

The Devil's River News

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THIRTEENTH-WEEK

... Son of a gun ...

We have read with interest both the charges made against City Manager R. M. McCarver by three ex-employees and McCarver's answers to the charges. Action on the charges may be taken only by the City Commission, either at its regular meeting Monday night or at some later date.

As to the charges themselves, we feel they fall into three categories: pure fabrications; charges made as the result of very sloppy investigation of the city's records and as the result of misinformation; and charges that are true. Most of the true charges leave the reader with a feeling of "so what?"

What interests us are some excerpts from a statement made by McCarver to the commission in which he says, and which we believe, that he is guilty of no intentional wrong doing, but may be some errors in judgment, as most people are; in which he says that he really has more duties than any man should be called on to perform, and that the commission could consider relieving him of his city manager duties and allow him to devote his full time to the operation of the light, water and sewer plants.

We feel that the commission should accept this suggestion and hire a well-qualified man to serve as city manager according to the city manager from of municipal government. The city manager should serve the commission as the actuating force for its policies, determining what programs the commission wants carried out, then seeing they are carried out. In McCarver's or anyone else's position it is a human impossibility to fill a broad, executive job such as this and at the same time superintend the water, light and sewer systems, the paving program, the DDT spraying program in the summer, collection of accounts, city cooperation in civic enterprises, and many other activities. Besides this, he must listen to the manager or advance man of every traveling show that wants to stop here, worry about the dog situation, do something about traffic enforcement, and prepare voluminous statistics for budget hearings which are not attended. All this and much more is at present wrapped up in the city manager's job. We think the load should be split, with McCarver handling the light, water and sewer systems, and a city manager tending to the rest of the city business and responsible only to the city commission.

We are making no attempt whatever to influence citizens to think one way or the other concerning the charges. They are published in this edition for all to see and to consider.

We do, however, want to make two points: first, that McCarver came to Sonora in 1943, when the city power system was without an operator and when, in the clutch year of the war, supplies and parts and men were practically non-existent. He kept the plant operating, often on a thin margin, but producing just the same. For this, we owe him our thanks for a job well done. Has he made mistakes? Certainly, and so has every other human we have ever known. And going a step further, we do not feel that he is the type of man who resents fair and honest criticism.

The second point we wish to make is that we feel that every qualified voter in the city should make his will felt at city elections. In other words, he should give the incumbent commission a vote of confidence, or he should vote for a commission he feels would do a better job.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. Ruth Wallace and Mrs. M. S. Davis over the holidays were Mrs. Mora C. Clark, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Holly B. McGonigal and Mrs. W. T. Covington and daughter of Dallas. They helped Mrs. Davis celebrate the 74th anniversary of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCoy and son of Waco were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCoy over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Allen and daughter, Kay Louise, of Perryton were the guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Sr. over the holidays.

Funeral Services Held Monday For Mrs. W. R. Dawes

Graveside rites were held Monday in Big Spring for Mrs. W. R. Dawes, 81, who died at Hudsph Memorial Hospital here early Sunday morning. Mrs. Dawes, who had made her home here with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Hardy, since 1945, is survived by three children, W. R. Dawes, Jr., of Big Spring, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Nancy Dawes of Dallas.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio June 20, 1870, she came to Texas to be with a sister, Mrs. Will Hughes, of Colorado City. Later she attended the Sam Houston State College at Huntsville and then taught school at the Beal ranch north of Colorado City.

When she determined to apply for a position in the Howard County school system, she called at the home of Joe Potton, president of the school board. It was there she met William R. Dawes, a young Englishman and nephew of Potton. That was in 1899. Two years later they were married at the Episcopal Cathedral in Dallas by Bishop Garrett. Mr. Dawes conducted a music studio in Big Spring until his death in 1933.

Pallbearers were Joe Brown Ross and Ben Cusenbary, Sonora, and Lee Porter, Robert Currie, James Vines, Carlson Hamilton, R. S. Reagan and Bob Pask.

HOSPITAL LABORATORY APPROVED BY STATE

Edwin M. Murphy, administrator of the Hudsph Memorial, was notified this week that the hospital laboratory has been approved by the State Health Department and is now listed as an approved laboratory. The approval followed a series of tests made by the hospital laboratory under the direction of Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

BERRY INFANT DIES IN SALLISAW, OKLA.

Word was received here this week of the death at birth of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Berry of Sallisaw, Okla.

Funeral service and burial were held Monday in Sallisaw. Mr. and Mrs. Berry moved to Oklahoma about three weeks ago.

Pfc. Orville Anthony who is stationed at Keesler AFB, Mississippi was home last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony.

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Former Sonoran Buried In Big Lake Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Big Lake for Mark A. (Bronc) Wilson, editor of the Devil's River News from 1920 until 1931, and publisher of the Big Lake Wildcat until his retirement in 1947. Wilson died Monday at the Veteran's Administration hospital in Waco.

Born in Howard County in 1899, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Wilson, pioneer West Texans. He went to school at Stiles, which was the county seat of Reagan County at that time.

During World War I, he was in student army training camp at Howard Payne College at Brownwood. He married the former Miss Flora Grady Vinson in San Angelo in 1923.

He came to Sonora in 1920 and bought the newspaper from the late Steve Murphy. In 1931, he sold out to George Baker, now publisher of the Fort Stockton Pioneer, and moved to Big Lake, where he published the Wildcat.

Survivors include the widow, two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Goree, McCamey, and Miss Jane Wilson, Big Lake, one grandson, two brothers and two sisters.

J. P. Court

The following fines were paid in Justice of the Peace Alfred Cooper's court during November and December, 1951. All fines were paid following pleas of guilty. All fines were \$14.

NOVEMBER

Harold Isaac, affray, Jimmy Lee Early, overlength trailer, Simon Abila Longoria, driving with one headlight, Duke Walters, speeding, Joseph Raymond Laberks, faulty clearance lights; Gus Travis Shot, faulty clearance lights; Raymond Nova, car theft, (case transferred to district court); Benito Ramon, drunk; Reyes Cruz Lozano, drunk; Cazminro Quintiro, drunk; E. A. Adams, drunk; C. C. Adams, drunk; O. B. Johnson, assault and attempt to murder (case transferred to district court); Jesus Trevino Agresiste, running stop sign; Jimmie Jennings, petty theft; Claude P. Rule, petty theft; Avery Elan, petty theft; T. J. Whittager, petty theft; Garland Morrison, petty theft; Oswald F. Willford, speeding; Lester Pete Peoples, faulty clearance lights; Gerald W. Gray, overlength trailer; Juan Morado, no operator's license; Galvin J. Coleman, no commercial operator's license.

DECEMBER

L. R. Jackson, disturbing the

C. W. (Lum) Adams Dies Saturday

Word was received here as the News went to press that C. W. (Lum) Adams, 79, pioneer Sutton County ranchman and longtime County Commissioner, died at his home at 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral services are pending.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMITTED

Edgar Glasscock
Gus Wheat
Mrs. J. A. Golson
Bobby Mayfield, Ozona
Manuel Flores
Mrs. Bell Glasscock
W. N. Biggs
Mrs. Wes Granger
Arturo Martinez
Sappa Vasquez
Harry Hawkins, Ozona
Cruz Tanbunga
Brenda Browne
Lidia Gonzales
R. R. Whittington
Richard Mayfield, Ozona
Mrs. Rosemary Nash, Ozona
Shirley Ivy, London
L. W. Elliott
Christine Haines
Jackie Wardlaw
Mrs. W. L. Teague
Harry Manuel, Hollywood, Calif.
Mrs. Dorothy Manuel, Hollwood,
Robert Ed. Manuel, Hollwood,
Mrs. J. M. Adamson
Mrs. W. S. Banta, Ozona
Mrs. Alvis Farris, Eldorado

DISMISSED

Edgar Glasscock
Gus Wheat
Mrs. J. A. Golson
Bobby Mayfield
Manuel Flores
Mrs. Bell Glasscock
W. N. Biggs
Mrs. Wes Granger
Arturo Martinez
Sappa Vasquez
Harry Hawkins
Cruz Tanbunga
Brenda Browne
Lidia Gonzales
R. R. Whittington
Richard Mayfield
Mrs. Rosemary Nash
Shirley Ivy
L. W. Elliott
Christine Haines
Mrs. L. W. Teague

peace; Jose Maria Rocha, no operator's license; Adam Fay, disturbing the peace; Harold Gene Harris, overlength trailer; Victor King, drunk; Avis Miller, affray; W. A. Smith, drunk; J. L. Collins, drunk; James Bird, drunk.

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Your Health

Carelessness in the treatment of respiratory disease is not only foolish but very hazardous, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, who warned Texans today to be on guard against such illnesses as lead to pneumonia.

Dr. Cox pointed out that pneumonia can and does strike with little or no warning, and in many instances its forerunner is a simple cold, an attack of influenza, or some other respiratory infection. "A cold or any other infection of the breathing passage which

makes one constitutionally weak, especially if it is accompanied by fever, demands the family physician. To self treat and fight on ones feet a condition of this kind is to endanger life unnecessarily. It is advisable to take all possible steps to avoid respiratory illnesses since they so frequently lead to that dangerous complication-pneumonia."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that it is important to build up, normal physical resistance by sufficient outdoor ventilation, adequate nourishing food, outdoor exercise and sufficient sleep, but added to

that the family physician should be called immediately if, in spite of such care, a respiratory disease develops,

"Guard against pneumonia which is a communicable disease. It may be acquired by direct or indirect contact with a pneumonia patient. Reduced bodily resistance resulting from habitual disregard for normal physical requirements makes pneumonia doubly hazardous. A physician should be consulted immediately upon the appearance of any respiratory ailment."

McCarver Answers Charges

City Manager R. M. McCarver this week answered the 113 charges filed against him December 3, 1951, by Louis Spraggins, Jim Berry and Bill Logan, all former city employees. The answers will be read and considered by the city commission Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the City Hall.

In his statement to the city commission, McCarver added a three-paragraph statement titled, "Answering Generally," in which he summarizes his position and asks that he be declared not guilty of the charges.

"The complainants," McCarver states, "whether actuated by themselves or someone else, have not only viciously questioned my integrity, but also my ability and qualifications to operate a light plant; that while the City Commissioners know to the contrary, yet I think it proper that I here state for the benefit of the citizens of Sonora that I have had many years experience in such work." The statement then lists work done in this line covering a period of over thirty years.

Again McCarver states: "That I really have more duties than any one man should be called upon to perform, which requires me to work long and late hours, but I have been willing and glad to do so in an effort to work with the commissioners to carry out their policy of operating the city's business in an economical way. However, since the expansion of our light and water systems and the increase of revenues therefrom, the commissioners may very properly now consider relieving me of the duties of City Manager, thereby, permitting me to devote my entire time to the operation of our light, water and sewer systems."

Having faithfully worked for the City of Sonora, and being

guilty of no intentional wrong doing, but maybe some errors in judgment, as most people are, I respectfully request the commissioners to find me not guilty of the charges filed against me."

The charges and their answers are herewith published in their entirety with charge No. 1 being followed by Answer No. 1, and so on.

1. That Hi Eastland was told by Mac to make his check for payment of having his driveway paved, to J. C. Berry and that J. C. Berry gave Mac \$30.00 in cash, the same representing the cost of materials furnished by City for said paving job.

1. To the first charge, respondent says that J. C. Berry collected \$35.00 from Hi Eastland for City of Sonora, to cover costs of City materials used by said Berry, and the \$35.00 was recorded in Miscellaneous Receipts journal in June, 1950, page 8, line 14, and in bank deposits of June 30, 1950, that the City was merely accommodating Hi Eastland and this respondent received nothing therefor.

2. That Mac had to buy a lot in the Earl Lomax Addition by reason of having run lines and pipes across it and that Mac stated the City paid for the lot but put the property in Mac's name because, as Mac explained, the City had no authority to purchase a lot.

2. That Earl Lomax would not grant an easement to the City to lay water and sewer piper across Lot 4 and the East one-half of Lot 5, in the Lomax Addition, but did agree to sell to this respondent the said lots, and with the approval of the City Commission this respondent purchased Lot 4, and the East one-half of 5, in Block 4, for \$500.00, for the use and benefit of the City of Sonora; that the City

paid the \$500.00 consideration and respondent executed an instrument granting an easement to the City to lay water and sewer pipes across same, and upon the same day, the 13th day of June, 1950, this respondent executed and acknowledged a trust agreement, acknowledging that he held said property in trust for the use and benefit of the City, and that the City could sell such lots for such consideration as they might deem proper, whereupon this respondent would execute a deed to the purchaser, and the City to receive the consideration paid therefor, whatever it might be; that this respondent was only acting in connection with the City Commission, all working for the benefit of the town of Sonora in handling the purchase of said lots, and that this respondent has not received and is not to receive one penny out of said deal; that the trust agreement was executed by respondent for the protection of himself and the City Commissioners against any charge of fraudulent action by reason of such transaction, and the ones making the charge, or responsible therefor, did so without knowledge of the facts and without inquiring as to the facts.

3. That Mac has not less than 65 electric customers connected without meters and that some of these customers have both electric ranges and hot water heaters and that some are on a three-phase hookup.

3. To the third charge, this respondent says that there are 42 two wire residences which are 99% small Mexican houses without meters; 9 three wire service without meters; and 9 three phase services without meters. The customers without three wire meters are being metered as fast as our funds will allow purchase of these meters.

4. That Louis Spraggins' pickup, belongs to the Water Department but that he always and invariably used the aforesaid Water Dept. pickup in connection with the electric dept. duties of reading the electric meters.

5. That it is true that the pickup used by Lewis Spraggins belonged to the Water Department, and was used by him in reading the electric meters, this being a saving to the City in having one man read both the water and electric meters at the same time.

6. That Mac has engaged paving contracting business and that these affiants do not know where the material used in such contracts comes from but are of the belief that the material comes from the City's Supply and that the equip-

ment used in such paving contracts is equipment owned by the City and not by Mac.

6. This respondent denies that he has engaged in paving contracting business, but, to the contrary, that he was authorized by the City Commission to pave driveways and parking lots for citizens and to charge for same; that all proceeds for material and labor was turned in to the City hall and has been entered in the books through the regular channels; that this respondent made not one cent out of such paving work for himself, and the City was doing same for the benefit of the town and its citizens.

7. That City equipment and a City-salaried driver were sent to a paving job in Ozona; such activity certainly not serving a City of Sonora governmental purpose.

7. To the seventh charge, this respondent says that same is correct insofar as sending City salaried driver and asphalt machine to Ozona, but Crockett County paid rental on asphalt machine for 39 hours at \$6.50 per hour, and General Fund Miscellaneous Cash Receipts Journal page 4, line 6 will show receipt of payment and Bank Deposits of January 13, 1951, recorded C. D. Journal Deposit Memo page 8, line 5, as well as January 1951 Bank Statement will show this deposit. That this favor was granted to the town of Ozona in maintaining friendly relations between the two town and in return for favors granted to us by Ozona.

8. That at least part of the time one-half of Bill Logan's salary was charged to the Water Department account and that Bill Logan, being an electrician does no Water Department work other than reading an occasional water meter on rare occasions when Louis Spraggins was not available.

8. That it is true that the salary of Bill Logan was paid out of both the Light and Water Departments, because, as hereinbefore stated, each such employee was supposed to do any work assigned to him, under the policy of the City Commission to spread the work and spread the pay throughout the electric, water and sewer systems, in an equitable manner, and the said Bill Logan did perform water department duties, handling cut-ins on water and other routine work of the water department almost regularly because Spraggins was seldom available to handle these duties.

9. That J. P. Smith's salary (a lineman exclusively) was always charged one-half to the Water Dept., and that J. P. Smith never did any work for the Water Dept.

9. That the salary of J. P. Smith was paid by both the Light and Water Departments, because his work was not exclusively that of a lineman; he worked in any department he was told to work.

10. That starting on about November 16, 1950, the City of Sonora built Bobby a personal residence on the hill and that the material costs were not less than \$2,500.00; and further that all labor except bricklayers was furnished by City employees; and that further that Bobby paid \$15.00 per month rent to the City for the use of said residence; and that after having moved from the City he stored his personal furniture in the said residence and as far as these Affiants know has paid no rent for such use of the residence for storage.

10. That on or about November 16th, 1950, the City of Sonora did build a small residence on the hill but instead of material cost being

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Happy Birthday

Friday, January 4,
Sherry Ellen Far
Nedra Jean Rape
Mrs. James Weber
Saturday, January 5,
Dr. I. B. Boughton
Sunday, January 6,
Mrs. W. E. Glasscock
Nettie Reiley
Mrs. Bert Swails
Mrs. Robert Kelly, Jr.
Monday, January 7,
Jack Mann
Mrs. B. C. McGilvray
Angie Neill Moore
Tuesday, January 8,

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Granger and Ora Crites left for Fort Bragg South Carolina Friday where they will attend the wedding of their son Pfc. Bobby Granger to Miss Crites.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Doris and daughter, Jolene, of Eldorado, were guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Shroyer, this week.

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None
Wednesday, January 9,
Lois Ann Mann
Sallie Wardlow
Oscar Lee Carpenter
Thursday, January 10,
W. D. Kring
Peggy Sue Barker

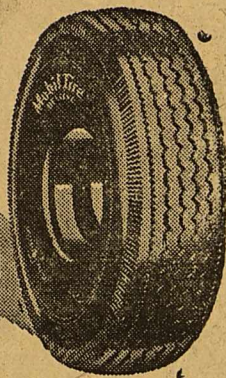
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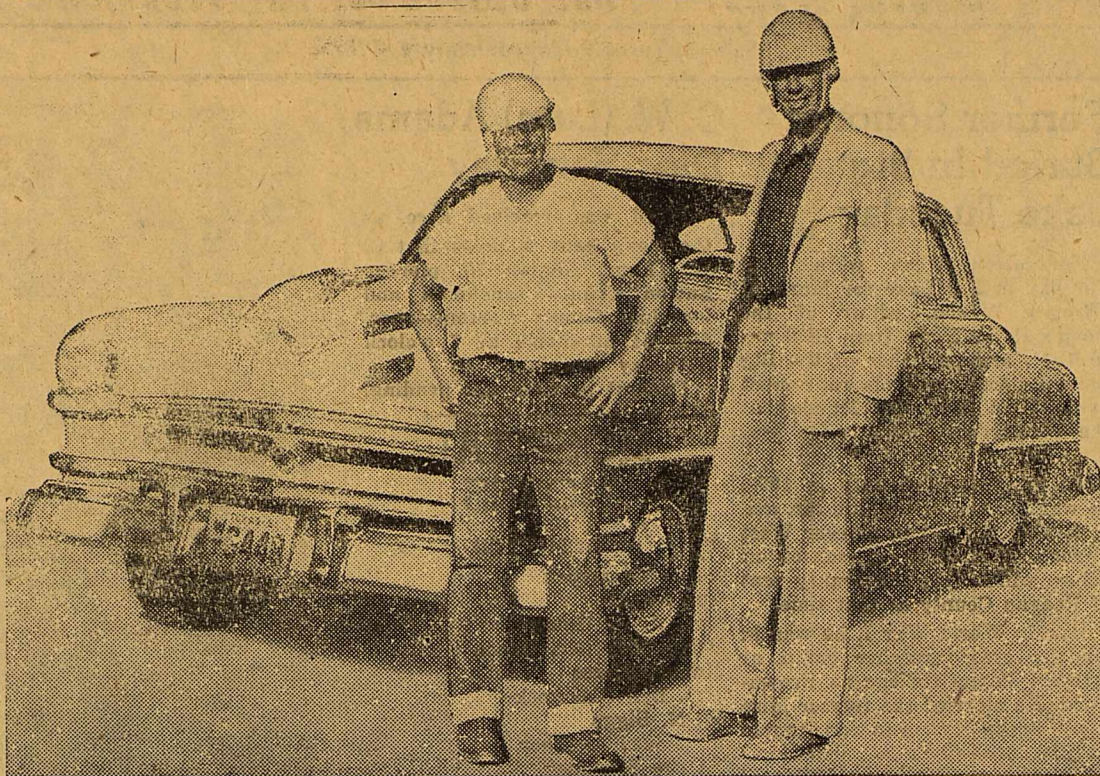


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Bill Sterling (right), of El Paso, Texas, and co-pilot Bob Sandridge are shown with the Chrysler Saratoga which they drove to victory over all other American cars in the 1,933-mile Pan American Race. Sterling drove his unmodified Chrysler, powered by the 180 horsepower FirePower V-8 engine, the length of Mexico in an elapsed time of 22 hours and 6 minutes

in what is conceded to be the longest and roughest road race in the world. So tough was the grind that of 91 cars starting only 35 completed the race. Tony Bettenhausen, driving a Chrysler V-8, lost time in the early stretches, but set a new world's record for stock cars, averaging better than 114 miles per hour in the final 230-mile stretch.

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Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Web Elliott this week are Mr. and Mrs. John Green and Marsha White of Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott spent part of the holidays in Livingston visiting Mrs. Emma Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Owen.

Pfc James Yancey spent a few of the holidays here visiting friends. He is stationed at Keesler A. F. B. in Mississippi.

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NOTICE

By W. H. Marshall

No man can judge you. You are judged by the choices you make. You can't be anything more than you think. You can't be anything more than you are. You can never be anything more than the advantage you take of your opportunities.

To be always fretting about what the other people do, or don't do, is a sign of immaturity.

Before you are caught pulling up weeds in your neighbors backyard, be sure you don't have any weeds in your own backyard.

The mathematics of the tongue is not as accurate as the mathematics of the head.

There are some people who see nothing but black at noonday. If you can't plant a flower, don't plant a thistle.

You cannot expect to keep friends if you keep them for trading purposes.

No man can hope for much from the friend he has to buy.

No real friend will ever ask you to surrender your convictions for his friendship.

None is more apt to betray his friend than those who friendship is bought.

Airman 3-C Scott Walters, son of Mrs. H. C. Walters, is home on leave from the carrier U. S. S. Rendova. He has just returned from duty in the Far Eastern Zone.

Cpl. Tony Adams who has been serving with the Air Force in Korea for several months has reported to Goodfellow AFB after a thirty day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams.

The Parent Teachers Association wishes to thank all those persons who attended the Family Night Square dance and made it the success that it was \$132.15 was cleared on the dance. We especially want to thank Johnny Martin for his donated services and for his boys that furnished the music. We wish to thank Ray Hudgins of Eldorado for his services as caller for the evening.

We also want to thank Pat Lyles for the four tires that he so graciously donated to be sold with proceeds going to our organization. The amount received from them being \$222.50. We want to thank the people bidding on the tires and the four persons buying them at the highest bids, Bryan Hunt, Fields Bros., Bill Fields and Dan Cauthorn.

We also want the P. T. A. finance committee to know that the organization really appreciates the efforts and time they spent putting on the dance.

Sonora Parent Teachers Assn.
Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, President

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morrison had as their guests over the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Waldrop of Granbury.

Mrs. H. L. Golson of Headton, Oklahoma is here visiting in the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Golson.

Pfc. Rudy Bittle of Eglin A.F. B. Florida spent the holidays here visiting friends.

Miss Jane Wilson of Big Lake has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony for the past week.

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Personal Notes

Miss Wilma Jean Barnes of Midland is here this week guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sykes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwiening attended the Cotton Bowl game this week.

Miss Rena Moore of San Angelo

spent the weekend here visiting in the home of Darlene Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barrow and son spent the weekend in San Antonio, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Herweck.

Guests of Billy and Vicki Savell this week were Diane Roddie and Ed Jordan of Brady.

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YOUR HEALTH

United States and Texas health officials after December 15 will clamp down hard on the importation of parrots, love birds, parakeets, and all other birds of the psittacine family.

In a move designed to control the spread of psittacosis (parrot fever), the ban will be enforced throughout continental United States, its territories and possessions, and will apply to birds coming from any foreign country or from the Canal Zone.

Satate Health Officer Geo. W. Cox predicted the new federal regulation will have the effect of stimulating the bird industry, since breeders will have a "better chance to avoid psittacosis infections" in their birds.

Under terms of the regulation, birds may be brought in for medical research or for zoological parks in numbers prescribed by the surgeon general, if the quarantine officer at the port of entry is satisfied the birds are healthy.

The importation ban, published as an amendment to a long standing USPHS regulation on psittacine birds, said birds destined for medical research or zoological parks could be brought in by individuals "not to exceed two in number, if they have been in the owner's possession for four months and appear to the quarantine officer to be in good health."

Dr. Cox said psittacine bird dealers would be required to keep record of all sales and exchanges for two years. The records must be made available for official inspection on request. Specifically covered by the regulation are parrots, Amazons, Mexican double-heads, African graps, cockatoos, macaws, parakeets, love birds, lorries, lorikeets, and all others which belong to the psittacine family and which are agents of parrot fever. After November 15, interstate shipment of birds must be accompanied by a permit from health officials in the state to which shipment is made, the new order said, providing the state of destination requires such permits.

Dr. Cox said his department intended to exercise its authority to quarantine all aviaries implicated in cases of human psittacosis until a laboratory investigation is made.

Miss Nettie Word had as her guests for several days last week, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Deen and Mrs. Deen's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowe all of El Paso; her sister and son, Mrs. Gallen Kamp and son, Marry, of Kingsville. She also had as her guests, her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Roberts and son, Norbert McIntyre of Del Rio. McIntyre is on leave from Officers Candidate School at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Joy and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bates of Menard Sunday.

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On Monday, December 17, the cast of the Senior Class was entertained in the home of their director, Mrs. Wallace Dameron, with a buffet supper.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crites have as their guest their son, Billie F. Crites, MM3, who is serving aboard carrier, U. S. S. Bataan, is home on leave for several days.

Mrs. Bill Logan of Rodgers, Arkansas, and daughter Donna, are visiting her family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearl, over the holidays.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crites and son, Charlie, of Pearland were guests of his mother, Mrs. Pearl Crites, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crites and children of Grafford were guests of his mother, Mrs. Pearl Crites over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hardesty spent several days in London visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Franks and family of Victoria was here visiting Mrs. Fannie Franks and other friends over the holidays.

Sanford Tranter was home over the holidays visiting his mother Mrs. R. D. Trainer. Trainer is attending school in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sloane and children of Hobbs, New Mexico

were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams over the weekend.

Mrs. Nell Lovelace of San Antonio is here visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Swatchesur, Jr., and Mrs. Lillie Swatchesur of Winters are here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Labensky.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tiddle of ElShurley, of Marfa.

Paso are here visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Meckle, over the holidays.

Mrs. Mattie Gray and son Eugene of Sterling City were here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shurley and daughter, Kay spent Christmas in Snyder, the guests of Mrs. Shurley's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Shurley have as their guest this week, their grandson Michael

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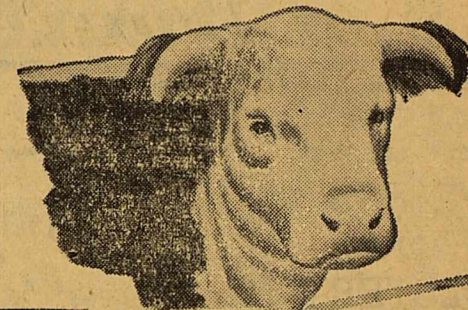
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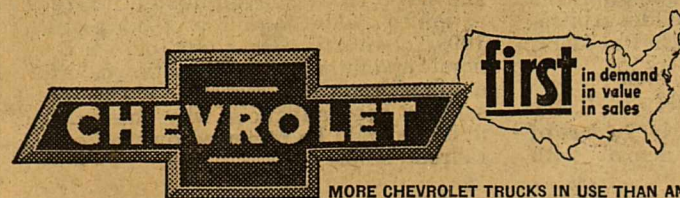
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and
Mrs. J. F. Howell and son Charlie
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J. M. Pirkle in McCamey this
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Railroad workers are represented by 23 standard
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prising about 1,200,000 men, or more than 90%—are
working under wages and rules agreed to by them and
the railroads. But leaders of three unions—with only
about 130,000 men, or less than 10%—still refuse, after
more than a year of negotiations, to accept similar
wage and rules agreements. These are even more
favorable than the terms recommended by the Emer-
gency Board appointed by the President.

Yes, it certainly seems to be finally about time that the leaders of the three unions stop their
delaying tactics—their quibbling. But the leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers,
the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and the Order of Railway Conductors
continue to refuse. They continue a course of dillying and dallying. It is definitely time to

END THIS QUIBBLING!

On June 15, 1950, an Emergency Board
appointed by the President under the
terms of the Railway Labor Act—an Act
largely fathered by the unions themselves
—made its recommendations on certain
wage and working conditions ("rules" in
railroad language) which had been in dis-
pute between employees and the railroads.

More Than 90% of Employees Accept
Since then, terms equal to or better than
the Board recommendations have been
accepted by about 1,200,000 railroad em-
ployees—more than 90% of the total of all
workers. They are represented by 20 of
the 23 standard railroad unions.

Less Than 10% Refuse
But three unions—with about 130,000
men, or less than 10% of the total—have
refused to accept, even after months of
negotiations. These three unions are the
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers,
the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen
and Enginemen, and the Order of Railway
Conductors. These are three of the so-
called "operating" unions. Already the
highest paid men in the industry, their
leaders demand still further advantages
over other workers.

In all, there are about 270,000 operating
employees. But not all of them, by any
means, are represented by BLE, BLF&E,
or ORC. As a matter of fact, less than
half—132,000 to be exact—are in these
three unions. More than half—about
140,000—are in other unions, principally
the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.
What makes the whole situation so hard
to understand is that these 140,000 op-
erating employees are working under wages
and rules which the leaders of the other
130,000 say they cannot agree to.

What Do the Railroads Offer?

They offer these three unions the same
settlement which was contained in a Mem-
orandum of Agreement signed at the White
House on December 21, 1950, by four
brotherhoods and the railroads. Later
these brotherhoods sought to repudiate
this agreement. But on May 25, 1951, the
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen signed
a complete agreement carrying out the

principles of the Memorandum Agreement
of December 21. They have been working
under this agreement since May 25.

What About Wages?

Under the terms of the agreement, yard
engineers, firemen and conductors would
now be receiving a wage increase of \$3.34
an hour (\$2.72 a day) and road engineers,
firemen and conductors would now be re-
ceiving an increase of 19½ cents an hour
(\$1.56 per day). Large sums of retroactive
pay have already accrued and if the agree-
ment is carried out, will be paid promptly.

What About "Cost of Living" Increases?
The White House Agreement includes an
"escalator" clause under which wages will
be geared to changes in the Government's
cost-of-living index. Two such increases
—April and July, 1951—have already been
paid to the 90% of railroad employees cov-
ered by signed agreements.

What About the 40-Hour Week?

The White House Agreement calls for the
establishment of the 40-hour week in prin-
ciple, for employees in yard service. The
employees can have it any time after Janu-
ary 1, 1952, provided the manpower situ-
ation is such that the railroads can get
enough men to perform the work with
reasonable regularity at straight time
rates. If the parties do not agree on the
question of availability of manpower, the
White House Agreement provides arbitra-
tion by a referee appointed by the President.

**What Else Do the Union
Leaders Demand?**

The continued quibbling of the leaders of
the three unions has to do principally with

rules changes, which have already been
agreed to by the Brotherhood of Railroad
Trainmen. Of these, the principal one
seems to be that having to do with so-
called "interdivisional service"—runs
which take in two or more seniority dis-
tricts.

The union leaders would bar progress
and efficiency in the industry, and better
service to the public, by maintaining a
situation where they can arbitrarily stop
a railroad from establishing such inter-
divisional runs. The carriers propose that
if a railroad wishes to set up an inter-
divisional run, the railroad and the unions
should try to agree on such run and the
conditions which should surround its es-
tablishment, and if the railroad and the
unions can't agree, the matter will be sub-
mitted to arbitration.

But the three union leaders still refuse.

Rules Can Be Arbitrated

The railroads have not only offered these
three unions the same rules agreed to by
the BRT and covered by the White House
Agreement, but have even agreed to sub-
mit such rules to arbitration.

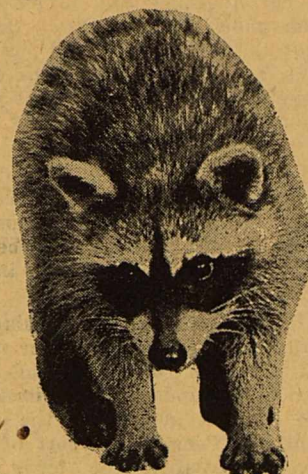
The Industry Pattern Is Fixed

With the pattern so firmly established in
the railroad industry, it seems fair to sug-
gest that the leaders of BLE, BLF&E,
and ORC stop their quibbling and take
action to make the railroad labor picture
100% complete. Certainly today's eco-
nomic and international situation calls for
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son has been advanced why these three
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16 years	28.44	56.87	113.75
17 years	29.06	58.12	116.25
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Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Golson of Headton, Oklahoma. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Garner of Lamar, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Reynolds are

the parents of a daughter, Nancy Alice, born December 22, in a San Angelo hospital. The baby weighed six pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adkins. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Duward Reynolds of Goldwaithe.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Norman, Oklahoma, attended the funeral services of Freeman's brother, Henry Freeman in Junction Saturday, December 22.

42 Years Ago

A. F. Clarkson, the Lost Lake ranchman, was in Sonora Thursday.

Mrs. James Tarver left for Del Rio Thursday, on a business visit to her mother, Mrs. Walton.

Bert Bellows has the contract to make repairs, repaint and paper the Commercial Hotel.

G. M. McDonald made a short pleasure trip to San Angelo this week.

G. W. Stephenson who ranches 12 miles north west of Sonora was in town Thursday.

W. A. Glasscock left for the Territory last week to attend to some business.

August Meckell whose ranch joins the town on the east, left for Mason County this week to visit his brother who is very sick.

Hall Bros. the Buggy Boys of San Angelo, will be in Sonora next week with a string of buggies and hacks.

John A. Ward who ranches west of town, has been having a time fighting off the grip and working with the goats.

D. K. McMullan whose ranch is 35 miles south of Sonora, was in town Thursday and reports having found near one of his tanks, this week a human skull. Mr. McMullan cannot account for it unless it is the skull of a Mr. Scott a carpenter from Greenville, who three years ago while at work on the ranch, disappeared. Search and enquires were made for him at the time but no trace was ever found. His mind was deranged at the time he left the ranch and it is now supposed he lost his way and died in the hills. Mr. McMullan has made careful search for other bones since the finding of the skull, but without success.

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When ready to serve, place on lettuce leaves and serve with French dressing.

County, was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and children returned from Brady Saturday.

J. W. Pincham who ranches 4

Mr. and Mrs. Beal Freeman had as their guests last week her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Norman, Oklahoma.

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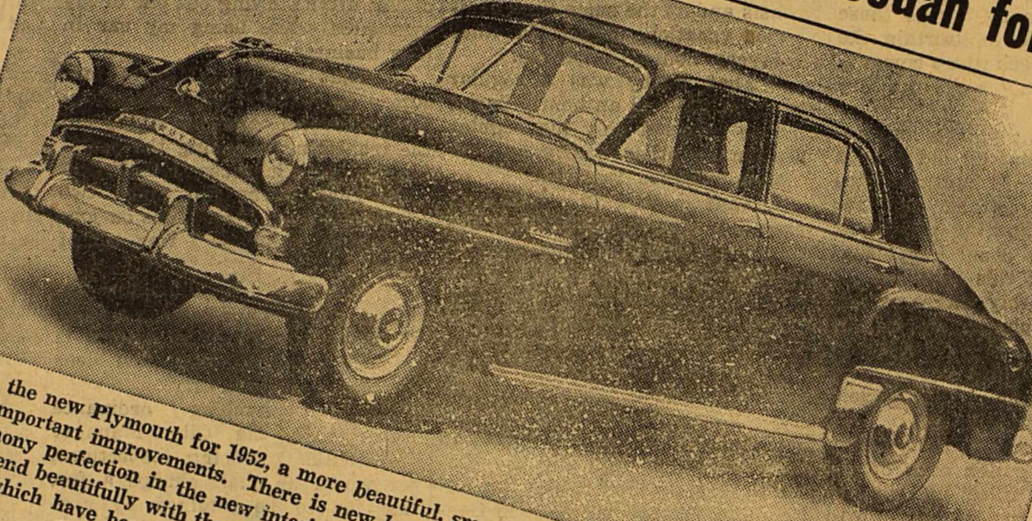
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Smooth, Easy Performance Featured in New Plymouth

The new Plymouth for 1952 will go on display in dealer showrooms throughout the United States, Friday, January 4.

A long list of improvements—46 in all—has been incorporated in the engine, the brakes, the electrical system, the chassis, and to the inside and outside of the body.

The new car, according to D. S. Eddins, president of Plymouth, has been improved and refined to provide "the most gentle ride, the smoothest engine performance and the greatest safety ever built into a car for the lowest price field."

Exceptional engine smoothness is produced through a newly designed combustion chamber; the new stronger and longer-lasting; Plymouth's famous Safety-Flow ride has been made even more comfortable by improvements in the springing and the car's beauty is enhanced by numerous styling refinements.

The Plymouth has a road-hugging, sweeping appearance, accentuated by changes in the external adornment. A new luxurious standard for interior quality is attained with the high monition colors which blend beautifully with the instrument and door panels.

The smart hardtop club coupe, the Belvedere, is the pace-setter in the lowest price field with its new concepts in styling and beauty. The car has a gleaming, lively two-tone color which set it apart and give it the continental look. The color used on the roof follows the contours around the rear window and down over the rear deck. Sparkling chrome molding outlines the top and carries back to separate the two colors at their junction at the rear quarter panel. Interior of the Belvedere is luxurious, with colorful quality fabrics and vinyl blended in perfect harmony with the shades used on the exterior. Long-wearing carpeting—also in complementary colors—rounds out the ensemble.

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\$2,500.00 the brick layers and material cost was \$1,915.43. It was built as an employee's house and not built as a personal house for Bobby, even though he did rent it when it was completed. His furniture was never stored in the house after he left Sonora. The furniture in the house is my own personal property which I have stored there, which furniture can be rented by the City with the house or same will be moved out at any time we have a renter who does not desire to also rent the furniture.

11. That the cost of the house for Bobby was charged to the Water Dept. and that while Bobby was a city employee, Bobby was driving the oil fuel truck for electric department.

11. That the Water Department did pay for the construction of the rent house in which Bobby lived, and that he also drew his pay from all departments, according to the policy of the Commission to distribute the salaries of employees throughout the departments, in an equitable manner, to which no one could object except the revenue bond holders, and such bond holders have no right to object because such salary expense distribution is equitably made and all bond payments have been promptly made.

12. That contrary to a specific provision of the City Ordinance prohibiting livestock within a certain distance of the City reservoir, Mac not only as permitted and allowed his livestock to graze at such premises but in fact has the City reservoir as part of his fence with the result that the City water supply is subject to contamination.

12. To the twelfth charge this respondent says that the North side of the city water reservoir does serve as a part of the fence where my little boy's three pet sheep do graze. I have never found any place in the City Ordinance creating a distance that livestock shall be kept from tanks. The way the reservoirs are constructed it would be impossible for water to become contaminated from livestock. Mr. Weiss, with the State Health Department makes periodic inspections of all City water works facilities, including the reservoirs. He has petted these sheep and has looked at them several times and I feel sure a man of his ability would have advised, and in fact demanded that livestock be moved immediately if he thought reservoirs were in danger of contamination.

13. That Mac bought a used bulldozer for \$2,750 and that such purchase was not approved by the City Council prior to such purchase, in so far as these affiants can determine, and that in so far as the affiants have been able to determine the aforesaid bulldozer has only been used two or perhaps three days total.

13. That the Minutes of the City Commissioners' Meeting held on May 1, 1950, as recorded in Minute Book No. 2, page 225, shows authorization for purchase of equipment in question. The complainants state that to their knowledge the bulldozer has only been used two or three days. Naturally they would not know how much this machine is used because their duties seldom carry them to the City dump ground. This tractor has been used many times in digging and covering trenches, pressing trash, and also it is needed to pull trucks across the draw in muddy weather, at the City dump ground.

14. That in March, 1950, Bobby charged gas to the City of Sonora at the Humble Station on several occasions, which said gas was placed in Bobby's personal dump truck and was not used on City business at all.

14. That it is not true that Bobby's personal truck was not used on City business; but it is true that Bobby was authorized by me to place gasoline in his personal truck on different occasions for the reason that he used his truck for City purposes at such times.

15. That Bobby bought a sun visor and two cushions for a city truck but that he appropriated same for his own use and put them in his personal car when he left his employment with City of Sonora.

15. That in regard to the sun visor and cushions that were given to Bobby, this respondent says the visor was damaged and the cushions were old.

16. That Mac used the City pickup and took Bobby's furniture to a place near Weatherford where Bobby was and said trip was on City time.

16. That it is true that I took Bobby's furniture to near Fort Worth when he moved from Sonora, in the City pickup, and paid all the expenses of the truck. It was gone one day, and I believe the Commissioners will agree I am entitled to one day off sometimes, especially when my varied and sundry duties require me to work day and night.

17. That, when Bobby left he took a range and refrigerator belonging to the city and valued on the City inventory as approximately \$35.00 and \$100.00 respectively; and that it was only after a local citizen had called Mayor Schwiening's attention to this that the following month a \$35.00 entry was reflected on the merchandise book as Bobby's payment in full for the \$130.00 worth of City property.

17. When Bobby left Sonora I did sell him a refrigerator and a range for \$35.00 which we carried on our inventories at the cost price of \$100.00 for the refrigerator and \$30.00 for the range. I placed a reconditioned unit in the refrigerator about five years ago. This type unit carried a one year guarantee and at time of sale this refrigerator in my opinion was not worth more than the \$25.00 Bobby paid for same. The electric range was about 15 years old, in very bad condition, and the reason it showed on the inventory at \$30.00 value was the fact that the City of Sonora took this range in on the Cliff Johnson account and this was done chiefly to help Cliff out.

18. That Bobby originally was paid \$10.00 which was later reduced to \$8.00 as expenses for each trip he made for fuel oil for the light dept., and that said expenses were never required to be documented by receipts of any nature; and it is within the knowledge of Affiants that Bobby made the round trip ordinarily in one day. This expense money was in addition to his \$1.25 per hour wages.

18. It is true that we did pay Bobby's expenses, \$10.00 for a while and then \$8.00 per trip. This was given to him to cover his expenses, regardless of how long he was gone.

19. That Mac contracted a paving job for a motel in Eldorado and that on one day, five employees spent the whole day in Eldorado on this job and further that they received no compensation for such work other than their regular City salaries, and further that the asphalt machine, the asphalt, and two trip loads of gravel were hauled by City equipment and used on the job.

19. That the City of Sonora did do a paving job for Ogden Courts in Eldorado in December, 1950, and our records show proceeds from this job recorded in General Fund Miscellaneous Receipts Journal, December 30, 1950, page 3 line 8, and Electric merchandise cash ticket No. 20, and in Electric Cash Receipt Journal, December, 1950, and bank deposits for both General and Electric Funds dated December 30, 1950.

20. That no bids were solicited for a water line ditch from the hill.

20. To the charge that no bids were solicited for a water line ditch, this respondent says that he asked the Atlantic Pipe Line contractor to give us a bid, also asked a contractor that was doing a water works job in Ozona to give us a bid, and Paul Couch to give us a bid. Paul Couch was the only one who submitted a bid. After talking with the City Commission and the City Attorney, he was advised to go ahead on a foot basis or force account, under which no bid or contract was needed.

21. That no bids were solicited for the purchase of a G. M. C. Pickup.

21. As to no bids being solicited on the purchase of a G. M. C. pickup, this respondent says that the Ford Motor Company and the Elliott Motor Company, each gave a bid; that the Elliott Motor Company gave the City the best bid in that they allowed more for the Ford pickup than we traded in.

22. That fuel oil for the Sonora Independent School District was hauled in the city fuel truck on several occasions and that said City of Sonora has no Railroad Commission permit or other authority to so haul for anyone other than the City of Sonora.

22. That we did haul three or four loads of fuel for the schools and they paid all the expense involved. I feel since the school is a tax supported institute and the same people that pay taxes to the City pay school tax also, and if the school owned their own transport they would be exempt from having to have a Railroad permit. I was also advised by Mr. Wells that the school was having to cut expenses every way possible and that if we could haul this fuel it would be a great saving to them; that this respondent believes that, except for some ulterior motive, no one could object to the City doing favors for the City schools.

23. That Mac and Bobby regularly used fuel oil from the City supply for their own personal use and that in so far as these Affiants have been able to determine no charge was ever made to Mac or Bobby for such fuel oil; and further that the total amount so consumed could not be less than 500 gallons.

23. That the City does furnish me with my fuel oil during the

winter months, and Bobby used fuel for three months at my direction.

24. That Mac used City wire to build a pen for his boy and that in so far as these Affiants are able to determine no charge was ever made by City for such material used.

24. That I did build a fence out of chicken wire on the South side of my house, which house is on City property and neither the house nor the pen belong to me.

25. That Bobby did a wiring job for a local rancher and that these Affiants do verily believe that the wire used for such job was wire owned by the City of Sonora and that said wire was not charged out to Bobby.

25. Relative to Bobby doing a wiring job for a local rancher, this respondent says that Bobby purchased from local dealers some of the wire used and purchased some from the City, which our merchandise book shows and also show that same was paid for.

26. That on one occasion, Mac contracted some concrete work for Arthur Carroll and used three city employees on said contract; and that said employees received no compensation for such work other than their regular city salaries.

26. That it is true that I contracted a job for the Texaco Company or Arthur Carroll, after Arthur and a Texaco engineer advised me they could not get a local contractor to do same. I hired Gomer Minnick and Bob McCarver to do the work and I have cancelled check to show that I paid them. They were not on the City payroll. Work that City employees did was in line with our routine work such as setting service poles, running service line and installing meters. This was merely another effort to accommodate the citizen of Sonora, it being the purpose of the City Commissioners and the City Manager to be of help in every way possible for the up-building and improvement of our town.

27. The City-owned compressor and winch truck together with two City laborers were sent to the Bloodworth ranch and in so far as these Affiants are able to ascertain no record of such use of City equipment and employees was kept and no charges were made.

27. That it is true that the City winch truck and compressor, along with City employees, were sent to the Bloodworth ranch to dig holes and set poles for an electric line, the same being a City of Sonora line, which line is in process of construction, the lines being strung on the 18th day of December, 1951, at which time this answer is being prepared; and that the users of electricity from said line have or are to pay for the construction of said line, and the charges against Bloodworth are not to be made until the completion of the line.

28. That Bobby drew as wages \$140.00 for fifteen days work in March, 1949. Said wages based on \$1.25 per hour, and yet, according to the records Bobby was sick and off duty for ten of the said fifteen days.

28. That it is true that Bobby was paid in March 1949, while he was sick and off duty for ten days, because our employees are entitled to and granted 14 days sick leave with pay.

29. Mac and a City employee in the City pickup made a trip to South Texas and brought back a bull, the same being Mac's personal purchase. This trip was a two-day trip. No compensation being paid to the employee other than the regular City wages.

29. To the 29th charge, this respondent says that he and four city employees went to Bastrop, Texas, to load a car load of water pipe that we had purchased from an army camp. He drove his personal car with his trailer behind to Bastrop. After loading pipe in railway car he placed his trailer behind City pickup and brought a bull to Sonora. No extra compensation was paid to the City employees other than regular City wages. Why should there have been? They were on City business.

30. Bobby was paid by the City for three days at the race track in 1950.

30. That City employees have done work at the race track or Sonora Park preceding community activities, it being deemed essential and proper that the City cooperate in every way they reasonably can in public activities of the citizens of Sonora.

31. In April 1950, Bobby put two used City truck tires on his own GMC dump truck and said that he bought them for \$22.50, being the same two tires for which J. C. Berry had offered \$15.00 each; a few days later Bobby put two more truck tires on his truck which said tires were size 700 and were taken off of the pole truck and were new tires except for having been used on one trip on said pole truck.

31. That Bobby did buy two tires that were four or five years old, but I have no knowledge of J. C. Berry offering more for them; and later I traded him two more of the

tires that were on the pole trailer, said trailer was junked and not in use, for two larger size tires which we used on city dump truck.

32. That before the races in the Spring of 1950, the City winch truck, driven by a City Employee was dispatched to Kerrville to bring back a starting gate for the race track. No charges was made for the use of the employee or of the equipment.

32. That the City winch truck was sent to Kerrville to get a starting gate for the race track before the races in 1950, but the Sonora Park Association paid all expenses of this trip.

33. In the fall of 1948, 1949 and 1950, Mac took a City employee as a camp cook and went hunting. With him in addition to the City employee was his brother from Hearn, Texas; also it is known that on at least one of these hunting trips Mac returned his brother to Hearn in the City Pickup and was gone two days. In so far as these Affiants are able to ascertain the City employee received no compensation other than his regular city salary.

33. To the 33rd charge, this respondent says that he did take a City employee on hunting trips with him; that he also paid for this employee's hunting privileges, so the employee could hunt; that he did not dock this employee of his regular monthly wages or any other City employee on an occasional day off; that he did take his brother to Hearn in the City pickup, but that he paid all expenses himself on such trip.

34. That on June 15, 1950, Bobby took three five-gallon cans of the City's gas and filled up his personal truck so that he could go to Crane, Texas for a grader for Carl Cahill.

34. That it is true that Bobby filled his truck with City gas to go to Crane, Texas, because I told him I would pay him in gasoline for use of his truck in City work, and he told me I would have to charge it out, as he did not know which department I wanted it charged to.

35. That J. C. Berry at one time worked two straight weeks for twelve hours per day with no overtime compensation and no days off.

35. That if J. C. Berry will give the date he worked 12 hours per day for two weeks, we will look up the records and see if same is true; that respondent now says that J. C. Berry made no complaint at such time, or claim therefor, if there was any such overtime.

36. That after six years and eighteen days, J. C. Berry was fired from his salaried job of \$165 per month and that Mac started the new man at a salary of \$50.00 per week. The same amounting to \$62.50 per month more than J. C. Berry was earning after six years and eighteen days.

36. Answering the charge that J. C. Berry was fired from his salaried job of \$165.00 per month, after six years and 18 days working for the City, this respondent says that J. C. Berry was not fired, that he quit without notice, that he was receiving \$215.00 per month; that the City does not pay employees for seniority but pays them on the basis of their ability and willingness to work.

37. That Jim McLaughlin was paid \$100.00 per month extra for straight twelve-hour shifts over a period of two months which said extra pay lacks \$22.50 of being as much as straight time. (but it is to be noted that the said Jim McLaughlin is not a party to this affidavit.)

37. Relative to the pay of Jim McLaughlin, our books show that we paid him \$17.50 per month more than his regular salary would have been on a 12 hour basis, which was agreed on at the time he was asked to work 12 hours; his regular salary at that time was \$165.00 per month for 8 hours work, and we paid him \$247.50 per month for the 12 hours work, plus the extra \$17.50, making the \$265.00 per month, as stated by complainants, Jim McLaughlin did not complain; he agreed to the salary on a 12 hour basis, so who is complaining, who is the "nigger in the woodpile"?

38. That Bobby took his wife on his trips in the City fuel truck and that on at least one occasion it was known that she was driving the City Truck.

38. That Bobby did take his wife with him on his trips in the City fuel truck, and if she was at any time driving the truck, as charged, the answer is that she holds a Commercial Driver's license.

39. That on one occasion when the fuel truck was involved in a minor accident, Bobby was not even in the truck and that the same was being driven by a person who was not in the employ of the City of Sonora.

39. That the City fuel truck was in a minor accident on a hill near San Angelo; that Son Hearn was employed by the City to drive the truck due to the fact that Bobby had an arm injury at that time,

but that Bobby was with Son Hearn at the time, and did what he could to prevent the accident.

40. That the ANTI-NEPOTISM Law of Texas specifically provides that no official of a City shall employ his son; and that Affiants do verily believe that Mac's employing his son is definitely a violation of such State Law.

40. That Bobby was hired by the City because of the fact that we were very short handed, and due to his ability to work in all departments and at any time, such employment being with the knowledge and consent or approval of the City Commission; that the City Manager is not holding an elective office, but is merely an employee of the City, and he is of the opinion that the Anti Nepotism Law would not and does not apply in such cases.

41. That Mac gave Bobby several paid vacations although Bobby was ostensibly employed on a hourly basis and at the same time denied paid vacations to certain other employees hourly employed.

41. That Bobby was a regular employee, paid on an hourly basis; that he received only his regular vacation as other hourly and regular employees received.

42. That the City bought a horse to use in rounding up strays and subsequently sold the same to Vernon Marion for \$20.00 cash, said being paid to J. C. Berry who in turn paid the same over to Mac and Affiants have been unable to determine as a certainty that such money was ever deposited in the City treasury.

42. That the horse mentioned in the charge was sold and the proceeds were credited to the General Fund Account, as recorded in General Fund Journal, page 5, line 8, February 1950, and included in amount deposited in bank on February 14, 1950.

43. That Mac has permitted the city garbage truck to be flushed out with the fire hose on the street adjoining Andres Virgen's home with the result that garbage debris has become maggots contaminated, creating a health hazard; and further such flushing procedure was stopped at another and different location in the City of Sonora upon protest of the property owner at the time affected.

43. That City garbage truck is washed out near Andres Virgen's residence and drained into the draw. This is in the process of being corrected; however I have never noticed any maggots at this place. I do not know of any other place this truck was ever flushed out, and I have not heard any complaints from other sources.

44. J. C. Berry and Bobby went to San Antonio in a City truck to bring back bleachers for use at the race track. The Racing Association paid Bobby but the City paid J. C. Berry overtime for such trip and the City charged nothing for such service.

44. That J. C. Berry and Bobby did go to San Antonio to get bleachers for Sonora Park Association, and Berry was paid overtime, but this respondent believes that such was for the benefit of the town, and he cannot imagine why anyone should object to the City doing what it can for the benefit of the town.

45. That despite procedure set forth in the appropriate City ordinance to the contrary, Mac notified a city employee to catch a stray dog in the residential neighborhood and to take said dog down to the dump ground and shoot him. This was done, and without required public notice or waiting period as required by law.

45. That it is true that I did tell the pound pen man to pick up a dog that was acting strangely and trying to bite some children. It is still my opinion that this dog should have been destroyed for the safety of our children and citizens of Sonora.

46. That Bobby took a City truck without trailer and went to San Angelo on personal business.

46. That Bobby did take a City truck to San Angelo. He attended to some business for the City, and while up there he also attended to some personal business.

47. That Bobby, although having notice that a trailer was without brakes and being prior warned that fact would probably cause said trailer to jackknife into the truck; took said truck and trailer and caused \$260.00 damage to the cab of the truck by reason of the jackknifing of the trailer. It is the affiants understanding that City insurance does not reimburse for such neglect.

47. It is true that the trailer brakes needed to be repaired and since no one here in Sonora was equipped to do the job, I sent the truck to San Angelo by Bobby to get this repair work done, and to pick up a city water tank that was being repaired, when the brakes on the trailer were fixed. The truck brakes were in good shape when Bobby left Sonora, but when he applied his truck brakes between Eldorado and Sonora, the right front brake on the truck locked and trailer jack knifed into

the cab and caused considerable damage to the cab. This could have happened to anybody.

48. That a kerosene stove was purchased by the City from the B. & B. Trading Post of San Angelo for Bobby's personal use in his residence, said stove being in the neighborhood of \$15.00 or \$20.00.

48. The stove in question was purchased by the City and placed in the house owned by the City, with the understanding that Bobby was to have the option to buy same if he so desired.

49. That in November 1948, Mac removed the spare tire from City's green pickup and mounted it on his private automobile, taking the spare from his private automobile and mounting it on the City's pickup. Later Bobby traded tires on his car for Mac's (including the City's Tire) and sold the car with the tire included.

49. It is true, I did put a tire bought by the City on my personal car, after blowing out one of my own tires while using my car in City business.

50. That although Mac is presumed to be the Plumbing Inspector, on several occasions Bobby did the inspecting including the plumbing at the Richardson's Gulf Sta.

50. That Bobby did make two minor plumbing inspections on jobs that came up, when I was out of town.

51. That Mac as Plumbing Inspector charges and collects a \$1.50 per inspection which he asserts is his own personal fund and does not turn same into City.

51. Our plumbing ordinance states that the City Manager shall make plumbing inspections, for which he shall charge a fee, this fee to be retained by him. This I have done, which is in full compliance with our Ordinance.

52. That Mac has pastured his livestock at City Dump grounds and has employed City employee to haul water to them for which service he has paid the City employee with gas from the City's tank; and further that Mac will not permit anyone else with the City to run stock at said place.

52. It is true that I have a few sheep at the City dump ground to eat down weeds and grass so as to prevent a fire hazard to adjoining pastures. I did not employ a City employee to haul water to them. He was hauling water to the dump ground for the dump ground attendant who does not have any other water supply at this time.

53. That the City furnishes him for the use of the truck in hauling water to this attendant, and for use of the truck in street cleaning on Saturday nights.

53. That Mac told the Citizens of Sinaloa (being a Mexican Community not within the City Limits of Sonora) that he would condemn their windmill and tower and that they must tear down same and sell it. Murderer, he provided the purchaser and also set the price.

53. That I have never told any Sinaloa citizen that I would condemn any windmill, but I did tell Francisco Avila that if he desired to sell the windmill, that L. P. Bloodworth would buy it. At this time Francisco said he did want to sell it, but later he came back said he had decided not to sell it.

54. That Mac used City equipment and employees to help him in his ranching activities and paid nothing other than their usual City salaries from the City Treasury.

54. That it is true that I did use a City pickup to go to a pasture that I had leased, but I did not use City labor in any of my work.

55. That Mac contracted a paving job from Artie Joy.

55. That I did not contract a paving job for Artie Joy. I did tell him we would pave his drive when we were working in that neighborhood, which we did, and he paid for same as City records will show on General Fund Miscellaneous Cash Receipts Journal, page 3, line 5, in the month of December, 1950.

56. That although there is and has been a meter to measure electricity on a three-phase-hookup, Mac has not allowed one to be installed for the new elevator (electric) at the local bank. There are other unmetered three-phase installations.

56. The elevator at the local bank would have to make 101 round trips per day to use enough current to equal the minimum charge we are charging them, and I am of the opinion it will not make that many trips per day. So why install a \$300.00 meter, when we know it will not bring in any excess revenue? Other three phase connections that are not metered now had meters on them for a long time and never used the minimum.

57. That Mac, although at the time the City Manager, went into competition on with local appliance dealers by selling appliances to customers on the City lines. Among those purchasing from Mac are in part the following: Jack Neill, dishwasher and deep-freezer;

E. F. Vander Stucken; Mrs. Morrow, a refrigerator; Louis Spraggins, refrigerator and hotwater heater; and Jim McLaughlin, an electric mangle. These Affiants do verily believe that such sales are at retail prices less than the amounts similar appliances could be purchased from the tax paying appliance dealers of Sonora, and further that this list is not all exclusive.

57. That it is true, I did sell some electrical appliances to people on City lines and some were sold at cost to City employees. The only reason I went into this appliance business was to get our customers the appliances they could not get elsewhere, and to keep them on our electric line.

58. That Bobby regularly used all City equipment and supplies in his personal equipment.

58. That all City employees use the City shop and equipment for working on their own equipment, which in my opinion is only fair and proper.

59. That Mac and a City employee recently spent an entire day at Bustie Halbert's ranch moving out a motor and that no charge was made for such service.

59. That it is not true that respondent and a City employee spent an entire day at Buster Halbert's ranch, without any charge, in fact, probably not more than two hours were spent at such work. This was merely a matter of accommodation, for which the complainants want to substitute their judgement.

60. That Bobby has on many occasions been discovered putting City gasoline in his personal car and that, in so far as is known, these occasions when he was caught were the instances in which chadges were made for said gasoline against Bobby's account.

60. That so far as I know Bobby paid for all the gasoline used in his car.

61. That many, many times Mac filled his personal car with City gasoline and did not always charge same to his account.

61. That it is true that many times respondent used his car in City work, at which times the City furnished the gasoline for the car. 62. That Bobby bought many tools, including a plane, hacksaw, two files and a set of Crescent wrenches, etc, and took them with him when he left; two of the city employees having helped pack these things for him.

62. That the tools in question were not taken by Bobby, but that the same are on the hill and at no time have they left the City premises.

63. That the large engines according to instructions should be cleaned and head pulled at 3,000 hours but that in so far as is known by these Affiants the same has never been done and that many thousands of hours have been put on them without proper cleaning.

63. That the large engine does not need to have the cylinder heads pulled and cleaned, that respondent makes regular inspection of all equipment and orders work done as it is needed.

64. That Mac (often requested by J. C. Berry gaskets, etc. for the engines) neglected and or failed to order same with the result that oil has been leaking from the engine head.

64. Answering the 64th charge, this respondents says there is no oil in the engine heads to leak, and that J. C. Berry who knows nothing about such matters, is attempting to substitute his judgment instead of one who has had many years experience in such matters.

65. That practically no new material has been ordered in the last two years, the employees having to salvage wire (for example) from other houses where the wire was not needed.

65. That certainly we salvage wire where we could, and why not? But respondent orders wire and materials as it is needed. This is merely another question of the complainants wanting to assume the management or substitute their judgment in the management of the City's light, water and sewer systems.

66. That there is at this time a 60 HP motor water pump on a concrete slab with only the sky for a roof and that the overhead water tank on the hill is in such dangerous condition that it might collapse any time. These Affiants believe that with such conditions existing it certainly was impractical to divert City money to construct a personal house for Bobby when such money would have been better used in repairing and maintaining the necessary City Equipment.

66. That the 600 Gal. pump and motor are weather proof and it is recommended by the builders that pump be kept in the open air for cooling. There is a small concrete water tank that is used for utilities in the hill that has a small leak and is in need of minor repairs, but not in a dangerous condition, that

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it is within the province and the duty of the City Commission to determine how the funds of the City are to be expended, and not to be determined by complainants.

67. That Mac pays his own light and water bill each month but that the water is not metered, consequently his livestock is watered free by the City.

67. That it is true that I pay my own light and water bill each month, and that my water is on a flat rate, and that I water one horse and three sheep that belong to my little boy, but certainly it would not take much water for one horse and three sheep.

68. That Mac always used City labor to mow and clean up his own yard but that the area around the reservoir is a disgrace to the City; and further that Mac only cleans the City Park usually once a year. It requires one man's labor for practically a whole day to clean Mac's yard and such cleaning occurs on an average of approximately one per week. The city pays for this, not Mac.

68. That my house and yard is a part of the City water-works property, and I do have City employees clean my yard when their work is slack, but this is not done weekly, but probably one a month, it being my purpose to keep the City property in a pleasing appearance; that this respondent does not think the area around the reservoir is a disgrace, and the general public is invited to make inspection at any time, when they will find that the charges of the complainants are malicious and fallacious.

69. That Mac let his sheep and goats kill out the rose bushes, etc. that were planted by Mrs. Aldwell.

69. That it is not true that the sheep and goats of respondent killed the rose bushes at the plant site, as charged by the complainants; that the water from the cooling tower and the freeze killed them; that the spray from the cooling tower is also killing a pecan tree that is in the center of the rose bed.

70. That at a time when Carl Cahill was doing quite a bit of contract work for the city and has recently moved to a house where the completing utility was providing service, Mac notified Mrs. Carl Cahill that if Carl expected to continue to do work for the City they would do well to be on the City's lines; and of course the Cahills complied with alacrity.

70. That I did ask the Cahills for their electric business, and thought it was the opportune time to ask him while he was working for the City. When he moved to his new location, he asked me to build the line to his residence, which we did, but he dug the holes for the poles, thereby helping the City to cut down on the construction costs. All of this was merely in keeping with our policy of furnishing service to the citizens of Sonora.

71. That a City employee went regularly once a day for a week feed Mac's livestock during the winter of 1950 and said employee used the City's pickup for such activity, and further received no compensation other than his usual and customary City salary.

71. It is true that I did send a City employee to feed my livestock during a week's cold spell, because at that time I was working 18 to 20 hours a day, working a shift and a half in the power plant, and trying to take care of my other City duties.

72. That two City employees were dispatched to the Bloodworth Ranch by Mac and helped dig post-holes as well as a cesspool, using City equipment and being paid by the City.

72. That I did send City employees to the Bloodworth ranch to dig post holes on electric line, but I had no knowledge of them digging a cess pool. I found out later that A. H. Adkins was digging a cess pool at the Bloodworth ranch and when the men and compressor came by where Adkins was working he asked them to give him a little help with the paving breaker on a rock. This was City employees themselves stopping to lend a helping hand, and I do not believe they should be censured for it, much less me.

73. That a City employee took the City air compressor to the Thomas Espy Ranch and dug several holes for a cattle guard and so far as is known, no charge was made for either the use of the compressor or the labor.

73. That a City employee did take the compressor to the Thomas Espy ranch and drill a few holes so he could blast out a pit so that the County could install a cattle-guard. Espy paid for the caps and dynamite, but no charge was made for the compressor and labor, because the City and the County help each other in many ways on many occasions.

74. That the air compressor was sent to the Lea Allison Ranch and remained there for nearly three weeks and for which no charge was made.

74. That it is true that the air compressor was sent out to the Lea Allison ranch; that Lea paid for two new drills and offered to pay some additional for the use of the compressor, but I thought the purchase of the drills was sufficient, because the compressor was used

very little during the two weeks it was on his ranch.

75. That Mac directed a City employee to take the City's winch truck on a Sunday to the Sam Allison's ranch near Menard and bring back a small Diesel engine. No charge was made for this other than that a gratuity of \$5.00 was paid by Wampus Espy.

75. That I did ask a City employee if he wanted to take the winch truck to the Sam Allison ranch to get a Diesel engine; that he said he did, and would, and that Wampus Espy paid him for his labor; that no charge was made by the City for the use of the truck, the loan of the truck to the said Wampus Espy being in keeping with the policy of the City to be of service to the citizens of Sutton County, the County and the City being practically a unit and it is believed that one for all and all for one is the policy that should be followed by everyone.

76. That Bobby tore down a truck motor in order to install a new timing gear and upon reassembling, neglected to connect the oil pump with the logical result that the City had to buy a new motor.

76. That charge no. 76 is not true; that it is true that Bobby installed a new timing gear in the winch truck, the motor being in bad condition at the time when the new timing gear was installed; it had been getting hot for about 6 months due to the worn condition of all parts of the motor; and that a new motor did not have to be installed because of Bobby's neglect.

77. That Bobby spent the week preceding the date of this affidavit working on his own personal truck with City Equipment.

77. That Bobby worked on day using torch and welding equipment on his truck, but he was not employed by the City at such time.

78. That two City employees worked three days at the local race track and received no compensation other than their usual and customary City salary. An for such work the City made no charge to the race association.

78. That we did furnish some help in setting poles for the grandstand and Lions Club pen at Sonora race track, and, as hereinbefore stated, this was merely in keeping with our policy to be of benefit to the public and public activities.

79. That in 1947 Bobby took a truck tire off of the City winch truck and put on his personal truck. Later Bobby sold the truck with the City's Tire and also included a hydraulic jack belonging to the city.

79. That it is true that I gave to Bobby the used tire and the jack; that the used tire was of very little value, if any, and the jack was in bad shape and would not hold up under load; that this was more or less junk and was given away to get rid of it, and if it had been given to Ignacio Flores, I presume no objection would have been raised.

80. That two City employees were directed to help pack Bobby's personal property for shipment and received no compensation for such work other than their usual and customary City salaries.

80. That my wife helped Bobby pack his personal property when he moved from here, and my wife is not a City employee, and if any City employee helped him pack it was not within my knowledge, and it is certainly untrue that I directed them to do so; if they did so, it was of their own accord.

81. That this year is the only year that Mac has not had a City employee clean up his own personal store, and job taking quite some number of hours and being uncompensated except for the usual City salary.

81. That City employees have helped me install my stove, but it was always at a time when work was slack and we had the time to do it, especially as it only takes about an hour to clean and install the stove; and why should the City employee be entitled to extra compensation? Why are these charges filled with complaints about the City employees not being paid extra compensation?

82. That Mac directed a City employee to drive a tractor out Tom Espy's ranch, said City employee leaving on City Time at approximately 4:00 P. M. and returning much later and for which he received no additional compensation.

82. That it is true that a City employee did drive a tractor to the Thomas Espy ranch, for which the City paid him no extra compensation, but Thomas Espy gave him a goat, which was ample extra compensation.

83. That although often worked overtime Mac has never yet paid on City employee any time-and-half money.

83. That the 83rd charge is not true; our records showing that we have paid employees overtime, and also that we have never docked a man when he wanted to get off a day or so.

84. That Mac had a City employee deliver a disk plow to the Robert Halbert ranch during a work-day for which no charge was made and for which the employee received the usual, customary City salary.

84. That it is true that I had a City employee load a disc plow

on a truck to be delivered at the Halbert ranch. This plow was borrowed by the Sonora Park Association; and the plow was hauled by a private truck, with the City winch truck, being used to unload the plow at the Halbert ranch, for which no charge was made.

85. That the City bulldozer was used by Wampus Espy and for which no charge was made.

85. That the City bulldozer was used by Wampus Espy for about three hours; that Espy serviced the tractor and did some repair work thereon which was needed, at his own expense, and no additional charge was made.

86. That these Affiants have reason to believe that the new GMC truck which is now used for hauling fuel was purchased with Water Dept. funds and would like this honorable Council to check the records and see whether or not this is a fact.

86. That it is not true that the new G. M. C. truck used for hauling fuel oil was purchased by the Water Department.

87. That Mac tore down a motor and left on Friday Evening for Hearn, Texas to visit his brother and that he did not return until the following Monday Night, the motor was left disassembled until his return, the same certainly not amounting to proper care and attention to City equipment.

87. That I did partly disassemble an engine that was not running properly and found a cam roller was bad and had to be replaced; that this part was not available in Dallas and had to be ordered from Beloit, Wisconsin, which part came in a week after I returned from Hearn. This charge is merely an attempt on the part of some "would-be" mechanics or electricians to substitute their opinion instead of mine, irrespective of the difference between their experience and my experience as an electrical engineer.

88. That two City employees used the City's truck to pull Mac's trailer and hauled a bull from Bastrop, Texas and that said City employees were absent three days and received no compensation other than their usual and customary City salaries.

88. That I took four City employees to Bastrop to load a car load of water pipe. I pulled my trailer behind my car to Bastrop. That after the pipe was loaded and we were ready to return to Sonora, I placed my trailer behind the City pickup, with a bull in the trailer, and returned to Sonora.

89. That one certain City employee has apparently done a lot of the pole climbing but has never received pole climbing wages, namely \$1.75 per hour.

89. That we do have a City employee, but he is not a first class lineman, and he only does minor line work, so long as he is satisfied with the wages paid him, which is complaining that he never received pole-climbing wages of \$1.75 an hour? It is some labor union or some beaurocrat, or some person trying to stir up discord in this town of Sonora, where the most of the citizens have laways worked for the peace and harmony and good will among our citizens.

90. That Mac told Dr. Browne that if Carl Cahill ever built a house on his lot lying east of Dr. Browne that he, Mac would run the lines directly in front of Dr. Browne's property and this Mac subsequently did. These Affiants understand that Carl Cahill dug the postholes but the City furnished the compressor and ran the lines to Carl Cahill's; all of which the City made no charge for.

90. Relative to Dr. Browne and Carl Cahill, this respondent says that we ran the Cahill line down the old San Antonio highway, which was the only right-of-way we could secure; and that no charge was made by the City to Carl Cahill for this line, because it was believed that other residences would be built in that neighborhood which would take electric city from this line.

91. That a City truck was used on the Bloodworth ranch to place pipes in a windmill and that said work required a full day and further that no charges was made by the City for such use of equipment. And these Affiants do verily believe that windmill work is not within the purview of City service as defined in the State of Texas.

91. That the City truck was used at the Bloodworth ranch for pulling pipe in a well; that there is also to be installed an electric motor and pump at this well, and the City plant will furnish the electricity to run the pump and motor; and it is certainly nothing but business sense to help install facilities for the use of City electricity, the complainants to the contrary notwithstanding.

92. That on a Sunday a City employee used the City's compressor all day digging postholes in the Bustie Halbert ranch and although no charge was made by the City for the use of the compressor, Bustie Halbert individual paid the employee himself.

92. That it is true that a City employee used the City's compressor one day digging holes on the Buster Halbert ranch, and no charge was made for the use of the compressor, but Buster Halbert paid the City employee; and this is another instance of our policy to be of service to the people of this City and County.

93. That the City charged Dick McCalmont \$25.00 for approximately four hours use of the City winch truck on the Bryd Ranch.

93. That it is true that the City charged Dick McCalmont \$24.00 for approximately four hours use of the City winch and truck on the Byrd ranch, so what? What is wrong with it?

94. That Jean Dereberry was charged \$6.00 per hour for the use of the City's air compressor in front of his new home.

94. Relative to the charge that Jean Dereberry was charged \$6.00 per hour for the City's compressor in front of his home, this respondent says that the City has no record of Jean Dereberry ever renting the City's air compressor; but upon information from Jean Dereberry, which we verily believe, the air compressor was rented by him from Mat Adams or Adams & Rode, for which he paid more than \$50.00. In other words, this is a fabricated charge.

95. That here is apparently no schedule charge for the use of City equipment, it seeming to vary at \$5.00, \$6.00 or \$7.50 per hour.

95. That at one time we had a set charge for the use of the air compressor; where the City furnished everything we charged \$7.50 per hour, but there were times when the City did not furnish a man, and times when we did not furnish gasoline, and in these instances the charge would vary, as they most certainly should.

96. That Barnes with the Sunset Motor Lines was charged \$5.00 for approximately 10 minutes use of the City's Winch truck at the depot of Sonora in loading one piece of heavy freight.

96. That it is true Barnes, with the Sunset Motor Lines, was charged \$5.00 for a short time use of the City's winch truck at the depot in Sonora in loading a piece of heavy freight. Why should the complainant's object to this charge? At the least, it is an attempt on their part to substitute their judgement for the judgment of your City Manager.

97. That Sheeney Adkins wanted to rent the compressor some eight months ago and was told by Mac that the City stopped renting the compressor out at anytime; however, most of the no-charge-rentings listed herein have been since eight months ago.

97. In answer to the charge that I failed to rent the compressor to Sheeney Adkins, I had at that time decided not to let the compressor out. This is merely a question of decision or judgment in the management of the City's business; I may have been wrong, but the complainants may be wrong; however, this charge is merely a question of the complainants attempting to substitute their judgment for that of the City manager.

98. That two local tax paying citizens Rode and Adams have an air compressor available for rent and it was so available at all relevant times herein stated and these Affiants verily believe that it is not in the best business interest for Mac to compete with local tax payers even though no charge is made.

98. I have told many citizens that Adams & Rode had an air compressor for rent to the general public and many times they would reply that it was not available, and on some of such occasions I have used the City air compressor, but it was not in competition to Adams & Rode.

99. That the City supplied equipment used to spray the race track with DDT on several occasions and that in so far as these Affiants can determine no charge has been made by the City for such service.

99. That it is true that the City spraying machine has been used many times to spray around the barns at the race track. The Sonora Park Association always paid for the DDT. I think it is an advantage to the City to destroy the flies at the race barns rather than wait until they enter our town. What would the complainants do, if anything, in an attempt on the part of the City to prevent the spread of polio? Do they have no regard for such matters?

100. That four City employees devoted a whole workday to tamping poles at the drive in and Affiants do believe that the City made no charge for such service.

100. That we did set and tamp poles at the Bronco Drivein Theatre, and no charge was made for same, because the City sells electricity to this business, and we were merely setting the poles and hooking up lines to deliver the electricity to be used in said business.

101. That the City equipment and one city employee loaded and unloaded motors and pipes for the Sam Allison field and that no charge was made for the used of said equipment and the City employee.

101. That we did load and unload pump, motor and pipe at the Sam Allison farm field, and we connected these motors on the City electric line. While no charge was made for the loading and unloading of this pump, motor and pipe, Sam Allison was charged for the construction of the line.

102. That the stand-by air compressor which is used to start the big engines on the hill has been broken and torn down for at least one year or longer.

102. That it is true that the spare air compressor has been down for some time, but a new one is on order, and under the turmoil and world conditions it is not believed that this respondent can be criticised because of the delay in delivery on this order.

103. That in the Spring of 1951, Bobby and his wife made a trip to San Antonio, Houston and then on to Omaha, Nebraska in the City truck and at City expense. Bobby said that such trip was his vacation but he later took a series of several days, each of which he then said was his vacation.

103. That Bobby did, under my instructions, go to San Antonio, Houston and Omaha, looking for a fuel tank, but he was not on a vacation; that he had taken six days of his 10 days vacation when I gave him these instructions.

104. That Mac tried to charge a local citizen for the use of the air compressor but that the local citizen refused to pay unless others so using also paid and that Mac rescinded the charges.

104. That I have no knowledge of the matters stated in the 104th charge, and same is too indefinite for anyone to know what instance the complainants are talking about.

105. That Mac as plumbing inspector directed Speck McClelland to make certain correction and did so authorize on a job that he was doing for Judge Elliott and that Judge Elliott came down to the job and told Mac to rescind his suggestion to Speck and Mac did so do.

105. That I am unable to recall the instance directing Speck McClelland to make certain changes on the job that was being done at the Elliott apartments; however, upon information and belief I state that Johnny Martin was doing the plumbing work, and Speck McClelland was the foreman for L. W. Elliott in such work, and Speck McClelland, who is considered a first class plumber, contended that the way such plumbing was to be installed was correct and sufficient, to which I agreed.

106. That Mac told Hub Hale that it would be necessary to rewire most of Hale's section of town with heavier wire before Mr. Hale could expect adequate voltage but that the same was never done and so far as these Affiants know no such heavier wiring was on order at the time or has been ordered since. These Affiants do know that the engine voltage has been stepped up to provide higher voltage and that such engine voltage is in excess of the suggested voltage by the engine manufacturer.

106. That we have made four changes on our electric lines that are serving the Hale section due to increased load, and I have personally checked with Mr. Hale and other citizens in that section in regard to voltage and they seem to be satisfied as far as I can tell. We maintain 2500 volts on our switch board at power plant. This is the voltage that the City power plant was maintaining when I came to Sonora about eight years ago. It appears to me if this voltage was too high the switch board and generators would have been burned out long before now. This voltage is not too high.

107. That although necessitated by reasons of safety, a gas mask was not until recently placed near the chlorinator and then only after J. C. Berry had become gravely gassed, and these Affiants assert that the present gas mask is not sufficient to provide adequate protection.

107. That the gas mask which we have near our chlorinator was recommended to be the type needed by us for such purpose.

108. That although independent auditors have consistently recommended an adequate stock control system of handling supplies, it is still a fact that any City employee from my dept. can go into the stock room and withdraw any item of supplies and for which he is on his honor, so to speak, to make an entry on the merchandise book.

108. The question or policy of permitting any City employee to go into the stock room and withdraw supplies, rather than employ an additional person to keep the stock room at all times, as recommended by the auditor, is one of management under the direction of the City Commissioners, which is in keeping with the policy if the Commission to hold down the expenses as low as possible.

109. That the present City ordinances specifies a \$15.00 deposit for commercial accounts but that when Hollis Nut took charge of the Ka-Bar, Mac insisted on a \$50.00 deposit, contrary to such ordinances. Subsequently the deposit was compromised at a \$25.00 figure.

109. That the City does not have an ordinance covering meter deposits, but does have a resolution. Since this resolution was adopted I have been advised by the Commission to secure enough deposit to cover current account. I did ask Mr. Nutt for a fifty dollar deposit and he told me that it would be a little hard for him to put up \$50.00 at that time but said he could put up \$25.00. My understanding, at the time I accepted the \$25.00 deposit, was that Mr. Nut paid all his bills promptly.

110. That a citizen named Urias moved a new home in across from the Catholic Church in Sonora and

was required by Mac to pay for the total cost of a sewer line down the middle of the street for a block to the next connection. Subsequently, an adjoining neighbor desired to connect onto such sewer line later, down the street, and said Urias objected that it was his personal line, having paid for entirely by himself. Mac told Urias that since the line was in the street it was City property and that the neighbor could make a connection to it without having to make any contribution for the original cost of construction.

110. That the Urias residence mentioned in the sewer zone which requires him to connect to the City sewer; that afterwards a party across the street from Urias wanted to connect to the Urias line, and I told him he could do so; and I also told Urias that if the party across the street would not pay him for part of the line the City would, but Urias has never presented the City with a bill.

111. That Mac on another occasion condemned certain outside facilities, and required poor people to pay the entire cost of installing a sewerage.

111. That we have condemned several places where ordinance required the people to connect to the sewer line; that they were in the sewer zone, and the lines they paid for could serve only them; that it is not true that only poor people were required to pay for their sewer connections. Mr. Bill Miers' rent house was condemned and he connected it to the sewer line at his expense.

112. That approximately a year ago Mac requested that the City operation be augmented to provide an additional \$100,000 for the purchase of a new engine for the light plant but as was reported to these Affiants, Mac was advised that it was not an expedient time to ask for such a sum of money and that the people of the City of Sonora, would not approve it.

112. That I did ask the City Commission for additional funds to purchase more generating equipment at the power plant, because I felt it my duty to advise them that additional equipment is going to be needed to meet the expansion and growing demand of our town.

113. That not withstanding the fact that citizens on the Ozona side of the town (across the draw) have been paying a sewerage tax without receiving any sewerage, the City under Mac has used City funds on various projects instead of keeping faith with such Citizens and making sewerage available to them.

113. That the Sewer Bonds were voted and the sewer system installed in the town of Sonora long before I came to Sonora, so that it is utterly ridiculous to charge that I have failed to keep faith with the citizens in West Sonora; that such citizens should have sewer service, and I would be glad to install sewer service in West Sonora at any time I am authorized to do so and funds are available therefor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock of who formerly ranched her, were in Sonora last weekend visiting old friends in the Owensville section.

LOCAL GARAGES NAMED AUTO INSPECTION STATIONS

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today that his Department has issued the first certificates of appointment as authorized motor vehicle inspection stations under the State's new vehicle inspection law.

Three hundred applicants were included in the initial list and an additional 2200 are currently in the process of issuance.

Sonora firms which have been appointed or have applied for appointment as motor vehicle inspection stations are Sonora Motor Company, Elliott Motor Company, Lamar Fuqua Chevrolet Company, Lyles and Rape, and Grange Johnson Pontiac-Cadillac Company.

Garrison estimates that actual inspection of autos will get under way by some of these stations during Christmas week and he urged all automobile owners to get their inspections as soon as a location is approved and licensed in their vicinity in order that the big rush may be avoided just prior to April 1, 1952. The new law requires that a vehicle must pass inspection before it can be registered. The 1952 registration year begins April 1st.

George Busby, Chief of the Public Safety's newly organized Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, also appealed to motorists to have a preliminary check of the safety features of their cars made by their regular mechanic pending the actual inspection by an official station. He pointed out that it is not wise to assume that your auto will necessarily pass the test because it is new.

"A little research has shown us," Busby said, "that approximately fifty percent of brand new autos would fail to pass the tests because of a need for some minor adjustments such as headlights or wheel

ANSWERING GENERALLY

1. The complainants, whether actuated by themselves or someone else, have not only viciously questioned my integrity but also my ability and qualifications to operate a light plant; that while the City Commissioners know to the contrary, yet I think it proper that I here state for the benefit of the citizens of Sonora that I have had many years experience in such work, having worked for the city of Hearn, Texas, for fifteen years as their electrician and Diesel engineer; then to San Augustine, Texas, for two years to operate their municipal light plant; then to Baird, Texas, working for Fairbanks-Morse Company in the construction of the Baird municipal plant, and after the plant was completed, I was employed by the City of Baird for three and a half years to operate such plant, when I resigned to do some work for Brown and Root Construction Company for about one year in supervising the installation and construction of Diesel plant and electrical system; that I have been here in Sonora for nearly eight years, and due to my experience in the operation and installation of light plants I was able to save the City some seven or eight thousand dollars by personally installing the last large engine purchased by the City instead of having to have the factory install same.

2. That I really have more duties than any one man should be called upon to perform, which requires me to work at long and late hours, but I have been willing and glad to do so in an effort to work with the Commissioners to carry out their policy of operating the City's business in an economical way. However, since the expansion of our light and water system and the increase of revenues therefrom, the Commissioners may very properly now consider relieving me of the duties as City manager thereby permitting me to devote my entire time to the operations of our light, water and sewer systems.

3. Having faithfully worked for City of Sonora, and being guilty of no intentional wrong doing, but maybe some errors in judgment, as most people are, I respectfully request the Commissioners to find me not guilty of the charges filed against me.

R. M. McCarver
I, R. M. McCarver, do solemnly swear that the foregoing answer and the matters and things therein stated are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. McCarver
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by R. M. McCarver, at Sonora, Texas, this 31st day of December, A. D., 1951.

George H. Neill
Notary Public, Sutton County, Tex.

John F. Howell and Jack Ratliff spent last weekend visiting in Big Springs in the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wood.

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alignment." "The first few miles of road use," he continued, "plus the new metal parts of the auto often work together to throw some of these parts out of adjustment and a pre-check by your mechanic will easily assure you that your auto will pass inspection."

Musby also pointed out to owners of new and old autos as well that only the safety features of the vehicles will be inspected. These include brakes, lights, horn, windshield wipers, etc.

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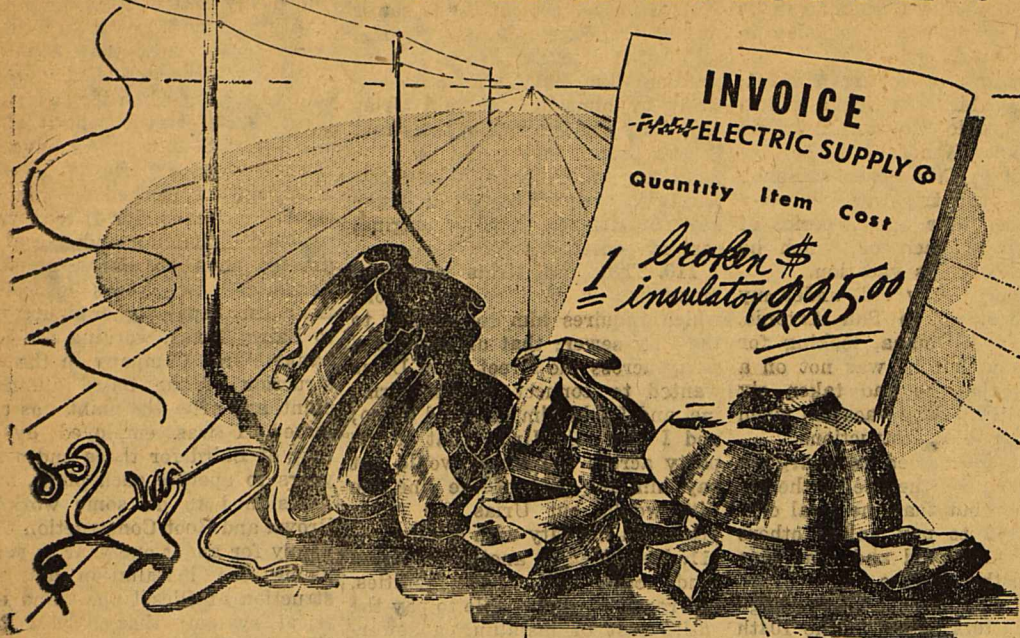
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Seems like a high price to pay for a pound or of porcelain, doesn't it? Yet that's just what it cost one co-op recently to replace an insulator broken by a very thoughtless fellow with a rifle and nothing else to shoot at. It took over 75 man-hours and 180 miles of line inspection to locate and repair the insulator.

The man who fired the shot just couldn't realize that he would cause all that trouble and expense. More important, he probably couldn't realize that the outrage his stupidity caused would work a real hardship on many consumers on that line.

And "hardship" doesn't just mean that those folks wouldn't have any lights. In the present emergency, farmers and ranchmen are depending more and more on electricity to help them do the job of producing the food and fiber that is needed.

Our job is to keep the farmers and ranchmen supplied with that electricity, and to extend service to farms not yet electrified. Please don't make us take time from that job to repair equipment that wouldn't be damaged except for thoughtless shooting.

We would like to ask every member of this community to do one thing: When you use a gun, use your head. Don't sabotage vital electric equipment.

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SOCIETY NOTES -

Sonora, Texas Friday, January 4, 1952

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Students Honored With Tea Dance

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ratliff entertained Sunday afternoon at the Ka-Bar Club with a tea dance honoring Ralph and Dick Copeland, Nancy Bryan Hunt, and Jack, Bill and Shannon Ratliff.

Guests included the student body of Sonora High School and out-of-town guests from Del Rio, Junction, San Angelo, Eldorado, and Ozona. About One hundred eighty attended.

Decorations were arrangements of red and white cut flowers. Punch, sandwiches and cookies were served. Music was furnished by Miss Jamie Trainer and the Melo-Maids.

PASTIME 42 CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. R. G. NANCE

Mrs. R. G. Nance entertained the Pastime Forty-two Club in her home Thursday, December 20. Mrs. H. V. Morris won high, Mrs. Rose Thorp won bingo. Mrs. R. V. Cook also won high.

Mrs. George D. Chalk and Mrs. Jim Cauthorn served cake with whipped cream topping and coffee.

Those attending were Mmes. John Bunnell, R. V. Cook, Tom Sandherr, H. V. Morris, Robert Rees, George D. Chalk, Cladue Stites, Arthur Simmons, Rose Thorp, Robert Kelley, Sr., Jim Cauthorn, Joe Berger and Arch Crosby.

MISS DORAN HONORED WITH PARTY FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doran honored their daughter, Roberta, with a New Year's party Friday night, December 28 at their home. Games and fireworks were the main attractions of the evening.

Supper was served to Norris Loeffler, Martha Renfro, Royce Regeon, Blanche Taylor, Tart Mund, Carlene Peebles, Ernest Stephen, Jackie Wardlaw, Tyree Hardy, Jack Henderson, Patsy Moore, J. R. Caldwell, Ken Berg of Seattle, Washington, Dolores Alexander of Junction and the honoree.

MRS. BARROW HOSTESS TO THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. George Barrow entertained the Thursday Bridge Club in her home Wednesday, December 19. High score and slam was won by Mrs. S. M. Kerbow and low was won by Mrs. Joe Berger.

Fruit cake and coffee was served to Mmes. Joe Berger, R. G. Nance, H. V. Morris, S. M. Kerbow, B. C. McGilvray, Lee Labensky, Robert Rees, and John Bunnell. Christmas decorations were used.

YOUR HEALTH

Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and Dr. Geo W. Cox, State Health Office, urges every one to do their utmost to prevent accident in order that the season of merriment be not changed to one of sorrow or suffering.

This season of the year brings with it an increase in the motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of persons, enjoying a vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health, and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon effective partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the highway or street, your safety and that of the other fellow, depend upon both of you.

The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, in the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights and lives of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic deaths and unnecessary suffering. In the face of the hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inherent part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligation as partners in the Safety Traffic business, and to accept our responsibilities as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be considered a source of possible accident; but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock of Devine were guests of Mrs. Luella O'Leary over the Christmas holidays.

Pfc. Royce Regeon, who is stationed at Ft. Bliss, was home for several days visiting his mother, Mrs. W. K. Regeon.

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Young Pianist To Play In Ozona Concert

Ruth Robbins, lovely young concert pianist who will be the next attraction presented by the Ozona Municipal Concert Association, is a pianist of international repute. Miss Robbins' concert will be held at the Ozona High School auditorium, on Tuesday, January 8, 1952, at 8 o'clock. The warmth of Miss Robbins' personality and the excellence of her artistry has won for her a host of friends and admirers in this county and Europe.

Upon the completion of her studies at the famed Juilliard School in New York, Miss Robbins went to France to study with the celebrated Robert Casadesus. She also studied with the world famous Nadia Boulanger who is credited with having one of the strongest living influences on the creation and interpretation of music.

During her various tours in France, Miss Robbins made several radio appearances over the French National Broadcasting System, as well as appearing in joint recital with eminent European artists. Ruth Robbins relates that little did she realize, when she was touring France, that very soon she would be touring Europe again — not in response to the many invitations she received for repeat performances but to entertain the masses of GI's who clamored for her appearance in person. Since her return to the United States virtually every appearance on her extensive concert tours is accompanied by enthusiastic greetings from GI's who fondly remember the moments of "escape" which Ruth Robbins brought to them in their battle encampments.

MRS. RAPE ENTERTAINS WITH DINNER SUNDAY

Mrs. Dock Rape entertained with a dinner on her birthday, Sunday, December 23. She had as her guests her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richardson of Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Trainer of Merton, Mr. and Mrs. James Nettleson of Pandale, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dutton of Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Brown also of Junction, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cahill. Mrs. Fern McGhee also attended.

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FRIENDSHIP CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. FRED SPINKS

Mrs. Fred Spinks entertained the Friendship Class of the First Baptist Church her home Wednesday evening, December 19.

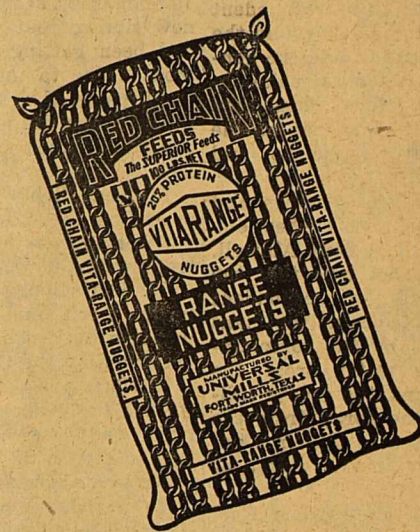
Mrs. W. O. Crites opened with a prayer and Mrs. Spinks led the devotional. Slides of the Christmas Story were shown. Gifts were exchanged.

The Christmas theme was carried out in decorating. Fruit cake and coffee were served to twenty members and four guests.

Mrs. Dick Morrison and son and daughter, Joe and Janet, spent several of the holidays visiting in Fort Worth and Granbury where they visited Mrs. J. E. Waldrop and Mrs. F. B. Morrison.

Hal Hervey of Odessa was here last weekend visiting friends.

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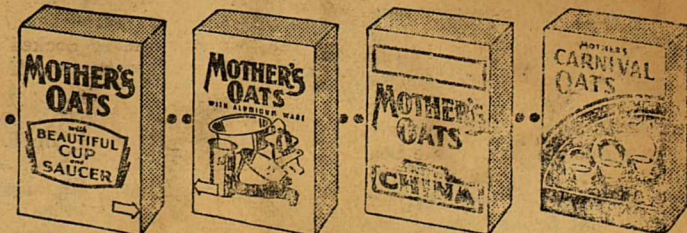
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