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SUTTON COUNTY HAS EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR '29

Prospects for one of the most prosperous years in Sutton are evidenced by facts that ranchmen are better financed, livestock bringing good prices, range in excellent condition, and "the goose hanging high."

People in this county, it is believed, owe less money than they have owed for years. County records show that Sutton County has more automobiles per capita than other West Texas counties.

The First National Bank of Sonora now has deposits of a million dollars which reflects prosperity for 1929. This bank has just finished a \$75,000 bank building which will be occupied January 7th.

Residents of Sutton County are very optimistic, and are planning for the best year in the history of the county.

Another evidence of prosperity is that the Santa Fe has made the announcement that the Del Rio-San Angelo rail extension would be made.

Ranchmen will realize about \$5,000,000 this coming year from lambs, kids, wool, mohair and calves alone.

Sutton county has 1,500 sections of the best grazing lands in West Texas; 300,000 sheep, 100,000 goats and 20,000 cattle.

Car of New Chevies Here January 29th

C. E. Stites, of the Sonora Motor Company, this week announced that he would receive a carload of new Chevrolet Sixes on the 29th of this month. He has not been informed as to what type cars they will be. The new automobiles will be brought from San Angelo.

Mr. Stites has orders for seven of the new and improved Chevrolets. Four of these will be delivered soon. He extends a special invitation for everyone to see these new cars Saturday.

Noted Explorer



Fridtjof Nansen, famous Scandinavian explorer, will command an expedition in 1930 in which the Graf Zeppelin will be used for North Polar explorations. This was decided at Berlin recently.

State Control Board Reduces Station Funds

SONORA, Dec. 24.—The Board of Control has cut out some of the estimates asked for in the operation of the ranch experiment station near here. It asked for the sum of \$30,487.22 for the next fiscal year and was granted \$16,150.

It asked \$18,850 for the fiscal year following and was granted \$16,160. Has requested for a livestock judging pavilion costing \$12,000.00, was ruled out.

This five-section ranch has an income of about \$10,000 annually, says W. H. Damerson, the superintendent. The appropriation is supplementary to that. The property inventories about \$130,000, Damerson says.

The salary of the veterinarian, for which only \$2400 has been allowed, is supplemented \$50 a month out of the income of sales, as no good veterinarian can be secured to work for less than \$3000 a year, it is said.

Out of the sales fund, houses and other equipment are built and other expenses are paid.

A complete report of the finances of the station will be available soon.

R. C. Hill, proprietor of Hill's Cafe, and wife left last week end for Cleburne to spend the holidays.

OIL LEASES AND REAL ESTATE DEALS RECORDED

Manuel Morales to Southern Crude Oil Purchasing Company, 3,046 acres in Sutton and Schleicher Counties.

Harvey Walker lease to H. E. Nessley, surveys 58 and 47, Blk. G. H. & S. A. y. Co. This lease was resold to the Southern Crude Oil Purchasing Company.

A. J. Burleson sold to G. C. Burleson Lot, No. 9 in Block 20A of South Heights addition.

George R. Caldwell of Oklahoma sold to John Hamby Lots 2 and 3 in Block 29A, South Heights addition.

W. P. Caldwell sold to Mrs. Cordelia Hearn part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 35A, South Heights addition.

J. W. Bode sold to Aldie Garrett, surveys 23 and 24, Blk. G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co.

Herman Hospital Estate sold to P. Reilly Survey 15, Blk. 5, T. W. N. G. Ry. Co.

Herman Hospital Estate sold to Jim Chadwick, Survey 17, Blk. 5, T. W. N. G. Ry. Co.

J. F. Holt, wife and children of Big Lake, were here Saturday, the guests of Mr. Holt's sister, Mrs. Jack Bullock and his aunt, Mrs. Beulah Pfeister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Friend returned from San Antonio Sunday evening where they had been to meet their daughter, Miss Bernice Stokes who returned home from Ward-Bellmont to spend the holidays.

R. H. Chalk, commission dealer of Del Rio, was here this week visiting his daughter and son, Mesdames Dave Locklin and Geo. D. Chalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith and children left Sunday morning for Brackett to spend Christmas with Mr. Smith's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bruton spent Christmas Day here with Mrs. Maysie Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Bruton have recently moved to Menard to make their home.

MONDAY NIGHT TO BE LADIES' NIGHT AT LIONS' CLUB

Monday night will be ladies' night at the Lions' Club meeting in the basement of the Methodist Church. W. C. Gilmore and Robert Halbert have been appointed to serve as program committee for this occasion.

Several prominent speakers will be present on this night. About sixty plates will be served by the Methodist ladies.

All Lions are requested to bring their wives, and in the event they fail to do this they should notify Geo. H. Neill, secretary.

The program follows:

1. Musical numbers.
2. Mexican solo by J. W. Trainer, banjo accompaniment by Mrs. Trainer.
3. Song by Ed Blanton.
4. Quartet—J. B. Lee, M. M. Stokes, R. C. Hill and Mr. Rowe.
5. Address by President of Ozona Lions' Club.

New Stage Line Through Sonora

Having purchased the Walker Bus Company stage line, the O. S. T. Coaches are now operating from San Antonio to El Paso through Sonora. The new line took charge on the 10th of this month. Ted Pace, representative of the O. S. T. Coaches, was here Wednesday in the interest of the line.

White parlor coaches and Buick sedans are being used. Each bus will accommodate twenty passengers.

Two and one-fourth cents per mile is the rate of the new bus line. Ten per cent discount is allowed on all round trip fares. Fare from Sonora to San Antonio is \$7.75; from Sonora to El Paso is \$14.75.

Two buses daily are being operated, leaving Sonora for San Antonio at 2:30 p. m.; leave Sonora for El Paso at 5:45 a. m. and 2:50 p. m.

Stites Motor Company is the local station for the new line.

A New Kind of Queen



Miss Victoria Michaux of Paris has been elected Queen of the Catharinettes of her district. These are the unmarried girls desirous of obtaining some eligible young men. They parade the streets on St. Catherine's Day looking for these

"Man, Woman and Wife" at La Vista

Sat., Dec. 29.—Hoot Gibson in "King of the Rodeo" Everyone knows Hoot Gibson to be one of the best western stars. Comedy—"Newly Wed Court Trouble."

Mon., Dec. 31.—"Marked Money," with Junior Cohan, George Duryea, Virginia Bradford and Tom Kennedy.

Picture showmen have in this picture a film replete with genuine thrills, heart-thrills, love romance, adventure, and all those elements essential to success. Airplane adventure provides interest and original action in colorful locales. Pathe News Reel.

Tues.,—Wednesday, Jan. 1-2.—Johnny Hines in "Wright Idea." A First National special. Good comedy.

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 3-4.—Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky in "Two Lovers." A tale of adventure and love. A United Artists picture. A highly romantic melodrama full of action and suspense, adventure, revenge and love. Never has Vilma Banky looked so beautiful, never has Ronald Colman looked so attractive. Comedy for Thursday—"Now, I'll Tell One." Pathe News Friday, also "Collegians."

Saturday, Jan. 5.—"Man, Woman and Wife." Comedy—"Cross Country Race." also "Collegians."

TWO FIRE CALLS ANSWERED HERE CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day at the noon hour the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department answered a call at the A. F. Clarkson residence in the South edge of town. Burning soot in a chimney caused the alarm. By the time the fire boys reached the place the smoke had ceased.

Tuesday night at one-thirty the fire department again answered a call. This time a Mexican residence belonging to the cook at the Aldwell Bros. ranch was destroyed. Loss of the residence is estimated at \$500. No one was at home when the fire started. The Valencia Theatre building, belonging to Juan Velasquez, caught fire from the flames of the Mexican residence burning the front end of the theatre before the flames were checked. Velasquez's loss is said to have been several hundred dollars. The Valencia ceased operation several weeks ago.

It is understood that neither building was insured.

CARD OF THANKS

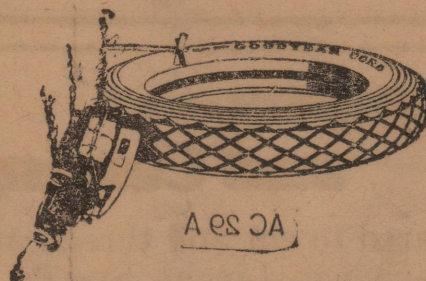
I wish to thank those who assisted in fighting fire in my pasture. Had it not been for your assistance, the loss would have been much greater. Again I thank all of you.

COLLIER SHURLEY.

Chris Meinicke, prominent business man of Ozona, wife and children had Christmas dinner here with Mr. Meinicke's sister, Mrs. R. K. James.

Miss Ramsel, assistant to Postmaster Tom Murray, spent Christmas in Mertzon with relatives. Miss Jamie Gardner, who is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Cluyde Gardner, is assisting Mr. Murray during Miss Ramsel's absence.

F. T. Silliman, wife and son of Fort Stockton, spent Christmas at the Experiment Station with Mr. Silliman's brother-in-law, Wallace Dameron. Mr. Silliman is engaged in the real estate business.



While New Year bells are ringing, we take occasion to thank our many patrons and friends for their encouragement and support during the past year, and at the same time to wish everyone in town a Happy New Year.

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If interested, write or phone, E. W. BILLINGS, Del Rio, Texas.

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to inform the public that any hunters or trappers caught trespassing on my ranch will be prosecuted. Heed this warning. Marion Stokes. 12t. pd.

POSTED -

All of my pastures twelve miles southeast of town are posted according to law, and anyone caught hunting, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted. A. F. Clarkson. 10-4-29.pd.

POSTED

My ranch, twenty-four miles east of Sonora is posted according to law, and anyone caught trespassing will be prosecuted.—Ira C. Green. 1t.

Mrs. Henry Decker Hostess at Bridge

Mrs. Henry Decker entertained at bridge Saturday, honoring Mrs. Buster Halbert. The yuletide spirit was carried out in Christmas decoration. A delicious salad course was served. Miss Bonnie Glascock received high; Miss Guila Lowrey, low; Grace Trainer, and Mrs. Buster Halbert honor guest.

Those enjoying the party were: Lyda Archer, Hazel Stokes, Addah Miers, Lucile White, Bonnie Glascock, Guila Lowrey, Grace Trainer, Medames L. L. Stuart, John Fields, Buster Halbert, R. W. Perrine, Frank Bond, Brian Hunt, Sam Allison, Alton Hightower.

SPENT CHRISTMAS IN SAN ANTONIO

Roy E. Aldwell and family, Ira C. Green and family, Wirt Stephenson, Lee Aldwell, Buster Allison, E. C. Beam and T. A. Williams spent Christmas in San Antonio. While there these gentlemen enjoyed an elimination golf tournament.

TO THE TAX PAYERS

All state and county taxes in Sutton County may be paid now. A penalty of ten per cent will be added if taxes are not paid prior to January 31st. Your taxes have to be paid, so why not do it early and avoid a penalty.

B. W. HUTCHERSON, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County. 2t c

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that my ranch, 25 miles southeast of Sonora, in Sutton and Edwards counties, is posted according to law, and any person caught trespassing will be prosecuted according to law; officer in charge. Oscar Appelt 4-15-28

POSTED NOTICE

Any person caught hunting, trapping or trespassing on my land will be prosecuted. Take warning. Merton Shurley. 11-1-28. c.

See the 1928 Christmas Card Samples at The News Office.

POSTED

Any person caught hunting, trapping or in any way trespassing on my ranch will be prosecuted. J. N. Ross. 6t. pd.

Personal

Ben and Bill Mittel spent Christmas with their parents in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hunt were holiday guests of Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell.

J. W. Wilson, prominent Sonora rancher, who has been ill in San Antonio for the past several weeks, is doing nicely, according to reports. He is much better and will be able to return home at an early date. Mrs. Wilson, daughter and son have been with him.

Henry Mittel, prominent ranchman, and Mrs. Mittel spent the holidays with Mrs. Mittel's relatives at Mercedes.

W. L. Aldwell, present of the First National Bank, spent Christmas with Mrs. Aldwell in San Antonio.

Roy Hudspeth, county commissioner, and newly elected president of the Sutton County Ranchmen's Association, was among business visitors in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eaton and family had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rigney of Fort Worth,

and Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Eaton of Rockspring.

W. C. Cannon, wife and children are recovering from attacks of the "flu."

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Stephen, who have been ill the past several days with the "flu" are better. Their many friends will be glad to know that they are improved.

John Hamby and wife were among those who suffered with the "flu" during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier Shurley are in Hanna, near McKinney, where Mrs. Shurley's aunt is very ill. Mrs. Shurley's father, J. W. Riffa accompanied them and will return here for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shurley and little son were here from the ranch Thursday night.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

This is to notify all automobile and truck owners of Sutton County that new 1929 license plates are now at my office and can be had anytime. 1928 license plates can be used not later than January first, after which time a penalty of ten per cent will be charged for plates. It is a violation of the law to use old plates after January 1st. Please get your new plates before January 1st and avoid any penalty or trouble.

B. W. HUTCHERSON, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County. 2t. c.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Sonora fire boys and those who assisted in extinguishing the fire at my theatre Tuesday night.

JUAN VELASQUEZ.

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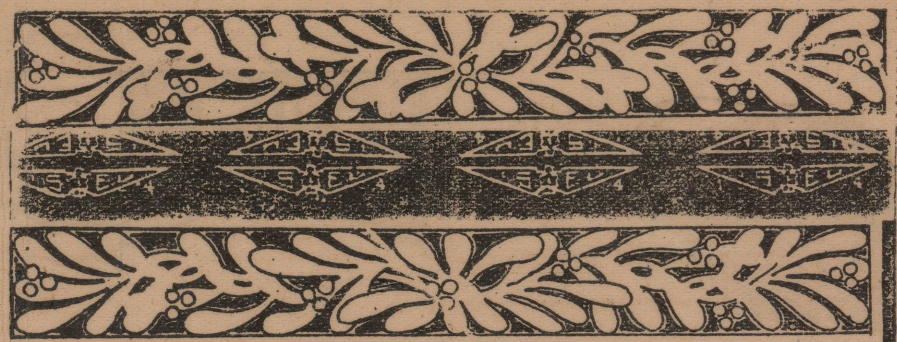
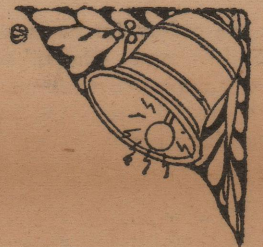
VINNEDGE SPECIAL

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E. F. Vander Stucken Co.
INCORPORATED

R. E. Taylor, Jr., prominent young ranchman of Chistoval, was here the fore part of the week, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor returned this week from Tyler and Mexia where they had been to visit Mr. Taylor's relatives.

Yes, We Have It

No doubt you are planning to buy a Radio or Victrola just to make your home more worthwhile during the New Year. Buy it from your authorized dealer, where you can get service after the sale.

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Sonora, Texas



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Leave Sonora West 5:45 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

Call Stites Motor Co. for Information

Old Spanish Trail Coaches

Airplanes Used in Fly Trapping Work

O. G. Babcock Tells of Menace That Blowfly Presents

SONORA, Dec. 24—O. G. Babcock, local representative of the bureau of entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, has trapped flies in the Carlsbad cave in New Mexico and on top of the Rockies in Colorado, and he brings the information here that airplanes are used in Louisiana for experimental purposes to trap flies in the air.

Mr. Babcock thinks the black blow fly is the worst in southwest Texas and that its favorite breeding ground is in carcasses of animals and birds. He says there is no possibility of eradicating the fly in the ranch country but that it can be reduced in numbers. One of the big problems, he believes, is the matter of baits, and he describes as good baits, snakes, rabbits, prepared egg mixtures and cull animals through it is hard to get uniformity in beef slime preparations.

This matter of baits will be one of the problems studied in Federal fly trapping district at Menard which is to be taken over and operated by federal men after January 1. These men will keep accurate data on costs, efficiency of various baits and best worm medicine mixtures to be employed to cut down losses.

Mr. Babcock says the ranchmen could cut their losses from flies heavily if they would bury the dead carcasses of animals within three or four days after death. Babcock thinks not less than two traps to a section is most effective. In the matter of placing fly traps he believes in the hill country it is best to follow the streams and the draws, sunny location for traps in the winter is advised.

Babcock says most of the flies are found in the spring but that they drop off in June or July and get bad again in the fall if there is plenty of moisture. Babcock says attempts to carry flies through the winter in the Uvalde territory have failed.

It is his belief that the flies that appear in the spring have migrated from other places. It is the opinion of some that the flies come from the screw worm that falls out of the livestock and lives through the winter in the worm form.

Babcock's exploit in catching flies in the Carlsbad cave is interesting and typical of his attitude toward his work. He was inspecting the cave before it was opened to the public and heard some flies buzzing. He went out, killed a rabbit and brought it down as bait. With his fly net he captured a blowfly 170 feet below the surface. He made a similar capture on top of the Rockies.

In one cave near Sonora which he enters each month of the year he finds a blowfly which he finds nowhere else. This fly, he says, breeds in the bodies of bats. Goats go into caves and the blowfly gets him, causing worms to live in the mohair and kill the animal. He says the blowfly in the ranch country is found from Texas to the west coast and from Oklahoma to Mexico.

Miss Mildred Bruck of Tyler, is the guest of Mrs. Ed Mayer this week at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayer at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken had for their Christmas dinner guests their son, Emil, attorney of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Stokes had many friends and relatives for a big Christmas dinner at their beautiful new home in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holman were here from the ranch today visiting with relatives and friends.

Another block has been added to the contract for paving at Happy. This will make five and one half blocks of brick street when it is completed. Rainy weather has retarded the work for a short time.



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M. H. Balkum and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in San Angelo with Mrs. Balkum's parents, R. F. Vinson and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson and daughter, Miss Bertha, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Balkum here Christmas Day.

FOR SALE—One four room house with bath and screened-in porch and one three-room house bath and porch, together with four lots. Will sell for \$3,500 cash. Call at The News office, 4t. c.

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We Wish You a Happy New Year. May You Be Blessed With All Things Good in 1929!

We Thank You for Your Patronage and Co-operation During 1928. May You Prosper Well!

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Before another News reaches you, the old year will have been gone and we will enter the threshold of 1929. The News wishes everyone much happiness and success for the year; may it be the most prosperous and best year we have ever had.

Let us not think of the past and what we may have accomplished in 1928, but instead, we should resolve to make the 1929 the best. Think of the future and let the past be forgotten.

The year just ended has been a progressive and prosperous one for Sonora, and the approaching year should be a better one. Let's all work together for the good of our town, school, churches, and for ourselves. Again we greet you all.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS

To "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
To patronize your home merchants.
To boost your town, for if you are not a booster you are a knocker.
To try to have a kind word for all.
To be a better citizen.
To help the poor and needy.
To make Sonora the best place on earth to call home.
To assist in keeping down fires.
To go to church more often.
And last but not least, phone us any news that you may know.

PREVENT PRAIRIE FIRES

This is the season of the year when prairie fires are apt to start almost any time. With a heavy coat of grass, a fire can easily destroy

several thousand acres of grass in a short time.

Campers, hunters and everyone should be careful about camp fires, cigarettes, etc.

In Reagan County, according to newspaper reports, ranchmen are insuring their pastures against prairie fires. This is not a foolish idea. Grass has its value just the same as any other property, and it may be that 1929 will not be a wet year. If that be the case the old grass will be very valuable.

Only this week fire destroyed several hundred acres of grass on the Collier Shurley ranch. Had the fire been more distant from neighbors it would have done much more damage.

DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS—

ASTRONOMY AND THEOLOGY

Astronomical studies and conclusions will be found to have had much to do with our theological theories.

Think of the different view of the universe and its regulation taken by people now and those that lived before Copernicus and Galileo.

When David wrote, "When I consider thy heavens, the sun, moon and stars that thou hast made, what is man that thou art mindful of him?" how much smaller a conception of both the universe and man he had from what we have now.

Victor Hugo, in his "Intellectual Autobiography," wrote:

"The locomotive travels fifteen leagues an hour. The hurricane travels sixty leagues an hour. The cannon ball travels seven hundred leagues an hour. The locomotive drags, the hurricane limps, the cannon ball is a trotoise.

"Let us bestride a ray of light. This is to mount 4,000 times faster than the cannon ball, 4,200,000 times swifter than the hurricane, and 17,000,000 times swifter than the locomotive. It makes as you know, 70,000 leagues a second.

"Start. Light launches you from the Earth to the Sun in eight minutes, from the Sun to Oceanus in four hours, from Oceanus to Centarus in three years and eight months, from Centarus to the pole star in twenty-eight years, and from the pole star to the Milky Way in 168,000 years, and from the Milky Way to the nebula of Canes Venatici in 5,000,000 years. You have not taken a step. The apparition of the universe will continue to loom. Beyond the visible the invisible, beyond the invisible, the unknown."

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

DEEP SEA FISH AND MEN BE WISE—KEEP PREPARED THE SOCIALIST VOTE AMERICA'S FIVE BIG MEN

Scientists study fishes that live a mile below the ocean surface. Bring them to the top, removing the water pressure, they burst and die.

Human beings live at the bottom of an atmospheric ocean, 500 miles deep. If you took us to the top we probably should burst, and we should die surely. Man cannot live even ten miles up, to say nothing of 500 miles.

We pity the poor, submerged deep sea fish, leading such dull lives. They would pity the submerged poor among human beings.

Science says all of earth's life was once in the ocean. Some animals climbed on the land, developed lungs in place of the fish's bladder, ears in that migration to land. Other animals, even more ambitious, learned to fly—the birds.

Among human beings a few, bird-like, fly above the level of necessity to the realms of wealth. Once they get there, they, like the birds, are safe. But, like the birds, they don't do much thinking. They don't have to think.

Mr. Brown, known the world over as the recalcitrant stormy petrel of thought, quarrels with President Coolidge because the President speaks of good will between nations, then asks for fifteen cruisers.

That's not inconsistent. The other nations know that we can get the fifteen cruisers, and fifty if we want them. And that creates the "good will."

Brown asks, "Is a man who goes out into the world armed only with faith more timid than he who carries weapons?" Of course he is. Look at the rabbit. He carries no weapon, and is more timid than the lion or wolf, that has a mouthful of weapons.

You can't be truly courageous unless you are wise. And if you are wise, you keep prepared.

Socialists of the country discover with grief and surprise that their Presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, polled only 300,000 votes, against more than 15,000,000 for Governor Smith and 22,000,000 for Herbert Hoover.

Debs, in 1912, got nearly 900,000 votes.

However, Socialists need not be downcast. Their candidate had a hard time, running against prosperity, 7,000,000 Coolidge plurality, the "wet-dry" question, etc. When people are as busy as that, they haven't time to think about Socialism.

Will Rogers selects an "All-American Team" ability, as follows: Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Herbert Hoover, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Lindbergh.

He probably leaves out the best man in the country, as yet unknown. That's fortunate, for it means we have reserves.

Rogers would have those five men run the country, "move Thanksgiving Day up to election and do away with elections entirely."

The plan would work, of course. The original John D. Rockefeller could have done the job alone when he was younger. He would have known how to select the men.

But the people must plan to govern themselves as babies must learn to walk, no matter how badly they do it at first. If you always hired a man to push your baby around in a wagon, the baby wouldn't develop.

More worry for the criminal. The steamship Aquitania, 600 miles at sea, received by wireless photographs from Davenport, England.

Hereafter a criminal leaving his country under an assumed name may have his picture sent broadcast to every ship at sea.

Arthur Haley of Muleshoe recently shipped one thousand head of cattle from his VVN ranch near that place. Several cars of calves were sent to the feed pens, ten cars going to Amarillo, five to Altus, Oklahoma, and four to Canadian Texas.

Sonora Motor Co. Delivers New Fords

Eight new Fords were delivered this week. The new cars were brought from Dallas by Sam Hull, Bob Steen, Jim Decker, Joe T. Thorp and Bill Drennan.

Side McKee got a standard coupe; Tom Taylor, standard coupe; Lum Hefflin, four-door sedan; G. G. Stephenson, a coupe and Joe Hull a coupe.

Mr. Hull states that practically all orders for the new Fords have been filled. He expects to be ready to make deliveries more rapidly in the future than in the past.

The records at Lubbock show that with twenty-three permits issued during the past month, residences topped the list with \$112,500 worth. The months total was \$151,000 bringing the years total to \$3,188,167.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

This is to notify all persons that on account of Headlighters depredating in my pastures in Sutton and Crockett counties, having killed two head of cattle for me in last two winters, am putting my pastures under the game preserve and I warn hunters, trappers and trespassers to remain out.

ROY HUDSPETH, tr.

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CALL NO. 3—WE'LL DO THE REST.

W. O. Hightower & Co

NOW ON DISPLAY in our Showroom!

Today you can see the most sensational automobile ever introduced—The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History, a Six in the price range of the four!

This amazing new automobile is now on display in our showrooms and we cordially invite you to come in for a personal inspection!

Judging by the tremendous interest which it has excited wherever shown—

—judging by the unqualified approval it has won from everybody, everywhere—

—the Outstanding Chevrolet will instantly impress you as the greatest dollar-for-dollar value ever offered in any automobile!

New 6-Cylinder Valve-in-Head Engine

When you lift the hood and see the new six-cylinder valve-in-head engine you will realize that a new era has dawned for the buyers of low-priced automobiles. Representing four years' development and testing by Chevrolet and General Motors engineers, embodying the discoveries of General Motors Research Staff, this new power plant is a marvel of advanced design. At every speed it operates with that delightful smoothness which everyone demands today in a modern automobile. It develops approximately 32% more power than any previous Chevrolet engine. It displays sensationally greater speed and faster acceleration. And yet, despite this brilliantly improved performance, it maintains Chevrolet's worldwide reputation for economical transportation by delivering better than an average of twenty miles to the gallon of gasoline!

Great Array of New Features

Matching this spectacular advance in performance is the greatest array of new features Chevrolet has ever announced—and the most outstanding appearance ever achieved in any car of comparable price! The new four-wheel brakes not only assure positive safety, but are exceedingly quiet in operation. The new, heavier, finer quality transmission and rear axle gears contribute to longer life and greater stamina. The new two-beam headlamps with foot control dimming device were never before available in Chevrolet's price class. The new AC gasoline pump with filter assures constant fuel supply no matter how steep the hill. And so on throughout the entire chassis, you will find feature after feature previously demanded in the finest of automobiles and now offered on the Outstanding Chevrolet in keeping with Chevrolet's policy of constant progress!

Distinctive New Beauty

But, however impressed you may be by the mechanical superiority of the Outstanding Chevrolet, your admiration will reach even greater heights when you study the car's distinctive beauty.

Here the whole effect is one of ultra-smartness, luxury and style. Introducing modish, concave front pillars and divided moulding, embodying the comfort advantages of greater width and length, finished in smart new lustrous colors—
—the marvelous new Fisher bodies represent a masterful example of artistic coach work. Never in Fisher's long and illustrious service to the automotive industry has Fisher style supremacy been more clearly revealed! Never have beauty, comfort, convenience and staunch construction been more skillfully combined in the bodies of any automobile!

Come In and See For Yourself

So we urge you to come in today and inspect the Outstanding Chevrolet! See for yourself what distinctive beauty and thrilling performance are now available at prices so amazingly low! Learn how Chevrolet has again established an entirely new standard of motor car value!

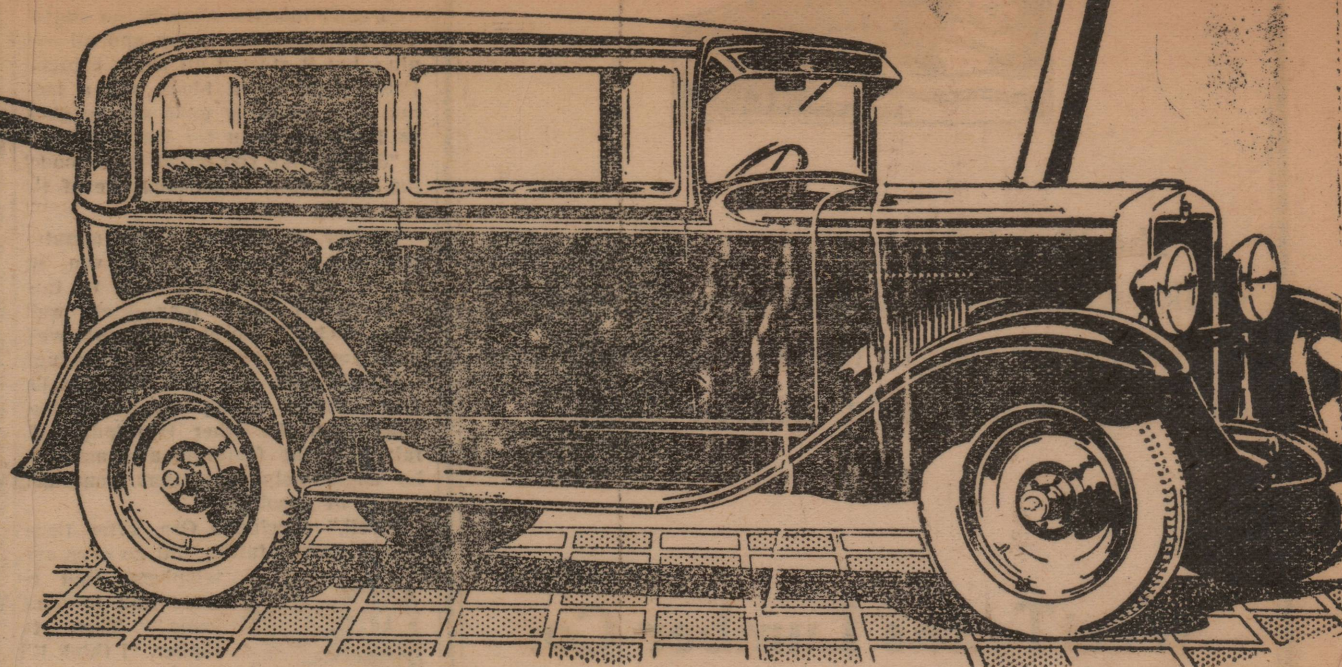
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3. Chromium plated radiator
4. Headlamps with chromium plated rims
5. Chromium plated headlamp standards
6. New hood with narrow louvres

7. One piece full-crown beaded fenders
8. Rubber covered steel running boards

New Economy and Dependability

1. Better than 20 miles per gallon
2. AC gasoline pump and filter
3. Positive lubrication to all motor bearings
4. Automatic lubrication to valves
5. Self-adjusting dry-disc clutch
6. Stronger rear axle gears

Faster Getaway— Greater Speed

1. Advanced combustion chamber design
2. High speed gear ratio, 3.8 to 1
3. Accelerating pump on carburetor
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5. Smooth sliding gear transmission

New Comfort and Convenience

1. Longer, roomier Fisher bodies
2. Adjustable driver's seat in all closed bodies
3. Cadet type sun visor
4. Fisher VV windshield

5. Deep comfortable cushions
6. Indirectly lighted instrument panel
7. Water temperature indicator on dash
8. Semi-elliptic shock absorbing springs
9. 107-inch wheelbase

New Safety

1. Separate emergency brakes
2. Foot control two-beam type headlamps
3. Theft-proof electrolock
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Come in and see these Beautiful New Cars on display in our showrooms

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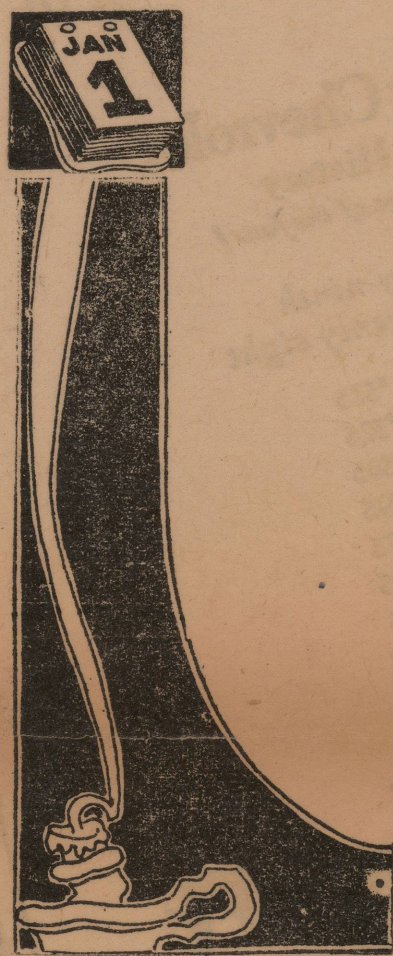
— AND —

PIPES WILL BURST THIS WINTER

Call a plumber to dig up that old valve and put it in working order. Do not call the water company to work on valves or repair bursted pipes. Please do not use the valve at the meter as you are wasting time, because it is not a drain valve.

Sonora Water Co.

J. D. EATON, Manager



The New Baby has his hands on the clock—we hope he ticks off many hours of happiness for you, to whom we send our earnest good wishes for the New Year.

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Merchants Will Give Away an Automobile

A Shaw sport speedster will be given away April 1st to the lucky person who holds the lucky number. Those who will give tickets for each dollar's purchase are: Hamilton Grocery, The Style Shop, The Corner Drug Store, La Vista Theatre, West Texas Lumber Company, City Garage and Rutledge Cafe.

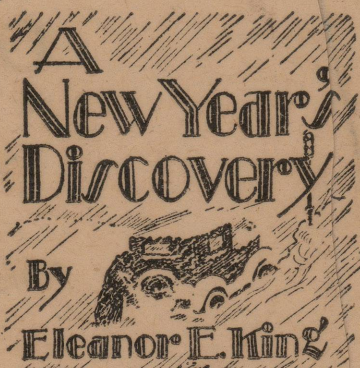
This dwarf automobile is equipped with a two and one-half horse-power, one-cylinder engine. The car has a speed of four to twenty-five miles per hour, adjustable seats, electric headlights, 70-inch wheel base capacity 500 pounds. It will accommodate two passengers and luggage.

The car is being stored at the City Garage.

Mrs. J. L. Davis and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Wallace and Mr. Wallace and Ruby Davis spent Christmas at Plainview and Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Stuart are visiting relatives and friends near San Antonio.

"Speck" Barnes, the industrious son of W. R. Barnes, is the new "Devil" at the News office, succeeding Elwood Dunklin who has risen to bank employee.



THE engine gave two gasps and died or, should one say, succumbed to—but that is going too far ahead of the narrative. The starter turned the engine over briskly and repeated nothing happened. A girl swathed in a fur coat emerged from the driver's seat of the small coupe and fought her way to the gas tank in the face of a raging blizzard that was ushering in the New Year. About six inches of snow covered the back of the car and when the tank was finally reached the cover was frozen on.

The green light at the boulevard intersection changed to red bringing to a halt a car directly back of Ora's.

"Is there something we can do?" "I can't imagine what is the matter. The car stood out today and all evening, but it started all right, bringing Esther and me a block and a half, and then suddenly gave up the ghost as I slowed down for the red light.

"Sounds like you might have flooded the carburetor," suggested one of the two young men.

"Better let it stand a few minutes then try it again. I'll tell you, we have a girl here we have to take home—won't take long—then we'll come back. If you are still here, we'll push you a ways and get you going.

Hardly had they left the car before another young man—somewhat older than the other two lads—tall, fair, and fine featured, also asked if he might help. The tank contained plenty of gasoline.

"Well," concluded Ora, after these efforts proved futile, "I'll go over and telephone Dad to come and tow me home." Then to Esther, "I think I'll try the engine once more for luck before I go." Still no response.

Another larger car drove up. A young man rather smallish in stature bounced up to the car.

After hearing Ora's recital he said, "Sounds like the distributor. I'll take a look at it. This is about the fifth car I have helped to start tonight. Guess I'll have to push you to get it started. Terrible night. Better get in out of the wind and snow."

A block's pushing failed to start the car, and it was finally pushed into a garage which happened to be a half block away.

"Now you and your girl friend are sure you don't want me to wait? You won't be afraid?" The young man's dancing, snappy eyes fairly beamed.

"You know I don't care what time I get home and would just as soon as not wait. You," he hesitated a little embarrassed, "you are sure you have money enough?"

"You surely are a brick to be so helping and considerate. Yes, I have four or five dollars. Enough, don't you think? If they should not be able to get the car started, I'll call a taxi. Thank you so much."

Ora did not notice it, but the snappy eyes were memorizing her license number, and as the young man backed his big car out of the garage he said, "I knew this New Year's blizzard was sent for some good—a New Year, and the girl of my dreams—the gods forbid I forget the license number."

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Utilities Announce New Power Rates

Effective now, the West Texas Utilities Company announce the following light and commercial rates:

RESIDENCE SERVICE

Available for residences, dwellings, flats, individual apartments and private rooming houses.

15c per kw. h. for the first 4 kw. h. per month per room in each residence 9c per kw. h. for the next 4 kw. h. per month per room in each residence; 6c per kw. h. for all kw. h. used per month in excess of that stated above.

Determination of Demand: rooms counted on real estate rating. Alcoves, unfinished attics, bath rooms, cellars, closets, coal sheds, garages, hallways, laundries.

Minimum, 3 rooms—maximum, 7 rooms.

Minimum Charge: \$1.50 per meter per month.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Available for commercial lighting and incidental power for stores, business houses, offices, rooming houses, hospitals, churches, hotels, banks, schools, Federal, State and County buildings.

15c per kw. h. for the first 30 hours use of the maximum demand per month; 10c per kw. h. for the next 60 hours use of the maximum demand per month; 5c per kw. h. for all energy used per month in excess of the first 90 hours use of the maximum demand.

Determination of Maximum Demand: where rated capacity of the installation connected is 15 kilowatts or less by estimate, 80 per cent of the connected load, including empty sockets rated as 60 watts each.

Where the rated capacity of the installation exceeds 15 kilowatts, by measurement, 15 minute interval, the demand so determined to prevail for one year unless superseded by a higher demand.

Where a measured demand seems desirable on installations of less than 15 kilowatts, the company reserves the right to determine the maximum demand on such installations by the same method as used in determining the demand on installations above 15 kilowatts.

Minimum demand, 1 kilowatt. \$1.50 per kilowatt of demand per month.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best wishes for a Bright, Happy and Prosperous New Year is our new year wish for you.

Two Graduate Pharmacists at Your Service Day or Night.

SONORA DRUG CO.

"The Orange Cross Store"



The New Year is here! As the clock ticks off the seconds of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Nine, may every second find you contented and happy!

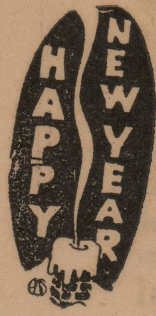
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Sonora Home Laundry

TOM DRISCOLL, Prop.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR

LAUNDRY BUSINESS.



OUR LINE IS COMPLETE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME WONDERFUL OFFERINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Another year—may it too be blessed by your friendship and co-operation. In sending our greetings to you, we wish to express our thanks to you for having made our good progress possible.

J.W. TRAINER

"THE FRIENDLY STORE" FOR MEN AND BOYS.



Watch This Lusty Youngster Grow!

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE is here! Right on the job—and he's got to go some to beat 1928 in this town!

But, with your co-operation, we're sure he'll win!

Now that another leaf has been turned in the Book of Time, RESOLVE THIS VERY MINUTE TO DO YOUR BUYING IN YOUR OWN HOME TOWN!

Every dollar of your money will come back to you a hundredfold in the shape of added opportunities and new fields of pleasure and profit created by the growth and prosperity of your town. Your town flourishes when its merchants flourish; your town fails when they fail.

Help us make 1929 the biggest year this town has even had!

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Harrison Plumbing and Sheet Metal Works	The City Market	The City Garage	Gilmore Hardware Co.

La Vista Theatre

Week of Dec. 29 to Jan. 5.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—

HOOT GIBSON IN
"KING OF THE RODEO"
Comedy—"Newly Weds Court Trouble."

Monday, Dec. 31.—

"MARKED MONEY"

With Junior Coghlan, George Duryea, Virginia Bradford and Tom Kennedy. Heart-throbs, love, romance, adventure and all elements of success in this big picture.
Pathe News Reel

Tues-Wednesday, Jan. 1-2.—

Johnny Hines in
"WRIGHT IDEA"
A First National Good comedy.

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 3-4.—

Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky in
"TWO LOVERS"
A tale of adventure and love. A United Artists picture. Vima Banky at her best.
Thursday comedy—"Now, I Will Tell One,"
Friday—Pathe News also "Collegians."

Saturday, Jan 5.—

"MAN, WOMAN AND WIFE"
Comedy—"Cross Country Bunion Race."
Also "Collegians"

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"I would say this to young men: 'If the opportunities of the telegraph and telephone field appeal to you, you can save time in your race for advancement by getting a Tyler training first.'"

Isn't what Mr. Luce said sufficient to convince you that Tyler is the foremost Commercial school for you?

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(We have no branch schools. We lead others follows.)

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,
Tyler Texas



RANNY'S
New Year's
Party
L. B. Lyons

RANNY STEPHENS was the town's only dry goods merchant, and he had tried again and again to unite the other merchants of the town into a body of association for the good of the people, but had been met with refusals and snubs.

When Christmas time approached Panny broached the idea of a community tree for their patrons, but he couldn't put it over. Then he went around with a paper to get each fellow to put a tiny tree in front of his place of business. No, that didn't work either. New Year's was coming and Ranny felt pretty desperate. He wanted to do something nice for his customers and yet he felt it was too big a job to tackle all alone.

Finally, he asked the town hall custodian for the hall on New Year's eve, for which he was to be taxed fifteen dollars. Next, he asked the merchants to erect booths to advertise and give away free samples or souvenirs of their various trades. Ranny rented tables and his two sons and daughters offered to furnish the music if there was to be dancing.

The party started off in great style and it seemed to Ranny that every one for miles around was present. After an hour or so of the entertainment,

Ranny announced that the merchants were expecting to band themselves together and give these parties once each month to their scores of patrons. He promised them that it would not only be an advertising stunt but would mean a whole Happy New Year.

Now the merchants who had opposed the idea of such an organization were completely bowled over by the announcement, but the cheers, handclapping and singing soon told them that if such an organization did not exist, it should, and that very soon.

What could have made Ranny Stephens happier than when John Meadows, the grocer, got up just before the dancing began, to ask the merchants to retire to one of the anterooms for their annual election of officers. Every merchant fled into the little room to learn there was no such organization, but right then and there one was started—and Ranny was elected its first president.

On occasion of these monthly gatherings of the merchants and patrons of Sibleyville, the great crowds never failed to give a rising vote of thanks to Ranny Stephens and to wish him a "Happy New Year."

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New Year Observance

Modern customs of the New Year observance date back to the days of the ancient Persians. Romans and Mongols, historians declare.

NOTICE TO MILK CUSTOMERS

This is to notify all milk customers that all bottles not returned to us will be charged to the customers. Sonora Dairy. 2t. c

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The lobby of the post office will be closed each night at 9 o'clock. Those wishing to get their mail must be here before that hour. Tom Murray, postmaster. 1t. c.

Wellington has decided that "the streets here won't be dirty now" with the purchase of a street sweeper and a motor maintainer which will be used in the near future following the purchase. The price of the sweeper is \$6,500, and the motor maintainer which will be used on dirt roads an additional \$3,000.

Every Dollar Paid

We have paid every dollar that we have claimed due our customers when they have suffered a loss by fire in the eleven years that we have been agents for fire insurance companies in Sonora. We represent the very best of fire insurance companies.

We kindly ask that you assist us in eliminating every necessary hazard about your homes and business buildings that you possibly can, thereby eliminating the risk which will help you to get a cheaper rate.

Write, phone or better still better come to see us and let us insure your property in a good reliable company.

T. L. Benson

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hunt spent the holidays here with Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin, of the Border country, were holiday guests of Mrs. Martin's parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Blanton.

D. T. Speed, proprietor of the Sonora Dairy, left the latter part of last week for Alabama to visit relatives for several days.

Marshall Huling, wife and children of Oklahoma, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Huling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stokes.



Before another grain of sand goes to the bottom of the hour glass, we want you to know that we are wishing you "A Happy New Year" in all sincerity and gratitude. Your constant friendship during 1928 has meant more to us than we can say.

Gilmore Hdwe. Co.

Hunting License for Sale Here.



Our thoughts go out to you this New Year as a candle spreads its beams; we wish you all a full measure of happiness and prosperity during the ensuing months, and take occasion to thank you for your many kindnesses during the past year.

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Have your RADIO in Tip-Top shape for the holidays. I will make your radio set work satisfactorily or no pay.

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