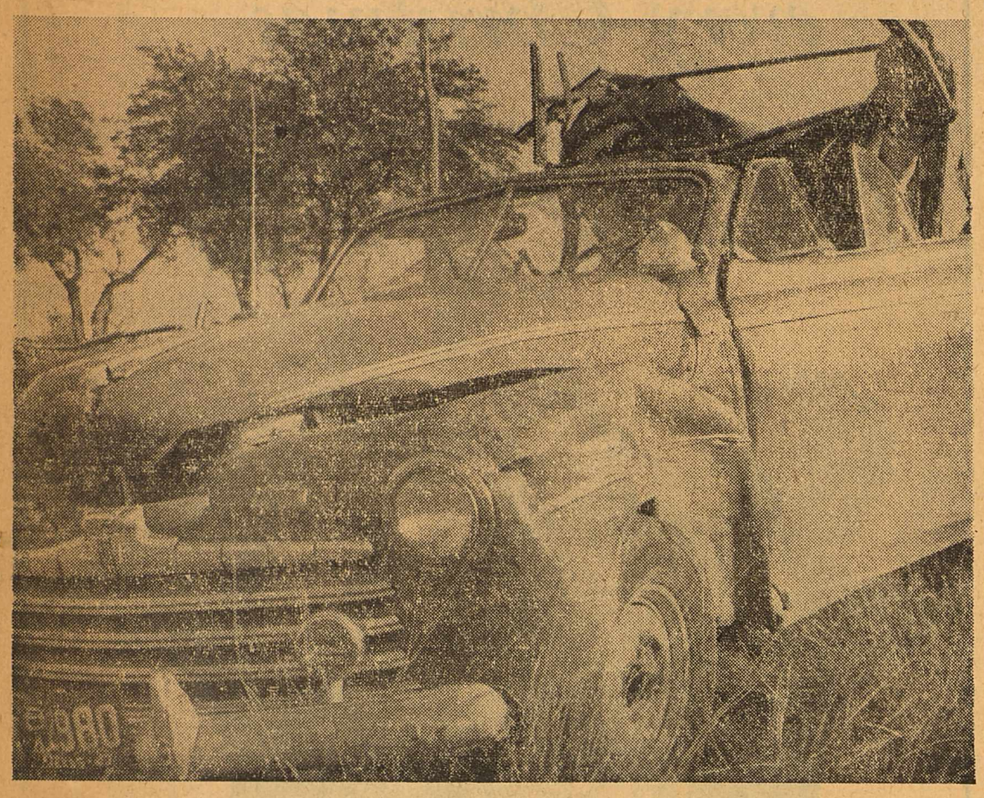
The Devil's River News

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Robert Allen Simmons Killed Monday In Crash



Funeral Services Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Robert Allen Simmons, 26-year-old local ranchman who was killed Monday in a tragic highway accident 3 miles east of here, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Baptist Church. The Rev. J. E. Eldridge read the services.

Shown at left is the demolished convertible in which Robert Allen Simmons was killed near Sonora Monday afternoon.
—Photo by Boyd Lovelace.

Simmons was returning from Junction early Monday afternoon when the convertible coupe he was driving went out of control while negotiating a right hand curve. The car knocked down two guard posts on the outside of the curve, came back to the center of the road and overturned, righted itself and rolled about 75 feet down the highway, finally coming to rest against a fence on the right side of the curve. Simmons was thrown from the car when it turned over and was killed instantly. He was found a short time later by Miss Clara Allison and Miss Sally Wardlaw, whom he had passed only a few minutes before, and a tourist, L. T. Cantrell of Nashville, Tenn.

Time of the accident was set at 2:30 o'clock by the fact that the young ranchman's watch was found stopped at that hour. Glass and debris were scattered for 150 yards along the right-of-way.

Survivors include his wife, a stepson, James Handley, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Auther Simmons, two sisters, Mrs. Joe Hull and Mrs. Hillman Brown and a brother, Dock Simmons.

Simmons was born and raised in Sutton County. He was graduated from Sonora High School and later attended Texas A&M College. He entered the U. S. Army in August, 1942, and served as a Technician 5th Grade with the 83rd General Hospital in the European Theatre of Operations. His decorations and citations include the American Theatre Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged at Camp Fannin in January, 1946, after 3 years and 4 months service. He was married this summer to the former Mrs. Margaret Handley of Greenville.

Pallbearers included Wilfred Berger, Reginald Trainer, Clyle Clemens, Cleve Jones, Jr., Dr. Joe B. Logan, Alfred Schwiening, Jr., Eugene Adams and B. W. Emert. Interment was in Sonora Cemetery.

First Snowfall Of Winter Sunday

Sonora and ranches situated in the northern and eastern parts of the county were treated to the first snow of the winter Sunday when an estimated three inches fell here. About 8 o'clock Sunday morning some hail and sleet was reported, but by 9 o'clock a steady snowfall had blanketed the town.

The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company reported that the snow amounted to .32 inches in moisture. Snow was reported as far east as Fort McKavitt but melted as soon as it hit the ground.

Snow was reported as falling only about 7 miles west of town, and a few miles south.

The building of snow men and snowball fights, which attracted most youngsters Sunday afternoon, were good for only one day, as warmer weather Sunday night melted nearly all of the snow.

Sawyer Buys Out Ozona Jewelry

Wesley Sawyer, owner of the Wesley Sawyer Jewelry in Sonora, has bought out the jewelry department of the Ratliff Hardware and Furniture Store in Ozona. Sawyer has employed Mrs. N. E. Smith of Ozona as clerk in charge of the store and plans to have a jewelry and watch repair man there.

Formal opening of the store was held Wednesday.

State Historical Ass'n. Offers Theme Prizes

The Texas State Historical Association has announced a special prize of $50 in the Junior Historian Writing Contest for 1948 for the best paper based on a personal reminiscence. The winning paper will also be eligible for the $100 prize in the state-wide writing contest. This special contest is intended to make Texans conscious of the wealth of historical material available through interviews with "old-timers" in their communities.

Contest entries may deal with any phase of personal experience. Some suggestions of subjects are: Pioneer days, Indian fights, cattle driving, early politics, war experiences, or biographical sketch of any outstanding pioneer of a Texas community.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station Austin 12, Texas.

Mrs. Frank B. Williams of Sierra Blanca has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Labenske.

B. M. Halbert Jr. Reelected Chairman Of Sutton County AA Tuesday

In the election held at the local AAA office Tuesday, local ranchmen elected B. M. Halbert, Jr., Chairman, Rip Ward, Vice-Chairman, Cleve T. Jones, Jr., Regular Member, Lea Roy Aldwell, 1st Alternate Member, and Edwin E. Sawyer, 2nd Alternate Member to serve as the Sutton County Agricultural Conservation Association Committeemen during the 1948 program.

At this time it is not known what funds will be allocated to Sutton County to carry out the AC program in 1948, but it is understood that the allocation will be less than was allocated to the county in 1947.

The 1948 program differs from former programs in that $500 is the maximum amount that any one operator may earn in one year. For example, if a producer has an interest in one ranch as an individual and in another ranch as a member of a bona fide partnership, he may receive a maximum payment of $500 as an individual and the partnership may receive a maximum payment of $500.

The practices selected that can be carried out in Sutton County under the 1948 program are:

1. Construction of terraces.
2. Construction of division terraces.
3. Construction of earthern dams or reservoirs for livestock water or erosion control.
4. Drilling or digging wells for livestock water.
5. Installing pipelines for livestock water.
6. Elimination of destructive plants on noncrop pasture and range land.
7. Reseeding range or pasture land by deferred grazing.
8. Establishing or improving permanent pastures by seeding adapted pasture grasses, pasture legumes, or mixtures of grasses and legumes.
9. Growing a green manure or cover crop of summer legumes.
10. Renovation of oak pastures.

Renovation of oak pastures is a local practice, and has been approved only in Sutton, Kimble, Edwards, and a few counties adjoining Edwards County.

The payment rate for this local practice is 8 cents per acre for each one percent infestation, not to exceed $3 per acre.

It is limited to pastures on which oak is the predominant variety of brush or shrubs, and limited to 25 percent of the oak-infested pasture on the farm or ranch. The degree of infestation will be determined to the nearest whole percent by judging the percentage of the ground covered by the total spread of shrubs or brush. Not to exceed 25 percent of the county's original allocation of funds, plus 25 percent of any additional allocation of funds, may be used under this practice.

The specifications: The methods and operations performed in establishing the practice must be such that all plants that cannot be browsed by goats and sheep must be cut, chopped, bulldozed or cabled at least to a height that the plants can be browsed by goats and sheep. The producer will be required to maintain the practice in accordance with good range practices as set up by the county committee.

Advice to the rancher on this performance: Secure written approval of the county committee and obtain a preliminary survey before the renovation work is begun. Report performance using the form on which the practice was approved, after the renovation work is completed and by the expiration date for reporting established by the county committee.

All practices carried out under the 1948 program, must have written approval by the county committee before beginning the practice, and must be reported on the form on which the practice was approved, but the date set for reporting which is established by the county committee.

For further information concerning the different practices and payment rates on these practices may be secured by contacting the AAA office or the above named county committeemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Alice Lee, Mrs. Winnie West and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Nicholas visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack West and family in Fort Worth over the weekend.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By O. C. FISHER, M. C.

Aid Bill

Only time will tell whether the winter relief measure for three European countries will accomplish its avowed purposes. Those responsible for our national security are nearly unanimous in viewing the present extension of relief as vital to Tmerica's national security.

Perhaps few people realize that in this Atomic age a major source of the fissionable material for the atomic bomb is under the control of certain European countries where continued independence of communist domination is of the highest importance to the United States and its future security.

The temporary relief measure, which is not to be confused with the Marshall Plan, will be mainly in the form of goods and commodities to France, Austria and Italy. We have some surpluses that can be spared this winter, particularly wheat. Our wheat production this year amounts to 1,400,000,000 bushels, which is about twice as much as we have even consumed in this country in one year. An amendment to prohibit export-for-aid of commodities in short supply in this country, which I supported, was not adopted. Controls over such exports, however, will be in the hands of the President. I also voted for amendments to restrict the exportation of fertilizer and farm machinery which I felt should not be exported when our own farmers can't get them.

An amendment to terminate assistance to any country if such country should become communist-dominated, which I offered on the floor, was adopted by a vote of 2-to-1. I am opposed to advancing any more American help to any country that is under control from Russia.

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One surplus we can easily spare at this time is mohair. A considerable surplus has developed in Texas warehouses and the market has been very dull this fall. Because of that condition, I have renewed my request, made in October at the suggestion of Mr. Frank Montague of Bandera, that the officials in charge of relief make use of some of this surplus and thereby relieve our own mohair industry of a cloud on our domestic market.

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Christmas Plans

It is expected that the present session will end this week-end. I have accepted an invitation to be in Kerrville on December 19 to take part in dedication ceremonies of the new $2 million veterans hospital addition at Legion.

With the expansion of the buildings there and with the installation of the very best and most modern equipment to be found anywhere, the hospital at Legion will be one of the largest and best facilities for tuberculosis and other types of treatment in America. We have good reason to be proud of that institution.

I will spend Christmas in San Angelo with my wife and daughter, and during the vacation period I hope to visit briefly over the district, particularly at places where time did not permit me to go before I was called back to Washington in October. In the meantime, my Washington office will remain open and prompt attention will be given any matters that come in.

This being my last News Letter of the year, I extend tranks to all the publishers of the district and to all my friends for their fine cooperation in the past. To everyone I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

On Academy Honor Roll

Ralph Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Copeland of Sonora, a fifth grade student at San Antonio Military Academy, San Antonio, has won a place on the scholastic honor roll of that school. Richard Copeland is also a student at the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Mears of Menard left Sunday after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vander Stucken.

Santa Visits Kids At Lions Club Tues.

Forty-nine children, guests of the Lions Club at luncheon and a Christmas program Tuesday in the basement of the Methodist Church, received the thrill of their lives as Santa Claus, beaming with pleasure at being in a warmer climate for a change, shook hands and presented each one a present and a bag of fruit and candy.

The annual affair, attended by 57 Lions and other guests, was opened with the singing of America and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. W. P. Carmichael gave the benediction. After a chicken dinner, each Lion introduced his guests to the group. On the program were Carleen Peeples, Nina Smith, Peggy Sue Reiley, Phillip Cooper and Peggy Ann Willman. The musical program was under the direction of H. R. Hay. Guests, besides the children, included Carroll Ratliff and Tom Darrow.

The club voted not to have any more meetings until Tuesday, January 6. January has been designated as membership month, and all members are urged to be present during the January meetings. On the program committee for January are the Rev. W. P. Carmichael, A. E. Wells and Clay Puckett.

University Planning Research To Improve Texas Rangeland Grasses

Plans of the University of Texas Plant Research Institute to make a long range study toward improving rangeland grasses have been endorsed by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

A special committee of the Association approved the study, which may ultimately have great significance to all livestock and agricultural states.

The work will be biological in character, and will be conducted in the laboratory. Basic knowledge acquired in laboratory experiments later may be applied to the range.

Dr. Gordon Whaley, director of the Plant Research Institute, said the investigation will include three groups of interrelated problems: Mineral nutrition and metabolism of native and imported grasses of recognized or potential range value, and the relation of nutritional factors to development and general growth; an exact dtermination of relations between growth and development of the grasses and their environment by means of studies conducted in controlled environment laboratories in which it will be possible to alter at will light, temperature, humidity, and gas content of the atmosphere, and a study of complex biological factors of reproduction in grasses as preparation for the synthesis of of new varieties.

The University Development Board will attempt to raise funds to supplement support now available to the Plant Institute, so that the new project may begin immedi ately.

ELLIOTT SEAL SALE $300

The L. W. Elliott Tuberculosis Seal Sale committee reports receipt of over $300 so far in its drive to sell $800 worth of seals before Christmas.

About half of those to whom letters were sent have returned money for the enclosed seals.

R. S. Glaze of Fort Worth is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. Winnie West and family.

SUFFERS BURNED HAND

Miss Christine Legg, second grade teacher, suffered severe burns on her right hand Wednesday afternoon, when a pitcher of hot syrup overturned while she was pouring it. She received treatment here.

Mrs. Trainer's Father Ill

Mrs. Reginald Trainer left Thursday morning for Texarkana to be with her father, H. G. Long, who suffered a stroke Wednesday. His condition was reported as unchanged Thursday afternoon.

Billy Bob Ellingson Operated On Thursday

Billy Bob Ellingson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellingson, was operated on for appendicitis Thursday morning at a San Angelo hospital. He was reported as doing well Thursday afternoon and is expected home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Mears of Menard were hunting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Mears bagged a buck while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Graves of Marlin visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMullen over the weekend.

ONCE BRUSHY RANGE—

"Magic Valley" Now Fills Texas' Christmas Stocking With Fruits

Sweet juicy oranges and tangerines, as well as golden grapefruit, mean Christmas in any language, and the Rio Grande Valley is playing Santa Claus again this year.

Back in 1900, the Rio Grande Valley was a vast, brush-covered country with a dense growth of mesquite, ebony, huisache and prickly pear, sparsely populated with ranchmen. Today, more than eight million citrus trees are on the same area and produce thousands of carloads of fruit.

In 1904, the first railroad went into the Valley and paved the way for later development of the citrus industry. It was 1915, however, before the first substantial commercial planting of 300 acres of grapefruit and orange trees was brought from Florida by John H. Shary and set out near the town of Mission. The success of this planting encouraged others until in less than five years there were almost a million trees scattered from one end of the Valley to the other. The first carload of citrus fruit was shipped north in 1921.

The clearing of brush was a tremendous undertaking and is still being carried on as the citrus orchards move northward. The skillful engineering that spreads the waters of the Rio Grande River through 3,000 miles of irrigation ditches to cover 350,000 acres of land is one reason why such a volume of fruit can be produced.

During the 1946 season, 29,372 cars of citrus fruit were produced and 37 plants for the canning of grapefruit and orange juice and the dehydration of grapefruit peel were in operation. The peel is converted into livestock feed.

A large part o fthe fruit produced in the Valley is now on the market, and the chances are that the oranges and tangerines in the Texas Christmas stocking are from the Magic Valley of the Rio Grande, once a brush-covered haven of wild cattle.

ELEVEN TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGES ENROLL MORE THAN 11,000 STUDENTS

Eleven public junior colleges in Texas have more than 1,000 students each.

A check on the 1947 fall enrollment shows a total of 31,188 students in the 33 public junior colleges in Texas, and 2,985 in the 14 private junior colleges.

Colleges reporting more than 1,000 enrollment were Corpus Christi, Hardin at Wichita Falls, Henderson County Junior College at Athens, John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, Lamar at Beaumont, North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, University of Houston junior college, and colleges in Laredo, Paris, Kilgore and Tyler.

Mrs. George Brockman of San Angelo is a guest in the Joseph Vander Stucken home this week.

Church Services and Parties Mark Advent Of Christmas Season

Sonora's churches will observe the Christmas season this year with a variety of religious services and social events for both Sunday school and church groups.

The First Baptist Church held a Christmas tree party Wednesday night for its young people. On the short program was the exchanging of gifts, an appearance by Santa Claus, and carol singing. Regular services will be held Sunday morning at the church. Tonight the ladies' Sunday School classes will be entertained with a Christmas party at the church.

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Starting at 11:30 o'clock Christmas Eve at St. Ann's Church, Christmas carols will be sung. The service will continue with the Procession and will conclude with Midnight Mass. The Second Mass of Christmas will be held at 8 o'clock Christmas morning and the Third Mass of Christmas, singing of carols and Benediction will be held at 10 o'clock Christmas morning.

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A Christmas program will begin at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 21, at 6 o'clock. The program will consist of the singing of Christmas carols, distribution of packages from the Christmas tree by Santa Claus and a 22-minute Christmas sound movie, "The Child of Bethlehem." The public is cordially invited to attend this activity. On Sunday, December 21, at the regular hours, Sunday school classes and church services will be held as usual, according to the Rev. W. P. Carmichael, pastor.

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Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock a Christmas party will be held for Sunday school students at St. John's Episcopal Church. Santa will distribute gifts to the guests. Christmas Eve at 11 o'clock at the church there will be a 15-minute program of carol singing, followed by Holy Communion. Regular services will be held at the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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The Church of Christ will have morning services Sunday, December 21 at 11 o'clock.

Congratulations

To These New Parents

Marilyn Baker Millspaugh is the name given to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Millspaugh, Jr., who was born early Wednesday morning in a San Antonio hospital. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. S. S. Millspaugh and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker of Sonora. The Millspaughs have another daughter, Linda May.

Mrs. Carl Morrow and son, Jimmy, attended the Bob Burns show in San Angelo Thursday.

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SPINACH, Texas, No. 2 Can 10c
LIGHT CRUST
Pancake & Waffle Mix, 2 lb Box 25c
APPLE SAUCE, No. 2 Can 21c
ALMONDS, lb 42c
SHELLED ALMONDS, ½ lb Pkg. 55c
Grapefruit Juice, Texsun, No. 2 Can 8c
TRELLIS -- CREAM STYLE
CORN, 303 Can 16c
DEL MONTE
TOMATO JUICE, 2 - 303 Cans 25c
HELEN ANN
Fruit Cake Mix, 1¼ lb 39c
CAKE FLOUR, Light Crust, 2 lb Box 32c
Salt, Jefferson Island, Box 5c

CIGARETTES, All Popular Brands, Carton $1.63

Fruits & Vegetables

Oranges, Texas & California, lb 7c
Apples, Fancy Delivious, lb 12c- Box $4.25
CRANBERRIES, Good, lb 39c
CELERY, Pascal, Stalk 19c
Cauliflower, Nice, Large Head 29c

Meats

Picnic Hams, Ready to Eat, lb 57c
PORK ROAST, Good, lb 49c
Bacon Squares, Sugar Cured, lb 57c
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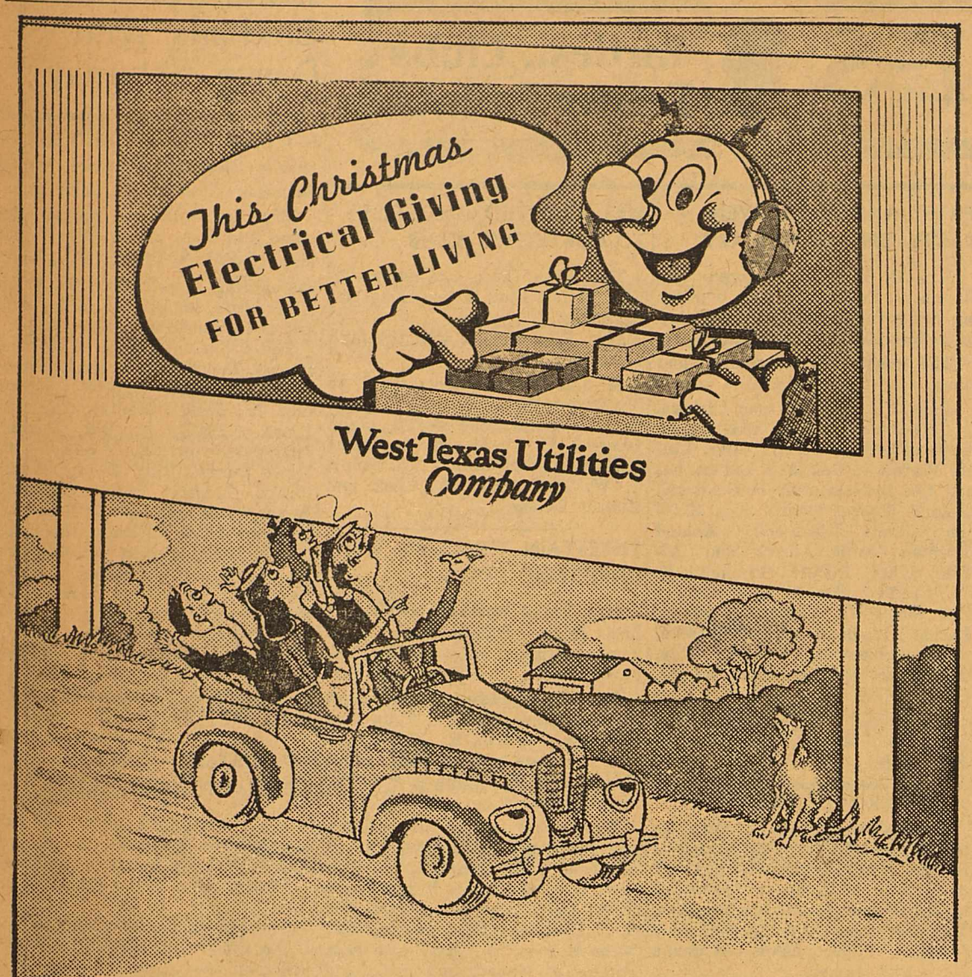
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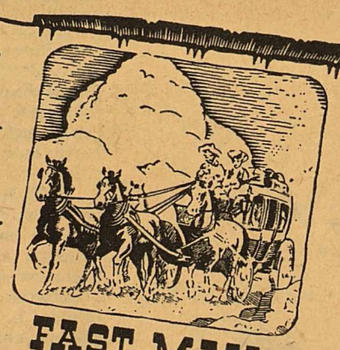
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A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By DR. BOB JONES, JR.

PRESIDENT OF BOB JONES UNIVERSITY Greenville, South Carolina

God never does anything half way, A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Christ. The Saviour took him aside from the multitude, put His fingers into his ears, touched his tongue with spit, and said unto him, "Be opened." And, according to the record, "the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain" (Mark 7:35). Small wonder, then, that the multitude "were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak" (Mark 7:37).

God's desire for men is that they be whole and complete. It is not enough to hear. He wants men to speak, also. There are some people who revel in the Word of God. They study it; they analyze it; they delve deep into its doctrines and its prophecies; they go to Bible conferences and listen to preaching and rejoice as they feed upon God's Word. They hear, but they do not speak; they make no effort to pass on to others what they have learned. They simply take it for their won enjoyment and own intellectual and pleasures the truths of God.

Ther are other people who do a great deal of talking. They are busy expressing their own opinions, swapping gossip, and having a great deal to say; but they really do not stop to listen and hear what God has to say to them. Happy is the man who both hears and speaks, and wise is the man who hears before he speaks. When Paul was preaching at Mars Hill, we are told the Athenians were busy telling and hearing new things—talking primarily and listening perforce.

The man who has had a message from God through the Book has an obligation to pass that message on to others, but no man is prepared to speak until he has first heard or been taught. Even the disciples who had been through the years with our Lord were commanded to tarry at Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them before they went out to preach the Gospel. The Spirit of God was Himself to come in anointing power upon them as their Teacher that they might speak His truth as He revealed it.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs
Future Events

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS AT CALDWELL HOME

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Leonard Caldwell.

Mrs. R. P. Davis gave the devotional reading and names were drawn for the Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged.

A salad plate and hot tea were served to Mesdames S. M. Loeffler, Davis, Lena Cousins, Ervin Willman and Thelma Briscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Elliott spent Friday in Del Rio.

F. W. B. C. MEETS WITH MRS. BRASHER WEDNESDAY

The Firemens Wives Bridge Club was entertained Wednesday night by Mrs. J. H. Brasher.

The Christmas motif was carried out.

Mrs. Lee Patrick won high score, Mrs. L. E. Holland won low and Mrs. Bill McGilvery won the bingo prize.

A sandwich course was served to Mesdames G. G. Bennett, Scott Roberts, George Barrow, Ford Allen, E. T. Smith, Holland, Patrick and McGilvery.

DANCE

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BROWNIES ENTERTAINED BY LEADERS WEDNESDAY

The Brownies were entertained Wednesday afternoon by their leader, Mrs. Johnny O'Bryan and assistant leader, Mrs. Herbert Fields, in the Joseph Vander Stucken home.

Mrs. Fields read Christmas stories, and the group sang Christmas carols accompanied by Mrs. Vander Stucken at the piano.

Gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree and red and green pop corn balls were served.

Brownies present were: Wanda Sue Mackey, Janelle Mayhew, Jackie Puckett, Mary Lois Hull, Yvonne Logan, Adah B. Wardlaw, Jan Vander Stucken, Tommy Espy, June Rose Lyles, Nancy Bess Wilson, Ruby Lee Crenwelge, Ann Morris, Johnny Sue Baggett, and Vadena Frazier. Others present were: Patti O'Bryan, Jo Bess Vander Stucken, Corky Fields, Johnny Fields, Mack Mayhew, Mrs. Frank Mayhew and Mrs. Clay Puckett.

Mrs Byron Stuart and Mrs. Hugh Grey of Ozona have been guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johny O'Bryan.

W. R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Johnson, arrived Monday night for the Christmas holidays. He is a student at the Duke University Medical School at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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W. S. C. S. Meets For Christmas Program, Tree

The W. S. C. S. met Wednesday in the Methodist Church for a Christmas program and tree. Each one brought a gift for the Ozona center and for Mrs. Mittee Walters' prison work.

Little red socks were made by Mrs. Dee Word's and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer's Sunday School classes for gifts going to the prison farm.

Cash donations were also given for this work.

A business meeting was held. Mrs. Rex Cusenbury read a letter of thanks from the United World Service of Churches in the Philipine Islands.

Following the business meeting a program was given. Miss Nina Smith gave three readings, "Father's Gift to a Son," "The Little Match Girl," and "Christmas Prayer."

Mrs. Rex Cusenbury presented Mrs. J. F. Howell, the president, with a silver compote in appreciation and love for her services in the W. S. C. S.

After a closing prayer by Reverend Carmichael refreshments were served to seventeen guests.

FOR SALE—One two-horse trailer. See Pearl Luxton at the Club Cafe. 1tp9

W. M. U. Business Meeting

The WMU held a business meeting Wednesday afternoon at the church.

The opening song was "Tell Me the Old Old Story" and a prayer was given by Mrs. Lawrence Nichols. Mrs. Fern McGhee told the Christmas story, "Three Wise Men".

The minutes were read and approved and business was discussed. Reports for the quarter were made out and the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. J. E. Eldridge.

Those present were Mesdames. Roy Sewell, W. O. Crites, J. E. Eldridge, Nichols, R. R. Warren, McGhee, Bob Odom, and W. K. Regeon.

PATSY ANN RODE GIVEN PARTY ON ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. G. T. Rode honored her daughter, Patsy Ann with a party on her seventh birthday Tuesday afternoon in the Mat Adams home.

The guests played games and sang Christmas songs.

Favors were snow men suckers.

Christmas cookies and punch were served to Butch Baker, Linda Wardlaw, Rex Ann Baker, Loma Lee Bridges, Harold Gene and Roland Moore, Sandra Ann Skinner, Jamie Glasscock, Roland Drennan, Janis, Albert and Alfred Sykes, Robert Trainer, E. W. Bradley, Jonnie Mae Holmig, Ilee Simon Jr., Linda Sue Spoon, Pascal Allison, Ronald McPherson, Alline Schwiening, Tommie Ray, Artie Burt and Katherine Adams, Georgia Gail Rode.

Mrs. Wesley Sykes, Mrs. Idee Simon and Mrs. Adams assisted Mrs. Rode.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the lovely floral offerings and many acts of kindness extended us during our recent bereavement. May God bless each of you.

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MRS. ROSE THORP HOSTESS TO FORTY-TWO CLUB

Mrs. Rose Thorp was hostess to the Pastime Club in her home last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Wallace won the high score prize.

A salad plate was served to Mesdames Wallace, J. H. Brasher, O. G. Babcock, Joe Berger, John Bunnell, H. V. Morris, Lawrence Nichols, Robert Rees, C. E. Stites, J. W. Trainer, R. V. Cook and Robert Kelley.

ENTERTAIN THURSDAY WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Violet Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hamby were hosts Thursday night with a Christmas party.

Mrs. R. A. Halbert won high for the ladies, George Wynn won high for the men, R. C. Vicars won the slam prize, Miss Alice Karnes and S. F. Hauser won the bingo prizes.

Dinner was served to Messrs. and Mesdames P. J. Taylor, L. E. Johnson, R. C. Vicars, R. A. Halbert, Sterling Baker, Bryan Hunt, G. H. Davis, George Wynn and G. H. Hall. Mrs. Sam Karnes, Miss Alice Karnes, the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley F. Hauser and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy.

JERRY BALDWIN OBSERVES 6TH BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY

Jerry Baldwin was honored on his sixth birthday Thursday by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Letsinger.

Favors were walking turtles, tops for the boys and dolls for the girls.

Jack Baker won the prize for pinning on the donkey's tail and Joe Brown won the turtle race.

Cake, ice cream and punch were served to Jack Baker, Mackey Alexander, Roland Drennan, Butch Handley, Joe and Junior Brown, Cecelia and Jetty Young and Tracy Crites.

THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB ENTERTAINED BY KELLEYS

The Thursday Night Club was entertained last week by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly Jr. in the F. L. McKinney home.

Dinner was served and decorations included a gold basket filled with holly, mistletoe and autumn leaves tied with a red satin bow.

L. E. Johnson Jr. won high club and Son Allison high guest.

Club members and guests were Messrs. and Mesdames. L. E. Johnson JJr., Son Allison, Dewitt Lancaster, F. L. McKinney, Louis Davis, L. P. Bloodworth, Hillman Brown and Mrs. Dorothy Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening Jr. of Whitewright are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening Sr. and family.

Honors Ballroom Students With Dance Saturday

Mrs. Vestal Askew honored her ball room class and their guests with a Christmas formal dance Saturday night in the band hall.

Mrs. James Wilson played the piano and Mrs. Carnie Wyatt and Mrs. Miers Savell assisted with the serving of refreshments which were white sandwiches, red punch and red green mints.

Those present were Lois Lou Lomax, Inez Chalk, Jerry Chavers, Jackie Wardlaw, Harold Schwiening, Jr., John Stanley Hamby, Frank Howell, Jr., Bill Decker, Jimmy Morrow, Carnie Sue Wyatt, Tyree Hardy, Billy Bryan Savell, Phillip Cooper, Leroy Valliant, James T. Hunt, Joe Neill Smith, Beverly Smith, Ernest Stephen, Norris Loeffler, Nancy Neill, Max Murray, Carlene Peeples, Darlene Barrow, Anne Karnes, Myrtle McKee, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Betty June Drennan, Peggy Sue Barker, Bobby Ann Drennan, Janie Kiser, Darlene Lovelace, Jack Ratliff, Robert Clark, Flora Dell Davis and Phillip Hawley.

JAN VANDER STUCKEN GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken honored her daughter, Jan on her eighth birthday Tuesday afternoon.

Favors were Santa Claus candles.

The guests pinned buttons on Santa Claus' suit and Adah Wardlaw won the prize.

The snow white cake was decorated with Santa Claus in his sleigh and red candles. Ice cream snow balls and cake were served.

Those present were Adah Wardlaw, Jan Keng, June Rose Lyles, Ann Morris, Nancy Bess Wilson, Tommy Espy, Tootie Puckett and Jo Bess Vander Stucken.

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1938 CHEVROLET COUPE - One Owner
1937 CHEVROLET ½ T. PICKUP

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Mrs. Lee Labenske has returned home after spending a few days in San Antonio.

Mrs. Marvin Willman and son, Willie Ray were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Willman Tuesday.

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My pastures are in the game preserve and all trespassers, deer and turkey hunters are hereby warned to stay out as there is no open season for hunting in a game preserve.
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HOLIDAY DANCES

Three holiday dances are planned for Sonora during the next two weeks. On December 25, the Sonora Art Club will give a dance at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse, on December 27, the Young Women's Guild of the Episcopal Church will sponsor a dance at the same place, and on New Year's Eve, the Sonora Woman's Club will sponsor a dance, also at the wool house.

Don't forget the Christmas dances December 25 and 27 -- And don't forget to send her a corsage from the Saunders Flower Shop.

The perfect family gift Christmas day? A centerpiece from the Saunders Flower Shop. 1tc9

APPOINTED TO TCU BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF

Prof. Glenn Calvin Routt has been appointed to the faculty of TCU's Brite College of the Bible as professor in the department of theology and church doctrine. Routt, a native of Washington state, will assume his teaching duties in February, with the beginning of the spring semester.

The college was endowed by the late L. C. Brite, pioneer Marfa ranchman.

It has been found that grain sorghums are particularly rich in niacin, the vitamin that helps prevent pellagra.

One-fourth of the rain that falls in the forest is caught by tree leaves and branches and released back into the air.

Between 1930 and 1946, inclusive, the highest average weight of cattle slaughtered under federal inspection was 961 pounds in 1941 and the lightest was 909 pounds in 1935.

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Lone Star State 4-H Winners

OUTSTANDING 4-H records in 1947 Dairy Foods Demonstrations and Home Grounds Beautification activities have won state awards for three Texas club members. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Dorothy Frysinger



Buna Jo Collins



Bruce Gibson

Texas' team winners in the 1947 Dairy Foods Demonstrations are Dorothy Frysinger and Buna Jo Collins, both 15, of Weatherford. Each receives a $50.00 U. S. Savings Bond provided by the Kraft Foods Co. The team's demonstration, titled "Home Pasteurization," was given nine times before audiences totaling 535 people. The purpose of the demonstrations was to gain experience in public speaking, and develop teamwork and sportsmanship in showing others what has been learned regarding good methods of preparing dairy food products for all occasions.

Bruce Gibson, 17, of Turkey, wins state honors in the 1947 National 4-H Home Grounds activity. His reward is a 17-jewel gold watch provided by Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen of Chicago. Among his home-landscaping achievements during several years of club work are setting trees around the house; landscaping yards with bushes and shrubs; and painting the house and all farm buildings. Each year he trims the trees and paints over the scars to keep out insects and worms. Bruce has shown many exhibits, 20 of which were at inter-state meetings. He has won $150.00 in cash awards bringing the total estimated value of all his projects to $18,284.00.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating

Attractive, different, moderately priced. That tells the story of the gift selection at the Saunders Flower Shop. 1tc9

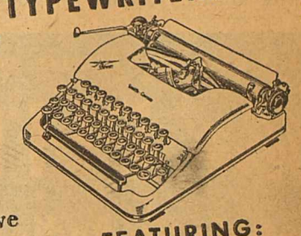
A nationwide farm rat control campaign will be sponsored jointly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of Interior, with farm, industry and citizen groups cooperating.

New gifts are arriving daily at the Saunders Flower Shop. Make a choice today and enjoy a wide selection. 1tc9

Frozen baked apples are among the newest cooked fruit desserts to appear in frozen food stores.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Saunders of Mexia, Arizona arrived this week to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders.

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One of your most valued assets is good eyesight. Many people thoughtlessly abuse the eyes and think little about it until trouble comes, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

What can you do to protect your eyes? First, it is important to take care of your general health. If bodies are tired, naturally the eyes are tired too. If there is infection in the body from teeth, kidneys, or other sources, the eyes will probably be affected.

Eye strain begins when you need to use too much effort to focus clearly. If you have normal eyes, you don't need to use the focusing muscles to see clearly in the distance; and when you look at something close, like reading matter, you need to focus only a little. If you are far-sighted, your eyes have to focus, even when you look far away; and when you read, you have to focus a lot more than a person with normal eyes.

Children have strong focusing muscles, and their eyes do not tire easily or usually need glasses unless they have a large amount of far-sightedness. Then they need glasses to do the focusing and give their eyes a rest. Older people have weaker focusing muscles and usually need glasses for reading when they are about 45 years old. For other specific eye difficulties, glasses may be needed.

STUDENTS ASKED TO WRITE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of $100 for the winner of the 1947-48 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling $420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, Editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST MARKETS

Generally firm to strong southwest farm markets saw easier hogs and vegetables the only maj or exceptions last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Butcher hogs eased slightly for the week at southwest markets, as sows lost some at Denver and feeder pigs dropped sharply at some terminals. Barrows and gilts closed at a top of $25.75 at San Antonio and $26.25 elsewhere. Sows moved generally at $23 to $25, and stocker and feeder pigs $15 to $22.

Sheep and goats scored general advances of around 50 cents or more. Good and choice fat lambs drew a top of $23.50 at Fort Worth at the close, as Oklahoma City reached $23, Wichita $24, Denver $24.50, and San Antonio $22.50. Wool saw little activity, but some Texas 12-months sold at 50 cents a grease pound.

Strong, active cattle markets showed general gains of 50 cents to $1.50 during the past week. All groups shared the higher prices, though cows, calves and stocker clases dominated trade. Common and medium cows turned at $13.50 to $15.50 at Houston and San Antonio, $14 to $17 at Fort Worth and Wichita, and $15 to $17.50 at Oklahoma City. Denver paid $16.50 to $20.50 for medium and good lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelley of Chicago visited Mrs. Jym Wheat Wednesday through Friday of last week.

New Buildings Will Dominate Fort Worth Show

Six large livestock buildings, being built at a cost of over $1,500,000 on Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum show grounds in Fort Worth, will be available for entries in the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 30 through February 8.

The mammoth buildings, eliminating the need for tents, will accommodate in warm, clean, modern quarters over 6,000 cattle, sheep and swine. Enlarged and improved stables immediately adjacent to the Coliseum arena entrance will provide permanent selter for about 600 horses.

Of steel frame and brick construction, the single span buildings include one for sheep and goats, one for swine, one for baby beef and three for cattle. Each building includes innovations and special features particularly adapted to the needs of the animal to be housed.

The buildings, 100 feet wide by 400 feet long, are spaced 70 feet apart along a 950-foot frontage just south of the Coliseum on the show grounds. Space between them will be used for livestock exercising and parking. Connecting the group will be a covered archway for visitors' convenience. Along the sides of each building will be a 12-foot canopy extending over a concrete sidewalk.

Special judging arenas, office space and dormitories with showers for Club exhibitors and herdsmen will be included in the buildings which are being rushed to completion in time for the show's opening.

Entry deadlines are December 15 for cattle, sheep and swine; January 5 for American Quarter horses and cutting horses; January 10 for faited and other show horses, and January 15 for Palominos.

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PERSONALS

Manilla Cathryn is the name given to the young daughter of Major and Mrs. A. F. Moffitt. Mrs. Moffitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer, have been visiting the Moffitts in Hopewell, Virginia. Trainer is expected to return to Sonora this week, while Mrs. Trainer will pay an extended visit.

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The daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Espy last week in San Angelo has been named Allison Espy. Both she and her mother are reported doing well and are expected home this week.

Joe F. McMullen of Oglesby left Tuesday after a visit with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMullen.

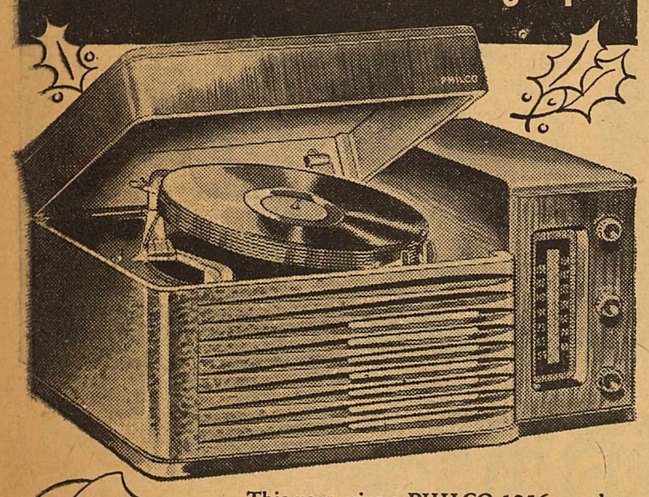
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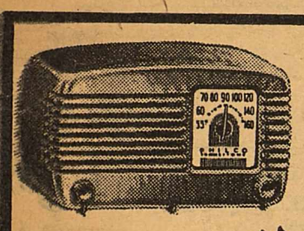
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I'm Lonesome

● Have you ever been in a hospital? Remember how the days drag? . . . the nights seem endless? Particularly if you're in a hospital a long way from home.

You might be completely surrounded by people—doctors, nurses, orderlies and a lot of other patients—yet you find an agonizing loneliness gnawing at your soul.

I'm in a ward with 50 other men but I'M LONESOME! Joe and Jack and Jim and Tom are just as lonesome as me.

Outside our ward are other wards with other Joes and Jims. Outside our hospital are other hospitals and veterans' homes—more than 140 of them. They house some 125,000 guys like me for whom the war didn't end on VJ Day. I'll stake my one good eye that they're all lonesome, too.

Take Joe there. He's an old-timer—spent nearly three years in hospitals since he lost his right leg in the Battle of the Bulge. He got so much shrapnel in the other leg it finally had to come off, too—by inches. Six separate amputations because they tried to save enough of the stump to hold an artificial leg.

★

Joe just kids about it. He puts up a terrific front. Says he'd save the doctors a lot of trouble if he'd sprout wings.

Yet, once in a while, the fog of loneliness engulfs him. He'll say: "For Pete's sake, pipe down!" Then you know it's best to leave him alone. You see, they amputated Joe's dreams, too—and that hurts more than losing a leg.

We all started dreaming a long time ago. About the girls we were going to marry when we got back . . . the colleges we were going to attend . . . the jobs we were going to get . . . the houses we were going to build—the whole glorious new world that would be waiting for us when the fracas was over.

But those dreams were shattered for most of us who wound up in hospitals. Tom's girl grew tired of waiting. She married someone else. Jack's little business didn't get along well without him. It was liquidated by the creditors.

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We need something to take our minds off our problems . . . someone to tell us how the world is changing from day to day . . . to explain its problems . . . to tell us what people are doing and thinking and saying out there on the other side of our blank, white walls.

There are moods, too, that music helps, but it has to be MY kind of music. The kind that Joe likes drives me batty—torture to the ears, I call it. Joe feels the same way about the kind I like.

Radio would be a swell thing if we could work it so that every man could get what he likes. It would keep us in touch and bring in a little of the things for which we are most lonesome—life and the world outside.

And you can't imagine how it picks us up when a traveling theatrical unit makes an appearance in our ward—a pretty girl, a soft ballad, a lilting melody batted out on our ancient piano, perhaps a magician or a dance team or an acrobat. We need those morale boosters.

We're lonesome. We're all lonesome. But you can help us—if you will!

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The Saturday Evening Post, long noted for its interesting pictures, brought forth the work of a new artist in its current December 20 edition. The new cover artist is Jack Welch, brother of Mrs. C. A. Tyler of Sonora.

Welch has been doing commercial illustrations for several years, and has illustrated fiction at various times for the Post and other magazines. Mrs. Tyler visited her brother and his family this summer at Valhalla, New York.

In placing Welch on the Post's staff of cover artists, which includes such famous names as Norman Rockwell, Mead Shaeffer, John Falter and Steve Dohanos, the editors had this to say: "Some years ago, Frank Kilker, our associate art editor, heard artists complaining about a fellow named Jack Welch, of Valhalla, New York, who worked for an advertising agency. Welch did sketches of proposed illustrations, for the guidance of the artists who would do the finished job. But the rough sketches were so good that it was tough for the artists to better them. Kilker looked Welch up, and Welch has been doing illustrations for us ever since. This week he makes his bow as a new cover artist. In painting his picture of a father's Sunday reveille, Welch was drawing on experience; he has two daughters. The older one, who is nearly five, did a little posing for her father, who estimates she holds a pose twenty seconds.

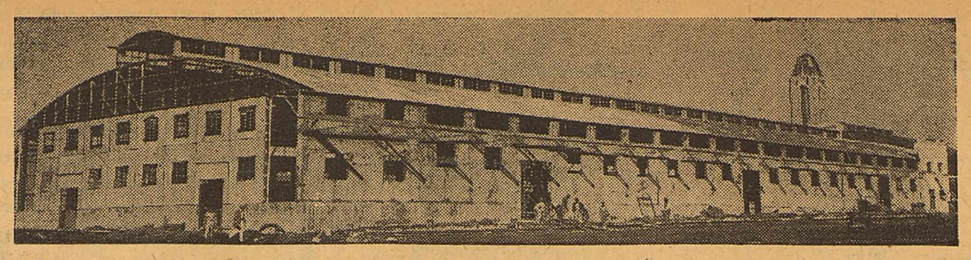
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Another deer hunting record of sorts was established here Saturday when Lee Patrick, hunting in some secluded and anonymous spot in the county, bagged a 15 point buck. Details of the kill are shrouded in a mystery reminescent of OSS days during the war. All we know is that Patrick relayed a somewhat terse message to Boyd Lovelace: "Leaving - be back - deer hunt."

Lee Roy Valliant got his first buck Sunday at the ranch. He was accompanied by Billy Bryan Savell and Roy Valliant.

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Several of our neighbors are really on a building spree. In Eldorado, for example, the First Baptist Church is planning to build a $15,000 annex, the Masonic Lodge has bought land and will build, the American Legion has done the same, and there have been several meetings to attempt to build a hospital. Last year, when Eldoradoans voted $50,000 in bonds to build a community memorial building, it was discovered that about twice that much would be needed to put up the type building agreed upon. So no move has yet been made. The commissioners, however, feel that they may as well go ahead and build what $50,000 will pay for, rather than waiting much longer.



BABY BEEF BUILDING--One of the six new $1,500,000 livestock buildings being constructed on the grounds of Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum (tower in background), is shown nearing completion. The big buildings will be ready for the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show opening in Fort Worth on January 30.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, December 20—
Evalee Moore
Mrs. Artie Joy
Mrs. F. J. Wood

Sunday, December 21—
John Bunnell

Monday, December 22—
Lea Roy Aldwell
Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr.
Frank Leslie Moore

Tuesday, December 23—
Benny Friend

Wednesday, December 24—
Geraldine Morrow
Alan W. Saunders
Jack Moore
John Moore

Thursday, December 25—
Duard Archer
G. W. Archer, Jr.
Betty Sue Allen
Ben Cusenbary

Jon Barton Dunigan

Friday, December 26—
Mrs. C. D. Wyatt
Lewis Roueche
Sallie Dawn Prater

43 Years Ago

The Rev. Richard Mercer arrived in town on Friday and received a warm welcome from our citizens in general. He conducted services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday evening.

S. H. Stokes moved his family to the ranch this week.

John Mayfield was in from the Font Mayfield ranch several days this week on land business.

Sam Stokes and daughter, Mrs. Harry Sharp, were in from the ranch Friday shopping.

Bert Turney of Rockwood, Coleman County, is in Sonora on a visit to his brother, Frank.

J. Q. Sharp has moved to the Sam Stokes residence in East Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and children were in Sonora Tuesday. children, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miers and children arrived home

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell and Tuesday from a fishing trip to Devil's River below Bakers. Theo. says they would have had a better time only for the rain.

Mrs. W. M. Martin of San Angelo is visiting her sister Mrs. George Clements this week.

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2 lb	25c
PECANS, lb	44c
WALNUTS, lb	39c
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