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## JURY GIVES AYERS SEVEN YEARS IN PEN

FOUND GUILTY OF HOLD-UP AND  
ROBBERY AT SANTA  
FE STATION

### Much Interest Shown

Many People Attend Trial; Case  
Received Hung Jury  
Last Term

Six years in the state penitentiary was the verdict given by the jury Tuesday night to George Ayers, who was charged with the hold-up and robbery of the local Santa Fe station on the last Sunday night of December, 1923, in which about \$600 was taken. The case was tried last year in court at this place, but on account of hung jury a re-trial was necessary.

The case began Monday morning following the selection of the jury Monday afternoon and during the early afternoon. The questioning of witnesses occupied the time until late Tuesday afternoon, when the speeches began. W. A. Anderson of San Angelo, representing the defendant, and District Attorney Brooks, representing the state, each placed a number of witnesses on the stand.

#### Mrs. Tolliett Testifies

Mrs. Maude Tolliett, former wife of Dick Toland who is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary in connection with the same robbery, was star witness for the state. Mrs. Toland accompanied her former husband and George Ayers to Sweetwater when the robbery was committed. Mrs. Tolliett told of leaving San Angelo on Saturday prior to the robbery. Traveling in a Ford car, they went to Blackwell and then came on to Sweetwater, arriving here in the night and stopping at a local cafe. They hunted up an officer and secured some gasoline as all the filling stations were closed, she stated. They then went to Fisher county to see Dick Toland's brother. Spending the night there, they went to Longworth and a country school house in search of another man before returning to Sweetwater in the late afternoon. They went from here to Blackwell and returned at about midnight.

#### Made Getaway

They then went to a place between the Orient and Santa Fe depots where they parked the car leaving the then known Mrs. Toland in it, while the two men got out and went toward the Santa Fe station. Soon they returned with a bag about a foot long, she said. They drove from here to Roscoe and then to Fort Chadbourne and Bronte and onto San Angelo, arriving there shortly before daylight.

Ayer's testimony corroborated Mrs. Tolliett's up until the point where they returned to Sweetwater from Fisher county. Then, Ayers said they went to Blackwell, filled up with gasoline, and went on to San Angelo, arriving there sometimes between 11 and 12 o'clock that night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dickson testified as to the particulars of the robbery at the station and identified Ayers as one of the two men who held them up between 2 and 3 o'clock on Sunday night and forced them to unlock the Santa Fe safe.

A number of character witnesses were put on the stand by both sides to testify both as to the character of Ayers and Mrs. Tolliett.

## State Official Was Here Last Week

Miss Helen Swift, District Home Demonstration Agent for District 9, was in Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday on business and visiting Miss Mayme Lou Parr, the Home Demonstration Agent for this county.

Miss Swift's district covers the section from Waco to El Paso. She has under her charge all of the county demonstration agents in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russell are the proud parents of a big fat boy born last Friday. They call him Jack Leslie. His weight was 9 pounds. Mr. Russell thinks he is some kid!

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wright and daughter, of the Champion community were in town Monday.

## Schools Receive More Apportionment Money

A check for \$5,523.00 was received by County Superintendent Will H. Scott Tuesday morning from the State Department as an additional payment on the State Apportionment for the county of Nolan. The money is now available for the use of the rural schools of the county, it having been divided among these schools according to the number of students in each school. The money is divided at the rate of \$12.60 per capita.

One more payment is due to be made by the State Department this spring, that payment usually being about the last of April or the first of May.

## NEAR WRECK AT CROSSING

Switch Engine Backs Into Car; Mrs.  
Robert Skeen Slightly  
Injured

Mrs. Robert Skeen is slightly injured as a result of a near serious accident at the Lamar Street crossing of the T. & P. railroad Monday morning. The car, a sedan, was struck by a switch engine. Due to the fact that the engine was traveling at the rate of only five miles an hour the only damage done to the car was a bent fender and a dented door.

Mrs. Skeen was approaching the crossing when she noticed the crossing watchman motion for her to stop. A "through" freight was passing on the main track, and she stopped her car on one of the house tracks just where East 1st Street runs into Lamar, not noticing the switch engine that was backing on the same track on which she stopped. Seeing the engine coming, Mrs. Skeen jumped from the car and skinned her lower limb. The engine crew saw the car too late to stop before hitting it.

## BELIEVES IN DIVERSIFYING

William Schleuter, another one of those progressive farmers of the Longworth community, was in town Monday on business and paid the News office a pleasant call. Though it is pretty dry in his community, Mr. Schleuter is very optimistic as to the conditions and the prospects for this season.

Mr. Schleuter is one those farmers who always raises a crop that is a little above the average. Last year he raised an unusually big feed crop. He is a staunch believer in terracing. He states that he finds that much more stuff can be produced by skipping every third row when planting. Nolan and Fisher counties need more such farmers as this man.

## Highway Authorities Accept West Road

The road west of Sweetwater thru Roscoe and to the Mitchell county line was inspected and finally accepted by both the Federal and State departments Monday when officials made an inspection of the road.

O. B. Kercher of Fort Worth, representing the Federal department, and J. R. Eads, of San Angelo representing the State department, made a thorough inspection of the road and passed on it favorably to all concerned. Nolan County officials accompanied the visiting engineers on their inspection trip.

The road dirt work is now ready for the hard surface just as soon as sufficient rain falls to harden and settle the dirt.

#### STRIPED MAIL BAG TO GO

The traditional blue-striped United States Mail bag is going to give away to the economy test that is being applied in all direction sat Washington these days. When budget bureau officials could find no good reason why the government should pay a cent a yard more for plain gray variety, the director of the budget decreed that the postoffice department hereafter use the latter and thus effect an annual saving of about \$49,000 in the cost of mail bags. This is quite a little saving for Uncle Sam. So economy prevails and mail bags lose their stripes.

## PEOPLE SEE FILTRATION PLANT WORK

PURIFICATION PLANT IS NOW  
COMPLETE IN EVERY  
RESPECT

### Insures Pure Water

Water Goes Through Many Processes  
Before Water Reaches  
Users

Hundreds of Sweetwater and Nolan county people visited the new \$40,000.00 Filtration Plant of the City of Sweetwater Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week and saw the water from the city's big lake go through the various processes of purification. The Filtration Plant was thrown open to the visitors, and city officials explained as far as possible the workings of the plant.

The Filtration Plant, completed nearly two weeks ago, gives our city one of the best water systems to be found anywhere in Texas or in the Southwest. The citizens are now absolutely insured against any kind of disease caused by polluted or impure water, as the already almost perfectly pure water is now as perfectly pure as the filtration process will make it. The process entirely eliminates the natural or harmful bacteria from the water and contamination of the water in the city itself is very

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## Local Boy Goes Up In Baseball

Freddie Pipkins, erstwhile Swatter who materially assisted in putting Sweetwater on the baseball map in "them good old days," and who, for several seasons, has been blazing a trail of swat in the Texas Association, has been appointed manager of the Marlin club of that circuit.

Fred, who in the parlance of baseball slang, is just plain "Pip," first came into prominence, baseballically speaking, when he became the property of Kansas City of the fast double A circuit; after part of one season there he was released with a string attached, winding up the season with Sweetwater and proving to the world in general and West Texas in particular, that he could bust that ol' apple. "Pip" remained in the old West Texas loop until it disbanded in 1922, going to the now thriving Texas Association along with a host of other Cowboy stars, including pitcher-auctioneer extraordinary, Mr. Earl Fleharty.

During 1923 and last season Pipkin acted as "clean-up" hitter for the Marlin Bathers and finished both years with an average of better than .300, being particularly dangerous with the hassoosks populated. So well, in fact, did he perform his duties that the management decided that he was just the man needed to lead the Bathers out of the well known baseball wilderness. Hence Freddie, without much ado and less gusto, will make his initial bow as a skipper sometime after April Fool's day.

Manager Fred Pipkin, who gets his mail at Sweetwater when Old Crimp is doing his darndest, will assume his new duties at once and it goes without saying that he takes with him the best wishes of every former Swatter fan, as well as those that were "agin" the old nine.

## Loss Great In Fire At Merkel

The Anchor Building at Merkel was destroyed by fire at 4:30 Sunday morning, with a total loss of about \$100,000 according to latest estimates. The building was owned by W. F. Jenkins of Menard. The Abilene fire department made a seventeen mile run to the fire, but arrived too late to save the buildings already burning. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Five stores were destroyed in the fire, they being a barber shop, owned by Petty & Buford, the J. F. Hode Tailor Shop, a racket store owned by Mrs. J. M. Dry, the Gen Theater, operated by Lee Acuff and Son, and Max Mellinger's Dry Goods Store. The West Texas Utilities Company branch office was damaged by water and smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Neely of Roscoe were in town Monday.

## FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARY AT BLACKWELL

MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF  
CLOTHING FROM CAR-  
LISLE STORE

### Store Entered Oct. 18th

Starr Gets Five-Year Sentence For  
Robbery At Black-  
well

Otto Starr was given a five year sentence to the penitentiary in District court Wednesday. Starr was charged with the robbery of the T. A. Carlisle store at Blackwell on October 18. Other men said to have aided Starr have not been located by officers.

The robbery was committed sometime after 9 o'clock. Several Mexicans, who had been found in possession of some of the clothes that were stolen, testified that they bought them from Starr. They all identified the defendant as the man who sold them the goods. Some of the clothes were found in a tank and others in a barn south of Abilene. The Mexicans were from Clyde and Elmdale.

Mr. Carlisle identified the clothes brought to the court room as the clothes stolen from his store.

J. C. Babb representing the defendant, while Judge Brooks and County Attorney Cox did the prosecuting.

## Roscoe Man Dies After Long Illness

S. A. Ater, a resident of the Roscoe country for many years passed to his reward at 2:20 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John H. Hastings, three miles west of Roscoe.

Mr. Ater, known to many as "Uncle Sam," had been sick a long time prior to his death. For thirty-four years he has been a highly respected citizen of the Roscoe country, and is well known as a man of excellent character by practically all the citizens of Roscoe as well as the old-timers of the county. For many years he has owned farm property in the Roscoe country, and he raised a family of five boys and two girls on his farm west of town. He was 73 years old at the time of his death.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Roscoe Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and he was buried in the cemetery at that place immediately following the services. Rev. S. J. Upton conducted the services. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the funeral.

The sons and daughters surviving Mr. Ater are: Horace Ater, Roscoe; Alva Ater, Brownfield; Earnest Ater, Roscoe; Verdie and Buford Ater, of the Plains; Mrs. J. H. Hastings, Roscoe; and Mrs. Lagow, Handley.

## Jury of View Will Hear Complaints

The Jury of View recently appointed by the Commissioners' Court is scheduled to meet, tomorrow, Friday, at the county court house to hear complaints from various landowners affected by the laying out of the new highways. The Jury will hear complaints from those men living along Highway No. 1, east of Sweetwater to the Taylor County line and Highway No. 70 south of Sweetwater to Nine Mile Hill.

The Jury will discuss with the landowners the damages they claim has been done to them, if any, and decisions will be made as to how much damages will be allowed.

The Jury of View consists of the following men: F. M. Lockett, Roscoe; W. B. Howard, Roscoe; H. E. Lewellen, Hylton; C. H. Bolin, Blackwell, and Chas. Sanders, Sweetwater.

The DeMolays' held a cake sale at the Palace Theater Saturday night. The funds went to the baseball team. They made something like fifty dollars.

A number of Roscoe people were in town Saturday attending the case of a Shreveport Cotton Oil firm vs. the Acme Gin Company of Roscoe.

Tate May, cashier of the First State Bank at Hamlin was in Sweetwater Monday on business.

## Local Laymen To Colorado Sunday

Local laymen representing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian, and Baptist churches of this town will go to Colorado Sunday evening on the invitation of laymen of that city to assist in arousing interest for the coming Rayburn Revival to be held in Colorado.

Big plans are being made by the Colorado people for the revival, and on Sunday night a union mass meeting will be held at the city auditorium. The Rayburn Revival begins on the 18th of May. The great evangelist is now conducting a revival in Junction City, Kansas.

## SHERIFFS MEET HERE IN APRIL

Convention Selects Sweetwater For  
Next Meeting Place;  
Many Coming

The next Convention of West Texas Sheriff's Association will be held in Sweetwater on April 10th was the decision reached in the Sheriff's meeting at Eastland Friday, March 13. Sheriff Jack Yarbrough attended the meeting from this place, and he reports a good meeting there.

The visitors to Eastland were entertained at the one-day session with a luncheon at the Texas Hotel. An address was delivered at the luncheon by Judge George L. Davenport, Judge of the Ninety-First District Court. The convention was opened by an address by Judge E. A. Hall.

The next regular meeting, to be held here, will probably be one of the biggest ones the Association has held. At least 30 or 40 counties of West Texas will be represented by sheriffs, deputies, constables, and other officers, Mr. Yarbrough states. No elaborate entertainment plans will be made as the Association meets in business session and the visitors will be here for only one day.

## ROOSTERS VS. RINK A DINKS

The Roosters Baseball team composed of boys mostly of the Boy Scouts crossed bats with the Rink A Dinks of Roscoe, a similar club Thursday afternoon. After the smoke had cleared away the Roosters came out crowing with the big end of the score 15 to 9.

## Simmons Glee Club To Appear In County

The Simmons College Girls' Glee Club will appear in concert in Sweetwater the middle of next month according to advice sent out from Simmons College, Abilene. The program will be given on Monday night, April 20. They will appear at Roscoe on Thursday, April 23.

The Glee Club is made up of girl students in Simmons College and the trip will be made to advertise the school. The Club recently gave a concert at Stamford. They will sing at Merkel on March 27, Sweetwater on April 20, Big Spring on April 21, Colorado on April 22, Roscoe on April 23, and Snyder on April 24.

## Nolan Man Died Last Thursday

The death of George T. Judd at Vernon, Texas, last Thursday came as a shock to his parents at Nolan and to his friends at that place and over the county. Judd was well known in the Nolan community and at Roscoe where he formerly lived.

Judd was 22 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Henson, pastor of the Methodist church, and his body was laid to rest in the City Cemetery. The services were held in a local undertaking parlor.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Judd of the Nolan community.

Otto Staas, of Longworth was a caller at The News office Tuesday while in Sweetwater. We were mighty glad to meet Mr. Staas and here's hoping he will call to see us often.

B. C. Stewart of Hylton was in Sweetwater Monday trading with local merchants.

## CLUB WOMEN WILL MEET AT ROSCOE SOON

WOMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF  
COUNTY WILL BE  
AT MEETING

### Saturday Is Day Set

Excellent Program Arranged For  
Visiting Ladies; Lunch To  
Be Served

Ladies from all over the county, representing practically every woman's club in the county, will gather at Roscoe on Saturday, March 28th, at the meeting of the County Federation of Women's Clubs. The meeting will be held in the Methodist church and will begin at 11:00 o'clock, at which time an executive session of the Federation will be held.

Three representatives from every club in the county that is a member of the Federation will be present. In addition a number of other club members will be present. Plans are being made by Roscoe for the entertainment of the largest gathering of women the Organization has had.

At the noon hour a lunch will be served in the basement of the church building. Following the lunch the program will begin and continue throughout the afternoon. An excellent program has been arranged for the benefit of those in attendance at the session. The program follows: Song—"America," Address of Welcome—Mayor A. J. Parker.

Response—Mrs. R. C. Ledford, Sweetwater.

Talk—M. L. H. Baze, Superintendent of Schools, Roscoe.

Music—Sweetwater Violin Club.

Roll Call—Answered by reports from various clubs represented.

Music—Sweetwater Violin Club.

Talk—Mrs. Jas. T. Johnson, president of Mitchell County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Talk on "Co-ordination Between the Work of County Home Demonstrator and County Agent"—W. C. Calvert.

Reading—Miss Bishop.

Talk on "Leadership"—Miss Bess Edwards, Assistant State Demonstration Agent, A. & M. College.

Talk—Mrs. Harrell, Lorraine.

Piano Solo—To be supplied by Roscoe.

Miss Mayme Lou Parr, County Demonstrator, asks that all home demonstration clubs appoint their delegates to the meeting; at once and that each club appoint three delegates.

Warning Is Made  
Against Tree Enemy

Those who have trees on their premises should white wash them immediately as a protection against the borers, is the warning made by County Agent W. C. Calvert. Many little eggs are making their appearance, and white washing the trees will check the headway of these little tree enemies.

In white washing trees one should be very particular to get the solution down into all the crevices between the bark and should not be afraid of putting too much lime on. Whitewashing not only is a preventative against the borers, but it greatly increases the beauty.

Below are given several recipes for making suitable whitewash for this purpose.

16 pounds hard soap, 2 gallons boiling water, 2 quarts crude carbolic acid and lime enough to make a good paint.

One bushel lime, 10 pounds sulphur, one-half gallon gas tar and water enough to make 50 gallons.

Ten pounds lime, 6 pounds potash and water to make 50 gallons wash.

Nick Williams of the Plum Creek community was in town Tuesday. We don't know whether Nick was in town on business or not but we are under the impression he was just trying to get out of work. He is putting in some new land.

Rev. E. K. Dougherty of Merkel preached Saturday night at the Baptist church on Lamar Street.

Mrs. I. S. Focht, Mrs. L. M. Watson and daughter, Johnnie, visited Mrs. Focht's mother in Dallas this week.



# Davidson Talks On Farm Marketing

(By Hon. Lynch Davidson)

A new public enterprise has sprung up in Texas—an enterprise whose success will affect the welfare of practically every citizen of the state, and will assure the state of greater economic stability and prosperity by making the farming business more attractive and thus turning the tide of migration from country to city.

That enterprise is farm-bureau co-operative marketing.

On the invitation of Hon. John T. Orr, president of the Farm Bureau Cotton Association of Texas, I attended the fifth annual convention of the farm bureau organizations, recently held in Dallas. I left wishing that every business and professional man in Texas could have attended that meeting.

It is true to say, yet a fact too little realized, that agriculture is the basis—the backbone—of all our prosperity. If our business and professional men fully realized how closely interwoven with their own welfare is the farmer's, I think they would take a greater interest in the solution of his problems. Attending a farm bureau meeting would give the man keener perception of that situation.

The co-operative marketing proposition strikes at the very best heart of the farmer's ills. I have studied the details of the organization, and heard discussions of its aims and development. So strongly was I impressed with its virtues that while campaigning for the governorship I advocated as extensively as possible in a campaign of that kind the operation and promotion of the farm bureau co-operative marketing association.

The success of farm-bureau co-operative marketing depends largely, of course, upon the farmers, themselves working together. However, since the farmer's chief difficulty lies in the business end of his industry, in which he is usually at least trained—that is, marketing his output—the need of expert assistance along that line is apparent. Therefore I bespeak the unstinted co-operation of the business and professional men of Texas in furthering the aims of the farm bureau enterprise.

The farm bureau organization is offered by some of the best farmer business brains in this country. It has been my observation that they rank high in business and farming talents. Already they have done much towards securing for members of the association the best market price for their products. Their warehouse program for the storing of their products and the issuance of securities against them has been well organized and well regulated. Financing thereupon has been solved.

The cost of agricultural production, lumber, steel, wool, cattle or any other commodity is varied at a small percentage ratio from time to time. By intensive application of business efficiency, costs can be reduced to a degree one way or another. But it is what you get for your production that is of importance.

The essence of the problem facing the co-operative marketing bureau at this time is to control a greater volume of production. Right in the very first of the organization lies destruction for the farmer's greatest enemy, speculation and gambling in cotton. The farmer realizes that legislation can only aid in the curing of his ills, but can not cure them. That must be done within his own ranks, with such outside co-operation as may be given him. Every farmer who becomes a part of the co-operative marketing system adds one formidable soldier to the cause. Control of production is the life fluid of the farmer's requirements. Once he controls the marketing of even half of the cotton production, marketing and speculation in cotton will disappear instantly with-

out legislation.

Faith and confidence in co-operative marketing will be established by the efficiency farm bureau operatives, and by convincing the farmer, through results, of the value of co-operative marketing to himself. Once faith and confidence are established, the volume of production will find its way to the marketing bureau; the farmer will see to that. The co-operative marketing bureau then will fix its price upon proper economic laws, which will afford the producer fair and profitable returns, and prices no longer will be fixed by speculators interested only in running the markets up or down for personal gain.

The farm bureau co-operative marketing project undoubtedly is here to stay—and to grow. Its growth and benefits to the country will be hastened in accordance with the co-operation given it. Every business and professional man in the land should become a firm and fast ally to co-operative marketing for the agricultural producers of this country, particularly the cotton producer of Texas.

Co-operative marketing, if carried out to the zenith of its possibilities, not only will insure the permanent prosperity of the country, but will bring the dawn of a new day for the farmer—such a day as was envisioned by that immortal of the old South, Henry W. Grady, when he said:

"Whenever the farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, and, disturbed by no creditor and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amidst his teeming gardens and orchards and vineyards and dairies and barnyards, gazing his crops in his own wisdom, and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus, and selling it in his own time, and in his chosen market—and not at his master's bidding—getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt, but doesn't restore his freedom—then shall be the breaking of the fullness of our day."

## Longworth Students Will Give Play

The students of Longworth High School are ready for the presentation of a play in the new school building tomorrow night, (Friday) March 20th. The play, "A Daughter of the Desert," a four-act comedy drama, and will be participated in by ten people. An evening of enjoyment at a small cost is promised.

The cast is as follows:  
Harold Horton, a railroad surveyor—Roy Smith.  
Clearance Ogden, an Arizona rancher—Orval Hanna.  
Samuel Hopkins, a Land Speculator—Raymond Previt.  
Pedro Silvers, a Mexican Renegade—Marvin Imkin.  
Jim Parker, a Gambler who is on the Square—Clyde Knox.  
Bill Jones, a sure-fire Sheriff—Morris Davis.  
Ruth Arlington, a daughter of the Desert—Virginia Davis.  
Lucy Hopkins, her college chum—Fay Justiss.  
Mrs. Mary Ogden, an Arizona Widow—Fay Smith.  
White Bird, an Apache Indian Girl—Ura Owens.

## ROSCOE BOYS LOSE TO ABILENE TEAM

The Roscoe High School baseball team lost their second practice game last Friday afternoon when they were defeated by the Draughtons Business College team of Abilene. The game Friday resulted in a score of 6 to 9. The High School team will have to do a great deal of work and strengthen several positions on the team before it can become a contender for any great honors.—Roscoe Times.

## THE RAINY DAY

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

I DO not know why I have always liked a rainy day. Nothing else so calms my nerves, nothing else so soothing and so restful, nothing else puts me in so amiable and kindly a mood toward humanity in general. I am not usually affected by the weather; cold or heat, sunshine or clouds are equally pleasant to me. Only the windy day with stray paper and flying straw and dirt in the air gets on my nerves; but the rainy day brings quiet and contentment, placidity of mind, and eagerness to work. I like to read or write before the open fire on such a day, but I enjoy almost as much being out in the storm. I like to draw the moist air into my lungs. I do not know how it happens, but I some way never get uncomfortably wet when I am out in the rain. I come into the house on a rainy day cheerful and exhilarated and quite fit.

Perhaps it is because my ancestors came from England where it seldom does anything else but rain, that I am so happy and so satisfied with the rainy day; perhaps it is because as a young boy I lived on a farm where the rainy day meant leisure and release from the toil and grinding routine of the days of sunshine. What a joy it was when I awoke in the morning with the rain coming down steadily outside, to feel that after my chores were done, I could curl up in a warm corner with a delightful book without danger of interruption or annoyance. It was on such days that I followed D'Artagnan and his three glorious musketeers through their varied and thrilling adventures; it was then that I tramped with Jeanie Deans on the long road from Edinburgh to London; it was then that I made the acquaintance of Tom Sawyer, and the Marchioness, and Bill Sykes, and Jean Valjean, and Marie Gamp, and Rob Roy, and trailed through the American forest without treading upon a single twig behind those incomparable and impossible Indians of Cooper.

Very likely we were mis-aken, but we were quite convinced, when I was a boy, that the only time to go fishing was on a rainy day. The fish were not so shy then; they bit harder and more persistently, we thought, and there was greater likelihood of catching the big ones. Safely covered with father's old rubber coat, I would sit on the bank of the creek throughout a rainy afternoon quite happy and comfortable so long as the bait held out. All through the spring I would watch the sky with eagerness for signs of the gathering clouds and a glorious rainy day. Most of my love of sport and most of my mechanical skill were developed on rainy days, and the old barn and haymow was the arena of contest.

It has always seemed to me that the person who disliked a rainy day lacked resourcefulness and imagination. Was there ever such a time for recounting the past; was there ever such a time for planning the future. If I have ever accomplished anything, I am sure it is because the idea came to me on some peaceful rainy day. It was then, in my imagination, that I performed my bravest acts, wrote my most appealing tales, and showed the strongest powers of leadership.

\*\*\*\*\* Your Conversation \*\*\*\*\*  
"FRENCH LEAVE"  
Eighteenth century books of French etiquette warned the social struggler against taking formal leave of his host or hostess. The guest who enjoyed the party wasn't supposed to stick around for the final handshaking. Only those who wished to register complaints remained. Consequently, taking "French leave" came to mean a hurried departure. "French leave" today is usually taken by cooks, second-story men and unwary politicians.

## REV. NICHOLAS GOES TO HOSPITAL AT DALLAS

Rev. W. A. Nicholas of Abilene, superintendent of the West Texas Children's Aid and Welfare Association, went to Dallas last week to enter the Baylor Hospital for treatment. Rev. Nicholas is well known in Sweetwater and all over West Texas as a friend to orphan children.

## PLEADS FOR BETTER COWS

Increased Production of Dairy Cows May Be Had By Better Bulls

Increased production of dairy herds is being sought by A. & M. College specialists through the getting of more production ability. Nolan county has 2008 cows and heifers over one year of age and it should have at least forty good bulls, writes J. Lynn Thomas, dairy specialist, to County Agent, W. C. Calvert. The following contents of the letter to Mr. Calvert should be of interest to every Nolan county farmer interested in the production of better cattle:

"The Extension Service has under way a ten-year program of agricultural improvement which, to be the most completely successful, must include livestock farming and the dairy cow should find a prominent place in this program.

"To help this general agricultural program along, I believe we should follow a similar program in improving the dairy herds of the state. As you know, the only ways of increasing the production of the dairy herds of the state, are, by better breeding, increasing the production ability of the cows, by better feeding and by giving them protection during weather such as we have experienced during the past few days.

"In this work we will deal with only one phase; viz., that of getting cows of more producing ability. This can only be done by the use of good bulls.

"According to the 1929 census report, your county has 2008 cows and heifers over on year of age. We ought to have a bull for at least every fifty cows, which means that your county should have 40 bulls. If we try to get this number in ten years, your quota for each year will be 4. Do you think you can place this number during 1925?

"If the butter fat could be raised fifty pounds per cow in the next ten years, it would mean an annual increase of \$15,000,000 in returns from the dairy cows, and \$30.15 for your county."

What we want to know is why Max Berman was wearing a Shamrock on Saint Patrick's day?

## SYLVESTER WOMAN WAS BURIED LAST SATURDAY

Funeral services for Krysta Parsons were held at Sylvester at 2 p. m., Saturday. Mrs. Parsons' death occurred in a local hospital at 9:30 p. m. Thursday. Rev. A. D. Williams Having lived for many years in the Sylvester community Mrs. Parsons is mourned by many friends. She is survived by her husband, G. M. Parsons, and three children, Nyta Ree Chitwood, Lawrence Lincoln and a three weeks old baby; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Brown of Sweetwater; three brothers, Joe of San Angelo, Claude of Talpa, Mike of Sweetwater, and two sisters, Mrs. Bob Radwell of Sweetwater and Mrs. Bill Ray of Munday.—Abilene Times.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collins have been visiting in Dallas the last few days.

Mrs. O. Stephenson and little son, Douglas, are visiting Mrs. Stephenson's father in East Texas.

Ed J. Bradford left Tuesday for Austin and Galveston on business.



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We shall constantly strive to make The News a better paper. Through your suggestions and criticisms, we may improve our paper at an even more rapid rate.

**FIGHT HOPPERS EARLY**

Farmers should be on the outlook for a grasshopper infestation again this spring. Warnings have been issued by our county agent and by A. & M. College specialists. In order to make preparations for the fighting of grasshoppers this year, a meeting, the notice of which will be found in another column of this paper, has been called by the president of the Nolan County Farm Bureau for Saturday afternoon. The weather has not and rarely ever does any damage to the grasshoppers in this section, and millions upon millions of eggs are either hatching or are ready to hatch. The time to fight the pests is NOW. If we wait until later, it may be too late. Breeding places should be watched, and just as soon as the hoppers begin to hatch out they should be poisoned before they begin to migrate and begin their depredations. Last year the farmers of the county caught the scare just in time to save their crops. This year they should profit from last year's mistake and be prepared to fight the pest just as soon as he makes his appearance. Do your grasshopper killing early.

**EARLY DAY HISTORY**

Last week The News published a letter from a man who lived in Nolan County thirty-five years ago in which several incidents of the early days were told. This week we are publishing an article written by a Fisher County citizen relating a few facts of early day education. The News is glad to use such communications as these, and we only wish that our readers would write more of them. The old timers of this section who have a first-hand knowledge of the early day history of Nolan county and adjoining counties are rapidly passing to "The Great Beyond." They only can disclose the accurate accounts of early day development. In writing down these early day incidents and sending them to The News they can, in a measure, be handed down to present and future generations. We will be glad to have any facts from the old settlers concerning early day times. It may be possible that these facts will be gathered together in the near future and written up into a history of the county.

Thirty-eight state Legislatures met during January, and one meets later in the year. In 1925, they received over 60,000 bills, and passed 15,000 laws. There are now approximately 2,000,000 laws and ordinances in the United States, and about 200,000 new ones being added yearly. State governments that in 1903 cost \$182,000,000, an average of \$2.25 per capita, cost \$1,450,000 in 1923, or \$13.30 per capita. The total state and national government cost in 1923 was 15 per cent of the national income, where it was only seven per cent of the national income in 1903.

**They Say--**

John Burns, Animal Husbandry specialist of A. & M., who recently attended the Nolan County Hereford Breeders Show and Sale: "We must give more attention to the kind of feed that we are giving our cattle. West Texas has the finest class of cattle found anywhere in the world. However, West Texas farmers have not given in the past sufficient attention to the kind of feed which they have grown to be used in feeding this superior class of live stock."

"I am going to try planting some South Texas peppers in the flower garden this year," states Mr. Ross, care-taker of the Court House Lawn. "They say they make very beautiful yard decorations. I will soon begin replanting the perennial plants, also."

Ben Mueller, Roscoe: "I am making some improvements on my farm. I always like to have my place in first-class condition." Mr. Mueller is a prosperous farmer living four miles west of Roscoe.

Wm. Schleuter, Longworth: "Our school building is complete and we are having school in it. It is a very nice building. Practically everything has been installed except the curtains for the stage."

**THE FARMER'S CHILD**

One of the most interesting revelations of a recent survey conducted by University of Illinois was the percentage of students whose parents are farmers. More than 11,000 students were included in the survey. Thirty per cent of the students are sons and daughters of farmers and 1,399 parents are skilled or unskilled laborers. There are among the parents of students junk dealers, blacksmiths, policemen, watchmen, pumbers, miners, porters, street car conductors, barbers and bell-hops. Professional men, scientists and business men constitute the majority of the parents, but the statistics show that intelligence is not a matter of class distinction.

To think that 30 per cent of the students of universities are farmers' children is a matter commanding of interest. The survey reveals many interesting facts. But the most interesting fact is that the farmer is not content to have his son or daughter among the 4,933,905 illiterates in the nation.

The modern American farmer is daily helping his occupation to become a profession by giving his son and daughter special training.—Daily Lariat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey visited relatives in Snyder Tuesday.

**Contribute!!**



**PEOPLE SEE FILTRATION PLANT WORK THIS WEEK**

(Continued from First Page)  
 improbable due to the excellent sewer system and disposal plant.  
**Tests Made of Water**  
 In tests made of the water previous to the installation of the Filtration Plant evidence of the presence of organisms belonging to the B. Coli group have never been found. Chemical tests are being made and will constantly be made of the purified water every day. Authorities account the already state of purity of the water to the fact that the watershed is uninhabited and that no fishing, camping or bathing has been allowed at the lake.

**Treated With Alum**  
 Visitors to the Filtration Plant this week saw the water as it flowed into mixing basin through force of gravity from Lake Trammell, more than 100 feet above the city and a distance of nine miles away to the southwest. The water flows through a twelve-inch pipe to the city and empties into the mixing basin in a gush. As the water enters this basin it is treated with alum which is thoroughly mixed in the water as it passes through a series of thirty chambers. Passing through a settling basin the water then goes into the Filtration Plant proper where it seeps through the sand filter at the rate of 700 gallons a minute or 1,250,000 gallons a day. This filter is divided into two chambers which contain 30 inches of sand and 30 inches of gravel.

To kill all bacteria in the water, chlorine gas at the rate of about two pounds a day is diffused in the water. Authorities state that more of this gas will be let into the water as the people get used to it in order to be more sure of killing any possible appearance of disease germs.

Beneath the Filtration Plant is a huge reservoir with a capacity of 120,000 gallons where water is stored. Any other excess of water is pumped to the standpipe which has a capacity of something like 400,000 gallons. However, water being used in the city on ordinary occasions comes directly from the Filtration Plant, the water being pumped into the mains under 65 pounds of pressure. The Venturi Meter enables the City to tell exactly how many gallons of water is being used here daily. The town is now using from 550,000 to 600,000 gallons of water per day.

The city is and has a right to be proud of its splendid water system built up through the untiring efforts of city officials and other interested citizens. A few years ago our water system was considered a drawback to the city. Today other cities look to it with envy.

Lake Trammell, when full, contains enough water to furnish a city of 20,000 people for two years if not one drop of water fell from the West Texas skies during that length of time. The immense lake, covering 200 acres and contains 1,240,000,000 gallons of water. Only 250,000,000 gallons will escape annually through evaporation and seepage. The lake was built following the \$320,000.00 bond issue of 1914 for the carrying out of the project.

Miss Middle Lee Pullingim visited Mrs. C. A. Fitch Sunday. Miss Pullingim is a student of a business college in Abilene, and was on her way home in Lorenzo.

**To The Voters of Sweetwater**

In order that you may be fully advised as to my position relative to the administration of city government in some important particulars I submit to you this statement.

I am in favor of public improvement. Am in favor of improving the streets, parks, and play grounds to the full extent funds are available for such purposes. Am in favor of paving streets where needed. But of course there is a limit to which the credit of the city may be extended for all public improvement, and it would be my purpose to keep well within such limit, fully protecting the credit of the city.

The purpose of this city government, the purpose of incorporating, is for the mutual benefit of all the inhabitants of the city, and it should be operated to carry out such purposes to the fullest extent. In letting contracts for public improvement, I would consider only the interests of the people of the city, and get the best at the lowest price possible.

If I am elected your mayor this city will not take any backward step, but it will go forward, and I confidently believe that in two years under reasonable conditions I can put our little city in advance of what it now is. In the ten months I was mayor of your city in 1913 I submit to you the following as part of the record of my administration:

Previous to my election funds that had been obtained from an issue of bonds to install a sewer system had been exhausted leaving the system incomplete, and in debt, and work on it had stopped. My administration settled with the creditors and borrowed money sufficient to complete the system.

My administration adopted what is now the sanitary ordinance of this city, and which Dr. Carrick an authority on such, told me was the best he knew of in any small city in the state.

I entered this city in the "cleanest city" contest in which quite a number of cities scattered over the state were contestants, and this city came out near the top of clean cities.

I am at least partially responsible for your charter, and system of water works. As my administration started this city on the road to this achievement, and as a great many know who resided here at that time I backed it to the limit.

And a great many other things accomplished during that short time. When I retired from mayor from that short service, I left the city with a good credit, and had advanced it on the road to progress.

Do not be misled by those who would designedly mislead you as to my attitude as to progress. I believe in moving forward, and if elected your mayor it shall be my ambition to move our city to first place among cities of its size.

JOHN J. FORD.  
 Political Adv.

**TO HAVE SINGING AT COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**

O. R. Peden of Roscoe and a group of singers will be at the Cottonwood school house Saturday afternoon at which time all the people of the county at large are invited to attend and participate in the singing. Mr. Peden is secretary of the Nolan County Singing Association.

Special quartets, duets, solos, etc. have been prepared, and much fine entertainment is assured.

Mr. Peden states that the object of the meeting is to help the community and county at large. Everybody is urged to be present that possibly can.

Mrs. S. D. Spikes of Lubbock was a guest of Mrs. C. A. Fitch Saturday. Mrs. Spikes was on her way to Dallas.

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**GOSPEL MEETING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST BEGINS ON APRIL 5TH**

There will be a series of meetings at the Church of Christ, corner 4th and Elm, beginning Sunday morning April 5th, and to continue through the week and over Sunday the 12th.

Evangelist C. McClung of Weatherford, will be the preacher in charge. He will be assisted by Mr. Lee Hall, song leader, and the home minister, W. D. Black, who will begin the meeting on Sunday morning the 5th, being joined by Mr. McClung on Monday the 6th. There will be two services each day, 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Our purpose in this meeting is the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Mr. McClung is an Evangelist of no mean ability, a man of experience, having been successful in the field of evangelism not only in Texas but in other states as well. He preaches the plain simple Gospel in love and fights sin with the "Sword of the Spirit" on every hand. Don't fail to hear him. You will miss a feast of good things if you miss it. W. D. BLACK, Minister.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following citizens have announced their candidacy for election to the various city offices for the coming two-year term, subject to the action of the voters at the city election to be held April 7, 1925.

- For Mayor: JAS. H. BEALL, Jr. JNC. J. FORD
- For Water Commissioner: L. E. MUSGROVE (re-election) ROY BARDWELL HORACE WADE
- For Street Commissioner: M. C. MANROE
- For Chief of Police: W. R. (BUCK) JOHNSON (re-election)
- For City Secretary: W. H. BARTLETT (re-election)

**ONLY ONE LICENSE**

County Clerk Gus Farrar has issued only one marriage license during the past week. It was issued on March 17th to L. H. Plain, Brownfield, and Miss Vona Lee Ditto, of Brownfield.

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**BIG SPRING TO VOTE ON \$30,000 BONDS**

BIG SPRING, March 19.—An election will be held here April 7 for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for an extension of the water works system and other improvements. Additional fire plugs are also to be installed.

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### QUAST GIVES CLASS PICNIC.

Dr. P. T. Quast treated his Sunday school class to an outing in the country air and mountain on the Walter Boothe ranch Sunday afternoon.

There were fifteen boys in the party to go and all seemed to have enjoyed the open fire and roasting eggs, weiners, bacon, marshmallows to suit their own roasting eggs, rolls and Soda water to add to the feast.

After lunch was finished the boys had a goat roping rampage and mountain climbing, returning to the city at 5 p. m. and Dr. Quast says he was the most tired of any of the boys in the bunch. He says that these boys are a live bunch and just keep one going and guessing all the time and then out guess you.

### PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MET.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary studied the 3rd chapter of John and was directed by Rev. B. B. Hestir. The Auxiliary will have their regular Missionary study next Monday afternoon on "Mexico" led by Mrs. B. B. Hestir.

### GENESIS IS STUDIED.

The 3rd chapter of Genesis on "Adam and Eve" was studied Monday afternoon by fourteen ladies of the Church of Christ. Elder W. D. Black led the study and brought out many interesting ideas. Next Monday afternoon the study will be on "The Flood."

### AID SOCIETY MET AT CHURCH.

The First Christian Church Aid Society met Monday afternoon at the church. The Bible lesson was taken from the 23rd chapter of Psalms, led by Miss Mollie Musgrove. Mrs. R. A. Musgrove led the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held with the president, Mrs. W. S. Davis, presiding. The ladies decided to have two divisions in the Aid and hold a pie and cake sale once a month. The first sale will be next week.

The study will be on the 3rd and 4th chapters of Hebrews next Monday.

### AUXILIARY MET WITH MRS. ROBERTSON.

The Episcopal Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Robertson, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. B. Coate presided over the business meeting. Interesting articles were given on Missionary work. Mrs. R. C. Ledford and Mrs. Guy Morris brought out important and valuable ideas on Missions.

The paper of the rummage sale told of their success of the two past Saturday sales.

Mrs. Dan Ripley will be hostess next Monday.

### SONG PRACTICE AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be song practice at the Church of Christ, Friday night. Mr. Lee Hall will have charge of the song practice and insists on all being present. This is for preparation for the meeting which begins the first Sunday in April. Don't fail to be present.

### ORGANIZES CLASS IN SINGING.

Sunday afternoon, March 15th, Brownlee community met for the purpose of organizing a singing class.

Messrs O. D. Peden and W. G. Jewell, two of the committee working under the auspices of Nolan county Singing Convention, met with us and greatly assisted in organizing. Mr. Jewell acting as temporary chairman.

Opening song was conducted by Brother W. G. Jewell.

Songs were conducted by S. A. Smith, R. M., Coleman, W. G. Jewell and Walter Nix. Three specials were rendered: First by S. A. Smith, assisted by Walter Nix, Clint Algood, R. M. Coleman sang "Isles of Home."

W. G. Jewell assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Pedan and Mr. S. A. Smith sang, "Mother's Helping Hand." Later Mr. Nix assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Messrs Clint Algood and Coleman sang, "The Book Father Left Me."

R. M. Coleman was elected class president, Clint Algood, vice-pres., Misses Lillie Miller and Elmata Witherspoon were elected secretary and assistant secretary, respectively.

They chose for captain, C. L. Harrison. A committee consisting of Messrs Witherspoon, Butler and Algood was appointed by the choir to select books and purchase same.

First Sunday was selected as singing day at Brownlee. Everybody is cordially invited.

Secretary.

### LEGION AUXILIARY MET TUESDAY

The Legion Auxiliary met with Mrs. Roy Scuddry Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Jess Robertson, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. Three new members were added to the roll of the club, Mesdames E. B. Hull, Earl Freeze and Chester Freeman.

The hostess served a dainty salad course to seventeen ladies.

Mrs. Dr. Fain will be hostess on April 7th.

### MRS. WRIGHT TO BE HOSTESS.

Mrs. Rufus Wright will be hostess of the Self Culture Club, March 27. The subject will be "The Race Problem in The United States."

Mrs. R. D. Cox will be leader. The Basis and Nature of the Problem—Mrs. John Pocht.

Race Segregation and Discrimination—Mrs. J. R. Henry.

The Education of The Negro—Mrs. I. S. Pocht.

### T. I. A. A. CAGE TITLE STILL IS IN DOUBT

ABILENE, March 18.—The official basketball championship of the T. I. A. A. cannot be determined until the rulings passed in some of the previous meetings of the association have been investigated, it is announced here by A. E. Chandler, president of the association.

The West Texas Teachers' College at Canyon and Southwestern University at Georgetown are the teams in the association with the highest ratings. Southwestern has a higher percentage than does Canyon, but it is thought that Southwestern is ineligible to receive the title, due to the fact that that school played only eight T. I. A. A. games during the season. It is thought that the title will be determined from among the schools playings ten or more games during the season. If that is the case, the title will go to Canyon for the second successive year.

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Mrs. Dr. O. Stephenson and little son, Douglas, are spending several days at Wolfe City, Mt. Vernon and Houston visiting relatives. Mrs. Stephenson was present at Houston Sunday at the celebration of her father's 70th birthday. Eighty-seven relatives were at the celebration. We have agreed not to chronicle the Dr's. celebration while Mrs. Stephenson is away.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dulaney have been visiting Mrs. Tom Flack in Dallas this week.

Walter Plunkett and B. F. Younger, well known farmers of the Roscoe country, were in town Monday attending court.

Miss Joanna Black, primary teacher of the Bitter Creek school, spent Sunday in Sweetwater with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Black.

## INSPECTION FOR NATIONAL GUARD

### U. S. Officers To Be Here Thursday Night To Look Over Company

The local organization of the Texas National Guard will have its annual armory inspection next Thursday night, at the Armory, in the Luella building. The inspecting officer will be Major William Miller, Infantry, U. S. A., the chief instructor of the Oklahoma National Guard; the same officer who inspected the organization last year. The officers and men of the organization are working night and day in an effort to put the organization in shape to pass a creditable inspection.

A large quantity of new material of all kind has been received during the past week, in preparation for the inspection, and has been stored in the supply rooms of the organization by Capt. Stephenson, the supply officer. New uniforms have been issued to the men, and have been altered and fitted, so that the personnel will present a creditable appearance. The organization commander expects that every member of the company will be present; many out of town members are coming in, and the men in town are furnished added impetus when necessary, by the promise of a week's free board in the Hotel de Buck Johnson, as a reward for being AWOL from the inspection.

General Henry Hutchings, the Commanding General of the Seventy-first Infantry Brigade, of which the local organization is the Brigade Headquarters Company, has been invited to attend, and is expected to be present. It is known through the Division that the Sweetwater unit is termed by the General, "My Company," on account of the favorable impression that they have made in camp, and his visit will be made to see if the unit can also function at its home station.

On the inspection last year the local organization was rated "very satisfactory," the highest rating given. One of the features of last year's inspection which apparently made a very favorable impression on the inspector was the fact that a large number of the citizens of the town came out to see the boys "do their stuff," and that the American Legion Auxiliary, which organization has "adopted" the local National Guard was present in a body and tendered the Guardsmen a spread after the inspection.

R. M. Dailey, Ben Mueller and O. J. Blocker of near Roscoe have been serving on the jury in District court this week.

Dr. A. W. Canfil went to Autain on business Monday.

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### Gay Band Embroidery Latest Trimming Vogue



If you are wondering what shall be the "finishing touch" to glorify your new spring frock, go to the dress-trimming department and ask to see the latest embroidery handings. Such a bewilderment of loveliness as will greet your eye! Be sure to have a sample of your costume "to be" with you, for it does not matter how difficult the shade, it will find its affinity there, or else a fetching contrast in the way of embroidery bands to be purchased by the yard.

There are such exquisite ideas as apple-green three-inch flat crepe bands done in silver, gold and flower shades, navy crepe with Chinese stitching and colors, also a plentiful showing of black and white.

The effectiveness of embroidery band trimming is demonstrated in the costume pictured. This ensemble is carried out in wood shades and russet. Crepe and suede finished cloth is the fabric combination.

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Hens, under 4 lbs.	15c
Hens, Leghorns	15c
Springs, 2 1-2 lbs. and under	24c
Springs, over 2 1-2 lbs.	15c
Stags	08c
Old Roosters	05c
Fresh Eggs, per dozen	21 2-3c

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### Cottonwood Briefs

Everybody enjoyed the pie supper at Cottonwood Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Enough money was made from the sale to make the last payment on the piano. Miss Velma Davidson won in the beauty contest at the supper. Almost everyone was glad to see her win out as she is loved throughout the community.

Gladys and Katherine Sanders, Beat and Leafy Carson, Lillie and Floyd Finley and J. D. Lambert attended church at Calvary Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carson and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John Gant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davidson and Velma Davidson went to Hermleigh Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Cagle, Mrs. Davidson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hendrix spent Sunday with Mrs. Hendrix's parents Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Davidson.

Mrs. Moody, the teacher of Cottonwood, has returned to her school after a week of illness.

Ted Lambert spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lambert.

Cottonwood school holds a good attendance record for the last month as most all the pupils have been in school. All of the school children are making good grades in all of their studies, and their parents are very proud of them and their teachers.

Miss Gladys and Katherine Sanders spent Sunday afternoon with Lilly Finley.

Mr. I. N. Finley of this community was on the sick list last week. Mrs. Neal Davidson who has been ill the past few days is improving.

Mr. J. D. Lambert and Hugh Witt

will leave Sunday for South Texas to be gone for some time. They will be missed very much by their friends of the Cottonwood community.

Bill Finley, age 7, was very seriously hurt while playing. He was taken to the doctor by his sister and the teacher Miss Aline Moody. He is reported to be doing very well now.

### PASS \$3,000,000 AID FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

AUSTIN, Texas, March 18.—Rural free aid of \$3,000,000 will be distributed during the next two years in Texas through the Department of Education, as it has been in the past despite strenuous efforts to have it placed under control of the counties.

The Senate, over objection from Senator Wood Monday afternoon, adopted the free conference report, embodying the House Bill, which does not materially change the present method of distributing the fund. The House also adopted the conference committee report. The report was presented in the Senate by Senator Pollard.

Senator Wood fought to the last for his substitute, which had previously been passed by the Senate, and which proposed a radical change in the method of distribution, by placing it in the hands of the county Boards of Education or the Commissioners' Court.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church, Lamar Street, gave an interesting program Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Calvary Baptist church. The audience was unusually large.

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### Sylvester Items

The Sylvester High School and Grammar School had chapel exercises in the auditorium of the high school Monday morning. Several of the Sylvester women were there. Among those present were: Mrs. Lewis Kiser, Mrs. E. F. Hart and Mrs. W. M. Kiser.

The following short program was given by the High School:

Chorus ..... High School  
Chorus ..... High School  
Reading ..... Oneita Tooley  
Piano Solo ..... Maude Sexton  
Reading ..... Aleene Terry  
Arthur Maberry of Simmons College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maberry. J. A. Waddell has put a stack of feed in the back of the post office building.

Rev. R. A. Stewart of Sweetwater came to Sylvester Saturday. He and Rev. R. V. Tooley went to the Newman community where Rev. Stewart preached in the morning and held Quarterly Conference at the Methodist church in the afternoon. Few attended because of the cold. An excellent dinner was served by the Methodist women of the Newman community.

Allen Josey has been sick the past week.

The Sylvester Band accompanied by many of the Sylvester people went to McCauley Sunday afternoon where the band gave a free concert.

The Women's Missionary Society met at the Methodist church Monday afternoon. Their president, Mrs. J. A. Terry, was able to meet with them after a serious spell of sickness. The following members were present: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Eugene Kiser, Mrs. Rufe Williams, Mrs. E. F. Hart, Mrs. George Hood, Mrs. Garland Barnes, Mrs. Free, Mrs. Allen Josey, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. J. A. Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ward and family and Miss Lena Douglass spent the week end with Mr. Ward's brother, near Knox City.

Band director, Claude Henderson, left Saturday night for Dallas, where his mother is reported to be seriously ill.

Mrs. J. J. Nickless, who is at the Abilene sanitarium, is reported to be better.

Rev. R. V. Tooley held services at Moodyville, near Palava Sunday afternoon. He reports an excellent service.

Band practice was held in the grammar school building Monday night. Ernest Kiser directed the Band in Claude Henderson's absence.

Miss Sadie Cheatham, who teaches school in the Sylvester grammar school spent the week end with her sister, Miss Mildred Cheatham at Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain have returned from Tahoka, where Mr. McCain's sister lives.

A medium attendance was reported at the Baptist Sunday School Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bertha Stevens, who has been at the Stamford Sanitarium for some time, has been taken home.

Rev. R. A. Stewart of Sweetwater and Rev. R. V. Tooley went to Golan Saturday night, where Rev. Stewart preached an excellent sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kiser were at

the Methodist Quarterly Conference at Newman Saturday.

Instead of the regular program of the Senior Epworth League, the League enjoyed some cross-word puzzles Sunday evening. This was the second time that the League had the puzzles instead of the program. Plans are made for cross word puzzles once each month. Bro. Tooley reports.

The following members were present: Raymond Young, Sylvia Kiser, Milo Grey, Thelma Josey, Finis Sexton, Lucille Barnes, Everett Maberry, Oneita Tooley, Floyd Jones, Odessa Hood, Hugh Hood, Vernon B. Cabaness and Gordon Webb.

Mrs. George Parsons died at the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene at 9 o'clock, Thursday night. Burial services were held at Sylvester Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. I. J. Duff of McCauley.

### Maryneal Notes

Maryneal is now accommodated with a stage line which makes daily trips to Sweetwater, via Roscoe; also it makes the round trip on Saturday nights. Lem Herrin is the proprietor.

A. L. Collins and wife have leased the Orient hotel. They will move in at an early date and will be ready to give the public the best of service. We are glad to have these good people with us.

Johnie and Lewis Adams were visitors in San Angelo last Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Ham and children returned home Saturday after spending the week with Mrs. D. I. Grogan, north of Sweetwater.

Mr. Holden of Lovington is here this week, visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. N. Wilkins.

Fred Hale and family moved to San Angelo Thursday, where Mr. Hale will take charge of a ranch.

W. C. Collins left Saturday night for Denton to accompany his family to Maryneal, where they will make their future home. Mr. Collins owns a big sheep ranch here.

Mrs. Jno. Alexander and sons of Roscoe spent the week end at home.

A new son has made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas.

A message from Roswell, New Mexico, states that our old friend and neighbor, J. G. Keel, who has been very low, is fast improving.

W. B. Hartgroves made a business trip to Forney the latter part of the week.

Roy Dillon, wife and children of New Mexico are visiting Lester Dillon and family.

Ada Hartgroves spent Saturday night with Annie Laura Herrin.

G. P. Jones, ranchman, has returned from Fort Worth, where he took in the fat stock show.

The singing at A. L. Collins' home Sunday night and well attended.

Miss Myrtle Littleton and nephew Junior Garrett, spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. Littleton.

Willis Barbee, former deputy sheriff of this county, was here this week attending court and attending to other business matters. Willis has been at home in Sweetwater. He is now Chief of Police at San Angelo.

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## HOLSTEIN COW PROVES VALUE

Four Cows Give 25 Gallons Milk Per Day; Steer Calf Sells For \$15.00

W. R. Hope is convinced that the Holstein cow is the ideal cow for the average farm.

He recently sold a four months old steer calf to a local butcher for \$15.00. The calf was raised on skimmed milk, and its mother gives 7 gallons of milk a day. He has 4 Holstein cows that have been giving a total of 25 gallons of milk a day all winter. Last fall at the County Fair his cows carried off practically all the ribbons in their class. Why shouldn't he think his Holsteins are the stuff?

Many breeders are advocating the use of this cow on the farm. The Holstein breeders make the contention that the Holstein cow when too old to keep on the farm can be fed out and made to weigh from 1000 to 1500 pounds and bring a good sum of money when sold. On the other hand cows of smaller dairy breeds would only weigh from 600 to 800 pounds when the owner wishes to get rid of them.

The steer calves of the smaller breeds are practically worthless when put on the market, while the Holstein steer calf will feed out along with the Shorthorn and Hereford.

It is true that the smaller cows milk is richer with butter fat, but the Holstein gives so much more milk that the same amount or even more butter fat will be produced from her in the long run.

The Holstein cow requires little concentrate and a great deal of ruffage, while the smaller cow requires the opposite. Ruffage is usually plentiful on the farm. The fact is conceded, however, that the Jersey is the most practical cow for the town man.

### Nolan News

NOLAN, March 18.—We have had another taste of winter the past few days. Considerable ice was evident Saturday. Singing was well attended Sunday evening at the Church house and also Sunday night at the home of W. O. Shirley.

Messrs. Hershel Barten, Austin Shirley, C. A. Quiett and Austin Butler were in attendance at the drill of the National Guards at Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ray Cressman and family, Mr. Ray Howell and family and others from Sweetwater attended literary at Nolan last Friday night. We invite everybody in the county to our programs and we will try to entertain you.

Mrs. Ann Quiett has been visiting old friends in Abilene the past few days.

Rev. R. L. Butler visited in the home of C. Y. Butler one day last week. Rev. Butler lives at Indian Creek near Brownwood.

Mr. L. G. Kirby is serving his county as a jurymen in District court this week.

Nolan community was very much shocked at the death of Mr. George Judd whose death occurred a few days ago at Vernon, Texas. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community. Mr. Judd was one of our best thought of citizens. He stood high in the estimation of all who knew him.

Doyle, the son of Mr. H. W. Clayton was seriously injured a few days ago when a horse he was riding fell with him. He is doing very well at present.

We are still looking for rain. Some of us are beginning to be like the little boy who asked his father what was the use of having weather men if it never rained. We may be wondering when it is going to quit raining about the end of next month. Human mortals are never satisfied. They strive to have possession of something that they do not want after they have finally come into possession of it. Let's take it as it comes and leave the grumbling to those who have nothing else to do.

## Mineral Wells Plans For Big Convention

The dates for the 7th annual convention at Mineral Wells have been set for May 4-5-6, 1925. The program for the great meeting will be ready for March 10th and given to the press and the affiliated cities and towns. It will be a program around which the utmost care shall have been given in perfecting. Some of the features will be unique, viz:

1. The pageant will be an out-of-door affair and staged by the best company in the United States specializing in Pageants and Mineral Wells will furnish all of the costumes for the affair. No elaborate dress or other paraphernalia but upon arrival in Mineral Wells the same will be furnished her without cost.
2. No bands will play during the morning, except upon arrival in Mineral Wells. There will be about 55 bands attending the convention and \$3,500, in prize money has already been provided.
3. The number of speakers will be much more limited than at past conventions, and they will be especially selected.
4. The banquet arrangements call for feeding 7,000 or all registered delegates.
5. The new \$100,000 Convention Hall is now under construction in Mineral Wells and will be completed in ample time for the convention.
6. Extraordinary plans are being made for camping parties and automobile parking.
7. The Motto of the Convention shall be: "Work in the mornings—

Play in the Evenings." This great annual convention has become the meeting ground for 40,000 West Texas, so let's everybody go and enjoy ourselves. Mineral Wells has excellent Hotel facilities.

### MOVES HERE

A. A. Greeves and family of Hermleigh have moved to Sweetwater to make their future home. Mr. Greeves is employed at a local wholesale concern. We welcome this good family to our city.

### SNYDER MAN TAKES CHARGE OF ROSCOE FILLING STATION

Clarence McMinn of Snyder has purchased the Quick Service Filling Station at Roscoe and is now operating the same. Mr. McMinn was in the cafe business at Snyder, but sold his business there to his brother.

T. D. Wiman of Chapion has been serving on the jury in District court this week. Mr. Wiman is a prosperous farmer of that community.

You are invited to meet the "Globe Man" who will be here

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### HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

(Continued from Page 2)

rose and gave 15 Rabs for him, the class and Marshall Wilks. Mr. Gibson also announced the coming baseball game with Hamlin. Mr. McLain announced that the flag raising exercises would be next Thursday morning. The exercise was concluded after the students sang "Tramp, Tramp Tramp," "The Bull-Dog on the Bank," "Jaunita," and "Carry me Back to Old Virginia."

### NOTICE OF COMING EVENTS

Two days, 3rd and 4th of April, have been set aside for the coming county meet which is to be held in Sweetwater at the high school building. Roscoe, Dora, Blackwell, Maryneal and all other large schools of Nolan county will be represented. The literary contests are as follows: Spelling, arithmetic, essay, extemporaneous speaking, declamation and debate. In the final try-out of our debating team the winners for the boys were: Gregory Morony and R. L. Allen. Winners for the girls, Ruth Davis and Fay McDonald. Names of other contestants will be announced later.

Our much beloved principal, Mr. E. F. Neimast, has been confined to his room with the flu since last Thurs-

day. We miss him, and hope that he may soon return to his school duties.

### IMPRESSIONS SCENE

**FOLKS MAKE**

An Imp of Idleness—Bill Boyles.

A talking machine—"Foodles" Majors.

A wrestling match—Bill Schuhmann.

A society top—Ralph Wright.

Young Lochiwar—Luther Gornon.

Beauty parlor, French methods—Ruth Davis.

Greenwich Village Follies—Bernice Sheridan.

An arrow collar—Grady Bowen.

Eternal Immobility—Sam Morrow.

An efficiency expert—Buston Herring.

Sir Galahad—Gregory Morony.

A Spanish Cavalier—Howard Holwell.

A red roadster, 60 per—Bill Sheridan.

A hurricane—Bernice Ragland.

Barriam was right—Sie Edwards.

### Seniorism

Jean's a senior

She knows how

To get along with the teachers

Without a row.

Mr. Freeman was explaining the circulation of the blood to his physical training class.

"Now, why is it," he asked, "that when I stand on my head, all the blood rushes to my head, and when I am standing on my feet, it does not?"

"Because, sir, your feet ain't empty," yelled a voice from the rear.

A flea and a fly in a flu,

Were imprisoned so what could they do?

Said the fly, "Let us fee."

Said the flea, "Let us fly."

So they flew through a flaw in the flu.

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## TEAM LOSES HOME GAME

First Game On Home Diamond Goes To Hamlin High Team

By Otis Watson

In a hard fought but loosely played game, the local High School nine lost the second game of the season to Hamlin. The high wind and sand storm is responsible in a way to the many errors and scores made by both sides. Fitzgerald and Herring worked on the mound. Though Fitzgerald was pulled in the first inning he showed signs of a good pitcher.

The Pups lost one game to Hamlin previous to this one.

### Pay by Play

First inning, Hamlin—Willingham out, Webb to Toler. McGee pops, Webb misses. McClong singles to Roberts, scoring McGee. McClong steals second. Bold singles to Henry, scoring McClong. Holt hit a home run, scoring Boyd. Roland walks. Owens grounds to Webb who fumbles. Dean singles to Roberts, scoring Roland and Owens. Herring relieves Fitzgerald for Sweetwater. Willingham hit by pitched ball. McGee grounded to Webb who threw to third. All men safe and Dean scoring. McClong walks. Boyd singles to Henry, scoring McGee and Willingham. Holt singles to Roberts, scoring McClong and Boyd. Via out Henry to Toler.

Sweetwater—Webb walks. Roberts grounded to Boyd. Webb out Boyd to Owens. Roberts safe on first. Robert stole second. Toler tripled, scoring Roberts. Henry fanned, called. Mitchell popped to Dean who fumbled, scoring Toler. Schuhmann singled to McClong. Mitchell going to third. Sheridan fouled to Willingham.

Second inning, Hamlin—Roland fanned; called. Owens walked. Owens steals second. Dean walks. Willingham fanned; called. McGee flied to Mitchell.

Sweetwater—Roy fanned; swinging. Herring hit a four bagger. Webb hit a high bouncer over McGee. Roberts fanned; swinging. Webb out trying to steal second.

Third inning, Hamlin—Cage goes to right field for Sweetwater. McClong triples over Cage. McClong scores on bad ball. Boyd walked. Holt hit by pitched ball. Via doubles to Mitchell, scoring Boyd and Holt. Roland fanned; swinging. Owens singles to Cage. Owens to third; overthrown to second. Dean out. Roy to Toler. Owens scoring. McGee grounded to Toler.

Sweetwater—Toler flied to Boyd. Henry fanned; swinging. Mitchell doubled. Schuhmann grounded to Boyd. Mitchell scoring on over throw. Sheridan fanned; swinging.

Fourth Inning, Hamlin—McClong out; Webb to Toler. Boyd walked. Holt grounded; Boyd out Roy to Webb. Via out; Sheridan to Toler.

Sweetwater—Roy popped; but safe. Dunn relieves Dean for Hamlin. Herring grounded to Owens. Roy out Owens to Boyd. Herring stole second. Webb singled. Cage grounded to Owens, scoring Herring. Toler doubled scoring Webb and Cage. Toler stole third. Henry fanned; swinging. Mitchell doubled scoring Toler. Schuhmann singles, scoring Mitchell. Sheridan pops to McGee.

Fifth Inning, Hamlin—Roland singled. Owens grounded, Roland out; Sheridan to Roy. Dunn popped out to Webb. Owens stole second. Willingham got a three base hit, scoring Owens. Willingham came home on a bad ball. McGee out; Day to Toler.

Sweetwater—Roy out; Boyd to Willingham. Herring out; Owens to Willingham. Webb flied to Roland. Sixth Inning, Hamlin—McClong singled. He stole second. Boyd hit a home run, scoring McClong ahead of him. Holt out Cage to Toler. Vatripled. Roland singled scoring Via. Roland caught napping out at first. Owens doubled. Dunn singled, scoring Owens. Dunn scored on over throw. Willingham singled. McGee tripled scoring Willingham. McClong out Webb to Toler.

Sweetwater—Cage flied to McClong. Toler safe at first. Toler out stealing second. Henry walked. Mitchell doubled. Schuhmann tripled, scoring Henry and Mitchell. Sheridan out; Boyd to Willingham.

Seventh Inning, Hamlin—Boyd flied to Mitchell. Holt singled. Via fanned; called. Roland popped to Webb.

Sweetwater—Taylor, pinch hitter, grounded to Boyd, safe at first. Taylor stole second. Herring fanned; swinging. Webb singled, scoring Taylor. Cage walked. Toler's ball was found in the northeast corner of the lot, scoring Webb and Cage ahead of him. Henry singled. Boyd relieved Dunn. Owens went to short stop. McClong to second. Kirkland to right field, all for Hamlin. Mitchell walked. Henry out trying to steal third. Mitchell stole second. Schuhmann doubled. Mitchell scored and Schuh-

mann went third on a bad pitch. Sheridan out Boyd to Willingham. Score—Sweetwater 16. Hamlin—24.

### WATER PURIFICATION PLANNED AT ABILENE

ABILENE, March 19.—City Engineer O. K. Hobbs will go to Fort Worth this week to confer with Major Hawley, well known engineer of public works, on plans for the proposed purification water plant for Abilene. Major Hawley was recently here and examined all diagrams which had been made by Engineer Hobbs and made an investigation of the entire water system.

He will now go into the details of the wisest plan in his opinion of building and equipping the proposed plant.

### SCHOOL HUMOR

Mrs. McAdams—"What is the meaning of the word average?"

Homer—"It's something that a hen lays on."

Mrs. McAdams—"Why the very idea! What put that idea into your head?"

Homer—"Well, I saw in a magazine that a certain kind of a hen lays three hundred and fifty eggs each year on an average."

Old man—"Son can you direct me to the bank?"

Walter—"Yessir, for a quarter."

Id man—"Isn't that mighty high pay?"

Walter—"Not for a bank director."

Dear Mr. Colgate:

I bought a tube of your shaving cream. It says no mug required.

What shall I shave?

Yours truly, A freshman.

Julian—"He may be a great artist, but he has a funny way of doing things."

Jay—"How's that?"

Julian—"He says he painted his master piece on an empty stomach."

Mr. Neimast—"Do you believe a rabbit's foot ever brought good luck?"

Mr. McLain—"Yes, I do. My wife felt one in my pocket once and thought it was a mouse."

Monte and Mae were spending the night together. They had planned to get up at six and have a sunrise breakfast. The alarm clock rattled merrily, awaking every one in the neighborhood except Monte and Mae. Finally Monte awoke and looked at the clock. She jumped out of bed, grabbed two pillows and began beating Mae over the head and screaming at the top of her voice: "Eight o'clock! Eight o'clock! Eight o'clock!"

"Well, you'd better get a doctor then," said Mae, and she turned over and went back to sleep."

Oh, Mr. Ward to heaven did go,

His face we'll see no more.

For what he drank for H-2-O,

Was H-2-SO-4.

The brick-layer and jazz band player get fifteen dollars per week. The brick-layers would deserve their pay if they would throw a few of the bricks at the jazz player.

Miss Daniel—"Sam, what was the steel age?"

Sam—"Oh, that was the age when everyone would steal all they could."

### Local Men Sell Cattle At Show

W. L. Boothe of Sweetwater and W. T. and C. W. Lewis of Blackwell who exhibited fine Hereford cattle at the Fat Stock Show held at Fort Worth last week, made several sales of cattle which they carried to the show. Among the sales made were:

Don Stanway 7, bull, 2 years, consigned by Boothe and Wright, Sweetwater; bought by M. Cerf, Ennis, \$190.

Don Stanway 9, bull, 1 year, consigned by W. L. Boothe, Sweetwater; bought by J. B. Sewell, Jacksboro, \$175.

Pauline 6, cow, 1 year, consigned by W. L. Boothe, Sweetwater; bought by B. S. Walker, Fort Worth, \$110.

Bessie Shucknall, cow, 4 years, consigned by W. L. Boothe, Sweetwater; bought by B. S. Walker, Fort Worth, \$165.

Primero, bull, 1 year, consigned by W. T. and C. W. Lewis, Blackwell; bought by E. F. Morton, Quanah, \$135.

### CHAMPION GIRLS WON

The Champion girls won the basketball game from the Roscoe girls last Friday afternoon by a score of 6 to 11. The game was close all the way through, the teams being pretty nearly evenly matched. — Roscoe Times.

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## J. L. WILLIAMS BUSY FARMER

J. L. Williams who lives in the Plum Creek community was in town Monday attending court. Mr. Williams' absence from town had been noticed and we approached him on the subject. He explained things to the News satisfaction by stating that he was clearing a lot of new ground and getting his land in shape for the coming crop. Mr. Williams is very optimistic concerning the rain, and stated that he had rather see it rain in April than in March. He called our attention to the fact that three years he had paid attention that when the dry spell was broken in March that a short crop followed, but if it waited until later a good crop was sure to follow. He stated that there was ample time for rain. Some of Sweetwater's merchants need Mr. Williams' spirit of optimism.

## Calls Meeting To Fight Hoppers

From every direction there are coming reports of Grasshoppers hatching out by the millions, and countless more millions of eggs ready to hatch.

Through the close co-operation of Sweetwater business men and farmers last year in providing large quantities of poison, bran, syrup, etc. at a price that made it possible for the farmers to use large quantities, and by putting up a determined fight the 1924 crop was saved.

We are facing the same situation this year, and prompt action is necessary. To this end, a meeting has been called by H. E. Lewellen, president of the Nolan County Farm Bureau for Saturday, March 21, 1:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the court house auditorium, and everyone who's interested is urged to be present.

W. S. Posey, cashier of the First State Bank at Lubbock was a business visitor to Sweetwater Monday.

## Many Folks Attend Singing at Trent

Trent was the scene of a great singing event Sunday when people from Abilene, Merkel, Palava, Blair, and Trent gathered at the Methodist church. A large crowd overflowed the house. An excellent time is reported to have been had by all and much fine singing was heard.

No special program featured the afternoon, almost everybody present enthusiastically entering into the spirit of the meeting and taking part in the singing. However, several solos, duets, and quartets injected variety into the program. Good old time hymns and a number of more recent ones were sung.

## BIG SPRING CHURCH WORK PROGRESSING

BIG SPRING, March 19.—Work of pouring concrete for the basement of the new \$50,000 Methodist Church building here is going steadily forward. Excavation for the sub-basement, which is to be seventy by 112 feet, has been completed.

The church is to be two stories and basement, and will be one of the largest and modern church plants in West Texas.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends and acquaintances who were so kind and helpful to us during the recent sickness and death of our father. Your words of comfort and kindness were very much appreciated. We also wish to thank those who brought or sent the beautiful floral offerings.

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## BISHOP E. HOBAN



Rev. Edward F. Hoban, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and vicar general to the archdiocese, will be honorary president of the international Eucharistic congress to be held in Chicago in June, 1926. A million visitors are expected in Chicago during the convention.

## A GLIMPSE OF TEXAS HISTORY

Texas was first claimed by Spain. The Spaniards based their claim on Caranodo's visit to the western part of the state when he was searching for the "Seven Cities of Cibola." Then in 1862 the Noble La Salle a Frenchman who claimed all the land drained by the Mississippi for France. By Misfortune he made a settlement in Texas in 1685. But this was a failure and again Spain took the lead.

In 1821 Mexicans gained their independence from Spain and Texas came under the rule of Mexico.

Mexico gave grants of land in Texas to several colonists for the United States. Stephen F. Austin was among the first to make a settlement. People from the United States came by hundreds.

The Mexicans began to fear the Americans and began to pass harsh laws. This aroused the Texans and in 1836 they declared Texas to be free and independent of Mexico.

A war followed in which Texas was victorious. The first battle of much importance was the fall of the Alamo, April 6, 1836. The last battle was at San Jacinto, April 21, 1836. Here the Texans under the command of Sam Houston defeated a Mexican Army several times the size of their own. The war closed with the treaty of Velasco. Texas was now independent from Mexico. For nine years Texas was a republic. The constitution was modeled after that of the U. S. In all, four presidents served Texas.

In 1845 Texas was annexed to the U. S. Of course the laws etc., was changed and the people now had a governor instead of a president.

Texas is the largest state in the union. It has a larger area than Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana combined. There are two hundred and fifty two counties in Texas. In 1920 the population was 741,000 negroes, and 4,663,228 whites. San Antonio and Dallas are the two largest cities. Each having about 110,000 inhabitants.

Texas is located in the extreme Southern part of the U. S. The climate ranges from temperate in the northern to sub-tropical in the Southern part. The rainfall is heaviest in the northeastern part, which has an average rainfall of sixty inches per year.

Farming is the leading industry. Cotton is the leading product. There is an abundance of rice, peanuts, corn, wheat, oats, fruit, vegetables, and many other kinds of crops grown in the state.

There are some minerals, petroleum being the most important. All kinds of livestock are raised, including cattle, horses, hogs, poultry, etc. Packing houses, oil mills and flour mills are the most important manufacturers. Fishing is another important industry.

The northeastern part of the state is a timbered land. There are dense forests of pine, holly, hawthorn and other kinds of timber, in the southeastern part of the state, flat prairies extending westward from the coast, and gradually rising to low hills.

The black land grand prairies of the East central part of the state extend westward. The great plains are located in the western part. This is a treeless country, that until recently was used only for ranching. It is now becoming one of the leading agricultural sections.

The most important river of the state is the Brazos, which flows nine hundred miles through the richest and most developed part of the state. The Rio Grande furnishes water to irrigate a large section along its course.

Texas has more railroads than any other state in the union. The most important railroad centers are located at Galveston, El Paso, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco.

Texas has an excellent school system. County schools are regulated by county school boards and city schools are regulated by municipal boards of education. Texas has the largest permanent school fund of any state in the union. The state maintains several normal schools in different sections.

The people of Texas vote for the following state officers: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, etc.

Texas has been the field of many bloody battles. First the Texans had



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## EDUCATION IN EARLY DAYS

Fisher County Man Writes Experiences in School Years Ago.

Below is published an interesting article written by D. R. Chance, a Fisher County resident, in which experiences of his school days are related that will be of interest to the younger and middle-aged people:

"The life of a school boy dated back to fifty-two years ago."

The first school I went to was in Lawrence county, Missouri. The name of the school house was Concord. It was a frame building with two doors in one end. One for the boys to march in at and one for the girls to march in at. With five windows, two on each side and one at the end.

My teachers name was Miss Mandy Hulma. The rules were read to us every Monday morning. On the walls she kept two nails, and on these nails she kept from two to four sticks. When we disobeyed orders she would take one of them, and call us up to her and make the dust fly out of our coat-tails.

The books we studied were the old blue back speller. First, second, third fourth, fifth and sixth reader. And Rays three part Arithmetic was all we studied in those days.

We would say speeches and have spelling matches on Friday afternoons.

When she would take up books, she had a board to make three raps against the house to march in by. If we didn't step to that, we knew

what would come.

My father died in Lawrence county, Missouri. My mother started to Texas and landed in the Chickasaw nation, November 10, 1885. It had been raining the Red river was up, and so the ferry boat was sunk. We never did get on into Texas. My mother rented some land and stayed there that year.

The second school I went to was taught in a log house with the floor taken out, so we pupils could sit on the sleepers for benches. The cracks were thick and dobed with mud.

My teachers name was Mr. Linley. He was an old broken down Baptist preacher. What I mean by being broken down was one that was too old and sorry to preach. He taught for a dollar a month per pupil.

He had a tobacco sack as big as a pillow case, filled with home spun tobacco. His pipe was made of stone with a cane stem. He would take his pipe in his right hand, stick it down in the sack to fill it up. Then he would dip it in the hot embers to light it. He would sit there and smoke it while we recited our lessons.

About fifty yards from the house was a spring branch, which we carried water from. While he was smoking his pipe we would slip off and go to the branch, pull off our shoes and wade up and down the creek, chasing the little fish. That was great sport to we children in those days.

This school lasted two weeks. This was all of my school days.  
Thanks,  
D. R. CHANCE.

Willard Burton, of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, was here the latter part of last week looking after business interests. Mr. Burton lives in Fort Worth.

## The Popular Girl

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

MIDDLETON did not return to college after the Christmas vacation. He was down in his studies, his instructors said; his father did not wish him to continue, he told the fellows; he had accepted a position, the college paper announced; but the real facts were that it was a girl—a very popular girl—who had upset Middleton and put an end to his college education.

She was a pretty girl with pleasant manners and stylish clothes and a ready flow of talk and exemplary morals—if her clothes had been a little less correct and her morals a little less exemplary, she might have been less dangerous. From the time she had entered the high school she had kept a string of fellows about her, and she had played them adroitly, skillfully, and with a steady eye to her own selfish interests. If one ever tried to break away she melted immediately and gave him the impression that he was the only one for whom she had really cared, and he usually rushed back into her train.

When Barton entered college he was ambitious and gave promise of an excellent record; but she was attracted by him, and he no sooner came under her influence than he lost all ambition. He was wild after her, spent his money on her, and neglected everything to be with her. She would never let him alone, played with him in a tantalizing way, called him on the telephone if he failed to see her, and then when she had ruined him as a student and tired of him as a lover, threw him aside unemotionally and picked up another victim.

There had been several of them before Middleton came—a shy, sensitive, tender-hearted boy, easily led, easily discouraged, and in love with the girl. His attentions had seduced her, and though she did not really care for him, she was too calculatingly selfish to let him go. She smiled on him and almost insulted him in turn; she made engagements with him and then broke them without compunction if a more desired suitor came along. She counted on his coming whenever she beckoned, and, too weak to resist her, she made life for him a constant uncertainty and hell which he left college to rid himself of.

Such a man is weak, you say. Perhaps. But a real woman might have strengthened him, encouraged him, set for him ideals, or, best of all, she might have let him alone.

There are many such girls with pretty faces and curiously attractive clothes, incapable of real feeling and incapable of an unselfish thought. They come out unscathed, many people think, from these social escapades, but it is not true. They pay—every one of them. Sometimes the time of payment is long deferred, but they pay to the last farthing, cruelly, far more than their little petty popularity and pleasures are worth. When they come to the point of wanting friends there are none; when they want love and real devotion they are gone; through their drifting with sacred emotions they become incapable of feeling or appreciating such emotions, and the end is loneliness, unhappiness and neglect.

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to fight the Red Man, next came the Mexicans, who soon decided that the people of the Lone Star state were determined to win. Texas has done its part in all the wars against the United States. Many great generals have been born on Texas soil.

Despite all the hardships, this grand state is now becoming one of the leading states in the union. And all who live within its bounds should feel proud of being a Texan. \*  
By Winnie Mae Houston, (Sixth Grade Pupil.)—Center School Paper.

WORK AND OLD AGE  
Would you live to a ripe old age and achieve distinction? Then work hard. Many of the world's greatest statesmen, financiers, scientists and writers passed the allotted three-score years and ten through the formula of unremitting toil. Benjamin Franklin assisted in revising the constitution when past 80. Titian painted until he was nearly 100. Goethe finished the best part of "Faust" after 70 and Gladstone could thrill the House of Commons at 80. William Cullen Bryant died in full vigor in the harness at 84. Hippocrates, the "father of medicine" lived to be 100 and Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" when past the limit Oslar set for chloroforming the average man. While many think our presidents die young, statistics show their average is 67.3 years. This does not include Coolidge and Taft, the only two living men who have occupied the White House. The average age of our president at inauguration is 55. Seventy is young for American financiers. Russell Sage was active at 90, Levi P. Morton at 96, Cornelius Vanderbilt at 83, the elder Pierpont Morgan at 76 and Andrew Carnegie at 82. John D. Rockefeller is vigorous at 84, Henry Ford is in his prime at 84, and although past 60, he is still a man of action.

On Friday, January 30, we played Longworth on their court and won by a score of 12 to 16.

On Thursday, February 5th, we played Roby and lost by a score of 15 to 18.

On Friday, February 6th, we played Busby at Busby and won by a score of 18 to 8.

On Friday, February 14th, we played Sardis at Center and won by a score of 18 to 23.

On Friday, February 28th, we played Longworth at Center and won by a score of 15 to 27.

On Friday, March 6th, we played Barronview and won by a score of 44 to 8.

In all our girls have played twelve games and have lost three games, and two of these were with Roby. We believe we have the best rural team in Fisher county.

R. B. Kirk of Blackwell has been in Sweetwater this week attending District Court. Mr. Kirk is a grocerman in the little city to our south.

## The Question Of Reputation

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## SUCH IS LIFE

By Dan Zelm

LOVE IS A WONDERFUL THING

