

The Devil's River News

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EIGHTH WEEK

Sheriff Warns Merchants About Check Forgers

Sheriff Leo E. Brown stated today that the U. S. Secret Service had requested his cooperation in warning businessmen to be on the lookout for check thieves and forgers, who usually become very active during the rush of business of the pre-holiday shopping season.

"Merchants should talk this over with their employees now," Brown said. "All clerks and cashiers should be cautioned to be even more careful than usual in accepting either Government or commercial checks from strangers. No check should be accepted from any stranger unless properly identified."

The sheriff referred to the campaign to prevent check forgery, which has been conducted for the past several years by the U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department, and police departments throughout the country. According to Chief Frank J. Wilson of the U. S. Secret Service, even though the number of forged checks have increased, due to the great number of checks being issued, crime prevention methods have reduced the actual rate of forgeries from 99 per million in 1939 to 38 per million at the present time. This could not have been accomplished without the full cooperation of the police departments throughout the country. These departments, through their efforts, have obtained cooperation from many merchants.

"Many juveniles from 12 to 17 years of age have stolen, forged and cashed Government and commercial checks," said Brown, "just because some merchants have not asked for positive identification. When a merchant accepts a check from a juvenile, without requiring proper identification, and the check turns out to be a forgery," continued Brown, "then that merchant is contributing to the delinquency of the juvenile."

The following precautions should always be observed by business houses which cash checks for customers:

1. When any stranger asks you to cash a check, insist that he properly identify himself as the rightful payee of that check. Do not accept a Social Security card as a means of identification.

2. Insist that the check be endorsed in your presence. If it is endorsed when presented to you, have it endorsed again.

3. Before you accept any check ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned to me because the endorsement is forged, can I locate the forger and recover my money?"

4. Have each check initialed by the employee who pays out money for it and also have the employee to make a notation on the check of the identification given by the person presenting the check.

Brown said that if the Secret Service crime prevention rule and slogan, "KNOW YOUR ENDORSER — REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION" is followed by merchants that they would not be victimized, but that if they do not know their endorser and do not require proper identification — "Well, it's their money."

THIRD GRADE PUPILS GIVE MUSICAL PROGRAM AT LIONS MEETING

Members of the Third Grade, under the direction of Miss Helen Boyd, school music teacher, presented the Lions Club members with a musical program at their Tuesday luncheon meeting. They sang three songs, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "Rain," and "Autumn Leaves," accompanied by Miss Boyd at the piano. In the first number, Connie Mack Locklin sang a solo part, and the children accompanied their last number with actions. The third number, "Rain," was announced as an original selection composed by Fourth Grade pupils of the Lockhart schools.

After the program, a short talk on football was given by Coach M. G. Alexander.

E. C. SAUNDERS IN SAN ANGELO HOSPITAL WITH FRACTURED HIP

E. C. Saunders is in a San Angelo hospital receiving treatment for a fracture of the left hip, suffered when he fell at his home Sunday night. He was carried to San Angelo in an ambulance Monday afternoon.

Mr. Saunders is reported to be resting well and doing nicely, although he will have to remain in the hospital for some time yet.

Mrs. Froehner Resigns Position Of H. D. Agent

Mrs. Evie Froehner, home demonstration agent here for the past two and one-half months, resigned her position this week and left Tuesday to meet her husband who has just returned from Germany. He, Staff Sergeant Nolan Froehner, had been overseas for the past 15 months with the 78th Infantry Division.

While here, Mrs. Froehner helped organize three home demonstration clubs, one among the Latin-American women of Sonora. She came here from Menard County where she had served as home demonstration agent for thirteen months.

The home demonstration work had proved so popular with Sutton County women that the county commissioners will try to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Froehner's resignation. Probably they will have a new agent soon after January 1.

Last Rites Held Tuesday For Mrs. J. T. Jackson

Last rites were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Baptist Church here for Mrs. John T. Jackson, who died of a heart attack Saturday night about 11 o'clock. The Reverend J. E. Eldridge officiated, and burial was in the Sonora Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson, who had made her home here since about 1912, was born on October 20, 1898, near Big Spring in Howard County. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mannan. She moved here with her parents, and in 1915, married John T. Jackson.

Survivors include the husband; one son, James T., who is stationed with the Navy on Luzon; four daughters, Mrs. James Glasscock, Mrs. Lois Potts, Mrs. Curnel Matheny and Alma Jackson, all of Sonora; five grandchildren, Pat Glasscock; Bernice Potts, Bernice Sue Potts and Billy Potts, and Gayle Matheny; and four brothers, J. H. Mannan of St. Louis, Mo., H. H. Mannan of Petersburg, Texas, M. L. Mannan of Big Lake, and J. N. Harris of Los Angeles, Calif. Pallbearers were Thomas B. Thorp, George E. Smith, Monroe Puryear, Robert Behrens, Johnny Andrews and Melvin Glasscock.

A. E. Wells, superintendent of the Sonora schools, has been ill at home for the past week.

H. C. Kirby, who has been receiving treatment in a Christoval sanatorium for the past two weeks, returned home Thursday.

8 Sonora Men Return Home With Discharges From Military Service

The list of Sonorans who have received honorable discharges from military service was swelled by eight more names recently. They are J. W. Pepper, James A. Nunley Jr., Leova T. Urias, Carl C. Barho, Jesse W. Powell, Troy White, Monroe Voigt and Russell S. Franks.

Pepper, who entered service with the Marine Corps in January 1944, saw a lot of the Pacific and a lot of action for the comparatively short time he was in service. After receiving boot training in San Diego, he went overseas in July 1944. At the time of discharge he held the rank of corporal.

Before returning to the States last September, actions in which the ship he was attached to took part were Pelew Island, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Japan. He served aboard the USS Massachusetts. His last overseas service was in Japan, where he was part of a landing force sent into the Yokosuka Naval Air Station to secure that base, on August 18.

Decorations he is authorized to wear include the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with six battle stars, the Victory Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two battle stars.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pepper Sr., of Sonora. At present his plans are indefinite, but he hopes to go to the University of Texas next fall.

Nunley, whose wife is the former Mildred Trainer of Sonora, has completed three years of service with the Army Air Corps.

He was a First Lieutenant and spent one year in England as a fighter pilot, during which time he was credited with bringing down at least two enemy planes.

San Angelo Gets Permanent Office Of TS & GRA

STUMBERG NAMED 1946 PRESIDENT

SAN ANTONIO — San Angelo was named permanent home of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, when directors of the association met Tuesday in the final session of their thirtieth annual convention.

Named as president of the association for 1946 was Steve Stumberg, Sanderson rancher, who has served as first vice-president for the past year. He succeeds Ray Willoughby of San Angelo. Bryan Hunt, Sonora, past second vice-president, was elected first vice-president for 1946, and Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton, was named second vice-president.

Fort Worth was chosen as the site of the 1946 convention by the directors, and Sanderson will be host to the first quarterly meeting next March.

Sonora, which also bid for the permanent location of the association, lost the vote by only eleven counts to San Angelo. Much interest was created by the question of permanently locating the association, and the name of Sonora was presented by Horace Fawcett, Del Rio rancher and former association president. J. W. Vance of Santa Anna presented the name of San Angelo.

It was necessary to amend the constitution and by-laws to establish a permanent office for the association. Senator Penrose Metcalfe read the resolution that would make it possible to make the necessary changes. The resolution was opposed by Roger Gillis of Del Rio, but was passed when voted upon.

Those who made addresses and led discussions during the two-day meeting, beside the president and secretary, who presented their reports, included Dr. I. B. Boughton, Bryan Hunt, and Fred Earwood, all of Sonora; Judge L. J. Wardlaw, Fort Worth; Honorable Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Senator of Wyoming; Coke R. Stephenson, Governor of Texas; C. B. Wardlaw, Del Rio; Lawrence Myers, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; J. B. Wilson, McKinley, Wyoming; George Daley, USDA, Boston, Mass.; William T. Darden, Commodity Credit Corporation, Washington, D. C.; Marsh Lea, Fort Stockton; B. W. Allred, SCS, Fort Worth; Dr. H. E. Parish, Dallas; Dr. Charles Koberg, San Angelo; Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton; Steve Stumberg, Sanderson; Garland Russell, Chicago, Ill.; J. M. Jones, Salt Lake City, Utah; G. N. Winder, Craig, Colorado; F. E. Ackerman, New York City; Bernard C. Nelson, San Antonio; and Rilea W. Doe, Oakland, Calif.

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Sutton County Loses First Position This Week In "E" Bond Purchases

NEILL URGES ALL-OUT EFFORT ON LAST STRETCH

Sutton County has led the entire state since the opening day of the Victory Bond Drive in the percentage of "E" Bonds sold, according to its quota, until this past Monday, December 10. On December 10, several counties staged a stretch spurt and surged ahead of Sutton County, which had dropped down to fourth place.

The standing of the 16 counties over the top on December 10, is as follows:

RANK	COUNTY	Percent of "E" Quota Attained
1	Hudspeth	153.8
2	Irion	152.4
3	Denton	149.7
4	Sutton	147.7
5	Sterling	125.5
6	Clay	121.9
7	Willacy	119.6
8	Winkler	115.1
9	Brooks	114.7
10	Menard	112.5
11	Hamilton	106.6
12	Schleicher	105.0
13	Concho	104.5
14	Howard	104.0
15	Motley	103.3
16	Starr	100.4

"Now we don't want to be like the race horse who gets off on top," George H. Neill, drive chairman, said, "leads at every post, only to fade in the stretch and cross the finish line trailing the winners in a cloud of dust. So rally round, come in and buy "E" bonds, so that we may lead at the finish."

FISHER TO BE HEARD ON RADIO PROGRAM SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A communication received from the Honorable O. C. Fisher, member of Congress from Texas, by the News this week, tells that he will take part on a forum discussion program Saturday afternoon, from 5:15 to 5:45 o'clock, Central Standard Time, over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The question to be discussed is: "Should We Adopt the President's Plan for Labor Arbitrations?" and Fisher and Morrison of Louisiana will take the affirmative. The negative side of the question will be debated by Hoffman and Hook, both Congressional members from Michigan.

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Commissioners To Start Traffic Safety Drive

MAY EMPLOY FULL-TIME OFFICER

Means of solving Sonora's traffic hazards and employing a full-time traffic director were discussed when representatives of the Lions Club, Sonora Fire Department, American Legion and Highway Department met last Thursday night with the City Commissioners.

First recommendation offered at the meeting was that the Junction Highway be divided into lanes from the point of its intersection with Main Street to where it crosses the railroad tracks. It was believed that, by doing this, such bottlenecks of traffic as occur in the area of Park Inn and the Sonora Courts, could be eliminated.

The commissioners also approved the idea of employing a full-time traffic officer, whose work would be more on the advisory side than in writing out traffic violation fines.

Tentative plans were also made to clear a large parking lot for trucks behind the Park Inn Cafe. This will eliminate the necessity of trucks stopping on the highway in the Park Inn section, where they cause serious traffic congestion.

The safety campaign is being inaugurated because of the many traffic accidents that have occurred in Sonora and near here recently and because of the growing tendency toward careless driving.

LOCAL OFFICERS SEND WOULD-BE "COWBOY" HOME TO MOTHER

Local law enforcement officers last week-end picked up another minor, George Cuttall, 15, who had come to Texas to be a cowboy, and sent him back to his home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The officers detained him until they could get in touch with his mother, Mrs. Rita M. Cuttall, who wired him a train ticket home.

Cuttall is just one of the many youths local officers have picked up here, who have come West to learn the ranching business or to "cowboy." Evidently many Eastern boys take their Western movies and pulp paper thrillers too seriously.

1945 AAA PRACTICES MUST BE REPORTED BY DECEMBER 31

All practices carried out with Triple A assistance during 1945 by Sutton County producers should be reported to the AAA office by December 31, to be eligible for payment, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. O. C. Ogden, local AAA administrative officer.

Small grain seeded on the contour in 1945 will be considered a 1945 practice and should also be reported by December 31, Mrs. Ogden added.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICER TO BE HERE EVERY THIRD WEEK

E. W. Wooten, Senior Claims Examiner for the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, here Tuesday, said that he will be in Sonora once every three weeks, on Tuesday, to receive claims and give advice to those who are eligible for unemployment compensation payments. He stated that ex-servicemen, as well as civilians, may file claims with him.

Wooten will be here on Wednesday, December 26, and again on Tuesday, January 8, in the Court Room at the County Court House. After that, his visits will be made every third Tuesday, at the same place.

Those who wish to contact him at other times may reach him at the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission Office, 7 North Chadbourne, San Angelo.

LIONS TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE ON DEC. 20

Members of the executive board of the Lions Club, in meeting Tuesday after the luncheon meeting, voted to sponsor a community Christmas tree on Thursday night, December 20. Everyone in the county is invited to attend, and the tree will be on the High School campus, if the weather is clear. If the weather is inclement, the tree will be placed in the High School auditorium.

An informal program is being planned, and Christmas carols will be sung and candy and nuts passed out by Santa Claus.

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Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

Columnists who write and interpret the news in the Nation's Capitol are an interesting lot. The same is true of newspaper reporters.

To carry out "freedom of the press," the Speaker of the House issues gallery press cards to bona fide reporters for newspapers and magazines from all over the world. In fact, there are now 328 papers, periodicals and news services represented by 496 reporters, registered with the Speaker.

One soon learns these reporters and columnists are human. They make mistakes just like other people. They have a job to do and go about ferreting out the news. There is hardly a dot or a dash they overlook. Representing all sorts of publications, they naturally have a variety of beliefs and convictions. Some, like Walter Lippman and David Lawrence, are generally regarded in capitol cloak rooms as statesmen in journalism. Most of the writers play-up stories readers of their particular papers like. There are always a few columnists, of course, who like to mix a little truth with a lot of fiction and pretend to dish out "confidential" information.

And there are columnists who are quite sectional in their attitude. They hammer away at parts of the country that displease their fancies. Columnist Thomas L. Stokes, for example, finds much fault with southern democrats. He pecks away at them in his daily columns. But he probably means well.

Speaking of the South, it is interesting to note the way many of the more radical papers and magazines in the North and East turn

their guns on us. We are often pictured to their readers as being backward, reactionary, lacking in social consciousness, prejudiced, poor, and what not.

One columnist recently tried to find the reason for the antipathy that so many of the left-wing politicians and the radical press have for the South. He concluded it may stem from the fact that the hot-beds of radicalism in this country are found in the metropolitan areas where the ratio of foreign-born is rather high. There is, he said, very little left-wing leanings among rural people.

Many of the foreign-born in the big cities are, of course, good Americans; but from some European countries people bring ideals that don't mix well with our brand of democracy.

In the South it is a different story. There the proportion of foreign-born and their first generation are much lower than the nation's average. A few examples will make this clear. In the South only 1.5 percent of the people are foreign-born, while in the North, the ratio is 12.3 percent. In the City of New York 28 people out of every 100 you meet were born across the sea, while in Fort Worth only 2 percent are foreign-born. In Texas as a whole the percentage is 3.7.

Certain nationalists gratitate to the industrial areas. Among the 763,000 native-born Poles in this country, 637,000 live in the North, and only 30,000 in the South. There are a million immigrants among us who were born in Russia. Ninety percent live in the North and only five percent ever crossed the Mason & Dixon line. Of the one and six-tenths million of our people who were born in Italy, a million and a half of them make their homes in the

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MANY SONORANS ATTEND TSGRA CONVENTION

Sonorans attending the TSGRA directors' annual meeting in San Antonio on Monday and Tuesday included the following:

H. V. Stokes, Marion Stokes, Dr. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. G. C. Hines and Messrs. and Mmes. E. B. Keng, W. R. Cusenbary, John A. Ward Jr., Berry Duff, Joe B. Ross and Fred T. Earwood.

North. There are more Italians today in New York City than in Rome.

Probably all that—the generations of native-born in the South—is a factor in explaining why that part of the Nation has traditionally furnished America with many of its greatest leaders and statesmen, and will probably continue to do so. Of the past four Speakers of the House, three have been southerners. Of the past four who have presided over the Senate, three have been from the southland.

In fact, for more than 40 years the South has furnished most of the Congressional leaders for the entire nation. Certainly at this moment that is true. Today in the House there are 46 standing committees charged with the duty of considering thousands of bills that have been introduced. It is not a coincidence that 27 of those 46 are headed by southerners. Over in the Senate, 16 of the 32 committees have as chairmen Senators from southern states.

Yes, the South can stand some criticism. But though low in population and wealth, it is one of the pillars that makes the nation strong and great.

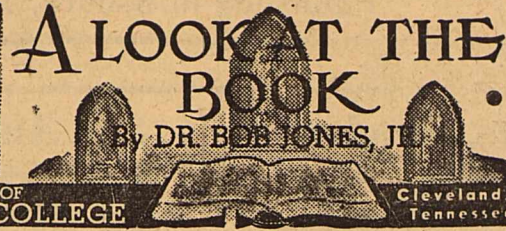
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The King James version of the Bible does not always catch all the fullness of meaning in the original language. Ecclesiastes 3:11 is thus rendered in the authorized version, "He hath made everything beautiful in His time; also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end," but the full meaning of the original text is this, "He hath set eternity in their heart." The wise man has been reasoning about the matters of life and has declared that "to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). There is a time for life and death, for joy and for sorrow, for planting and for reaping. What weary round! And is this all purposeless? Quite definitely the wise man decides it is

not. There is a purpose in it all for God "hath made every thing beautiful in His time," and each in its proper season has its own peculiar beauty of purpose. But the constant changing of life, of season, and of circumstances is emphasized. All life is variable. All around is change and decay, but in man's heart God has set eternity.

God has set within each man a longing for immortality, a hunger when this "earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved" (II Corinthians 5:1). Animals find the end and purpose of their lives in this world, but in the heart of man God sets eternity. That is why no man can be fully satisfied with the gratification of the desires of the flesh, Jesus Christ describes the

Happy Birthday

Saturday, December 15—

Sunday, December 16—

Vada Jean Sessom
Bernice McKee
Clyde Henderson Jr.

Monday, December 17—

Mrs. O. V. Mullins

Tuesday, December 18—

Barbara Bowers

Wednesday, December 19—

O. V. Morgan
G. E. Ellis

Thursday, December 20—

Evalene Moore
Mrs. Fannie Joy

Mrs. F. J. Wood

Friday, December 21—

John Bunnell

rich man with his barns full who said to his soul, "Soul, eat." It cannot be done. The soul cannot feed upon the store of grain in the granary. This feeds the body, but in the heart eternity is hid and only that which is eternal can satisfy its hunger. What, then, is the answer? St. Augustine had it when he said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the heart never resteth till it findeth rest in Thee."

PIGGLY WIGGLY

A GOOD PLACE
TO TRADE

Fri. Dec. 14

&

Sat. Dec. 15



FRESH - GREEN
CABBAGE, 1b 5c
RED DELICIOUS
APPLES, 2 lb 29c
LARGE STALK
CELERY, Stalk 25c
LARGE - WHITE
Cauliflower, Head 25c
TEXAS
ORANGES, 2 lb 19c
SUNKIST
ORANGES, 2 lb 29c
TEXAS - TREE RIPENED
ORANGES, 1b 14c
NICE, FRESH
GREEN BEANS, 2 lb 29c
SANDY LAND
YAMS, 2 lb 15c

SWIFTS - PURE PORK
SAUSAGE, 1b 35c
RING
SAUSAGE, 1b 35c
DRESSED
FRYERS, 1b 58c
FRESH
OYSTERS, Pint 95c
FROZEN
Apple Sauce, Box 25c
FROZEN
Blackberries, Box 45c
FROZEN GRATED
COCOANUT, Box 29c
FROZEN
GREEN PEAS, Box 35c
Fish & Home Made Chili

SPUDS NO. 1 IDAHO
10 LB. IN MESH BAG

49c

BROOKDALE
PEACHES, Gal. Can 79c
IN SYRUP
Peaches, No. 2 1/2 Can 28c
CREAM STYLE
CORN, 2 No. 2 Cans 29c
Cheercoats, 2 Large Pkg. 27c
JACK SPRATT
Hominy, 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 35c
1 LB. CANS
MACKERAL, 2 Cans 35c
JEWEL
Cooking Oil, Qt. 60c
HEINZ OR CAMPBELLS
Tomato Soup, 3 Cans 29c
SUNBRIT
CLEANER, 2 Cans 13c
EMPSONS OR CHB
CATSUP, 14 Oz. Bottle 21c

HEARTS DELIGHT
Tomato Juice, Gal. 56c
IN SYRUP
APRICOTS, No. 2 1/2 Can 36c
TRELIS
PEAS, 2 No. 2 Cans 25c
RAISIN BRAN, 2 Pkg. 23c
KRAUT, Qt. Jar 33c
1 LB. CANS
SARDINES, 2 Cans 33c
JEWEL
Cooking Oil, Pint 29c
CHB - 12 OZ. BOTTLE
Worcestershire Sauce, 31c
LIFEBUOY
SOAP, 3 Bars 23c
Chili Sauce, 12 Oz. Bottle 27c

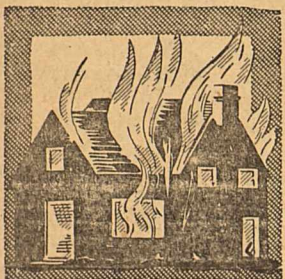
FLOUR GLADIOLA
25 LB. \$1.29

SOUTHERN QUEEN
25 LB. PRINT BAG \$1.25

MORTONS
Sugar Cure, 10 lb 96c
FOR DISHES & CLOTHES
SOPADE, Large Box 25c
CALIFORNIA
SPINACH, No. 2 1/2 Can 23c
FRUITS & NUTS
Cake Mix, 1 1/4 lb Jar \$1.10
NEW CROP
Blackeyed Peas, 2 lb 25c
DRIED
PEARS, 2 lb 25c
Blackeyed Peas, 2 Cans 19c
STALEYS
SYRUP, Gal. 79c

MORTONS
Sugar Cure, 2 1/2 lb 29c
BUBBLE BATH
SOAP, 2 Boxes 29c
CUT
OKRA, 2 No. 2 Cans 35c
FANCY DRIED
FIGS, 8 Oz. Pkg. 30c
SMALL - NEW CROP
LIMAS, 2 lb 27c
DRIED - MEDIUM SIZE
PRUNES, 1b 22c
MEXICAN STYLE
BEANS, 2 Cans 23c
STALEYS
SYRUP, 1/2 Gal. 42c

DANGER!



DON'T
LET THIS HAPPEN TO
YOU

PLAY SAFE --- by inspecting your grounds, homes, barns and garages for all possible fire hazards.

- Rake up and burn all trash and dead leaves on your premises.
- Have all flues and electrical wiring inspected regularly.
- Clean trash and junk out of closets, garages and other out-buildings.
- Keep all inflammable fluids and materials in safe places where they cannot become ignited.

PROTECT YOUR OWN PROPERTY &
KEEP YOUR CITY'S FIRE INSURANCE
RATES AT A MINIMUM.

Sonora Fire Department

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER

VERNON COOK IN STATES AFTER THIRD TOUR OF PACIFIC DUTY

Vernon Cook, Radar Man, second class, in the Navy, landed in California on Monday, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Cook. He has just completed his third tour of overseas duty, his last being in China. Cook will leave California this week or next for Camp Wallace, Houston, where he will receive his honorable discharge in time to be home for Christmas.

Texas History From 1719 - 1723 Told In Magazine

AUSTIN, Dec. 13—How Texas was recovered from France between 1719 - 1723 is recounted in the current issue of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, published at the University of Texas by the Texas State Historical Association.

Dr. C. W. Hackett, professor of Latin-American history, relates story of the Marquis of San Miguel de Aguayo, and his expedition which he took into the interior of Texas in 1722. A photograph of the map drawn especially for the Aguayo expedition by one Don Juan Walker illustrates the story. Don Juan Walker was a first assistant to the Marquis, and accompanied the expedition. His original map is now in the Mexican national archives.

Also in the current issue is a sketch on David G. Burnet, first governor of Texas, written by Miss Dorothy Louise Fields, tutor in government at the University, and a story of the Mormon migra-

tion into Texas as told by C. Stanley Banks of San Antonio. Miss Llerena Friend, Wichita Falls High School teacher, writes of contemporary newspaper accounts of the annexation of Texas; Herbert Davenport of Brownsville gives an account of early steam-boating on the Rio Grande, and Miss Julia Kathryn Garrett, Pascal High School, Fort Worth, continues her story of Dr. John Sibley and the Louisiana-Texas frontier.

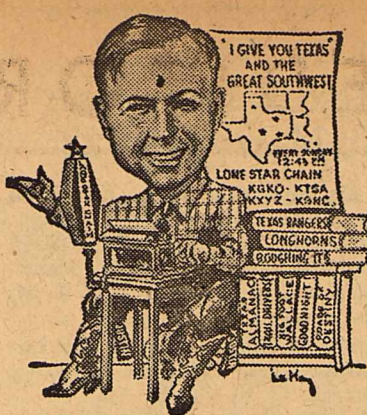
Dr. C. F. Arrowood, professor of the philosophy and history of education at the University, writes on the election of Jefferson Davis to the presidency of Texas A. & M. College.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Noelke of Iraan were through Sonora last Sunday, enroute to San Antonio where they attended the TSGRA directors' meeting.

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A man who calls his wife an angel explains that she is always up in the air and always harping on something.

Then there was the spinster who said she didn't need a husband as she had a parrot that swore, a stove that smoked and a cat that stayed out at night.

However, when a man phoned one day and asked the maiden lady, "Will you marry me?" she said, "Yes—who is this speaking?"

Just a few observations: The world has two classes of people: Those who are willing to work and those who are willing to let them work.

No man can be wrong all the time. Even a clock that isn't running shows the correct time once every 12 hours.

If a cat has kittens in an oven, that doesn't make them biscuits.

There's nothing like being able to adapt yourself to your surroundings—like the applicant for a job of teaching school in a mountain district. Asked whether he taught that the world was round or that it was flat, he replied, "I

teach the round system or the flat system—whichever the trustees want."

And—to give a very serious illustration—like the time that Jeff Davis (the Arkansas one) was making a speech to a jury in a damage suit as the result of a pathetic accident wherein a little boy's foot was caught in a rail and he was crippled by a train. Governor Davis said:

"His mother looked on as the mighty engine bore down upon him, powerless to aid her helpless boy."

The opposing attorney interposed, "But, governor, his mother was dead."

Davis thundered, "I mean, gentlemen of the jury, she looked down from the golden balustrade of heaven."

The fact that the child had been a half orphan caused the jury to bring in a bigger verdict.

Your columnist has composed a song—well, not exactly, for I still need the tune and also the words but how's this for a lilting title, "I'll Build You a Palace, Sweet Alice, in Dallas!"

And on the subject of rhyme, one of the most unusual newspaper headlines I ever heard of appeared in the Austin paper the day after the famous knight of the six-shooter, Ben Thompson, and his almost equally celebrated companion, King Fisher, were slain in San Antonio:

"Ben Thompson, hero of many a bloody fight, Has fought his last and died last night; King Fisher, faithful to the end, Yielded up his life to save his friend."

We are indebted to the good memory of Dave Pena of Tyler, who spent his boyhood in Austin, for this headline.

Here's another bit of verse that is an old-time favorite, author unknown—called "One Step at a Time":

One step at a time, and that well placed,
We reach the grandest height;
One stroke at a time, earth's hidden stores
Will slowly come to light.
One seed at a time, and the forest grows,
One drop at a time and the river flows
Into the boundless sea.
One word at a time, and the grandest book
Is written and is read;
The stone at a time, and a

Good Diet For Child Important To Health -- Cox

AUSTIN, Dec. 13—Discussing the food requirements of a child enjoying maximum health, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has stressed the importance of a well-rounded diet and stated that a healthy and well-nourished child enjoys life because he is physically fit.

Emphasizing the importance to health of an adequate and well-balanced diet, Dr. Cox stated further that when a child is in good health, his appetite is good, elimination is regular and sleep is sound and untroubled.

"A child's appearance can usually help parents to judge the state of his nutrition. A well-nourished child has good skin color and there is a moderate padding of fat over the bones and muscles of the arms, legs and body. Muscles are well developed and strong. Teeth are good and the gums are firm and light pink," Dr. Cox said.

The State Health Officer stated that a finicky appetite or a tired feeling after a little exertion indicates possible malnutrition and the child should see the family physician. Poor appetite can also mean the beginning of an illness and possibly that the child does not require as much food as he is being urged to eat.

Required as a diet for the preschool child and those of school age, Dr. Cox included milk, fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish or cheese, cereal and bread and added that cod liver oil and other vitamin preparations are important in winter and early spring but should be prescribed by the family physician.

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The Crusade for Christ, launched by our great church in these perilous times, is very much like unto the call of Joel to the people of his day to repent and turn to the Lord.

Every Methodist should hear this message Sunday morning.

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock in the morning.

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MRS. E. E. SAWYER PRESENTED LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO WSCS

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, retiring president, was presented a life membership Wednesday afternoon when the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church met the the Sawyer home. Mrs. J. F. Howell, vice-president, made the presentation.

The program, led by Mrs. Howell, was about Christmas and the theme was "My Church." "The Other Wise Man," a Christmas story, was given by Mrs. James Wilson.

It was announced that the business meeting for December will be held on December 29 instead of December 26. New officers for the organization will be installed at the morning service Monday, January 6.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames E. D. Shurley, Wilson, Arthur Carroll, Rose Thorp, W. R.

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Weekday Mass 7:30

WMU MEETS FOR BIBLE STUDY, CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday afternoon the WMU of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Eldridge for Bible Study and to exchange Christmas gifts during the social hour.

Mrs. Eldridge led the program which was entitled "Grace." After a report was given on the Lottie Moon offering, the members filled the Christmas bags for the children of the church.

Attending were Mesdames Fern McGhee, J. K. Lancaster, Sofge, Lawrence Nichols, C. D. Crumley, J. W. Pepper, D. L. Slone, J. H. Brasher, Rennefeld, E. M. Martin, W. K. Region, Robert Odom, W. O. Crites and Jack Drennan.

Cusenbary, C. R. Brewster, G. W. Smith, Howell, J. A. Kring, G. H. Davis, Robert Kelley, Edwin Sawyer, C. T. Jones Jr., Dee Word, E. E. Sawyer, H. E. Itten and L. R. Boyd of Teague, and the Rev. C. R. Brewster.

Miss Jean Kile, Rex R. Merriman To Marry Dec. 23

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kile have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Rex R. Merriman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Merriman.

The wedding will be Sunday, December 23, at the First Methodist Church.

Miss Kile attended school in Del Rio and moved here June 1st.

Merriman returned to the States October 9, 1945, after being overseas since February, 1944. He saw service in France, England, Germany and Belgium and is entitled to wear the ETO ribbon with six battle stars, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

MRS. ROBERT KNOTT AND MRS. JAMES WILSON ARE HOSTESSES TO ART CLUB

Mrs. Robert Knott and Mrs. James Wilson were hostesses to the Art Club Thursday evening at the Knott home. "Lines" was the program theme, which was presented by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Maysie Brown.

The hostesses used red and green in the refreshment course to carry out the Christmas theme.

Members and guests present were Mrs. Brown, Mrs. E. D. Ripton, Mrs. Berry Duff, Mrs. R. E. Shaver, Mrs. Dorothy Norris, Mrs. A. E. Prugel and Mrs. Lloyd McMullan.

INTERMEDIATE SCOUTS OF RED ROSE TROOP PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY, MONDAY

The Girl Scouts of the Red Rose Troop met at the basement of the Methodist Church Monday afternoon to make plans for their Christmas party which will be held Monday afternoon, December 17. Names were drawn for the occasion.

The Scouts will meet at the Church Saturday afternoon at three o'clock to decorate the tree and basement.

Attending the meeting were Jill Henderson, Norva Smith, Onita Smith, Mildred Yancy, Patsy Moore, Peggy Sue Barker, Gerald-

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

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LUNETTA MORGAN, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 14, 1945

The Devil's River News

Fort Davis Woman Elected Auxiliary President At TSGRA Convention

SAN ANTONIO — Mrs. Worth Evans of Fort Davis was elected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Auxiliary at the convention held in San Antonio Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Felix Real of Kerrville was elected first vice-president, and Mrs. Henry Horn of Del Rio was elected second vice-president.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Water Valley, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. L. J. Wardlaw of Fort Worth, national president, was among the speakers.

Auxiliary members met with the men at the open session and were honored with a luncheon and style show in the Rose Room of the Gunter Hotel. The opening session was held at the Plaza Hotel. Mrs. H. A. Fitzhugh of San Antonio gave the address of welcome, and the response was by Mrs. E. V. Jarrett of Del Rio.

Winifred Kupper of San Antonio spoke on "A Shepherd Writes a Book." Another speaker was Bernard C. Nelson of San Antonio who spoke on "Miracle Furs." Mrs. Raigordsky conducted an exhibit of "Wool and Mohair for Home Weaving," and Mrs. Jacqueline Atkins of Clarence, Okla., exhibited "Persian Lamb."

Mrs. Fred Earwood, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. Gordon Stewart, the nomination committee, gave a report. The election of officers concluded the Tuesday morning session. The officers were installed at the afternoon program.

Sonorans who attended the Auxiliary meeting were Mrs. J. A. ine Petchinsky, Betty June Drennan, Martha Lou Renfro, Peggy Ann Willman, Flora Dell Davis, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Ella Barrows, Carlene Peeples, Anne Karnes and Jackie Gwen Wardlaw.

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Snyder - Golden Rites Read Here

Miss Hazel Golden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Golden, became the bride of Jimmy Snyder Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. C. R. Brewster, Methodist pastor, read the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue suit and a rose blouse. Her corsage was of white carnations.

After the ceremony, wedding cake was served to the guests. The cake was topped with a small bride and groom, surrounded with pink rosettes.

The groom is employed by the Atlantic Oil Company, and the couple will make their home in Sonora at the present.

Eight Members Introduced At Club Meeting

Eight new members were introduced when members of the Sonora Womens Club met at the clubhouse Thursday afternoon. Mrs. I. B. Boughton spoke on the "Women of France".

Plans were discussed for two holiday dances, and a dance committee was appointed. Members on the committee are Mrs. Earl Duncan, Mrs. Lea Allison, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary and Mrs. Dorothy Norris.

Mrs. Hearn Taylor, Mrs. W. H. Queen, Mrs. C. R. Brewster, Mrs. A. E. Wells, Mrs. E. B. Keng, Mrs. Russell Davis, Mrs. J. B. Bolin and Mrs. G. H. Davis were the new members introduced.

Hostesses during the social hour were Mrs. Frank Bond, Miss Nellie Ruth Folley and Miss Evelyn Folley. Mrs. L. R. Boyd of Teague was the only guest.

MRS. G. H. DAVIS ELECTED TO SCOUT COUNCIL OFFICE

Mrs. G. H. Davis has been elected vice-president of the Sutton County Girl Scout Council.

After the first of the year, the Council has been promised the aid of a Girl Scout advisor. The advisor will either be sent from the State office in Dallas, or from National headquarters in Washington.

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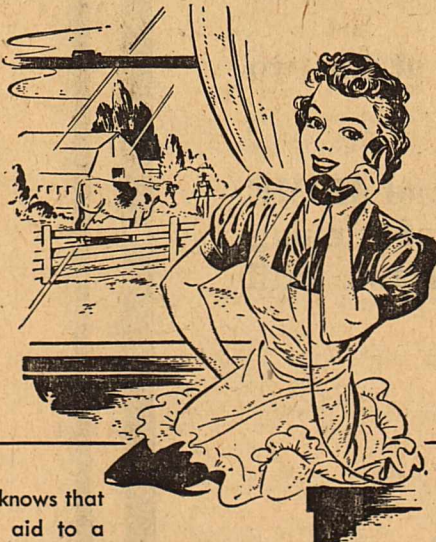
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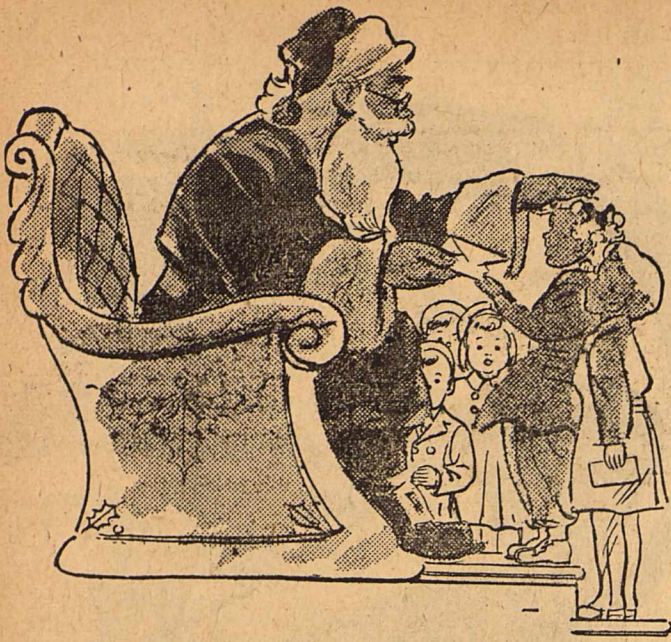
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Your friend,
Gene Ann Evans

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a radio, a 22 automatic, a Boy Scout pocket knife, an army machine gun box? Be good to Mother and Father and my friend Turney.
Your friend
Albert C. Ward
P. S. I have been a good boy this year. Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me
1. 22 automatic
2. football
Your friend
Ken Perkins
Thank you

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a punch bag, bow and arrow, football, some shirts and a 410 shotgun.
Your friend
Joe Renfro

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a doll, bicycle, Sorry set, skates, over-shoulder purse, nurse set, cook set, and a monkey wire.
Thank you
Your friend
Glo Wanda

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a farm, a gun, a ring and a tent please. I am 8 years old.
Love to Santa Claus
J. L. Whiddon

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a 22 automatic, and monkey wire, and a chemical set, and a football.
Thank you
Your friend
Darcy Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a Brownie suit, a rubber doll, watch, and skates and a bicycle.
Thank you
Your friend
Mae Beth Rosson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl.
Please Santa Claus, bring me a doll.
Please bring me a Bible.
Please bring me a ring.
Love Santa Claus
Willie Ruth Drennan.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a bicycle, and a chemical set, and a gun and a knife. I will thank you very much Dear Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Willis Dean M.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a red over-shoulder purse, a loom, a Brownie sweater, and an expansion bracelet. Please be good to mother and daddy.
Your friend
Sandra
Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a pony. I am
Billy Doran.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a 22 automatic, and a tool chest, and a baseball and a bat, and a watch, and an army machine gun box and a Boy Scout pocket knife and a bicycle.
Thank you
Your friend
Ray Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a chemical set, a 410 gun, Micky Mouse watch, a toy skyrocket, and a toy radio.
Your friend
Joe Richard Lancaster

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy, seven years old. Will you please bring me a football.
Goodbye,
Buddy L. Potts

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a football, rifle, a watch, and a bicycle and a football suit.
And will you be good to mother, father and sister?
Your friend
Red Jennings

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy.
Please bring me a football.
I am in the second grade.
Please bring the little boys and girls something where they have had so much war.
Love
Jack Adkins.

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a watch, Boy Scout pocket knife, chemical set, skates and school set.
Your friend,
Connie Mack Locklin
Thank you

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. I am in the First Grade. I have tried to be good.
Please bring me an Indian suit, a drum, and a doll.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts, and fruit.
Your friend,
Wanda Jean Starns

Dear Santa Claus,
I surely will thank you if you will bring me a character doll and a suit case of pretty dresses, evening gowns and purses to match.
Please bring me those toys and bring my little sister a doll too.
With love
Sue Ann Stokes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the first grade. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a scabbard with two guns, a cowboy hat, leggins, some boots.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts, and fruit.
Your friend
George Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 9 years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a football.
Goodbye Santa
Clifton Doran

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a cow-girl suit, a bicycle and a rubber doll, a Brownie suit and a watch?
Thank you
Your friend
Lou Ann Adkins

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. I am in the First Grade. I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a doll and a doll bed.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend
Lennie Ola Mayhew

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy.
I am in the second grade.
Will you please bring me a football and a cowboy suit, a stetson hat,
Love to Santa Claus,
Carlos Witt Loeffler

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you please bring me a rubber doll, a nurse set, a pair of skates, a telephone, and a Brownie suit? And be good to Mother and father and the children.
Thank you
Your friend
Martha Neil Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, I am in the first grade. I have tried to be good.
Please bring me a football.
Please bring all of us candy, nuts, and fruit.
Your friend,
Eddy Pearl

Dear Santa Claus,
When you come to my house, will you bring me a nurse set, and a doll. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas this year. And that is all for this time.
Your friend,
June Henderson.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas Santa Claus, I have tried to be good.
I am in the first grade.
I want a football.
Please bring all of candy, nuts, and fruit.
Your friend,
Joe Gatlin

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl in the second grade. Please bring me a little cash register and please bring me a little majorette doll and please bring me a set of little cars. Please bring me a little cowgirl suit and two toy pistols.
Also, bring my brother a pair of boots. And give all the children in the world a happy Christmas.
Love Santa Claus:
from Martha Jean Valliant

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bow and arrow, cowboy suit and cap.
Jack Wall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cowboy suit with two guns. And will you bring my brother a box of cars?
I am a little boy in the second grade. I am 7 years old.
Love Santa Claus,
Rus Chalk

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me a bicycle, and 22 automatic, a Sorry set, and a horse, a football, and skooter, bow and arrow?
Your friend
Thomas Allen Neill

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy. I am in the second grade.
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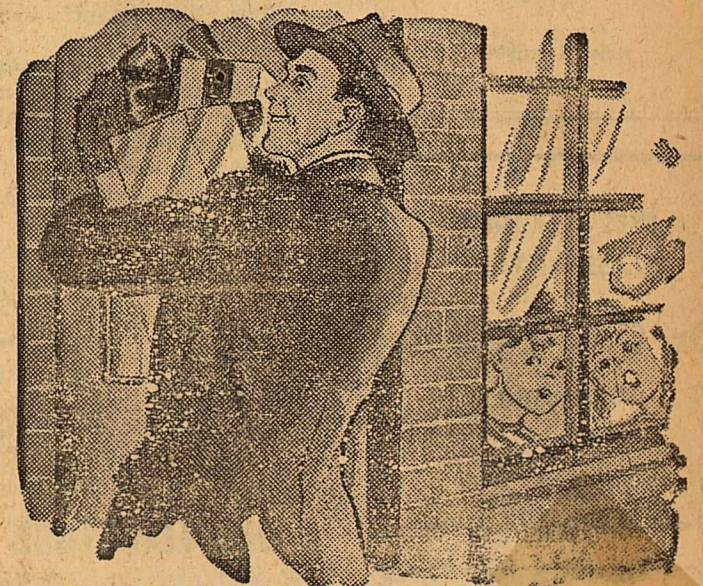
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Society News

Thursday Club Meets With Mrs. H. V. Morris

Mrs. H. V. Morris was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club at her home. Three tables of members and guests were present. Potted plants were used as room decorations.

High score for the members was held by Mrs. O. G. Babcock and Mrs. Nellie Allen won the high guest prize.

The hostess served a salad plate and fruit cake to Mesdames J. H. Brasher, Nellie Allen, A. H. Adkins, Arthur Carroll, John Kring, Theresa Friend, R. G. Nance, Robert Rees, Lee Labenske, Babcock, B. C. McGilvary, and John Bunnell.

LEGION AUXILIARY IS SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 1946

"Women of World War families must unite to help win the peace," said Mrs. J. C. Stephen, President of the 309th Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, this week, urging support for the Auxiliary's work for permanent peace.

"We have again won a terrible World War, and the women of the Auxiliary are determined that we shall not have to fight another," Mrs. Stephen said. "We are working with the American Legion to help establish and maintain policies which will insure a lasting peace. If another war comes there will be no winners, only death and desolation on both sides."

"Women whose sons, husbands, fathers and brothers have fought in either of the two World Wars must have the leadership in women's work for peace. They understand what war means to the families at home as well as to the men at the front and can help arouse the women of the world to work for peace. In the American Legion Auxiliary they will find activities in which they can exert their influence for good will and understanding among nations, for the success of the United Nations Charter, and for the maintenance of armed forces to protect the peace. Active interest and endeavor of women is essential if we are not to lose this peace as we did the last one."

The American Legion Auxiliary is now enrolling its membership for 1946, with special invitations

Mrs. G. H. Davis Is Hostess To 2 Clubs Tuesday

Mrs. G. H. Davis entertained the Idle Hour Club and the Just Us Club jointly Tuesday at her ranch home. Mrs. Davis used the Christmas motif in the bridge appointments and room decorations.

High score for the Just Us Club members was won by Mrs. Rip Ward. In the Idle Hour Club, Mrs. C. G. Davis held high and Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary second high. Mrs. Hearn Taylor was presented the high guest award, and Mrs. I. B. Boughton received high cut.

The hostess served a salad plate to Mesdames J. S. Glasscock, R. A. Halbert, G. H. Hall, J. F. Howell, Ward, C. A. Tyler, Cusenbary, Davis, Boughton, J. H. Brasher, R. D. Trainer and Taylor.

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going out to women of World War II families. All women of these families are now eligible to Auxiliary membership as soon as the service members of the family join the American Legion, Mrs. Stephen explained. Women who themselves have served in the armed forces also are eligible. Mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of those who have died in the service are eligible to Gold Star membership.

NAVY OFFICERS WARN OF HOUSING SHORTAGES AT SEPARATION CENTERS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13—A warning that an acute shortage of hotel accommodations and housing facilities exist at all Navy Separation Centers was issued to relatives of servicemen who are contemplating joining their Navy husbands, sweethearts, and sons and daughters at these discharge points.

Already overcrowded conditions in the localities of the Separation Centers has made it necessary for Navy Housing Officials to issue an appeal to the relatives of servicemen and women to avoid further confusion by delaying their planned reunions with their loved ones until the veterans are discharged and return to their homes.

The influx of the World War II veterans to the Separation Centers, already swarming with Navy personnel stationed at these facilities, has created a critical shortage of rooms.

Housing authorities explained that the appeal to the relatives

and friends of the service people is made in hope of avoiding further hardships. Hundreds of families and friends of the veterans are arriving daily at the Separation Centers only to find it impossible to find housing accommodations.

Compliance with this request, it was pointed out, also will help relieve the rail and bus transportation problem and thus make it possible for more servicemen to be transferred to the Separation Centers for discharges.

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By many a tragic example, history teaches us that when food supplies fail, nations fall. We of America must see to it that our agriculture becomes always a stronger, surer base for the economy of our nation. This is a task not only for you as producers but also for us who, by providing nationwide facilities and services, bridge the gap which separates farmers and ranchers from the distant consumers who must have their products.

And because our business is so closely linked with the land, we at Swift & Company are vitally interested in all developments that help agriculture. And so in these Swift pages we publish helpful information, knowing that a prosperous agriculture is essential to the livestock and meat industry—and to the prosperity of the nation as a whole.

John Holmes
President, Swift & Company



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... generally we should learn two things from life—what to do and what not to do.
... if work is a pleasure, a man sure can have a lot of fun farming.

OUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING METHODS

By R. G. JOHNSON
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State College

Domestic animals are machines for converting plant material into meat, fibers, and other human needs. Competition forces the modern farmer to evaluate efficiency in terms of tons or bushels per acre, dairy production in pounds of butterfat per cow per year, and poultry results in number of eggs per year. Thus, since the basic resource is feed and not animals, shouldn't livestock producers evaluate breeding stock on the basis of meat or of wool their offspring produces per 100 pounds of feed consumed?

The show ring standards for judging animals by external appearance have given us advancement up to a certain point, but breeding for the show ring does not always lead to efficient feed utilization.

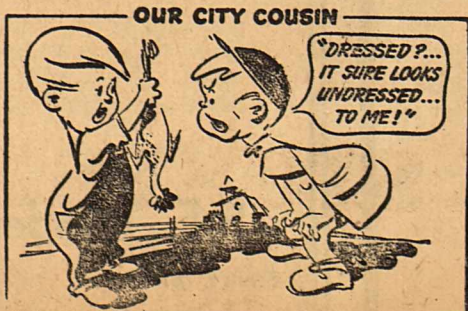
A step in the right direction is the increasing use of proved sires. Today, through use of artificial insemination, the purebred breeder is greatly assisted in the establishment and increase of efficient blood lines.

Tomorrow's "yardstick" will not only be bigger yields per acre but also more pounds of meat and fiber per ton of feed.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? How many of the amino acids essential to health are found in meat?

What governs the price of livestock?

In what dessert is meat an important ingredient?



Answers to these questions may be found in the various articles which are printed elsewhere on this page.



THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

A smart steer on range goes to where the forage is best. A smart livestock producer sells where the market is best. There are many sources of information to help him decide where that best market may be. Radio networks and nearby stations report daily on receipts and prices at central and local markets. Commission houses and their field men are ready to give personal advice on the best time and place to sell. Newspapers publish detailed descriptions of market conditions. Various timely reports are available from the U. S. D. A. and other impartial sources on trends and developments in the livestock-and-meat industry.

In making their bids, livestock buyers also use current market information. Acceptance of any price offered is entirely up to the producer or his sales agent. Meat packing plants and their buyers are located at so many widespread points that if a producer is not satisfied with prices offered by any one buyer, he has a choice of several others to which he may sell his animals.

Moreover, with 3,500 meat packing plants and 26,000 other concerns and individuals who slaughter livestock commercially, there is bound to be keen competitive bidding for your livestock. Barring meat rationing and price ceilings, livestock prices are governed by what the packer can get for the meat and by-products.

F.M. Simpson.

Agricultural Research Department

Swift & Company wishes all the readers of this page

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1 pound cooked beef 1 1/2 pounds brown sugar
shank, chuck, or neck meat 1 quart cider
1 cup meat stock 2 teaspoons salt
1/2 pound suet 2 teaspoons nutmeg
4 pounds apples 2 teaspoons cloves
1/2 pound currants 3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 pound seeded raisins 5 tablespoons lemon juice

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice.

This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season.

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SORGHUMS ON INCREASE AS CATTLE FEED

By A. D. WEBER
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry
Kansas State College

Proof that the new combine-type grain sorghums, Midland milo and Westland milo are the equal of corn as cattle feed, which was demonstrated recently at the Fort Hays Branch of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, will interest feeders who fatten cattle in the Southwest.

Yearling steers fed these two new grains for 150 days gained 2 1/2 pounds per head daily. This was equal to results gained by feeding yearling steers No. 2 corn over a like period. The steers in each lot graded the same (choice), and sold at the same price (\$17.00 per cwt.). All grains were fed at the rate of 13 pounds per head daily. Each ration included sweet sorghum silage, 37 pounds; cottonseed meal, 1 1/2 pounds, and finely ground limestone, 1-10 pound.

Three similar feeding trials also proved conclusively that the new combine-type grain sorghums compare favorably with corn as cattle fattening feed—Wheatland milo, Colby milo and Westland milo being tested in these trials.

Increasing use of native feed grains, such as these new type grain sorghums, will greatly benefit the stability and prosperity of this agricultural region.

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UNION STOCK YARDS
CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

from the ranch country

Son of a gun



Back on his old stamping grounds in Sutton County is Game Warden Ben F. Gaddy, who has just completed four years service with the Navy. Upon returning to his post here this week, he dropped by the News office to say "hello".

—(½*?!&*½)—

The Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. this week sold 32,000 pounds of 1944 fall clip to Guy Burton, buyer for Forte-Dupee-Sawyer Co. of Boston. Shipment was made this week.

—(½*?!&*½)—

Consignors to the San Angelo Livestock Auction Co. cattle sale, Monday included Dave Locklin, Sonora rancher. Dave's carload of yearling steers brought \$12.10 to \$13.50.

—(½*?!&*½)—

Sonorans are pretty proud of the Bronco football team this year, and are really pleased that five of the first team men made the second string on the 4-B all-district team. The five are Norbert McIntyre, Billy Wright Taylor, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Frank Bond and Al Boughton.

—(½*?!&*½)—

Livestock purchases passing through the local stock yards during the past three weeks included 97 lambs from Theo Savell & Son and 119 lambs from Sam Karnes, to Fred Simmons; 1,139 lambs from Jack Wardlaw to Ray Willoughby; 43 calves from W. A. Miers to Fields Bros; 587 lambs from Duke Wilson to R. S. Lewis of San Saba; 31 calves from Mrs. Mary Luckie to A. H. Shroyer, Big Spring; 399 lambs from L. W. Elliott to Duncan Bros., San Saba; and 93 lambs from Cleve Jones Sr. to Duncan Bros.

—(½*?!&*½)—

Recent livestock purchases made by Cleve Jones Sr. included the following:

Bryan Hunt, 23 calves, 20 steers; Mayer & Son, 155 calves; Stephen Perner, Ozona, 19 calves; Mrs. W. P. Seahorn, 65 head of cattle; Lee Childress, 54 calves; Paul Perner & Son, 70 calves; Mrs. Lula Karnes, 32 calves, 16 cows; J. V. Drisdale, 26 calves; Espy & Vander Stucken, 23 calves; Jim Cauthorn, 51 head of cattle; Leonard Gibbs, 30 calves, and Curt Allison, 119 calves.

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The Devil's River News

RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 14, 1945

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36 Years Ago

Clyde Miller sold to E. E. Williams, 265 lambs, \$2.25.

Don Cooper bought the Ira Word stock cattle this week at p. t.

J. B. Blakeney sold this week, 930 ewes to E. E. Tillman at \$4.50.

Capt. Schreiner of Kerrville, recently sold to Brown & Adams of Foston, the fall clip of Kerrville wools amounting to about 1,000,000 pounds. The price was around 20c and 20 1-2c.

Clay Stribling of Llano bought mules from the following Sutton county parties at p. t. From O. T. Word 90; George S. Allison 60; R. E. Taylor 15; Will Williams 5.

Ed Fowler sold, on November 11, 1909, his entire stock of cattle at \$15, everything counted to O. B. Fleming of South Llano; also leased his 11-sections to some party till April 20, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Martin left for San Antonio Monday. Bob goes to attend the meeting of the Assessors' Association.

C. F. Adams returned Thursday from a visit to Del Rio.

Max Luckey was in from the B. M. Halbert ranch Saturday trading.

Postmaster Thiers moved his family in from the Llano this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stites were in from their ranch in the Middle Valley country Monday visiting Mrs. Stites' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Allison.

Sol Mayer was in from his ranch Saturday on land business.

Abe Mayer came down from San Angelo Friday and left for his ranch Saturday to see how his stock is doing.

Roy Hudspeth, the big jolly ranchman, bought him a new Ford auto. There will be something doing pretty soon.

Berry Baker was in from his ranch and farm on the Llano Thursday getting ready for Christmas.

B. M. Halbert says he will subscribe \$1,000 to help bring the Orient railroad to Sonora. He considers it would be a good investment.

Doc Joy was in from his place on the Llano Wednesday. Doc says coming in on a load of cedar posts is no joy ride.

Wiley, Quince and Marion Adams, prominent stockmen and farmers of the Llano, were in Sonora Thursday getting their Christmas supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word were in town Wednesday from the ranch 12 miles south of Sonora. Mr. Word was driving Jubal, the great German coach horse.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Tom Thorp, who has been making her home in Fort Worth for the past two months with her daughter, Miss Addie Thorp, will be the guest of her brother, Authur Simmons, and family over the Christmas holidays.

Tommy Thorp was the guest last week-end of his aunt, Mrs. Pat Lee, at her ranch home near Ozona, While there he killed two deer, an eight-point and a 12-point buck.

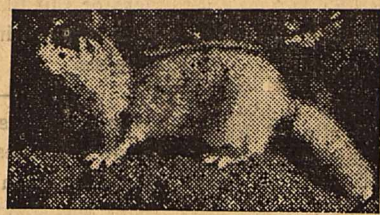
Mr. and Mrs. Collier Shurley were among Sonorans in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mrs. H. G. Sofge returned last week to Sonora after a visit in Marfa with her daughter, Mrs. George Mims, and Mr. Mimms.

Christmas shopping in San Angelo Thursday were Miss Mary Belle Bien, Miss Wynona Hutcherson and Cpl. Dock Simmons.

H. P. Allison of San Angelo was the guest last week-end of his son, Lea Allison, and family.

Reginald Trainer, who has been confined to his home because of illness for the past two weeks, is reported to be much improved at this time.



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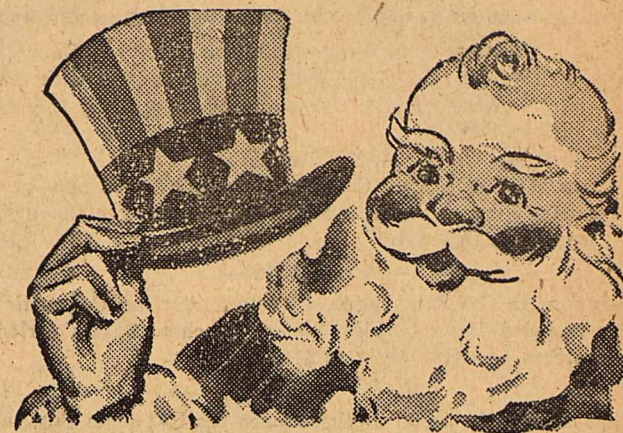
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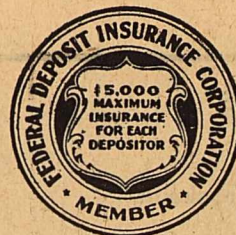
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