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a gun ...

The Devil's River News

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FIFTY-NINTH YEAR

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NINTH WEEK

Attention Football Fans: As they say in the Navy, "Stand by for a ram." Word has just been received from the Interscholastic League headquarters in Austin that Crane and Iraan have been added to the Sonora district and that the district will be known as District 6-B. The CRANES and the BRAVES don't train on cream puffs so things should be interesting. There is a chance, however, that Crane will go to Class A before next football season.

—(?*½\$*?)—

Got a note Wednesday from the firemen, who were planning a dance Christmas night at the wool house. Seems that the Sonora Woman's Club was also planning the same thing, at the same time and at the same place. So the firemen yielded the floor in a graceful manner which we quote:

"Hats off to the Ladies! Due to a misunderstanding, The Sonora Fire Department and the Sonora Woman's Club both think they have Christmas night booked for a dance at the wool house. Since it would be impossible for both to give a dance at the same time and in the same hall, we, the Fire Department, are conceding to the Fair Sex.

We wish to thank the public for the cooperation shown in advance purchase of tickets. If you will contact the fireman you bought your tickets from, your money will be refunded.

So the Sonora Woman's Club will sponsor a dance Saturday night, December 25, from 9 until 1 o'clock at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse with Johnny Carrio and his Sul Ross orchestra providing the music.

—(?*½\$*?)—

We have a change for you to make on your basketball schedules. Coach Yank McKnight says that the Broncos will play the San Angelo Kittens here Wednesday night, January 19, instead of Monday night, December 20.

—(?*½\$*?)—

When the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met in convention in San Angelo two weeks ago, they named 164 directors from 44 counties. On the list from Sutton County are E. S. Mayer, W. R. Cusenbary, Fred T. Earwood, Lee B. Fawcett, Bill Fields, B. M. Halbert, Bryan Hunt, Joe B. Ross, Edwin Sawyer and Joseph Vander Stucken.

—(?*½\$*?)—

The Christmas street lights are all up and more and more lighted Christmas trees are seen in the windows of homes at night. Quite a few are decorating trees in their yards. It all goes together to make Sonora look more like Christmas is really coming. We must say, however, that with the warm, balmy weather through Wednesday, we were more in the mood for a picnic than for Christmas shopping.

—(?*½\$*?)—

Lots of excitement at the telephone office Friday night when the dial switch was made. For once in her life, one of the operators was stumped. A subscriber called information right after the switch was made and asked for a number. The operator was forced to say, "You've got me. I'll have to look it up."

Linemen started tearing out the old connections at 11:02 Friday night and finished at 11:05, so there was no appreciable break in the service. At first there were a few calls, but the word spread that the change had been made and soon 24111 became the busiest number on the board. During the first 30 minutes of dials 148 calls were handled, according to the automatic counter.

Mayor Alfred Schwiening made the first dial call at 11:06 o'clock to H. L. Taylor, who has been ill at his home for several weeks. Schwiening said, "Hello, H. L. This is Alfred placing the first call over the new dial system. We all join in wishing you a speedy recovery and wish you could be with us." Taylor then made the second call back to the office.

Throughout the evening, off-duty operators and friends dropped in to extend congratulations and see how the new system was coming along. Present were G. L. McLaughlin, plant superintendent, Johnny Robbins, main office, R. R. McCullough, installation and maintenance supervisor, H. F. Moore, chief switchman, Miss Marjorie Hanks, secretary to commercial superintendent, B. J. Limrock and Alvin Bell, installers, all of San Angelo; John Warren, general auditor, Charley McLaughlin, Eldorado manager, Pat Kelsey, Col. Bill Parker and Bob Cluff, North Electrical Company representatives.

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WHEN DIAL TELEPHONES CAME TO SONORA — Shown here are three photos made at the local San Angelo Telephone office Friday night when the switch to dial phones was made. At upper right Mayor Alfred Schwiening places the first call to H. L. Taylor, left. Assisting Schwiening with the call are Johnny Robbins, left, commercial superintendent, and Pat Kelsey, right, equipment superintendent. Taylor, who placed the second call made, has been ill at his home several weeks, but is much better as the picture shows.

Below — Operators, assisted by W. R. Barnes, local manager, are busy handling an avalanche of calls from subscribers wanting to know "Are the dials really in?" Left to right are Miss Felma Andrews, Miss Mary Lou Ory, Mrs. W. R. Barnes, Miss Viola Adams and Barnes.

Ground Breaking For New School Building Held Tuesday Afternoon

With Dan Carter Cauthorn, first grade student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, spading the first shovel of dirt, ground was officially broken for the new \$300,000 Elementary School building Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Supt. A. E. Wells, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Bryan Hunt, president of the school board. Hunt told the crowd that it was the desire of the school board and the county to give children of this area the best elementary school facilities available in Texas. William B. Warner of the Warner Construction Co. of San Angelo, general contractors, said that in his opinion the school would be one of the most modern and completely equipped in the state.

All members of the board attended the ceremony. M. R. Gill and W. B. Dakan represented the architects, Willson and Patterson of Fort Worth. The new building, scheduled for completion late next fall, will contain 12 classrooms, kindergarten, science and visual education room, music room, library, cafeteria, auditorium and gym. To be constructed of brick, the building will also feature a teachers' lounge, and office space. Each classroom will be provided with toilet facilities, drinking fountain and lavatory and primary grade rooms will include workshops.

The new building will be treated acoustically throughout, will have tile wainscoting and fluorescent lighting.

BRONC CAGERS NAIL DEL RIO 43-14 TUESDAY

The Sonora Broncos didn't show up too well Tuesday night, but they still put the blocks to Del Rio to the tune of 43-14. Nearly all the Bronco scoring was done during the first half. Del Rio had plenty of chances at the basket but just couldn't make them count. High scorers for the teams were Ogden with 9 points for Sonora and Paniagua with 6 points for Del Rio. In the game between the "B" teams, Del Rio almost reversed the score in taking Sonora to the cleaners 49-23. Paniagua was again high man for Del Rio scoring 15 points, while Henderson took high honors for Sonora with 8.

Return To Pittsburgh

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer accompanied their daughter, Mrs. A. F. Moffitt and children, Kathy and Al, to San Antonio Saturday. Mrs. Moffitt caught a plane for Pittsburgh, where she and Major Moffitt are making their home.

District Stars Honored With Banquet In Ozona

Members of the All-District 7-B first and second football teams were honored with a banquet and program by the Ozona Lions Club Wednesday night in that city. Certificates and awards were given members of the first team which included Scotty Walters and Bobby Allen of Sonora, and certificates of award were given the second team members including Charles Lee Haines, Wayne Ogden and Johnny Smith of Sonora.

Bill Bergfield, Lions Club president, welcomed the 100-odd guests, then turned the meeting over to Supt. Jack McIntosh, who told the group that the Lions hoped to make the banquet an annual affair. School superintendents present included C. E. Ellison of Big Lake, Lefty Reynolds of Eldorado, W. C. Brace of Menard, A. E. Wells of Sonora and John A. Long of Junction. Coaches present were Jack Black of Big Lake, Ted Kirby of Eldorado, Guy Wheeler of Menard, P. B. Moody of Sonora, Bob Short of Junction and M. A. Hearne of Ozona. Assistant coaches Edwin Thompson and D. D. McKnight also attended from Sonora.

Lions Club Xmas Party Tuesday

The Sonora Lions Club will play host to some 60 to 100 school children Tuesday when they give their annual Christmas dinner tree in the basement of the Methodist Church.

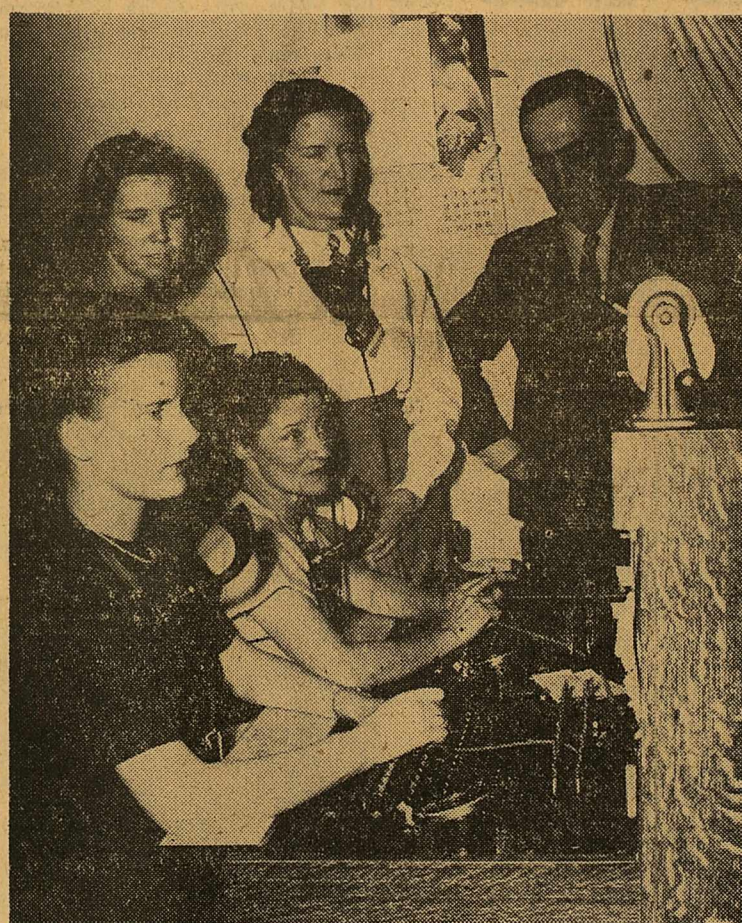
Lions who intend to bring guests are reminded that they are to leave a present for each guest at the Sonora Motor Company. Anyone having questions to ask concerning the program is asked to see Bob Baker.

After the dinner, Santa Claus will distribute presents, candy, nuts and fruit to the children and a community sing will be held.

Mrs. Emmitt Askins and daughters Alice Kay and Marianne, returned this week from Houston, where they visited Mrs. Askins' sister, Mrs. W. E. Rhea, J. E. Accompanying them were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Osment.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Lowe spent Saturday and Sunday in Odessa, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barton.

W. D. Kring, who has been in a San Angelo hospital the past few weeks, was brought home by ambulance Sunday.



Firemen Move To New Station

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department has moved into its new home on Concho Street across from Lyles and Rape Station. Members were busy this week cleaning the building and moving trucks and equipment in.

The public is advised to exercise caution when passing the station when the fire whistle blows as trucks will be using the main thoroughfare sooner at the new location than at the old.

No definite plans have been made for the old garage in the city hall, but there is a possibility that it will be converted into an office.

Members of the department plan an open house for the public, the time to be announced later.

'JUNE IN DECEMBER' WEATHER GIVES COUNTY CASE OF SPRING FEVER

Temperatures ranging between 70 and 80 degrees made this week seem like "June in December" to Sutton Countians. Balmy south breezes through Thursday evening coupled with spotted rains south and east of Sonora gave many citizens a touch of "Spring Fever." An inch of moisture was measured in Sonora Monday night through Tuesday night. Libb Wallace got an inch and a half, the Experiment Station reported an inch and heavy rain fell along the river east of here.

The late-spring weather gave would-be prophets a chance to predict everything from a blinding snowstorm to a hurricane. The only thing for sure at week's end was that there was sure to be a change.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Pete) Parker of Ozona were visiting here Monday.

TS&GRA Starts Plan To End Misuse Of Term "Mohair" In Products

A campaign to end misuse of the term "Mohair" in upholstery fabrics and other products containing little or no mohair was put into motion recently at the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The campaign includes application to the Federal Trade Commission for rules governing the use of the word "Mohair," notification to better business bureaus of the "Gross Deceptions" being practiced upon the public, and drastic legal action against offenders.

Chemical analysis will be made of upholstery fabrics, drapes and other household products labelled as being Mohair or containing Mohair, and where these analysis indicate through absence of the fiber or use of only a small percentage, legal action for fraud will be undertaken.

Financed by Special Tax The educational program will be directed to the public through appeal to better business bureaus, consumer organizations and state bureaus enforcing laws covering upholstery. It will be financed by a special tax on the Mohair Growers of Texas and other states.

Application to the Federal Trade Commission will be made by Texas Sheep and Goat Association, The National Wool Growers Association and The American Wool Council. The determination to initiate the campaign was decided upon after speeches by Nathaniel Duval of the Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company of Boston, and F. Eugene Ackerman, Textile Consultant and Executive Director of the American Wool Council. Duval explained the extent of the misuse of the term "Mohair" in upholstery fabrics containing only small percentages of the fiber. He urged that the name "Mohair" be against all offenders.

protected not only in the interest of Mohair Growers and Manufacturers using Mohair, but also in the interests of the public, which, he said, was being sold upholstery which gives inferior use and service. Ackerman emphasized the necessity for fiber identification in all fabrics as an essential for honest merchandising.

The resolution as adopted follows:

RESOLVED: That the Mohair Raising Industry of Texas and the nation is being seriously threatened and that the consuming public is being deceived through the sale of inferior upholstery and other fabrics falsely declared to be Mohair, which actually contain only minor percentages of Mohair.

Statement of Mohair Content on Label Sought

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Wool Growers Association and the American Wool Council be requested to make application to the Federal Trade Commission for fair trade practice rules which will require that where the word "Mohair" is used on any product without any statement of percentage of Mohair present, that the product contain a minimum of 50 per cent Mohair. Further where the product contains less than 50 per cent Mohair, an exact statement of the percentage present be made. This requirement shall cover all identification labels and tags and all advertising.

FURTHER: That the National Wool Growers Association and the American Wool Council be requested to inform the better business bureaus, retail merchants and consumer organizations of the country of the deception being practiced on them and on the public, and that an investigation be made of such deceptions and legal action taken urged that the name "Mohair" be against all offenders.

SOIL CONSERVATION IS ANSWER —

From Bitterweed To Bluestem In Five Years Is Story Of Sutton Ranch

From bitterweed and poor range condition to bluestems and good condition in a period of 5 years is the story told by W. R. Cusenbary, cooper with the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District, on his Southwest Pasture.

Because of improper balance between livestock numbers and grass production large bare areas had developed by 1943. Since this pasture is nearly all a valley site, with deep soils, and with the main draw running through it, the spread of invading plants was rapid. Vegetation such as mesquite, bitterweed, blue sage, prickly pear, etc., were dominant in the composition. The annual grass production was down to approximately 25 per cent of its capability.

Beginning in 1944, Cusenbary started a program designed to bring about range recovery. His first step was reducing livestock to the point where they were in balance with the amount of grass this Southwest Pasture was producing. This in effect meant leaving about half of each year's grass growth on the ground ungrazed.

This ungrazed portion was far from lost. It protected the soil, increased water intake, slowed down the evaporation rate and furnished protection and a place for young grass seedlings to get established. Along with this, Cusenbary shifted his stock so that this pasture would have some short rest periods during the growing season. This practice gave the grass plants a chance to gain in vigor, make new growth and store vital feed reserves in the root systems.

For the first 2 or 3 years of this type of management, the rate of recovery was slow. Grasses such as Hall's panic, hairy triodia, and red grama began covering up the bare areas and increasing the amount of litter on the ground. Curly mesquite and buffalo grass increased in vigor and spread out to help cover up former bitterweed spots.

Cusenbary stated that 1946 was the first good seed year and he noticed all the better tall grasses coming in on the range where sufficient litter and old grass growth has been left.

The next year, 1947, this pasture was completely rested all summer with resulting rapid recovery of the range. Grasses such as hideouts grama, white triodia, little bluestem, vine-mesquite, Texas wintergrass, silver bluestem, fall witchgrass, and buffalo grass increased in the composition greatly. These grasses displaced the Hall's Panic, hairy triodia and red grama which had previously displaced the objectionable invad-

ers. The low stony hill sites in the pasture were well covered with hairy grama, little bluestems, side-oats grama, silver bluestem and curly mesquite. These hill sites helped furnish seed source for the valley sites and also produced extra water in the form of seepage and run-off.

This past summer, when technicians of the Soil Conservation Service assisted Cusenbary in working out a coordinated range conservation plan on his ranch with the Edwards Plateau SCD, this Southwest Pasture was placed in Good Range Condition. In other words, this pasture was producing from 50-75 per cent or what it was capable of producing in the form of grass forage.

That this practice of maintaining a good grass cover, and keeping a proper balance between livestock and annual grass production is profitable is proved by the fact that last year Cusenbary topped the Ft. Worth market with lambs wintered in this pasture.

Cusenbary again rested the pasture this past summer and at present is wintering his lamb crop there. The pasture is still continuing to improve and plants such as Indian grama and witch grass are coming in to take their place in the grass cover.

Cusenbary stated that all improvement made in the range condition was due entirely to management, for regardless of weather, without proper grass management an operator can make his own "drouths," and fail to produce all that his range is capable of producing.

Ozona Ranchmen Discuss Growers' Warehouse

A group of Crockett County ranchmen, interested in the organization of a grower-owned wool and mohair warehouse in Ozona, met Saturday night at the courthouse to discuss possibilities of the undertaking.

Heading the discussion was Garland R. Marshall, manager of the Ozona Wool and Mohair Company, which passes into new ownership January 1. Beall Barbee of Fort Stockton bought the business from J. M. Lea of San Angelo and will actively manage it. Nothing definite was done at the Saturday night meeting.

Mrs. Bartie Lou Bridwell and son, E. W., left Tuesday for Dallas, where E. W. will undergo surgery in a Dallas hospital.

YOUR HEALTH

Every mother is familiar with childhood illnesses known commonly as "summer complaints," but many mothers fail to realize that the winter season brings its quota of "winter complaints" from which young children must be carefully protected.

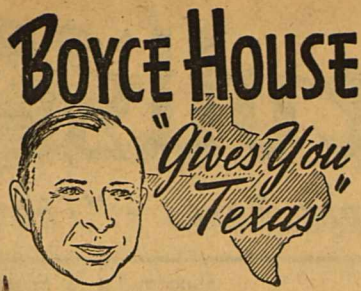
In stressing this important fact, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, says: "Certain winter diseases are just as harmful and just as likely to make their appearance

as summer ailments, unless children are safeguarded against them. In the group of winter health hazards, Dr. Cox included influenza, colds, tonsillitis, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma and diphtheria when no immunization has been given.

Any such disease affecting a child's respiratory or breathing system is apt to be very serious and in many cases it is fatal. Pneumonia often develops from a neglected cold, or may follow a severe case of measles or whooping cough. Bronchial conditions may also prove to be an after effect of these diseases, and certainly these respiratory illnesses are much more difficult to combat than the digestive disturbances commonly called summer complaints.

"These winter diseases are especially dangerous to babies and very young children," Dr. Cox said. "Nearly all of them are spread from the secretions of the nose and mouth. Children not in good health are naturally more susceptible than those who are stronger, and the first line of defense is to keep the child's resistance built up to the highest possible point; the second is to keep him under competent medical supervision, and the third is to make sure that they avoid contact with persons who have coughs and colds."

The ideal Christmas gift -- a rod and reel, fly rod or tackle box. A large stock of to select from at your sporting goods store. G. E. Ellis.



The most remarkable court in the history of the United States was the one that sat in Fort Smith, Ark., back in the days before there was a State of Oklahoma. The federal court had jurisdiction over Indian Territory and there was a period of 14 years when there was no appeal from its decisions. The judge was Isaac C. Parker, appointed in 1875, who served for 21 years. He became famous as "the hanging judge."

Twice during those 21 years, six men were hanged at one time, probably a record in America. And, three times, five men were executed at one time. In all, 88 men were executed after having been tried and convicted before Judge Parker.

Hangings were witnessed by large crowds, sometimes thousands of people, many of whom came from a great distance and camped near the gallows the night before so they would be sure of a good, close-up view.

Although the court was in Arkansas, it had no jurisdiction over crimes committed in that State--only in Indian Territory, the No-Man's Land where outlaws and fugitives abounded. Judge Parker tried 9,500 men who were convicted and the court was known as "the Gates of Hell." Sixty-five United States marshals were killed in line of duty in Indian Territory during the 21 years that Judge Parker was on the bench.

In passing sentence of death, the judge usually delivered a scathing denunciation of the prisoner.

There was one defendant so bold as to interrupt Judge Parker and denounce him in the courtroom. That man was Henry Starr, the notorious bank and train robber. He was accused of killing a man, which he admitted but claimed it was his life or the other man's.

Starr was convicted and when Judge Parker began a scorching lecture, the prisoner broke in:

"Don't try to stare me down, old Nero; I've looked many a better man than you in the eye. If I am a monster, you are a fiend, for I have put only one man to death, while you have slaughtered scores."

Judge Parker, without more discussion, pronounced sentence. However, after Judge Parker retired, the new judge permitted a plea of guilty of manslaughter and

a prison term was imposed. Starr served more than half of the sentence and then was pardoned.

Strict and stern though the "hanging judge" was, he felt that he was only doing his duty--that only through the greatest severity could crime be repressed. Within a short time after he left the bench, Judge Parker died.

The entire family will enjoy a Thermos set, which includes two quart Thermos Bottles, with non-breakable cups and a sandwich tray, housed in a durable leatherette carrying case. See them at G. E. Ellis, your sporting goods dealer.

"EXTRAS" FOR HOLIDAY RUSH MUST ALSO FILE SS RETURNS

Additional salespeople employed for the holiday season must have a social security number, George Clark, San Angelo social security field office manager, reminded today.

With the Christmas rush almost at full tide, Clark urges that each person who has a job or who expects to be employed, part-time or full-time, secure a social security account number immediately, if he does not already have one. He should make a point of showing it to the employer at the time he is entered on the payroll.

Employers were also reminded to see that each person hired has a social security number. A record of the number should be made at the time the persons enter the service of the firm.

Clark reminded business men, hotel managers, and other people who receive checks for cashing or in payment of merchandise that they should not accept social security account numbers as positive certification of the individual holder.

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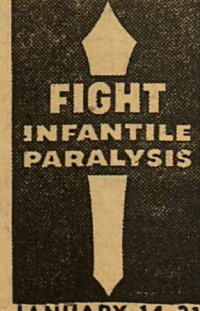
Uncle Sam Says



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U.S. Treasury Department

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JANUARY 14-31

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 10 o'clock
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BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00
 Evening Services 7 o'clock
 W.M.U. Each Wednesday
 Mid-week Services Each Wednesday
 Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday after the first and third Sundays.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Bomer B. Gist, Minister

LORD'S DAY
 10:00 a. m., Bible Classes
 10:45 a. m., Worship
 6:15 p. m., Young People's Meeting
 7:00 p. m., Worship

WEDNESDAY
 4:15 p. m., Ladies' Bible Class
 Everyone Is Welcome At Every Service.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 W. H. MARSHALL, Pastor
 Church School 9:30 o'clock
 Morning worship 10:50 o'clock
 Choir 7:30 o'clock

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
 Sunday Morning
 Holy Communion 7:30 A.M.
 9:30 Adult Bible Class
 9:30 Church School
 11:00 Morning worship with sermon.
 Sunday Club 7 P.M.

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sunday, December 19
 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion
 9:30 a. m. Church School
 11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
 7:00 p. m. Sunday Club
 Friday, December 24
 10:30 p. m. Christmas Eve service. Carol singing
 11:00 p. m. Holy Communion
 Saturday, December 25
 4:00 p. m. Church School party
 Sunday, December 26
 St. Stephen's Day
 Same schedule as for Sunday, December 19.

For the camper: Old time skill-ets and lids and Dutch ovens at G. E. Ellis, your sporting goods dealer. 1tc9

43 Years Ago

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

Cart Mayfield was up from the ranch Friday on business.

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

Chas. Cooper of Valley Mills is in the Sonora country prospecting for land and stock.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGonagill were in from the ranch Thursday visiting.

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

Fred Millard was in from the ranch Wednesday on business and paid the Devil his dues.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and children were in Sonora Tuesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Patterson at the Decker Hotel.

Walter Wyatt was in from the F. M. Wyatt ranch in Edwards County Friday for supplies. He reports everything fine down there.

The board of trustees of the Sonora Independent School District are: Dr. A. L. Taylor, president; W. A. Anderson, secretary; W. L. Aldwell, S. G. Tayloe and E. F. Vander Stucken. The faculty is composed of five teachers headed by J. S. Morgan, principal.

C. F. Adams bought mutton goats from the following parties last week: Brown and Ross, 750 at \$2.50; J. J. Ford, 250 at \$2.40; R. F. Halbert, 650 at \$2.35. The goats are to be delivered at Del Rio by June 15.

Happy Birthday

Friday, December 17—
 Mrs. O. V. Mullins

Saturday, December 18—
 Barbara Bowers
 Evelyn Newman

Sunday, December 19—
 O. V. Morgan
 G. E. Ellis
 Rex Ann Baker
 Lomalea Bridges

Monday, December 20—
 Evallee Moore
 Mrs. Jannie Joy
 Mrs. F. J. Wood

Tuesday, December 21—
 John Bunnell
 Mike Ballard

Wednesday, December 22—
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Sonorans in hospitals in San Angelo include Miers Savell, Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. Aubrey Ward. The condition of all three is satisfactory, according to word received here Wednesday.

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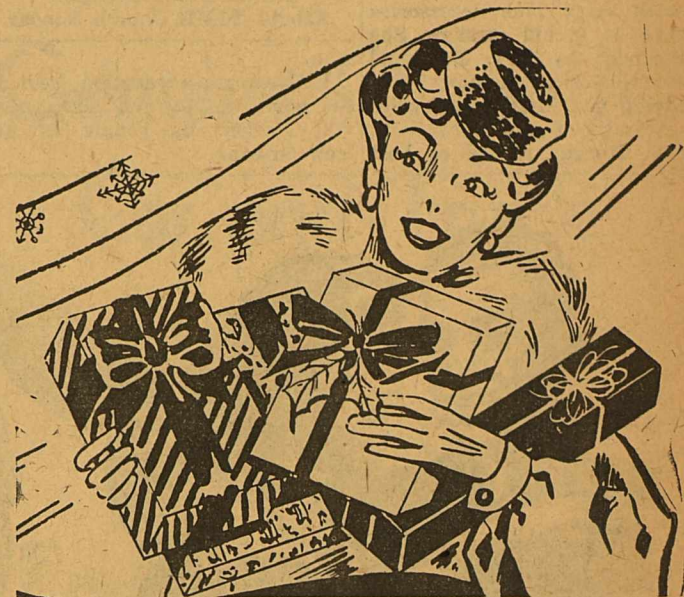
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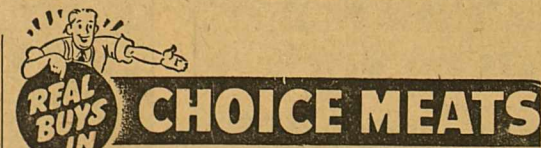
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Miss Bein Bride Of Mr. Stubblefield Sunday Morning

In a quiet ceremony Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church, Miss Mary Belle Bein, daughter of C. E. Bein, became the bride of Nelson Stubblefield, son of S. A. Stubblefield. The Rev. Stanley Hauser read the double-ring marriage rites.

The bride chose a dress of dusty rose with navy blue accessories and wore an orchid corsage. She was attended by Mrs. Raymond Morgan, who wore a navy blue dress with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Raymond Morgan served as best

RANCHEROS HOLD SQUARE DANCE MONDAY NIGHT

Dancing to music furnished by the Eldorado "Pioneers" square dance club, the "Rancheros" club of Sonora was host to a dance Monday night at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. warehouse. Visitors attended from Big Lake, Texas and San Angelo.

Refreshments of doughnuts, furnished by the Eldorado club, and coffee, furnished by the Sonora club, were served. About 80 attended.

Attend SOME Church Sunday

Following a reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Barker, the couple left for New Orleans.

Wesleyan Guild Has Xmas Party

The Wesleyan Guild held its annual Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Bob Baker. A committee composed of Mrs. S. M. Loeffler, Mrs. Ariel Newton and Mrs. Thelma Briscoe was appointed to locate a needy family and distribute a basket of food and gifts to it.

Later in the evening, Santa appeared and distributed Christmas presents to the ladies. Following the opening of gifts, refreshments were served. Fourteen ladies were present, including Mrs. Pat Lyles, a new member.

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Plans Being Completed For Annual Christmas Pageant Monday Night

Plans were being completed this week for the Community Christmas Pageant which will be presented Monday night at the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock. There will be no admission charge.

Reader for the pageant will be Mrs. Marion Elliott, member of the Sonora Music Club. Those taking part in the play are members of the Junior Music Club, and include Anne Karnes, who will take the part of Mary; Norris Loeffler as Joseph; Peggy Sue Reiley, Carlene Peoples and Flora Dell Davis as angels; Sonny Howell, Ernest Stephen and Billy Scott as kings and shepherds.

Mrs. Jack Ellingson will sing Brahms' "Lullaby" during the pageant and a male trio will sing "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Choir members include Mesdames J. C. Stephen, Jack Ellingson, S. M. Loeffler, W. P. McConnell, Jr. H. M. Smith, C. E. Scott, Malcolm Bolinger, Ben Mittel, W. H. Marshall, George Barrow, P. B. Moody, Davie Locklin, Alfred Schwiening, Jr., E. D. Shurley, A. W. Awalt, J. E. Eldridge, James Wilson, B. W. Emert, R. D. Trainer, Sterling Baker and Misses Janie Sue Jones and Martha Preston. Also in the choir are G. H. Hall, Wiley Trainer, S. M. Loeffler, H. R. Hay, Ben Mittel, Reggie Trainer, J. C. Stephen, A. E. Wells, C. S. DePauw and E. D. Shurley.

Miss Katherine Davis, public school music teacher, is choir director, and accompanist is Mrs. E. S. Mayer. Both are members of the Music Club. Mrs. A. E. Wells and Mrs. Louie Trainer will be in charge of wardrobes and stage decorations.

The committee in charge of general arrangements includes Mrs. Stanley Mayfield, Mrs. James Wilson, Miss Janie Sue Jones and Miss Katherine Davis.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETS WITH G. A. WYNNS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wynn were hosts last Friday night when the Friday Night Bridge Club met in their home.

High prize for men and slam prize were won by Libb Wallace, Mrs. Collier Shurley won high ladies' prize and Mrs. Ray Shaver won ladies' slam. Bingo prizes were won by L. E. Johnson and Mrs. W. H. Dameron.

A desert course was served to Messrs. and Mesdames P. J. Taylor, L. E. Johnson, W. H. Dameron, Collier Shurley, Ray Shaver, Libb Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Browne, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy, Mrs. R. C. Vicars and Misses Jo Beth Taylor and Maxine Geeslin.

Congratulations To These New Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith are the parents of a baby girl born Monday morning in a San Angelo hospital. The baby has been named Tommie Lynn and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are E. T. Smith and Mrs. J. E. Garrison of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cartwright.

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MRS. BUNNELL HOSTESS TO PASTIME CLUB

The Pastime "42" Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Bunnell. Potted plants were used in decorating the game room.

High club score was won by Mrs. H. V. Morris, high guest was won by Mrs. John Reiley and low club score went to Mrs. Lee Labenske.

Refreshments of sandwiches and pie were served to Mesdames O. G. Babcock, Joe Berger, Robert Kelley, Labenske, Morris, Robert Rees, Lawrence Nichols, J. W. Trainer, Nellie Allen, B. C. McGilvary, Reiley, and J. H. Brasher.

Knight, Dan Hay, Ann Scofield, Kay Scofield, Lou Smith, Harvey Lee Wendt, Mickey Hardegree, Jimmy Wilson, Ruby Lee Crenshaw and Linda Hite and Mesdames L. P. Bloodworth, F. L. McKinney, James Wilson, Jack Hite, D. D. McKnight and Ross Hay.

Legion Auxiliary Sends Packages To Vet Hospital

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday at the home of Mrs. Francis Archer and completed packing a Christmas box for veterans at the Legion Hospital at Kerrville. The box was valued at \$300 and was delivered free of charge by the Alamo Motor Lines. Notices of thanks to all who contributed presents are being mailed. Members also had a Christmas tree at the meeting and were served cookies and cakes. About ten were present.

LINDA ANN THOMPSON FETED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Edwin Thompson honored her daughter, Linda Ann, on her second birthday Tuesday with a party at her home. Balloons were given as favors and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The birthday cake was white with a blue carousel on top. Guests included Ann McKinney, Buck Bloodworth, Michael McKinney, and J. H. Brasher.

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Sonora Feed & Supply

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnes held open house Friday afternoon for callers who came to inspect the new equipment and there was a party that night for the visiting officials and their wives.

The last vestige of the old system was removed Wednesday morning, when the old switchboard was shipped to San Angelo for reconditioning and perhaps future use in some other office.

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With all the interest shown and work done with soil conservation in Sutton County during the past two years, we think we have found a contest that our 4-H boys ought to really go to town in. It's the grass judging contest to be sponsored in January by the Southwest Exposition in Fort Worth. Here's more about it:

A grass judging contest and special rodeo - first of their kind for any Southwest show - will highlight 4-H Club and FFA Day Jan. 29, at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

The boys will judge grasses, legumes and seeds common to Texas soils, since Exposition officials believe the knowledge of range grasses is important to Lone Star beef progress. The new contest will be staged in cooperation with the Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. R. R. Peeples of Tehuacana is superintendent.

Teams for the contest will be composed of three boys and two alternates, with not more than one 4-H team from each county and one FFA team from each chapter participating. Over \$200 worth of awards and medals will be presented winners.

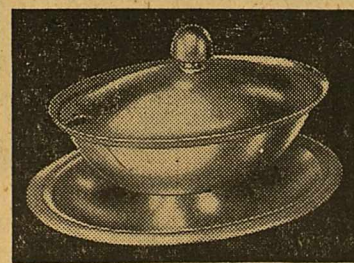
A complete special rodeo will be presented for the FFA and 4-H members at 9:30 A. M., Jan. 29 at a special low price by the Exposition. One of the feature attractions will be "Little Brown Jug," 11-year-old Don K. Reynolds of Van Nuys, Calif., who uses a pint-sized Shetland pony and a pair of matched Palominos for an array of riding and roping tricks. Don has played in a number of Western movies during the past five years, and is currently signed to play "Little Beaver" in coming Red Rider films.

The young ranchers will get a peek at the "giving end" of the rodeo too, when 12 of them - six FFA and six 4-H - compete in a junior calf roping contest. Another 12 will also compete in a calf riding contest.

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Your friend,

Billy Bob Ellingson.

P. S. If you can't get to me remember all the little children who don't have mothers.

MISSIONARY UNION HOLDS ROYAL SERVICE

The Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. O. Crites for Royal Service. The program was opened by a prayer given by Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, and those appearing on the program included Mesdames Eldridge, R. C. Hall, B. H. Crites and Rip Ward.

The group was dismissed by Mrs. Lawrence Nichols and refreshments of cake and coffee were served to Mesdames B. H. Crites, Ward, Hall, W. O. Crites, Eldridge, Jack Drennan, R. G. Nance, Bob Odom, Nichols, J. H. Brasher and A. B. Crosby.

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST MARKETS

Many southwest farm products sold at lower prices during the past week, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports. Sheep sold generally 50 cents to \$1 lower for the week. San An-

tonio and Fort Worth moved common and medium yearlings Monday at \$15 to \$18. Good and choice slaughter lambs sold from \$22 to \$23.25 at Oklahoma City and Wichita, and \$24.25 at Kansas City. Denver asked around \$24.50 in early trade. Wool trading slowed, but moderate volumes still moved at firm prices. Some mohair sold in Texas at 40 cents a pound for adult and 60 to 75 for kid hair.

Cattle prices varied unevenly \$1 lower to \$1 higher by class, grade and location. Calves fluctuated rather widely. Medium and good slaughter calves sold Monday from \$21.50 to \$25 at Houston and \$21 to \$24 at San Antonio. Good and choice grades turned at \$22 to \$25 at Fort Worth, \$21 to \$24 at Wichita, and \$23 to \$26 at Kansas City. Slaughter calves ranged upward to \$26 at Oklahoma City. SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWS

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We also have some figures on the influence of inflation, and what it means to Texas farmers and ranchmen to buy "E" bonds. Some of the nation's economists expect our present 57-cent dollar to be up around the 62- to 65-cent value in buying power within less than five years. Assuming this trend is correct, Texas farmers and ranchmen will likely find a good harvest in Savings Bonds. It's good business to salt away part of these earnings in government securities for at least two reasons: 1) By purchasing these bonds, the buyer is siphoning off money which would otherwise be bidding up prices, and 2) it builds up liquid reserves for more advantageous uses in the future.

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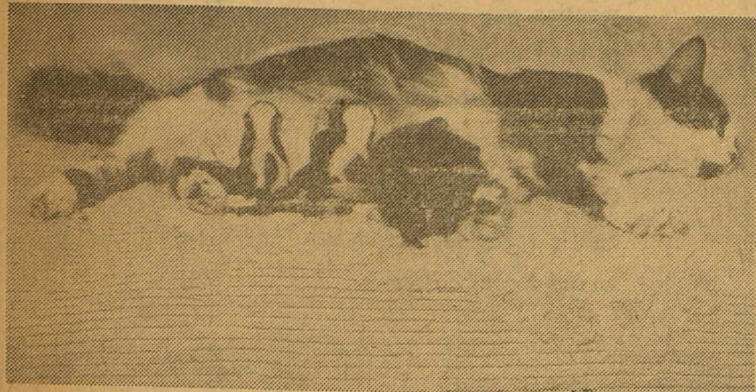
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SOAG LEAD FOR PUMA KILL—We had no sooner published last week's story of the mountain lion

killed on the Glascock ranch, than we heard from our neighboring city, Rocksprings, that a man had knocked off two of the stock killers. It seems that he had a pretty exciting time, so we give you the report verbatim from the Rocksprings newspaper, The Rocksprings Wool and Mohair Weekly: "Sheriff-elect Herbert Cox of Real County is establishing a reputation for getting tough. He's practicing on the feline tribe however, instead of humanity. While

hunting for deer on the Cooksey ranch near Rocksprings Tuesday, November 30, he had a spooky feeling and shivers ran up and down his spine. As he was entering the woods all wild life were uttering peculiar shrieks, calls and bleats, which being an experienced hunter he realized each animal was giving the other a signal that danger was near.

"While he was trying to locate what the score was, one of 'Thavis Stillwell' Wampus Kitties, namely a panther kitten came stalking across his vision, dragging a sheep to where he had already killed two. Being an expert marksman Herbert's first shot which hit in the stomach was a mortal one, but the panther dropped its prey and made for him. A second shot closed the deal.

The young panther weighed 60 pounds and measured 5½ feet.

Next night, December 1, Herbert had a hunch there were more panthers than one in that pasture. He went back to the scene of his kill and, sure enough the mama panther was there hunting for the missing one. A shot put her on the missing list. She weighed 87 pounds and measured 6 feet, 6 inches.

Her body has been hanging in

a tree at the Cox residence in Camp Wood where hundreds of tourists, some from other states, and people in Camp Wood and neighboring towns viewed the remains and took pictures of the dead cat. Most of them remarked they wouldn't like to meet her catship in the woods in day time much less at night.

Sheriff-elect Herbert Cox, who has a pet aversion to publicity had little to say when interviewed by a reporter. His only remark was he saw nature's wild life at its best and worst.

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dirty loading machine and a bus. If you think I have been a good boy bring me a toy grader.

Your friend,
Joe.

(?*)\$*?)—
Every once in a while people get to talking about what part of the paper they read first or what part interests them most. Some like stock news and the front page headlines, while others prefer the sports page and society. Personally, we like the funnies first, last and always and a day

at our house without the funnies is like having the water turned off or some other major catastrophe. It upsets the daily routine and causes much time to be wasted in speculating on the probable adventures of Major Hoople or Buz Sawyer for that day. Which brings us to the case in point. Some time ago, when Buz Sawyer's girl friend rescued him from Java, where he had gone on an oil deal, we wrote the artist, Roy Crane, that we thought it would be a crying shame if Buz

and Christy didn't get married, and that if they did, we would report it in the Devil. So, on Monday, December 13, at the Old Stone Church in Willow Springs, Miss Christy Jameson, daughter of Mr. David Jameson, became the bride of Mr. John (Buz) Sawyer. The bride wore a white satin wedding dress and the groom had as best man, his brother, whose name escapes us at the moment.

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And while some folks allow it's all a lot of nonsense — like the wheelbarrow ride that Cappy had to give Dutch after last election day — from where I sit, it's a mighty wholesome aftermath to a difference of opinion.

Because good Americans all take their politics and voting mighty seriously. But when the issue's

settled, and the die is cast, they accept the verdict in a spirit of good humor.

And that's as it should be when it comes to any difference of opinion. Some folks vote for beer as their favorite beverage — others vote for cider. In fact, we all have differences of taste in almost everything! But that doesn't mean that we can't live together in a spirit of good fellowship.

Joe Marsh

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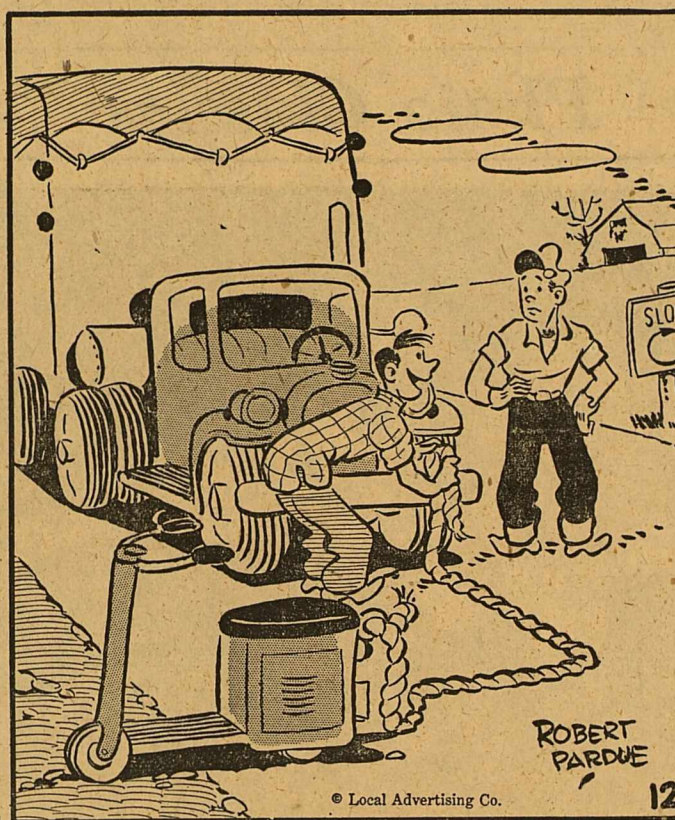
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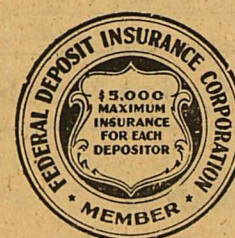
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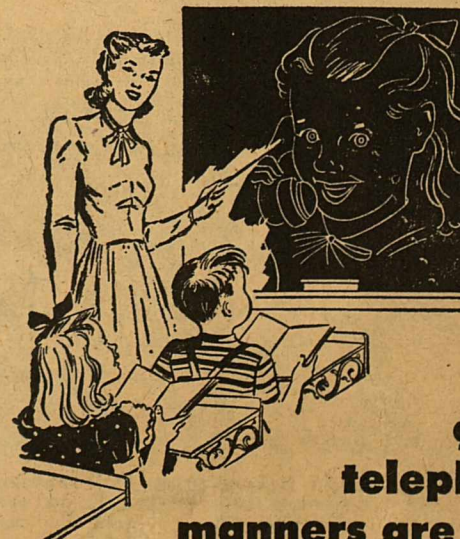
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