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Committees Are Preparing For Convention

Committees of the Concho Valley Council are busy preparing for the 6th Annual Scouters' Convention at 4:30 to 6:00 p. m. and the 14th Annual Banquet at 6:30 p. m. Friday, February 2, at the St. Angelus Hotel in San Angelo.

At the convention session, commissioners, Scoutmasters and Troop Committeemen will have a special program, featuring activities for the coming year. Council members will have their annual convention, where the officers for 1940 will be elected and objectives adopted to govern the Scout movement for the year.

Dr. W. H. Elkins, president of the San Angelo College, has been selected toastmaster for the banquet, starting at 6:30 p. m. Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, will make the principal address. Features of the evening will include presentation of awards, introduction of Scoutmasters of the Council and the newly elected officers. Music and playlets are included in the entertainment of the evening.

Scout Troops of the Concho Valley Council are busy during January preparing for the celebration of the 30th birthday of the Boy Scout Movement in America. The week of February 8-14 is set for this purpose. Programs for the week will feature reunions of all former Scouts with Troops, Parents' Night Programs, at which each Troop will conduct its own Court of Honor, city-wide and community "Good Turns," historical and other types of hikes, window displays and other demonstrations in the community. Most Troops will attend church in a body on Sunday, February 11, as has been a custom of Scouts for 30 years.

First Voters Are Urged To Pay Necessary Tax

Pointing out the fact that less than one-fifth of Texas' young people—those between the ages of 21 and 25—exercise their vote. The First Voters League of Texas have launched a statewide drive to encourage the payment of poll taxes and the procurement of exemption certificates before the January 31 deadline.

Headlining the drive was a statewide rally on the University of Texas campus Monday night, January 15, with President Homer Price Rainey as principal speaker, and with leading state officials taking part.

President Bob Sawtelle declared that "the continuance of democracy depends upon the active and alert participation of our young people in the affairs of their own government."

American Buyers Take Australian Wool Allotment

An announcement was made this week in Boston by the Australian Wool Trade Commissioner that American buyers within the past two weeks had taken up almost two-thirds of the Australian wool allotment made to American buyers. The allotment consisted of 75,000 bales of Australian wools.

In commenting on the rapid absorption by American buyers, Trade Commissioner L. R. McGregor in a circularized statement said: "At the present rate of progress, it is anticipated that the remainder of the allotment will be acquired by the American buyers within the next ten days." The statement was released January 10.

FATHER SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. R. C. Brinkley is in Wichita Falls with her father who is ill in a hospital there. He underwent an eye operation and contracted pneumonia. His condition is reported to be serious.

TREE PLANTING IS BEING SPONSORED BY SONORA LIONS

The Sonora Lions Club is sponsoring a tree planting campaign in Sonora. A committee composed of H. C. Atchison, chairman, Alvis Johnson and George E. Smith is to take charge of this movement. This committee has enlisted the co-operation of the local highway beautification committee. The Lions Club committee has agreed to contract for purchase and planting of the trees, which are to be set out between the street curb and the sidewalk where practical.

A preference is being given for pecan trees and the committee will give careful consideration to the variety of pecan to plant on the different type soils to give the best results. Several nurserymen are being contacted in order to secure the best trees at the lowest price.

The highway beautification committee with Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, chairman, is co-operating by soliciting co-operation of the property owners who will agree to set out trees on their lots. A committee composed of Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary, Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Thomas A. Bond and George D. Chalk.

Beautification trees along a street not only beautifies a town but makes the resident property more desirable and valuable. It is hoped that the property owners will co-operate by setting out trees which in a few years will make the city streets in the residential section more beautiful.

Institute Reveals Magnitude Of Public Savings

Demonstrating the social and economic significance of life insurance, the public has invested sufficient capital in the nation's greatest plan of co-operative savings to provide more than 4,000,000 jobs, according to figures just released by the Institute of Life Insurance in New York City.

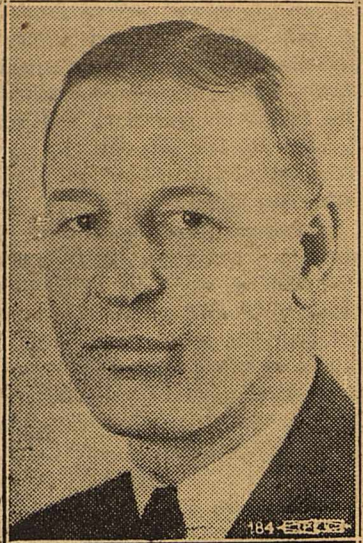
The figures were received here this week by J. L. Nisbet and C. H. Allen, who are local representatives of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, which Texas organization is affiliated with the Institute.

At the close of the past year, local representatives said, the Institute's statistics disclosed that a total of \$113,000,000,000 of life insurance was in force in this country. Based on previous investment progress in economic security, the Institute estimates the American people will this year expand the total by more than \$2,000,000,000.

Accumulated reserves total more than \$29,000,000,000, and by using the commonly accepted figure of \$7,500 as the amount of invested capital required to provide employment per person, Nisbet and Allen pointed out that this is adequate to supply more than 4,000,000 jobs in America per year.

The figures announced by the Institute of Life Insurance, it is said, are for the industry as a whole.

REPRESENTATIVE



DORSEY B. HARDEMAN

Rep Hardeeman To Run Again For Present Office

Representative Dorsey B. Hardeeman, of San Angelo, was in town Wednesday, on business. Mr. Hardeeman is representative from the 91st District, embracing Glasscock, Howard, Sterling, Reagan, Irion and Tom Green counties, and is now serving his first term. He is recognized as one of the outstanding orators of Texas, and his many friends predict for his eminent success in politics. There has lately been rumors that Mr. Hardeeman would or should make the race this time for Congress from the 21st Congressional District, which includes Sutton county, but the News understands that Mr. Hardeeman will run again for State Representative.

Range Program Beneficial

The local office of the AAA has received 75 checks amounting to a total of \$52,503.85 for payment of range conservation work done on ranches in Sutton county during the year of 1939. These checks were received 31 days after the applications for payment were mailed in to the State office and is more than 45 days earlier than any payments were received for 1938 work.

Approximately \$82,000.00 will be received by Sutton county ranchmen this year. A total of 119 ranches have complied with the program and more checks will be received by the 1st of February.

Large Wool Sale Made Saturday By Peterson

One of the largest sales of wool since the beginning of the year was made last Saturday when an accumulation of 190,000 pounds of fall wool was sold to Jack Hughes of San Angelo.

The fleece was the accumulation of fall wool at the Peterson warehouse at Brackettville, with Emery & Conant of Boston furnishing the cash.

W. R. Parsons spent last weekend in San Angelo, visiting his wife.

Ozark Hillbillies Win Thriller In Guy-Gal Melée

By JIMMY MORGAN

The Ozark Hillbillies came to town Wednesday night to show the local fans how the basketball game is played according to the men's rules. The Hillbillies touring feminine basketball squad, gave a large crowd an evening's entertainment, thrill-a-minute, by nosing out "Professors" 20 to 19. The Professors were composed of Sonora Schools men teachers.

The fans were disappointed as the center of attraction, towering Monica Ryan, World's tallest basketball star, height 6 feet, 3 inches, was not in the line-up. However, she gave an exhibition with her overhead pot-shots during the warm-up practice. Had she been in action, Hillbillies probably would have made some twenty points better.

Despite Ryan warming the bench, Jo Darrow, blonde long-shot artist, had the fans open-mouthed when she sank several from the mid-court. Most of her shots went swishing through the net without touching the rim.

Dearl Beard, playing manager of the local squad, led his team to a flying start with two quick ringers. The Professors led all the way until cool-headed Darrow sank a two-pointer as the half ended. The Hillbillies led at half, 11 to 10, and were never headed for the night. It was Miss Darrow again who won the game for the visitors by pitching in a charity throw in the last few seconds.

As the closing minutes were ticking away, the Professors seemed to have forgotten their manners. They staged a desperate tight defense in effort to "pick-pocket" the ball out of her hands. On several occasions they missed many important shots while loafing around under the basket.

Misses Darrow and Haynes led the scorers with nine points each for the Hillbillies. Beard chalked up eight points for the Sonora teachers.

In the preliminary game, the lady faculty members gave the Sonora Girls All Stars a lesson with a one-side victory to the tune of 26 to 16. Professor Leeta Mae Garrett led a "one-woman team" with sixteen points for the teachers. Miss Clement registered seven points for the All Stars.

The new Broncho Gymnasium was filled to the capacity and everybody were happy because they had their money worth of entertainment. The appearance of the Hillbillies probably will keep the "whole town talking" for some time.

F. T. Jones, superintendent of the Sonora Schools System, was the announcer.

The line-up of the guy-gal melee was as follows:

HILLBILLIES	FG	FT	PF	TP
Haynes	6	3	1	9
Muncieff	0	0	2	0
Hobbs	2	0	3	2
Darrow	8	1	1	9
Onson	0	0	0	0
Total	16	4	7	20

PROFESSORS	FG	FT	PF	TP
Murray	2	1	1	3
Flathers	2	2	2	4
Beard	8	0	0	8
Sharp	0	0	1	0
Caffey	0	0	1	0
Speece	2	2	2	4
Willman	0	0	0	0
Total	14	5	7	19

Free throws missed: Haynes 2, Hobbs 2, Darrow 2, Murray 1, Flathers 1, Beard 1, Sharp 2, Speece 1.

Timekeeper, Hill; Scorers, Garrett and Morgan.

CHOIR HAS SOCIAL

The Baptist Choir met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meckel for the practice this week. After the practice a social hour was enjoyed and Mrs. Meckel served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleophas Cooke of Ozona, brother of Mrs. J. H. Sawyer, were here for a visit Monday.

BREEDER



JOHN B. STRIBLING

Bank Elects Officers And Directors

A satisfactory dividend was paid and new officers and directors were chosen at a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank here recently. The officers and directors as chosen are listed as follows:

Roy E. Aldwell, president; Geo. S. Allison, vice president; E. F. Vander Stucken, vice president and chairman of the board of directors; Geo. H. (Jack) Neill, cashier; Mrs. Maysie Brown, assistant cashier.

Board members were selected as follows:

Joe M. Vander Stucken, E. F. Vander Stucken, Roy E. Aldwell, Edwin E. Sawyer, Jack Neill, Geo. S. Allison, Geo. L. Aldwell, S. H. Allison, Lea Roy Aldwell, the only new addition to the board.

The bank was said to be in an extremely healthy condition, with prospects for an excellent business year very bright.

Nisbet Agency Expands Service To Patrons

The Nisbet Insurance Agency, which heretofore has been enabled to handle the financing of new car purchases, have expanded their facilities by which they are now permitted to finance the sale of used cars, and will in future be enabled to handle the papers connected with used cars sales. At the same time, used car payments can be refinanced by the local agency, with the transaction being kept at home, helping both the town and the citizens in that way.

The installation of a financing and re-financing system for used cars will no doubt be a popular department of the Nisbet Insurance Agency, as such an arrangement will fill a want experienced in every community or even necessary to refinance the automobile payments, which has been hard to do in the past, most financing companies being averse to handle paper on any other than a new car. However, it has been observed that the man with a used car, or desiring to buy a used car, will find it desirable to have some concern handle the necessary papers on the car, and the local set-up will probably provide facilities which will be made use of to a large extent.

The Nisbet Insurance Agency is everything that the name implies, and in adding the used car department to their financing phase of the business, will offer the most complete service to citizens, no matter what the insurance or financial need may be.

Santa Fe Railway Carloadings Decline

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending January 6, 1940, were 15,433 as compared with 17,759 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 5,232 as compared with 4,864 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 20,665 as compared with 22,622 for the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 18,279 cars during the preceding week of last year.

ROTAN BREEDER OFFERS HERD FOR SALE

Rotan, Jan. 17.—One of the greatest surprises in Hereford history was given cattlemen this week when John B. Stribling & Son, nationally known Hereford breeders of Rotan, Texas, announced that their entire herd of Anxiety 4th Herefords are to be dispersed at auction on February 5. The animals are those heretofore retained in the herd and never before offered for sale. The offerings consists of 20 cows, 12 heifers, 14 heifer calves, 3 herd bulls and 8 bull calves.

The Stribling annual sales have been high marks of the Hereford industry. To breeders, the dispersion of this small but select herd of Anxiety 4th Herefords will rival in importance the sale of the parent herd of Gudgeon & Simpson at Independence, Missouri, in June, 1916, the reason being that the Stribling herd has, during the past few years, become known as one of the most important fountain heads of Anxiety 4th Herefords.

In building his herd, Mr. Stribling not only bought what he considered the best cattle available but, when he made a purchase, he bought more cattle than he expected to keep, then divided them with his customers through his auction sales. In this way, he not only built a great herd, but he assisted many other breeders in building good herds. From each purchase he "salted away" a few of the choicest animals. This was a novel method of building a herd but it proved a decided success.

Possibly the greatest feature of the Stribling dispersion will be the sale of five sons and seven daughters of Advanxiety. In four previous sales, 10 sons and daughters of this bull, all selling at young ages, have averaged \$840 each. The service of Advanxiety has been featured in previous Stribling sales, and females carrying his service have averaged \$836. Many of the cows and heifers in the dispersion sale will either be carrying calves at side by him.

Another feature of the Stribling dispersion is the unusually large number of great producing cows. Sons and daughters of a number of these cows have been the top animals in previous Stribling sales. Perhaps the most noteworthy of these is Pretty Lady 52nd, dam of Advanxiety. She is not yet 8 years old, yet Stribling has received a total of \$11,500 from the sale of a half interest in Advanxiety and the outright sale of two of her other calves. Two of her daughters also sell in this sale, one of which is regarded as the most valuable cow in the herd.

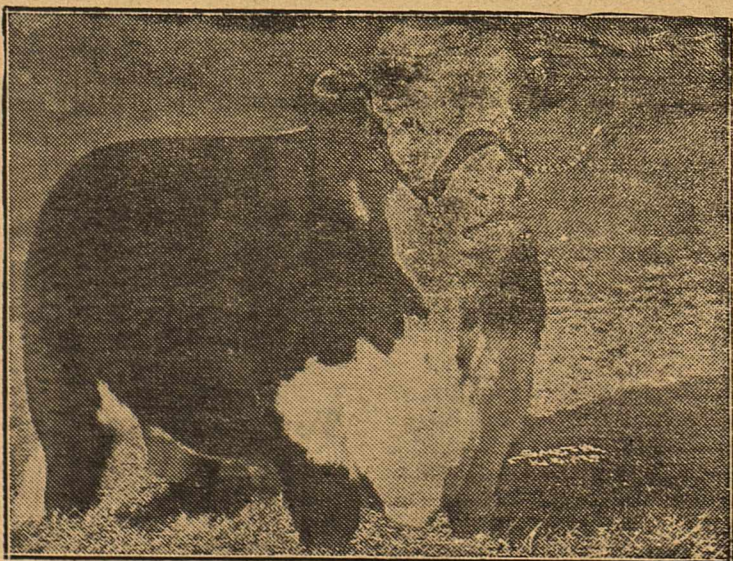
Hereford breeders everywhere have benefited from Mr. Stribling's operations, which have been an important factor in stimulating and maintaining interest in the industry. Recognizing that the dispersion of the Stribling herd provides an opportunity to make selections from among a group of animals that under other circumstances would not be for sale at any price, and knowing that the division of such outstanding animals will improve many herds, Mr. Stribling's many friends in Hereford circles realize that such considerations are outweighed by the loss to the Hereford industry of his talents and energy.

Among the progressive Hereford breeders in this immediate area who have made purchases in Stribling record breaking sales are: E. C. Beam, Sonora; John Fields, Sonora; Halbert & Hoggett, Mertzon; D. E. Hughes, San Angelo; Bryan Hunt, Sonora; C. T. Jones, Sonora; Jimmy Rieck, Roosevelt; Patterson & Rieck, Roosevelt; J. F. Webster, Fort McKavett; and Estate of E. E. Sawyer, Sonora.

SHERIFF FREEZES HANDS

B. W. Hutcherson suffered frozen hands when his car slipped into the ditch near Amarillo. In trying to clear his car of the snow his hands were frozen. He is somewhat improved at present.

FAMOUS STRIBLING HERD BULL



Advanxiety, Hereford bull for a half interest in which Drs. W. J. and J. L. Jinkins, Galveston, Texas, paid the breeder and owner, John B. Stribling of Rotan, Texas, \$7,500. Five sons and seven daughters sell in the Stribling dispersion sale on February 5.

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BASKETBALL NEWS

The Bronchos visited the Rock-springs Basketball Tournament Saturday, January 13, at which eight towns were present including Rock-springs, Ozona, Sonora, Kerrville, Barksdale, Pearsall, Del Rio and Brackettville. The Bronchos lost their first game with Ozona, 21 to 18, and the consolation with Pearsall, 44 to 17. Kerrville won the tournament.

Ozona is holding a tournament in two weeks in which Sonora intends to compete.

The Bronchos have been working hard and expect to play Rock-springs here tomorrow morning.

JUNIOR CLASS CAKE SALE

The members of the Junior class are selling tickets for a cake to be given away January 27th. Each chance is 10c. The money will be used for the Junior-Senior Banquet. Patronize the Juniors.

VOLLEY BALL

On Friday, January 12, the volley ball girls went to Ozona to play at four o'clock. Sonora won with a score of 59 to 16. Since the game started early, Ozona's and Sonora's second string players played a game of two ten minutes halves. Ozona won with a score of 35 to 17.

PERSONALS

Libby Jo Wallace went to San Antonio Friday and came back Sunday.

Dorothy Henderson, Louise Meriman, Vinagene Powell, Patsy Gilmore, Lora Dell Ory, Merle Ory, Peggy Gilmore, Bessie Ray Kiser, Jamie Trainer, Edna Lee Wilson, Aleeta Willingham, Mary Lee Heflin, Billy Jo Henderson, Miss Allison and Miss Milstead were in Ozona Friday.

Mary Lee Heflin and Billy Jo Henderson were in Eldorado Saturday.

Sue Glascock and Doris Meckel were in San Angelo Saturday.

Marjorie Davis and Louise Morris were in San Angelo Saturday night.

The SIDEWINDER

When did you turn "hen" on us, O. B.???

Majorie's favorite sentence seems to be, "Dorothy, you do have the sweetest cousin!"

Ponc and Buster, do you have 'em fooled???

We wonder why Herbert goes around in a day dream all the time? Could Polly be any part of the reason???

Hollis — blonde or brunette — which is it this time???

Doris McDaniel and Mary Jo, who were the boy friends with you Friday?? We saw you out the San Antonio road.

She wrapped me around her finger tip

Wrapped me round and round and round

She tied both ends so I wouldn't slip

They stuck her finger in the ground.

If she goes with all the boys, She's a flapper;

If she doesn't go with boys, She can't get them;

If she speaks to every one, She's a flirt;

If she doesn't speak, She's a "high-hatter;"

If she goes to school to study, She's left out of parties;

If she doesn't study in school, She's dumb;

So what must a poor girl do, To strike a happy medium?—

Exchange.

The war gods are beckoning. It's high time we decide between the Coast Artillery and the Seventh Day Adventists' creed. Or perhaps we could win the hand of a widow who possesses five children before the matrimonial rush begins.—The Lawrentian.

Neither Here Nor There

Pappy: "Whar's our Nell?"

Mammy: "She's outen the woods ahuntin' b'ars."

Pappy: "But ain't she afeerd of b'ars?"

Mammy: "Naw, she's a ridin' her bike, and she knows how to handle the bars."—Mishandled.

The teacher asked the class to write a story on "The Funniest Thing I Ever Saw." One student, having finished long before the others, turned in a paper on which was written:

"The funniest thing I ever saw was too funny for words." Westerner World.

Wife—"Dear pastor, please announce: 'Rex Vernon, having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety.'"

Pastor (slightly dim-eyed): "Rex Vernon, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."—Zephyr.

The trouble with modern college life is that there is too much life and not enough college.

I've never broken a single date Nor walked in from a ride; I've never slapped a boy friend's pate

Nor decomposed his pride. I've never nodded in assent

When humbly begged to wed; I've never loved and lost and went

To wish that I were dead. And not a single time have I

Been broken at a dance But here, my darling sirs, is why: I've never had the chance.—The

Watchman.

If your grades aren't so good thus far in school maybe this will help:

Don't study when you're happy Don't study when you're blue

Or have something else to do. Don't study when you're tired

Don't study in the day time, Don't study in the night;

But study all the other times With all your main and might.—

The Weekly Review, Hamilton, Ohio.

297 Texas Citizens Die In Fires During Year

Two hundred and ninety-seven Texans died during 1939 from effects of burns, according to figures compiled by the state fire insurance department, with the most deadly type of accident—trapped in burning dwellings—claiming 82 lives.

These incomplete reports made available to the department indicate a slightly higher death toll than in the preceding year. Clothing ignited from being too close to open fires and stoves was the cause of 44 deaths during the year, including 12 children.

"While aggressive effort has been made in recent years toward educating the public in fire prevention, far too many home owners disregard flagrant hazards," Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner declared. "In the law, ignorance is no excuse, and it would be a fine thing if that same principle were extended to cover the harboring of fire hazards."

Fires from collisions and wrecks took 13 lives; burns, boiling oil and asphalt took four lives; scalds from coffee or tea claimed the lives of two children, and 16 died of burns received by falling into hot water; burns from electricity took two lives; explosions of unknown cause brought death to eleven; explosion of gas took eight lives; cleaning body with gasoline caused three deaths; improper use of gasoline took a toll of 31 lives, including seven children; lamp explosions claimed eight.

Starting fires with kerosene almost matched the deadlines of standing too close to stoves by taking 38 lives; burning motion picture film killed one person; playing with matches proved fatal to nine children; one man died from smoking in bed, and a woman was fatally burned when her clothing became ignited while she was smoking; gasoline and kerosene stove explosions killed eleven;

Teacher: "What inspired the pioneers to set forth in their covered wagons?"

Pupil: "Well, maybet they didn't want to wait 30 for a train."

"I'm surprised at you. Do you know what they do with boys who tell lies?"

"Yes, sir. When they get old enough the firm sends them out as salesmen."

Sign on Stude's door: "If I'm studying when you enter, wake me up."

And as Elvera put it, "Everything I want to do is either illegal, immoral, or fattening."

They give tests under the honor system. The school has the honor and the students have the system.

Mr. Schultz: "Well, son, how are your grades?"

Bobbie: "They're under water."

Mr. Schultz: "What do you mean, under water?"

Bobbie: "Below 'C' level."—Exchange.

Bovine: "That new farm hand is terribly dumb."

Equine: "How's that?"

Bovine: "He found some milk bottles in the grass and insisted he had found a cow's nest."

Freshman: "Have you noticed the smell in the library lately?"

Sophomore: "Oh, that's nothing, just the dead silence they keep there."

water heater explosions killed two; two persons were trapped in buildings where fire was of incendiary origin; two suicides by fire were reported; and the cause of two fire deaths was undetermined.

How To Build A Fish Stream

Hats off to sportsmen of Marion county, West Virginia, who decided to quit talking and get down to work, and as a result today have prospects of excellent trout and bass fishing right in their own locality.

When we speak of trout fishing, we do not generally think of Marion county. But in the future years unless nature interferes, Marion county will be right up there with fine fishing.

The story goes back about one year to the time when Game Protector Clay Messinger, Louis A. Hammond, and several other sportsmen went swimming in White Day creek. Noticing the coldness of the water, the thought came to them that with some work and planning, White Day might be made into a trout stream.

After some discussion, plans were formulated for such development—and here is where the success story actually started. Instead of talking, or asking someone else to do the work, the sportsmen of the Onized Rod and Gun Club of Fairmont and the Square Circle Sportsmen's Club of Monongah, got down to overalls and pick and shovel, and each club constructed 12 dams for a total of 24. With such a start, it was not difficult for them to interest the National Youth Administration and the State Road Commission to provide manpower on the one hand and transportation on the other, to build 78 more small dams, for the total of 102.

The work was not begun without consultation of the technicians of the Conservation Commission, who made exhaustive tests and analyses to determine whether or not a trout stream could be created artificially. The tests showed that the average temperature of the water during August was only 65 degrees; that the mineral content was negligible; that there was no fish-killing acid water emptying into the creek, and that there was food in abundance, such as crabs, minnows, hellgramites, etc.

The principal thing lacking was a sufficient amount of shelter, pools and riffles which the dams, ranging in height from 1½ to 2½ feet are providing.

The Conservation Commission planted 4,000 4-inch brown trout in the upper portion during September after the dams were finished and will place some bass in the lower portion of White Day as soon as the fish are available.

In addition, some rainbow trout planted last year will be of sufficient size to catch by next trout season, and a fair share of legal size rainbows, such as the Commission has been planting for three years, will be released in these waters next spring.

The point of enterprise is just this. By getting down to brass tacks and undertaking the work themselves, Marion county sportsmen were able to realize a long-felt ambition and utilize sources of help which the Conservation Commission is not in a position to obtain. Such self-reliance deserves the fullest co-operation, and the Commission has been glad to give technical advice and aid in populating the stream with fish.

In future years Marion county sportsmen can expect to do some fine fishing right in their own "backyard," all because they were not afraid to get down to work.

There are few sportsmen, indeed, living in this country who couldn't have good fishing if they would put as much effort into action as they put into griping about existing conditions.

There are literally thousands of shallow creeks, small rivers, and even large dry-bed creeks that could be converted into trout and bass streams with a few dams and a little scientific study.

Your state game commission will be glad to assist in every way possible on a project such as this.

FOX COMMITS "SUICIDE"

A red fox, a rare animal in the area surrounding Gonzales, Texas, met an untimely end recently, apparently hanging himself in the fork of a tree. The animal was found by E. H. Menking on the Wallace place southeast of Gonzales.

It is believed the fox accidentally caught his neck in the tree fork and could not free himself. The bark on the tree was torn by the claws of Sir Reynard in his frantic efforts to get loose.

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

"Henry Goes Arizona"

With

Virginia Weilder, Frank Morgan

SUNDAY and MONDAY

Sunday Matinee — 2:30

'Drums Along The Mohawk'

With

Henry Fonda, Claudette Colbert

TUESDAY ONLY

Matinee — 4:00

"To Busy To Work"

With

The Jones Family

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

To Be Announced

La Vista Theatre

Summary Given On Livestock Trends

The combined receipts of the various classes of livestock for 1929 at San Antonio were a little short of the expected three-quarters of a million mark but the final count for the year showed 23.2 per cent increase over totals for 1938. The 1939 livestock movement to the local market came to 783,772 head, 138,183 larger than the 595,589 head that were marketed locally in 1938.

Supplies of cattle, animals weighing 452 pounds or more, for the past 12 months came to 179,328 head as to 164,512 head in 1938. The increase was 24,816 which figured 15.08 per cent greater. More calves, animals, weighing 450 pounds or less, were shipped to the local yards than any other class. The counts was 328,158, against 274,371 for the previous year. The increase was 43,787 head or 15.95 per cent.

As far as the number marketed was concerned, less sheep were received than any other class but a comparison of supplies for the past two years showed the greatest gain. In 1939 marketings came to 72,635 and in 1938, 34,467. The difference was 38,168 for the outstanding increase of 110.76 per cent. Hog supplies for the past year came to 153,651 head as to 122,239 for a year earlier. The gain was 31,412 head or 25.69 per cent greater.

The increase in receipts on the local market began fairly early in the year and became more to the front toward the latter part of the 52-week sessions. For the past few years the local market has been on the way to improvement in many ways. Broader outlets for the various classes, improved yard and handling facilities and as to prices, those paid locally were at times well above any other market in the United States.

In some ways, the movement for

last fall was larger than usual, due to the dry weather and lack of feed. Many cattlemen marketed supplies that in better years, they would have been inclined to have held back—at least until some time later. The exceptionally good prices paid by order buyers for calves was a big factor in attracting the class of livestock. Movements from San Antonio to northern and western points was the heaviest by far in many years.

The rapid improvement in breeding of South Texas cattle for the past several years has caused cattle men of other sections that are looking for breeding stock to get them through in the San Antonio yards. In most instances the shipments were limited to one or two cars or so, shipments were numerous enough to be considered a large factor. Another item of note in the local trade was supplies of calves and yearlings plus a few aged cattle that were purchased for winter pasturage and feedlots in or near the various irrigated belts.

The Bureau of Agriculture Economics continues to forecast a larger consumer demand for meat in 1940, compared to the past year's trade—a forecast which contains great beneficial possibilities for South Texas, if it is fulfilled. With little indication of a letup in the expanding purchasing power of the industrial wageearner, which began last summer sales over the nation's meat counters are expected to increase materially in the next few months.

In considering an ultimatum to the situation, it can be added, the retail meat trade for the three months of 1939 did not develop as readily nor as rapidly as expected. The volume of meat consumed in that period was short of most expectations. However, some circles point out several unlooked-for factors that detracted from the volume. One was the early fall heat-wave that covered most of the 48 states and sharply curtailed the meat trade in all sections of the country for a period of a week to 10 days. Also the extended warm

weather over the northern parts of the country that did not change until around Christmas.

Some interests expected the present war in Europe to create an outlet from this country for meats and meat products. Apparently the latter is very slow in developing. To countries at war the expected demand has been almost an utter failure, with American exports of meat having an inclination to decrease. Although there is a possibility of a demand to develop in the future for beef, certain cuts of pork, lard and a few other similar items, controlling conditions toward such a demand would have to be most favorable for it to amount to any appreciable tonnage before several more months have passed.

A chart of the nation's meat purchases for the last six months of 1939 does not show such sharp rises nor as large a percentage of increases as a number of other staples and commodities, though as a whole, and excluding pork, dressed meat consumption for that period as reflected by liveweight price levels, compares favorably with business charts in general. Pork consumption was large but hogs for market were available in record numbers and oversupplied the market.

Material aid in stabilizing livestock values for the past several months has been the remarkable expansion of industrial consumption of livestock by-products, wool, mohair, hides, and so forth. Wool and mohair have been absorbed in great quantities and prices rose almost overnight to near record levels. December purchases in several instances were slightly above levels which were considered records up to that time.

The increased fleece consumption of the past three months rapidly depleted supplies on hand. Material manufacturers are looking to other wool producing countries for the additional supplies they will need. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina are prospec-

tive sources. At present Australia is receiving the most attention and while American purchasing agencies are keeping in close contact as to prices, very little actual buying has been reported to date.

Social Security Gains

Now that the pay-off is about to begin, it is easier for some persons to see the benefits of the social security program adopted by Congress. Concentration on making this system work, with revisions as needed, will be more profitable than chasing after nebulous schemes that promise big benefits in printing-press money. More than 47,500,000 American workers now have social-security accounts, and those past 65 will receive their first pension checks about February 1.

Pension payments will vary from \$10 to \$85 a month, but the maximum will not be reached for some years, because the amount is based on the earnings of the person covered since the plan was put into effect. Average monthly payments at the start will be about \$26 for unmarried men and \$39 for married ones. All the states are participating in this part of the social security program and in that which provides unemployment insurance. Only forty-five states, however, are taking advantage of federal help for the needy blind and for dependent children.

Though there still is need to extend the social security plan to include domestic servants and farm hands, who often need unemployment and old-age benefits, the outcome thus far tends to justify the statement of Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, that "both the need for, and the effectiveness of, the social security act have already been demonstrated beyond question. In terms of people served and future want forestalled, its record to date is one of real and enduring progress."—Dallas Morning News.

New Housing Approaching Proper Level

For the first time in nearly a decade sufficient new housing is being provided to meet the increase in the population and to offset the destruction of old houses, Federal Housing Administrator Stewart

McDonald has announced.

This is due in large part to the stimulus furnished by the amended FHA program providing the most favorable home-financing terms in the history of the country, he added.

The number of people whose housing conditions have been improved by FHA's Insured Mortgage System is approximately equal to the combined population of 15 states—Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Oregon, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Delaware.

State Hatcheries Being Repaired By Commission

Having increased production of fish in its ten hatcheries by nearly 2,000,000 during 1939, the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission is preparing to turn out an even larger crop this year and improvements at four hatcheries which will cost \$30,000 are under way or will be started soon, it was announced today by the executive secretary of the Game Department. WPA funds and labor will be used

for part to the work.

The biggest project being undertaken by the Game Department is at the Huntsville Hatchery. That hatchery's thirty-two ponds will be augmented by the addition of four more, each of which will be approximately an acre in size. To improve the watering system at will be lined with rock masonry. Huntsville the drainage ditches and reinforced concrete. A new filling system to carry water into the ponds is being built, under the direction of the Department's hatcheries' engineer. Most of the present ponds at Huntsville will be deepened.

Repair work on the large levee at the Olmito hatchery has already been started.

A drag line will be used to deepen the canal through which water enters the San Angelo Hatchery. Work there will start within two weeks.

The finishing touches are being put on the Medina Hatchery near Natalia. That hatchery is the latest addition to the Game Department's list of fish-producing plants. Four ponds were in operation during 1939.

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West Texas Group Files Protest On Two Counts

Two protests have been lodged with the United States Chamber of Commerce by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

First protest is against an article in the current issue of "Nation's Business," publication of the USCC, which attempts to show that the national freight rate structure is not discriminatory to the South and Southwest.

The second protest is against a recent newspaper statement of the USCC that the proposed "Truth-in-Fabric" legislation in Congress is unnecessary.

In connection with the first protest, J. M. Willson, Floydada, president of the WTCC-sponsored Freight Rate Equality Federation told USCC officials that the article in "Nation's Business" contains "all the arguments used heretofore in perpetuating this discrimination upon us and utterly fails to present the Southern and Southwestern viewpoint relative to this important matter, or the changed conditions that now make erroneous such argument."

The WTCC and FREF offered to contribute an article to the publication giving the viewpoint of the South and Southwest on the freight rate question and presenting arguments and illustrations to show that the freight rates in these sections are discriminatory when compared with Eastern and Northern rates.

In stating that the "truth-in-fabric" bill, which would require labeling of clothing to show whether pure wool and mohair were used in its manufacture, the USCC said this matter could be handled by the Federal Trade Commission.

D. A. Bandeen, WTCC manager, pointed out that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce had sponsored and advocated the "truth-in-fabric" legislation to protect West Texas sheep and goat raisers, West Texas being the greatest wool and mohair producing area in the world.

"The position of the United States of Commerce in opposing this bill was based on the assumption that the Federal Trade Commission already had such authority, and therefore, such legislation was unnecessary. If this be true, then most surely we should get a ruling from the Federal Trade Commission on this matter. Surely, the USCC is not going to oppose the main principle and objective of the 'truth-in-fabric' bill," Bandeen said.

Foundation Ready To Be Poured

Ground was broken early Monday morning for the construction of a building to house West Texas' first woolen mill. Located on Main street in Eldorado, the structure will be of native stone and concrete construction. Brick will be used on the corners and around windows and doors.

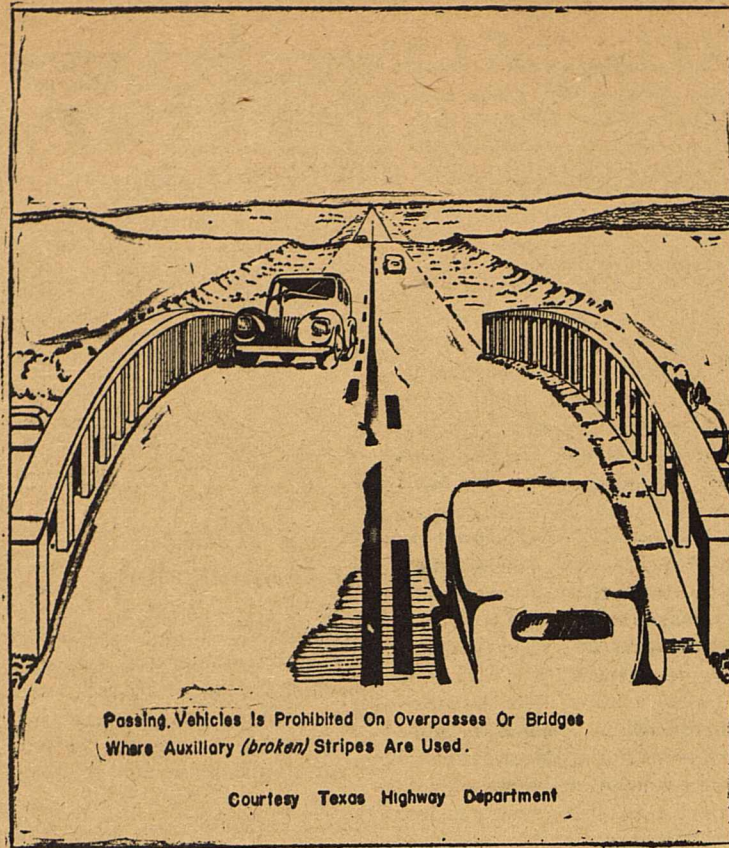
About 12 men are employed on that project which is estimated to require from one to two months for completion. J. M. Christian is overseeing construction and John Griffin is foreman. Stone used in the building is being quarried on the Will Whitten ranch and on the J. B. Christian ranch.

J. M. Christian, graduate of the engineering division of Texas Technological College at Lubbock, is building the mill. Young Christian has spent several years employed by eastern textile manufacturing concerns and is well familiar with mill operations.

Machinery for the plant has been purchased and is now in Lowell, Mass., awaiting completion of the building before being shipped.

The mill will be in operation by

HIGHWAY MARKINGS EXPLAINED



May of this year, in the opinion of Mr. Christian. About two months will be required for completing the building, provided favorable weather conditions prevail, and it will take approximately 30 days to set up the machinery.

An experienced woolen textile man will be employed to assist in setting the machinery and getting the mill in operation, Mr. Christian stated this week. It is planned that other positions will be filled by local people who will be taught operations of the plant.

The West Texas Woolen mill will manufacture high grade blankets, suiting, yarns, batting and hand woven fabrics. Wool scouring operations will be done at the Cen-Tex scouring plant at San Marcos. Carding, spinning and weaving will be done in the local plant.—Eldorado Success.

Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson spent last week in Kerrville visiting her mother, Mrs. J. E. Grimland.

B. W. Hutcherson, Mrs. Batts Friend and son, Bennie, are spending this week with James Ed Hutcherson near Dryden.

Filipe Rodriguez received head injuries when a pear burner exploded. He was taken to a San Angelo hospital.

Lavelle Meckel has gone to San Antonio where she will spend about a month in special study of voice and directing.

Miss Naomi Harris, secretary for Nisbet Insurance Agency, spent last week-end in San Angelo visiting with her sister, Miss Mozelle Harris.

P. W. Askew brought the mail from San Angelo to Sonora Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Carl Roberts, who in company with his wife visited their parents in Jacksboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley of Big Lake were guests in the W. L. Davis home Tuesday. The major occasion of the visit was to get acquainted with Rodney.

Liquor Notice

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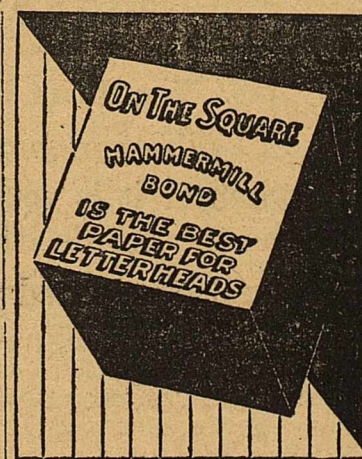
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San Antonio Livestock Market

HOGS:—Estimated salable and total receipts 700. Early trading active, early market mostly 15 cents higher than late last week. Early top \$5.50, paid for most good and choice 160 to 300 pounds butchers. Later top \$5.70, 20 cents higher than early, or 35 cents higher than last week. Most 140 to 160 pounds \$4.75 to \$5.70. Packing sows mostly \$4.50 down, few to \$4.75. Feeder pigs around \$3.00 to \$3.25, few heavier weights to \$3.50.

CATTLE:—Estimated salable receipts 900, total 1,200; CALVES, salable 1,800, total 1,950. Light weight slaughter calves and few early sales of most other classes active and fully steady, but general market slowing down with trading dull on short-fed and fed yearlings, some sales slightly lower. Late sales and most bids on cows weak, spots lower. Receipts all classes were comparatively light.

Steers were scarce, few 864 lb. short-feds \$7.75. Few lots of short-fed and fed yearlings up to \$8.60, including warmed-up 579 lb. heifers at \$7.00, some 635 and 668 lb. fed offerings at \$8.50, and 475 lbs. to \$8.60. Few common yearlings \$6.00 and \$6.50. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.50 to \$4.50, including three rail loads scaling 664 lbs. at \$4.25. Common and medium cows bulked at \$4.75 to \$5.25, including five rail loads averaging 824 lbs. at \$4.75. Good cows were scarce, few \$5.50 to \$5.75. Bulls sold mostly from \$4.75 to \$5.75, odd above.

Good and choice killing calves mostly \$7.75 to \$8.50, few above on the yearling order. Light weights were in best demand. Most common and medium calves \$5.50 to \$7.50, culls down around \$4.50. Medium to good stocker calves \$7.00 to \$8.75, few choice steer calves around \$9.00, few light weights reached \$9.50. Feeder yearlings sold around \$8.00 down, including some 735 lbs. at \$7.50.

SHEEP:—Estimated salable and total receipts 400. Market steady with late last week.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church

It seems that king winter is here, but let us be very sure to remember the Sunday School and preaching services Sunday and honor the Lord by lending our presence to every service.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a. m.

Sermon by Pastor . . . 11:00 a. m.

Training Service . . . 6:00 p. m.

Sermon by Pastor . . . 7:00 p. m.

Come and bring a friend. Go out of your way to bring some one to church that has no way to come.

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

Business Mens' Bible Class

The Men's Bible Class which meets at La Vista Theatre would like to greet you next Sunday at 9:30 a. m., and hopes that every man in Sutton county will plan to be in Sunday school somewhere. A spirit of good fellowship is enjoyed while there, and hot coffee is served to all each Sunday.

Come.

W. W. Gibson, President

Methodist Church

9:30 a. m.—The Brotherhood Bible Class meets in the basement of the Methodist Church.

9:45 a. m.—All the other departments of the Sunday School will meet in their regular places.

10:50 a. m.—Morning sermon subject: "The Tragedy of Indecision."

7:00 p. m.—A prayer for a revival.

A cordial welcome to all. You are a stranger at the Methodist Church only once.

If you are a visitor in town we invite you to worship with us.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

Brotherhood Men's Bible Class

The Brotherhood Men's Bible Class had one of its best attendance records last Sunday. We hope to have even more men attending Sunday morning. Bring a visitor with you to the basement of the Methodist Church at 9:30 o'clock. Let's make this a record attendance and we urge you to be there if at all possible. The fellowship among this group of men is fine and a special musical program will be arranged for your enjoyment.

Preston C. Lightfoot, president

Political

Announcements

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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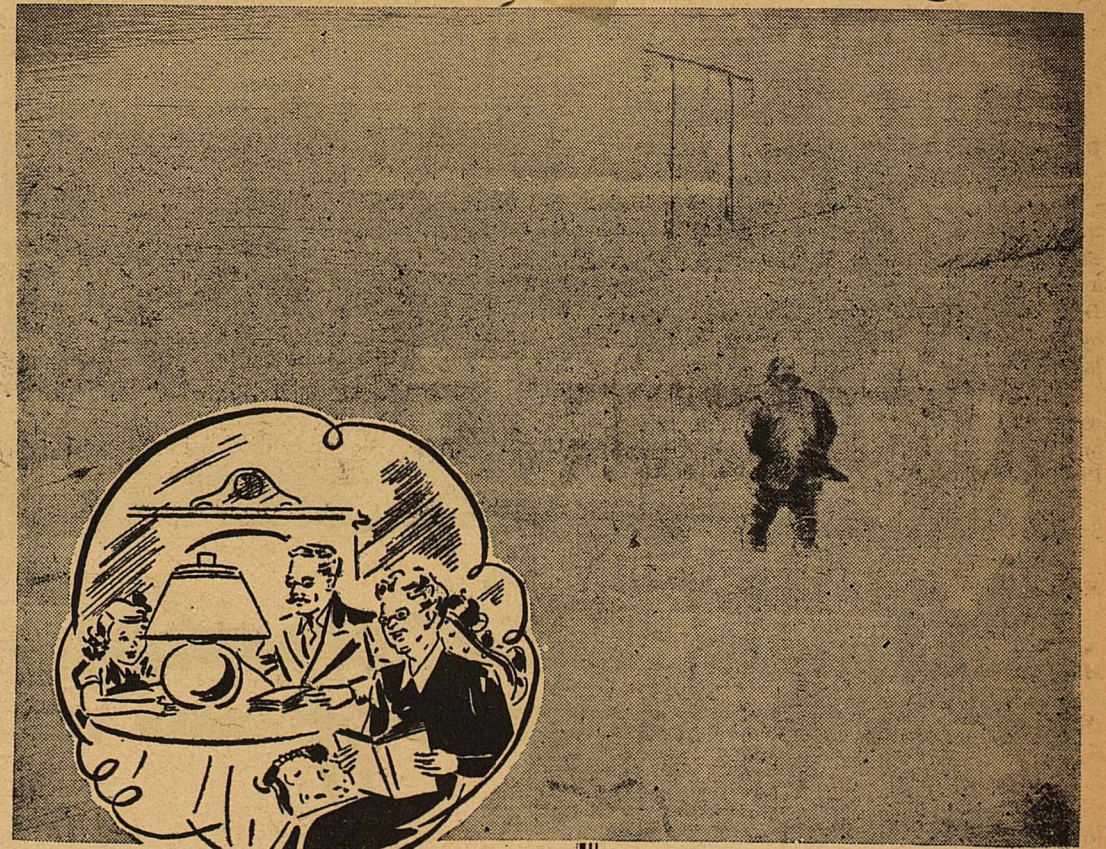
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SOCIETY NOTES



Parties...Clubs Future Events

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Society Editor

Methodist W. M. S. Meets

A meeting in the home of Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, was held Wednesday afternoon by the ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society.

Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson was in charge of the program, and the meeting was opened with a prayer given by Mrs. Robert Rees. Mrs. R. F. Davis discussed the topic, "Rehabilitation of China."

"Air Raids and Family Devotion," and "Growth of Human Communities," were the topics which Mrs. W. E. Caldwell discussed. Following the talks a round-table discussion was held by those attending.

A business session followed and the meeting was dismissed. Fourteen ladies attended.

Mrs. Earwood Hostess Monday

Mrs. Lloyd Earwood was hostess to the Monday Contract Club at the home of her mother, Mrs. N. B. Wilson, Monday afternoon.

Bridge was played at one table, and Mrs. Sam Hull received high club score and Mrs. Andrew Moore was awarded the high guest prize.

Those attending were Mrs. Sam Hull, Mrs. Andrew Moore and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr.

HALBERTS MOVE TO NEW RANCH HOME

The new home which has been under construction on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., is now complete, and the family has moved into the house. Containing seven rooms, the new home is of Spanish architecture, having for the enjoyment and convenience of the residents a large living room, modern kitchen, spacious dining room, den, and three spacious bedrooms. Two large fireplaces were built for the warmth of the occupants, one being in the living room, and the other in the den. The den, as an added architectural feature, is finished in knotty pine, and is a most attractive part of the home. A tile roof tops off the structure in a modern manner, and many built-in closets and cabinets add to the utility features of the home.

DR. WHITE TO SAN ANTONIO

Dr. Tom White is attending a State Board of Health meeting in San Antonio. Today he is taking a Post-graduate course in "Child Dentistry," which is being taught by Dr. Charles A. Sweet of Oakland, California.

Tomorrow Dr. Homer Simpson will be at the Mid-Winter Clinic and will lecture on "Full Denture Prosthesis."

Dr. White expects to return here Sunday.

MISS HALBERT ON TRIP

Mrs. R. A. Halbert and daughter, Miss Bobbie, left here Tuesday enroute to Dallas. On Wednesday Miss Halbert departed for Washington, D. C., where she will visit for a few days, and then to Fortress Monroe, and Phebus, Virginia. In Phebus she will attend the wedding of a friend. Mrs. Halbert returned here today.

Bub Merritt of the Uvalde country was transacting business here Monday.

Sonora Girl Is Expert Wood Carver

Girls can use a hammer and saw as expertly as boys. This is the opinion of Miss Nettie Reiley. At John Tarleton College she enrolled in a class in wood working and wood carving. Her completed projects at present consists of hand carved make-up box of red gum.

Professor C. H. Dawson, Tarleton Industrial Arts teacher, states that the wood working course is becoming popular with the co-eds. "They tell me," says Dawson, "that they enjoy this as a hobby, but that they enjoy more the realization that they will not have to depend on their husbands to do the minor repair jobs about the house."

Pastime Party Given At Clubhouse Friday

The semi-annual Pastime Club party was given Friday night at the Clubhouse of the Sonora Woman's Club with Mesdames F. T. Jones, Earl Lomax, Cecil H. Allen, J. A. Cauthorn, Hi Eastland, and Arthur Simmons as hostesses.

Calendulas were the floral bouquets used. Those attending enjoyed playing forty-two during the evening, and after several games, Mrs. B. C. McGilvray received high score for ladies and A. W. Awalt was given high score for men.

Mince meat pie and coffee were the refreshments served to Messrs. and Mesdames G. H. Davis, Leo Greer of Rocksprings, Richard Vehle, Hudspeth, R. F. Davis, V. L. Cory, A. W. Awalt, C. E. Stites, O. G. Babcock, Joe Berger, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. Rita Ross, Mrs. B. C. McGilvray, J. D. Lowrey, Arthur Simmons.

Bricker-Barrier Rites Read Saturday In San Angelo

A ceremony read by the Rev. Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo united in marriage Mrs. Sybil Barrier of San Angelo and Morris Bricker of Sonora.

The bride was attired in a blue dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of talisman roses.

Mr. Bricker is a ranchman in Sutton county.

The couple left after the ceremony for a two-week trip to Dallas and other points in North and East Texas, and will be at home upon their return on the ranch near here.

Mariposa Club Meets With Mrs. Keene Tuesday

To compliment members of the Mariposa Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Stella Keene entertained with two tables of bridge at her home.

After several games of bridge had been played, it was found that Mrs. Duke Wilson had received high score and was presented high award. Mrs. Rip Ward held second high score and received a prize.

Mrs. Keene served a salad plate to Mesdames Lloyd Earwood, Duke Wilson, Lea Allison, Rip Ward, Sam Allison, Edgar D. Shurley, W. B. McMillan.

Sonora Music Club Discussed Music, Theatre

"Music and Motion Pictures" was the topic discussed Thursday night of last week by Mrs. I. B. Boughton and Mrs. Hix Hall, when the Sonora Music Club met at the home of Mrs. Sterling Baker with Mrs. Maysie Brown as co-hostess.

During the program Mrs. Gus Love sang "Vilia" from "The Merry Widow" with Miss Elizabeth Caldwell at the piano; Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley presented a piano selection, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" by Strauss; Boyd Caffey sang "Serenade" from the "Student Prince" by Romberg with Miss Marie Watkins as accompanist.

Mr. Caffey and Miss Watkins sang a duet, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," by Victor Herbert, with Mrs. Shurley at the piano; and Miss Watkins sang "When We Were Young," from "The Great Waltz," and was accompanied by Miss Caldwell, who also played the donkey serenade from the "The Firefly," by Friml.

Other present included Mesdames Albert A. Murray, Rosanna Hildreth, O. G. Babcock, Earl Lomax, F. T. Jones, Misses Johnnie Allison, Leeta Mae Garrett, Edith Engle, and Thelma Rees.

Recent Bride, Club Honored With Party Monday

To compliment members of the Just-Ut Club and Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster, recent bride, Mrs. R. A. Halbert entertained with bridge at her home Monday afternoon.

After several games of bridge, it was found that Mrs. J. S. Glascock had won high score prize for club members, Mrs. Jack Turney received high score prize for guests, and Mrs. Lancaster was presented a gift.

The hostess served a chicken salad plate and coffee to Mesdames I. B. Boughton, G. H. Davis, W. H. Dameron, J. S. Glascock, V. F. Hamilton, J. F. Howell, G. H. Hall, Paul Turney, club members; Mesdames Dewitt Lancaster, Howard Kirby, Preston Prater, Seth Lancaster, Jack Turney, Batts Friend, P. J. Taylor, R. C. Vicars.

Parent-Teacher Study Club Meets

The Parent-Teacher Study Club was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ben Cusenbary.

Two lessons were studied, the December falling during Christmas week. Mrs. I. B. Boughton taught the lesson on "History of Moral Standards." In her talks she brought in the principles to teach children in helping them to decide right and wrong.

The second lesson was taught by Mrs. Ben Cusenbary, that being "Teaching Children How To Develop a Well Adjusted Personality."

Six ladies attended; Mrs. Joe Brown Ross, Mrs. Vernon Hamilton, Mrs. Cashes Taylor, Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. J. F. Howell and the hostess.

Buffet Supper Given Friday By Billy Shurley

A buffet supper was given by Billy Shurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley Friday night at his ranch home.

After the supper was served, the guests enjoyed playing table games.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Caffey, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, J. H. Flathers, S. L. Sharp, Miss Marie Watkins, Miss Viva Milstead, Miss Johnnie Allison, Miss Leeta Mae Garrett.

John L. Nisbet came home Saturday from a business trip to Dallas and other points in that section of the state.

Mrs. W. D. Wallace and Mrs. Rita Ross left yesterday for San Antonio and expect to return here Sunday.

Royal Service Held Wednesday

A Royal Service program, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Brasher, was held by the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The program was "Learning to Study the Bible," was led by Mrs. G. G. Stephenson. Others assisting with the program were Mrs. T. L. Harrison, Mrs. L. H. McGhee, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. O. C. Odgen read the devotional.

A short business session was conducted, and Mrs. Brasher dismissed the group.

Fruit cake was served to the six ladies attending.

Blue Monday Club Entertained By Mrs. Thorp

Members of the Blue Monday Club and four additional guests, were complimented by Mrs. Rose Thorp at her home Monday afternoon.

Bridge played at three tables, providing the entertainment for the afternoon, and after several games it was found that Mrs. J. W. Trainer received high score for club members, and Mrs. J. H. Brasher received high score for club guests.

The hostess served a salad plate to Mesdames C. E. Stites, George Trainer, Harvey Morris, Robert Rees, W. E. Caldwell, B. C. McGilvray, J. W. Trainer, club members; and Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. A. W. Awalt, Mrs. Dave Locklin, club guests.

Mrs. Lancaster Honored With Party

A color plan of red and white, and floral bouquets of gladioli were used Wednesday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Seth Lancaster, when she was hostess at a bridge party, naming Mrs. DeWitt Lancaster, recent bride as honor guest.

Bridge, played at four tables, provided the entertainment for the evening, and after several games, it was found that Miss Jean Saunders held high score and was awarded a prize; Mrs. Raymond Morgan received high cut prize and Mrs. Lancaster was presented a gift.

The hostess served strawberry tarts topped with whipped cream, coffee and mints, the refreshments being in harmony with the color plan.

Those attending included Mesdames Rose Thorp, Howard Kirby, George D. Chalk, Hillman Brown, J. S. Glascock, J. W. Trainer, R. C. Vicars, Billy Penick, J. H. Trainer, Raymond Morgan, Dave Locklin, J. W. Taylor, Misses Jean Saunders, Emma Sessions and the honoree.

Brownrigg-Eaves Wedding Rites Read

To unite in marriage Miss Gladys Eaves and Ernest Brownrigg, Jr., of Ozona. The Rev. R. F. Davis, pastor of the Methodist Church here, read the wedding ceremony Thursday at the parsonage.

Mrs. Brownrigg is the daughter of Mrs. Ossie Eaves of this city. She was educated in the Sonora schools.

Mr. Brownrigg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brownrigg, Sr., of Ozona. He attended the Ozona schools.

The couple will make their home in Ozona.

Those attending the ceremony were Miss Ruth Freeman, Miss Mary Lee Heflin, Miss Billie Jo Henderson, Ed Leatherwood of Ozona, Jess Hancock, Jr. of Ozona, and Jack Brownrigg of Ozona.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Holland announce the birth of a son, James, Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hixson of Rocksprings were here Saturday.

Lois Morris Hostess Wednesday To Club

Potted poinsettias and the winter colors were used Wednesday afternoon of last week in the home of Lois Morris, when she was hostess to members and guests of the Junior Girls Club.

Bridge was the game played during the afternoon, and after several games, Louise Morris received the high score prize for club members, Miss Kathryn Brown was awarded the high score prize for guests, and Marjory Davis received the cut prize.

A sandwich plate and punch were served to Marjory Davis, Libby Jo Wallace, Betty Grace Vehle, Louise Morris, Willie Nell Hale, Mildred Trainer, club members; Kathryn Brown, Sue Glasscock, Doris Meckel, Dorothy Henderson, Wanda Thomas, club guests.

Baptist Workers Conference Held Here

The monthly Baptist Workers Conference for the Concho Valley Association was held at the Baptist Church here Wednesday. An all day program was enjoyed by approximately 100 who attended.

During the morning session a meeting for the ladies association-al W. M. U. conference was held and the men's executive board meeting was held at that time.

The Rev. Clyde Childers of Ozona delivered the sermon and the afternoon speakers were Rev. J. J. Kellam of Junction and Rev. Julius P. King of Brownwood.

The next meeting of the group will be held at the First Baptist Church in San Angelo, February 14.

Representatives of Junction, Ozona and other towns in the six counties comprising the Concho Valley Association were present at the meeting.

Maples-Barrow Rites Read Monday

A ceremony read in Paint Rock Monday of last week, by the Reverend Mr. Williamson, united in marriage Miss Viola Barrows and O. B. Maples of Ozona.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrow of Ozona, was attired in a navy blue dress and wore gold accessories. She attended school in Sonora and Eldorado.

Mr. Maples is a son of R. I. Maples of Ozona, and attended school in Ozona.

The attendants were Tommy Cook, a cousin of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Williamson of Paint Rock.

The couple will reside in Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Trainer and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMillan were in San Antonio Monday.

Deputy Grand Matron Pays Official Visit Tuesday

Honoring Mrs. Vida Lightfoot, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 2, O. E. S. of Texas, who was making her official visit to the Sonora Chapter Tuesday night, a buffet supper, preceding the regular meeting was held in the recreation room of the Masonic Hall.

Mrs. Della Logan, Worthy Matron, and Joe F. Logan, Worthy Patron, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Vida Lightfoot, Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate Creath, Deputy Grand Matron, District 5, Section 1, of San Angelo, Mrs. Estelle McConnell, Grand Representative of Oregon, were presented in the East by Mrs. Muriel Brown, conductress, and Mrs. Winnie Fields, associate conductress.

Mrs. Lightfoot gave an instructive and inspiring talk on the changes made at the last meeting of grand chapter. All visitors made short talks.

The three grand officers were presented gifts from the chapter, by Mrs. Beulah Davis, Mrs. Davis also presented Mrs. Lightfoot a personal gift.

Those present included Mrs. Kate Creath, Mrs. Alice Hall, Mrs. Nina Williams, Mrs. Ester Chandler, Mrs. Lucille Perry, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley, Big Lake; Mrs. D. C. Royster, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Mrs. L. Wheeler, Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Johnnie Luedecke, Mrs. Cora Miller, Mrs. Velma DeLong, Mrs. Mabel Parker, all of Eldorado;

Messrs. and Mesdames M. G. Shurey, O. G. Babcock, J. D. Lowrey, Joe F. Logan, F. T. Jones, H. P. Largent, Gene Lightfoot, W. P. McConnell, Jr., Mesdames Ban Odom, W. D. Wallace, T. R. Driskell, O. C. Odgen, R. C. Vicars, A. W. Awalt, Sterling Baker, Hillman Brown, Maysie Brown, A. G. Blanton, E. C. Garvin, W. L. Davis, John Fields and Mr. E. S. Long.

Idlehour Club Honored By Mrs. Baker

To compliment members of the Idlehour Club, Mrs. Sterling Baker, hostess used a blue and gold color plan. The club met Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of the hostess.

Two tables were set for the bridge games, after several games, it was found that Mrs. G. H. Davis had won high score prize, and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken received second high score prize.

The hostess served white fruit cake, frozen egnog and roasted nuts to Mesdames Josie McDonald, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. D. Wallace, J. S. Glascock, Hix Hall, G. H. Davis, Richard Vehle.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Rocksprings, spent Sunday with the J. H. Sawyer family here.

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Budget Message Approved By Nation

The President's budget message was widely heralded in the headlines as a move for economy, comparatively speaking, in government. Practically every item of expense was pared in his estimates. Single major exception was national defense, and this there is almost unanimous agreement that we spend more, though there is considerable disagreement among the expert and the not-so-expert as to just how the money should be spent.

Despite the headlines, however, it will come as a tremendous surprise to the more hardheaded analysts if expenses are materially cut in any direction this year. And they will not be at all surprised if the final budget involves the expenditure of as much or more than has been spent in any year of New Deal history. That may seem contrary to the general impression of Mr. Roosevelt's message—but there are sound reasons for it.

First, the President's budget makes no mention of the money the treasury must appropriate for old age pension payments, which start February 1. These payments, according to estimates, will amount to better than half a billion dollars during the coming fiscal year. And no provision is made for farm benefit payments—instead, a major cut in the budget was in spending for agriculture. It is of course possible that Congress will follow the President's budget in this regard, but if it does a miracle will have occurred. Secretary Wallace thinks that about \$250,000,000 should be paid in farm benefits. And Congress at large, so far as anyone can see now, will back him up—don't forget that this is a general election year and Congressmen of both parties, including some of those who talk the loudest about economy, are breaking their necks seeking to win the great farm belt vote.

Second, Washington observers think the President has played a very clever trick on Congress. He has simply dumped the budget problem in the lawmakers' laps. He has offered them a budget which, though it may be economically wise, is full of political dynamite. Congressmen are only human. As the records abundantly prove, they are all for economy when it hits some district other than their own, and all for spending when their constituents are to be the beneficiaries. The exceptions to this rule are few and far between, though they do exist. So the probability is that Congress will up the proposed expenditures in many if not most of the divisions.

So far as the prospect of new taxes is concerned, there seems to be more smoke than fire. Again, the fact that this is an election year makes Congressmen of both parties exceedingly reluctant to pile more burdens on the taxpayers. They think it politically safer, according to those who make a business of watching Washington affairs, to let the deficit rise. In other words new taxes are possible, but not probable. If new taxes are imposed, they will probably be of a character which will directly affect comparatively few people.

To return to the budget message, Paul Mallon summed it up aptly when he wrote: "On its smiling face it appears to be a stern economizing venture. Actually it contemplates the largest spending program in New Deal history." The fiscal problem is up to Congress now.

The war, authorities say, will remain fairly quiet until spring—no one is expected to start a major offensive while the bad weather holds. And in the spring, it is forecast in some quarters, Hitler will make his bid for victory. Time works with the Allies, and against the Reich. The military men mainly think that Hitler must win this year, or lose.

The Russo-Finnish controversy still holds spotlight. To quote the military authorities once more, it is felt that the Red Army has been bad—but non as bad as it appeared to most laymen. The Arctic weather has helped the Finns, who know the terrain and are masters of guerrilla tactics. And the Russian troops, at the start at least, comprised third class, not first class divisions. Stalin apparently woefully underestimated the spirit of Russia's little neighbor.

There is considerable speculation

In The WEEK'S NEWS



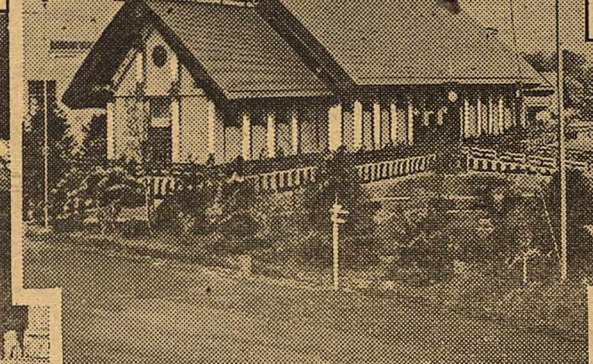
A "BRACER" FOR CHAMBERLAIN—England's Prime Minister enjoys a cup of coffee as he chats with French staff officers somewhere behind the lines.



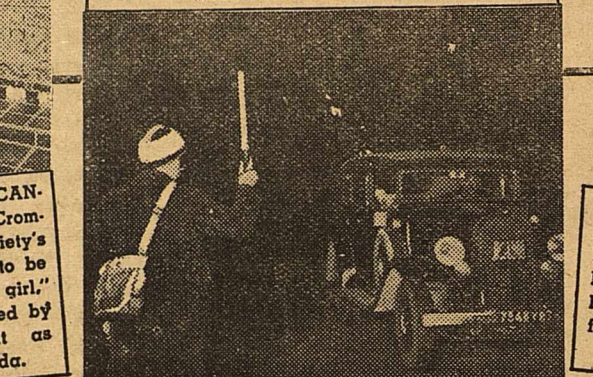
ITALIAN-HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE—A defensive alliance between Italy and Hungary is authoritatively announced as result of conferences between Count Ciano (left) and Count Cskay (third from left), shown in picture above. Premier Mussolini appears at right.



NEW ENVOY TO CANADA—James H. R. Cromwell, husband of society's Doris Duke, reputed to be the world's "richest girl," who has been named by President Roosevelt as Minister to Canada.



EXTREMELY popular during the opening year of the New York World's Fair, the Japanese Pavilion again will be opened to the public during 1940 Fair, after which pavilion and garden will be donated to New York City.



NEW STYLES IN BLACKOUTS—A Paris policeman wearing a white headband around his helmet, stops an automobile by waving his nightstick which is painted white in order to make it more visible in the deep blackness of the winter nights.



THE BOOMPS-A-DAISY has inspired this "Eco Daisy" gown. It has a bustle bow at back and wide hoops at hips to insure graceful silhouette when you "turn to your partner and bow."



Every once in a while, some politician rises up to remark that the press is "unfair." By unfair, it is usually meant that the papers, in their mission of printing the news, published something that placed the politician in an unfavorable or ridiculous light. Such criticism of the press ignores the fact that the newspapers didn't commit the act that put the politician in an embarrassing situation—they just recorded it.

Such critics never object to favorable news about themselves, so they ought to be willing to accept the bitter along with the sweet. If they aren't sports enough to be able to "take" it, they ought to get out of public office—and such individuals usually are retired via the ballot box.

Truth of the matter is that most newspapermen "lean over backward" in their desire to be fair.

Did you ever stop to think how Texas would lose if the State were deprived of the intelligent, public-spirited, patriotic services of many editors and publishers?

There's Amon Carter of Fort Worth, the biggest private citizen in Texas; and over at Corsicana is Lowry Martin, pioneer leader in the good roads' movement and the man who launched the idea of a

the campaign; and significant widening of public understanding of the problems of syphilis control.

"Most of the task remains before us, despite these remarkable gains," Dr. Cox said. "The incidence and prevalence of the venereal disease in Texas are still far too high. True it is that great forward strides have been made, but truer still is the fact that only sustained interest and public support can assure the eventual routing of the pale spiral germ of syphilis, the next great plague to go."

Texas Centennial. Then there are such publishers at Pat Mayse at Paris, Col. Tom Perkins at McKinney and Gene Howe at Amarillo. The last-named, famed as "the tactless Texan," writes a "column" every day and he enjoys it so much (as do his readers, too) that lots of time it fills nearly two columns. He likes to deflate "stuffed shirts" and takes joy in finding some boy's lost dog.

You'd have to hunt a long time to discover more "colorful" men than some of the members of the Fourth Estate—Col. Carl Estes, Longview firebrand; genial Fred Massengill of Terrell; individualistic R. T. Craig of Athens and equally individualistic Lon Boynton of Paris.

I can remember—and it doesn't seem so very long ago—when Dorrance Doderick and Charles A. Guy started in the weekly field in Lubbock when they were just out of college. Roderick has had a meteoric career in El Paso and Guy, staying in Lubbock, has carved out a big niche.

Houston Harte of San Angelo and Herb Hilburn of Plainview; Col. W. T. Spears of Graham, owner of a dozen papers; Rufus Higgs of Stephenville, Sam Braswell of Clarendon; R. K. Phillips of Weatherford; R. L. Scott of DeLeon; Harry Schwenker of Brady; Sam Fore of Floresville; L. A. McDonald of Denton and Joe Leonard of Gainesville—these are just a few newspapermen who make me proud that I belong to the same calling they do.

It's a little late but here's the most unusual Christmas greeting that this columnist received:

"Noel! Noel! Noel!
May all my friends live long and well;
May all my enemies go to h---
Noel! Noel! Noel!"

Thanks to the many readers who have written to say they enjoyed the articles dealing with California. Maybe a few more bits about the far Western state will be given soon.

Ted Read, genial secretary of State Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler, sends in another entry for the old joke contest:

It seems a fellow had been drinking in a saloon in Little Rock and he announced he could whip any-

one spoke up so he bellowed that body who lived in that city. No he could lick anybody living in Arkansas. Still nobody said anything, so he proclaimed, "I can thrash anybody who lives in the United States." Where upon a fellow from Texas arose and knocked him cold with one punch. When the boastful one revived, he said in a subdued tone, "I just took in too darn much territory."

Then there's the one about the fellow who opened the elevator door on the first floor but the elevator was up above and he fell 30 feet down the shaft into the basement. When they ran to pick him up, he murmured in a dazed voice, "Those stairs are all right but you want to watch that first step; it's a dilly."

Sights around Austin:
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55	.25	.38	.50	.63	.75
56	.27	.41	.54	.68	.81
57	.29	.44	.58	.73	.87
58	.32	.48	.64	.80	.96
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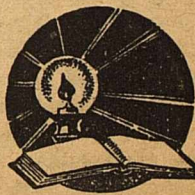
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WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

The Harris sparrow reminds me persistently of the writer and one-time radio Town Crier, Alexander Woolcott. I shy away from nature writers who insist on finding human traits wherever they look. But in the outdoors we come across animals, plants, or scenes, on occasion, that are wrapped in a drolly human air, as if to remind us that after all everything is made of the same cloth. So, if I come across a sparrow scratching away with portly dignity among the dry leaves, and he reminds me of Woolcott, that is as good a way to think of him as any other.

Anyone who knows the Harris sparrow cannot deny that he has a flair for good living. I have never seen one that looked underfed. He has a knack for popping up in interesting places too, a quality that Woolcott is not without.

Then there is that air of getting around, that clings to one who travels much. In the case of the sparrow, the travel is strictly geographic; his journeys may span the distance from southern Texas, where some of them winter, up to the bleak regions west of the Hudson Bay, where all of them are supposed to nest. Woolcott does not travel in so straight a line, but he does get around, weaving in and out among his important friends (if one of Woolcott's build can be said to weave), and later tossing off interesting tidbits to his readers or hearers.

There is hardly a week from December to May that I do not watch the Harris sparrow scramble up from feeding grounds in thickets or around brush heaps to a tree limb. If it is a bright day and he is in a fine humor, he will toss off his tidbits in the form of odd chuckling notes, or whistled phrases, which a far-fetched imagination could interpret as his version of "This is Woolcott speaking." I do find his song more like a verbal announcement than a melody.

The full grown Harris sparrow wears a black hood around his face, extending over the crown and breast. In this blackness is set his stout, reddish bill. His belly is a silky white, and there are black

streaks on the sides. The markings on the immature birds, whose plumage has a scaly look, are less distinct, and there is a predominance of buffy color.

The Harris sparrows do not come into the bird-banding-trap at my station as readily do some other members of the sparrow family. I have banded only ten. Of these one repeated four times and another twice. They were all easy to handle, and did not try to get away as do the White-crowned sparrows. Most of them played "possum" in the hand with their eyes half-closed from four to twenty-seven seconds, after the hold was released.

One Harris sparrow banded at the station in January 1938 came back in January 1939 to repeat within a few feet from where he was originally banded.

For a week he fed outside the traps without showing any interest in entering. I could see that he was wearing a band on the right leg. Its number would never be recorded unless he was in the hand. In my notes I spoke of him as The Harris Sparrow. Early one cloudy morning when all of the bait was removed from outside the traps, he stepped with dignity onto a trap pedal and dropped in flustered surprise to the floor of the cage. The Biological Survey band after a year's wear was no longer shining and new, and dirt lined the crevices of the stamped numbers making them easy to read: 38-138003. Since it was put on he had made safely the trip from central Texas up through Nebraska and the Dakotas to the Hudson Bay region and back.

Holding a banded bird that has travelled long distances since he was last released is a rare moment in bird-banding. Then, more than at any time, I marvel at the power that guides these individual birds back to the same territories year after year. I wonder how this same bird comes back not only to this same part of the state, but even to this same yard. Bird-banding data show that Harris sparrows, like many others of the sparrow family, are generally consistent in returning to the same localities year after year.

Military Roads Are Needed In Texas

If the caissons roll in the United States in a military emergency, there certainly had better be some tracks over which they can roll speedily and effectively, warns Charles E. Simons in an article in the December issue of Texas Parade. The position of Texas in any national military highway plan is of utmost importance.

"The United States and Texas have highways systems that serve our peacetime needs after a fashion," writes Mr. Simons. "These highway systems by no means are adequate to care for the demands of traffic in normal times but at present the national interest is not directly threatened. The economic and human loss growing out of a lack of good roads are items that effect each citizen more in a personal way. While such losses present a problem for the entire nation to solve, they do not effect the national welfare in the same sense it would be effected should this nation be threatened with invasion and lack the transportation facilities necessary to the transport of men, artillery and supplies to points of danger.

"Take the map of Texas—more particularly that portion of Texas inside a line drawn roughly from Eagle Pass, north of San Antonio and east to Orange. This area would encompass the main points of vulnerability from which the United States might be attacked from land or sea. We have a large military establishment at San Antonio in Fort Sam Houston. We have another fair-sized fort at Brownsville and scattered along the border are military establishments of smaller size and varying effectiveness. Also at San Antonio are located some of the Army's principal air units, including the primary training center at Randolph Field.

"Presumably, the major defense forces, coupled with the minor defense forces along the border and the coast, constitute our first hope in case of invasion, either from the south or from the Gulf. Our high-

way system should be so designed and so constructed that it would be possible to get troops, artillery, supporting units and supplies to any point of danger in this area with a minimum of delay.

"The highways of Texas, it is sad to relate, are not now in a state of completion sufficient to care for military needs should a major invasion be threatened. There are on the state highway system, which would carry practically 100 per cent of the military traffic, 26,500 miles of highways. Of this mileage, 3,500 miles is in what might be termed a "state of nature." They are not roads; they are trails over which a light vehicle would have difficulty making progress even under favorable circumstances. Of the remaining 23,000 miles, 5,500 miles are wholly unsurfaced. It is doubtful if these could be used for any appreciable length of time since the weight of the military vehicles would tear them to pieces quickly. Then there are 5,500 more miles of highways carried on the maps as "surfaced" but which are wholly inadequate to care for present needs. These roads could not be expected to stand up under the terrific pounding to which they would be subjected in a military movement of major scope.

"With the above deduction, Texas has 12,000 miles of highways that might be said to be suitable for present day traffic and which would be adequate for military transportation.

"It is interesting to look back on the events of 1917-18 and review the part highways played in our participation in the World War. In April of 1917, the Army had 3,039 trucks, 437 automobiles and 670 motorcycles. One and one-half years later, the Army had 85,000 trucks. While the figures are not available, there also was an enormous increase in the number of automobiles and other vehicles. The production schedules of the truck plants called for delivery of an additional 100,000 trucks to the Army by July, 1919. The Army also would have had 30,000 ambulances, 40,000 passenger cars, 70,000 motorcycles and 70,000 bicycles. In addition, it would have

had replacement parts ample to keep this huge number of vehicles moving. In the war months of 1917 and 1918, motor vehicle producers manufactured and delivered 100,000 trucks to the Army. Of this number about 55,000 were shipped to Europe.

"It should be borne in mind that this huge array of motor vehicles was assembled at a time when highway transport was in its infancy. Imagine the enormous number of motor vehicles that would be required to adequately provide for the armed forces 22 years later when virtually every unit in the Army would mobilize on a motorized basis and would be required to operate over the highways. Imagine, also the terrific demands that thus would be made on the nation's highway system with the steady movement and counter movement of troops and supplies.

"The roads of the last war were wholly inadequate to stand up under the wear and tear, especially around such military centers as San Antonio. Much of the mileage that was found to be inadequate in 1917—the light topped, narrow, higher-crowned, deep-ditched highways—still exist. How much more inadequate would they be in war 25 years later.

"Much attention has been given by the Texas Highway Department and the Public Roads Administration to military aspects of highway construction. Largely because of its strategic importance, the military highway from Brownsville up the border to Laredo is being constantly improved, although the amounts available for its improvement are pitifully small and it cannot be said the highway would be able to meet the demands that conceivably might be placed on it in time of war. Texas also has concentrated its attention toward the construction of highways along the coast and only recently ordered the construction of Highway 96 through Kennedy county, the last gap in the Hug-the-Coast highway. However, much of this Hug-the-Coast highway is obsolete and absolutely unfit for modern traffic. Texas also is doing what it can with the funds available to provide proper connections to roads of military value. The master plan of the highways in the vicinity of San Antonio provides for a system of by-passes around that important center so that in time of stress, military movements will not be impeded by being forced to negotiate the heavy traffic on San Antonio's tortuous streets. Similar master plans have been prepared for the other large cities, but little progress is being made toward the goal because of a lack of funds.

Recently, the Texas Good Roads Association appointed a special committee to review the military highway needs of Texas and to co-operate with state and federal agencies in working out plans to improve the Texas highway system from the standpoint of its military needs. As an important part in the broad plan of national defense, accelerated road construction should receive favorable consideration. The War Department and the Public Roads Administration have worked out a regional highway plan believed to be suited to the needs of the military. Much of this

mileage is in Texas. It shall be the purpose of the Texas Good Roads Association and the Texas Highway Department to co-operate to the fullest degree in working toward the completion of this mileage in Texas.

"Had Texas been free from diversion of highway funds during the past several years, the Highway Department would have been much farther along on its construction program. Hundreds of miles of highways of questionable value would be first class roads, ready to serve the state and the nation in peace or war. Certainly, under the conditions now faced there should be no further thoughts of diversion of highway income. On the contrary, there should be constructive thought given to reallocating highway revenues so that the construction of the primary and most important highways can proceed without undue and dangerous delay.

"It's always a good idea to follow the axiom: 'Keep your powder dry!'"

Sidelights On Argentine Cattle Industry

English cattle showmen have a unique method of numbering their entries. Cards bearing the animals number are hung around the individual's neck, instead of being carried or worn by the attendant as is done in America. The number is always hanging straight and the judge does not have difficulty in keeping from being confused. This was brought out in the films taken by Jamie Brook, who toured England last summer.

Entry lists of the English shows include many more breeds than do those in United States. The 22 breeds shown in the Windsor Show included uncommon animals as Belted Galloways, Scotch Highland, Blue Albairian, Kerry, Dexter, and, of course, the major beef breeds with Angus particularly outstanding. Herefords are large, coarse, unevenly fleshed animals. One outstanding feature of the Herefords is the large bushy tail, which is uncommon to the American cattle, some of their tails sweep the ground. All attendants showing cattle wear white coats. Brooks' pictures revealed, making the scene of the show ring very unusual.

Shepherds in England dust their sheep with a light orange powder giving them a uniform color. Black faces and legs on their mutton sheep are intensely black and shiny. Ideal mutton form is noticed on practically every animal led into the ring, Brook cited.

Some of the finest Shorthorn cattle in the world are found in South America, said Brook, while showing movies of Argentina to the banquet guests. A dark red color is preferred. One champion sold for 45,000 pesos and a reserve champion was purchased for 35,000 pesos. The rate of exchange is four and one-half for an American dollar.

The packing business in Argentina is quite an industry. Daily capacities run as high as 5,000 steers per day and the annual kill includes 1,000,000 cattle and 1,500,-

000 sheep. Practically all sheep are marketed as milk fat lambs. Pack-er buyers visit various "ranches" and purchase steers without the routine of the stockyards. Ranches are divided into relatively small tracts and cattle shaped into various bunches depending on the breed, age, and sex. Carrying capacities vary from two to two and a half acres per animal unit per year as large tracts of alfalfa and oats are grazed throughout the year.

Ninety-nine per cent of the Argentine cattle recover satisfactorily from the hoof-and-mouth disease, Brook said in answering a question asked by one guest. All cattle are subject to the disease and go through a transitional period or a two week fever stage when the tongue swells, stiffness occurs in the legs, and the animals lose considerable weight.

The gaucho plays a colorful part in the romantic cattle industry of Argentina. Riding well bred horses and keeping them in a gallop practically all the time, they are expert stock handlers. Their equipment costs less than "a five-dollar bill," Brook said, and is all home-made from rawhides. They are most proud of their wide belts bearing innumerable pickle coins and trinkets. Rawhide ropes are carried behind their right legs, tied to the saddle, with the end securely tied to the girth ring. Ropes are seldom used, he added.

Stockmen of that country take care of their cattle hides and use only small brands. Never does one see large, ugly brands over the entire side or hip as do many American cattlemen. They depend entirely upon grazing and there is no feeding done. Thousands of acres have been planted in alfalfa and oats and grazing is available the year around.—San Angelo Times.

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Rainfall Light

Rainfall for Sutton county totaled 16.75 for the year, according to records kept at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company offices. The total represent a slight decline from the mean annual average, which should register close to twenty inches per year. Most of the rainfall recorded fell in the last six months of the year, there being an extensive drought which lasted until the middle part of July.

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Boys' Fat Stock Show Offers Fine Premium List

An unusually attractive premium list and a large number of attractions will feature the fifth annual Southwest Texas Boys' Fat Stock Show to be held in San Antonio beginning February 21. Plans and all indications for the coming affair are bigger and better than in the past, indicating increased interest and attendance as the show grows older.

In commenting on the Fat Stock Show, Frank Reeves, Jr., who conducts the "Cattle Clatter" column in the San Antonio Express, has the following to say:

"On February 21, the fifth annual South-West Texas Boys' Fat Stock Show opens at San Antonio. Plans and all indications for the coming affair are bigger and better than ever. In addition, a number of interesting educational and picturesque features have been added to the schedule. This year the show will run for four days, Wednesday, 21st, through Saturday, 24th, which is one day longer than in previous years.

"One of the added features to the 1940 show is the parade scheduled for the opening day through the downtown district. The procession will be made up of floats by the various livestock industries of San Antonio, a band, a drum corps, and so forth. One of the items on the picturesque side will be a group of 4-H Club and F. F. A. boys, the farmers and ranchmen of tomorrow, and a group of cowboys and cowgirls to represent the spirit which founded Texas. The parade will pass by the Alamo to Houston Street, from there to Soledad, over to Commerce and return on the latter to the point of origination.

"Thursday, February 22nd, the second day of the show has been set aside for a State 4-H Club day. Plans toward the latter have not been fully decided but it is rumored that it is possible that attendance could easily reach the eight thousand mark. A State-wide meeting would attract 4-H Club boys from throughout the State. L. L. Johnson of A. & M. College and supervisor of all Texas 4-H Club work has been working on the meeting with H. A. Fitzhugh, county agent of Bexar county. There are approximately 33,000 4-H Club boys in Texas.

"Nothing but the usual procedure has been reported for Friday, Saturday, the closing day, the auction sale will be held. It is the big day of the four, for the winners of the various divisions will go through the ring to be sold by Col. Earl Gartin, nationally famous auctioneer. The prices collected through the latter are as important to the boys as the object of winning. It is from the latter that they get a cash return from their past year's efforts with which to continue to develop more and better grades of livestock.

"In addition to the regular cash premiums offered by the Southwest Texas Boys' Fat Stock Show, 23 special bonuses and awards will be made in the various divisions of the show. The latter are gifts from those that are interested in the show, but not connected with the affair, and believe that it is of special benefit to the State and to the livestock industry in general. The gifts cannot be valued along commercial lines for in many instances they will go to boys that could not afford to obtain them in any other way.

"The American Hereford Association will add 25 per cent to the Stock Show cash premium in six classes that are confined to Herefords. The American Shorthorn Breeders Association offers \$2 each to the best 10 Shorthorn entries plus a copy of Sander's New Shorthorn history. The American Aberdeen-Angus Association offers 20 per cent to the winners of six classes in case the winner is of Aberdeen-Angus breeding. The American polled Hereford Breeders Association offers 25 per cent to the cash premium in case the winning animals are sired by registered polled Hereford bull.

"The Dunridge Ranch offers a registered heifer to the boy exhibiting best Hereford steer calf of the show. D. E. Moore of Karnes

City, Clifford Powers of Sinton and John Impson of Beeville offer a registered Shorthorn heifer to the boy exhibiting the best Shorthorn steer calf. Herman Vogel, New Braunfels, offers a registered Aberdeen-Angus heifer to the boy exhibiting the best calf of that breed.

"The Texas Swine Breeders Association will award a three-foot cup to the boy with the grand champion barrow of the 1940 show. Dr. L. A. Dunbar of Crockett Laboratories offers a registered Poland China gilt to the winner of the Poland China gilt award, single entry. Walter H. Krueger of the San Antonio Machine & Supply Co. offers a registered Hampshire gilt to the boy exhibiting the best barrow of that breed. C. H. Kreusler of Selma offers a free registered Duroc male service to the boy exhibiting the best litter of Duroc hogs and also the same for the best litter of Hampshire hogs. And to the boy with the best barrow of the show is offered by Kreusler a free service of a Duroc or Hampshire male.

"Prosser Martin, cowboy outfitter of San Antonio and Del Rio, offers a hand-made calf halter to the boy exhibiting the reserve champion calf and a pair of hand-made boots to the boy with the grand champion calf. Martin will give the boy exhibiting the champion lamb a sterling silver buckle and hand-made belt.

"L. A. Clark, Rocksprings, offers a registered Delaine ewe to the boy with the best group of three fat fine wool-type lambs of the Delaine breed. W. L. Brandon & Son of Kerrville offers a registered Delaine ewe to the best single entry fat fine wool-type Delaine lamb. Hilltop Stock Farms, New Braunfels, offered a registered Hampshire buck to the winner of the champion fat lamb. S. F. Cooper, Yeakey, offered a registered Angora doe for the best group of the fat Angora mutton goats.

"J. L. Gulley and Sons, Uvalde, offer a registered Angora doe to the boy exhibiting the best single entry fat Angora mutton goat. Kallison's Ranch Supply Store will give a "roping" rope to each boy exhibitor.

35 Years Ago

J. A. Cope, a commission man of Sonora, was in town Tuesday.

T. L. Drisdale, of Juno, came down Tuesday on business, returning the same day.

Steve Murphy, the well known publisher of the Devil's River News, Sonora, was among our welcome callers last week. He said that Sutton and surrounding counties were in good shape, but more rain would be beneficial. Sheepmen are riding the top rail in the Devil's River country. Many sheep are changing hands at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.00 after shearing. Territory cows are selling around the ten dollar mark, and a good many are changing hands. Mr. Murphy likes San Antonio so well that he says he does not know exactly when he will return to his home.—San Antonio Stockman and Farmer.

Mont Nolke of Sherwood was in Sonora Tuesday, on his way home from Devil's River. Mr. Nolke sold 9000 muttons to Bud Means of Kansas City at p. t.

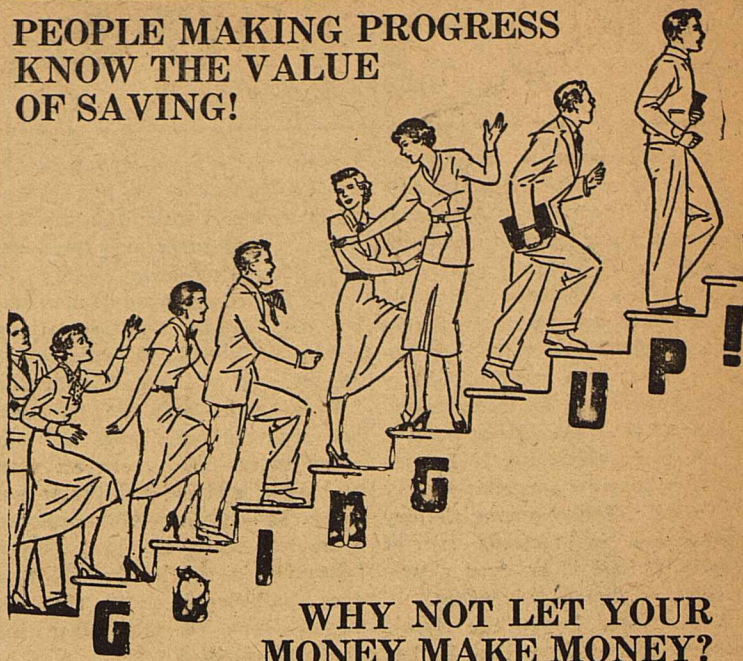
Mont Nolke bought 1000 big steers from Dockery of Del Rio, at p. t.

T. D. Newell bought about 2000 sheep from Smith Parr at \$2.17½ everything counted; 650 from Bud Ridgway at \$2.95; and 350 wethers from J. N. Whitworth at \$2.50.

W. W. Williamson was in Sonora this week from the ranch in the north eastern part of Sutton county.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robbins are in from the ranch this week with a very sick baby. They are the

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Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stites were in from the G. S. Allison ranch several days this week visiting and shopping.

Mrs. Aldwell entertained the graduates Monday night.

Miss Rose Ellis is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. M. Halbert, at the ranch six miles west of Sonora.

The rains in the Sonora country have been good and almost general. In some few places the rains have been light in others heavier so that the fall at Sonora may be taken as an average. On the 3rd

about one inch; on the fifth a good shower or .05 of an inch and on the sixth .16 of an inch or about 1¼ inches this week.

C. T. Turney and family left for Las Cruces, N. M., Saturday where they will reside for some time.

John McCleary moved his family from Eldorado Thursday and are occupying the Dock Simmons residence.

John A. Martin was in from his ranch last Saturday trading.

Walter Whitehead was up from the ranch last Saturday reports good rains down his way.

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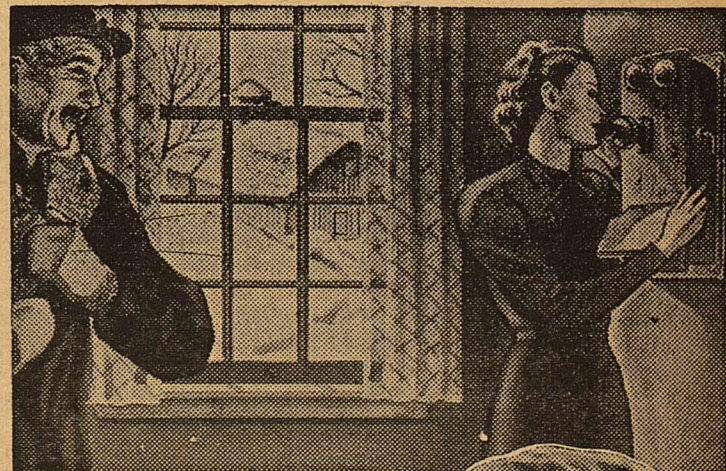
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