherever you are — remember . . . we're thinking of you!

WE TAKE this opportunity to send you these words of greeting, to reaffirm our friendship, and to remind you that your old home town is still the sweetest, grandest place in all the world.

WHENEVER you're in Strawn, drop in for a visit at your friendly CITY CAFE.



Yes, and friendliness is the outstanding asset of your CITY CAFE. Courtesy and friendliness are two things in which this popular establishment and its personnel hold much pride. Of course, too, we know you'll find our foods the most delicious, our coffee the best in town, our beverages the most refreshing, and our sandwiches really tops. Visit your friendly CITY CAFE often!

CITY CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Blaza Krensavaø

STRAWN

We Salute Our Fighting Men!

• Our prayers are with Strawn's scores of men serving in the armed forces — here on home soil and in every corner of this war-torn world. Greetings, all of you gallant Strawn sons, and God bless you!

30 YEARS AGO —
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on the Lacassa and Strawn road. This is money well spent and the taxpayers should keep in mind that money well spent on the public roads is not a donation, but an investment with good interest.

— 30 Years Ago —
 A census report which has just been published shows 1,362 goats in Palo Pinto County, which are valued at \$2,874. The report is based on data gathered by the census enumerators in 1910 and relates to that year. Total number of goats on all the farms and ranges of Texas is 1,135,344, and are valued at \$2,211,407. Ten per cent, at 7,937, of the state's 417,770 farms raise goats.

— 30 Years Ago —
 The west has been reporting plenty of moisture in the ground and it may be so, but indications show that in one respect, at least, they were dry last week. Last Friday, Saturday and Monday 122 gallons of whiskey and 4,064 gallons of beer were shipped from Strawn to the western country.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Notwithstanding the fact that this is the dull season of the year, the coal mines of Strawn shipped during the month of May and June 759 cars of coal, making a total of 26,565 tons.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Loyd Stewart and family left Tuesday for Birmingham, Alabama to visit Mr. Stewart's old home.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Ed S. Britton and wife left Monday for a two months' visit in California. They will make an extended trip over the entire coast country before returning home. Before leaving, Mr. Britton promised to write The Tribune occasionally that the people of Strawn may know something of his travels.

— 30 Years Ago —
 The average farm in Palo Pinto County contains 246 1/2 acres and in each farm the average number of acres of improved land is 54 1/2. The farmers' union is strong, advocating the reduction of the size of the farms of this state, and its president, Hon. Peter Radford, has previously, through the press, called attention to the number of large farms in Palo Pinto County. Federal census records show that we have 967 farms that contain more than 100 acres. Mr. Radford claims that if cheap labor were available more tenant farmers would become home owners and the owners of these large tracts could be induced to place their property on the market in small tracts. We now have 1,921 farms in this county and 919 of them are operated by tenants.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Earl Kearby and sister, Miss Kate Kearby, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kearby, returned to their home in Weatherford Monday.

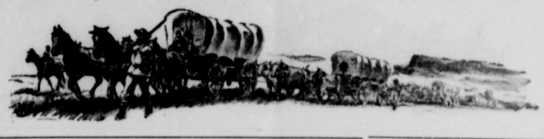
— 30 Years Ago —
 Misses Sallie Brothers, Gertrude Love and Edith Johnson returned Tuesday from Weatherford where they have been attending summer normal.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mesdames J. S. Crouch, E. B. Parsons and J. B. Cate of Lubbock, Miss Gladys Crouch and W. L. Stephen went to Mings Wednesday.

— 30 Years Ago —
CHEANEY ITEMS — Mrs. Joe Tullis and children visited their mother and grandmothers, Mrs. Johnson of Strawn, from Friday till Sunday, J. R. (Dutch) Ervin

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and Walton Minchew have been employed to teach the Cheaney School the next term. Mrs. C. R. Burrows went to Strawn Friday to visit her son, Henry Burrows. Mrs. Emma Johnson returned to her home in Strawn Friday after a visit here with relatives and friends. Crops in this vicinity are sure looking fine. R. E. Broening was a Strawn visitor Friday and Saturday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Joe Halifax has bought an automobile.

— 30 Years Ago —
 I. B. Davidson made a business trip to Eastland Tuesday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 During the month of June six and three-fourths inches of rain fell in Strawn.

— 30 Years Ago —
 L. E. Shaw and J. Johnson were Mineral Wells visitors Sunday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. W. A. Tucker left Tuesday to visit friends at Canyon City.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Russell Packer was down from near Canyon City visiting home folks.

— 30 Years Ago —
 P. R. Cook and wife and Mesdames O. D. Stuart and J. H. Bennett motored to Mings Sunday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Gabe Mayo and daughter, Minnie Ruth, of Gordon were visiting friends here Saturday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Frank Walker and wife left Tuesday on their honeymoon trip to Ranger and Breckenridge. The couple were married here Saturday evening, June 13, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the Rev. M. D. Connel who performed the ceremony.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Miss Nell Jones arrived home Tuesday from an extended visit to Puntam, Baird and Merkel.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Harry Stages and Miss Hattie Pruitt left last Saturday for Fort Worth, where they were married and left immediately for Galveston to spend a few days before returning home.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. Thomas Brothers of Shamrock arrived Saturday to visit J. D. Brothers and family.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. Dovie Katt returned Saturday from Ranger where she had been visiting the past two weeks.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Britton attended the Hall-Brown wedding at Thurber Sunday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 E. Y. Jennings and L. F. Gardener of Lacassa were here Saturday and made The Tribune office a visit.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. C. D. Williams and family of Grandview visited P. E. Whitaker and family Saturday and Sunday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Miss Lora Cortigan returned to Mineral Wells Monday after a vis-

it here with her sister, Mrs. John Watson.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. J. F. Stephens and little granddaughter, Lilla, and Mrs. O. M. Roberts, are visiting at Puntam this week.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Frank Hoax and wife of Gordon, spent Sunday here as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mott.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Miss Ada McKinnon returned home Saturday from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her sister for a few months.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Uncle Joe Haah treated The Tribune man and St. Brafford to an ice cold castelone Monday. Many thanks, Joe.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. C. D. Williams, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowers, returned to her home at Grandview Monday.

— 30 Years Ago —
 Mrs. J. K. Martin of Orrick, Missouri, spent last week here attending the bedside of her husband's wife, Mrs. Frank Martin.

— 30 Years Ago —
 I have purchased an automobile to run for the public; charges reasonable. See me when you wish to hire an auto. Phone 31, C. W. Ellis. (Adv.)

25 YEARS AGO —

The Ranger oil field alone has a potential production of approximately 50,000 barrels daily were it possible to drill in all the wells now on top of the sand. As it is, the field is making 15,250 barrels divided as follows: Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Company, 9,250 barrels; Prairie Oil and Gas Company, 2,700 barrels; miscellaneous, 3,250 barrels.

— 25 Years Ago —
 At present the Texas and Pacific has fifteen wells on top of the sand, the Prairie Oil and Gas Company has nine and the other operators have twelve, making a total of 36 wells that could be drilled in and oil put in the tanks in forty-eight hours' time. All of the wells are in the proved field and will make producers.

— 25 Years Ago —
 The Fourth Liberty Loan Special train arrived in Strawn a day ahead of schedule on account of a slight change in their proposed schedule. Several interesting talks were made by members of the party accompanying the special which were highly appreciated by those present. Also a number of very interesting war relics were demonstrated, including various German and French and English machine guns, etc., which were very educational and enjoyed by all. Not a very large amount was subscribed owing to the small crowd present on account of the present epidemic and the fact that many of our citizens have already made their purchases from local citizens who have canvassed the town.

The local board has received notice that all calls have been temporarily suspended. These calls are—65 white men, and one negro to Camp Travis, min, white men to Camp Crockett, Galveston, and one white man, a mechanic, to Camp Mabry, Houston.

— 25 Years Ago —
 Owing to the fact that it is impossible to secure all the help necessary to keep the wheels moving in the country print shop, we wish to urge all our customers to look over their stocks, and if short place your order now, don't wait until the last moment as it is almost impossible to supply every one with their needs on the spur of the moment. We have been unable to catch up with our work for the past seven months, as help is scarce, various kinds of paper are hard to secure and some things are impossible to secure. Do us a special favor by placing all orders for work as soon as

possible and we will always give you your work in less time than usually is the case in most shops. We have the best equipment between Fort Worth and El Paso and the best printers money will secure and guarantee every job to be satisfactory or money refunded.

— 25 Years Ago —
 The fact that the miner is a soldier is clearly to be seen. Not only by his yellow miner, but the word at large. He is producing the steam to carry the war ship to carry on the battle of freedom. He is one of the master wheels of the gun or pick whichever his country deems necessary in defense of his country. Yes, from morning until night you can hear the howl of the pick down in the bowels of the earth, away from the God-giving pleasures of life. The miner is not different from the ordinary human—he is just like you, loves his home and family just like you. He is an important factor in the industrial welfare of our nation. The miner who does his might is just as patriotic as the gallant young man who shoulders his gun and goes to the battle scarred fields of Europe to meet the Hun.—Contributed by a Miner.

— 25 Years Ago —
 Mrs. W. L. Stephen, born in Sante, Texas, on February 27, 1896, died in Strawn on October 16, 1918 at 2:20 p. m. Impressive services were conducted at the residence by the Rev. F. F. Culver of Fort Worth and interment was

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50 YEARS OF THE LIBERTY BELL
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ably assisted by his son, Carl Garner. Mr. Garner is now publishing his twenty-seventh newspaper, The Levelland Leader, at Levelland in Hockley County. His son, Carl, employed by a large printing concern at Eastland, and another son, Brann Garner, also an ex-newspaper man, is manager of the Intimate Theatres at Eastland and Ranger.

The Tribune on January 29, 1936 and closed the publication for more than two years.

On September 2, 1938, the Lee Publishing Company, the present owners, purchased the newspaper which on Friday, May 14, 1943, ended its 30th year of service to Strawn, to Palo Pinto County, to Texas, and to the Nation.

The company which also owns and publishes The Graford News, another Palo Pinto County weekly newspaper, now has one of the most modern and well equipped newspaper plants in this section of the state.

Newspaper Is Solidly Supporting War Effort

Publisher's Report Reviews Loyal Cooperation Of The Tribune To Nation's Gigantic Drive To Victory

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advertisers, and 218 column inches were donated by the publishers.

"We are proud that The Tribune has had a small role in aiding the war effort," Publisher Lee stated in presenting the report.

"We are especially proud of the large volume of in-page and publicity for United States War Bonds and Stamps which have appeared in The Tribune since this nation became di-

rectly involved in World War II.

"Thanks to our many loyal co-workers and progressive and patriotic advertisers," Lee said, "The Tribune has carried more War Bond in-page than any other newspaper—daily or weekly—in Palo Pinto County."

Yes, the columns of The Strawn Tribune are now doing important war work... for Victory.

25 YEARS AGO —
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in the city cemetery. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crouch, a husband and two children, a son about three years of age and an infant daughter besides a host of relatives and friends who mourn her death.

— 25 Years Ago —
 D. Smythe has returned from a business trip to points in Kansas — 25 Years Ago —

The Rev. Leslie of Thurber was here the first of the week. — 25 Years Ago —

Mrs. M. A. Vernon of Fort Worth was in Weatherford the past week as the guest of friends. — 25 Years Ago —

Mrs. Al Seth and little daughter, Mary Lucille, have just returned from a visit of several weeks in Pennsylvania. — 25 Years Ago —

Miss Bessie Pruitt is in Waco where she went last week for a few days' visit. — 25 Years Ago —

Attorney J. T. Ranaport was down last week from the county capital transacting business. — 25 Years Ago —

J. G. Hamill was down Tuesday from Cisco looking after business interests here. — 25 Years Ago —

J. A. Milling spent Sunday in Mineral Wells as the guest of his family who are visiting relatives there. — 25 Years Ago —

returned from a business trip to Amarillo. — 25 Years Ago —

Yes, we want peace, but not until the flags of the world's greatest nations wave over Berlin. — 25 Years Ago —

Don't forget the road bond election to be held on October 26 in this district. Go to the polls and vote to have more and better roads in this district. We need them. — 25 Years Ago —

Mrs. Ed Bell of Gordon is here visiting the J. F. Bell family confined to their home with influenza. — 25 Years Ago —

Lee R. Vernon and family are now living in the residence recently sold to S. J. Stuart by J. S. C. DeLack. — 25 Years Ago —

Morris Cook and family have just sold their place in the east part of town and are now in the residence recently occupied by Lee R. Vernon and family. — 25 Years Ago —

Rev. J. A. Owen has been assisting in the grocery department of the Rice, Milling and Brunson store the past week on account of the illness of both Mr. Rice and Mr. Brunson as well as some of the force. — 25 Years Ago —

W. L. Kearns, the cotton reporter from Palo Pinto County, reports the following bales of cotton ginned this season: Number of bales ginned prior to September 25, 1918, 971 number of bales ginned prior to the same date last year, 2,049. — 25 Years Ago —

A letter from Dr. R. E. Croomey, who is now with the 16th Train division in California reports himself well and enjoying Army life. Lieut. Croomey was transferred from Camp Funston, Kansas about a month ago.

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20 YEARS AGO —

K. E. Blakney and family visited in Eastland last week. — 20 Years Ago —

Dorris Blakney is spending a week with her grandparents in Eastland. — 20 Years Ago —

Mrs. Jim Hodges returned Wednesday from a visit in Weatherford. — 20 Years Ago —

Lewis Edwards of Oklahoma is visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Carlyle. — 20 Years Ago —

Judge E. B. Nichols, general manager of the Strawn Coal Co., is home from an extended visit East, including Washington, D. C. He came over from Mineral Wells on Monday, spending a few busy hours in the office. — 20 Years Ago —

J. H. Housley left Monday for Lubbock to see the big things that are to take place in that place on August 28. He will meet his son, Drew, there and then go to Plainview for a few days. Drew will be home for a few days. — 20 Years Ago —

Miss Maggie Cato returned Sunday from a visit in Cleburne, Fort Worth. — 20 Years Ago —

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrick Sunday, August 26, a 10 and one-half pound boy. — 20 Years Ago —

Mrs. I. M. Edwards returned to her home in Weatherford Saturday. — 20 Years Ago —

J. A. Pruitt of Breckenridge visited his mother and other relatives in Strawn Sunday. — 20 Years Ago —

Misses Isia K. Lillard, Edith Fletcher, Edith Echols and Nell Parnley, have returned from Denton, where they have been attending the Teachers' College during the summer months. They will teach in the Strawn schools this year. — 20 Years Ago —

Dennick Kessler of Thurber and Miss Charline Orme and Mrs. J. T. Disharoon attended the Jubilee at Ranger Wednesday night. — 20 Years Ago —

Mrs. M. L. Gard and daughter, Evelyn, are visiting Mrs. Gard's mother, Mrs. Taylor, of Newcastle, Texas. — 20 Years Ago —

Miss Mary Ruth Britton returned Sunday from a week's visit with her grandmother in Ranger. — 20 Years Ago —

Miss Wilma Goldsberry returned Sunday from a two-month's visit with relatives in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. — 20 Years Ago —

Miss Virginia Mahoney of Dallas is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Encke. — 20 Years Ago —

Tin Cooper and Walter Ready, who have been attending college at Denton, returned home this week. — 20 Years Ago —

Miss Isia Tidwell has returned from her summer vacation and will teach music at her home during the term of school. Those wishing to take lessons may see her at her home. — 20 Years Ago —

A. L. Gibbs, of New York City,

15 YEARS AGO —

The Strawn Merchandise Company has at a cost of several thousand dollars just installed a new modern Hussman refrigeration system, one of the largest and best between Fort Worth and El Paso. All of the refrigerators are dry cooled to the desired temperature by the main plant.

The plant operates automatically and there is no chance for bacteria to exist in any of the refrigerators. The system was installed by E. A. Want and Company of Fort Worth, and represents the — 15 Years Ago —

a multi-millionaire and a prominent investor, was visiting his mother and brother, P. P. Gibbs, of Gordon, last week. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. James W. Culwell and son, James W., Jr., of Putnam are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Garrett. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Maggie Cato returned Sunday from a visit in Cleburne, Fort Worth. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ralls of Ft. Worth returned home Monday, after a visit with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. J. O. Cozby, mother of W. B. Cozby, died at her son's home on Wednesday evening. She was 75 years of age. Interment was made Thursday at Lindsey Cemetery, north of Strawn. She had been gradually failing, due to the advance of old age. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. A. V. Sporer is expecting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Farmer, of Harlingen, Texas, to arrive on Wednesday. — 15 Years Ago —

Misses Priscilla McKinnon, Alice Strawn, Mays Stephenson and Lelia Clifton are planning to enter John Tarleton College at Stephenville this winter. — 15 Years Ago —

The paving of the streets adjacent to the Stuart brothers' homes is making good progress. This improvement will add much to the appearance of Strawn. — 15 Years Ago —

Sherman Haught and Lee Aguirre shipped a Star rig to Hondo this week. They have an interest in acreage near Hondo and have a contract to drill. — 15 Years Ago —

J. S. Stuart attended the monthly meeting of the directors of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. in Fort Worth this week, returning home on Tuesday. — 15 Years Ago —

A birthday party was given last Friday evening, celebrating W. C. Andrews' birthday, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Andrew. Games were played on the lawn after which cake and cream were served to the following: Edmond Earl Meredith, Sherwood Meredith, James Willis, Kenneth Unkari, Minnie Sporer, Rosella Sporer, Ola Pruitt, Cleo Price, A. V. Sporer, Blanche Looney, Leo Grantham, Carl Pruitt, Grace Jackson, Dan Campbell, Raymond Hart, Eura Pruitt. — 15 Years Ago —

latest equipment in cooling devices. — 15 Years Ago —

H. P. Manns is in Fort Worth where he is serving on the Federal Grand Jury. — 15 Years Ago —

Dorsett Stewart was a Fort Worth visitor Monday. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Mary Lucy Seymour who has been in summer school at Texas Tech at Lubbock left there Friday for a several days' visit with her friend, Mrs. Bea Strode in El Paso before going to Sierra Blanca where she will teach in the public schools there which open the third of September. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simon, Misses Evelyn Chesnut and Virginia Ann Clary were Ranger visitors Friday afternoon. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Alice Strawn left Tuesday for Montague County where she begins her work as home demonstration agent of that county the first of September. She will be in Gainesville two days the later part of the week as one of the judges in the Cook County Fair. — 15 Years Ago —

A picnic and swimming party was given for Mrs. Chas. DePoyster of Stillwater, Okla. Monday Saturday from a several day's visit with relatives in Carlton and Meridian. Mrs. Dana Way accompanied Mrs. Thomas to Carlton and remained to visit her mother. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Coan and daughter, Margaret, are spending this week with Mrs. Coan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Simmons and her sister, Mrs. Ellis Smith and family. Mr. and Mrs. Coan have been in school at Alpine for a year. He is a former coach of the Greyhounds, and both taught here in the school several years ago. Mr. Coan is to superintend the schools at Fort Davis this year. — 15 Years Ago —

According to the unofficial returns from Stephens and Palo Pinto counties in the race for State Representative, Bailey W. Hardy of Breckenridge was elected by a majority of 354 votes.

1,820 votes in Palo Pinto County and 990 in Stephens County, making his total 2,819.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephenson and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. H. O. True Sunday. They were on their way to Coleman after a week's trip to San Antonio and other points in the Southern part of the state. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. B. E. Garner is spending the week with relatives and friends in Anson and Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin King and two children of Breckenridge spent Friday with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler. — 15 Years Ago —

Crouch and Noland are moving a crew of workmen to Throckmorton county this week. J. S. Crouch and O. L. Lamar will have charge of this work, while Earl Noland is overseeing the Coleman county contract. — 15 Years Ago —

Fire of undetermined origin caused a damage of approximately \$15,000 to the Caddo high school Monday morning about 2:30 o'clock. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Edwards, Mrs. L. E. Shaw, Mrs. H. B. Herrin and Mrs. Mackie Walker attended the meeting in Thurber Tuesday night, which is being conducted by Lynn Squires. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown and daughter, Norma Bea, spent several days the first of the week in Fort Worth with relatives and friends. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Pauline Colvard and Edward Colvard had the following house guests for several days last week: Misses Oriene Ilene Morris of Terrell, Ralph Being Terrell and John Neal of Denton. — 15 Years Ago —

Dr. P. C. Pedigo spent several days the first of the week in Dallas with his sister, Mrs. S. B. Tunnell. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gibson of Breckenridge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Barrett. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Pan Wells returned to her home in Albany Monday after a week's visit with her friend, Mrs. Bean Robinson. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. Ben Brockman and Mrs. J. B. Barton spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. R. Darnell near Lyra. — 15 Years Ago —

THURBER NEWS

Maurice Badger spent the week end in Houston. — 15 Years Ago —

T. S. Fitzgerald of Alus, Oklahoma, visited in Thurber Monday. — 15 Years Ago —

Miss Billie Oyster returned last week from a visit in Dallas. — 15 Years Ago —

Mrs. A. S. Masters and Mrs. Mace Oyer, Jr., and family visited in Ranger Monday. — 15 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gerhard and daughter Lillie returned Sunday from a visit in Fort Worth and Oklahoma. — 15 Years Ago —

Ed Woodward visited in Coleman Saturday. — 15 Years Ago —

David Greve and Roy Roberts spent the week end in Breckenridge. — 15 Years Ago —

Rev. Newt Patterson of Washington, D. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Patterson and family Monday. — 15 Years Ago —

Tom Kelp is in Stamford on business this week.

FOR VICTORY

BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Strawn Tribune

Published Weekly

Serving **OUR COMMUNITY OUR COUNTY OUR STATE OUR COUNTRY**

One Pioneer Salutes Another...

WE ARE HAPPY to extend our good wishes to THE STRAWN TRIBUNE on the memorable occasion of its 30th Anniversary — and to heartily salute our local newspaper for the highly constructive service it has and is rendering our community, our county, our state and our Nation during these wartimes.

WATSON BROTHERS, too, is a pioneer Strawn institution, having been originally founded back in 1907 by the late John A. and George J. Watson. And during the past 36 years its principles of high quality, moderate prices, and courteous, friendly service have built this firm into a sound, successful and highly progressive merchandising institution.

DURING THESE crucial war days, the home front — including your friendly, neighborly local merchants — are beset with an increasing number of complex problems which cannot be helped — and it is only natural that your merchants deeply appreciate your understanding cooperation. Times like these and problems like those now facing all of us make us realize — more and more — the great and significant meaning of sincere friendship and true neighborliness. We here at WATSON BROTHERS are grateful for the splendid patronage which we have enjoyed during the past 36 years. And — we earnestly hope that we may continue to be deserving of your inspiring goodwill . . . and that it will be our sincere pleasure to serve you down through the years to come.



We take this opportunity to send the warmest personal greetings of WATSON BROTHERS and every member of its personnel to Strawn exes everywhere. We are ever aware of the warmth of your friendship — and we eagerly look forward to post-war days when we may all enjoy another happy homecoming.

To Our Fighting Men . . .

Our prayers are with you. We have every confidence in you — and — we know that your gallantry in the cause of your Nation and free men the world over can end only in smashing, decisive Victory — and a lasting peace. We are proud of you!

WATSON BROTHERS

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• Our personnel is composed of those who understand what bereavement needs and how to supply those needs in a kindly, sympathetic way. WATSON'S offer an understanding service!

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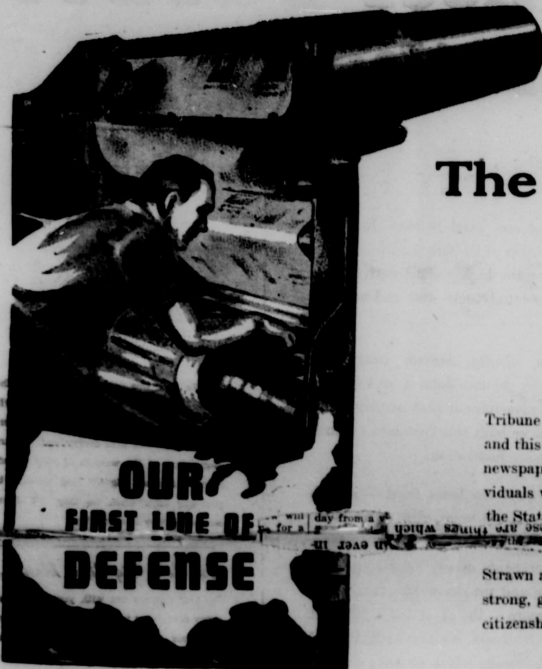
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50 YEARS' SERVICE

by our **FREE PRESS!**



Congratulations to T

The Tribune and This Partners

THIS BANK was founded on August 12, 1912 — Tribune rolled off the press, marking the beginning of thirty years of faith and this vicinity . . . It has been our pleasure down through the years to have newspaper — its problems and its high standards of honest public service — individuals whose energies, efforts and labors have gone into the building of one

IT IS INSPIRING to look back over the past thirty Strawn and this area have made . . . to reminisce over those bygone days when strong, gnarled hands of our sturdy, God-fearing pioneer forebears . . . to patriotism and high civic pride which has been erected on the solid foundation

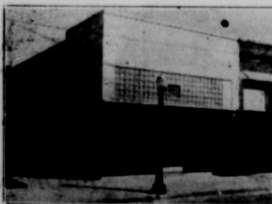
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STRAWN trail of time together through happy, prosperous days of peace through trying trials, and through two bloody World Wars. We have witnessed together many years and our County during the past thirty years. Those experiences, too, have been and its institutions . . . yes, and into the character of our good people.

DURING THESE dark and crucial hours when A farms and ranches, on the home front and on battlefronts sprawled over the globe be ours . . . and that out of the turmoil, suffering, sacrifice and bloodshed of lofty principles of international brotherhood, of peace on earth and good will to all men, yes, and a free press — shall never perish from this earth!

We Send Good Wishes . . .

**TO OUR GALLANT FIGHTING MEN
IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Whoever you are, wherever you are, let these few lines express our pride in you—for what you are doing to defeat foes of freedom and bring a lasting peace. We are proud of every Strawn man in the armed forces, and wish them Godspeed and a safe and soon return home again.



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to THE TRIBUNE

On Completion Of Its
30th Year of Service



This Bank, Both Born in 1912, Are ers In Progress!

August 12, 1912 — just eleven days before the first issue of The Strawn thirty years of faithful and constructive service to the citizens of Strawn through the years to have been intimately acquainted with our community in public service — and to have personally known many of those individuals in the building of one of the finest weekly newspapers in this section of

over the past third of a century and to note the great progress which these bygone days when this West Texas empire was first moulded by the hands of our forebears . . . to point with pride to the shining edifice of public-spirited men on the solid foundation laid down by our beloved pioneer men and women.

THE BANK OF STRAWN and The Strawn Tribune have marched down the path of peace through trying domestic difficulties and serious economic upheavals — together many eventful hours in the history of our Nation, our State and our community, too, have been indelibly etched into the history of our community by the good people.

crucial hours when America is at war — in factories and war plants, on the battlefields and in the air — all of us are praying that Victory may again be won and the bloodshed of World War II shall rise a new world dedicated to the service of our earth and good will toward all men . . . that freedom and free men —

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THIS IS THE MODERNLY DESIGNED
AIR-CONDITIONED INTERIOR OF
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AT THIS TIME of year — homecoming time — our thoughts are of our many old friends and neighbors who are no longer in our midst, but whose memories of past years bind them to us and to their old home town.

A HEARTY SALUTE to all of you — wherever you are!

WE — and all of your old friends and neighbors and schoolmates here in Strawn — look forward to the happy day when the war is won and we may once again gather together at homecoming time for an enjoyable session of reminiscence, for a happy recounting of days of the past, and for the human warmth and happiness that comes from the friendly grip and kind word of old friends and neighbors reunited.



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STRAWN, TEXAS

Tribune Receives National Recognition In Bond Drive

The Strawn Tribune's special War Bond edition — published on Wednesday, April 28, in cooperation with the Strawn U. S. Treasury Finance Committee, and the U. S. Treasury Department, Washington — has received national recognition.

The Tribune was cited in the May 15 issue of The Publishers' Auxiliary, newspapermen's weekly trade journal and the most thoroughly-read newspaper publication in this country, as one of the Nation's weeklies which took a leading part in the big \$15,000,000 Second War Loan drive which was oversubscribed by more than four billion dollars during the month of April.

On the front page of this national newspaper publication, published in Chicago — now on display in the window of the Strawn National Bank — appeared reduced duplicates of the headlines which appeared on pages one and two of The Tribune's special War Bond edition. The big layout on The Aux's front page was headed with the caption: "It Could Happen Here — But Don't Let It!" Was the Theme of This Texas Weekly's Promotion of the War Bond Campaign?

The top of the front page of The Tribune's special edition was covered with blazing, sprawling big headlines telling of a Jap invasion of the West Coast —

"Nazi Legions Take Washington" — and "American Women and Children Brutally Tortured and Slain by Axis Invaders!" Above the big headlines appeared this line: "Don't Let These Headlines Happen. Buy More War Bonds Now — Today!"

Then on page two under the line "Let's Make These Headlines Come True. Buy More Bonds Now — Today!" appeared these banners: "U. S. Troops March Into Berlin!" — "Tokio Falls to Yanks; Japs Surrender!" — and "Millions of America's War Heroes Returning Home!"

Said the Auxiliary: "Reproduced at left are the tops of pages one and two of the Strawn (Tex-

About Your Tribune — 24,960,000 Words!

Think of it!
 Nearly a quarter of a billion words!
 It is estimated that 24,960,000 words of news have appeared in The Strawn Tribune during its thirty years of publication.
 And—believe it or not—it would take a fast-reading person, reading constantly twelve hours daily, a total of 130 days to read every word of news which has been printed in The Tribune since it was first established back in 1912.

This, too, is another amazing fact—
 It would take a typist, averaging 60 words per minute steadily for twelve hours daily, a total of 577 days (nearly two years!) to copy the 24,960,000 words of news which have appeared in The Tribune!

Here Is Trib's War Bond Promotion Which Drew National Acclaim

WEST COAST
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STRAWN MUST RAISE \$9,855 BY FRIDAY NIGHT

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as) Tribune, published by the Lee Publishing Company, with their streamer headlines, emphasizing the fact that "it could happen here — but don't let it happen here." At the bottom of the front page set in 10 point type, crossed the page was this statement: This week's Strawn Tribune, published two days earlier than usual — is presented as a contribution to the Nation's all-out war effort and the Second War Loan drive, now on by the publishers and the patriotic, public-spirited business firms in cooperation with the Strawn U. S. Treasury War Finance Committee and the United States Treasury Department, Washington.

Besides innumerable news and feature stories, all on the bug-bon's theme," The Auxiliary continued, "the paper also carried seven big display ads in the series of sponsored ads supplied by the Treasury Department, underwritten by local business men, and ranging in size from 3x11 inches up to a full page."

PUBLISHER OF TRIBUNE THANKS BUSINESS FIRMS FOR THEIR SUPPORT
 "We are very proud of the wide recognition accorded The Tribune for the small part it played in the successful Second War Loan drive," Grover C. Lee, Dr. owner and publisher of Strawn's 30-year-old weekly newspaper said.

"We are proud of the recognition for two reasons," Lee continued, "First, it did prove that despite current conditions and the numerous difficulties facing the weekly press during these war-torn times, The Strawn Tribune and hundreds of other leading American weekly newspapers are on the job to aid the war effort and speed Victory."
 "Second, it proved conclusively that Strawn and Palo Pinto County business men and residents of this area — most of them members of The Tribune's large and ever-growing family of readers — are loyally and liberally support-

- ing every cause to aid the important war effort, to win Victory and a lasting peace."
 Regularly cited these business firms as sponsors of the edition made The Tribune's War Bond edition such an overwhelming success:
 Lone Star Gas Company.
 The First National Bank of Strawn.
 The Strawn National Bank.
 The Duration Shoppe.
 Burton-Lingo Company.
 T & P Service Station.
 W. H. Roach Grocery and Market.
 Gilbert and McClish, Santo.
 Roy Warren, Santo.
 Bill's Ice and Service Station, Mingus.
 First National Bank of Gordon.
 Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Ranger.
 Marine's Place, Mingus.
 Sani's Drug, Mingus.
 Lovens's Grocery and Market, Strawn.
 Valentina's Shoe Shop, Strawn.
 R. E. Wallis, Santo.
 Audra's Grocery, Mingus.
 Buda's Texaco Service Station, Strawn.
 First National Bank of Santo.
 Watson Brothers.
 Strawn Merchandise Company.
 Ernest Pomeroy's Cafe and Wine Cellar.
 Ranger Dry Cleaners, Ranger.
 Dr. W. D. McGraw, Eastland.
 Bill King's Firestone Store, Mineral Wells.
 Hamill's Inc., Ranger.
 Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Weatherford.
 Community Public Service Company.
 Ranger Salvage, Ranger.
 Carl Page, Ranger.
 Noland Company, Strawn.
 Watson Funeral Home, Strawn.
 O. G. Lanier, Ranger.
 B. A. Burbee, Mineral Wells.
 Mineral Wells Electric Hatchery, Mineral Wells.
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STRAWN, TEXAS

10 YEARS AGO —

Carroll McConnell, a leading attorney of Palo Pinto was here Monday on business and was a caller at the Tribune office.

— 10 Years Ago —
Robert Herrin, who has a position in Wichita Falls spent the week end here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Herrin.

— 10 Years Ago —
That nothing has been heard from the Federal authorities in regard to the big dam that Strawn has asked for but those in position to know say that it is only a matter of time until the project will be allowed. Some say that the delay is caused until the people vote on the bond issue of twenty million dollars tomorrow. If this dam is constructed it will require more than one hundred men for one year or more.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Allen Edwards returned to her home in Wichita Falls Sunday after a week-end visit with relatives here. Her little son Howard Kendle has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Herrin and Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Edwards the past three weeks returned home with her.

— 10 Years Ago —
A delegation of Strawn citizens met with the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce in Stephenville last Friday on behalf of Highway No. 108. There was present about two hundred farmers and land-owners from Thurber and Stephenville, headed by George Stewart of Hockabay. The Hockabay people are greatly interested in the completion of Highway 108 as it will open up a vast territory that has been closed.

— 10 Years Ago —
The Hockabay people donated the right-of-way for this road and the land-owners stated at this meeting that they were willing to move back their fences and donate the necessary right-of-way if the State and Federal authorities would only give them a hard surface road. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Beeder of Stephenville and the citizenship of that town went on record favoring the new project.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Tom Brookman was a Saturday visitor to Mineral Wells.

— 10 Years Ago —
Herman White, a well-known farmer of the Hockabay community was in Strawn Saturday trading.

— 10 Years Ago —
Will Fulfer, one of the leading farmers and stockmen of the Hockabay community was here Monday trading.

— 10 Years Ago —
Miss Jessie Tucker of Fort Worth is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tucker.

— 10 Years Ago —
Douglas Smythe, Jr., returned to his home in New Mexico Sunday after a ten days visit with his parents here.

— 10 Years Ago —
Judge John T. Ransport of Mineral Wells was here Saturday attending Justice Court.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Goble of Texas are here this week visiting friends and relatives.

— 10 Years Ago —
Frank Tucker spent a few days in Sherman and East Texas towns this week on business.

— 10 Years Ago —
That it has been more than three months since this section of Palo Pinto County received any rain and the water is getting scarce and crops are suffering for rain. There will be no fall planting if it does not rain soon.

REMEMBER BACK WHEN?

● Items Of Interest From Early Issues of The Strawn Tribune.



5 YEARS AGO —

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinkson and sons have returned from a visit with relatives in Marshall.

— 10 Years Ago —
Miss Corrine Colvard has returned from a visit with friends in Stephenville.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton of Caddo spent Monday with friends here.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Alice Winters and son Carl have gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit relatives two weeks.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fox, Mrs. Jack Waynick and Miss Johnnie Sue Ranft of Fort Worth spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Page Baxendale.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Loraine Graham returned to her home in Longview Sunday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smythe.

— 10 Years Ago —
County Superintendent Edgar Maddox of Palo Pinto was here Tuesday on business.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Reed Loflin of Falls passed through Strawn Monday, enroute home from Chicago where they attended the Century of Progress.

— 10 Years Ago —
R. L. Bates of Stephenville visited friends here Sunday.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Bud Gard and little daughter returned last week from Amarillo where she visited her parents.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. L. C. Flora and son, Raymond, left Monday for Lubbock to spend their vacation with relatives.

— 10 Years Ago —
Merrick Vernon of Dallas has been visiting friends and relatives here this week.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Henry Brookman attended a meeting in Fort Worth Monday of the Rebecca and Odd Fellow Lodges.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeBusk of Millsap are visiting relatives here this week.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. C. D. Farnley and little granddaughter, Norma Kate Ellis, are visiting relatives in Kilgore.

— 10 Years Ago —
H. L. DeFord of Gordon was here Tuesday on business and called at our office for some job printing.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. A. M. Brown has returned from a visit with her son Ben Brown and family in Grandview.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Nesbert Stuart are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son at their home since Wednesday.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. R. M. Ellis spent Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth with friends and relatives.

— 10 Years Ago —
Mrs. Joe Sreatham and children of Fort Worth are visiting her mother, Mrs. I. B. Davidson.

— 5 Years Ago —
Austin, August 14—A quota of 50 National Youth Administration School Aid jobs has been allocated for Palo Pinto County under the 1933-39 School Aid Program to provide part time employment for young people in elementary and high schools who cannot otherwise continue in school. J. C. Kellam, State Director, has announced.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hurst are visiting their daughter in Midland this week.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. Dalton Harnett of Fort Worth is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Robert Hinkson.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. M. L. King spent Friday in Abilene.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Robert Hinkson, who has been visiting for the past few months in St. Louis returned last week. Mr. Hinkson and Billy went after her, afterwards touring the northern states and California.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Bean Robinson from Mineral Wells visited relatives here Monday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Homer Smith's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Alderson.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ramsey and daughter are spending the week with relatives in Pampa.

— 5 Years Ago —
M. P. Zimicki spent several days last week in San Antonio and other South Texas points.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker returned last week from a visit with relatives and friends in Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Jennings Lee of Austin is visiting her father, Rocco Popalio and other relatives here.

— 5 Years Ago —
Little Miss Madelon Tidwell returned to her home in Pilot Point Tuesday after a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tidwell.

— 5 Years Ago —
Little Miss Muriel Mays has returned from a few days stay in Breckenridge with her father and other relatives.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mays and three sons of Kilgore, are visiting Mr. Mays' sister, Mrs. H. A. Crawford and Mr. Crawford.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. John Anderson and children and Mrs. Jess Lemond returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Cooper.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sporer have gone to Monahans, where Mr. Sporer will have employment for several months.

— 5 Years Ago —
Miss Nell Farnley returned to Denton Sunday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Farnley. She was accompanied here by her aunt, Mrs. Maggie Young, who also returned to her home in Fort Worth Sunday.

— 5 Years Ago —
ams of Ajo, Arizona and her nephew and wife Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parrick of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith recently.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall of Breckenridge visited her daughter Sunday afternoon.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Walter DeBusk of Arizona visited old friends here Monday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mary Ruth Bolen returned after a weeks' visit at Brad.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Abilene is the guest of relatives in Strawn this week.

— 5 Years Ago —
About 400 students are expected to report to school in Strawn on the morning of September 6 when school will begin.

— 5 Years Ago —
Thirteen teachers, a few new ones, will be on hand to welcome the students for the beginning of another school year. Several of the teachers have been in school this summer, preparing further to teach in their respective fields.

— 5 Years Ago —
The elementary school is expected to enroll about 250 to 275 students, while the high school enrollment will probably range from 125 to 150 scholars.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Eva Hamill has returned home after a few weeks in Hollywood.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. L. C. Link has returned home after an extended trip in the Rocky Mountain region. She was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gray of Nocona, Texas.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Witherspoon have returned from Weatherford where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Witherspoon's uncle, Tuesday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Miss Pauline Colvard is at home after a vacation in cool Colorado.

— 5 Years Ago —
Bennie Lee Knight is visiting Mrs. H. J. Wickens and family.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Jessie Packer from Houston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brooks.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. J. M. Brooks is seriously ill with influenza.

— 5 Years Ago —
Misses Mae and Julia Marshall of Cameron, Mrs. J. C. McCollum and grandchildren from Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Wednesday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker returned Sunday from a weeks vacation in Colorado Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Colorado Texas, returned with them for a visit.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. John Supina and daughter LaVerne and Rose Marie, and Alice Talick spent Saturday evening in Ranger.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. John Supina and daughter, Mrs. L. A. we and Rose Marie, visited friends in Mineral Wells and Fort Worth Tuesday. While at

Fort Worth they bought furniture for their new home in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Matt Segars entertained the San Souci members at her home Wednesday afternoon. Red and pink roses decorated the living room, Mrs. H. J. Wickens won high score. Mrs. E. W. Lewis was elected a new member.

— 5 Years Ago —
A salad course was served the following: Miss Kathleen Maxwell, Mesdames King, Fuston, Wickens, Whitaker, Simpson, Carlyle, Cook, Lewis and Segars.

— 5 Years Ago —
Ex-Thurberites are invited to attend a reunion at Thurber, on Labor Day, September 5. Invitations are being sent to ex-residents of that once thriving little city to attend this all day affair and relive the days of the past when the mines were going concerns, the brick plant thrived and the mercantile establishments did a big business.

— 5 Years Ago —
Misses Beatrice Wickens, Johnnie Harris and Wilson Guesen and William Rucker, attended the Casa Manana Monday evening in Fort Worth.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Willie Cox and son are visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Staggs.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Staggs and daughter visited relatives in Comanche, Sunday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. M. L. Staggs spent Sunday here with his son, Roy.

— 5 Years Ago —
Rosemond Buchanan is being treated this week for an eye infection contracted while swimming.

— 5 Years Ago —
D. R. Whitaker was a Palo Pinto visitor Tuesday.

— 5 Years Ago —
Miss Marie Bratton accompanied her sister, Mrs. Tom Waugh to her home in North Texas for a short visit.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Evans left Wednesday for Mineral Wells for a few days.

— 5 Years Ago —
A report has reached us to the effect that the sleeping quarters of Dr. J. F. Roberson of Gordon were robbed Monday night of clothing, a watch, billfold, \$18 and other valuables to the amount of about \$50.00.

— 5 Years Ago —
Mrs. Joe Stuart and daughters, Joan and Ella visited Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Stuart's mother, Mrs. J. W. George at Albany.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The ordinary machine gun is too cumbersome for our Marines, especially for parachute troops. So the Marines have adopted new models of the Heising sub-machine gun, a .45-caliber weapon.



The new gun used by the paratroops is a compact model with a pistol grip and a steel-frame stock which folds out of the way when not in use. You can help buy these for our Boys in the Solomons and elsewhere with your purchase of War Bonds. Join the Payroll Savings Plan and let's "Put that ten cent..." U. S. Treasury Department

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SERVICE is a watchword in our business and has been ever since it was established by my late husband eight years ago.

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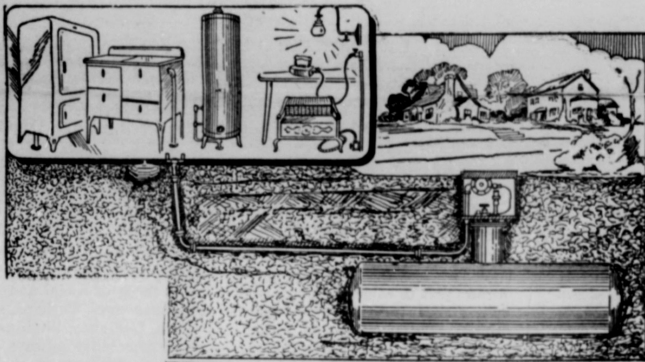
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"I AM YOUR NEWSPAPER"
By Stanton M. Meyer

I AM THE VOICE of the city, the bringer of tidings, the companion of your fireside hours. I am your friend away from home. I am the prophet of tomorrow, your link with the world beyond your doorstep. I am today's link with history. But most of all, I am the Conscience of America. And I must be heard.

I FIRED THE SPIRIT of another America when I told of lands beyond the frontier. I set ten thousand covered wagons on their sunset Odyssey. I tore the veil from men's eyes and bade them see that their country could not exist half slave and half free.

I HAVE never become "an instrument of government policy." I have never—as in Russia—been used to blackout the truth. No hidden power has used me, as in Germany, to stifle the kindlier instincts of a whole people, rouse barbaric passions and set feet tramping the long red road. No secret voices made me keep silent, as in France, while a trusting nation died.

I AM NOT INFALLIBLE. I have your weaknesses for I am of you and by you, but I also have your steadfast strength. Sometimes I have slumbered, complacent, and then wrongs were done. But I have always awakened. I am the conscience of America—your conscience—and I will be heard.

I BID YOU have faith in America. I tell you Democracy is not on trial. It is not outmoded, worn out, finished. It is still the newest thing on earth; too new even to be fully understood. All else is a throwback to medievalism, cynicism, despondency and despair.

I BID YOU read the Declaration of Independence. I tell you to read the Constitution Of The United States and Lincoln's words at Gettysburg.

I TELL YOU the Republic is not on trial. It is rather we who are on trial. It is our faith, our courage that is being put to the test and will be put to the test in the years to come. Perhaps, caught in the mesh of social and economic change, we shall give ear to the honeyed voices of the demagogues. Perhaps, softened by ease, corrupted by paternalism, we shall forget truth, tolerance, kindness, initiative. Maybe we shall forget that while the burden of responsibility always rests heavy on the shoulders of them willing to bear it, that every willingness makes those shoulders stronger. Perhaps we shall decide Democracy is not for us, that we are not ready for it.

I DON'T THINK SO. For I am America's Conscience and I have faith in America's destiny. I know that as long as I am free to speak, America will listen. I must not be silenced, for when you silence me you silence your own heart. I must not be enslaved, for when you enslave me you are alone, cut off from reality, abandoned by truth, at the bottom of a black pit of horror and fantasy. Gag me and your children will never know the America you have known. Keep me free and you will be free.

I LOOK insignificant enough on your doorstep, yet I am your link of understanding with a changing world. I am a passing, ephemeral thing, born and dying every day. Yet I am one of the foundations of the Republic. I am the Conscience of America. I am beholden to no one. I tell you the truth. And you trust me.

I AM the free press of America. I am your newspaper.

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Vincit Omnia Veritas

Strawn Exes Look Forward To Big Homecoming After Victory Is Won

Letters From Scores Strawn Exes Appear In This Big Edition

Uniquely Stage Homecoming In Their Tribune

Letters from scores of ex-residents of Strawn, ex-students and ex-teachers of Strawn High School — from all sections of Texas and the United States — appear in this section of your Strawn Tribune.

There's a war on — a war to be won.

And until that war is won, the exes' annual pilgrimage to their old home town and their yearly homecoming conclave must be postponed.

But Strawn's exes — barring "duration" restrictions — are having a homecoming by long distance, a reunion by proxy this year. A homecoming by mail, if

IT WAS A SWELL IDEA, WASN'T IT? STRAWN HIGH EXES GROUP EIGHT YEARS OLD; FIRST HOMECOMING HELD IN 1935

School days! Happy days . . . carefree days . . . books and blackboards . . . childish cares . . . youthful hopes . . . glittering adolescent dreams . . . tears . . . laughter, frolic and fun—

School days! Their sad moments and their myriad of happy memories are never forgotten—

School days! They live—and they live forever—

Time whirls on at a mad pace. Infans rise to maturity and crowd old, hoary-headed forebears into the peaceful background of infirmity. Cities rise and cities fall. Men reach fame—and wither into oblivion. Society is slowly but constantly transformed into new ever-changing patterns. But in spite of the bustling trek of time, men and women, the young and old alike—from twenty to

ninety and more—hold precious those memories of early years, the old school, its stern and kindly teachers, its busy classrooms and laughter-filled corridors. Those memories live — on and on.

And the foundation of the eight-year-old Strawn High School Ex-Students' and Ex-Teachers' Association and its annual festive homecoming day are solidly built on those memories and on the love and devotion that ex-students and ex-teachers alike hold for their old Alma Mater.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, scores of local alumni and additional numbers of visiting ex-students and teachers of Strawn High School gathered here for their first annual homecoming. And what a gala day it was. From all parts of Texas—and from other states—they came. They shook hands, mixed and mingled, marveled at the visible marks of changing time, visited spots that yet vividly lived in spite of passing years, laughed and sang, and reminisced interestedly over the days gone by.

And since 1935—on successive years until 1942 and World War II—old students and teachers, new students and new teachers continued to make the pilgrimage here for a day of fellowship and social activity, bound in reminiscence memory.

The annual homecomings have been suspended for the duration—until Victory is won. After that exes everywhere are looking forward to an epochal gathering which will mark a continuation of their annual reunions.

Credit for the birth of the Ex-Students and Ex-Teachers' Association goes to Charles Fincher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fincher of Fort Worth and a member of the Class of '34.

Fincher, his Strawn High diploma yet fresh in his hand, presented the exes' organization idea to older grads. The older ex-students immediately became interested. And within a few weeks plans were under way for the first annual homecoming.

First officers were J. R. Stuart, president; Nell Parmley, vice-president; Preston Witherspoon, secretary; Maggie Cain, treasurer; Kate Vernon Manns, keeper of the records; and Mrs. Frank Walker, Mrs. John A. Watson, standing committee.

Strawn High School's first class of graduates received their diplomas 32 years ago—in 1911.

Since that year scores of young men and young women have left the portals of Strawn High and gone out into the world.

Now . . . Strawn High School exes are scattered all over the United States.

Hundreds of former students—men and women—are serving in

Hundreds of ex-residents of Strawn and ex-students and ex-teachers of Strawn High School — in all parts of the nation and with Uncle Sam's mighty armed forces the world over — are doing their bit to help win World War II.

On the home front — here on American soil — many exes are tilling in war plants, turning out Victory-winning munitions and vital fighting equipment for the United States and her valiant Allies.

On the battle fronts — in the Pacific, in the European theatre, in the Far East — hundreds of Strawn exes are in action against the enemy.

Common goal of all is Victory.

After that Victory is won, these hundreds of exes hope to resume their annual get-togethers here, and the first post-war homecoming staged in Strawn after the cessation of hostilities in World War II will probably be the largest, most impressive gathering in the history of the Strawn High

Ex - Students' and Ex - Teachers' Association.

The last meeting of the exes' group — the association's sixth annual homecoming — was held here in August, 1941. Four months later came the Japs' dastardly attack on our Pearl Harbor — and the United States' formal entry into World War II.

Paul Lamar Stephen, president of the exes' organization and now an ensign in the United States Navy, then announced that the yearly homecoming would be suspended for the duration.

Present officers of the group are, Paul Lamar Stephen, president; Robert Hinkson of Graford, first vice-president; Burton Stuart of Strawn, second vice-president; and Mrs. Dorsett Stewart of Cleburne, secretary-treasurer.

NIPS ARE TOUGH FOES — ENSIGN PAUL LAMAR STEPHEN, HEAD OF EXES, BATTLES JAPS IN PACIFIC AREA

Ensign Paul Lamar Stephen of the United States Navy, member of Class of '32 of Strawn High and now serving as president of the Strawn High School Ex-Students' and Ex-Teachers' Association, returned to the United States not too many weeks ago after nine months' duty in the Southwest Pacific battle area.

Ensign Stephen, son of Mr. W. L. Stephen of Albany and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crouch of Strawn, enlisted in the Navy August 11, 1942, completed a naval officers' training course at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and was commissioned as an Ensign on November 14, 1942. He has been on active duty in the Pacific since January 15 of this year.

Ensign Stephen was born here on July 9, 1915, graduated from Strawn High School in 1932 and was a member of the '32 Greyhound grid squad. He attended Kemper Military Academy and later was a student at Texas A & M College, College Station, where he received his degree in 1938.

Ensign Stephen and Miss Rosemond Buchanan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Buchanan of Strawn, were wed at Dallas on October 2, 1940. At the time of their marriage he was auditor of payrolls for the Traveler's Life Insurance Company.

Ensign Stephen looks forward to the end of World War II when he hopes to return to civilian life

the armed forces of the United States. This Nation's overseas forces — on all battlefronts — include scores of ex-students of Strawn High School who are members of the powerful American fighting units which are valiantly battling for a swift and a decisive Victory over the Axis.

President Of Exes



ENSIGN PAUL L. STEPHEN of the United States Navy.

and resume his ranching career which he began here in 1938.

He's also mighty interested in attending the first post-war homecoming of Strawn High's ex-students and ex-teachers and believes it will be a whale of a success with many present to again renew old friendships and to reminisce over happier moments of bygone days.

Right now, though, there's a war to be won — and Ensign Stephen, like scores of other gallant young Strawnites, is doing his bit to speed victory.

After nine months on duty against Uncle Sam's Jap enemies, what does Ensign Stephen say?

Like most of the Nation's fighting officers, Ensign Stephen is (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.)

ATTENTION, EXES!

Let us know what you think of The Strawn Tribune's 1943 "homecoming by mail."

We are interested in your comments and opinions regarding this section and the exes' editorial matter which appears in other sections of this big edition of your Tribune.

So — after you've perused every page of this edition, sit down and write a card or letter to Grover C. Lee, Jr., editor, P. O. Box 518, Strawn, Texas, and let him know what you think.

He'll appreciate it!

you please — in the columns of their old home town newspaper, The Strawn Tribune, which recently ended its thirtieth year of service to Strawn, to Palo Pinto County, to Texas, and to the Nation.

The publishers appreciate the interest and effort exhibited by exes — most of them regular readers of The Tribune — in preparing letters for publication in this edition.

Strawn's First School Opened Back In 1876

The children of the early settlers in this section of Palo Pinto County were going to school even before Strawn itself had come into being.

That was back in 1876—67 long years ago. Yes, 1876 . . . back in the pio-

neer days when settlers in this region had to go to Stephenville to get their mail—and it took three days to make the trip . . . back when the iron horse and its ribbons of steel were but a fantastic dream . . . when wild, unbranded Longhorns roamed the open ranges . . . when the traveler went slowly by wagon or horseback.

The Jenny Lind School, located just across the Eastland County line, was opened in 1876. It wasn't red, it wasn't streamlined, it wasn't modernly equipped.

But it was a veritable storehouse of knowledge so far as reading, writing, arithmetic and the occasional use of the hickory stick were concerned.

The late J. H. Housley, one of Strawn's pioneers, walked four miles to the little Jenny Lind school to get his early education. The next school, according to old-timers, was built in the late '70's and was located northeast of the old golf course in the northern part of the city. And the foundation of that old school building is still visible.

Thomas Burton Stuart, Willie B. Stuart, Louis P. Strawn, Housley and Mrs. I. M. Edwards were among those who were students in Strawn's first school.

Today a modern \$100,000 public school plant, one of the finest in this section of the state, is a monument both to the sturdy pioneers of the past and to today's progressive generations.

NAME OF COUNTY

The name of Palo Pinto County is derived from the name of one of its principal streams — Palo Pinto Creek. Palo Pinto is Indian for "Painted Post."

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OLD TIMER REMINISCES—
Story of Fire at Coal Mines 'Way Back
In 1899 Appeared In Strawn Enterprise

By THE OLD TIMER

All us older folks are sorter tuned to the past. There ain't much for us to look ahead—like the younger generation. Our best days are behind us. So . . . Naturally, we get quite a big kick outa what happened way back when—

Fr instance, me and some of the other boys was talking togeth'er downtown Saturday and as usual we got to reminiscin' over bygone years. An' somehow talk got around to the big fire at the Strawn Coal Mines back in 1899. Yessir, 1899—44 years ago. Why, I calculate there was a lot of folks who wasn't even born in 1899. And there's lots of folks livin' today who were just little tot's when the nineteenth century was on its way out.

But there are lots of us old timers who were husky, strappin' workers back in those days. We were young and industrious—good hard workin' lads—digin' our livin' outa the coal mines.

An' there's no use for you young 'uns to be kiddin' yourselves. There's lots of us boys who are still living right around here in this section of the country. An' there's lots of us who can remember that day—Tuesday, August 1, 1899—just like it was yesterday.

Today I saw a copy of the old Strawn Enterprise, issue of August 5, 1899, and it tells the story of the fire. The paper's old and faded and it bears the name of Alex Waugh, scrawled in blue pencil up on the righthand corner of the front page.

Alf J. Binks—a lot of us older fellas remember Alf—was editor of the Enterprise. An' he was an enterprin' newspaperman. He was treasurer of the West Texas Press Association and put out a newswy little weekly.

Anyway, here's his version of the fire at the mines:

"Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock as Nightfireman Otis McCown was filling a small gasoline lamp from a can in the room of the Strawn Coal Company, the contents of the can became ignited and in an instant the interior of

the engine room was a mass of flames. Enveloped in the flames and with a wonderful presence of mind McCown rushed out the front way and around to a large water tank in the rear of the engine house into which he plunged. This put out the fire and saved his life, but he was carried away in a horribly burned condition and is now suffering from terrible burns about the face, neck and limbs. In the meanwhile the flames spread so rapidly through the engine house that all attempts to save the structure were useless but luckily, Engineer Alex Waugh arrived in time to rush into the burning building and open the safety valves which kept the boilers from exploding. Everyone's attention was then turned to saving the tippel and for a moment grave fears that it would also be destroyed were also entertained. By heroic action on the part of the employees of the company the tippel was saved, however, and the entire loss will not exceed \$3,000, partly covered by insurance. Four men at work at the bottom at the time of the fire, and were perfectly unconscious of what was going on out on top, 325 feet above them. Pir Boss Robert Waugh and John Waugh descended the air shaft and notified the men that on account of their inability to work the hoisting engine they would have to climb out through the air shaft, which they did, and were safe on top when they discovered their inability to work the hoisting engine. The cable melted from the drum and let one of the cages drop to the bottom, which resulted in totally wrecking same. The fire started about 8:15 and inside of twenty minutes the entire engine house was smouldering ruins. Nothing but the heroic work of the employees saved the tippel, and blacksmith shop which were only a few yards from the engine house. By morning the material for rebuilding the burned building was on the ground and on inspection the boilers were found to be uninjured and the engines may again be put in condition for use. The company posted

a bulletin the following morning notifying the employees that they expected to have the mines running within ten days and any employee wishing to work elsewhere in the meantime, could do so and retain their positions with the com-

pany, to be had upon their return to work. To the miners wishing to remain in camp, the company is advancing checks for supplies, not to exceed \$1.00 per day for men with families and cost of board for single men."

CEDAR POST INDUSTRY
 Prior to the outbreak of the war, the cedar post industry was one of the county's leading enterprises. It employed approximately 800 men and brought in an estimated \$100,000 annually.

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Eat More Fruits and Garden
Fresh Vegetables!

Congratulations . . .

. . . to The Strawn Tribune on its 30th Anniversary and Congratulations too, to its many readers who we have had the pleasure of serving for these many years.

BEST WISHES for a successful future. We deem it a pleasure indeed to offer greetings to The Tribune and our valued patrons on this occasion.

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WOUNDED SERGEANT, NEPHEW OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, IS ONE OF 9 OUT 172 IN UNIT OF INFANTRY TO SURVIVE BATTLES

Despite the fact that his battle record reads like a travelogue of the Mediterranean, tall, blond Sgt. Norman B. Farnham still can flash his engaging smile. But he has seen the terror of war. His limp doesn't come from a corn on his toe. It's a hangover from a German rifle slug that he caught in his leg on the beaches at Gela, Sicily.

Of the 172 men in his infantry company that landed in the first wave at Oran, North Africa, only nine survived the battles of El Ghatat, Kasserine, Medjez El Bab, Gafsa and Biserte. Sgt. Farnham, of Adrian, Michigan, the 20 year old nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Greaser C. Lee, Sr. of Strawn, went unscathed until the second day of the Sicily invasion. Since then he has been in 18 different hospitals before getting his honorable medical discharge.

The preliminaries to the North African campaign for Sgt. Farnham consisted of a 47 day sea voyage "spent on an English boat, eating mutton and waiting for the rest of the convoy to gather somewhere in the Atlantic."

"Here's a funny one," the sergeant continued. "Just before we entered the Straits of Gibraltar, we were all blacked out about midnight and everything was supposed to be a secret. All of a sudden we saw a lot of lights and the whistles tooted. The ships in the convoy began darting this way and that. It was an excursion ship traveling from Tangiers in Africa across to Spain with lights blazing and dance music blaring, that had got caught in the middle of the convoy. The ship was confiscated quickly and taken along

on the invasion. That was probably the first time that an excursion ship ever took part in a battle landing."

The sergeant figures that he, personally, lost only one battle with the enemy and that was a checker match he dropped to a German during the brief period that he was a prisoner of the Nazis in Tunis. "I was a prisoner for only a few days," he said. "One day we were playing checkers when the German guards all started handing us their guns. They said, 'You were our prisoners, now we are yours.' We just chucked the guns into a corner and went on with our checker game. Pretty soon the Allied forces arrived and that was all there was to it."

Sgt. Farnham learned to have a healthy respect for the Germans as fighting men, a respect that appeared to be mutual. One German officer told him that Germany would fall within a year and said that superior Allied fire power and the wily Allied battle tactics will be the cause.

The Germans Fight

"When you meet Germans you have to fight," he stated. "But fighting Italians was just like hunting rabbits. They surrendered in bunches."

German soldiers not only are worthy foes but their weapons are of the best. "They have machine guns that fire so fast that it sounds like paper tearing," Sgt. Farnham said.

Other impressions he got from the battles include dirty Arab children braving a hail of bullets to

buy gum and chocolate from Yankee fighters in the midst of the battle near Oran; French women laying flowers on the graves of Allied dead in North Africa; German Messerschmitts showing sportsmanship by diving on slow vulnerable Allied observation planes and then zooming off without firing a shot, just playing good-natured tag; a 16 year old Nazi soldier singing the German national anthem with his dying breath.

Can't Put War on Paper

But when he attempts to put into words the terror that is war, Sgt. Farnham, like other returned veterans, is lost. You simply can't put the deathly pandemonium of battle down on paper.

But he came close when he said, "Army guys are sensitive, especially when they know they are heading for a big battle from which they, will be lucky to come out alive. At those times, you don't think about yourself. You think about home and you would be surprised to know how much a little bit of news from home can do to a guy before he shoves off. When that news is of strikes and trouble at home, it takes the edge off his will to fight. For just a moment he wonders if he knows just what he is fighting for. Take it from me, nobody in America is sacrificing too much."

Family of Eight — And All Are Grads Of Strawn High!

Here's a record which is probably unequalled in these parts:

The late Mr. Charles Unkart and Mrs. Ben Brown of Grandview, the oldest of the Unkart children graduated from Strawn High School here in 1925. Miss Eloise Unkart, now Mrs. Ashton Durkee of Coleman, received her diploma three years later in 1928. Kenneth, the oldest of the three Unkart boys and now of Fort Worth graduated in 1931. Leon, of the U. S. Army and Wilson Unkart of Strawn, received their diplomas in 1933 and 1935 respectively. Miss Bobbie Unkart, now Mrs. Hershel Patterson, Fort Worth, graduated from Strawn High here in 1935, and Miss Lucille Unkart, also of Fort Worth received her diploma in 1940.

When their youngest child, Georgia Ann, graduated with the class of 1941, the Unkart's offspring were all proud Strawn High exes.

COUNTY'S VALUATION

Palo Pinto County's valuation for 1940 was \$21,640,600.

DRAINED BY BRAZOS

Palo Pinto County is drained by the Brazos River which traverses it.

FIRST SETTLERS

The first white settlers in Palo Pinto County were J. J. Cureton, I. W. Price, John Durkee and Marcus Dalton.

CONGRATULATIONS... to The Strawn Tribune On Its 30th Anniversary!



THIS IS MORE than a mere advertisement. It is a personal message to all of you — ex-students of Strawn High School, ex-residents of Strawn, and our scores of friends in the Nation's armed forces!

AMONG ALL OF YOU we number a host of good friends and old acquaintances to whom we are securely bound by the comforting ties of happy memories. To all of you — to each of you — we send sincere wishes that you'll enjoy an ever-increasing abundance of health, prosperity and happiness. And — remember — we're thinking of you!

AND TO ALL of our good friends and homefolks — thanks a million for your loyal patronage. We appreciate your business and look forward to the continued pleasure of serving you!



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In Memoriam

JOSEPH LOUIE LOVERA

BORN November 19, 1905
DIED May 24, 1943



Best Wishes

To The Strawn Tribune On Its 30th Anniversary

We are getting "aged" too . . .

For over 25 years we have ably served the people of this section with the

Best Dry Cleaning Service

Modern Equipment and Highly Skilled Men and Women Could Produce.

RENEW YOUR WARDROBE FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Fine delicate fabrics demand careful cleaning. Restoring the color and newness to a garment without injuring the fabric requires the highest cleaning skill.

Our cleaning is the choice of particular people because of its superiority and dependability. Don't take chances. Send your garments to—

RANGER DRY CLEANERS

Jess Weaver, Mgr.

Ranger, Texas

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The Strawn Tribune

Palo Pinto County's Leading Weekly Newspaper

Spring OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST

Service the Foundation to Success

THE STRAWN TRIBUNE has served Strawn and Palo Pinto County well for the past thirty years.

"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST" applies just as surely to the newspaper field, as to the merchant, the filling station operator, the banker, or any other line of endeavor.

TO THE TRIBUNE "service" means more than a mere motto. It means that they are interested in serving your needs and requirements in a way that no other newspaper can.



WE, TOO, ARE PROUD of our record as servants of the people. The West Texas Hospital at Ranger was founded in 1928 to fill a long felt need for such an institution to take care of the health needs, not only of the people of Ranger but of the entire surrounding territory.

In selecting the West Texas Hospital, you will find it one of the most modern institutions in this section, equipped with every facility for medical and surgical cases.

We want the people to feel that, if their own local hospital cannot handle them we will be only too glad to offer our facilities, as we have always tried to cooperate with the Doctors Pedigo in every way possible and find them both very fine physicians and surgeons.

We Appreciate the Patronage of Palo Pinto County Folks.

West Texas Hospital

400 MAIN STREET

RANGER, TEXAS

SECTION FIVE

The Strawn Tribune

Established 1912

PALO PINTO COUNTY'S LEADING WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Vincit Omnia Veritas

THE TRIBUNE VISITS FIGHTING FRONTS!

Pfc. Albert Tibelts, 27, Area's First Casualty in World War II

Mingus Man 'Killed In Action' In South Pacific On June 5

Southern Palo Pinto County's first casualty of World War II is Pfc. Albert Tibelts, 27-year-old Mingus man, who was killed in action in the South Pacific area on June 5.

He was fighting with American forces on Guadalcanal at the time of his death.

News of his death was received at Mingus Sunday, August 13, by his parents, Joe Tibelts and Mrs. Mary Tibelts of that city — and came from the office of the Adjutant General in Washington.

Born at Thurber on September 28, 1915, Pfc. Tibelts — known by the nickname of "Tunny" — spent most of his childhood in Palo Pinto County and was a student of the Mingus Public Schools.

Pfc. Tibelts was inducted into the United States Army at Camp Wolters near Mineral Wells on May 10, 1942, and had been overseas for many months.

When he first arrived in the South Pacific battle area, Pfc. Tibelts was stationed on Guadalcanal and was engaged in battle with Japanese forces when they bombed the American radio station on the island where one of the greatest struggles in the Pacific theatre finally ended with a smashing Victory for the U. S. forces. He came out of earlier engagements with the Japs unharmed.

Survivors include his parents, one brother, Billie Tibelts, 13, of Mingus; and three sisters, Mrs. Ed Browder of Gordon, Mrs. Pete Huffman of Stephenville, and Mrs. Mike Bertino of Mingus.

Two Ex-Students Of Strawn High Give Lives For Country

J. B. Hash of the United States Army, graduate of Strawn High School here in 1928 who passed away in a U. S. Army camp, and Second Lieutenant Angus L. Gentry of the United States Army Air Forces, student of Strawn High School here in 1936 and 1937 who was killed in a plane crash at Chicago on May 20, are the first ex-students of Strawn High School who made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives for their country in World War II.

INCORPORATED IN '17

The City of Strawn was incorporated in 1917.

Our Commander-in-Chief



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
President of the United States of America

from the WHITE HOUSE

"HE (PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT) asked me to assure you of his heartfelt appreciation of the pledge of loyal support which you give," writes Stephen Early, secretary to the President of the United States in a message from the White House, Washington, to Grover C. Lee, Sr., publisher of THE STRAWN TRIBUNE, commenting on the newspaper's completion of thirty years of service to Strawn, to Palo Pinto County, to Texas, and to the Nation.

"THE PRESIDENT trusts," Secretary Early wrote, "that your paper will long continue to render faithful service to the community by upholding the finest traditions of American journalism."

Local Fighting Men, In States And Abroad, Receive Home Paper

Tribune 'Letter From Home' To Hundreds In Armed Forces

The Strawn Tribune, Palo Pinto County's leading weekly newspaper, goes to the fighting front!

Every week hundreds of copies of this weekly newspaper — "a letter from home" — are mailed to Southern Palo Pinto County men with Uncle Sam's mighty armed forces, on land, on sea, and in the air, the world over.

Home town boys in Army camps, at Naval bases and Marine posts on home soil receive The Tribune every week.

Then — hundreds of other copies of Strawn's newsy, 30-year-old weekly travel the world over.

The Tribune goes into the battle zones — Northwest Pacific area, to our North Pacific outposts to India and the Far East, to England, to Iceland, to North Africa, to Sicily and Italy. On practically every fighting front are men from Strawn, Gordon, Mingus Santo and Southern Palo Pinto County. And on every front — bringing many of these men cheer, comfort and enjoyment by its weekly visits — is their Strawn Tribune.

What The Tribune means to these gallant fighting men is explained time after time in letters which soldiers, sailors, marines and fliers write back to their old home town newspaper.

The cheer and joy which The Tribune brings local fighting men here and overseas is made possible through the cooperation of Strawn, Mingus, Gordon and Santo business and professional men — members of The Tribune's "Honor Roll."

These patriotic, public-spirited business and professional men enable the publishers of The Tribune to bring its readers at home and abroad pictures of local men in Uncle Sam's armed forces — and to send The Tribune (a letter from home) to our gallant fighting men all over the world!

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FRANK KITCHENS 'MISSING IN ACTION'

Trib's Honor Roll

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. (Buck) Caraway.
Judge E. B. Ritchie.

MINGUS —

Auda's Grocery.
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Bill's Ice.
Mrs. Bill Peretti.
Marine's Place.
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Pete G. Na'ler.
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Gilbert and McClish.

GORDON —

First National Bank.



GEORGE F. STALLINGS
OF
STRAWN



"BOOTS" BOLEN
STRAWN



PED STROOPE
STRAWN

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack!
WITH WAR BONDS

The grim, stark tragedy of World War II struck Strawn for the first time — this week.

It came with a simple but sorrow-bringing yellow telegram from the Navy Department in Washington.

And that piece of paper bore the cold, jarring words that Frank Archie Kitchens, 23-year-old son of Jim Kitchens of Strawn, was missing in action "somewhere in the Pacific."

Kitchens, with the U. S. Naval Air Corps in the battle-wracked Pacific area, is reported to have gone down aboard a Naval plane which crashed in oceanic waters several weeks ago.

"I hope . . . he's alive," his father said with moist eyes late Friday. "It looks bad, but I'm hoping."

With the father's prayers go the solemn wishes of the citizens of Strawn. For — if Frank Archie Kitchens is never heard from again he will be Strawn's first casualty — killed in action — of World War II.

Kitchens had been in the service since May, 1943. He was drafted and placed in the Navy, and several months later he was transferred to the Naval Air Corps.

His father said his son said little in his letters home. He had never inferred — or surmised — that he had been in combat with the enemy.

Kitchens was born at Thurbon on December 11, 1920. He has three brothers and one sister.

His brothers are Lewis Kitchens and James Kitchens, of Inglewood, California, and Elvin Kitchens of Fort Worth.

His only sister is Miss Jewell Kitchens of Inglewood, California.

Kitchens, a 6-foot, 260-pound husky, who starred as a member of Strawn High Greyhound elevens in the late 30s, graduated from Strawn High School here in 1940.

After graduating from high school he went to Arkansas where he was engaged in mining. Later he went to California where he was employed by North American Aviation in one of their plane building plants.

He returned to Strawn for several weeks before his induction into the Navy.



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OF
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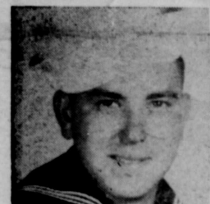
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Tax records kept for you—Social Security, Income Tax, Unemployment Records, Excise and Liquor Tax.
We can save you time and money!
Phones: Day 78, Night 10
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ONLY 12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
DO YOUR ...
Christmas Shopping EARLIER THAN EVER
BARNETT JEWELERS
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GET THE CREAM OF THE CROP! SEE OUR LARGE, DISTINCTIVE LINE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Congratulations
STRAWN TRIBUNE on your 30th ANNIVERSARY!
• We consider **THE TRIBUNE** a splendid medium of advertising and hence have run an ad in this fine paper weekly for a number of years.
CHICKS
Plenty of **BABY CHICKS** and **STARTED CHICKS** on hand!
GOOD PRICES PAID FOR HATCHING EGGS. If you have a good flock of hens, see me!
Red Chain Feeds — Complete Poultry Supplies & Remedies
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Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAB BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

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CONGRATULATIONS...
to **THE STRAWN TRIBUNE** on its 30th ANNIVERSARY!
We feel it a privilege to extend greetings and good wishes to this progressive newspaper.
We also wish to thank your readers for their faithful patronage and patience in our effort to keep them supplied with **DR. PEPPER**.
People everywhere have discovered how icy cold **DR. PEPPER** makes good food taste better.
A drink so good by itself is the natural good partner of good things to eat.
Buy it in the handy six bottle carton!
DR. PEPPER BOTTLING COMPANY
M. L. KING RANGER



Congratulations...
TO THE STRAWN TRIBUNE ON ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY!
WE SALUTE... the members of the American Legion and invite you folks to attend our dance at Eastland.
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to everyone... and to the young men and young women in the armed forces of the United States. We're hoping for a speedy **VICTORY** and your safe return home!
HENRY PULLMAN
EASTLAND IRON & METAL CO. EASTLAND, TEXAS

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Spring **OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COUNTY, OUR STATE and OUR NATION!**

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THIRTY YEARS AGO...

the people of Strawn received the first issue — Volume I, Number 1 — of THE STRAWN TRIBUNE, successor to the earlier Strawn News and Strawn Enterprise . . . and down through those thirty years, during the good years and during the lean, THE TRIBUNE has faithfully served its readers.



45 Years Ago...

MILLING'S Magnetic Mesneur treatment was perfected by the late R. G. Milling, father of H. H. Milling, present owner and operator of the NEW MILLING SANATORIUM at MINERAL WELLS — a pioneer institution of its kind in the South administering relief to the human body

without the aid of drugs. The treatment has been successfully applied throughout the years in this locality and its practice has grown until it is now well known throughout Texas and many other states.

TIME ALONE WILL NOT CURE MANY THINGS...

While a great healer of many unhappy conditions in life, it alone cannot be depended upon to correct chronic ailments, often brought on by neglect. Bodily conditions do not often get better without proper treatment. These conditions often cause the sufferer to become a chronic invalid.

More than forty-five years of experience has convinced us that these conditions are best abated with specialized institutional care.

Proper diagnosis and treatment can be administered under the observation of a skilled physician and healer.



DR. H. H. MILLING

STUBBORN CHRONIC CASES A SPECIALTY

ALL WORK DONE UNDER ADVISE OF A LICENSED MEDICAL DOCTOR.

We have healed hundreds when all other methods have failed. We have many letters on file and can give you countless names of other such cases, if desired.

Congratulations... to THE STRAWN TRIBUNE on its THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY —

and may its future be even more successful than its past! We also wish to take this opportunity to express appreciation to THE TRIBUNE'S readers, many of whom have received relief as a result of our treatment

MILLING SANATORIUM

DR. H. H. MILLING

MINERAL WELLS

The Strawn Tribune

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PALO PINTO COUNTY'S LEADING WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Vincit Omnia Veritas

Livestock Raising, Major Industry, Brings In Million Dollars Annually

Palo Pinto County Livestock Association Organized in 1934

Joe Stuart of Strawn Serving Third Year As President of PPCLA

The Palo Pinto County Livestock Association, one of the finest organizations of its kind in the Southwest, will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year.

The stock raisers' group was first organized in the summer of 1934.

V. A. (Nick) Sikes, prominent Graford ranchman, was elected president of the new organization, and Earl T. Noland, Strawn stockman, was chosen as secretary. Directors were R. R. Norwood of Mineral Wells, W. H. Batchler of Palo Pinto, Lloyd Rogers of Graford, W. B. Hill of Gordon, R. D. Hinkson of Strawn, J. T. Cantrell of Santo, A. M. Chesnut of Brazos, Mike Costello of Pickwick, Joe Butler of Salesville, Van B. Butler of Lone Camp, Bean Robinson of Reed and Firdi Doss of Oran.

The main purpose of that first Palo Pinto County Livestock Association was to better co-operate with and gain the aid of the government in its broad drought relief campaign.

Officers and directors promptly rolled up their sleeves and went to work. As a result, the PPCLA's first major objective was finally and successfully achieved.

With their big job—the job for which they organized—finished, members of that first Palo Pinto County Livestock Association let the years slip slowly by without any eventful meetings or accomplishments.

The re-birth came in 1938. Late that year a group of ex-members met and re-organized. They were not fighting a drought this time. No particular emergency beset them. They were banding together now for one far-reaching purpose.

Foremost in their minds was one objective. The promotion of the livestock industry in general in Palo Pinto and the surrounding counties.

And all their plans and hopes hinged on this one constructive principle.

Sid Wheeler of Lipan, a former Palo Pinto resident and a prominent registered Hereford breeder, was named president of the re-organized group.

Several dinners and a gala holiday banquet and dance at a Mineral Wells hotel rounded out the organization's activities for the late months of '38, and, as 1939 rolled around the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association was gaining new members, new interest, new enthusiasm.

The Palo Pinto County Live-



stock Association—dormant for more than three years—was now coming to life . . . in a big way.

Climaxing their re-organization a few months earlier, members of the PPCLA presented their first annual livestock show in Mineral Wells on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 1939. And it was a tremendous success even though it was a modest presentation.

Members of the 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America groups became vitally interested. Rural and city folk—all—saw and greatly enjoyed the two-day affair. And they—like members of the PPCLA—could see the advantages of such an annual show.

Since that initial presentation in 1939, three annual shows have been successfully presented.

And during that span of time interest in this organization and its activities have increased. The Palo Pinto County Livestock Association has very definitely been a success and has already achieved far reaching benefits as a result of their annual livestock shows and their related programs.

PALO PINTO COUNTY LIVESTOCK GROUP TO PRESENT TWO BIG SHOWS IN 1944

Dates for its two major livestock show presentations were recently announced by the directors of the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association.

The PPCLA's annual livestock show—featuring exhibits by Palo Pinto County 4-H club and Future Farmers of

Now the Palo Pinto County Livestock Association is more than an organization. It is an institution—an institution which is probably the most valuable and constructive of its kind in this section of the state.

The one big objective of the (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

America members and senior breeders—will be staged at Mineral Wells on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12.

The Association's biggest show—the annual rodeo—will be unveiled during four big days, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Livestock raising is a major industry and a major source of income in and around Strawn and the surrounding territory which includes a total area of approximately half a million acres.

Of this acreage, an estimated 450,000 acres is range land, and the remaining 50,000 acres are crop producing areas. Bulk of the crops in this area consists of small grains, corn and other feeds.

Livestock—cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs—bring ranchmen in this territory an annual gross income estimated at one million dollars, and it is a lucrative, year-around source of revenue.

Approximately 25,000 head of cattle, 15,000 sheep, 25,000 goats and 10,000 hogs are in the half million acre section of which Strawn, a livestock center for over half a century, is the hub. The animals are valued at \$1,750,000.

Predominant cattle in this section are the Herefords. Other breeds are the Shorthorns, an Angus—Herefords, and the most numerous, an estimated fifteen registered breeds in this area, most of them are Herefords. There are three, perhaps four, herds of registered Shorthorns. And so far as is now known there are no registered Aberdeen-Angus herds in this vicinity.

Approximately 50 per cent of the area's beef-on-the-hoof is sold on the Fort Worth market—shipped to the packing center on a year-around basis. And the other half of the section's annual output of cattle is sold and shipped to Northern feeders.

Some of the cattle, raised in this section are summered on Northern grass lands and then sold in Midwestern market centers. Most of the locally produced beef, however, is sold at Fort Worth.

Cattle shipping is heaviest here in the spring and fall, and most of the branding is done during the spring season.

Wool production in this area totals approximately 100,000 pounds and the spring clip in the Strawn region this year brought in an estimated \$40,000. There are approximately 15,000 head of sheep in this section, the most popular breed being the Rambouillet.

Mohair production tops wool in this area. This year's clip netted local goat raisers approximately 150,000 pounds of mohair which brought in about \$65,000. It is estimated that there are 25,000 head of goats—mostly Angoras—in the Strawn territory.

Sheep are sheared one annually—usually between May 15 and June 15. And goats are clipped (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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REV. C. A. WILKERSON, POPULAR PASTOR OF METHODIST CHURCH, IS OVERSEAS VETERAN OF THE LAST WORLD WAR

The Rev. Chester A. Wilkerson, beginning his fourth year as pastor of the Strawn Methodist Church, is one of the most popular ministers to occupy the pulpit of the local church during its long and colorful history.

The Rev. Wilkerson, an emotional and forceful speaker, has been preaching since 1918.

Born at Crews in Rannels County on July 5, 1896, the Rev. Wilkerson is the son of Mrs. Noah Wilkerson and the late Mr. Wilkerson of Winters. He is one of nine children — six sons and three daughters. His brothers are A. E. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, L. R. Wilkerson of Brownwood, L. E. Wilkerson of Crews, D. C. Wilkerson of Ft. Worth and L. F. Wilkerson of Winters. Two of his sisters — Mrs. J. M. Hickson and Mrs.

W. P. Gardner — reside at Winters, and another sister, Mrs. J. A. Iden, is a resident of Big Spring.

The Rev. Wilkerson — friendly, affable gentleman who's husky built — is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs a hefty 175 pounds.

He's a World War I veteran who served five and one-half months with the fighting Yanks when they humbled the Kaiser's pre-Nazi supermen a quarter of a century ago.

The Rev. Wilkerson graduated from high school in Nashville, Tennessee in 1926 and attended college in that city. Later he was a student at the Theological School at Trevecca College.

Married, the Rev. Wilkerson's wife is the former Miss Eliza Lucile Pennington of Neptune,

Methodist Pastor



REV. C. A. WILKERSON

Tennessee. The couple were wed on October 19, 1926 and have two children — Chester A. Wilkerson,

Jr., 13, and Miss Ellenda Salome Wilkerson, 15, both students at Strawn High School.

The Rev. Wilkerson joined the Methodist Church at Winters in 1928.

Fried chicken (in accord with most pastors) is the Rev. Wilkerson's favorite food.

Baseball, he says, is his favorite sport. And, when time allows, he enjoys hunting.

Palo Pinto County Livestock Association

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PPCLA—"the promotion of the livestock industry in general in Palo Pinto and the surrounding counties"—is being steadily realized.

Officers of the Association include Joe H. Stuart of Strawn, president; W. H. Batchler of Palo Pinto, first vice-president; W. E. Brannon of Santo, second vice-president; and John H. Smith of Palo Pinto, secretary-treasurer.

Directors of the organization include Earl T. Noland of Strawn,

Pat F. Dalton and Bob Turpin of Graford, W. H. Batchler of Palo Pinto, Neb. Watson of Mineral Wells and W. E. Brannon of Santo.

• ABOUT AN EX —

John F. Kern

John F. Kern, master sergeant in the U. S. Army, now has an A. P. O. number for an address, which signifies that he is serving his country on some distant battle front. In 1929 he was graduated from Strawn High, where he played football and basketball. Kern, whose last visit to Strawn was in 1941, is married to the former Alice Itudson of Tacoma, Washington, and they have one young son, Gerard, age two.

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Backing the Attack

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Help essential calls get through this Christmas

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BUY WAR BONDS

We Salute You . . .

STRAWN TRIBUNE

— FROM ONE PIONEER . . . TO ANOTHER!

WE, too, are pioneers in this section of Texas, having served the people of Ranger and the surrounding territory for nearly a quarter of a century!



AND — we have always considered THE STRAWN TRIBUNE as a medium of advertising to reach the good people of Strawn and the surrounding territory for many, many years — and are glad to extend our most cordial greetings on this occasion of the newspaper's 30th anniversary.

I AM grateful for the opportunity and pleasure of serving all of you Strawn and Palo Pinto County folks!

A. J. RATLIFF

East Main Street

Ranger

30 YEARS of SERVICE The Strawn

Palo Pinto County's Leading Wire

FATHER OF B. LANDERS, POPULAR LOCAL RANCHMAN, SUCCESSFULLY RAN BOTH SHEEP AND CATTLE BACK IN EARLY '80s

Big, handsome, broad-shouldered Bradford Landers, 41-year-old Strawn stockman, is a newcomer to these parts who has already won many friends.

Landers and his family moved here on January 4, 1942 — nearly two years ago — and leased the Earl T. Noland Ranch north of the city.

The hefty ranchman — 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall, 170 pounds of brown, brown-eyed and silver-haired — isn't a stockman just by trade.

He's a rancher by blood, Yes, and by tradition.

Landers' father, Harry Chase Landers, was one of the few stockmen to successfully run both sheep and cattle back in the pioneer '80s out in Mitchell County

and Mrs. J. E. Chase. The couple were wed at Sweetwater on January 15, 1925.

The couple have three children — a son and two daughters. They are Bradford Chase Landers, 16, and Miss Sue Landers, 18, and Miss Mary Ann Landers, 13.

Landers has no brothers, but one sister. She is Mrs. H. P. Slagel of Colorado City.

The husky ranchman, his wife says, has no favorite food in particular. With him, she declares, it's just "food — and plenty of it!"

ABOUT AN EX —

Rosa Nell Cross Mauldin

Mrs. Rosa Nell Mauldin is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cross, now of Fort Worth. Long-time Strawn resident Mauldin was graduated from Strawn High in 1929. T. W. C., was goalie on C. championship hockey team two years. In 1932 she married Kenneth Mauldin of Dallas where they have resided. They have two sons, Keith, age 8, and Joe, Mrs. Mauldin's grandchild. Mattie Cross, lives in

Make his hours happen him cheer! Write the man — tonight!



BRADFORD LANDERS

— escaping the wrath of both sheep raisers and cattlemen.

The elder Landers rolled into Mitchell County in 1883 bringing in a trainload of sheep.

He and a bachelor brother, Byron Landers, then established the Landers Ranch.

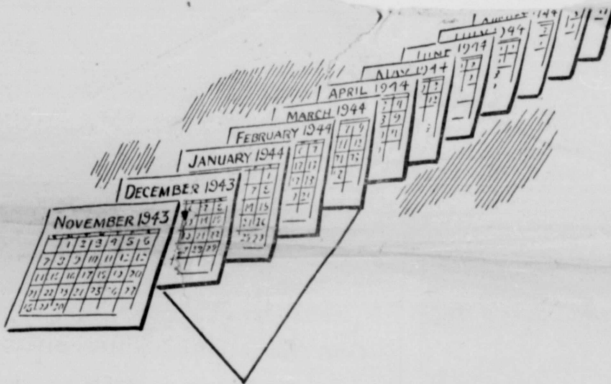
Byron Landers and a crew of Mexican herders drove sheep — on foot — from Mitchell County west across the Pecos and from those western regions across the Pecos and back to Mitchell County many, many times. Many times they moved herds of as many as 10,000 head.

Bradford Landers' father was a pioneer in the livestock industry in that section of Texas.

And his son — a genial bootlegger who's a walking symbol of the rugged old West itself — was raised on that ranch. Landers first saw the light of day at Colorado City on September 15, 1902. He left the range long enough to breeze through the Colorado City Public Schools and then he was back in the saddle again.

Landers says he's "always been a ranchman." And the way he says it, he also means he always will.

Married, his wife is the former Myra Chase, daughter of the Rev.



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SCENE ABOVE shows a busy day at the FAIRCLOTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION BARN in RANGER. The ringing chant of the auctioneer is a familiar chime to cattlemen from this section, as well as packing house buyers, slaughterers and butchers alike at this typical cattle center of this territory. (Photo by Delbert Capps, Ranger.)



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