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REPUBLICANS LEADING FIGHT UPON LENDING

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 24.—Senate and house republicans, assisted by democratic dissidents, tonight opened a fight against President Roosevelt's new \$3,860,000,000 recovery-lending program. Congressional leaders expected legislation to put into effect the program to be ready for introduction next week. Fast action is deemed because congress is anxious to leave for a summer vacation.

Mr. Roosevelt's proposal to lend \$500,000,000 to foreign governments for developing export trade was used by republicans as the first target, today, in their attack on the program.

Sen. William Borah, republican of Idaho, reminded congress that South American and European governments already have defaulted on large sums owed to investors in this country.

He said that the plan would give these governments "more of the taxpayers' money to play around with." This, he said, should not be done "until provisions have been made to take care of those loans already long overdue."

Police Thank All Who Had a Part In Thier Benefit Show

Guy Pledger, Ranger Chief of Police, in speaking for the entire department, today thanked the people of Ranger and all who had a part in helping to make their benefit show at the Arcadia Theatre a success.

In particular, Pledger said, the department was thankful to B. E. Garner, manager of the Arcadia Theatre, for furnishing the picture, free of charge, and the facilities of the Arcadia. He also thanked the Prompt Printery for printing the tickets, Herbert Rapp for painting signs to go in front of the theatre and The Ranger Times for publicity and advertising given the picture.

Total receipts from the picture, all of which went to the police benefit fund, to purchase new uniforms for the officers, had not been tabulated Saturday afternoon, the chief of police said, but the receipts were approximately \$150, possibly slightly higher.

Gun Shoot Event Is Due This Afternoon

Officials of the Oil Belt Gun Club today reminded members and others interested that a shoot will be held this afternoon beginning at 3:30 at the range north of Eastland.

EPISCOPAL MEETING

The Eastland County Episcopal Church will hold Sunday services in the Woman's club house today at 7:30 p. m. in Eastland. Evening Prayer and sermon will be conducted by Rev. Austin B. Mitchell of Mineral Wells, priest in charge.

TOWNSDENTITES TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Ranger Townsden club will be held Monday night, June 26, at 8 o'clock, in Calvary Baptist church. It was announced Saturday by officers of the club. All members have been urged to attend and visitors are invited.

Today's Times Is Largest Printed Here Since 1921

The special edition of the Ranger Times, which is going on today, is the largest edition published by the paper since Feb. 7, 1921, when the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention was held in Ranger.

The edition today contains 80 tabloid pages and four pages of regular size, making a total of 84 pages in all. The edition of Feb. 7, 1921, contained 88 pages.

In the special historical section are 211 stories, 142 advertisements and 80 pictures of people, buildings, homes and scenes in and around Ranger.

Work was started on the edition in May and nearly two months of hard work by every employee of the Times Publishing Company has made the edition possible. It is hoped that it will bring much favorable publicity for the City of Ranger upon the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

ONE YEAR TO GO PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES



John N. Garner
When you see John Garner you know why they call him "Cactus Jack."

THE first time you look at Vice President John Nance Garner, you understand why he is called "Cactus Jack." His face is brick red, his eyebrows are dazzling white, his eyes squint out cannily from beneath them. No man ever looked more like a Texas plainsman than Garner.

Garner is getting on—70, or thereabouts—but the years aren't telling on him much. He lies low, wisely ducks the dining out and social whirl of the capital, and keeps his health. He is a veteran of veterans; served 30 consecutive years in the House of Representatives, winding up as speaker, and was elected vice president in 1932. He is one of the three or four vice presidents in American history who have been politically important in that office.

Now rated (by ardent New Dealers) as a conservative, Garner for years was known as a good deal of a liberal. When Hoover lost control of Congress after two years in the White House, Garner was the Number One thorn in his side. It is worth remembering that in the 1932 campaign the Democratic high command wanted Garner to make five speeches—felt he was "too radical," might scare some Roosevelt followers back to Hoover.

Garner has great popularity in the House and Senate—and, for that matter, with practically everyone who knows him. He is supposed to have broken with Roosevelt, but the break has never been open and, in the main, Garner has played ball with the White House fairly well since his election. He is fond of calling Roosevelt "my boss."

HIS ASSETS: Party leaders like him. Conservatives are tending to rally behind him. Most of the Democrats who have fallen out with Roosevelt would support Garner. He knows politics from A to Z and is a shrewd campaigner.

HIS LIABILITIES: Roosevelt probably wouldn't support him (though this is not dead certain). He wouldn't appeal to the labor or northern Negro vote. In general, the New Deal crowd would oppose him to the end.

HIS CHANCES: For the nomination, good.

J. B. Heister Is Thankful for Many Thoughtful Letters

Mrs. J. H. Heister said Saturday that her husband, who is confined to the Veterans hospital, Muskogee, Okla., had written her stating that he appreciated all the letters and telegrams he had received from his many friends in Ranger.

Heister sustained serious injuries recently when he fell from a ladder while painting a house. His injuries consisted of a broken hip, broken heel and fractured ribs.

Heister stated in his letter that he was getting along nicely, although doctors had not yet been able to set all his broken bones. He thanked all who had written to him and said he would write to each as soon as his condition would permit.

His address is Ward A-4, Veterans' Hospital, Muskogee, Okla.

Nieces of Sector At Uncle's Funeral

Mrs. Lola Haynes of Eastland, June Marie Hurst of Eastland, Mrs. Walter Greer of Carbon and Mrs. Lillian Collett of Carbon attended the funeral services of their great uncle, Newt Cox, Friday at Stephenville. He was 85.

Singing Is Today At Kokomo Grounds

An all-day singing has been set for today at Kokomo, according to residents of that community who were here Saturday. Dinner will be served on the ground. Singers of the county have been invited.

CHAMBERLAIN WARNS JAPAN AND THE NAZIS

By United Press
CARDIFF, Wales, June 24.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain tonight warned Japan and Germany of the might and quality of Great Britain's sea and air forces and told the world that Britain would never "submit to dictation from another power in its foreign policy."

In a speech to his conservative constituents in this rough mining country he warned the axis nations not to attempt any coercion, criticized the "insulting treatment of British subjects" in China, and stressed closer collaboration between Great Britain and the United States as a result of the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to America.

German charges that Great Britain is attempting to encircle Germany were termed "a gross travesty," but he told the Nazis that the "peace front" is aimed at aggression for "the agreements we made and the guarantees we have given other European powers have the same purpose, which is to strengthen the peace front and to protect the independence of states whose faith in their own security has been shaken by the rate of others."

He offered a cautious economic friendship to Germany, if she will drop "unjust suspicion of others" for, he said, there is room in the world for the expansion of German markets, as well as British.

Britain's military strength, he declared, will be used only to bring about peace and order in the world.

Eastland Co. Group Will Hear AAA Matters Monday

R. R. Bradshaw, J. D. Guy and E. E. Blackwell, members of the Eastland County Agricultural Conservation Committee; C. W. Mainer, AAA administrative assistant, and County Agent Elmo V. Cook will attend an AAA meeting Monday and Tuesday in Abilene.

Administrative and educational matters will be discussed. The meeting at Abilene is one of four to be conducted by the AAA in Texas.

Buchanan Dam To Hold Colorado Flood

AUSTIN, June 24.—The peak of the Colorado River flood, resulting from heavy West Texas rains, was reported today at Winchell, in Brown County.

The crest was expected to reach the Lower Colorado River Authority's dams in about two and a half days.

The authority continued emptying water from Lake Buchanan, the main storage base, at the rate of 50,000 gallons a second. This was considered enough to prepare for the incoming flood water and predictions were made that the level of the river at Austin next week would be raised only two or three feet.

Ranger Masons To Install on Tuesday

Installation of officers of the Ranger Masonic Lodge will take place at a meeting to be held at the Masonic Hall Tuesday night. A master's degree will also be conferred.

A large attendance has been urged and visiting Masons invited to be present.

Desdemona Church Revival Beginning

A two-week revival is scheduled to be inaugurated today at the First Methodist Church in Desdemona, Rev. W. E. Anderson, pastor, announced.

Singing will be directed by Rev. Lloyd Sanders of Pioneer. The pastor will be in charge of services.

Law School Dean Eastland Visitor

Charles S. Potts, dean of the Southern Methodist University law school at Dallas, and his son, George, were visitors Friday with Judge George L. Davenport and at the 11th Court of Civil Appeals in Eastland. They were enroute to their home at Dallas after visiting with President Sandoz at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

THE WEATHER

By United Press
WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy Sunday.

Defends Decathlon Crown



Joe Scott, Western Reserve University senior who won the national decathlon championship last year the first time he ever entered the event, is favored to make it two in a row when the allround stars meet in the 10-event test in Cleveland, June 26-27.

JAPAN LIFTS HER BLOCKADE UPON SWATOW

By United Press
TIENTSIN, China, June 24.—The Japanese have lifted their embargo against British shipping at blockaded Swatow, British sources said today, and 4 foreigners in the city were eagerly awaiting the arrival of ships with food, passengers and mail.

The Japanese decision, it was understood, applied also to ships of the United States and other nations. The ruling became effective today.

The attitude of the British toward Japanese repressive measures was stiffening. British authorities at Chefoo, 225 miles from here, asked the British Admiralty to send a warship to protect British subjects because of "the threatening political situation."

Minor clashes continued to occur. Two British sailors were involved in a fight with Japanese soldiers at Hankow. Another British subject reported he had been stripped to his underclothes and humiliated in Tientsin.

Wife of Taggart Dies at Summer Home In Rockport

Mrs. Maude Garrett Taggart, formerly of Eastland, died Friday night in her sleep at her summer home in Rockport. She was the wife of George K. Taggart, Fort Worth oilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Taggart had made their home in Westover Hills at Fort Worth for seven years. They went to Fort Worth from Eastland where he was prominent in the oil business in this section.

She was a native of Dallas and a granddaughter of the late Episcopal Bishop Alexander C. Garrett.

Beside her husband she is survived by two sons, Dick Taggart and George K. Taggart, Jr., both of Fort Worth, a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Jarboe of Pueblo, Texas, and a brother, W. G. Sickles, Fort Worth.

Her body was to be taken to Fort Worth for burial.

Name McLaughlin As Director of Rotary

J. Edd McLaughlin of Ralls, former governor of this Rotary district and who has made addresses in this city, has been elected one of the 12 directors of Rotary International. It was announced Saturday.

McLaughlin was elected at the Rotary International convention this week at Cleveland, O. Walter D. Head of Montclair, N. J., has been elected president of the organization.

ALOCO RIGGING UP ON TEST EAST OF CARBON

A duster and a new location in Eastland county were numbered this week as two of the more important oil developments in the Eastland and Stephens counties area.

New location in Eastland county was the Alcoa Oil company No. 1 Guy, section 23, block 1, H&T survey, five miles east of Carbon. Location of the new operation, to seek pay at 1,600 feet and for which rig is now going up, is on the 160-acre Guy farm, in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter.

Failure was Heffman and Page No. 1 C. E. Hathcock, W. M. Ricks survey, nine miles southeast of Eastland and south of Ranger. Pipe was being pulled preparatory to plugging.

No. 1 Hathcock was bottomed at 3,635 feet in shale after penetrating line from 3,500 to 3,650 feet. Only show was reported in the Ranger sand, at 3,270 feet, when 24,500 cubic feet of gas was logged. The well was in the general area where several years ago Garvin D. Chastain received a big well. The Hathcock was one of several wells which were drilled to failures after the Chastain discovery.

Other Eastland county reports: Stiles et al No. 1 Lyster, testing the shallow depths three and one-half miles southeast of Eastland, located in the Nancy Guerry survey, at 1,200 feet was drilling. W. R. Ritchie et al were under-

reaming eight-inch at 2,450 feet in their Weddington, 13 miles northwest of Cisco, section 2054, TEAL survey. This is an Ellen-barger project.

W. T. Lutton spudded and shut-down No. 1 Boen, section 13, block 3, H&T survey, three miles southwest of Carbon. It is a 3,100-foot projected operation.

J. D. Cawley et al No. 1 Elzo Boen, southwest of Okra, was shut-down below 250 feet in a quest for shallow pay.

One mile east of Cisco, Hickey Producing and Development Company No. 1 Stamps, section 17, block 4, H&T survey, was drilling at 3,750 feet in a deepening for pay attempt.

Reports on Stephens county's wells were as follows: Fitzer and West No. 2-A Gonzales, well in the Breckenridge city limits east of the Christian church, at 750 feet was drilling. Lone Star Gas Company No. 5, Brooks, section 54, block 1, T&P survey, southwest part of the county, was drilling below 3,455 feet.

Wittmer, Knight and Ewing No. 1 Loving, was drilling at 2-160 feet in section 66, BAL survey.

It was reported Lone Star No. 1 O'Connor, a wildcat, section 51, block 7, T&P survey, was under-reaming pipe at 2,195 feet.

A. G. Swenson No. 1 Frost-Valle, two miles north of Eolian, section 37, block 8, T&P survey, at 440 feet was drilling.

EASTLAND WPA AREA 'SAFEST' DURING MAY

A safety trophy given each month by the district WPA office at Fort Worth has been awarded to area 17, with headquarters at Eastland, according to R. Towner Dickinson, area engineer.

The trophy had just been received Saturday. In May the area had an average of 22 projects in progress and among the 1,786 workers there was not an accident. The number of hours of labor performed by the workers totaled 180,000.

In winning the trophy with the perfect record, the Eastland area was ahead of five other areas in the district.

In April there was just one lost time accident.

Dickinson attributed the record to safety educational work. Eastland and Callahan counties composed area 17.

Eastland Masons To Seat Officials At Meet Monday

A called meeting for the installation officers has been set by the Eastland Masonic lodge for 8 o'clock Monday night at Masonic temple.

Officers to be installed are: Kenneth Wingate, worshipful master; Ben L. Sears, senior warden; Ernest Heltius, junior warden; L. J. Lambert, treasurer; Elmo Hill, secretary, and H. P. Pentecost, tiler.

Increase Noted In Production of Oil

Daily average crude oil production in West Central Texas the week ended June 17, was 32,000 barrels, an increase of 2,200 barrels, the American Petroleum Institute reported Saturday in an announcement issued at New York.

For the four weeks ended June 17 daily average in the area was 31,300 barrels as compared to an average of 28,100 barrels for the week ended June 18 last year.

Wild Earthquake Strikes California

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Mild earthquakes today jarred California from the Oregon line to the Mexican border, but no damage was reported.

The most severe shocks were at San Diego, where a tremor stopped clocks and caused tall buildings to sway. It was estimated that the center of the earthquake was 500 miles from San Diego, but the direction was not calculated.

Father Of Editor Of Times Very Ill

AUSTIN, June 24.—Former Lt. Gov. Will H. Mayes was seriously ill at his home here today. His son, Wendell Mayes of Brownwood had come to Austin to be at his bedside.

Mayes, a former Brownwood publisher, was lieutenant governor from 1912 to 1914.

Another son, W. H. Mayes, Jr., is editor of the Ranger Times.

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Society

Miss Sammie Ruth Matthews

Green Lead in Hollywood Play

Miss Sammie Ruth Matthews, daughter of Mrs. Hortense Matthews, has been cast for the girl-lead in the Hollywood's Spotlight Little Theatre's production of "Hardship Preferred," which will be directed by Mr. Leon Lord.

Playing opposite Miss Matthews in the male lead is Jack Holmes. The play was written by Arthur F. Horman who wrote the Dead End Kid stories.

Rehearsals have already started for the play which will open July 6 for a two week run.

Having spent many years of her life here, Miss Matthews has many friends who will be glad to know of her achievements, and happy for the success of this talented young lady.

Eastern Star

To Have Party

The Ranger chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will have a covered dish supper Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harmon, who are leaving to make their home in South Texas.

All members are urged to attend and bring a covered dish.

Homemaking Club

To Have Exhibit

The Homemakers Club of the Ranger High School will have an exhibit of their work Tuesday, June 27, from 10 to 11 o'clock in the morning at the high school building in the home economics department.

W. P. A. Art Class

Has Outing

The W. P. A. Art Class, under the direction of Miss Josephine Williams, held a picnic and sketching in the City Park Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were Misses Sue Milner, LaVerne Duncan, Mary Lee Conner, Iva Dell Conner, Mary Allen Lanier, Jane Hamilton, Edna Jean Morton, Wilma Jean Roberts and the instructor.

Miss Larson Attendant

In Dallas Wedding

Miss Gladys Larson, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Larson, has returned from Dallas where they went to attend the wedding of Mrs. Larson's niece, Miss Margaret Lindloff, to Mr. Roy C. Lee of Dallas. Miss Larson was one of the bride's attendants and wore a cornflower blue net gown.

The ceremony was performed at the Trinity Methodist Church Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Lindloff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lindloff, has visited in the Larson home many times and has a host of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Hosts at Party

Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph entertained Friday evening in the Blue Room of the Gholson hotel with a party for all resident guests at the Gholson and residents of the Joseph apartments.

Receiving the guests with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph was Mr. Elton Jennings, manager of the hotel.

Dancing, dominoes, and bridge were enjoyed by 75 guests. In the bridge games prizes of toilet sets were awarded to Mr. H. B. Phillips and Mrs. J. D. McClister.

iced punch which was flavored with rose water from Syria was served throughout the evening.

Former Ranger Residents

Married in Dallas

Mr. Roy S. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sanders of Waco, formerly of Ranger, and Miss Mary Francis Douglas of Dallas were united in marriage at Dallas Saturday evening, June 24.

Mr. Sanders made his home in Ranger for a number of years and is the brother of Mrs. Arthur L. Wolf of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders will make their home in Dallas.

R. L. Hise Honored

On Birthday

Thursday evening, June 22, a group of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. R. L. Hise to honor him on the occasion of his 69th birthday.

Refreshments were served to the following Messrs. and Meses: R. L. Hise, J. C. Rose, T. E. Bankston, O. E. Hise, Ralph Hise, Raymond Doss, and Misses Velma Lou Rose, Dorothy Lane, Wanda Joy Bankston, and John Rose, Douglas Rose, Vivian Hise, Garrett Hise, Billie Doss, Raymond Doss, Charles Padgett and C. K. Padgett.

Former Resident Dies in Dallas

Word has been received of the death, Friday night of M. E. Walker, former resident of Ranger. Mr. Walker was a brother of Mrs. R. F. Harrington of Ranger who was with him at the time of his death. He was also an uncle of Mrs. Max Orr, who with Mr. Orr and Mary Francis, left Saturday for Waco where burial services will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Society Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Callan Martin have as their guests, their mother, Mrs. Ora Martin of Brownsville and their brothers, Dudley Martin of Cristobal, Panama, and Mike Martin of McAllen.

Mr. Chester Martin has returned to his home in Pocatello, Idaho, after a three weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell and daughters, Misses Lorene and Inez.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Boyd and sons, Kent, Lloyd and Joe, of Dallas, are the guests this week-end of Mr. Boyd's sister, Mrs. C. D. Woods and her son, Bob.

Mrs. C. C. Peterson of Waco is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. A. N. Larson.

Mrs. J. C. Kelley is in the West Texas Hospital where she was operated Saturday.

Mrs. Willard Swaney and children, Fannie Dell and Bill, and Mrs. Swaney's nieces, Misses Mary Francis and Harriet Hardin of Brownsville were in Coleman Saturday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Swaney's nephew.

Mrs. V. Wright, who has been critically ill in the West Texas Hospital, is improving.

Bill Boon of Caddo who was confined to the hospital because of a snake bite has been released from the West Texas Hospital.

Word has been received of the birth of a baby girl on June 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Max Harrington at Tyler. Mrs. Harrington is the former Florine Cooper of Breckenridge, who visited often in the V. V. Cooper, Sr., home.

Miss Mona Robinson submitted to a tonsillectomy at the City-County Hospital, Saturday.

Federal Association Aids in Building Of Homes in This Area

The First Federal Savings and Loan Association, which was organized in Ranger nearly five years ago, under federal supervision, has been a vital factor in home building, remodeling and improving in Ranger from the time it was first started.

A. J. Ratliff of Ranger has been president since the association was formed, and C. E. May has been secretary.

Numerous loans have been made in Ranger through this association in which many Ranger citizens are stockholders.

Hartnett Employees To Be Given Banquet

C. D. Hartnett Wholesale Grocery Company of Ranger and Weatherford, will entertain Tuesday evening with a banquet complimenting all of their customers and their employees and all employees of the Hartnett Wholesale company.

The banquet will be held at the American Legion hall in Ranger.

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Rev. K. C. Edmonds Representative Of Big Insurance Firm

Rev. K. C. Edmonds, popular Ranger life insurance salesman, is local representative for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company in this part of the country, selling large quantities of insurance over a wide territory, of which Ranger is the center.

Being a minister, Rev. Edmonds has preached in practically every church in the county, and, for a number of years, filled the pulpit of the Olden Baptist Church.

Through his church connections he has become probably the best known man in this part of Eastland and surrounding counties, which adds much to his prestige as an insurance agent.

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FOR SALE—Crystal White Bermuda Onions, 50c bushel as long as they last. M. S. Smith, South end of Hodges street.

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11-APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 2-room furnished apartment.—Carter Apartments.

13-FOR SALE, Miscellaneous

Peaches and Plums. Breckenridge Highway.—W. W. MITCHELL.

FOR SALE—Plum and peaches. W. C. Niver, Eastland Hill.

FOR SALE: Mowing machine, almost like new or trade for hay press.—G. O. SMITH, Cheaney.

FOR SALE: Several used windmills and one truck trailer.—L. E. CLARK, Deadmons.

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CHURCHES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

H. B. Johnson, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a. m. with Lawrence Bryan, superintendent. Golden Rule Bible class taught by the pastor.

Preaching, 11 a. m. by Rev. James, recently from Columbia, South America. Brother James is blind but is said to be a very interesting speaker. He spent twelve years in South America and doubtless, will be able to bring an interesting sermon. Come and hear him.

Christian Endeavor will meet at 7:00 p. m. with Mrs. Johnson in charge.

Preaching, 8:00 p. m. by the pastor. Subject, "Friendship," text, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Announcements will be made this morning regarding Bible study.

Official board will meet Monday evening, 7:30. J. C. Carothers in charge. This is a very important meeting and every member of board is urged to be present.

New song books have been received for the song services. Come and worship with us.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

G. Alfred Brown, Pastor

The Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs of Eastland County are observing their annual 4-H Club Sunday, today. The morning service of the First Methodist church of Ranger is dedicated to this observance.

The church is decorated with 4-H Club colors and emblems, and special sections reserved for the members. Three of their members, will participate in the worship

service. They are, Addie Spurlin, Howard Hinman, and Veda Faye Ramsower. The choir will sing the anthems: "Abide With Me," and the pastor will bring the sermon. His subject will be: "Four Leaf Clover." Everyone is invited to this service. After the service, the Club members and other visitors will spread their lunch in the basement of the Church, and will then enjoy a short program and a period of recreation.

At the evening service, beginning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Roy A. Langston, the district superintendent of the Methodist church, will preach. Special music is also planned for this service.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Corner Oak and E. Main Sts.

Rev. A. G. Pool, Pastor

Sunday Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Ira Utz, Supt.

Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday night, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Chas. T. Talley, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching Service, 11 a. m. "What Do You Weigh?"

R. T. U., 7:00 p. m. Preaching service, 8 p. m. Rev. E. James, preacher, returned missionary from Bogota.

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SERIAL STORY

PAR IS LOVE

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Yesterday Royalton meets the girl of his dreams. And she had just won a golf match to determine who wins her. He asks if it is a private interview!

CHAPTER II

SHE gave him a look that made him think of violets with dew on them. "Oh, very private. Just Ronald and Wilfrid."

The face of Royalton Augustus Herring clouded a little.

"What does your father say," he asked, "to your settling your life by a golf match between two girls?"

"Oh, father. He doesn't know anything about the match. He says a lot of things, though."

"He does, eh? What, for instance?"

The girl appeared to think. "Well, he says he wishes I'd hurry up and marry one of those cussed boys so the other would get the devil out of the house. He says two wrongs never make a right."

Royalton Augustus nodded. "Your dad knows his stuff. I begin to gather that he's not too bad about Ronald and Wilfrid."

"No. One of them got his goat, but he doesn't know which so he blames them both."

"Got his goat? How do you mean?"

"Well, the other day Ron put a skeleton in Wilfrid's room. Just a sort of a dumb thing to do. And the worst of it is, he put one of father's top hats on the skeleton."

"What did he do that for? Just for fun and stuff?"

"Oh, he told me he thought it might shake Wilfrid's nerve. Rattle him for the match, you know."

"H'm! It should have. Whose skeleton was it? Not the family's?"

"No. Er—that is, it belonged to father."

"I see. Your father has skeletons. What's he do, go in for collecting them?"

"That's it. Father is an evolutionist and a paleontologist. Just a hobby, you know. He used to be a banker. But this was one of his favorite skeletons."

FOR a moment they sat silent.

"Well," said Royalton, reluctantly, "I really ought to be going. But I've sort of gotten interested in this. There's a couple more things I'd like to know, if it wouldn't be presuming."

"Shoot," said the girl, drawing circles in the dust with the toe of her slipper.

"Well, why did you tell me, a perfect stranger, all this?"

She faced him. "If you want to know, it's because I haven't a single solitary soul in that house to talk to."

"Not? Gee, that's tough luck."

"But it's true. You see, I can't talk to mother about Ronald and Wilfrid. She's a great friend of their mother. And father's against me because I'm going to marry either Ron or Wilfrid. My brother Billy is just a kid. And I couldn't confide in the maids or Baskerville."

"Who's Baskerville?"

"He's the chauffeur."

"No," said Royalton Augustus hastily, remembering reading about a chauffeur who ran away with an heiress, "don't talk to Baskerville. I think you did quite right to tell me."

"And," she continued, "we're way out here in the country miles from any of my friends. So I've got to let off steam where and when I can."

"I got a suggestion to make," said Royalton, with a Machiavellian gleam in his eye. "Why don't you call off this match? That is, unless you're wild about either Ronald or Wilfrid, or both."

She looked away. "I couldn't do that. I've committed myself."



Illustration by Scarbo
Royalton Augustus helped. In so doing he shattered all existing records for slowness in assisting young ladies over bunkers.

now. But as for Ron and Wilfrid—well, they're very sweet of spring."

"Somehow," Roy said, "I do like the idea of horning in that way."

"Well then, what are we going to do? I can't talk to you if you're miles away in a hotel."

"Isn't there," began Roy, "a disused barn or a shack or something?"

BARBARA checked him with an exclamation. "I've got a brainwave. There's a room over the garage that Baskerville doesn't use. Then her face fell. 'But I couldn't ask you to stay there.'"

"Why not? It's a swell idea. I could explain my presence by saying I was Baskerville's cousin. Wouldn't that get by all right? Of course, though, Baskerville would have to be fixed."

Barbara hesitated. "Baskerville's fixable. I could work that. But I'm not altogether comfortable about it. You're giving up your vacation and—and... well, it seems a strange thing to do. After all, I don't know you."

"Well," said Roy softly, "would you like to?"

She smiled at him. "Yes. I think so. You've got a nice kind face and a fatherly manner that makes a girl trusting. On the whole, you look like a good egg."

"What about Baskerville?"

"You meet me here at 5," said Barbara, rising, "and I'll have it all arranged. Now I've got to go. You'll have to help me over the wall."

Royalton Augustus helped. In a flash he held Barbara Ganning in his arms preparatory to helping her up on the wall. Then, so doing, he shattered all existing records for slowness in assisting young ladies over bunkers. From the top of the wall Baby Ganning flashed him an iris-eyed smile.

"Oh," she said, the corners of her mouth quivering, "we forgot to look for your watch."

"Let it go, let it go," said Royalton Augustus handsomely. "What's a watch to one of the Baskervilles?"

(To Be Continued)

By Hamlin

ALLEY OOP



HERE COMES THE PLANE... NOW I BETCHA THIS PLACE'LL BE SWARMING WITH G-MEN!

WELL, MY GOSH! SHERIFF JONES? YES SIR, I'M G.I. TUM FROM WASHINGTON

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Glad Tweetcha, Tum—when will the rest of the boys arrive?

THE REST OF THE BOYS?

SURE! YOU DON'T THINK ONE MAN CAN COPE WITH THE PHANTOM, DO YOU?

WELL, WHY NOT? THERE'S ONLY ONE PHANTOM, ISN'T THERE?



RED RYDER By Fred Harman

IF TH' JUDGE ISN'T HERE TO ISSUE AN INJUNCTION AGAINST MORGAN, THEN IT'S UP TO YOU TO SEE THAT I GET WATER ON MY LAND, SHERIFF!

THERE'S NOTHIN' I CAN DO, RYDER! MORGAN SWINGS A LOT OF VOTES AROUND HERE AND I'M PLENTY FOND OF THIS JOB!

AND MORGAN'S TOO POWERFUL FOR YOU TO FIGHT! I'D ADVISE YOU TO SELL OUT TO HIM!

OH, YEAH!

I TRIED TO MAKE IT LEGAL, LITTLE BEAVER—FOR MORGAN'S DAUGHTER—BUT NOW I'LL DO THINGS MY WAY!

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Hassen's Big Sale
Draws Large Crowd

Hassen Company's big close out sale started Thursday, with large crowds being present for the past three days.

The entire stock has been rearranged, with everything out on tables and in racks so selections are easy.

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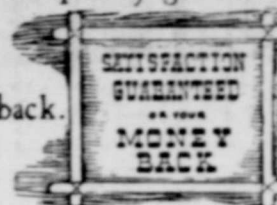
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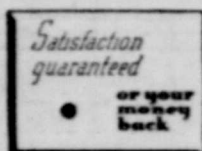
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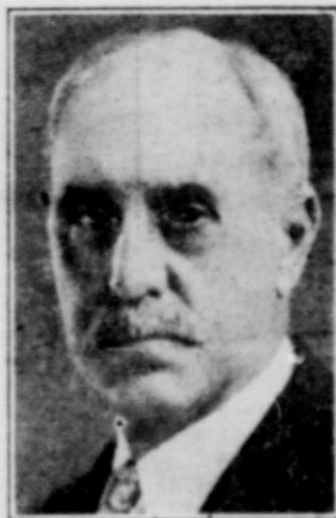
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This issue of the Ranger Times on it's 20th Anniversary is a tribute to the pioneers of this prairie community who made the city of Ranger possible by their cooperation, and to those who brought the spirit of civic interest within its environment and built a city of homes, schools and churches second to none in Texas.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," and there has been a rich harvest gathered in friendship and good will between our people who have so loyally supported this community through the years of depression and uncertainty and who have kept their faith in Ranger which it so richly deserves.



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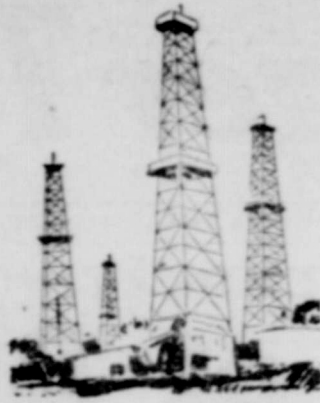


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Present Mayor of Ranger



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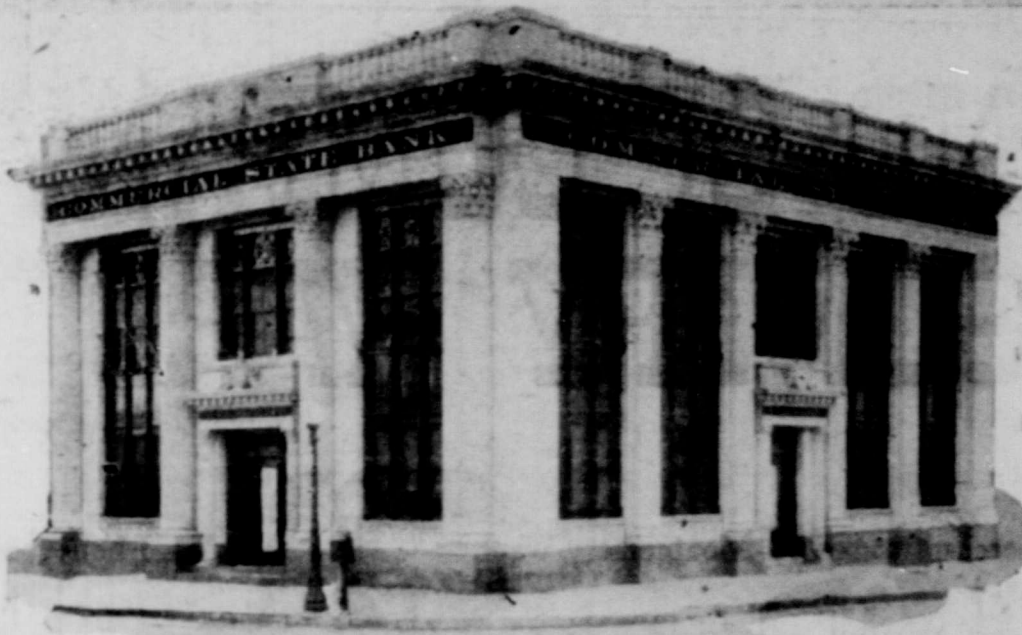
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Ranger is trading center for a thirty mile area and the population of this vast territory is 25,000. The climate is one of the best in the United States, the altitude being 1407 feet and rainfall around 26 inches.

Farming, trucking, cattle, sheep and goats are the major industries in agriculture and the oil business is one of the leading industries in the county, being engaged in the manufacture of gasoline, and many other by-products of oil and gas.

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LONE STAR GAS CO. IMPORTANT IN AREA

**Company Started Operations In Ranger
Field 20 Years Ago, and Now Has 450
Men Drawing Over Half Million Yearly**

Every day more than 450 men and women, enough to make a town the size of Palo Pinto, have a job in or near Ranger, carrying on operations of Lone Star Gas System in this area. They man the gas fields, patrol and repair pipelines, operate compressor and gasoline plants, and handle gas distribution systems.

Each month they spend an average of \$48,000 in Ranger and the surrounding towns of the Oil Belt, for rent, groceries, clothing, amusements and other living expenses. Together they make up Lone Star Gas System which this year is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary as well as the twentieth anniversary of its entry into the Oil Belt area.

Lone Star Gas System serves natural gas to more than 270 Texas towns and cities, and much of its gas supply is drawn from fields in Eastland and surrounding counties. At present it draws gas from some 240 wells in about 20 fields in Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Palo Pinto, Erath, Callahan, Comanche and Young counties. In addition to its own production, Lone Star has consistently purchased gas on a ratable basis from other producers, providing a dependable market for many local operators.

Ranger is center of activities for Lone Star in this area. Stationed here are Sam Gamble, superintendent, and Hal Hunter, assistant superintendent, in charge of compressor stations; Harry Wheelon, superintendent, and Chester R. Rogers, assistant superintendent, in charge of gasoline plants; E. K. Smith, foreman, and Herman B. Dempsey, assistant foreman, in charge of pipelines; and L. H. Taylor, field safety supervisor for the West Texas district.

Six compressor plants are maintained by Lone Star Gas Company in Eastland county, three near Ranger, one at Pueblo, one at Cheaney, and one at Eastland.

Lone Star Gasoline Company operates four natural gasoline plants in Eastland county, three at Ranger and one at Eastland. In addition, the gasoline department of Lone Star Gas Company has two gasoline plants in the county, one at Cheaney and one at Pueblo.

Other plants maintained by the Lone Star System in surrounding counties include compressor plants at Baird, Brad, Breckenridge, Caddo, Ibox, Sipe Springs and X-Ray; and gasoline plants at Breckenridge, Gordon and Sipe Springs.

Gas fields were first discovered in the vicinity of Ranger in 1917 in connection with oil production. In 1919 the Lone Star laid an 18-inch line from Joshua into this area, only to find the gas dissipated by early wasteful methods of producing oil. For five years there was not enough gas available to the company from local fields to pay expenses of operating the pipe line. But instead of withdrawing from the area, Lone Star began experiments to utilize casinghead gas which was being produced in large quantities along with oil and dissipated. In 1924 the company's engineers succeeded in developing a process through which the gas could be satisfactorily served to customers, and since that time it has steadily expanded its operations in and near Ranger.

In the 20 year period during which the Lone Star System has operated in the Ranger territory it has spent more than \$20,000,000 in the Oil Belt area, the major expenditure being for gas purchased, with salaries the second largest item.

Its Ranger headquarters is one of the most modern and efficient plants in the area. Lone Star men have been leaders in accident prevention work in the area for many years, a fact which was emphasized last month when L. H. Taylor was elected president of the Oil Belt Safety Conference.

18 People Have Been Postmasters in Ranger For the Past 59 Years

Since the Ranger Post Office was established on Dec. 27, 1880, there have been 14 postmasters who have presided over the business of the post office department out of the local office, four acting postmasters, including A. E. Crawley, who held that position at present, and two acting postmasters who later became postmasters, according to information compiled by Ed T. Cox of Eastland.

When the Ranger Post Office was first established, James M. Davis was named as the first postmaster, serving nearly eight years. He was relieved, on June 6, 1888, by Thomas O. Rawls, who served less than a year or until February 1, 1889, when Charles S. Davis was appointed.

During the "Gay Nineties" there were five postmasters, including Charles S. Davis, who was appointed, as stated before, in 1889. Davis served until Sept. 1, 1892, when Washington L. Parrott was appointed. His term was short, however, as on Aug. 4, 1893, John H. Terrell was made postmaster and served until April 18, 1898, when Elisha S. Bishop was appointed. Bishop, too, served a short term, which expired May 18, 1899, when Laura Bishop was named to the post, serving until 1901.

The first decade of the new century saw but two postmasters in office in Ranger. John M. Griffin was named to the position on Feb. 23, 1901, serving to Jan. 9, 1905, when Joseph W. Barber was made postmaster, serving until 1913.

From 1910 to 1920 there were four postmasters named in Ranger, the first being C. S. Davis, who attained the position June 5, 1913, and there followed a period of acting postmasters.

The first acting postmaster was Mrs. May Harrison, who was named Sept. 11, 1918, and who served until Jan. 1, 1919, when O. R. Cooper was named acting postmaster. Cooper served until October of the same year, when F. C. Kelly was named as acting postmaster.

Kelly served but a few months, too, as J. F. Connell was made postmaster Jan. 31, 1920, serving about a year and a half in that capacity. On May 9, 1921, J. F. Dreinhofer was named as acting postmaster and he was made postmaster Aug. 17 of the same year. He served until Jesse E. Meroney was appointed, May 5, 1926.

Meroney served as postmaster a little over eight years, or until Mrs. Martha Davenport was named acting postmaster of the Ranger office Oct. 20, 1934. Her appointment as postmaster came over a year later, her appointment being dated June 1, 1936.

Mrs. Davenport was postmaster until Aug. 29, 1938, when A. E. Crawley, then assistant postmaster, was named acting postmaster, a position which he still fills.

FOWL PLUCKING TOO SLOW

SYDNEY, Australia.—Australia can't get the feathers off the chickens fast enough. A mission is being sent to the United States to study American methods and purchase fowl-plucking machinery.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ENRICHED

OMAHA, Neb.—The elaborate library of the late Charles N. Dietz of Omaha, some 9,000 volumes, replete with manuscripts and books of years ago, is now in possession of the University of Nebraska. The university acquired the library for approximately \$8,000.

Remains of Prehistoric Race Are Discovered In Southwest Texas

ALPINE, Tex.—Remains of a prehistoric race of people, who put knives in the mouths of dead men before they buried them, have been discovered in the southwestern part of Texas and in New Mexico.

R. M. P. Burnet, archeologist of Carlsbad, N. M., revealed to the public for the first time the results of months of excavation and research which he believes have bridged a 500-year span in the development of mankind in the southwest. He made his report to fellow archeologists at the recent meeting here of the Southwestern Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He believes his discovery of prehistoric ruins near Carlsbad definitely established the builders of thousands of Mescal Pits in New Mexico and Texas as a distinct race of people heretofore unclassified. He said his excavations revealed that the race inhabited this part of the country approximately 1,000 years ago.

The discovery revealed a unique burial custom. Clamped between the teeth of every adult male skeleton discovered, Burnet said, was a slender knife made of stone.

The scientist also unearthed evidence which he said established the Mescal Pit man as the "home brew baron of the west" nearly 400 years before Columbus made his voyages to America.

Pottery shreds found with the skeletons disclosed, when reconstructed, a pair of the largest prehistoric pots on record. They were not cooking vessels, Burnet said, because they were not charred. They were too large for the comparatively small Mescal Pit men, who averaged 5 feet 10 inches in height, to carry filled with water.

Burnet believed they were used as storage vats for roasted mescal hearts. In the warm climate of the region the sweet pulp of the mescal would ferment quickly into a potent beer-like beverage.

The material in these two pots, which were 18 inches high and as wide at the greatest swell, was identical with sherds which invariably have been found in and near the Mescal Pits, but which never were identified with known human remains.

The Mescal Pits, which are found only on the west side of the Pecos river in the Guadalupe region of New Mexico and extending southward into the Great Bend region of Texas, technically are not pits at all. They are circular piles of rocks with a space in the center of the circle giving the appearance of a shallow pit.

Similar piles, much smaller, were built by the early Apache Indians of the region. Pioneer witnesses of the Apache feasts said the sweet pulpy heart of the mescal plant was placed in the center of a mound of heated stones. A fire was built atop the heap and the potion was left thus to roast for 36 hours, after which the men, women and children feasted on the solid parts of the brew and drank the remaining broth.

Early settlers recalled that the feast usually ended when the entire assemblage drank itself into a stupor and fell asleep.

Just as the origin of many modern methods of preparing particular foods is lost in antiquity, Burnet said it was reasonable to assume that the Apaches learned the method of cooking this desert plant from the prehistoric Mescal men.

In all, a dozen skeletons of men, women and children were uncovered in what apparently was a burial ground. Artifacts discovered with the relics proved in addition that the race was responsible for the Mescal Pits, Burnet said, and placed the builders as members of a race not before classified and appeared to close a breach of nearly five centuries during which the development of man in the southwest was uncharted.

Fifteen Senators Have Served This District In Senate At Austin

A total of 15 State Senators have represented the districts in which Eastland County has been since it was established, according to a list compiled by Ed T. Cox of Eastland, though the county has been in several State Senatorial Districts in that time.

The first senator to represent the Eastland district was J. R. Fleming, and though no dates for his term of office are given, he is listed as being State Senator from the 29th Senatorial District. The county now is in the 24th Senatorial District.

Following Fleming was J. H. Calhoun, who also represented the 29th district, and served from 1884 to 1888. He was followed by H. T. Simms, whose term is not listed.

The county apparently was put in the 28th district during the term of J. C. Baldwin, who followed Simms, and Baldwin was followed by R. D. Gage.

In 1896 H. A. Tillett was elected from the senatorial district, serving from 1896 to 1898. Tillett was followed by W. P. Sebastian, whose term extended from 1898 to 1904, when A. S. Hawkins was elected and served until 1908.

W. J. Bryan served during the years 1908 to 1912, being followed by H. P. Brelsford, who was state senator from 1912 to 1916, when C. R. Buchanan was elected for a four-year term.

John A. Russell next represented the district in the upper house at Austin, beginning his term in 1920 and serving through 1924, being followed by Jesse R. Smith, who also served four years, until 1928.

Oliver Cunningham was state senator from this district for the four years from 1928 to 1932, being followed by Wilbourne Collier of Eastland, whose term began in 1932 and who is one of the very few from the district who has been re-elected after one term. He still serves the district in the State Senate.

Love and Crawley Have One of Finest Stations in West Texas

"One of the finest in West Texas," is the boast made by the Love and Crawley Service Station, located on the corner of South Rusk and Pine Streets, a boast made possible by a modern building, Sinclair products and superior service.

The station, which is one of the most beautiful in Ranger, is operated by G. C. Lum Love and Price Crawley, owners, who take particular pride in maintaining a high quality of service.

Sinclair H-C Gasoline, Sinclair Opaline Motor Oils, Reliable Batteries, Kelly Springfield Tires are handled by the station, which also does washing, greasing and polishing.

C. I. Hyatt Represents Norge Co. In the Area

C. I. Hyatt of Olden, who serves Ranger and Eastland as Norge Agent, is one of the most progressive merchants of this part of the country and who always takes pride in displaying his home appliances. Headquarters for his Norge agency is in the Central Pharmacy, at Olden, which he also operates.

Hyatt has always cooperated with the Ranger refrigerator dealers in staging exhibits featuring electrical refrigeration and has participated in the Ranger Times' annual cooking school for several years.

He is an enthusiastic booster for the product he sells and is always willing to give a demonstration, where one is desired, and to explain all the features of the refrigerators he sells.

Dedication

Twenty years ago the City of Ranger was incorporated, the Chamber of Commerce organized and the Ranger Times issued its first publication.

It is altogether proper and timely that the Ranger Times should issue an edition commemorating this occasion and setting forth from an historical fact the many events that have transpired in and around Ranger for the past 20 years. It is altogether opportune that the many advantages of this part of the Lone Star State be told and that issues of this edition be mailed to all chambers of commerce in the United States.

The edition was handled by capable editors and facts gathered from sources that are authentic and reliable. The paper was printed in tabloid style and properly bound with suitable cover for filing purposes and future reference.

In picture and word the edition has told the story of Ranger's early struggle and many events that have made Ranger one of the most advertised and best known cities in America.

Only through the cooperation of each person and organization in the city could an edition of this magnitude be properly chronicled.

It is because of the love all the citizens have for their own home that such an issue has been made possible.

Within these pages will be found stories of great interest concerning information and facts, many of which have never before been printed. Inquiries are invited from any person as to the possibilities of Ranger for a home, educational center, for oil activities, highway connections, agriculture, sports and the many other things the average citizen desires in selecting a place to be called home.

To the thousands of people throughout the United States and even in foreign lands who will read this twentieth Anniversary edition an invitation is extended to visit Ranger and, if a new home is being sought by an individual or by a business firm, a warm welcome will be extended by the city where "there are no strangers," where an ideal climate, a rich soil, almost continuous sunshine and vast stores of natural wealth have been united with the works of strong men to produce one of the most flourishing and friendly cities in the great southwest.

RANGER TIMES

In presenting this, the 20th Anniversary Edition of the Ranger Times to the public, the Chamber of Commerce feels that a work well worth while has been accomplished. A long felt need for gathering facts regarding Ranger and Eastland county and the embodiment of the data in suitable material that could be published in just such an issue as that compiled by the Times.

Numerous inquiries are constantly being received from all parts of the nation from the thousands of tourists who travel from coast to coast and naturally Ranger will receive much favorable advertising from this edition.

The Chamber of Commerce is appreciative to those who have had any part in the compiling of the data in this issue and also to help received from business and professional men and

women and to the civic club leaders of, not only Ranger, but the neighboring towns of Eastland, Cisco and Breckenridge.

The Chamber of Commerce is an organization of business men who have banded themselves together for the mutual help and assistance of every citizen in the community. They serve without pay and because of the cooperation from all citizens with the Chamber of Commerce much progress has been made and many things done that, without an organization of this kind would never have been accomplished. Again the Chamber of Commerce thanks all and hopes for the Times many more years of useful service in the city that we all call home.

RANGER CHAMBER of COMMERCE

FEW INDIAN MASSACRES NOTED IN AREA

Last of Indian Fights and Massacres

In This Part of County Are Related

By Ed T. Cox, Sr., Eastland Historian

By ED T. COX, Eastland Historian
When William Allen came to Palo Pinto County in 1856 he found the Indians numerous and comparatively friendly, but about the time of his settling in Eastland County they had become very hostile. The probable reason for this was an attack on a peaceful band of Indians who were hunting in Palo Pinto County about this time, in which a number of Indians were killed. From the time of this incident there was no peace between the Comanches and the settlers, until the Indians' power was destroyed in the middle 70's by the campaign of Gen. McKenzie and others.

In December of 1860, Joe and Rall Smith, "Bad" Reese and Golston Flanagan left Flanagan's Ranch, at what is now Merriman, to go to Blair's Fort, in quest of something with which to make bread. They were in a wagon to which were hitched a yoke of young steers and started down the road, which at that time followed in a general way the crest of the bluff from the ranch to near where the present Eastland-Cheaney Road crosses the Colony Fork of the Leon River. In doing so it crossed several draws, less brushy, and it was at one of these that they drove into an ambush.

Flanagan was mortally wounded, probably by the first volley, and fell back into the wagon, as did Smith, who was struck in the knee by an arrow. The young steers stampeded, turned abruptly around and raced back up the road for a hundred yards or so, then bolted for the timber, some distance away, where they hubbed a tree and broke the yoke, which enabled them to continue their wild flight.

It was here that Joe Smith leaped from the wagon and ran into the timber, where he waited for Golston, thinking that he, like himself, might be in hiding, but failing to find him, returned to the ranch, where he reported the incident to "Bad" Reese and Rall Smith, who took horses and went to hunt for Flanagan, finding him dead and scalped.

His body was brought to the ranch and buried on a little knoll in the field east of the road, just south of the bridge across Colony Creek, at Merriman, where his ashes still rest.

When the arrow which struck Joe Smith was jerked from the wound at the time he was shot, he supposed that the head came with the shaft, but some 25 years later he felt a sharp pain on the under side of his knee, and was surprised to find a sharp, black point sticking through the skin. In about three weeks it came from the flesh, seemingly not much the worse for its long lodging in Mr. Smith's knee. Mr. Smith thought that he was shot with a double-headed arrow and that one was removed when he was shot.

Killing of Mrs. Cofer

Some time after the foregoing incident a Mr. Cofer lived on the J. L. Duffer place, about three miles from Mansker's Lake, on the Leon River. He was confined to his bed with fever, and the chores fell to the lot of his wife.

They had a nice young mare, which they kept staked near the house to keep from having her stolen by the raiding Indians. But the grass became short and she decided to take her further from the house during the day, and return her for the night. Upon one of these trips she had not returned when a neighbor came to sit up with the sick man, and, upon going in search for her found her dead and scalped.

Mrs. Cofer was buried on a gravel knoll, which afterwards became Alameda Cemetery, and on the site of what had been, long before, an Indian camp, the remains of which are still visible.

Many years afterwards an old man came to the home of the late Joe Jones, seeking for someone who could show him the grave of his wife. Mr. Jones,

and perhaps others, assisted him in the search, but so much time had elapsed and so many graves had not been marked, that they could not be certain as to which was hers. Mrs. Higgins, a daughter of W. O. McGough, says that her father went with the old man to the cemetery and located the grave for him.

Ellison Springs Fight

On August 8, 1864, Corporal Head, with seven men, started out on their regular 10-day scout, and camped at McGough Springs. The next day they headed for the South Fork of the Leon River, intending to follow it to its head. When they came to about where the town of Mangum is now located they came upon the fresh sign of some 30 or 40 Indians headed for the settlements.

They were badly outnumbered, but took up the trail, which they followed to about where the W. W. Boon old place is located, where they came in sight of them and engaged them in a long-distance skirmish, but without seeming damage to either party.

Corporal Head withdrew his men and sent runners to the Gilbert Ranches, one but a mile or two away, the other two or three miles further, for reinforcements. The five Gilbert boys responded, bringing the number of scouts to 12, commanded by their captain, Sing Gilbert.

They took up the trail of the Indians and followed them to Ellison Springs, about three miles east of Gorman, where they overtook and attacked them.

T. E. Keith, a former county commissioner of Eastland County, was a participant in this fight, and I will let him describe that attack, as told in a "History of Pioneer Days," by John A. Hart, and others.

"Captain Gilbert, then and there, without any formation of his men, ordered a charge and led it right up to within 30 feet of those foot Indians, halted and fired, then ordered his men back. Well, he paid for his indiscretion with his life. An arrow struck him in the neck, on the turn, and in an hour he bled to death. Button Keith's horse fell and he was killed on the spot. Tom Gilbert, Tom Cadenhead and Jim Ellison were all severely wounded. So there was nothing left for us to do but to run for our lives to Ellison's house, 300 yards away. Five men out of 12 killed or disabled, pretty severe fighting. If any Indians were killed they carried them off, as was their custom.

"To show the endurance of these Indians will say that this fight occurred about four o'clock p. m. They had already traveled 35 or 40 miles that day, had two fights, then went to Stephenville, in Erath County, 35 or 40 miles further, and stole 50 or 60 head of horses, before daylight the next morning.

"The patrol was poorly armed with muzzle loading rifles, some old style Colt cap and ball pistols and home made, single barreled pistols. The powder was home made and not very reliable. It was often called "slow push" powder. The gun caps were also home made and were not very reliable. The Indians had a very decided advantage at close range, with their bows and arrows."

The last to be killed in the county by the Indians was Henry Martin, a son-in-law of W. H. Mansker, in 1871.

A squad of cow hands left Mansker Ranch for a hunt in the Davidson or Mansker Springs country, about five or six miles northeast of the lake. There they were attacked by a band of Indians and the horse of Martin fell, leaving him at the mercy of the foe.

A stone mound marked the place for a long time, but it has been removed for some reason. This was about two or three miles east of Cheaney Church.

Other fights between Indians and whites, in which there were no casual-

Old Letters Found In Young County Tells Of Indian Raids and "Expensive" Session Of Texas Legislature With Cost Of \$100

Editor's Note: C. H. Todd of Ranger, who ran across the following clipping some time ago, presented it to the Times for inclusion in this edition because it might be of interest to many. Todd was particularly impressed by the fact the Texas Legislature met in 1865, was in session 90 days and incurred an expense of \$100, which the writer of the letter seemed to think was a rather costly session.

From the dusty shelves of an old smokehouse has come some interesting material about the early days of Young County when it was in Peter's Colony Grant, and of conditions in general over Texas. Capt. A. Don Brown, captain in the Confederate Army, gave his son, C. A. Brown of Markley, Young County, letters and deeds pertaining to Peter's Colony and old Fort Belknap.

Interest in the restoration of the fort, at that time underway, recalled to Brown's mind the documents he had been saving those many years. Brown got them out from the smokehouse, "just in case there was something in the letters the public would like to know about."

Most interest and enlightening was one written Jan. 14, 1869, by Charles J. Meng, land agent, to his employer, Robert Jarvis, Esq. Writing from Louisville, Ky., he said:

"I left here last year for our lands in Texas. The Indians were roaming over the country whilst I was there, stealing and murdering, and from numerous letters received since my return home, they have been worse than usual.

"Coming down in large bodies, well armed and penetrating the settlements more than 100 miles east of Fort Belknap, murdering the people and taking their property, and such will continue to be the case under the present disposition and management of the military forces on the frontier. There is lack of interest and efficiency of those in command.

"The Indians depredating on Northern Texas are the Comanches, Apaches, Arapahoes, and Kiowas. What effect on these tribes the late movements of Gen. Sheridan may have, it is difficult now to foretell. There is one thing very certain to my mind, and that is if these Indians are not placed upon certain

ties, as far as is known, are one near Cisco, where the late W. C. McGough and 12 others engaged a bunch of Indians, probably in the western part of the present town of Cisco.

The whites engaged in this fight were W. C. McGough, C. Brashears, L. B. Brittain, T. A. Borden, N. H. Edwards, John Hill, Albert Henning, John Beall, George Keith, Jerome McMaster, and three, whose names could not be learned. In this fight Henning was wounded and it was thought an Indian was killed, but no body was found.

An Indian grave was found not far from the scene of this fight in after years, which leads to the belief that the contention of the whites that they killed at least one of the Indians was correct.

The last recorded Indian raid or fight in this part of Texas occurred in 1874 between raiding Comanches and a squad of Rangers under command of Capt. J. M. Maltby, near Coleman. Two Indians were reported killed by the Rangers and the rest put to flight.

Occasionally you find an article in some paper, written by someone who came into the country as late as the late 70's, who speaks of the dangers from Indians raiding through the country, but these reports have no foundation in fact. Mischievous white men sometimes reported the Indians as being in the country, just for the effect it would have on the newcomers, but late raids are well known and accounted for as to time and place.

reservations and kept there by strong military force, they will be worse than ever.

"The country should be marked out for different tribes, compel them to stay there, furnish them seed and encourage them in the cultivation of the soil and the raising of stock, and let it be done by military authority, for none other will they respect or obey. This and this alone will insure safety against their thieving and murderous raids."

Meng described Peter's Colony lands as being the most ideal in the State. He said:

"Our lands are situated in the most interesting and beautiful portion of the State, and contain salt, stone, coal, iron, copper, fine building rock, sandstone and limestone and soil of great fertility.

"For salubrity of climate and as a stock region, it is not surpassed in the State, and the only thing wanting to induce a heavy immigration and a rapid development of its agricultural, stock and mineral resources is a feeling of security against the murderous savages. Whenever this takes place, there is no portion of the State that will advance more rapidly. The Southern and Pacific Railroad, and I hope at no distant day, must go through out lands for a supply of stone and coal. When this road reaches there it will be difficult to estimate the value of these lands."

Meng's report of doings in the legislature is amusing:

"About the first of June last a convention met in Austin to amend the constitution of the State in conformity with modern views. It was in session about 90 days at an expense of more than \$100, levied a tax of 20 cents on the \$100 worth of property assessed for state purposes to pay it, to be collected and returned by the first of December last, made no Constitution, and adjourned to meet again in December, and are now in session, going over the same ground, will probably levy another tax and adjourn to meet again."

Just how much land Jarvis owned is uncertain. At any rate Meng paid his 1865 taxes, which amounted to \$14.05 and in 1866 they were \$16.86. For the work of special agent he charged \$143.

Frasier Hatchery Is One of Best In This Part of the Country

In the past few years the Frasier Hatchery, located at the corner of South Commerce and Elm Streets, has grown into one of the most important chicken hatcheries in this part of the country, making deliveries of sturdy, healthy chicks to hundreds of satisfied customers who come back each year for more chicks.

May chicks mean October and November layers, when Frasier's chicks are purchased, as the chicks are sired out of trap-nested, pedigreed, progeny tested hens.

The hatchery has recently acquired the building in which it is located, and maintains a truck service for prompt delivery of live chicks.

ATHLETES STAR IN STUDIES

ANN HARBOR, Mich.—The bromide that athletes are short on brains is good for at least two laughs at the University of Michigan. Lester Persky, varsity griddier, and Dave Cushing, pole vault star, have earned perfect scholastic records.

Michigan's legislature is considering a bill which would ban all advertising by barbers. Here's hoping it stops that practice of putting perfume in a guy's hair.

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The Wichita Falls & Southern Railroad Company with a deep feeling of pride joins Eastland County, Ranger and surrounding territory on this great occasion of celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the incorporation of Ranger and the birth of the Ranger Times, which made its first appearance of June 1, 1919 with a 44 page opening edition.

Eastland County was created February 1, 1858 and was named for William Eastland who had been murdered in Mexico while a prisoner. The city of Ranger has a population of 6,000; 35 miles of light and power lines, 52 miles of gas lines; 32 miles of sewer lines and a new postoffice building just recently completed at a cost of \$50,000.

There are in the city, Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce and a school system employing some 50 teachers together with one of the best Junior Colleges to be found in West Texas, affiliated with the major institutions of learning of the nation and with an enrollment of 110 pupils this year. One of the attractive features of the college is there is no tuition to citizens whose homes are in the school district.

We are happy to be a part of this great territory, which in addition to the things named is part of the great agricultural and farm, produce and cattle country.

May the first 20 years be an inspiration for the energetic citizens of Ranger and community to carry on with the work that has been so nobly performed. May the next 20 years see you continue to grow and prosper.

WICHITA FALLS & SOUTHERN R. R. CO.

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M. M. DUTTON, Agent

RANGER, TEXAS

4-H CLUBS ARE ACTIVE IN THIS COUNTY

Talk Prepared By Assistant Agent Gives Facts About 4-H Club History

Editor's Note: The following article, which was written in dialog form for a radio broadcast by Howard Hinman, a member of the Ranger 4-H Club, Neil Eaves, a member of the Kokomo 4-H Club and Assistant County Agent Sam Rosenberg, gives the highlights of the county agent and 4-H Club work in Eastland County since it was first started.

4-H Club work in Eastland County has a colorful and interesting beginning. It has expanded rapidly from a beginning of Extension work.

April 20, 1906, is a memorable date in Extension history and was important to Eastland County 4-H Club work when an agreement was signed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the General Education Board of New York permitting the board to finance demonstration work under Dr. Knapp's supervision in States not yet affected by boll weevil.

November 12, 1906, Mr. W. C. Stallings, the first County Agent, was appointed and was located in Smith County, Texas.

In the year 1907 the first "Boys Corn Club" was started by Mr. W. H. Smith, a County Superintendent of Schools in Holmes County, Mississippi.

Soon after boys Club work began to increase and greater interest was taken in demonstration work. Bankers and other civic organizations offered prizes and trips to 4-H Club boys.

On May 8, 1914, the Smith-Lever Act was passed in the National Congress and signed by the President, making possible Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics in each of the states. But we take you to the year 1923 and find:

County Agent R. H. Bush has completed a successful year of 4-H Club work in Eastland County. One hundred and twenty-two boys were enrolled in club work and conducted demonstrations in livestock and crops. A large Tri-County Encampment was held at Eastland on June 14, 15 and 16th, and was attended by 500 clubbers from Stephens, Comanche, and Eastland counties.

In the year 1924, on a hot July afternoon, we meet four Eastland County 4-H Club boys who are attending the Annual Farmers Short Course at College Station. They tell us Club boys are doing big things in Eastland County. Exhibits shown at community fairs by club boys are judged the best. Club boys are conducting demonstrations in corn, cotton, peanuts, swine, dairy cattle, and beef cattle. Four County Camps were held this year and were attended by many 4-H Club boys, girls, and their parents.

Now we're attending the Annual Convention of the Eastland County Federation of Boys and Girls Clubs. It is July 2, 1926, and a very enjoyable day indeed. The convention is being held at Randolph College in Cisco, Tex. Look at all the boys and girls. They're here to practice in judging contests and are getting ready to attend the Farmers Short Course at College Station and enter the contests there. The Chambers of Commerce, Lions and Rotary Clubs are aiding County Agent Bush very much in his active 4-H Club program in the County—but we must get along.

April 23, 1927, we find Mr. J. C. Patterson, County Agent, and Miss Ruth Ramey, County Home Demonstration Agent, meeting with fifty 4-H Club boys and girls in the auditorium of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is a training for all Club boys and girls in holding meetings according to regular parliamentary procedure. One hundred and eighty-eight boys are enrolled in 4-H Club work this year.

December 1929, County Agent Patterson reviews his club work in 1929 and find that 135 boys were enrolled. Fourteen former 4-H Club boys are

now attending college.

In the year 1931, many boys who are 18 years old and older are enrolled in 4-H Club work. These and other Club boys conducted some very worthwhile demonstrations which were profitable to them and educational to the entire community.

During the years 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935, we find 4-H Club boys taking part in many activities, carrying out active 4-H Club demonstrations, attending encampments and fairs, and taking part in the contests at the Annual Farmers Short Course at College Station. The extra activities given the County Agent in Triple A programs handicapped the progress of 4-H Club work to some extent.

March 1, 1936, Hugh F. Barnhart assumes his duties as Assistant County Agent in Eastland County and Elmo V. Cook assumes duties as County Agent following Mr. C. Metz Heald. This marks the first opportunity for Eastland County 4-H Club boys to have an agent who could devote a large part of his time to boys 4-H Club work. In having the two agents, Mr. Cook handled most of the adult work and Mr. Barnhart devoted a large part of his time to 4-H Club work.

In the years 1936, 1937, and 1938, Boys 4-H Club work progressed very much under the direction and leadership of Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Cook. We find Club boys in active organized clubs taking part in community, county, and district fairs, attending encampments, county rally days, County 4-H Club Sundays, banquets, and the Texas Centennial. And a large number of club boys have conducted profitable demonstrations which have meant much to the county. Improved cropping practices have been encouraged and better livestock have been introduced.

During 1936, there were 236 4-H Club boys enrolled in 11 different community boys clubs. Ten registered Jersey heifers bought by 4-H Club boys were introduced into the county. Four registered gilts and one registered boar were bought by club boys. A number of excellent demonstrations were conducted in dairyming, peanuts, poultry, and hogs, and a county 4-H Club advisory council was formed which council was composed of officers of the various clubs. This council aided in the planning of encampments, rally days, trips, parties, and picnics.

In 1937, we find Club boys participating in many judging contests and other types of contests. The Kokomo Club won first place in the county and in the state for having the best 4-H Club. This was a very outstanding accomplishment in club work for Eastland County. The dairy demonstration team from Eastland County was declared a state winner and was awarded an all expense paid trip to the National Dairy Show in Columbus, Ohio. Two club boys were awarded Gold Star pins having been selected as two of the best 100 4-H Club boys in Texas. Many other honors were won by Eastland County Club Boys in 1937.

1938 marked a very successful year of Boys 4-H Club work in Eastland County. The Kokomo 4-H Club was again declared the best 4-H Club in Texas. Four Eastland County club boys were awarded gold star pins for their outstanding achievements.

In 1939 a total of 245 boys have sent in their enrollment cards and 4-H Club boys have demonstrations in dairyming, beef cattle, swine, poultry, goats and sheep, peanuts, feed crops and truck crops for this year.

It is very difficult to estimate the full value of 4-H Club work to Eastland County. The value of club work to the boy has always been of first importance. These 4-H Club boys will soon be the farmers of Eastland County. Already some of the farmers today were 4-H Club boys a few years ago. They have learned from 4-H Club work that the best can be made better and im-

Early Railroad Builders Thought Little of History, But Youth Of '79 Was Warned They Were Rustlers

When the Texas & Pacific Railway began building through this part of the country the builders were more concerned with getting down rails and cross ties than in preserving records for future generations, and those individuals who took part in those hectic days are all gone now, according to Ollie Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, and little of the early history of the road is now available.

First word that a railroad was being surveyed through this part of the country was obtained by Charley Todd, a resident of the Merriman Community in 1874, according to Ed T. Cox, 85, Eastland historian, who recounts the following incident, related years later to him by Todd:

"Todd, who still lives near Ranger, is responsible for the following story in connection with the coming of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. When Charley went to hunt the family cattle, he was accustomed to go to the range of hills west of the highway near where it now crosses Colony Creek, and climb one of them to look out over the valley to the east and south for the cattle.

"One day, in 1879 or 1880, he was on one of the hills for this purpose when he saw something that attracted his attention. It was a party of men with a white flag, which they would bring forward for a distance, then stop and move it about for a while, then remain still before starting moving again.

"Charley was very much perplexed at their maneuvers, but finally decided to investigate. When he accosted the men they told him that they were surveying for a railroad, which was to be built soon. He remained with the crew for a while, then started home.

"On the way he met a neighbor and told him what he had seen and what the men had told him. The neighbor shook his head and advised Todd to go to all of their neighbors and tell them that there was a bunch of horse thieves in the country and for them to put all of their horses in a lot and watch them.

"Charley did not say," Cox's report of the incident concludes, "what kind of reaction the neighbors had to this information, or whether he did as requested."

Discussion ultimately leading to the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railway started shortly after acquisition of the territory embraced in the treaty with Mexico in 1848 and the

proved methods will pay and always lead to successful farming. In checking the history of 4-H Club work in Eastland County, we find that over 1200 different boys have been members of the 4-H Club. The parents of club boys have learned much from their boys demonstrations. The communities in which 4-H Clubs have been located have benefited very much.

Much improvement has been made in the type of livestock through the activities of 4-H Club boys. 4-H Club boys in Eastland County now own about 75 head of registered Jersey cattle. Their activities have encouraged the purchase of several registered Jersey bulls in the county. 4-H Club boys own more than 40 head of registered swine, most of which are medium-boned Poland Chinas. Many registered pigs have been sold by club boys to farmers in the county. Through 4-H Club crop demonstrations much encouragement has been given in the use of certified planting seed, treating seed, and inoculating legumes. The use of fertilizers by club boys has shown its value in a number of instances. Social activities such as encampments, rallies, and picnics, have broadened the boy's viewpoints much. These and many other things show you some of the results that have come to Eastland County through Boys 4-H Club work.

discovery of gold in California at about the same time. Construction was strongly advocated by prominent Southern statesmen, including Thomas H. Benton, Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun, in speeches delivered in Congress and elsewhere.

Surveying parties were organized by the Federal Government as early as 1854 for the purpose of determining the practicability of a railway through the territory referred to and lying between the thirty-second and thirty-fifth parallels.

The State of Texas, also recognizing the importance of such a railway, chartered, in 1856, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company (not connected in any way with the present Southern Pacific Company), this charter embracing a previous charter granted in 1852 to the Texas Western Railroad to build a line from the eastern boundary of the State to El Paso on the Rio Grande River.

The Texas and Pacific was chartered by Act of Congress, March 3, 1871, and took over the properties of the old Southern Pacific Railroad Company, then extending from the Louisiana-Texas State Line through Marshall to Longview, with a leased line from State Line to Shreveport. The incorporators of the Texas and Pacific were headed by Marshall O. Roberts of New York, who became its first president, and included other men of prominence from New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, and other states. About one year later, Mr. Roberts was succeeded, by Thomas A. Scott of Philadelphia, who remained at the head of the Company until April, 1881, at which time he disposed of his interests to Jay Gould and associates.

Construction work was started by the Texas and Pacific in October, 1872 under the jurisdiction of General Grenville M. Dodge, Chief Engineer, from Longview west, from Marshall north to Texarkana, and from Sherman east to Texarkana. The line was completed into Dallas in August, 1873, and from Marshall to Texarkana in December of the same year. Three years later, in July, 1876, the line was extended to Fort Worth, at which time, due to financial difficulties, construction was suspended until March, 1880, when work was started on the line through West Texas. Construction was completed into Ranger in October, 1880, and to Sierra Blanca in December, 1881, at which point the line joined the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway (now Texas and New Orleans) for entry into El Paso where a connection was made with the Southern Pacific, building eastwardly from California, to form the present through line to the Pacific Coast.

Reports of General Dodge stated that the territory west of Fort Worth was very sparsely populated at that time and that the country from Fort Worth to California was almost entirely overrun with hostile Indians and only inhabitable under the protection of military forces. Cheyennes, Comanches, Kiowas, Apaches, and other tribes were particularly troublesome, raiding and killing inhabitants, destroying property, and driving off stock. Surveying parties operated under the protection of assigned army detachments and construction forces, similarly protected, were trained to be as adept with the rifle as with the pick.

THERE'S GOLD IN BEACHCOMBING
SAN FRANCISCO.—Beachcombing has taken on a new dignity here for the reason that the most valuable pickings consist of gold. During 1938, more than \$2,500 worth of gold flakes were recovered from the sands of the beach, the Federal Bureau of Mines reports.

Well, Robert Taylor is married. Now we'll see whether the fair fans think he can act or not.

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EARLY OFFICIALS OF COUNTY ARE LISTED

First Commissioners Court Met In 1875, First Local Option Election Held 1876

The following is a list of the officers of the county from 1876 through 1928, with the results of the election for selecting the site of the first courthouse and the results of the first local option election in the county, which was held Dec. 23, 1876. The list of officers for the 10-year period from 1910 to 1920 has been misplaced, however, and could not be located.

Commissioners Court met Jan. 25, 1875, with the following officers present: (Met at Merriman)

W. F. Hale, J. P. No. 1; T. C. McGough, J. P. No. 2; J. W. Gibson, No. 3; M. J. E. Ringer, J. P. No. 4; E. E. Head, J. P. No. 5; A. J. Stuart, clerk; I. P. Schmick, sheriff.

An election was held June 28, 1875, to determine site of county seat of Eastland county, with the following results:

For C. S. Betts survey 67 votes
For Merriman survey 44 votes
Sec. 4, Blk. 3, H&TC Ry. surv. 5 votes
Scattering 2 votes

The presiding officers of elections of 1876 are:

C. U. Connellee, Precinct No. 1.
W. C. McGough, Precinct No. 2.
N. L. Matholmew, Precinct No. 3.
W. M. Allen, Precinct No. 4.
M. J. E. Ringer, Precinct No. 5.
E. T. Williamson, Precinct No. 6.
J. A. E. Tradrer, Precinct No. 7.
J. J. Dawson, Precinct No. 8.

Local option election held Dec. 23, 1876: For local option 36 votes; against 64.

Officers 1876:

J. H. Calhoun, County Judge.
L. W. Trader, No. 2.
J. H. Westbrook, No. 3.
A. J. Stuart, Clerk.
H. S. Schmick, Sheriff.
J. W. Brashears, Treasurer.

J. H. Calhoun tendered his resignation as County Judge as the October term, 1877, and was accepted. Ad Lawrence was appointed to fill out the term.

The account with the Sheriff for tax collections for the year 1876 shows the following:

Total Amt. Assessed \$586.62
Total Amt. Collected \$515.63

1878 Officers:

J. T. Hammon, County Judge.
E. S. Broughton, Com. No. 1.
R. V. Jones, No. 2.
A. J. O'Rear, No. 3.
J. F. White, No. 4.
I. P. Schmick, County Clerk.
J. H. Huddleston, Co. Surveyor.
R. B. Truly, District Clerk.
T. H. Conner, County Attorney.
H. S. Schmick, Sheriff.
E. R. Thomas, Assessor.
J. J. Ingram, County Treasurer.

1880 Officers:

J. T. Hammon, County Judge.
J. R. Brown, Com. No. 1.
J. C. Smith, No. 2.
G. A. Jones, No. 3.
L. W. Trader, No. 4.
Ike P. Schmick, County Clerk.
J. H. Huddleston, Surveyor.
G. W. Shannon, Sheriff & Collector.
E. R. Thomas, Assessor.
J. D. Shelton, Treasurer.
A. Lawrence, County Attorney.

1882 Officers:

R. M. Black, County Judge.
H. K. Martin, Com. Prec. No. 1.
J. C. Smith, No. 2.
N. E. Dabney, No. 3.
John Leming, No. 4.
Ike P. Schmick, County Clerk.
A. Lawrence, County Attorney.
R. B. Truly, District Attorney.
E. R. Thomas, Assessor.

1884 Officers:

R. M. Black, County Judge.
J. N. Campbell, County Attorney.
S. M. Holland, County Treasurer.
J. M. Morgan, County Surveyor.
J. T. Yeagin, County Clerk.
S. R. Dickey, District Clerk.
G. N. House, Assessor.

James K. Schmick, Sheriff.

J. H. Cox, Com. Prec. No. 1.
B. R. Williams, No. 2.
T. M. Shugart, No. 3.
G. W. Gardenhire, No. 4.

1886 Officers:

R. M. Black, County Judge.
J. T. Yeagin, County Clerk.
J. H. Cox, Com. Prec. No. 1.
B. R. Williams, No. 2.
T. M. Shugart, No. 3.
G. W. Gardenhire, No. 4.
James K. Schmick, Sheriff.

1888 Officers:

J. T. Hammons, County Judge.
James K. Schmick, County Collector and Sheriff.
D. S. Hunt, County Attorney.
J. T. Yeagin, County Clerk.
S. R. Dickey, District Clerk.
S. M. Holland, County Treasurer.
W. S. Prater, Com. Prec. No. 1.
W. V. Garrett, No. 2.
E. T. Watson, No. 3.

1890 Officers:

D. K. Scott, County Judge.
E. A. Hill, County Attorney.
S. R. Dickey, District Clerk.
W. C. Bedford, County Clerk.
S. M. Holland, Co. Treasurer.
G. W. House, Assessor.
Commissioners—T. M. Shugart, No. 2; L. G. R. King, No. 3; Edgar Finley, No. 4.

1892 Officers:

D. K. Scott, County Judge.
W. C. Bedford, County Clerk.
James K. Schmick, Sheriff.
T. O. Harrison, J. H. Cox, T. D. Freeman, Edgar Finley, Commissioners.

1894 Officers:

W. G. Davenport, County Judge.
W. C. Bedford, County Clerk.
A. T. Hammons, District Clerk.
Sam Finley, Sheriff.
S. M. Holland, Treasurer.
C. D. Spann, County Attorney.

1896 Officers:

G. W. Dakan, County Judge.
Commissioners: W. W. Flournoy, R. L. Brandon, T. E. Keith, J. J. Dawson, Sam P. Finley, Sheriff.
J. A. Karkalits, County Clerk.

1898 Officers:

42nd District:
District Judge, T. H. Conner.
District Attorney, J. R. Warren.
County Judge, B. F. Chastain.
County Attorney, J. R. Stubblefield.
District Clerk, Ernest E. Wood.
County Clerk, Richard Gray.
Sheriff, Joe W. Whiteside.
Treasurer, E. P. Davenport.
Assessor, J. T. Foster.
Collector, R. L. Ramsey.
Surveyor, R. R. Wells.
Commissioners: H. K. Martin, No. 1; W. V. Garrett, No. 2; C. E. Anderson, No. 3; G. W. Graves, No. 4.

1900 Officers:

District Judge, N. R. Linsey.
District Attorney, C. D. Spann.
County Judge, G. W. Dakan.
County Attorney, J. R. Stubblefield.
Sheriff, J. L. Noble.
District Clerk, Ernest E. Wood.
County Clerk, Richard Gray.
Treasurer, E. P. Davenport.
Collector, S. A. Bryant.
Assessor, R. L. Ramsey.
Surveyor, D. G. Boon.
Commissioners, No. 1, R. W. Richardson; No. 2, W. D. Sturman; No. 3, A. Taylor; No. 4, E. E. Chum.

1902 Officers:

District Attorney, C. D. Spann.
County Judge, J. R. Stubblefield.
County Attorney, B. B. Whitehead.
District Clerk, E. E. Wood.
County Clerk, Ed T. Cox.
Sheriff, J. L. Noble.
Collector, D. E. Jones.
Assessor, W. C. Moore.

Treasurer, W. B. Clegg.

Surveyor, R. R. Wells.

Commissioners: No. 1, R. W. Richardson; No. 2, W. V. Garrett; No. 3, T. B. Roberts; No. 4, T. M. Collie.

1904 Officers:

District Judge, J. H. Calhoun.
District Attorney, W. J. Cunningham.
County Judge, C. D. Spann.
County Clerk, June Kimble.
District Clerk, R. L. Davenport.
Sheriff, G. E. Bedford.
Collector, D. E. Jones.
Assessor, W. C. Moore.
Treasurer, G. R. Whittington.
Surveyor, J. J. Mangum.
Commissioners: No. 1, J. E. Butler; No. 2, C. B. Poe; No. 3, Ben Marshall; No. 4, W. M. Eppler.

1906 Officers:

District Attorney, W. J. Cunningham.
County Judge, E. A. Hill.
Sheriff, G. E. Bedford.
District Clerk, T. L. Overbey.
County Clerk, June Kimble.
Collector, J. F. Patterson.
Assessor, Luther Davenport.
Treasurer, G. R. Whittington.
Surveyor, Frank E. Thomas.
Commissioners: No. 1, J. B. Richardson; No. 2, W. V. Garrett; No. 3, T. B. Roberts; No. 4, W. M. Eppler.
Prohibition election held June 8, 1907. For prohibition, 1708 votes; Against prohibition, 770 votes.

1908 Officers:

District Judge, Thomas L. Blanton.
District Attorney, ———.
County Judge, E. A. Hill.
County Attorney, A. D. Dabney.
District Clerk, T. L. Overbey.
County Clerk, H. C. Poe.
Sheriff, E. P. Kilborn.
Collector, J. F. Patterson.
Assessor, M. L. Davenport.
Treasurer, J. H. McDonald.
Surveyor, T. C. Moore.
Co. Supt. Education, Paul Chastain.
Commissioners: No. 1, J. S. Hart; No. 2, W. V. Garrett; No. 3, T. B. Roberts; No. 4, W. M. Eppler.

1910 Officers:

District Attorney, Walter L. Morris.
County Judge, E. A. Hill.
County Attorney, Allen D. Dabney.
District Clerk, Joe Burkett.
Co. School Supt., C. D. Judd.
County Clerk, H. C. Poe.
Sheriff, E. P. Kilborn.
Collector, R. A. Hodges.
Assessor, T. B. Roberts.
Treasurer, J. H. McDonald.
Commissioners: No. 1, J. S. Hart; No. 2, ———; No. 3, G. W. Hardin; No. 4, W. M. Eppler.

Officers Elected Nov., 1920:

Dist. Judge 88th Dist., E. A. Hill.
Dist. Judge, 91st Dist., Geo. L. Davenport.

County Judge, C. R. Starnes.
County Judge at law, Joe H. Jones.
County Attorney, W. V. Dunnam.
District Clerk, Roy Nunnally.
County Clerk, Earl Bender.
Sheriff, Sam Nolly.
Collector, John S. Hart.
Assessor, H. A. Collins.
Treasurer, E. S. Pritchard.
Commissioners: No. 1, E. H. Webb; No. 2, J. W. Camp; No. 3, M. G. Robertson; No. 4, H. S. Stubblefield.

Officers Elected Nov., 1922:

County Judge, E. S. Pritchard.
County Judge at law, Joe H. Jones.
County Attorney, W. J. Barnes.
District Clerk, Roy Nunnally.
County Clerk, Ernest H. Jones.
Sheriff, J. D. Barton.
Collector, W. J. Herrington.
Treasurer, J. T. Sue.
Co. Superintendent, Ulala Howard.
Commissioners: No. 1, V. V. Cooper; No. 2, W. M. Burns; No. 3, J. T. Poe; No. 4, H. S. Stubblefield.

Officers Elected 1924:

Judge 88th Dist. Court, Elzo Been.
Judge 91st Dist. Court, Geo. L. Davenport.
County Judge, E. S. Pritchard.
County Court at Law, Tom J. Cunningham.
County Attorney, W. J. Barnes.

District Clerk, W. B. Collie.

County Clerk, Ernest H. Jones.

Sheriff, R. W. Edwards.

Collector, John S. Hart.

Assessor, W. J. Herrington.

Treasurer, J. T. Sue.

Co. Superintendent, Beulah Speer.

Commissioners: No. 1, V. V. Cooper; No. 2, W. M. Burns; No. 3, J. T. Poe; No. 4, Birt Britain.

1926 Officers:

County Judge, Ed S. Pritchard.
County Judge at Law, Tom J. Cunningham.
County Attorney, J. Frank Sparks.
District Clerk, W. B. Collie.
County Clerk, R. L. Jones.
Sheriff, John S. Hart.
Collector, A. M. Hearn.
Assessor, W. J. Herrington.
Treasurer, T. L. Cooper.
Co. Superintendent, Beulah Speer.
Commissioners: No. 1, V. V. Cooper; No. 2, J. T. Poe; No. 3, W. M. Burns; No. 4, Birt Britain.

1928 Officers:

Judge 88th Dist. Court, Elzo Been.
Judge 91st Dist. Court, Geo. L. Davenport.
County Attorney Joe H. Jones.
County Judge, C. L. Garrett.
County Court at Law, Tom J. Cunningham.
District Clerk, W. H. McDonald.
Co. Clerk, R. L. Jones.
Sheriff, Virge Foster.
Collector, A. M. Heald.
Assessor, Geo. Bryant.
Treasurer, T. L. Cooper.
Co. Superintendent, Beulah Speer.
Commissioners: No. 1, V. V. Cooper; No. 2, T. G. Gray; No. 3, J. T. Poe; No. 4, Birt Britain.
1930 Officers Elected:
County Judge, C. L. Garrett.
County Attorney, Joe H. Jones.
District Clerk, W. H. McDonald.
County Clerk, R. L. Jones.
Sheriff, Virge Foster.
Collector, Geo. Bryant.
Treasurer, May Harrison.
Co. Superintendent, B. E. McGlamery.
Commissioners: No. 1, V. V. Cooper; No. 2, T. G. Gray; No. 3, A. N. Sneary; No. 4, Birt Britain.

Brown's Transfer Has . Maintained Reputation Throughout the Years

Brown's Transfer Company, owned and operated by Raymond Brown, has been in the transfer business in Ranger for several years, and in that time has hauled literally millions of pounds of merchandise of every kind and description, making deliveries safely and on time.

Brown's Transfer has established a reputation for careful moving of all kinds, and the drivers are bonded.

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ONE GULP; THREE TEETH DOWN

BOSTON.—Gerald Cain, 27, of Charlestown, was awakened by an irritation in his throat. He gulped. Then he realized he had swallowed a dental plate containing three false teeth. He was taken to city hospital for X-rays.

BURLESQUE PEEP 'NOT WORTH IT'

CLEVELAND, O.—"It was not worth it," a 20-year-old youth told police after his arrest on the roof of the Roxy Burlesque theater, where he was found peeping through a ventilator into the chorus girls' dressing room.

Wonder if this fellow who was recently elected chairman of a celluloid corporation board is a celluloid collar worker.

GREETINGS---

... to those who are happy today in the celebration of their long years of service in Ranger. May you see many more such happy occasions.

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Early History of Ranger Recalls Many Of First Merchants, Who Operated In City Shortly After First Lot Was Sold

By ED T. COX, SR.

Various stories have been handed down as to how Ranger got its name, but the one which seems to ring the truest is a statement made by Emmett Roberts, a citizen of Nugent, Texas, in The West Texas Historical Association Year Book, Vol. III, 1927, which is as follows:

"I ranched near Ranger Camp in 1871. It was so called because the Rangers had used it as a kind of camp headquarters. I never saw any buildings or stuff there that pertained to them. I do remember seeing a trail leading from Ranger up through Stephens County. There were path of two horses, running side-by-side, indicating that the Rangers always made the trail in twos. It was well worn and bore evidence of long use."

Mr. Roberts is the only person to describe the conditions at Ranger Camp at so early a date, as far as I know, and I believe that his statement precludes the idea that they had a permanent, or even semi-permanent, camp there at any time.

Stories have been told of fights between the Rangers and the Indians in this vicinity, but I have been unable to find any evidence to support such statements. A history of the Texas Rangers, "The Texas Ranger and History" by Gen. W. H. King, which gives their experiences by years, does not mention such a fight or fights.

Ranger community had its beginning in the creation of a public school district, known as Ranger Camp Valley School No. 8-C. It is probable that private schools had been taught in the community in vacant residences or other convenient places prior to this designation in 1878.

The first mention to be found of public money having been expended in the district for school purposes was when A. J. Slocum was granted a voucher in the year 1880, presumably for teaching, as he followed that line of business. This was followed, in 1881, by a voucher to Virginia L. Vincenheiler, presumably for the same purpose.

In this year the records reveal that a schoolhouse was built at Ranger Camp Valley, but the deed to the lot upon which it was built was made to the Trustees of the Ranger School District.

In this year the Texas and Pacific Railway Company completed its line through Ranger Camp Valley, on its march to the west, and on Aug. 9, D. G. Searcy deeded 160 acres of the William Blundell Survey to the company, on which they laid out a townsite and called it Ranger, and the lots sold by the railroad company to buyers described the lots as being situated in the town of Ranger.

Among the early purchasers of lots were Andrew Griffy, who purchased lot 7, in block 20, and C. C. and O. C. Scarborough, who bought lot No. 6 in block No. 21, deeds dated Dec. 4, 1880. J. A. and F. K. Simms bought lot 4 in block 11 on November 5, 1880 and C. W. Miller bought lot 18 in block 18 on Dec. 4, 1880. A few lots were sold in 1881, but it seems that not much progress was made until 1883 and 1884, when the records show quite a few sales.

J. M. Davis was, perhaps, the first to engage in merchandising in Ranger. There had been some business in tents near the old water hole camping place. Mr. Davis and sons continued the business until 1891. Mr. Davis built the first rock building in Ranger, the one on the North side of Main Street, near the depot.

Scarborough and Whittington erected the stone building at the corner of Rusk and Locust Streets and were in business in Ranger in 1881.

Mr. Thomas, father-in-law of the late M. V. Brewer, was a close second to Mr. Davis. He handled hardware and was a somewhat peculiar character. It is told of him that he never would sell the last article of any line, because it would break his stock.

A Mr. Westlake was probably the

first to handle drugs in Ranger. This was in connection with a stock of general merchandise. Charles Terrell was the first to engage in this line of business as a specialty.

R. H. Richardson and R. B. V. Jones were early on the ground with the cup that cheers and sometimes inebriates. The rock building on the corner of Locust and Front Streets, on the west side, was the scene of many exciting affairs and serious affrays.

As early as 1882 Scarborough and Sanders had a combination gin and mill as did Ranusey and Murphy in 1884 and J. H. Fish in 1885. Some of these may have succeeded others mentioned.

In the early days G. H. Bohning conducted a business in Ranger for a while, then retired to the life of a farmer for some time before returning to business in the town. He was joined by his brother, William, and they developed a business of very large proportions for a country no further developed, and a town no larger than Ranger was at that time. They were also a vital force in Ranger's early-day development.

Probably the first to practice medicine in the vicinity of Ranger was a Dr. Jackson Evans, who came to Eastland County and settled near where the old Eastland and Granbury road made its descent of Cook Mountain, about eight miles, as the crow flies, southeast of Ranger. This was in 1872. Dr. Evans continued his practice, living at the same place, until his death.

Dr. John R. Scott was the next practicing physician to cast his lot in this community, coming in 1875, but I have been unable to find much in connection with his residence here. He was followed by Dr. D. C. Young, who came to Merriman in 1880, but lived but a short time, and was buried in the Merriman Cemetery.

Dr. R. R. Stubblefield was next, and is the first of those living in this community that I find much about, especially in the matter of written record. He came with the railroad in 1880, and was active in civic matters for some years.

Dr. W. M. Patterson came in 1884 and was elected as one of the trustees when Ranger was incorporated for school purposes, in 1885. Dr. Patterson was elected secretary-treasurer of the board.

Dr. C. E. Frost became a citizen of Ranger in 1892 and continued to make Ranger his home until his death. Dr. Frost was very active in school and civic matters.

Another early settler, without the mention of whose name no saga of Ranger would be complete, was J. M. Rice. Mr. Rice will be remembered as long as any of the old timers last. He was a merchant and ran a wagon yard in connection with it, which was the favorite stopping place for teamsters hauling freight to Breckenridge, Caddo and other outlying places, and of farmers who came to Ranger to trade. This wagon yard continued to do business until it was routed by the now omnipresent automobile.

First Baptist Church

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these meals was twenty-five cents and they were so inviting the railroad workmen came there to eat and occasionally people got off the trains and came in for their meals.

About three years after the building was completed those who had remained with the Ray Academy came and joined in full fellowship with the church and the division was healed and forgotten. The church made real progress here and grew as Ranger grew. However, this growth embarrassed the location of the church. A gin was built just across the street and a wagon yard closed in on the east, leaving just a few feet between its walls and those of the church. The presence of these two enterprises made the place unsuitable for a church.

About 1915, Dr. Eastnest offered two lots, each 50 by 140, for sale for \$250.

Ranger Chief, Published in 1885, Was Ranger's First Newspaper, But Many Others Have Followed Since

By ED T. COX, SR.

It is reasonably certain that "The Ranger Chief" was the first newspaper published in Ranger.

Lee Kirgan, editor of the Fairfield Recorder, in Freestone County, in a letter to the writer, states that his father published a paper in Ranger in 1885. I have evidence from other sources that The Ranger Chief was published about that time, and I am sure that it was the one published by the father of Mr. Kirgan.

About the latter part of 1891 The Ranger Atlas was established by Don H. Biggers. The paper was only published a few months, when Biggers sold to a man by the name of Joiner, and who continued its publication for a short time, when he moved the plant to Strawn.

Mr. Biggers was a writer of ability, the author of several books, the best known of which was "From Cattle Range to Cotton Patch," published some 30 years ago. Biggers represented one of the West Texas districts in the legislature at one time, and also represented Eastland County in the same body. He now lives in Austin, Texas.

The next few years are uncertain as to names of publications and their editors. Jan Byrd, a man of small stature but dynamic personality, probably published "The Ranger Success" in the late '90's and was, perhaps, followed by Dr. Bayless and he by C. C. Mann. Mann probably sold to a man by the name of Sisk.

If I have the record straight, Sisk sold to Mark Carothers, who is the first to be distinctly remembered by many Rangerites. It seems that Carothers was

They were lots 7 and 8 of block 12 in the original plat of the city of Ranger. Two deacons, Dr. Tibbels and Mr. Hayden Neal, took an option on them for the church and held them until the members could decide if they wanted them. The men of the church challenged the ladies with the proposition that if they would buy the lots the men would put up the building. The ladies agreed and raised the money with pledges, bake sales, suppers, dinners and ice cream suppers. The men of the church supported these activities and would occasionally leave a five-dollar bill under their plates at the dinners.

Then came the oil boom two years later and the members realized that the new location was not a suitable place to build, so the church voted to sell the lots. These lots are the ones now occupied by the Anderson-Pruett company and the H. H. Vaughn company. These were sold for a handsome profit—some think the two brought \$32,000, and that the church and grounds were sold for \$18,000. If this is correct the church had approximately \$50,000 with which to begin again, which it did under the able leadership of Rev. W. H. (Bill) Johnson.

The present location was purchased from Doc Duffer and a tabernacle was built for a temporary place of worship. Then every energy was turned toward the new church and work was begun on the present structure within a short time.

If the information from the memories of a number of people is correct this church has been served by 16 ministers as pastors. They are, Revs. Robertson, Hilliard, Will Riddle, C. H. Ray, Rhoades Duncan, May, Reagan, Caray S. Hagerman, Dr. R. S. Bunting, Dr. Brooks, a former state colonel, Dr. R. C. Pender, Revs. J. C. Taylor, H. D. Hull, George W. Thomas, G. C. Connell, W. H. (Bill) Johnson.

A complete list of the deacons who served the church could not be worked out, but the following were often mentioned by the members consulted: Charley Robinson, J. D. Barefield, Mr. McQueen, George Hunt, John Russell, Hayden Neal, Dr. Tibbels, George Outlaw, T. W. Hazard, Colonel Brashier.

Only a few of the Sunday school superintendents could be recalled. Dr. Scarborough, George Outlaw, T. W. Hazard and Colonel Brashier.

quite a musician and organized a band in Ranger, which stood high as a musical organization in these parts.

Mr. Carothers called his paper the Ranger Record, and continued its publication until its sale to the Times Publishing Company on June 1, 1919, which suspended its publication and completed its subscription contracts with the Ranger Daily Times.

The Times was first published June 1, 1919. At its masthead was the following announcement: C. G. Marivel, gen. mgr., R. W. Wagoner, business manager, W. H. Wright, managing editor, Larry Smith, city editor. Its first issue was 44 pages, well filled with interesting reading matter, bountifully interspersed with attractive advertisements. Its regular issues were from six to eight pages and compared favorably with papers published in any city of its size.

The Times enjoys the distinction of being the first daily paper published in Eastland County.

Of those connected with the Times when first published, F. D. Hicks is the only one now connected with it.

After the discontinuance of the Record, no weekly paper was published in Ranger until the Eastland County News was established at Ranger, Dec. 3, 1926, by the late John M. Gholson, R. V. Galloway and others, which publication was continued by them until July, 1935, when it was acquired by the Times and is its weekly representative.

The Times Publishing Company issued the Ranger Weekly Times for a short period, just prior to its acquiring The Eastland County News.

Seven Congressmen Have Served County

Eastland County has been served in congress by seven representatives, though Thomas L. Blanton had an interrupted term in the office.

The first representative of the old 4th congressional district, of which Eastland County was a part, was Roger Q. Miller, who was elected in 1874 and served until 1882.

In 1882, Eastland County then being in the 11th congressional district, S. W. T. Lanham was elected to congress, and he served until 1896.

Following Congressman Lanham was John N. Stephens, who was elected in 1896, serving until 1902.

The fourth congressman to represent the county was W. R. Smith, who was elected in 1902 and served until 1918, though there is some question as to what congressional district the county was in at that time.

In 1918 Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, replaced Congressman Smith in the House of Representatives at Washington, serving until he withdrew, in 1929, to run for the United States Senate.

R. Q. Lee of Cisco served the shortest term in the lower house at Washington, his term beginning in 1929 and lasting only until May, 1930, when he died.

Judge Blanton again entered congress upon the death of Congressman Lee, serving from May 20, 1930 until 1936.

Judge Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland has been the Eastland County representative in congress since 1936, and he is now serving his second consecutive term.

ROACH WRECKS TINY PLANE

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Young J. C. Templeton of Greenville, S. C., placed a live cockroach in his model airplane to give it good luck in a contest. But the insect crawled around while the plane was in the air, causing it to crash. Templeton's "luck" came in which he was awarded \$5 consolation prize.

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FIRST EDITOR RECALLS HIS EXPERIENCES

Rev. W. Hamilton Wright Tells Of His Work On Times 20 Years Ago When The Town Was Young and Life Hazardous

By HAMILTON WRIGHT

(First Editor of Ranger Daily Times)

Newspapering in Ranger in 1919, during the height of the nationally memorable oil boom, was inconvenient, soul-trying and perilous.

Late in 1918 W. H. Bagley, brother-in-law of Josephus Daniels, then secretary of war, and owner and publisher of the Fort Worth Record, conceived the idea of becoming a second William Randolph Hearst. This he told me himself. The first effort to branch out was a Ranger daily. Though I did not know Bagley personally I had while serving as Examiner of the United States Department of Labor, Employment Department, at Abilene, written a daily budget of news which at that time popped fast and furious. A yegg had tapped a Winters bank and escaped with \$20,000 in Liberty Bonds. For days West Texas officers chased him in the mountainous country about Buffalo Gap. I kept my "by-line" daily in The Record on the pursuit and final gun-battle between officers and yegg in which the latter was slain. Bagley soon thereafter wired me he had a proposition to offer and to come to Fort Worth at his expense. One Sunday afternoon I met him in his office in the Capps Building and we arrived at an understanding. He told me of his Ranger Daily Times plans. He wanted me to become managing editor. The terms were \$65 a week salary, \$10 a week stock in his "chain" of papers, including the Record, and a bonus on the dividends. And so started the ambitious chain of newspapers.

About six weeks before the paper issued its first edition I arrived at Ranger. An old wooden building had been leased and moved on the east side of the railroad about three blocks southeast of the railroad station. Everywhere the sound of hammer and saw could be heard. A press was being installed, carpenters were fitting up editorial, advertising and other rooms about the structure. For several weeks I was editing in a beaverboard annex. Labor was extremely scarce. Pressmen were hard to lure to Ranger, as were linotype operators. During the six weeks I was securing the nucleus of an editorial force. The first man hired was Larry Smits, fresh out of the army—a big framed Dutchman. Him I put on oil. Later came Paul Yates, from up Breckenridge way, who had never worked on a newspaper, but who made good from the start. He went on the police beat, carrying a pistol buckled to his side. Many times he made law violators angry by using their names in his articles. He was one reporter that was never frightened and came nearly engaged in some duels with criminals and members of the police department who had been standing in with gambling and grafting interests. The policy of our paper was to fight every form of vice and we never relented.

The last I have heard of Larry Smits he was with the INS somewhere in Florida. Yates became a big shot with the governor-general of the Wake Islands and figured in sensational press reports from Washington a few years ago when he alleged graft in certain governmental departments. His picture appeared after a fight with a prominent national official.

Another reporter I employed was Hubert Cooper who had his first training on the Abilene Daily Reporter and old Dallas Evening Journal. I made him telegraph editor. For a time we received about 1,000 pony daily, but finding this hard to get over the overloaded telegraph wires into Ranger we secured a telephone service. Cooper sat in a booth with typewriter and copied thousands of words which were transferred to cold type. Cooper now is an employee of the West Texas Utilities Company at Abilene.

Charlie Manuel, another Fort Worth

Record mechanical man, was made general manager of the Ranger Daily Times and R. B. Waggoman business manager. The last I heard of Manuel he was in Houston. Waggoman went to the Amarillo Daily News, later to the Albuquerque Journal and became a state official in New Mexico, but passed away several years ago. He was a very large man and pleasant.

As well as memory serves me our first edition came off the press with 60 pages. The Times had not a single subscriber, but newsboys put it on the street and the first edition sold 5,000 copies. It was good to hear the newsies crying "Times! Times!" Most of the items were development news, then very abundant. I remember a few days before the first paper came off the press we heard a terrific noise toward the east which proved to have been from a nitroglycerin wagon blowing up on a bridge, demolishing bridge and wagon, killing the driver whose mangled body was scattered for more than half a mile. In a field nearby a man hoeing was knocked down and unconscious. Of course, we played this story up—though a little late.

Ranger had grown so rapidly and utilities had kept so little apace because they could not purchase materials and appliances. The entire city had less than 50 telephones. Demand was for hundreds that could not be filled. So when a story broke—a big oil fire, gusher coming in, murder, pitched battle or whatnot—there was only one way for the reporter to get it—go after it. In many instances people did not know each other's last name. They simply went by nicknames, common among which were "Shorty," "Blacky," "Nubbins," etc. Sometime big things happened and were not heard about until the next day. All the workers on the paper were commissioned to report any sensational news item. In fact the big worry of the managing editor was to find enough news to fill the capacious and hungry maw of the paper. We had about six linotype machines and a big Duplex press. At one time we had more than 70 employees on the payroll. The least paid worker was \$5 a day. He was a negro and usually about a week was as long as he would stay. Mr. Bagley got in the habit of sending out a new janitor almost every Sunday.

Shortly after we began publication—probably a week—a great accident took place. I slept in a room with six other men in an old residence just across from the postoffice where the general hospital now sits. I remember I slept with another reporter and paid \$2 a night for the siesta. Soon after we retired—about midnight—someone came to the door and awoke me with the information that the Oil Belt passenger train on the T&P running between Cisco and Fort Worth had been derailed in the rail yards just north of the old sandstone station. Rushing to the scene I found people scattered along the tracks, some maimed, some bruised and others dead. Several were killed. A Mexican woman, I remember, was taken from a coach with a coach hot-water pipe run through her stomach. She was dead. I think there were 27 injured more or less. The eastbound passenger split a switch, the engine and tender keeping the main and the coaches taking a sidetrack, sideswiping some cars. Two of the coaches were cleft in the center as if a knife had been used. The coaches were all crowded. In a boxcar struck a hobo was taken dead.

Another night I was now sleeping in a beaverboard room in an annex in the rear of the newspaper plant. The night was cool. At that time gas lines were laid on the ground from wells to the city limit. We were terrifically awakened by an explosion. We went outside and presently saw people rushing to a building about a block east. A wooden structure about 40x80, the

front partitioned into an office for an out-of-town laundry and the rear a cot flop emporium, lay collapsed with people fleeing from it. Two men were dangerously burned and others were injured. It seems during the night the gas stove left burning went out when a main miles away froze. When sharpshooters had repaired it and gas began to flow it filled the building. A sleeper awoke to investigate, struck a match and—bloody!

Jake Hamon, oil man, came to Ranger one day and saw that the T&P railroad could not begin to handle the business in and out of Ranger. Hundreds were building new sidings and these were filled with cars. At one time, I think, 27 switch-engines were working in Ranger, each with three crews during eight-hour shifts. Hamon had plenty of money. I went to a new theatre building south of the present Ranger Times building to a mass-meeting which was attended by several hundred business men. I think Hamon asked for around \$250,000 to build the line. I know his proposition was soon accepted. At this time the T&P proposed erection of a large station to take place of the very inadequate sandstone passenger and freight station, but when officials learned of the plan to help Hamon they deferred building for months and quite a lot of bickering ensued. Once I interviewed Mr. J. L. Lancaster, president of the T&P, about the proposed station. He seemed to be very angry with Ranger citizens. But later the present fine station—best between Fort Worth and El Paso—was erected. For a time the T&P refused to grant the Jake Hamon line a crossing. This was effected by surprise one night when Hamon got his crew together and effected the crossing which delayed several T&P trains. For a time it appeared a pitched battle would take place between T&P and Hamon rail workers. Hamon had agreed to establish shops, roundhouse and general offices at Ranger. When the town became infested with yeggs and hijackers and his switchmen and brakemen and other employees were nightly being held up in the dark rail yards, Hamon appeared before the city commission and threatened to move the division point unless given adequate police protection. This was done at quite a cost to the city. About this time Hamon was slain in Oklahoma. He maintained general offices in a building on the north side of Main street about a block from the T&P depot. Many times I listened (I'm also a telegrapher) to the sounders upstairs directing freight trains on that line.

Shootings were frequent about this time. Almost every day we recorded from one to five murders and man-slaughters, not to speak of oil workers and others meeting violent deaths. One noon I saw a woman leaving a cafe on Austin Street with a miniature pearl-handled pistol, across a fat oil operator just in from California. She said: "You didn't think I'd find you, did you?" The pistol—a tiny affair—"whispered" a farewell. The oil man fell to the sidewalk, taken to a hospital and died the next morning. Black-mailing was rife. One man was hijacked and killed in an alley on the same block with the newspaper. Usually after finishing my daily stint at 4 o'clock I ate supper and did not ramble about the business part of town, fearful of being hijacked or slugged. One day when the police force was being recruited to around 35, a man who had been a special officer for the T&P showed up. The city hall then occupied a suite of rooms in the rear of a bank building one block west of the depot. I remember that he signed up on the police force. I saw it was the thirteenth and so remarked. "Oh," he said laughing, "that's my lucky day." Less than three days he was shot down when he commanded a noted desperado and his woman to halt as they passed him drunk. Instead of stopping the criminal began firing and the officer fell dead in the gutter. That was on the street just west of the Gholson Hotel then a framework of concrete. This same desperado came to the Times office one afternoon searching for the editor. He had blood in his eyes and booze in his stomach. He had become offended at an article or edi-

torial I had written. I used good judgment. I told him the editor was out. He stood around a bit with guns buckled on. To get him off I informed him the editor had just gone up town. For hours I kept shy of the office.

One night George G. Flournoy, now chief of police at Stamford, but then chief at Ranger made a raid on an upstairs gambling den. Some fifty gamblers and on-lookers filed down the steps with his cocked gun pointed toward them. George is crippled but knows how to handle offenders. Down the street with the 50 in front of him he marched them to the police station, several blocks south of Main street. The jail was always full. Justice was meted out instantly in most cases. But I learned that the judge turned all the offenders loose. Flournoy was one chief of police who could not be bribed.

One day he sat in his office facing one of the most dangerous criminals in the United States. Flournoy had been approached to sell out. "If you knew me," he said to the desperado, "I'd crack your head with this gun. But I'll let you off this time, but don't you ever come back trying to bribe me." Flournoy did not stay long as chief as he claimed he could not secure convictions after he went to much trouble arresting.

Ranger was certainly not in the Sahara Desert during most of the boom. Rains invariably fell on Saturday—big sluices of water. The creek in east Ranger was out of banks many hours. Main Street before being paved was a loblolly. The old slush would inundate onto the sidewalks. Men and women wore boots. And at the foot of Main street I have seen truck after truck dump huge stones into a veritable sink-hole with a sickening thud. Big oil trucks would stick there and have to be pulled out. It was quite a diversion to stand around and watch almost every other truck get stuck and then be pulled out. However, there was quite a bit of typhoid fever during the early days. Water was hauled from wells and springs and sold for a big price. Most of the time our office bought huge bottles of water that came from Mineral Wells or elsewhere. Most of it was distilled. The roads to the oil fields were impassable much of the time which hindered development.

Building permits issued ran to the astounding total of around a million a week for many weeks. I used to run a column in The Times telling of the development.

And frequently new additions to Ranger were being laid off and lots sold. I remember one in northwest Ranger. The promoters took out two or three pages in The Times to advertise it. But we discovered that if we carried it we would be violating the postal rules and regulations. When the drawing came off one afternoon before thousands I drew the number next to the winning figure. Many fine homes were erected.

At this time the T&P operated five passenger trains each way between Ranger and Fort Worth. Each tugged along with from seven to fifteen coaches, all crowded to the brim. It was just 100 miles to Fort Worth but for the hundreds who had to stand up for lack of seats the journey was very tiresome, the trains all running late. Just as a sort of example how trains then ran on the T&P I remark that one morning I left Abilene on the Sunshine Special at 8 o'clock and arrived at Ranger—61 miles away—at 4 p. m. Derailments, delayed trains, stopping because of wild gas wells along the line and whatnot.

It was almost impossible to get anything but first class mail. Our paper had a piece of press machinery shipped by mail from Fort Worth one afternoon. We went to the post office the next morning to get it. The post office clerks said they did not have time to look for it, but that we might come to the rear and look over the mountains of packages. We searched for an hour and gave up the quest. The only way we got the necessary piece for the press was to send a man to Fort Worth after it. It was impossible to get a box at the post office. Sometimes double

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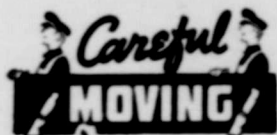
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First Reporter of Times Has Vivid Memories of Hectic And Money Mad Days of Early Ranger

Editor's Note: Paul C. Yates has written the following account of his experiences, trials and tribulations as the first reporter on the Ranger Times. Yates came to Ranger shortly after the town was organized and the Times established. Since working in Ranger he has had newspaper experiences all over the world, but none stand out in his memory like the early days in Ranger.

By PAUL C. YATES

Place names are indelibly associated with nearly all great social and historical epochs. Thus, we habitually think of the American Revolution in terms of Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, Yorktown and Valley Forge. We link the Civil War with Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Appomattox Courthouse. We visualize the Texas Revolution by calling to mind such shrines as Washington-on-the-Brazos, the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto. We dramatize the great era of the cattle trails by tying it to Doan's Crossing, the Cherokee Strip, and Abilene and Dodge City, Kansas. We picture the exciting days of the gold rush by conjuring up pictures of Sutter's Mill, Tonopah, Virginia City and Dawson, in the Klondike. As the era of unrestrained oil exploitation recedes into the American background, Ranger, Texas, looms as the city most likely to live in history as a type and emblem of the oil boom era.

Ranger was the hub and center of the tremendous oil development of Central West Texas in the World War and post-war days.

There never was another oil boom to equal that at Ranger, and it is a safe assumption that there never will be.

The living actualities of boom-town Ranger exceeded the most lurid pictures painted by fiction writers.

I was privileged to live in Ranger during the immediate post-war era, and to work as one of a group of young crusading newspaper men who at considerable personal risk helped to rid the town and county of its worst lawless elements.

Looking back over a career as a newspaper headline hunter which has carried me to many parts of the United States and to several foreign lands, I can think of no experience in life which I value more, or which gives me more pleasure in retrospect, than the year and a half spent in Ranger, on The Ranger Daily Times.

The outstanding characteristic of Ranger in those days was its boundless optimism. What matter that the mud was deep enough on the main streets of the city to submerge a vehicle? Suppose drinking water did cost a nickel a drink! Who cared for such minor discomforts as sleeping in crowded tin shacks, paying a dollar and a quarter for a ham and egg breakfast, wading thigh-deep from sidewalk to sidewalk (in most blocks there were no sidewalks), and being hi-jacked at a gun's point by "Mutt and Jeff," the famous Ranger bandits?

These were mere trivialities. The important consideration was the surge of a roaring growth, as hundreds and then thousands of oil wells spouted their black wealth in prorationless wild abandon within sight of the town.

Ranger was the only spot in America where poverty and want were banished, outlawed and their very memory forgotten. It was perhaps the only city in the world whose universal frame of mind was that of hope, confidence, elation.

Here was the fountain-head of the oil used in Aladdin's Lamp. Who could remain poor in a city where the girls behind the hash counters drew \$60 per week, the day laborer \$12 to \$15, the tool-dresser \$20, the driller \$25 or \$30, plus a big bonus now and then?

Every day saw a new crop of wealthy persons created from the frenzied speculation centering in oil leases and in real estate, building, vacancy

hunting and other activities. Downtown real estate prices reached levels comparable on a front-foot basis with choice downtown property in the state's major cities.

The tremendous flow of ready money, the careless manner in which hundred dollar bills were tossed about, attracted one of the largest aggregations of criminals ever gathered in one locality.

Among these gentry were many small fry, but among them, also, were nationally known crooks and desperate criminals by the score.

For a time, Ranger lived under six-shooter law, with killings, hijackings and other crimes of violence all too frequent.

In one of the bound files of the Ranger Daily Times will be found a 24-hour record embracing five deaths from gunshot wounds, inflicted in three different gun battles.

The racket and the "ride", later made famous by Al Capone in Chicago, were developed first in Ranger—worked out in all their ramifications of minute detail.

Fabulous sums were won and lost in the dozen or more gambling halls which ran wide open, both within the city and in road-houses and taverns of adjacent oil fields.

State authorities were singularly indifferent to conditions of lawlessness prevailing in Ranger, and the successful efforts which finally rid the county and city of their heavy criminal elements were sponsored and carried out locally.

In this task, the old-timers, fearless members of such prominent families as the Gholsons, the Melvins, the Davenports, the Outlaws and the Terrells, together with intrepid individuals such as "Uncle" Alec Scott, former Texas ranger and Indian fighter, played a leading part. The American Legion posts of Eastland County threw the weight of their powerful influence on the side of law enforcement and civic betterment. The churches and civic organizations brought pressure to bear. The Ranger Daily Times was a deciding factor in the struggle to make Eastland County safe from alien and dangerous criminal elements. The crusade carried on by this newspaper reflects great lustre upon Texas journalism.

Crime was merely one element in the general picture of boom-town Ranger. Life was filled with activity, hope, and the glamor of great dreams which pictured a vast metropolis emerging from the wilderness of shacks and the sea of mud. Famous visitors, lured by stories of Ranger's magic prosperity, thronged into the city, often to remain for weeks and months. Familiar gossip and anecdotes regarding Ranger could be heard in the exclusive clubs of New York City, and in the corridors of public buildings in the national capital.

Ranger was a "hot spot" on the maps of the great press associations and other news gathering agencies. Millions of words were printed under a Ranger dateline.

The modern, pleasing and progressive Ranger of today shows practically no evidence of having gone through a wild youth, but from the vantage-point of lengthening historical perspective, the great Ranger oil boom assumes truly heroic proportions.

Farmers' Alliance Was Once Active in Ranger

Reminders of the influence of the Farmers' Alliance in Ranger can be seen on the deed records of Eastland County.

G. R. Whittington, joined by numerous other citizens, deeded lots seven and eight, in block 21, to T. M. Collie, for the purpose of locating a Farmers' Alliance Cotton Yard in Ranger. The lots afterwards reverted to the donors, when the yard ceased to function as such.

First Baptist Church's History Dates Back to Early Settlers of This Area As Recalled by Some of Its Members

By W. T. WALTON

In 1880 the Texas and Pacific Railway company purchased 160 acres of land from Isham G. Searcy, who had obtained it from Francis Blundell, to whom the original patent was granted by Governor H. R. Runnels. Out of this block of land the original town of Ranger was platted. By 1881, when the original roadbed was being constructed the village gave little promise of becoming a city. The stores, the hotel, and the post office were all housed in tents. Churches were few, small and far apart. Yet in the minds of the people there was a very definite interest in the spiritual side of life. At that time there were but two churches within a radius of several miles. The Hardshell Baptists had a little church out at Bullock and the Presbyterians worshipped in a small building which was located out near where Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman now live.

Mrs. Mattie Gullatt Pitcock relates that revivals were held each year in a brush arbor out at Merriman and that people came from as far as Stephens county to attend these. During the summer of 1882 a Rev. Hilliard held a big revival out there. The whole community was stirred by these services and 20 or 25 presented themselves for baptism, which took place in Colony Creek at Merriman. There was no church into whose membership they could be baptized so Rev. Hilliard gave each one of the candidates a certificate of baptism so they could join any church of their choice.

This revival seems to have increased the desire of the Missionary Baptists to organize a church and this longing grew into a determination, increased no doubt by the realization that there was no church that their young people might join. So in the late summer of 1882 a small group met in the old school house, which perhaps stood either in front of or in back of where the present high school building stands, and organized the First Baptist Church of Ranger.

Mrs. Pitcock says that, to the best of her recollection, there were thirteen charter members and she was one of them. So far as she knows she is the only one of the group that is now living. In addition to Mrs. Pitcock those composing the organization on that historical day were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Gullatt; Mr. and Mrs. George Whittington, parents of Mrs. M. H. Hagaman; Mrs. Zillie Allison, Mrs. Bell Dobison, Dr. and Mrs. Westlake, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders. One month later she recalls that some others joined, and she remembers particularly Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Barnes, grandparents of Mr. John Barnes, were among them.

A Sunday school was organized the next Sunday following the organization of the church and Mrs. Pitcock's uncle, Mr. Doc Scarborough, was the first superintendent. The seats were just planks laid across the blocks and they had no backs, but they were not uncomfortable enough to dampen the spirit of the new church. A Rev. Robertson was the first pastor, it is thought, and they met in the school house for about three years.

About 1885 the members built a plank building which seems to have stood on the ground now marked as the corner of Walnut and North Austin streets, just across from where School-ey's Bakery is now located. Here they had board benches with backs. The pulpit was a small affair raised about one foot higher than the rest of the floor, and the Bible stand was constructed by putting up a post at each side of the pulpit and nailing a foot plank across from one to the other. They had no musical instruments other than a possible tuning fork, but they did have song books. Mrs. Pitcock's great uncle, Mr. Ike Scarborough, a singing school teacher, led the singing. He never united with the church, but later joined the Church of Christ in Eastland. Then Mr. Sanford A. Bradford, a school teacher, led the singing for perhaps a year or so, and Rev. Hilliard was the pastor for

a while. They never had an organ while they worshipped in this first building.

They observed the Lord's supper about twice a year. The communion set consisted of an ordinary household china plate for the bread and three small glasses for the wine. The deacons carried the glasses on a small tray. The baptismal services were generally held in Rice's tank, which seems to have been located in the flat about 150 yards northeast of where the two-story negro hotel now stands. They had no collection baskets or plates and the men used their hats on all occasions for this purpose.

Each person gave the pastor something of value during the year. Sometimes it was money, sometimes meat, livestock, groceries, produce or vegetables. The value of all he received was perhaps not over 40 or 50 dollars per year.

When asked if they ever turned any of the members out back there, Mrs. Pitcock replied: "I don't remember any ever being turned out. We didn't have enough. All were peaceable and we all worked together." She said the songs they enjoyed singing most in that first church were "Amazing Grace," "How Firm a Foundation," "Sweet By and By," and "Rock of Ages." Then she remarked: "Those songs make you feel good when you sing them, don't they?"

A few years later this location became unsatisfactory for some reason and the building was sold to Mr. Joe Barber for a dwelling. Many years later Mr. C. E. May bought it and moved it. He said it was one of the best built buildings he ever saw. He thinks some of it is still standing down in the colored section of the city.

Then for a time the church worshipped in a building known as Ray's Academy, a building which was torn down about 1935. It stood on the corner of Mesquite and Marston streets. While the church worshipped here Rev. Ray was the pastor. Sometime later a misunderstanding arose and most of the charter members and some of their friends withdrew and began meeting in a small dwelling down below the academy. This building burned and all the records of the church were destroyed.

Then for a few years the church had no home. Services were held in the Methodist church for a time. Later the pastor of the Presbyterian church invited them over there and the Baptists used the church on alternate Sundays. Thus for two or three years the building which the Presbyterians now worship in, housed the First Baptist church also. In this interval they had several pastors.

About 1897 a new building site was purchased from the T. & P. railway for twenty-five dollars, and according to the memory of some, the railroad company gave the church half that amount. This location was just south of the Gholson hotel and was a part of the ground which that hotel now uses as a parking lot. Here the new church was constructed and stood facing south on what is now Pine street.

Rev. Rhoades-Duncan was the pastor and led in this building program. Rev. John Carney, who later became a famous temperance lecturer and preacher, had had experience as a railroad bridge builder and being the most experienced workman was made supervisor and did much of the work. In addition to these two, many others took a prominent part. The names of Mr. J. D. Barefield, father of Mrs. George W. Thomas; Mr. John Russell, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Hayden Neal and Mr. Bishop, are all closely associated with the construction of this church. In fact the whole community turned out to help with labor and many gave money to further the cause. At least once a month for a year or two, or possibly longer, the ladies of the church served dinners down town to help raise the money to pay for the new building. These meals were served in a vacant wooden store building which occupied the lot next to the present site of the Oil City Pharmacy. The price of

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Only Train Robbery In History of the County Was In Ranger In 1882

The only train robbery in the history of Eastland County occurred in Ranger in 1882. Jim Moss was said to have been the express agent at the time. The holdup was planned by three or more local men, but only three participated in the actual robbery.

In some manner the railroad officials had received notice that the job was to be attempted, and some Texas Rangers were aboard the train. When the train rolled into the station the robbers rushed to the express car and demanded

that he turn over to them all of his money. When they did this the porter, who had been directed what to do, rushed to the coach in which the Rangers were riding and notified them of the attack.

The Rangers made for the express car and the shooting began, and during the fight the robbers grabbed about \$400 in silver, overlooking a large amount of currency, and made for their horses.

They escaped, temporarily, with one of their number wounded in the arm and breast. The wounded bandit was captured a few days later at a residence near Merriman, but the others made their escape.

They were apprehended, however, some months later, and all three were given sentences in the State Penitentiary, where one of their number died.



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Ranger's Schools Had Beginning Back In 1881 When Mrs. Heller Had First Private School In The Town

By H. L. BASKIN

Dean, Ranger Junior College

Ranger's schools had their beginning in 1881 under the direction of Mrs. Vincen Heller, who began a private school with a few pupils in that year. In 1882 a Public Free School opened at the beginning of the term and Mrs. Vincen Heller was employed as the regular teacher.

No record of Mrs. Vincen Heller's academic training is available. She lived in Ranger a few years after retiring from the teaching profession. Her husband, of German descent, was engaged in the nursery business.

Judge Ben Terrell taught the school in Ranger during the 1883-84 term. He was a graduate in law from the University of Pennsylvania. His early training was received in the Fort Worth Public Schools. Judge Terrell will be remembered by pioneer settlers as a leading attorney in Fort Worth for almost 40 years.

A Mr. Bradford, whose full name has not been ascertained, served as head teacher during the 1884-85 term. No record of his training is available. He was assisted by one teacher.

From 1885 to 1888 the school had three principals, each serving only one year. They were Mr. Payne, Hugh O'Neal and S. L. Butler. The first of these three men had one assistant, while the other two had two assistants each. Mr. Dennis taught the school two years from 1890 to 1892. Official records disclose no facts concerning his early training. From 1892 to 1898 four teachers were employed annually. T. D. Evans, who attended Sam Houston Normal, was principal for the year 1892-93 and also for the years 1897-99. J. E. Jones, about whom we have no record, taught during the intervening years.

J. H. Horton, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and of Sam Houston Normal, served as principal of the Ranger School from 1899 to 1902. Mr. Horton is reputed to have been a well educated man and a very capable school teacher. C. D. Judd, with a corps of four teachers, served the school as principal from 1902 to 1904. He was assisted by J. E. Temple Peters, who succeeded him and who was head of the school until 1908. Mr. Judd received his education at Peabody College, and he is today a professor in North Texas State Teachers College. He lived in Eastland county for a number of years after teaching in Ranger and was county school superintendent from 1910 to 1914. After leaving Ranger Mr. Peters taught in Abilene and other West Texas towns. Under his regime the teaching force rose to seven in number and remained that until the year 1915.

The next four principals were J. H. Darden, S. W. Settle, R. L. Foot and W. T. Ordor, the last of whom closed his work with the 1914 term of school.

M. H. Hagaman, who came to Ranger in 1888 to teach school, gave us a picture of the Ranger schools half a century ago:

"I came here in 1888 to teach school. There were four teachers in the school that year, Dave Lowe, Mary and Lillie Shelton of Eastland, and myself. We had about 300 students enrolled. They did not all live in the Ranger School District, for many of them came from Stephens County and from as far south as Gorman. The reason for this large attendance for that day was that we conducted a fairly good high school. Special attention was given to the more mature men and women and consequently we represented, in a measure, a school center. The school gradually grew, though possibly in some years following, the enrollment was below that of 1889 or 1890."

Mrs. Grace Parsons Dreinhofer, who yet lives in Ranger, has this to say about the schools of 1898:

"I came to Ranger to teach in 1898. There were only three teachers in the school, Mr. and Mrs. Evans and myself. I enrolled 79 pupils in the intermediate grades. There were about 25 in high school and 35 in the primary grades. Not all of these were living in

town, but many came from Stephens County because of the special attention our school gave them toward teacher preparation."

M. H. Smith was elected superintendent of the Ranger school in 1915, which office he held until the fall of 1918. He served through the transition period. He saw the school double, treble and keep growing in both teaching force and student body. The village of 600 people in 1915 grew to a surging population of more than 25,000 people during the early months of 1918. This great transformation in population, wealth and social conditions took place in a few months, beginning Oct. 17, 1917. When school opened in 1918 Mr. Smith and the school board had planned to care for 1,000 students. During the first week of school 1,350 enrolled. The superintendent and school board went into a conference and laid plans for improvised buildings. A great teaching force had to be employed. Half-day sessions had to be conducted and during the next two years, possibly more than 50 teachers were employed annually. Up to this time Mr. Smith had spent the greater part of his life in Eastland County.

E. C. McNew was superintendent of Ranger schools from 1920 to 1925. It was just prior to and during his term that a building program was brought to completion.

Beginning in 1920 the present high school and four large elementary schools were built. Cooper and Young, both three-story modern, brick structures, were completed and today accommodate between 500 and 600 students. Tiffin and Merriman schools, which cared for the grade pupils in these communities, were also completed the same year. In 1926 Hodges Oak Park elementary school was constructed to replace the old Central Ward, a wooden building.

R. F. Holloway was elected superintendent of schools in 1925 and served in that capacity until he resigned in August, 1935. Much improvement was made during his term of service. The Recreation Building was constructed during his administration, as well as the Hodges Oak Park building mentioned before.

W. T. Walton was elected superintendent of the Ranger schools in August 1935. Before coming to Ranger he was a member of the Simmons University faculty and had served as superintendent of two West Texas schools.

In Early Days Ranger Got Water From Wells And From "Rock Hole"

In the early days Ranger's water supply was largely obtained from underground cisterns, and from water wagons, which obtained their supply from the "Rock Hole" near the Hagaman home, supplemented, in time of drought, by the big hole at Merriman.

There was a well, in 1881, and for years after, in the middle of Locust street, about the center of the first block from the depot, which supplied water for stock, but was so strongly mineral that it was not largely used for domestic purposes.

The first organized attempt to furnish the city with water was the forming of the Ranger Water Works Company, in 1898, with G. H. Bohning as president, and W. C. Moore as secretary. Water was supplied from a small pool, described as being about one mile west of the depot.

HIGH SEAS MARRIAGE TESTED
OAKLAND, Cal.—The legality of a county marriage license on the high seas is to be tested here. William S. Muldoon, in a cross complaint to his wife's suit for divorce, insists she isn't his wife because they were married on the high seas on a private yacht off San Pedro by a Presbyterian minister but with a Kern county license, good only in the county issuing it.

FIRST EDITOR TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

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strings of mail inquirers stretched two or three blocks, close together as they could get. Sometimes one had to wait for two hours before he reached the general delivery window. Ingenious fellows got in line, kept stepping forward till nearly at the window and then sell their positions for \$2 to \$5.

So much local freight arrived that it was not unloaded in the already overflowing freight house, already extended, and on the long platform north of the old stone depot. The wares were kept in boxcars whence they were unloaded.

Our paper almost daily blazoned in large black type with the announcement that another 20,000-barrel well had arrived. Larry Smits handled the oil very well. One Texas newspaper paid me \$25 a week for a single column on oil developments in Ranger.

Texas Rangers—rugged old fellows—often came to Ranger to preserve order and peace. I remember seeing several at the railroad station on arrival of trains. One of them I had known when a newspaperman in Amarillo in 1912. Some of the Ranger police were far from being gentle and scrupulous. Several rode big chargers, effected big stars and uniforms and let the general-ity of humanity know they were "something."

Ranger streets sizzled with humanity, day and night. Night life was teeming. Small hamburger stands—narrow holes in the wall—served odoriferous meat discs at fabulous prices and in turn paid as high as \$250 a month rent for space. Bootleg whiskey and "Canadian" imported liquors made Ranger a veritable alcoholic oasis. Everybody that indulged carried his hip flask. Chock beer flowed freely. Drunks were conspicuous day and night.

The hardest job I had while editor was to get something to eat. To enter a restaurant was to squeeze among humanity. Then it took from an hour to three hours to get a seat on a stool or at a table. And then maybe another hour before you got service. It was customary to tip or you would be forgotten the next time. It was during the boom that I contracted ptomaine poisoning in a restaurant on Main street which laid me in bed for three weeks. For weeks after I got up, my stomach felt as if it were filled with liquid lye. I had merely eaten the customary ham and, and had coffee with condensed milk. Fresh milk was unheard of. But later on I found a "family style" eating place about six blocks north of Main street where after waiting an unusually long time I procured very satisfactory meals at 50 cents.

Along toward the latter part of 1919 I got wise through celebrated oil operators that the boom was due to pass away. Accordingly I resigned in December to take the position of Publicity Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce under Porter A. Whaley, General Manager, succeeding Chester T. Crowell, who has since become nationally famous as a writer for the Saturday evening Post. I sold my stock in the paper back to Bagley as was in the contract and went to Stamford but soon to return to Ranger to put on a publicity campaign for the WTCC for a great convention there. It was while sending out numerous items advertising the big event that I saw a cab driver shot down on the north side of Main street almost across from the Gholson Hotel. I remember that the slayer caught the driver by the throat as if in a vice, said a few words, then pressed a big .45 to his forehead and fired. The little cabdriver fell into the ditch, blood pouring from his mouth. The slayer was accosted by a policeman but refused to surrender his revolver until he should reach the police station. This the officer allowed and the slayer accompanied him, his large weapon cooing smoke for more than a block.

As I remember, Larry Smits succeeded me as managing editor. A big fellow and fearless he ired the chief of police and others. For a time bad blood existed. Smits was knocked down one day. Thereafter the press reeked with charges and counter charges. Happily I was spared most of them.

Our reporters formed acquaintances who provided them with liquor which made it almost impossible at times to have anything like a good force. It was impractical to discharge a reporter, because a successor could not be secured. Nobody wanted to bring his family to Ranger and pay the exceedingly high rents of apartments. Many, of course, lived in tents. Our hardest task was keeping pressmen. I remember that one day the pressmen failed to show up. It was up to the general manager, business manager and myself to get the paper off the press. We tore the "web" innumerable times and the paper which was supposed to come off around 4 o'clock in the afternoon did not get off till about 2 o'clock the following morning under the direction of inexperienced pressmen. Our linotype operators drew fabulous salaries also. Many of them worked all the overtime they wanted. More staid operators who did not care to ramble about at night—family men probably—would spend the evenings at their linotypes making overtime.

Soon after the Times got under way Mr. Bagley secured the Wichita Falls News-Tribune. Wichita Falls was also booming. Some of my men transferred to better jobs. And later during the decline of the oil field I quit my position with the WTCC and became staff correspondent for the Ranger Daily Times, Fort Worth Record and Wichita Falls News-Tribune. When Bagley sold out the Ranger Times became separated from the Fort Worth Record. I remained with the new management and later when William Randolph Hearst bought the Fort Worth newspapers I became its West Texas editor, which position I held until the chain-newspaper chieftain sold it to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, in 1925.

The present generation, in my opinion, will never see another boom such as that at Ranger which drew hundreds of thousands to share its profits. It was a city of 26,000 residents and the Lord only knows how many transients. I'd not sell my experiences there for a cool million and would not go through it again for another cool million.

First Roads In County Were More Like Trails Than Present Hiways

By ED T. COX, SR.

The first recognized road in this part of the country was what was known as the Stephenville and Fort Griffin Road, which came into the county at, or about, the present Tanner residence, in what is known as the Tanner Community, in the eastern part of the county, and followed the Old Sanchez Trail near Mansker's Lake, then turned in a northwesterly direction for a few miles, thence west, crossing Colony Creek approximately where the present Eastland-Cheaney road crosses it, thence northwest to Merriman, crossing Colony Creek again about where the present Ranger-Staff Road crosses, thence in a generally northwesterly course, past the Moss Old Place, to Gunsight Mountain, in Stephens County.

There was an early road which led from the Flannigan's Ranch, now Merriman, north through the present Ranger townsite, and down Bull Hollow and Palo Pinto Creek to about where Wiles Station now is, thence northeast through the Satterfield Ranch to Palo Pinto.

The first public road to be ordered to be "viewed" by the Commissioners' Court that reached Ranger was one directed to be surveyed "from where the Eastland and Stephenville Road leaves Jim Neal Creek, to Ranger, in the most practical way."

The early roads were usually laid out along the lines of least resistance, taking into consideration the grades and thickness of timber, etc. This was good for the time being, but caused future commissioners much grief when it became necessary to re-route them, as nearly as feasible, along land lines.

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COUNTY AGENT WORK IS NOW IN 23rd YEAR

Seven County Agents Have Done Much Good For Farmers, Ranchers, Boys and Girls During Long Agriculture Program

County agent work has functioned in Eastland County a total of 23 years, made possible by a joint arrangement between the Eastland County Commissioners Court and the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College, according to records compiled by Elmo V. Cook, present County Agent. During this period seven county agents have served the county, beginning with 1912 and continuing to the present with a four year period, 1918 to 1922 during which Eastland County had no county agent.

During the period 1912 to 1914 A. J. Sanderford of Ranger was Eastland County Agent. There are no records regarding nature of work done by Sanderford except that several 4-H boys clubs were organized.

From 1914 to 1918 Ed T. Cox of Eastland was County Agent. Before serving as county agent, Cox taught school, was a registered hog breeder, served as county clerk for four years and worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture on special agricultural work. The first terraces in Eastland County were built under Cox's supervision and many of them are still operating in good condition. In addition to terracing he worked with 4-H Club boys on their feeding and crop demonstrations and conducted hog feeding demonstrations, using self feeders with corn for grain and peanut meal for protein supplement.

Rufus H. Bush, who recently died while serving as Organization Specialist of the Extension Service, was County Agent of Eastland County from 1922 to 1927. He did outstanding County Agent work in poultry production and marketing, dairying, fertilizers, hog production and soil conservation. He assisted in the organization of the Bankhead Poultry Association and the Eastland County Seed Irish Potato Pool. His fertilizer work in the County helped prepare him for his work in commercial fertilizers which he took up upon leaving Eastland County.

J. C. Patterson, now County Agent of McLellan County with headquarters at Waco, served as County Agent of Eastland County from 1927 to 1935. Patterson's outstanding agricultural demonstrations were field crop improvement, dairying, fairs, community organizations, poultry raising, 4-H Club work, terracing, and pecan improvement. The quality of the dairy cattle of Eastland County reflects the dairy bull circles organized by Patterson. His ex-club boys are among the leading farmers of the county. Eastland County's agriculture received much prominence because of exhibits collected for State fairs by him.

The 1933 cotton ploy up, 1934 cotton reduction program, 1934 corn-hog program, and 1934 drought cattle buying program were handled by Patterson.

C. Metz Heald, who served as County Agent during 1935 was obliged to spend the greater portion of his time on the cotton reduction program, Bankhead program, corn-hog reduction contracts, and peanut reduction contracts. However, he established a foundation for field crops demonstrations, using improved seed. He also conducted 4-H Club work, hog feeding demonstrations, and pork curing demonstrations.

The present County Agent, Elmo V. Cook, serving since March 1, 1936, aided by Assistant County Agent Hugh F. Barnhart until late 1938, when he was succeeded by Sam E. Rosenberg, is conducting extension work on an eight point program, which has been approved by the County Agricultural Council. The points of this program are soil improvement, seed improvement, home orchards, trench silos, livestock improvement, poultry improvement, 4-H club work, and miscellaneous minor problems. A creditable showing was made in the last three years on terracing, trench silos, and 4-H Club work,

principally with registered dairy heifers. Soil building has also been featured by Cook.

A summary of County Agent work in Eastland County the last 15 years shows that all farmers and ranchers in the county have been contacted either directly or indirectly by the County

COUNTY AGENT



Elmo V. Cook, present county agent of Eastland County, who is continuing the good work started 23 years ago when the first county agent was employed by Eastland County, and who had added many new phases of county agent work in the past three years.

Agents and these contacts have been worth thousands of dollars to the agriculture of the county. During this period 1961 boys have been prepared for a future life through 4-H Club work, and 44,462 acres of cropland in the county have been terraced under County Agent supervision.

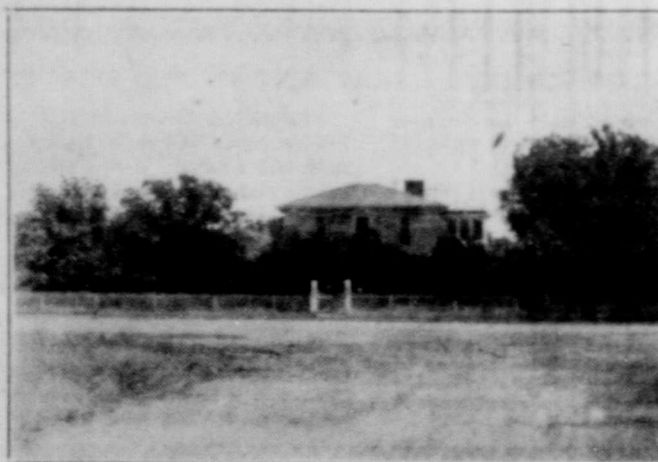
Community Company Serving Ranger With Economical Service

Gas for Ranger is furnished by the Community Public Service Company, of which Lee Dockery is local manager. The company is the outgrowth of the old Ranger Gas Company, which first furnished gas for the community back in the early days of the oil boom.

The local office also has a complete line of gas ranges, gas refrigerators, water heaters and house heating units.

The company has just relaid several miles of gas lines and mains through most of the residential section of the town, indicating the company's faith in the future of Ranger and belief in their saying that "Gas is your most economical home servant."

Home of Ranger's First Mayor



The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, located north of Ranger, in its setting of trees, makes a pretty picture. It is located on the shores of Lake Hagaman, from which they city obtains its water supply.

History Of Ranger Methodist Church Is Rather Incomplete, But List Of Pastors Of Church Has Been Compiled

On June 14, 1886 Vincen Heller conveyed lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 6 in the town of Ranger to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Ranger, according to information compiled by Ed T. Cox, Sr., of Eastland, making it evident that the church had been organized prior to that time, but the date has not been determined by Mr. Cox.

The earliest data found by Mr. Cox in connection with Methodist in this area is that O. F. Davenport was a delegate to the General Conference in 1878, but it was not shown which church he represented.

H. L. Baskin, dean of the Ranger Junior College, in seeking data on early history, noted that "The first church organized in Eastland County, so far as records are available, was in 1865, when the Reverend W. Monk, a Methodist minister for the Eastland County Circuit, with a few members, organized a Methodist Church on the Allen and Davidson Ranch in the eastern part of the county."

"Ranger secured its first organized Methodist Church in 1881. The Reverend Hightower organized the church that year in a tent."

A fairly complete record of the pastors who have served the Methodist Church in Ranger since 1894 has been compiled by Mr. Cox, through the kindness of Mrs. E. W. Kimble of Gorman, who let him have access to the conference reports of the years since that time.

In 1894 the Ranger church was located in the Abilene District, it is shown on page 25 of the report for that year and on page 60 puts it in the Cisco District. It was probably transferred to that district in that year.

In 1895 Ranger and Strawn were given a combined membership of 180, and Ranger Mission 161, and they were reported to have two local preachers.

In 1905 the Mission reported a membership of 437 but reported no local preachers.

In 1895 the Ranger church building was valued at \$1,250 and the pastor's salary at the Mission was reported as \$175 per annum. In 1908 the pastor received a salary of \$600 and in 1920 it was reported as \$4,500.

The Ranger church reported a membership of 289 in 1915, and in 1924 reported 553 members, while the report for 1934 showed 564 members.

The following list of pastors who have served the Ranger Methodist Church since 1894 was compiled by Ed T. Cox:

- 1894—W. D. Robinson.
- 1895—S. J. Franks.
- 1896—J. J. Harris (Mission).
- 1897—J. J. Harris (Mission).
- 1898—H. A. Story.
- 1899—L. B. Tooley.

- 1900—(Omitted).
- 1901—C. C. Summers.
- 1902—J. L. White.
- 1903—B. R. Wagner.
- 1904—B. R. Wagner.
- 1905—B. R. Wagner.
- 1906—C. E. Statham.
- 1907—C. E. Statham.
- 1908—C. E. Statham.
- 1909—J. S. Tunnell.
- 1910—Charles Little.
- 1911—E. R. Patterson.
- 1912—E. R. Patterson.
- 1913—J. M. Armstrong.
- 1914—J. M. Armstrong.
- 1915—J. M. Dossier.
- 1916—J. M. Dossier.
- 1917—E. M. Wisdom.
- 1918—E. M. Wisdom.
- 1919—L. A. Webb.
- 1920—L. A. Webb.
- 1921—L. A. Webb.
- 1922—L. A. Webb.
- 1923—A. W. Hall.
- 1924—A. W. Hall.
- 1925—A. W. Hall.
- 1926—G. W. Shearer.
- 1927—G. W. Shearer.
- 1928—P. T. Stanford.
- 1929—J. W. Mayne.
- 1930—L. J. Power.
- 1931—Gid J. Bryan.
- 1932—Gid J. Bryan.
- 1933—J. M. Bond.
- 1934—T. E. Bowman.
- 1935—T. E. Bowman.
- 1936—T. E. Bowman.
- 1937—G. Alfred Brown.
- 1938—G. Alfred Brown.

College Activities—

(Continued from Page 22).

vided new satin uniforms for the team which earned for them the title of the "best dressed team of the Central Conference." And, incidentally, the Rangers turned in the best record that has been made in the history of the college.

The opening of Spring brought out another group for golf and tennis and those representing the local school gave a good account of themselves.

Dramatics and oratory held the spotlight for much of the time during the year. Students representing RJC in girls and boys extemporaneous speech and girls oratory all won places, and Priscilla Miller represented the college in girls oratory at the state contest at Temple.

The "Masquers" under the able direction of the club's sponsor, Mrs. Hal Hunter, who is also dramatic coach, presented four productions this year. The first was "The Non-International Man," a one-act play first given for the annual banquet of the Rotarians and Rotary Anna. This play was then given for a number of other community and service clubs.

The second play was a short farce entitled, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do." This was given for three appreciative audiences.

Early in the year the cast was selected for the annual college tournament play and "Sky Fodder," "A Play of Mood," was chosen as the production. The cast gave an extraordinary interpretation of character and was complimented by the critic judge at the tournament. Though they did not take the first prize in the contest the members of the cast did win a place for their school, and the appreciation of the entire student body.

Near the end of the year the "Masquers" revived their former traditional custom and presented as their annual three-act play a delightful comedy, "Spring Fever."

Plans are now well under way for an even richer year of student activities for the 1939-40 session in dramatics, oratory, athletics, and other outside events.

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Eastland County Began to Grow With Building of First Railroad Through This Section of Country Back in the 80's

Eastland County was created on Feb. 1, 1858 and was named in honor of William M. Eastland, who had been murdered while a prisoner in Mexico. Eastland County was one of the number of blocks of territory carved from the public domain, before the Civil War, by legislative enactment, but which, for many years, had no population to justify a county government. The county was formally organized Dec. 2, 1873.

In 1860 the federal census enumerated 99 inhabitants for Eastland County and in 1870 this number had decreased to 88. The few settlers that remained during the 60's comprised a sort of advance guard against the forces of barbarism that still held the entire western region of Texas.

From the immigration that followed the war Eastland County profited to some degree, but its real development was due to railroads, and in this connection some generalization may be noted with reference, not only to Eastland but to other counties in the same vicinity.

The decades of the 70's and 80's witnessed the real settlement of Western Texas. During the 70's the buffalo were finally hunted from the plains and quickly following them came the great herds of domestic stock and the old-time stockmen. For a few years these latter were supreme lords of the domain of grass-covered prairies. Not far behind was another instrument of progress—the railroad—which invaded the cattleman's country and, while co-operating with the stock industry, it also served to introduce permanent settlers.

More than any factor the railroad has made West Texas a home for people. Where the railroad penetrated counties were organized, towns built and fences divided the prairies from the sown fields.

In anticipation of the railway, settlement became fairly rapid in Eastland County in the middle of the 70's. A newspaper correspondent writing in January, 1876, said, "Six months ago Eastland City, the county seat, was laid out on the north prong of the Leon River. At that time it was nothing more than a wilderness. We now number about 250 people; have 25 dwelling houses; one saw and grist mill; two large retail stores; one large stone house is being built on the public square, the upper story to be used gratis for a court house. Our county has not been troubled by the red men for two years." This last reference indicates how closely the modern era followed the close of Indian troubles.

By October, 1880, the construction trains of the Texas and Pacific had reached Eastland City and Ranger had become a regular station on the road. In 1881 the Texas Central was built from the southwest to Cisco, making a junction with the Texas & Pacific. It was soon afterwards continued into Shackelford County, and these two lines comprised the only railways of Eastland County for some time.

The settlement of the county following the railroad period is indicated by the following statistics for the 10-year period beginning in 1860:

In 1860 the population was 99; in 1870 it was 88; in 1880, 4,855; in 1890, 10,373; in 1900, 17,971; in 1910, 23,421; in 1920, 58,505, and in 1930, 33,981.

As the railway junction Cisco was the chief population and business center of the county until the discovery of oil in the county, since which time Eastland and Ranger have large populations.

In 1881 the county had taxable values of \$1,077,682; in 1903 it was \$4,575,172; by 1913 it had risen to \$9,816,415; in 1920, due largely to discovery of oil, it had skyrocketed to \$24,037,100.

The county has an area of approximately 592,000 acres, part of it rugged land and best suited for grazing purposes, though much of it is fertile and well suited to agriculture. In 1882 it was estimated that only 10,000 acres were in cultivation, and the stock industry, according to assessment returns, was at the time not so important as in other counties in the same general locality. In 1910 about 420,000 acres were included in farms and the amount of "improved land" was approximately 174,000 acres. There were 2,891 farms in 1910 as compared with 2,510 in 1900. The stock interests in 1920 were 14,550 cattle, about 7,340 horses and mules and 9,560 hogs.

Up until 1917 Eastland County was a typical West Texas county, with a population of about 20,000 people and almost wholly a pastoral and agricultural county, with a predominating rural population. Then, almost overnight, came a dramatic and spectacular change. The discovery of oil in October, 1917, in the McCleskey well, southwest of Ranger, precipitated an economic revolution in the county and ushered in the biggest and most quickly-developed oil field in the southwest, if not in the United States.

Gholson Barber Shop One of Best in This Section of Country

For many years the Gholson Barber Shop, operated by L. E. Gray, has maintained its place as one of the leading barber shops in this part of the country.

Operated for years in the basement of the Gholson Hotel, the shop was moved, about five years ago, to the present location in the northwest corner of the Gholson Hotel Building, where its popularity has increased.

L. E. Gray, owner of the shop, is also a member of the State Barber Board, spending much of his time traveling throughout the state carrying out the business of the board. When not actively engaged in this work he can be found in the shop, which is improved from time to time to keep pace with the modern trends.

LAW STRICT ON TREES

RICHMOND, Va.—Richmond's spacious, tree-covered capitol lawn will have to wait until 1940 to get some new trees. Eight dead ones were removed with 50 carloads of dead wood, and cannot be replaced until the 1940 legislature makes an appropriation for them.

Headline: Presidents Ends Cruis. Don't know how he ended it, but we'd do it with an "e".

First Society Editor of The Times, Now Living in Mineral Wells, Recalls Some Of the Hectic Later Days of the Boom

By Rena B. Conway

"Editors I Have Known" might be the subject of this contribution to the Ranger Daily Times, whose first society editor I chanced to be.

H. E. Boseman, a World War veteran, who wore funny little hats and a trench coat, was the first editor I worked under. He always said that when Ranger got to the point when the fact that Mr. So and So had painted his barn red, was news, he was through. He left and was succeeded by Mr. Chas. J. Norton, a gentleman and a scholar if there ever was one.

Boseman had a reporter, Bill Eaves, of whom he was very fond. Bill Eaves owned a big blue great Dane, that he first turned over to Chas. Terrell and then to me for safe keeping. He left Ranger and we never heard from him again.

"Blue," the handsome dog, was eventually given to Shag Floore, who at one time was called the "Mayor of Frankell" during its boom. He was station-master there and cried when his office there was closed. He lives in Fort Worth now. Blue has long since gone to dogheaven.

Mr. Norton and his wife, who has since passed away, were both employed on the Times. He was the editor and she was the second society editor of the Times.

They lived on Pine Street, which the Charley Moores afterwards bought, and had a house filled with lovely old furniture and books.

When Mrs. Norton went east on a summer visit, I took on the office as society editor and kept it until Dec. 24, 1926, when I wrote "thirty" to my last stick of copy.

Succeeding Mr. Norton was Mr. Chopie Welch. He came from Fort Worth and was a fine newspaperman, but a hard boss. He was, on the other hand, the most appreciative person when a story really had merit, and he had a sense of humor and a nose for news, that I have never seen equalled.

George Kelly, also from Fort Worth, was the last editor I worked with on the paper. He was large, slow and easy going, and nice to work with. Later my own son, Robert C. Campbell, became editor, and still others followed him.

A lot of "the power and glory" had left Ranger before I arrived there on December 26, 1920, after answering a classified ad in the Star-Telegram from an insurance firm for an insurance clerk.

I got the job at about two and one-half times my salary in Weatherford, and until my family arrived, I had rooms over the Ranger Hardware building, which were run by Mr. and Mrs. Hess Arnett, formerly of Weatherford.

Before leaving Weatherford, I asked Mr. Vol Davenport who had left Ranger when the city was taken over by the oil boom, and moved to my home town,

something about the firm with whom I wanted to cast my lot. "They're just as solvent as the First National Bank," Mr. Davenport replied. He told the truth. The First National closed its doors just about a month before the insurance firm folded up.

In lieu of salary, I took a safe, which Mr. Jim Williams, who was at that time caretaker of the People's State Bank building, and a couple of negro porters rolled up the sidewalk, onto the elevator in to C. E. May's office. Then May and Grubbs, for they had taken me over with several of the insurance company's companies.

One day Len Hudson, who was a friend of my daughters, the former Mary Bonner Campbell, who had found out I had newspaper experience, asked me if I'd consider a position as society editor on the Times. I already had a position as insurance clerk, so after H. E. Boseman, the editor, had agreed to pay me so much a line, I took over the society of The Ranger Times, and as far as I know, was its first society editor.

Them was the days. Ranger surely had some social functions. The Gholson Hotel was the center of all social activities. Arthur Jury was "mine host" and with the aid of his wife, they made the hotel the friendliest, most hospitable spot in town.

The great lobby of the Gholson hummed with activity, even though the boom with activity. New horizons were reached. Barney Carter brought in a pool north of town; John Gholson et al brought in the Duffer pool, and the Conway Brothers made a little oil history at Cross Cut.

J. L. Thompson was adding to his fortune and the Pratt field was brought in.

It was still a glamorous city. Phcebe K. Warner, attending a club convention there wrote her famous article, "Don't Be a Stranger In Ranger." There never was one.

About that time a strip of paved road from Ranger to a few miles north of town on the Caddo Road was completed. It was the first in that part of the county, and as most all of the "elite" had new Studebakers that summer, those lovely new models with isinglass windows, we almost rode the surface off it. I can still smell the scent of the fields on those summer nights.

The Wilsons, the Thurmans, the Harkriders, the Crawfords, the Jurys, the Craigs, the Charlie McLaughlins and many others were proud possessors of the new cars and since most of them carried at least six passengers, there was a lot of traveling up and down the new road that summer.

It was a lovely time to live. Perhaps it was a Fool's Paradise. But with the exception of frequently finding one's bank closed, life was almost ideal. During the years from 1920 to 1926 there were not many deaths among Ranger people. After that the passing of so many fine men, and women, threw a pall of sadness over its glamour.

In time I became a full time reporter on the Times. I learned about newspaper reporting from Chopie Welch, a Jewish editor, from Fort Worth. He would yell out at me, "Lady, don't you know that the greatest story that was ever written, the story of the Creation, was written in less than 1,000 words." I told him one day that I felt if I ever lived through his training I'd have the makings at least of a good newspaper woman. "Thirty" has been written to his last copy. God rest his soul.

Like a panorama those years pass before me. I see again the men and women and I loved and honored and even with glasses atop my nose, I still can't see Ranger only as a glamorous city, which wrote its history in the immortal courage and courtesy of its citizens, and I still believe "thars oil in them hills."

Home of Physician



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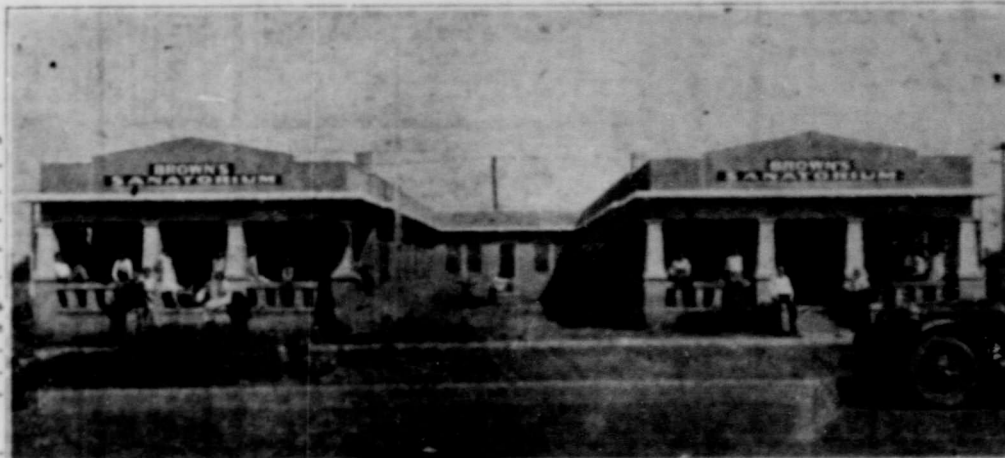
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Editor's Note: The following history of the Ranger Junior College has been taken from "History of Ranger Junior College," by H. L. Baskin, who prepared it as a thesis in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree of Master of Arts. Only short portions of Mr. Baskin's history have been used, however, as space does not permit publication of the full text, and only highlights being used.

The Ranger Junior College was organized in the summer of 1926 under the leadership of a group of public-spirited citizens of Ranger and the school began work under control of a College Council, composed of three members selected from the Board of Education and nine other Ranger citizens. The selection of the members of the council was made at a meeting of the school board members and other representative citizens.

The public school system, through the board of education, manifested a friendly spirit toward the college at all times, but it did not assume full responsibility for financing it during the first two years of its history.

To Mr. R. F. Holloway, then superintendent of the Ranger school system, belongs the credit for the earliest inception of the idea of a junior college for Ranger. During the early spring and summer of 1925 he had been studying the possibilities of such an institution for the Oil Belt area where more than 2,000 high school students of Eastland and Stephens and adjacent counties might have an opportunity to extend their education beyond the high school level.

As early as August, 1925, the Board of Education had given attention to the college movement and had made favorable comments on the proposition, as seen from the minutes of its meeting.

Since the junior college was not a part of the public school system and therefore ineligible for support from public school funds, the greatest problem was maintaining it financially.

In order to handle this situation the school was placed under the supervision of a college council. It was their obligation to secure subscriptions of cash and loans from interested persons, in order to maintain the college during its first two years. The board of education furnished the housing facilities without any of the cost of maintenance being prorated to the college.

After the idea had been thoroughly sold to the prospective patronage, the next step was to raise the proper funds by cash, or substantial promises. During August of 1926 a very intensive drive was made. The financial committee completed its drive on August 23, 1926, at a banquet meeting.

Much work was yet to be done in order that housing facilities and workable curriculum would be ready for the opening of the school, which was to be Sept. 13, following. The first bulletin of the college was issued on Sept. 6, 1926.

The Ranger Junior College formally opened its doors for school on Monday, Sept. 13, 1926. Much preparation had been made by the school board and faculty to receive the large audience anticipated, and an appropriate program, formally opening the college, was held in the high school auditorium at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Despite financial obstacles and the usual difficulties met in bringing any institution up to full standardization required by both the American Association of Junior Colleges and the Association of Texas Colleges, the faculty and board of education were persistent in their efforts to reach this goal.

Ranger Junior College was recognized as such by the State Department of Education on March 23, 1927.

Under the Junior College act of the

41st legislature the Ranger Junior College was incorporated as a definite part of the Ranger school system under full control of the public school board. This was accomplished in the fourth year of its history, in 1929-30.

In 1932 the college remained in second class rank by ruling of the Association of Texas Junior Colleges, due only to conditions in biology and chemistry. This condition being removed, the college took first rank, all courses offered being fully accredited by the Association in 1933.

This first class ranking has been steadily maintained since that date, with a wide margin above and beyond these state and national association requirements. Its library receives more volumes and periodicals annually than the State requires; its laboratories are more fully equipped than the standards specify; two more Departments are maintained than the minimum, and the faculty is composed of men and women whose graduate university training is far in advance of the scale of requirements set up by the State.

Through depression, recession, good years and lean ones, the members of the Ranger Board of Education, inspired by unselfish ideals and prompted by their loyalty to the young people of Ranger and the surrounding territory, have kept Ranger Junior College abreast of the times, and with the faculty, have made it one of the greatest service institutions among the junior colleges of the South.

Enrollment in Ranger Junior College since 1926 is shown in the following table:

1926-27—42	1932-33—127	1929-30—40	1935-36—92
1927-28—41	1933-34—107	1930-31—63	1936-37—66
1928-29—53	1934-35—128	1931-32—68	1937-38—71
			1938-39—103

By W. T. Walton
With a thirty-three and one-third per cent increase in its enrollment for the past year, Ranger Junior College looks to the next annual session with the brightest prospects of its entire history. Being fully accredited with every senior institution in the nation and a member of both the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities and the American Association of Junior Colleges, it affords an unusual opportunity for every boy and girl in all the near-by sections of the state.

Making no claims that are not based on facts demonstrated many times each year, this local institution opens its doors to every ambitious young man and young woman. Ranger Junior College does not claim to be the largest junior college in the land, and it is well agreed by the educators in America that size does not educate. In fact, the leaders in this field have pointed out the fact that the majority of the people listed in Who's Who, who are college graduates, were trained in small colleges.

The facts of English, history, mathematics and science are not less true nor less important when learned in the small college. They are often much more inspiring, provoke more thinking, and result in more growth when gained in the small institution where each instructor teaches from a definite personal interest in each student.

The addition of the Department of Fine Arts to Ranger Junior College will make the opening of the 1939-40 session one of unusual interest. Instructors

of the highest competency will staff the department; and courses in piano from beginners through the junior college level will be offered; work in violin, voice, and art will also be available to all students and adults who are interested. This work will be fully accredited and integrated with the college and will count as credit for graduation.

Hence because of the opportunity offered here in the arts and sciences, and the fine arts, and because every indication suggests another large increase in enrollment, the prospects for the 1939-40 session have reached a new high level.

Sinclair Agency Also Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary This Year

The Sinclair Refining Company, too, is celebrating its 20th anniversary in Ranger, having operated in this part of the country since the early days of the oil boom.

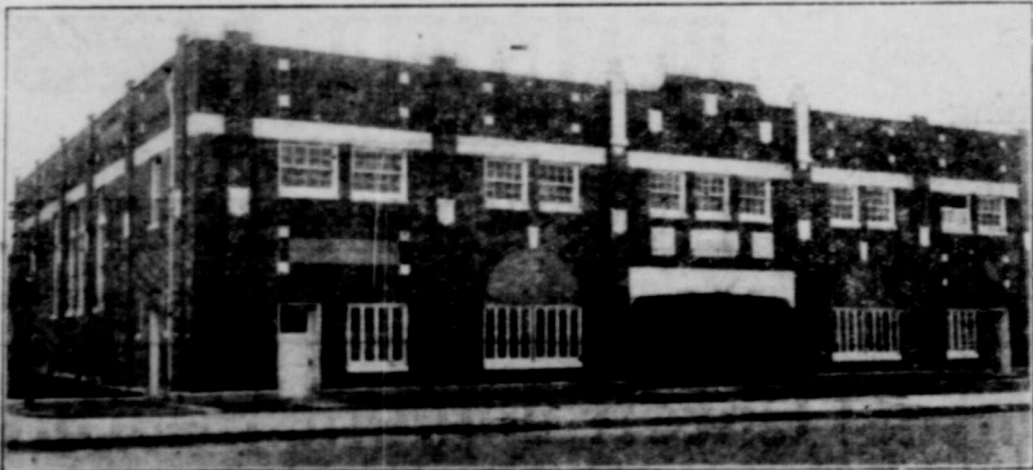
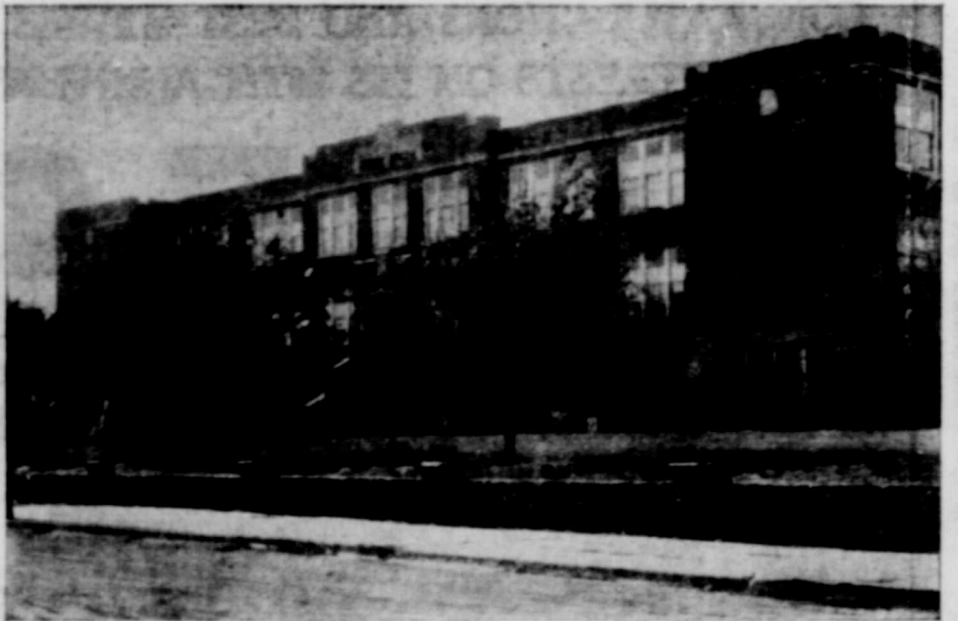
The local wholesale agency has been managed by several men in that time, but it has been operated by J. E. Meroney, who has lived in Ranger for about the same number of years that the Sinclair Products have been available here.

Meroney secured the Sinclair agency in Ranger the first of this year, after he resigned from the secretaryship of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

Sinclair products from the Ranger agency are sold in filling stations over a large portion of Eastland County, as well as in adjoining counties.

Main Building

Above is shown the main building of Ranger Junior College and Ranger High School, located on South Marston street, between Pine and Elm streets. Plans have been discussed by the Ranger School Board for a separate administration and classroom building for the Junior College in order that it might be completely separate from the high school.



Recreation Building

The Recreation Building, pictured above, is an important unit in the Ranger Junior College and High School, being an auditorium with stage and also a perfect basketball court where games of both schools are held. It also houses the office of the superintendent and the school tax assessor-collector.

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RANGER, TEXAS

Records Show County Tax Has Varied From Low Of 25 Cents Levied In 1875 To A High Of \$1.86 Levied In '28-'31

Since 1875 the tax levies in Eastland County have varied from a low of 25 cents for each \$100 valuation in that year to a high of \$1.86 in 1928 and 1931, as compared with levy of \$1.30 in 1937, according to figures compiled by Ed T. Cox of Eastland.

The 25-cent levy in 1875 was an ad valorem tax, while in 1937 it was divided into 25 cents for ad valorem taxes, 15 cents for roads and bridges, 18 cents for court house and jail, 82 cents for road bonds, six cents for jury fund and four cents for hospital.

The amount of tax, and the purpose for which it was levied for each year since 1875 is as follows:

Year	Ad. Val.	Rd. & Brdg.	Ct. & Jail	Road Bonds	Jury Funds	Hospital	TOTAL
1875	.25						.25
1876	.25	.05					.30
1877	.25		.50				*1.00
1878	.25		.50				*1.00
1879	.50		.50				*1.25
1880	.50		.50				1.00
1881	.25		.25				.50
1882	.20						*.45
1883	.15	.25					*.65
1884	.25	.25					*.75
1885	.25	.15	.25				*.90
1886	.25	.10	.25				*.70
1887	.25	.25					.50
1888	.25	.10	.20				.55
1889	.25	.10	.25				.60
1890	.25	.10	.25				.60
1891	.25	.10	.25				.60
1892	.22	.03	.23				.48
1893	.25	.15	.25				.63
1894	.25	.15	.20				.60
1895	.25	.15	.25				.65
1896	.20	.10	.25				.55
1897	.25	.15	.20				.60
1898	.25	.15	.15				.55
1899	.25	.15	.20				.60
1900	.25	.15	.05				.45
1901	.25	.15	.15				.55
1902	.25	.15	.10				.50
1903	.25	.15	.10				.50
1904	.25	.15	.15				.55
1905	.25	.15	.15				.55
1906	.25	.15	.15				.55
1907	.18	.15	.07				.40
1908	.17	.15	.05				.37
1909	.14	.15	.04	.05			.38
1910	.08	.15	.02	.04			.29
1911	.15	.15	.04	.04			.38
1912	.17	.15	.02	.03			.37
1913	.21	.15	.04	.04			.44
1914	.21	.15	.04	.04			.44
1915	.22	.15	.04	.04			.44
1916	.21	.15	.04	.04			.41
1917	.19	.15	.04	.04			.42
1918	.19	.15	.04	.04			.42
1919	.25	.15	.08	.10			.58
1920	.25	.15	.07	.45	.08		1.00
1921	.25	.15	.07	.45	.08		1.00
1922	.25	.15		.82	.03		1.47
1923	.22	.15	.04	1.05	.04		1.50
1924	.22	.15	.04	1.05	.04		1.50
1925	.22	.15	.08	1.05	.04		1.54
1926	.25	.15	.08	1.30	.02		1.80
1927	.25	.15	.14	1.20	.06	.05	1.85
1928	.25	.15	.13	1.18	.10	.05	1.86
1929	.25	.15	.17	1.15	.05	.01	1.78
1930	.25	.15	.16	1.20	.08	.01	1.85
1931	.25	.15	.16	1.20	.08	.02	1.86
1932	.25	.15	.21	.34	.02	.03	1.00
1933	.25	.15	.22	.50	.05	.03	1.17
1934	.25	.15	.17	.60	.09	.04	1.30
1935	.25	.15	.22	.76	.05	.03	1.38
1936	.25	.15	.19	.81	.06	.04	1.39
1937	.25	.15	.18	.82	.06	.04	1.59

*For the years 1877, 1878 and 1879, and for the years 1882 through 1885 a tax of 25 cents was charged for County Indebtedness and for the year 1886 a tax of 10 cents was levied for this purpose. These taxes are included in the totals, but are not listed separately in above table.

Dr. N. A. Brown, Cisco Has Built Reputation Over 22 Years Service

Nothing can take the place of actual experience and satisfied service, whether business or professional. For more than 22 years Dr. N. A. Brown has been building up a professional service that is outstanding, not only from the standpoint of relief but a happy medium of health which every human treasure above everything. Dr. Brown has made Cisco prominent with his Drugless Sanitarium, having patients from far and near. Dr. Brown does not hesitate or falter in his obsession to bring relief to patients no matter what their ills may be. Thousands of testimonials speak in glowing praise of the results of his knowledge and ability. Sufferers are given a free diagnosis of their particular case at any time that they feel the necessity of seeking his advice.

Brown's Sanitarium is located at 800 West Sixth street in Cisco. It is fully equipped with the very latest and modern methods for the proper care and attention of patients who come to Dr. Brown for attention. The homey atmosphere surrounding the Sanitarium is such that patients feel the effects of their own home surroundings as well as being combined with every facility to encourage relief.

Dr. Brown unhesitatingly says, "Our methods of treatment have been so successful in the past that we do not fail to bring relief in general ailments such as indigestion, stomach trouble, liver trouble, appendicitis, constipation, colon disorders, high blood pressure, bladder trouble, catarrh, infantile paralysis, St. Vitus dance, nettle rash, vertigo, rheumatism, hemorrhage, sinus, tonsillitis, prostrate, deafness, headache, tumors. After all other methods have been tried and failed. We gladly invite those who have tried any other method to come for relief."

Rates are reasonable at the Sanitarium or, if patients prefer, they can find suitable accommodations at different hotels and boarding houses in the city.

Dr. Brown explains in brief what the method of treatments are under his direction as given in line with the name as to what Magnetic Masseur Treatment is and how it cures, as follows:

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The various parts of the practice, both old and new, are the organized system we consider to be the natural results of the evolutions of the arts of healing, which has grown up to supply the demand for treatment of cases that have failed to respond to other methods.

Man's power may safely be called magical and measureless. Never until this present 20th century have men understood the meaning of this statement. It is through advancement in the study of relationship between physical and

mental forces of man that the great truth is dawning upon the minds of men and women.

Personal Magnetism is a scientific method of healing that has been practiced as far back as history dates. It is not an experiment but a natural law of healing. So we must turn the hands back on the dial of time and let nature prevail in her liberating of suffering humanity. Men have recognized the existence of this power of force and give it various names. History says this force is "Life." Physicians say it is "Thought" or "Etheric Energy," and philosophy, as represented by Herbert Spencer, says it is "an infinite energy from which all things proceed."

This treatment has been successfully applied for years in this locality. Practice has grown through our wonderful results until this institution is known over Texas and other states.

The first Jewish court of justice in the U. S. is operating in New York. What a swell place to try Hitler!

"We Don't Want to Live In The Past" Former Editor of Times States In An Article on the Old and the New Ranger

Editor's Note: Boyce House was editor of newspapers, at one time or another, in all three of Eastland County's principal cities—Ranger, Eastland and Cisco—during the course of 10 years. He was editor of the Ranger Times in 1929 and 1930 and the first few months of 1931, resigning to join the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He is the author of "Were You In Ranger?" a history of the oil boom, the book going into three editions, and also wrote "It Was Fun While It Lasted," an article on the boom and afterward, in the Saturday Evening Post in the fall of 1937.

By BOYCE HOUSE

Ranger was the scene of the biggest boom the United States has ever known—and though the curtain fell on that boom nearly 20 years ago, Ranger can still make that great rush pay dividends.

The tourist crop is the biggest in the country—even more valuable than the wheat or cotton crops—and tourists like to visit places with a picturesque past. And where can you find a town that crowded more adventure and action, riches and romance into the short span of three years and a half than Ranger did?

The world rang with the fame of Merriam Baptist Church, whose members were offered a million dollars, according to tradition, for a lease on the cemetery and their rejection of the offer was immortalized in Will Ferrell's poem, which declared: "Merriam is not for sale." The world heard, too, of the "Millionaire Gob"—Saffor Perkins, a young farmer who was seiving in the World War when a gusher and then another and another on his land gave him nearly enough money to have bought the battle ship aboard which he was serving at \$30 a month. The fame of the sled used for ferrying passengers across Ranger's muddy Main street spread throughout the land.

Ranger should keep the memory of these colorful incidents alive. There were others equally striking even if not so well known: The three-cornered duel in which three bullets were fired and three men were killed; the daylight holdup of the Oklahoma Cabaret and the gun-battle through the streets; the banker-operator who was offered \$50,000 simply for his photograph, and the city judge who set a precedent by punishing a man for murder in Ranger—inflicting a \$75 fine!

Ranger skyrocketed from a village to a city of some 30,000. Such famous figures as Tex Rickard, Rex Beach, John Ringling, Jess Willard and Jake Hamon played important parts in the drama. And though these notables no longer

figure in the life of Ranger, the city still numbers among its inhabitants several who have that elusive quality which is known as "color." Among them are Jack Rapp, who has shot more oil wells than any other man in history and who set off a 2,000-quart shot of nitroglycerin, the biggest shot ever known; Shorty Woods, who holds the world's record for loading an oil field boiler on a wagon; Fire Chief Murphy; Jim Ingram, a policeman during the boom, who retired recently as police chief, to name a few.

And if you'll lounge around in front of the Gholson Hotel and Swaney's Pharmacy, you can hear some tall tales told by drillers who have spent 30 or 40 years in the industry.

"But we don't want to live in the past", perhaps someone will object. Other towns have capitalized on their history—Natchez, with its memories of steamboating days; Galveston, with its stories of Jean LaFitte; New Orleans, with its history of ante-bellum plantation owners, the battle which Andrew Jackson won in the War of 1812, the race between the Natchez and the Robert E. Lee; and Tombstone, on-time mining center, with its annual "Hellorado Week."

Besides, if tourists are attracted to Ranger, there will be a chance to gain new residents because they will see the advantages and opportunities which Ranger can offer today.

The steel derrick on Main street is an excellent bit of atmosphere. The Chamber of Commerce could well issue a piece of literature that emphasized the tourist appeal of Ranger. Rail and bus lines could be urged to make Ranger's romantic past known to their patrons. A billboard could be placed on each of the highways entering the city, telling the story briefly so that tourists would halt in Ranger—and, incidentally, patronize the cafes, filling stations, hotels and tourist camps.

And the climax of all this effort could be an annual homecoming—a three-day affair with band contest, a parade, addresses by prominent officials, football, a rodeo and perhaps a re-enactment of some of the most exciting scenes of those stirring days. In 1937 and again in 1938, such a homecoming was held; a running start therefore has been made and, after one or two more celebrations—which need not be expensive—these could become an institution that would become nationally famous and would draw many thousands of visitors.

Why do vast numbers of travelers stop each year in Langtry? Because Judge Roy Bean used to hold forth there as "the law west of the Pecos." All there is today are the old frame building which was once the "Jersey Lily Saloon," the postoffice-general store and a few adobe houses.

But the tourists who visit Ranger will be amazed to see, not a "ghost town" of the oil fields but a thriving city of modern schools, fine churches, excellent hotels, beautiful theater, well-stocked stores, a progressive citizenship, a steady payroll yet from oil and gas, farming, poultry, sheep and goats in the surrounding territory, and the hope which experienced oil men declare to be well-grounded that some day another great Ranger oil field will be opened up by the discovery of a deeper pay.

College Activities Hold Interest High

The session of Ranger Junior College which closed this month was marked with an enthusiastic interest in the many activities which the institution affords.

The athletic season was launched by a large group responding to the call of Coaches Berg and Jennings for basketball. The Board of Trustees matched the spirit of the student body and pro-

Has Reputation



Dr. N. A. Brown of Cisco, who, over a period of 22 years of practice in that city, has won a wide reputation in his profession. His sanitarium has become well known throughout this part of the state.

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Unusual Entertainment Features This Year

Strangest of Indian Tales Concerns "The Johnson Boy's" Plight

One of the most unusual Indian stories ever to originate in this part of the country had been unearthed by Mr. Ed T. Cox, Eastland historian, and concerns the experiences of "The Johnson Boy." Although the story starts 50 to 75 miles away from Ranger, its end leads to the southern part of the county and it is unusual enough to find a place in any history of this part of the country.

Mr. Cox's version of the story, secured from several sources, reads as follows:

Kenney in "The Comprehensive History of Texas," states that in 1858 the Comanche Indians raided in Comanche, Palo Pinto, Coryell and Bosque Counties; that in the latter county they came upon a man by the name of Johnson, with his little boy in the wagon, which was loaded with flour and meal. The Indians killed Johnson and took the little boy, only eight years of age, a captive, and made their way out of the settlements with a rich booty of horses and cattle.

When they were about 50 miles out they stripped the boy naked and turned him loose, with a good prospect that he would freeze to death or be devoured by the wolves, but that he found some cows, which had escaped from the Indians, and stayed with them until he made good his escape.

Mrs. Langston, in her "History of Eastland County," perhaps unwittingly completed this story.

"Frank Sanches was out hunting stock and stood and watched numerous droves passing down to the Leon River for water, hoping to find some of his stray two-year-olds. Imagine his surprise as the last yearling was nearing him, and he was about to turn and retrace his steps homeward, to see a small boy's head bobbing up just behind the calf. On the child's approach he found it was a white boy, who had been captured by the Indians. He had escaped and was following the stock, hoping to reach the settlements. Mr. Sanches cared for the little boy and returned him to his people."

The distance from where the Indians captured the boy in the story in Comparative History of Texas and to where Sanches is said to have found him is from 50 to 75 miles. The boy is described similarly in each story. Kenney's story notes the return of the boy to his people, as does that of Mrs. Langston.

The late W. C. McGough gives a different version, but they all agree as to the age and return of the boy to his people, and Kenney and McGough as to the name of the boy. McGough's story is much more intimate, as he was with Johnson and the boy a short time before Johnson was killed, and lived near Moccasin Rock soon after the finding of the boy at that place, as he says, by Hence Roberts. The following is the story of McGough:

Johnson was his name and he had a little boy named Ike. So we all went together to Witt's mill and had our corn and wheat ground into meal and flour, on the Big Elm Fork of the Trinity in Denton County. . . . So we shook hands with Johnson and he said, "Boys, if I had you to travel with through the Duffeau Mountains I would not dread it as I do. The Indians pass that way going down to the settlements and I am always shy of those mountains."

So we separated, he going across the Brazos River near Comanche Peak and crossing the Bosque River near where Iredell is now, not far from the corner of Hamilton, Erath and Bosque Counties, at a place called Johnson's Peak. It took its name after this man. There the Indians ran onto him and Ike and killed Johnson and the oxen and emptied out all of his breadstuff on the ground and burned the wagon and brought Ike with them to the dry prong of Armstrong (creek), three miles east of Desdemona. No settlements in the county west of Dublin. The Indians camped at the hole of water and the next morning stripped him of his clothes and went on and left him with not a rag of clothes and not a bite to eat.

But as the Lord would have it a bunch of cattle came to that hole of water and there was an old, gentle milk cow with a right young calf and one that gave lots of milk and had on a bell. So Ike was familiar with the cows and the cow was familiar with children as Hence Roberts had just turned loose a small herd at Dublin and this bunch had left their range and got away to the head of Armstrong Creek.

This little boy saw this little calf sucking and he tried the old cow and she let him suck any time he wanted to. He stayed with the cow 10 or 15 days before he was found. Hence Roberts missed the bell cow and struck trail and found the cow and Ike with her and Ike told him the best he could where they killed his father.

They went and found the sign of the killing and buried Johnson. This was in

Church of Christ



The beautiful brick Church of Christ building in Ranger is a monument to the determination of a congregation that needed a new building. Having only an old wooden building, in the depths of the depression, the modern brick building, pictured above, was built and paid for as it was constructed. When the new building was dedicated there was no outstanding indebtedness against the building.

St. Rita's Church



St. Rita's Catholic Church of Ranger, which is one of the prettiest Catholic Churches in this part of the country. St. Rita's School, which is run by the church, is in the rear of the church building and annually enrolls a large number of pupils, who stand high in their scholastic attainments.

November 1859. (There is a difference of one year in the dates given by Kenney and McGough, but there is enough in common in the two stories to convince one that the speak of the same occurrence).

TOLEDO PLAN STUDIED

TOLEDO, O.—The city of Houston, Texas, is developing an industrial peace board modeled on the Toledo plan. Edward G. Ruffin, director of the local board, has gone to Texas to assist in the board's formation. Other cities investigating the plan recently include Auburn and Middletown, N. Y.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Muncie, Ind.; Kalamazoo, Mich., and Pekin, Ill.

Headline: Credit Men Hear Editor. Usually the editor has to listen to the credit men.

Clemmer Dairy Has Dairy Herd That Serves The People Of Ranger

One of the best dairy herds in this part of the state, which is inspected regularly, is owned by J. H. Clemmer's Dairy, which supplies much of the milk for the citizens of Ranger.

J. H. Clemmer, Buren Clemmer and Ira L. Clemmer, all experienced dairymen, have operated a dairy in Ranger for the past 16 years. J. H. Clemmer is credited with selling the first milk in Ranger to Frank Champion and E. L. McMillen.

The dairy now milks 49 cows regularly.

It is located two miles south of Ranger, East of the Eastland Highway, where modern dairy barns have been erected. Milk is kept in tubular refrigerators until it is delivered to the customers, two deliveries being made daily.

ANGLER OBSERVES SAFETY FIRST

PHILLIPS, Wis.—When a fish breaks a fisherman's line, that's not news; but when a fisherman cuts his line to let the fish go—well, here it is. Dr. H. B. Noviel, Phillips, after battling a "tackle smasher" for 45 minutes in the Phillips flowage, cut his catch loose, explaining that it was better to have his pole, reel and some line left intact than to have it all wrecked.

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Growth and Decline of Thurber Still Is Unusual in Annals of Ghost Towns In The State as No One Lost Through Its Death

Editor's Note: The following article on the growth and decline of Thurber appeared recently in the Dallas Morning News. It was written by T. A. Price, staff correspondent of the News, after a visit to Thurber.

Thurber, in Erath County, which at the peak of its activities boasted a population of 7,000 to 10,000, never was a city. Despite the fact that it had water-works and a light plant and a fire department and a business center which handled millions of dollars worth of business annually, incorporation never was thought of by its leaders.

With more than 2,000 moles lining its streets in its heyday, Thurber never numbered among its citizens a single home owner. The walls that crumble in solitary grandeur along its business streets today are the monument to no individual. The very few residents left to plod its almost deserted streets own no inch of ground within its limits.

Mere Mining Camp

The mushroom-like growth of Thurber and its subsequent desertion did not entail the financial loss nor the painful memories that usually go with so-called ghost communities. From start to finish it was a mining camp and a mining camp only. It was a monument to coal and its ashes today are nothing more than clinkers dragged as waste from the furnace of business enterprise.

Thurber was a company camp. It came into being when William W. Johnson, H. P. Hilliard and H. E. Johnson discovered a vein of bituminous and opened up a mine to develop fuel for the railroads which in that day—1887—were threading their way through Texas. The developers, under corporate name of Johnson Coal Mining Company, found progress difficult. Those were the days of the Molly Maguires and the Knights Labor and the company found itself in constant strife with its workmen. The coal vein lay on a strata of fire clay and in working out the coal much of the clay went into the fuel reclaimed. It did not fire well and engines went dead on the heavy grades of the old lines. To improve their product the company started to install screens to separate the coal from the slag and clay which made it unfit for use. That brought on a strike by the mine workers which completely closed down the operations.

Coal Company Organized

Then the Texas and Pacific Coal Company was born. Organized under the leadership of Col. R. D. Hunter, New York, this company bought the Erath County mine, strike and all. Screens were installed despite the use of armed force by a camp of striking miners, scales of pay were established and forces sent out over the country to recruit workers who would continue operations. Additional acreage was bought along the plotted course of the coal vein. Miners of every nationality and color began to appear ready for work. The camp boomed.

One of the members of the first directorate of the company was H. K. Thurber of New York. His name was given to the settlement. The Texas and Pacific Coal Company took over in 1889. Mine after mine was opened. The camp grew to a thriving community. Company stores expanded into great mercantile establishments. The railway spur into Thurber from the Texas & Pacific main line saw such traffic that many miles of sidetracks were laid and crews maintained in Thurber at all times.

It was discovered that on the company lands there were vast deposits of clay which was ideal for brick making, that shales recovered incident to mining would make vitrified brick for paving purposes. This led to the establishment of one of the largest brick plants in the state and to a traffic in brick which reached into nearly every city in Texas.

Thurber's Population Increases

Population in Thurber jumped by leaps and bounds. At the peak of production there was listed on the pay rolls of the company more than 2,500 miners and hundreds of brick workers. The Texas & Pacific labor agents were kept busy recruiting men and the population assumed the widest cosmopolitanism. Italians, Mexicans, Chinese, Slavs, Poles, Bohemians, Russians, Germans, and Irish, Scots, English and Welshmen from the British Isles worked side by side. Negroes were recruited from Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

The company built houses as need for them arose. Whole blocks of dwellings were under construction at one time. Material for building changed from lumber to brick. Frame stores and warehouses were torn down to make room for larger brick structures. Water works were built that would do credit to a city. A great dam was thrown up just east of Thurber and a lake impounded on the company property. The whole watershed was fenced off and no cattle permitted to graze on the ground that drained into the lake. Large standpipes were built on two of the hills overlooking the city.

For three decades Thurber continued to writhe in the convulsions of constant growth. It finally achieved every improvement that any place of its size in the state could boast—fine public schools, a private academy, a fire department, an opera house, well-stocked stores of every kind, an electric plant, an ice plant, a machine shop, four principal churches, a golf course on the shores of a second lake in the park-like section south of the city, the distinction of a second class post office. And still Thurber was just a mining camp.

Thurber Ruled by King

How was Thurber governed during all this progress? He probably would vehemently deny today any claim to royal prerogative, but in those days Thurber was ruled by a king. His rule was absolute and the tale of how he gained his distinction is the one romantic story in Thurber's history.

At the start of operations at the original mine a young railroad surveyor appeared to supervise driving the stakes for the spur line to the mine. His name was W. K. Gordon. He was a Virginian. Naturally he met Colonel Hunter and the two formed a strong friendship. When the rail work was done Hunter asked the young surveyor to stay on as the company's mining engineer and Gordon accepted. Then it was not long before he became the general manager of the company's Thurber properties.

His word was law, his sway absolute. He was Mayer of Thurber and its postmaster, its magistrate and its landlord. This was a company town and, in so far as Thurber was concerned, Gordon was the company. The more than 70,000 acres of company property was Gordon's empire.

Colonel Hunter died and his son-in-law, Edgar L. Marston, became head of

Ranger Masonic Lodge Is Now 47 Years Old

The Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M., is one of the oldest lodges in this part of the state, being organized in 1892. In March of this year its 47th anniversary was observed. The lodge building, at the corner of Elm and South Rusk, is one of the most beautiful buildings in Ranger.

the company. Gordon continued to run Thurber and produce coal and brick.

Then one day a diamond drill that was used to explore for coal opened up a gas pocket. Oil and gas already had been discovered in Texas and Gordon looked into the future. He began to lease land for the company over a wide belt from Desdemona to Throckmorton, where his geological studies of the terrain had convinced him oil could be found. The company, operating under the leadership of a man in New York, naturally sought assurance that Gordon was right, so an eminent geologist was hired at \$100 a day and his expenses to come out to Texas and make a survey. This scientist turned thumbs down on this section of Texas as oil territory, and Gordon was summoned to New York.

Buys More Leases

At New York Gordon convinced the directorate of the company and its officers he knew more about Texas than the expert, and he came back to Thurber to buy more leases. Soon he had nearly 300,000 acres and a contract to drill at Ranger. He started two wells and both were producers. That opened the Ranger field. It was a field day for Gordon but a sad day for Thurber.

Oil displaced coal. The mines closed. Thurber had a spurt of new growth, as oilmen came in and \$250,000 was spent on New York Hill, overlooking the town, to build houses for the office workers who were to handle the new interests. There was a heyday of trade and prosperity, even though the long rows of houses formerly occupied by the miners stood empty along deserted streets.

None of the houses fell to ruins. One by one, they were sold to farmers and city dwellers of West Texas. The town did not die. It moved away. Smaller houses were moved whole. The larger structures were moved in sections. Only the store buildings and major company structures and the homes on New York Hill were left.

Then the final blow. Its great oil interests demanded that the Texas Pacific company move to a more central headquarters, and Fort Worth was chosen. This move was made in 1933. The last fine bungalows on New York Hill were emptied. Engines in the power house and ice plant whined to a stop. All the Thurber land was leased to a rancher.

Today Thurber has one going business, a filling station and cafe run in the back end of one of the company buildings by Billie Boyd, old-timer who refused to move. Company property is under charge of Bates Cox, once sheriff of Erath County and the youngest Sheriff in Texas. He has the official title of adjuter for the company and will liquidate what is left of the kingdom.

Rangerite's Memoirs Include Early Struggle For a Living in County

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

Margaret T. Duvall, who is now 90 years old, is still living on the tract of land they bought when they came to Eastland County. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall came from Hurd County, Georgia, and arrived at the Gorman settlement on Christmas Eve, 1873.

After Christmas day the few men who were already at the settlement helped Mr. Duvall to build what was known as a sway back log cabin, which was their home for many years.

She recalled that during the spring of 1874 Mr. Duvall had taken the plow into the garden to turn under the vegetables to halt the grasshoppers, when suddenly the horde changed their course and went south so that precious garden was spared.

At this time the pioneers had to haul their water from Mansker Lake. The lake was then full of every specie of fish. July 4, 1874 a picnic and fish fry was held there. All the people of Eastland County and surrounding counties came to the merry making. The sport of the day was the running of a hare race by the men.

During the summer of 1874 after the early crops had been laid by, the men cut logs and made boards to build a school house for their children. The building was also used for church services and the young people held "singing school" there.

For a few years the settlers had to go to Stephenville for their mail and supplies, but about 1876 Judge Scott, who now resides in Cisco, put in a few groceries and a post office, which was located on the hill east of Mansker Lake.

Prior to 1872 the settlers had to go to Stephenville when they needed a doctor. Dr. Thaddeus Williams May was the only doctor in the vicinity. C. E. May of Ranger, is one of his sons.

March 10, 1872 Dr. Jackson Evans located at the present site of Eastland. These two doctors, May and Evans, covered as much territory as the old Methodist circuit riders. Doctors and circuit riders were men of the highest courage, undaunted by Indians, facing with calm determination, heat and cold and long night rides. These doctors loved their trusty, sure-footed horses and their guns. Medical supplies and a few instruments were carried in a saddle bag.

Mrs. Duvall recalls that Sept. 21, 1874 the grasshoppers came over in such numbers that it seemed like a cloud was over the sun. About the middle of June, 1875, a freak of nature took place. A heavy freeze came with a north wind killing even corn which was then waist high.

But to these hardy souls these trials were a part of the many vicissitudes of life. The pioneers were contented and happy, enjoying to the full any pleasure that came their way.

At this time Eastland County was a paradise for hunters. Cougar, bear, deer and turkeys were abundant, also smaller game. Wild berries and grapes were plentiful, and there were also "bee trees" full of honey, so drought, hail or grasshoppers could not entirely wipe out their food supply.

National Guard Unit Ranks High In State

Company I, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, of Ranger, which was organized April 13, 1928, has one of the highest rankings in the State of Texas.

Just recently an inspection of the company, including oral examination of the company members, by high-ranking army officers, drew unusual praise for the men, their equipment and the armory.

In June of this year an inspection of equipment proved so exceptional that the inspecting officers voluntarily prompted an interview in which they gave the armory a high ranking.

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Ancient Archives of Mier Tell Of Death of William M. Eastland, For Whom Eastland County Got Its Name

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

It was indeed an honor, when the newly surveyed county was named Eastland in 1858.

Captain William M. Eastland was a hero before the battle of Mier, Mexico D. F., for he had fought through the battle of San Jacinto. The following is a roster of his company during the battle of San Jacinto, Company F: Wm. J. E. Heard, captain; William M. Eastland, first lieutenant; Eli Mercer, first sergeant; Alfred Kelso, first corporal; Elijah Mercer, second corporal. Captain Eastland's home town was Quina Zapala, Fayette County, Texas.

The invasion of Mier was the outcome of the various Mexican invasions of Texas soil. March 3, 1842 a small company of Mexicans occupied Goliad and two days later General Vasquez with a force of 500 men came upon San Antonio suddenly, and it being unarmed, he took the city, remaining in possession two days. The Mexicans also occupied Refugio. This affray in after years was classed as a raid. Again Sept. 11, 1842, the Mexicans about 1400 strong crept up on San Antonio while court was in session. The small body of Texans fought bravely, but Judge Anderson Hutchinson and all of the attorneys and about 50 others were made prisoners. Again a volunteer army recaptured the city.

When the Mexican General Woll retreated across the Rio Grande he took his prisoners with him. Houston sent out a call for volunteers, about 1400 responded and were waiting for Somervell when he arrived at San Antonio. When this army reached Laredo 200 of the men decided to turn back, saying that they were too poorly equipped to compete successfully with the Mexicans. A few having turned back before this, Somervell now had only 750 men. He crossed into Mexico but decided it was fool-hardy to continue and he returned to the Texas side, then ordered the men to disband and return home. Six companies and their captains refused to obey the order. Among the captains was William Eastland.

They elected Colonel Fisher to take command, and Christmas night 1842, they attacked the town of Mier, but the odds were too great. General Ampudia had 1400 soldiers and reinforcements came up. The Texans fought valiantly for 19 hours, killing and wounding three times their number. There were only 304 of these brave men in this attack.

About 18 years ago the order of capitulation and Fisher's reply were still in the Mexican archives of Mier. The order of capitulation read:

"Camp of Army of the North.

"First Division.

"Vis: [unclear] to the conference I had with Col. W. S. Fisher I have decided to grant:

"First that all who will give up their arms will be treated with the consideration which is in accordance with the magnanimous Mexican nation.

"Second, that conformable to the petition, which said general has made to me, all persons belonging to the Santa Fe Expedition will receive the same treatment guaranteed to the rest.

"Third, all who desire to avail themselves of these terms will enter the square, and then deliver up their arms.

"Pedro Ampudia."

The note from Col. Fisher to General Ampudia read:

"Sir: The forces which through the chance of war I now surrender to you are composed of the most valiant and intelligent citizens of Texas. They have contended manfully against your superior forces, and have yielded only when it was deemed folly to contend longer. Your well established character as a brave and magnanimous officer is a certain guarantee to me that they will be treated as brave men deserve to be.

"I have the honor to be most respectfully,

"W. S. Fisher, Commanding."

Despite all the trust placed in the Mexican General Ampudia, he was not

disposed to do anything toward having the Texans released. Upon arriving at Matamoros an order was received from Santa Anna to march all the prisoners overland to Mexico City.

From Matamoros they were taken to Monterrey and from there to Salado. Here the fateful order was received from Santa Anna. It read, that every tenth man was to be shot. The decimation took place by the drawing of black and white beans from a small earthen mug. The white ones signified exemption and the black ones death. One hundred and fifty-one white beans were placed in the bottom of the mug and the seventeen black ones on the top of them. The beans were not stirred.

Men who survived after these harrowing days told stories of how the Texans jested over the drawing of the beans, calling it a raffle. One remarked, "This is the tallest gambling game I was ever in." But there was really not the chance in it that they thought, for the officers were commanded to draw first.

Captain Cameron and Colonel William F. Wilson were chained together. According to Green's Journal, Cameron said, "Well boys, we have to draw, so let's be at it." He thrust his hand deep into the mug and drew out a white bean. Col. Wilson drew next, then Captain Ryan and Judge Gibson. All of these drew white beans. The next to draw was Captain William M. Eastland, who drew the first black bean. It has been said that his face remained impassive, then one by one these brave souls drew the beans that sealed their fate.

Tales of this tragedy have been told and retold to the children of Texas pioneers. They should include this one by A. E. Avery of Ranger. He says that "Cameron rolled the white bean in the palm of his hand and said, 'Do any of you boys want to trade a black bean for this white one?'—but they were cashed and no one spoke. Then Eastland lit his pipe, smiled a slow smile and sat down on a big log. Cameron and Wilson sat down by him.

Captain Cameron said, "I would rather die than be thrown in one of their terrible prisons." The pioneer tale says that Cameron and Wilson were ordered to get up and stand aside and that Captain Eastland was blindfolded and shot while he still sat on the log.

This is the list of the men who met death March 25, 1843: L. L. Cash, Victoria County; James D. Cook, Harris County; Robert Dunham, Montgomery County; Captain William M. Eastland, Fayette County; Edward Este, Harris County; Robert Harris, Travis County; Thomas L. Jones, Travis County; Patrick H. [unclear], Victoria County; James Ogden, Travis County; Charles Roberts,

J. H. Wheat of Ranger Was a Cowboy Back In Trail Driving Days

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

J. H. Wheat of Ranger is truly a son of the old West. His mother and father, Sam and Rebecca Box Wheat came to Texas from Alabama in 1846, settling in the Red River country near Clarke-

Milan County; William Rowan, State of Tennessee; J. L. Shepherd, Bastrop County; J. H. N. Thompson, Milan County; James Torrey, Harris County; James H. Phillips, Harris County; Henry Whaling, Victoria County; W. C. Wing, Travis County.

Mexico did not regard the battle of Mier as of much consequence so the only mention of it is in the archives at Mier. It briefly mentions that such a battle took place and that Mexico was victorious, and gives the list above.

After the execution of the prisoners, the rest of the men were again on the overland march to Mexico City to be imprisoned in the Castle of Perote, 160 miles east of the city.

February 11, 1843, at a point about 100 miles from Saltillo, they overcame their guards and escaped. They were traveling on a road and met an Englishman who begged them not to undertake going into the mountain fastness, but they did not trust him and soon became lost. Going days without water or food a large number of them died, and the rest traveling in a circle, finally came back to where they saw a camp and, irony of ironies, it was the Mexican's camp. They were promptly made prisoners again.

Santa Anna seemed to have had a personal animosity for Captain Cameron, and though he drew a white bean, Santa Anna ordered that he should be shot. Ewen Cameron met death about ten miles from Salado.

Time after time a few of these men escaped and the rest were finally given their liberty in September, 1844, during the celebration of Mexico's independence.

Mier is a quaint little town built on a limestone hill. It is next in age to Camargo and is typically Mexican. All that is left of the old Mexican garrison is an archway, as the forces of Pancho Villa destroyed the rest about 1913.

A few years ago the old Catholic church where the Texans were allowed to place their wounded was still standing. It was called "Our Lady of Immaculate Conception." It was built in 1720. At the time I speak of General Ampudia's old headquarters were used for housing the town's light plant.

Long years ago the bodies of the heroes who drew the black beans were brought back to Texas and re-interred at Monument Hill, La Grange. At that time they were accorded the military honors due to them.

ville. His father was well known as an expert Indian trailer. Mr. Wheat relates that once when his father's party were trailing Indians after a Red River country raid, that the men had nothing to eat for seven days except the nibs of corn dropped by the Comanches.

Mr. Wheat was born in Titus County, Feb. 27, 1865, and when he was about nine years old his family moved to Grayson County, from there to Sipe Springs nine miles west of Rising Star. Again in 1880, they sought greener pastures, settling at Kicapoo on the Hood-Parker county line. During the year 1884 Mr. Wheat came to Ranger, finally settling at Mansker Lake, where he married Miss Temperance Jane Granger who also lived near Mansker Lake. The newly married couple went to Hamilton, where they lived for seven years, then returned to Mansker Lake, living there for 37 years.

During the first eventful years of the cattle industry, he signed up with the Taylor Syndicate Co. Tom Anders was range foreman in Texas and Tom Hunt was trail boss. Mr. Wheat helped drive cattle to Colorado, Oklahoma and Montana, but missed the drive to New Mexico.

During these drives 22,000 head of stock were moved.

The most exciting and eventful drive was on the old Fort Dodge Trail that branched at Amarillo, for the Cherokee Territory pasture lands. This drive started in 1885, the cattle being rounded up between Weatherford and Fort Worth. The first tragedy happened near Amarillo, just west of Breakview, ranch home of H. H. Brookes, editor of the Amarillo Live Stock Champion. The trail herd ahead of Hunt's had stopped to water at Amarillo creek and a young cowboy named Williams was helping to throw the herd back on the trail, when his cowpony broke his leg in a prairie dog-hole, falling on Williams who died in a short while. This halt allowed the herd that Mr. Wheat was with to catch up with the first herd. All of the cow hands went to Amarillo creek and brought back a huge sand stone large enough to cover the grave, using their knives they patiently carved this on the rock:

WILLIAMS COWBOY

BORN 1860

DIED 1885

HORSE FELL ON HIM

I have been to this grave many times, but never thought I would meet one who helped to bury this boy so far away from home. Mr. Wheat relates that he was slapping his horse with his hat and singing "Bury me not on the lone prairie" when the horse fell.

The next trouble came when the herd reached the Canadian River. The trail herd ahead had lost 100 cattle in crossing, but Tom Hunt's outfit was a bit luckier and lost only 21 that bogged in the quicksand.

When they got to the Cherokee country, the Creeks and Cherokees demanded tribute to let the herd pass on through their hunting grounds. They asked for a papoose calf (a yearling). The cowboys said "No." More and more Indians came galloping up until there were 85 of them. Then the chief demanded three whoa beeves (three year old steers). Again the answer was "no", but what could six cowboys do against 85 Indians. The braves simply rode in and cut out the fat beeves they wanted, shot them with buffalo guns, then cut them up with their tomahawks, and threw the meat over their horses. Before leaving they stripped the entrails and ate them raw then set off on a dead run to the Northwest.

This herd was on the trail for six weeks. The trail brand was N Bar N and upon delivery at Coldwater, Oklahoma the brand was changed to N Cross N. Six hands handled this herd of 3,185 head. These longhorns were very wild, nothing like the cattle we have today. Herds were often bled for the night close to my father's ranch and if a lightning storm came up we could hear the cowboys singing to the cattle. Many times they broke out an entire side of our fence.

Bill Fisher ran the chuck wagon on this drive and Jim Sims was horse wrangler. Lee Reed who recently died at Eastland went on one of the drives.

Mr. Wheat says that these men were the most fearless, happy-go-lucky men he ever knew.

Calvary Baptist Church



When the Central Baptist Church of Ranger was disbanded the Calvary Baptist Church was organized and purchased the building formerly occupied by Central Baptist. Since that time it has grown steadily in membership. During the oil boom days the building was constructed for a hotel, but was later remodeled into a church.

Spanish Mission Nearest to Ranger Was Built at Site of Menard in 1757

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

May 4, 1757 the Catholic Mission San Saba de Santa Cruz was finished. It stood on the present townsite of Menard, Texas. This was the mission closest to Ranger. Pedro Romero Terreros, a wealthy miner of New Spain (Old Mexico), bound himself, his wife and heirs to build and pay all the expenses of the mission for a period of three years. His nephew, Fray Giraldo Terreros was in charge of the work. The Apaches had asked that a mission be built for them. Colonel Parrillo was in charge of the presidio and within the fort were 100 Spanish soldiers.

Now that the mission was in readiness the priests watched in vain for the Apaches to come. Small bands would tarry awhile and then drift south. About the middle of May Fray Benito Carela, formerly of San Antonio, who spoke their language, was sent out to find them, but they were not at their hunting grounds near San Marcos. A lone squaw told him that the Apaches had been attacked by the Tejas and forced to flee. During June the hopes of the padres revived for 3,000 Apaches unexpectedly camped near the mission. With great joy the padres went out to greet them, bearing gifts of corn, sugar cane and tobacco. The Indians seemed sullen and they told the holy fathers that they had not come to enter the mission but were on a buffalo hunt. They said that they wanted to be Christians, but Colonel Ortiz Parrillo, who was in charge of the garrison, said that they lied, that they only come to ask the soldiers to go on the buffalo hunt with them, thinking, if they met the Comanches, they would have the help of the Spanish soldiers.

Parrillo begged the priests to give up the mission. Three fathers, Valera, Banos and Jimenez, returned to other missions, but Fray Alonso Giraldo de Terreros, Fray Santiesteban and Fray

Santisima Trinidad, remained at their beloved mission San Saba.

Winter dragged by and no Indians attacked them, but early in the spring the Comanches heard a rumor that the Apaches were on the lookout for them, so they came by the mission March 2, 1758. This time they raided the horse herd and stole 62. Colonel Parrillo again asked the padres to leave and come to the fort but as the mission had two cannons, a strong stockade and a guard of five soldiers, nine Christian Tlascaltecas Indians, also the three priests, they thought that they would be able to defend themselves.

March 16, 1758 as early morning mass was being said, a cry rent the air, "Indians, Indians are coming." The stockade gates were swung shut and the bar thrown down, and warning sent to all in the stockade. Padre Santieste-

ban calmly took off his vestments and knelt at the foot of the cross in fervent prayer.

The Comanches finding the mission ready to defend itself, did not attack, but adapted a friendly attitude. In the vanguard they placed Tejas, Bidias and Tonkawas. Ascensio Cadena, corporal of the guard, had known these Indians before and always found them to be friendly toward the Spanish people, so he decided that they were on a friendly visit to the mission. However the Indians soon broke in the stockade gate. Their faces were painted black and crimson, and hanging down from their unruly hair were the tails of all sorts of wild animals. The chiefs took the tobacco that the padres offered them and smiled ironically. The friendly Indians exchanged greetings with the soldiers, but the rest were soon pillaging the store rooms and the soldier's quarters.

After taking all the horses, they asked for more. The priests, thinking to get rid of them told them that there were more horses at the garrison. The Comanche vaulted to their horses' backs

and the rest of them followed, but in a few minutes a Tejas chief returned and said that the garrison had fired on them. (This proved to be a lie.)

Father Alonso Giraldo Terreros, who had loved the Apaches in Coahuila and had so longed for them to come to San Saba that he mounted a horse to go to the garrison with them, but as soon as he was out of the stockade these Indians shot him. This was the signal for the general massacre, the orgy of blood and fire that was to follow. The Indians danced and sang as they disrobed Fray Alonso's body, doing likewise to the body of Fray Santiesteban. They desecrated the bodies, then cut off Fray Santiesteban's head and played ball with it till they wearied of their cruel sport. Fray Santiesteban was killed as he kneeled at the altar.

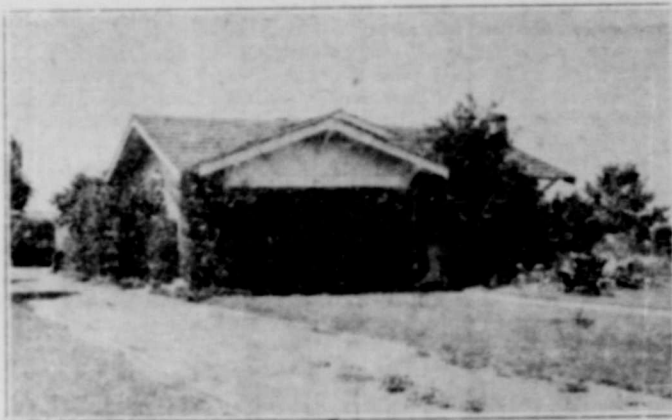
The soldiers tried to reach the mission but to no avail. After several soldiers were killed they retreated inside of the fort. It was estimated that 2,000 Indians took part in this terrible raid. The Indians set fire to all the buildings in the stockade, then set a watch thinking that all who were left inside would be burned alive, but the eight that survived kept dashing from place to place. By night the main part of the chapel was not on fire and the survivors ran into it. The Indians feeling sure they would be trapped by the smoke, rode away. These eight men finally made their way to the fort. One padre escaped. His name was Molina.

The Presidio was about three miles from the mission. As soon as the soldiers dared, on March 18, they went to all that was left of Mission San Saba and buried the dead.

The Comanches were so angered because they did not find the Apaches in or near the mission that they laid waste the country side for many miles. In 1783 a Spanish general, Anza, avenged this deed by tricking and killing thirty Comanche chiefs.

The facts for this historical article were made possible through the courtesy of Father S. E. Byrne of St. Rita's Catholic Church of Ranger, Texas.

Home of Joe Harness



Another of the attractive homes on Strawn Road is that of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Harness, pictured above. The spacious grounds around the home have been beautifully landscaped.



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Reason For Cruelty of The Penatekas Or Southern Comanches, Is Revealed In Article By Ranger Woman's Research

By ETHEL BROOKES GILMORE

As a child I was always fascinated by the tales of the cruelty of the Comanche Indians; as I grew older I began to wonder, why they hated the early settlers so bitterly. I have found many causes, but will only describe the very first causes in this article.

From the memoirs of the Indian Chief Black Hawk, which were written 106 years ago, I find that the Sac Indians and the Comanches were descendants of the same tribe, originally of Canada. These tribes never forgot this and were in constant communication.

The Comanches' real name was Naini, but the Spaniards called the tribe Comanche. In 1783 they were brought into nominal submission by the Spanish General, Anza, who invaded their hunting ground and by trickery made friends with them and afterward killed thirty of their chiefs. The Comanches occupied the regions between the upper waters of the Brazos and the Colorado on the one hand and the Arkansas and Missouri on the other.

In 1804 a Sac Indian killed a white settler in Missouri and was imprisoned in St. Louis. Black Hawk was away from his village on a hunting trip, so an under chief, Quashquame and three braves were sent to St. Louis to talk with the "American Father" and see if they could arrange for the release of their brother.

When Black Hawk returned from his hunting trip he was told that his tribe no longer owned the land on which their village stood and must move. This village was on Rock river a short distance from Rock Island, Ill. He called Quashquame before the council lodge, to account for himself. These are his words: "On our arrival at St. Louis we met our 'American Father' and explained to him our business, urging the release of our friend. The American chief told us he wanted land. We agreed to give him some on the west side of the Mississippi, likewise more on the Illinois side opposite Jefferson. When the business was all arranged we expected to have our brother released to come home with us. About the time we were ready to start our brother was let out of the prison. He started and ran a short distance when he was shot dead."

Black Hawk then found out that Quashquame and the braves had been drunk the whole time they were in St. Louis. Poor Black Hawk says, "This was all myself and my nation knew of the treaty of 1804." This was the cause of the Black Hawk Indian War.

All of this news was sent by runners to the Comanche Indians of Texas and added cause to their hatred of the white people.

There were two tribes of Comanches, the Kwahadi made his home on the Llano Estacado and the Penatekas (Southern Comanches) made their home in this part of the state, and still farther south one of their ancient strongholds was at the present site of San Antonio.

The Comanches were a migratory tribe, never staying long in any given location. By 1714 the tribe was well supplied with horses, and transported their few belongings by means of a travois, pulled by a horse.

Tiffin canyon near Ranger was one of the Comanche hideouts. They would come up out of this wild canyon and finally descend upon the early pioneers of the Panhandle, stealing horses all along the way. They killed a number of the first settlement in Eastland County. The name of this settlement was Mansker Lake. These Comanches also killed several of the pioneer settlers at old Fort Blair. The remains of one of their silver and lead mines can be seen at Moss Curve, three miles from Ranger.

The religious belief of the Comanches was similar to that of all the North American Indians, namely, they believed in Good and Bad Gods (in the Indian language Manitou). Their Bad God lived in the Western Sky, and the Good God dwelt in the Happy Hunting Ground in the Eastern skies. Comanches also worshiped the sun, moon and

mother earth, calling themselves Children of the Sun and often speaking of their Mother the Earth. The rustle of the leaves, the whisper of the tall grasses, and the rolling thunder all revealed to them the spirits of another world.

As the Comanches of this section were always migrating they had no set form of temple worship. Every brave was in a measure, his own medicine man, he always wore a medicine bag which was in a measure his own medicine man, spirit world. These Indians scalped an enemy alive, if their hatred was greatly aroused, this was to keep him from going to the Happy Hunting Ground. They figured that the hair on one's head was nearest to the sun, and a direct product of the sun, consequently if an enemy lost his scalp he could not go where the sun was a deity, thus his life was forever ended. These Indians never attempted to recover the body of a warrior if he had been scalped alive, but would brave much to secure the body of one scalped after death, for they thought that his soul was already on the way to the Happy Hunting Ground. Little seems to be known of their marriage customs before they secured horses, but after they had horses they traded ponies for their wives.

The Comanches considered the white bison as sacred, it was even more sacred to them than the white elephant is to the Siamese or Burmese. They valued the hide of this creature so highly, that a brave would trade several of his best ponies to a white man for the hide of one, but once he was in possession of one, he would not give it up for any consideration.

Long before these Indians had guns and horses, they killed bison by driving them into a pen or by crowding them over the brink of high embankments. The ordinary bison was the Comanches source of livelihood. It provided him with food, clothing and with hides used for making shelter. If a white bison was found among the bison thus slaughtered, neither the meat nor the hides were touched, but the white bison was skinned and the hide preserved as a religious article. Among the Teton Sioux, according to legend, the white bison was believed to have taken the form of a beautiful supernatural woman. Seed corn was also sacred to them.

This tribe had a system of forecasting the weather for the coming year. They claimed that the first 12 days of the first month of the year would govern the weather of the months to follow. As they counted time by moons, this was simple as their calendar had 12 months or moons. They also drew an imaginary circle around the moon, and the number of stars in this circle represented the number of days before a rainfall.

They were not lacking in the art of caring for the sick. The following is a list of their remedies:

Liver medicine, balomonia tea made from the leaves.

Jaundice, rusty iron soaked in vinegar, also ox gall.

Election Results From Early State Elections

The following records, compiled by a reader of the Ranger Times, give some interesting figures on the elections held in the state of Texas from 1845, when Texas became a state, until the election of C. A. Culberson as governor in 1896:

First State Election, 1845
For governor—
J. P. Henderson 7,853
J. B. Miller 1,673

Second State Election, 1847
For governor—
Geo. T. Wood 7,154
J. B. Miller 5,106
N. H. Darnell 1,276
J. J. Robinson 379
Scattering 852

Third State Election, 1849
For governor—
J. H. Bell 10,319
Geo. T. Wood 8,764
John T. Mills 2,632

Fourth State Election, 1851
For governor—
J. H. Bell 13,598
M. T. Johnson 5,262
John A. Green 4,061
B. H. Epperson 2,971
T. J. Chambers 2,320
Scattering 100

Fifth State Election, 1853
For governor—
E. M. Pease 13,091
W. B. Ochiltree 9,178
Geo. T. Wood 5,983
L. D. Evans 4,677
T. J. Chambers 2,449
John Dancy 315

Sixth State Election, 1855
For governor—
E. M. Pease 26,336
D. C. Dickson 18,968
M. T. Johnson 809
Geo. T. Wood 226

Burns, powdered charcoal.
Diarrhoea, red root chewed thoroughly.

Colic, wild marigold blossoms boiled down, two to a cup of water.

Stiff joints, earth worms boiled in a little water, then the oil strained off and used to rub the stiff joints.

Pneumonia, cover the patient with hot red clay mud and roll in a buffalo hide or blanket.

Incurable eating sores, make a red clay ring around the sore to protect the firm flesh and apply hot lard. They obtained the lard from the wild razorback hogs.

Author's Note: I wish to thank my kind Indian friend who has so patiently told me all these facts during the past two years, for without her help I could not have garnered all this information concerning the Comanches. She was reared near Brownwood and is now 50 years old. She, true to the secrecy of her Indian forefathers, asks me not to publish her name, but said she wanted the younger generation to know, that the Comanches were more civilized than most people thought and that they were driven to their cruelty by the first law of nature, which is self-preservation.

North Marston Street Home



Above is the beautiful home of Mrs. Nannie Walker, on North Marston Street, which has recently been moved closer into town and remodeled.

Seventh State Election, 1857
For governor—
H. R. Runnels 32,552
Sam Houston 28,628

Eighth State Election, 1859
For governor—
Sam Houston 36,227
H. R. Runnels 27,500
Scattering 61

Ninth State Election, 1861
For governor—
F. R. Lubbock 21,854
Edward Clark 21,730
T. J. Chambers 13,759

Tenth State Election, 1863
For governor—
Pendleton Murrah 17,511
T. J. Chambers 12,455
Scattering 1,070

11th State Election, 1866
For governor—
J. W. Throckmorton 49,277
E. M. Pease 12,168

12th State Election, 1869
For governor—
E. J. Davis 39,901
A. J. Hamilton 39,092

13th State Election, 1873
For governor—
Richard Coke 85,549
E. J. Davis 42,633

14th State Election, 1876
For governor—
Richard Coke 150,581
Wm. Chambers 47,719

15th State Election, 1878
For governor—
O. M. Roberts 158,933
W. H. Hamman 53,602
O. B. Norton 23,402
Scattering 99

16th State Election, 1880
For Governor—
O. M. Roberts 166,101
E. J. Davis 64,382
W. H. Hamman 35,721

17th State Election, 1882
For governor—
John Ireland 150,809
George W. Jones 102,501
J. B. Robertson 334

18th State Election, 1884
For governor—
John Ireland 212,234
George W. Jones 88,450
A. B. Norton 25,557

19th State Election, 1886
For governor—
L. S. Ross 228,776
A. M. Cochran 65,236
E. L. Dohoney 19,186
Scattering 102

20th State Election, 1888
For governor—
L. S. Ross 250,338
Marion Martin 98,447

21st State Election, 1890
For governor—
J. S. Hogg 262,432
W. Flanagan 77,742
E. C. Heath 2,235

22nd State Election, 1892
For governor—
J. S. Hogg 190,486
George Clark 133,395
T. L. Nugent 108,483
A. J. Houston 1,322
D. M. Pendergast 1,605
Scattering 176

23rd State Election, 1894
For governor—
C. A. Culberson 207,167
W. K. Makemson 54,529
J. B. Schmitz 5,520
T. L. Nugent 152,731
J. M. Dunn 2,196
Scattering 1,076

24th State Election, 1896
For governor—
C. A. Culberson 298,528
Clark 1,876
J. C. Kearby 238,692
Scattering 495

Ranger Has Been In West Texas Chamber Commerce Each Year

Ranger has always co-operated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and has been affiliated with the regional organization since its organization. Each year the city has raised its quota of memberships and has elected some outstanding man as a director from Ranger.

In 1928 Ranger was host to the annual convention and the convention is still remembered by many of those who attended.

Ranger Police Have Established Record Eliminating Crimes

The fact that there has not been a major crime committed in Ranger for several years without an arrest being made is an indication of the thoroughness of the police department.

Headed by Chief of Police Guy Pledger, who recently succeeded Jim Ingram, retired, the department has established a record that perhaps cannot be equalled in any other town in the state.

In many instances during the past few years the officers, assisted by Constable John Barnes, have unearthed theft and burglary rings operating in this section of the county and have brought the culprits to justice, often obtaining all the loot taken in the robberies.

Not only does the department keep

down crime efficiently, but they have been instrumental in helping other officers in capturing criminals. A few years ago a youth wanted for murder in Missouri was captured within a few minutes after he landed in Ranger, due to the alertness of the officers. Shortly thereafter an organized ring of box car thieves, operating out of Fort Worth, was broken up and eight men sentenced to the penitentiary due to the cooperation of the night patrolmen, who chased two of the thieves over 100 miles, later aiding in their capture.

Ranger probably has fewer unsolved crimes, from petty thefts up, than any city in West Texas.

FIREMAN DOUBLY CHAGRINED

PASADENA, Cal.—It was Fireman Edward J. Dunn's bad luck to be having his day off which caused him to miss the thrill of responding to the one and only fire alarm from his own home. Neighbors had sent in the alarm because of smoke pouring from the house. Dunn's firemen colleagues found an overdone roast in the gas oven.

Roy Payne Home, Strawn Road



In its setting of shrubbery and flowers, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payne, pictured above, is one of the most attractive in the Strawn Road section of Ranger.

Home of Dr. C. L. Jackson



When Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Jackson moved to Ranger recently, they purchased the beautiful brick home in Hodges Oak Park addition, pictured above. The home formerly belonged to R. S. Balch.

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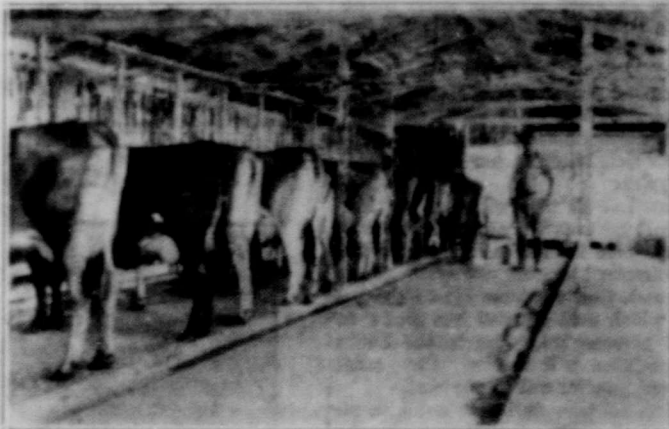
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OUR HATS OFF TO THE RANGER TIMES ON THEIR 20TH BIRTHDAY



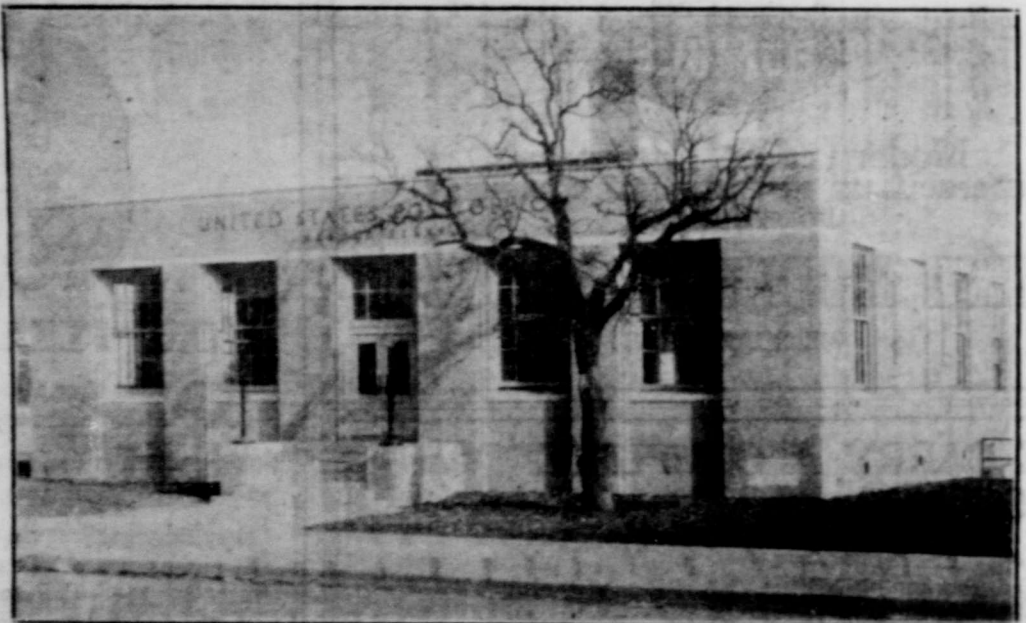
We too, have been a part of the industrial life of Ranger for many years and are proud of the fact that we started with two cows and by honest effort and close application developed one of the most modern and up-to-date dairy plants in this part of West Texas. Of course we want to say that our friends and customers have stayed with us all these years and are really responsible for any success that we might call ours.

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Above is shown the new and modern post office building, located at the corner of Walnut and Austin Streets, Ranger, which is one of the best equipped in this part of the country.



Do You Know...

Wards was one of America's first retailers to offer full family size, first quality electrical refrigerators at prices that most families can afford!

Do You Know...

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Do You Know...

Wards sends out about 54,000,000 packages yearly to customers!

Do You Know...

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Do You Know...

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Do You Know...

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Do You Know...

Wards budget plan allows you to order as little as \$10 worth of merchandise on monthly payments!

Do You Know...

Wards uses \$250,000 worth of wrapping paper annually, and 850,000 pounds of twine and rope!

Do You Know...

Wards were the first to use sisal pads as insulators in innerspring mattresses!

Do You Know...

the test miles run in a single year on Wards Riverside Tires equal 21 times around the world!

Good Market for Large Volume of Products Found In This Area, With Ranger at Center

Ranger started her diversification work over 20 years ago when the oil boom was going. At that time everyone was interested in oil and dollars. The farmer received a good price for the oil lease on his land and left the farm and moved to the city where he spent his money freely and soon came back to the farm without any money.

By that time, the boom days were over and the country was without farmers. For the last ten years, there has been a back-to-the-farm movement around Ranger and the old cotton farming that was the leading crop has just about passed out and the dairy cows, hogs, and chickens have become the leading crops.

The city of Ranger with its 6,000 people offers a good market for dairy, truck and poultry products. The poultry prices have always been high and large flocks were established. Ranger's climate is particularly adapted to poultry raising. The sandy soil and gravel hillsides make perfect locations for chicken ranches. The poultry industry is one of the leading industries in Ranger. The market is good all the year around with a premium of several cents per dozen over the average Texas city. The climate of Ranger is the best in Texas for poultry raising. Ranger has a 30,000-egg hatchery that hatches and sells many baby chicks each year. The market consumes large numbers of broilers, fryers and hens.

Truck farming around Ranger is carried on in a small way. There are a number of shallow wells of water that are used for irrigation. Large quantities of berries are raised here. The orchards are planted to peaches, apples,

pears and apricots. Every farm around Ranger has an orchard that produces all the farmer wants and then some to sell.

Grain sorghums are grown as the chief feed crop. Corn is grown but not as extensively as it used to be. Hegira is grown almost exclusively of other grain sorghums.

Sudan is the chief pasture crop and every farmer has at least five acres along with his permanent pasture. Alfalfa and sweet clover are grown on scattered farms. There is an abundance of winter pasture in the form of small grain crops and the native pasture is good the year around.

The cotton industry around Ranger reached the highest production just before the oil boom when the gins at Ranger ginned eight to fifteen thousand bales. Now, cotton is a minor crop and the majority of the farmers plant 15 to 20 acres of cotton. Cotton can be grown here as well as in the leading cotton regions of the state but the farmers have found that it does not pay to grow one crop. Ranger has a modern gin to handle the cotton.

Goats and Herefords

Goats have been placed on a number of the farms around Ranger and they are paying good dividends. Eastland county has a government trapper who is trapping wolves and making the county safe for goats, sheep, and poultry. The ranchmen are clearing good profits from each goat annually.

North and east of Ranger is a large cattle country stocked with pure-bred Herefords, while south and west of Ranger, farming is the chief industry.

Dairyming has grown into a leading

industry. A large number of farmers are getting good cows.

Over 50 per cent of the farm homes around Ranger have running water and natural gas. This is a great convenience and it is something that you do not find in very many parts of Texas.

Diversification around Ranger is far advanced and the farmers are assured of a good living. Ranger will come forward as an agricultural center just as she has been.

Oil Boom Teamsters In Ranger Had Fine Teams and Harness

Some of the teams in the boom days of Ranger wore harness that cost more than a complete ensemble for women.

Eddie Woods, who was a teaming contractor, gives these figures on the equipment and harness worn by one of his teams.

The housing that fitted over the harness was 16 inches long, was made in West Virginia and weighed 17 pounds each. Each set of harness contained 600 rings ranging in size from one inch to three inches. The cost of the harness was \$150, the housing cost \$35 and the rings \$150 for each set, making the cost of the harness for one team \$770.

The head dressing was made of red flannel and green poolcloth with strings of white rings and white loops fastened by black leather straps. The complete harness weighed about 75 pounds.

Moderne Studio Is One Of Best Equipped In This Part of Country

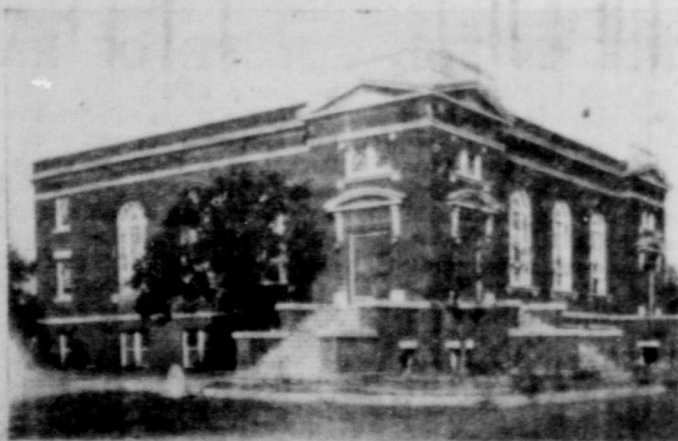
The only exclusive photographer in Ranger now is Delbert Capps, owner and operator of The Moderne Studio, which made many of the pictures which were run in this edition of the Times. Capps does all the photography for the Times, as he has done for several years.

Starting with a small amount of equipment, and gradually adding to it from time to time, Capps has succeeded in accumulating some of the latest and best photographic equipment in this part of the country.

In addition to taking all kinds of pictures, under all kinds of conditions, he is equipped to do kodak finishing and is agent for practically any kind of camera one could want.

Al Smith would like to see Hollywood junk colossal films and go for home-spun American favorites. But, Al, look what happened to "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

First Baptist Church



Above is pictured the First Baptist Church building in Ranger, one of the most imposing church structures in the city. The First Baptist Church has possibly the largest membership of any church within a radius of 60 miles of Ranger.

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F. D. Hicks, Only Man To Work On The Times From The First Issue To Date, Tells of His Oil Boom Experiences

By F. D. HICKS

Twenty years is a mighty long time according to the title of a song written not so very long ago and it has been my privilege to work on the Times for nearly that long to date, having arrived in Ranger on May 15, 1919.

One could never forget that day as the T. P. pulled into Ranger from Cisco around the noon hour. Not knowing anything about Ranger nor where to find the newspaper office, asked several men on the street and about the only reply was "damned if I know, buddy" just got here myself. Finally we dropped into the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and asked Cull Moorman. He told us the building of the Times was on the East side of the tracks and there we went. Going to work that afternoon we worked several days and decided to quit as one could find no place to stay. Charlie Manuel, manager, persuaded me to go back home and think it over and come on back as he needed men to get the paper out.

The Ranger Times first edition was published on June 1, 1919, was two weeks late because of workmen being unable to install the Duplex press and get same to running. The paper continued publication in the old building on Hunt Street until March, 1921, when it was moved to the present building.

In my 20 years on the Times have worked with ten different editors. The first editor was Hamilton Wright, a real newspaper man and a native Texan. Wright did not stay long with the paper and was succeeded by Larry Smith who is now in New York City. He too, was a very capable editor and because of lack of excitement after the boom Larry sought other fields and has been in the publicity game for a number of years.

When the Times moved to the present location, H. E. Bozeman, a linotype operator and a graduate from T. C. U., became editor and held that position for a couple of years. "Boze" as he was known by his associates saw overseas service and came home ranking as captain.

"Chopsie" Welsh, was next elected to serve as editor of the Times, coming from Fort Worth where he had been in the newspaper game for ten years. Chopsie was a Jew, being a native of South Carolina where his father fought in the Confederate Army. After leaving the Times Welsh was with various papers over the Southwest until his health failed him and he died at his home in Fort Worth in 1936.

Mr. Chas. J. Norton succeeded Welsh, coming from Fort Worth Record where he had been connected as managing editor. Norton was a gentleman and a scholar and at one time was managing editor of papers in Houston and San Antonio. Mr. Norton severed his connections with the Times in 1927 and bought the Oil Belt Publishing Co., publishers of the Oil Belt News at Eastland. Later he sold his interests and moved to Kentucky.

After Norton Chas. J. Lingsdale of California was in active charge of the paper and after his resignation some months later George Kelley served as editor. Both these men were capable and efficient editors.

Bobbie Campbell, who had been given his first assignment on the Times was elected to fill the place and served with distinction until relieved by Boyce House, well known newspaper man who is now heading the publicity department of the Fort Worth Casa Manana. House wrote the longest sport story ever written for a newspaper when he covered a football game in Ranger. The story was better than a page in length. He frequently visits Ranger and the Oil Belt and is probably the best known newspaper man in West Texas.

W. H. Mayes, Jr., now present editor, better known as "Bill" has been with the paper for eight years. Mayes (Bill may take this out) is a war veteran, says very little about it, but we managed to find out years ago that he made 19 trips across the Atlantic. His father is Will H. Mayes, ex-Lieutenant Governor

of Texas.

I have worked side by side with all these men and they were to the man, all agreeable, conscientious news men and each performed his task in his own particular way. They were fair, unbiased and had a knack for gathering facts that one on the outside can hardly realize.

In the Composing Room

Such characters as Mont Somes, gentleman, scholar, printer, was in charge of the job department of the Times in the early days. He travels between California and New York and was at one time general superintendent of the Waco Times-Tribune. John Dormois, now president of the Kansas City Typographical Union was an operator on the Times in 1919. Earnest Glazner, who worked as machinist-operator for the Times for 16 years is now employed in Oklahoma City. We called him "Kingfish." Glazner made many friends while in Ranger and was every inch a man. Eugene Jenkins, better known as "Jenks" has been with the paper for the past 13 years and is in charge of the Duplex press. Carl Garner, operator, has also been with the Times 10 years.

We have seen the newspaper game in Ranger go from an 8 to 36 page daily seven days a week to the present issues which usually run from four to six pages daily six days a week. The Times is equipped to handle the normal newspaper business in a town much larger than Ranger, having three linotype machines, Miller feeder and Duplex automatic, together with other power equipment found in big town shops.

In the average newspaper office there is always excitement and interest and especially is this true when we live in the midst of the greatest oil boom of its kind the world ever saw. I have seen banks go broke overnight. I have set banner lines to go on the front pages that the public might know the news. But one of the greatest stories that I ever had anything to do with and that was only in a minor way: In the latter part of 1919 or early '20's R. B. Waggoman, business manager of the paper called together several of his employees and told us that he had just received a telephone call from the chief of police and that if a certain story was published the newspaper would be blown to hell—R. B. said, "boys what are we going to do." Everyone in that conference said, "R. B. publish the story and let's see what he means." The story was published. The editor was pistol whipped, but the paper continued. To those who violated the law, and to those who ran in with the newspaper because the paper was printing their crooked deals can be traced. They are either in the penitentiary or dead. Most of them were young men.

We saw a large sign at the corner of Main and South Commerce one morning and in big blazing letters were these words: "500 Men Wanted. \$5.00 Per Day." We knew drillers who were earning \$24.00 per day. We saw men, lots of them earn \$100 per week. That is

why Ranger was the greatest boom the world ever saw.

Other Experiences

We helped print the first edition of the Ranger Times and with us there were some 35 others who contributed their bit in printing this first oil field edition of 40 pages. Shortly after the first issue of the paper Waggoman posted a notice to the effect that any employee who stayed as long as one year with the organization would be given a two weeks paid vacation. I was very agreeably surprised in the early summer of 1920 that I was entitled to a two weeks paid vacation and imagine my amazement when the "front office" gave me a check for \$250. This was more money than I had ever had before or since and when I received this money went to The Winner Store than operated by D. Joseph and bought me two \$10 silk shirts and wired my brother in Mississippi that I was coming to see him. Had not been home in 11 years and when I arrived in the little town of Fayette, Miss., it was rumored among the "niggers" at the hotel that a big oil man from Texas was in town. Somehow we never had the heart to correct this story.

The practice of giving the employees a two weeks paid vacation was continued for several years and even "Jim" the porter received a paid vacation and came back three days before his vacation expired and dropped into the office to see that it was still here. The boss immediately put him to work with these words, "I'll teach you how to come around when you are supposed to be on a vacation." It never happened again.

We knew a printer who quit because he made \$100 in one week's time. His home was in Toeka, Kansas. We knew the pressman that Wright tells about when he left us with the Duplex to get the paper out. We want to make a correction in Bro. Wright's version of the affair. The editors and reporters did not help getting the paper printed because Steve Stephens, Anthony and myself stayed all night trying to print the paper and finally got out enough to mail tear sheets to the national advertisers. Editors are funny that way. But when the real hard work was coming they always had "a big story" to cover.

There are many, yea there are hundreds of little human things that one could print that would probably be interesting to some. One time a man dropped into the office and said, "son, I have been everywhere and seen everything twice and need work bad." We gave him a job in Eastland and when the dust cleared away I was left holding the bag for \$200.

We have seen printers draw \$150 per hour overtime while the lights were out, playing dominoes. We lived in the back end of the old Times building where crap shooting was the principal evening's entertainment until one night the police raided the affair and arrested everyone (I was missed as I had a peculiar way of getting out of tight places) and Waggoman posted notices that crap games be stopped except when the boys posted a lookout. We printed an extra in Ranger in November, 1919 as well as I can recall and put it out on the big job press as the gas was off, the lights were out and it was cold.

To those who we have worked with, in the "back end" and the "front office" we love each of them. We have

Ranger Lions Club Has Always Been One Of Most Active In Area

The Ranger Lions Club is one of the most active civic organizations in the town, having taken an active part in almost every movement for the good of the town for the past several years and being the leaders among the clubs in originating movements for the good of the town.

The officers of the club, as well as the members, have been selected from the most outstanding men in the town and this has aided the club materially in keeping to the fore. The presidents have proven to be real leaders throughout the years.

Back a number of years ago when tourist camps were almost unknown and the only ones in the country were sponsored and operated by the cities of the state, the Lions club sponsored, erected and operated the first tourist camp in this section. It proved to be popular with the motorists as it was one of the best to be found within a number of miles of this section. Later when tourist camps became commercialized and owned by individuals, the plan was dropped.

It was at a meeting of this organization that the Ranger Country club was born. The Lions, realizing that a real country club was an asset to any town, began a movement to organize such a club. From that beginning the Ranger Country Club was formed and now is one of the few clubs of its kind in the state that has little, if any, financial obligations that cannot be met.

From this humble beginning of the Ranger Country Club, started by the Lions, has grown a permanent organization, with a good, nine-hole course, modern clubhouse and everything that can be found in the average country club. Each year an annual invitation golf tournament is held which draws golfers from all over the country.

These are only a few of the many accomplishments of the Lions club, which meets each Thursday at noon at the Gholson Hotel, where good programs are heard each week. The membership has held up well, due largely to the activities of the members and the progressiveness of the organization.

In recent years the club has raised funds for the purpose of furnishing glasses to children of needy families and has done much good along this humanitarian line, in addition to their other civic activities.

Nehi Bottling Co. Is One of Eastland's Old Business Concerns

The Nehi Bottling Company of Eastland, located at 1004 W. Main Street, has been in operation constantly since it was established in 1919, and is one of Eastland's older business establishments.

The bottling works features Nehi drinks, Royal Crown Cola, which are tops in taste by actual test, and the famous Par-T-Pak drinks.

The company operates five trucks, making deliveries in six counties in this part of the country, and employs nine people the year around.

enjoyed every bit of it. And to those whom we have known and worked with on the outside we say God bless every one of you. I have learned to love old Ranger. I love her people because that is what Ranger is, the city of friendliness, the city of good neighbors, the city where men and women are forgiven for their mistakes and where all come together and help when accidents and tragedies occur. To all these we have had our share and through it all we have had a wonderful experience and will call it "30".

A girl is making a 3600-mile trip across Canada on a horse—"for fun." Hope she's accustomed to riding horseback—or she might have to change her reasoning.

Spacious Grounds



The spacious grounds, surrounded by a brick wall, in which is located the home of Dr. A. K. Wier, Ranger physician, is the object of much comment from visitors to Ranger. Dr. Wier's home is pictured above.

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inent part in the development of this section of the state. Though, for years
operated by Affiliated National Hotels, it has recently become a home-
owned and operated institution, when purchased by D. Joseph, local de-
partment store merchant and under the new management, an even great-
er effort is being made to carry out the policy of making Hotel Gholson
"A Home Away From Home" to the thousands who call it home while

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have been made to accommodate small or large families by planning two,
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Gen. Robt. E. Lee Once Hunted Indians Over This Portion of Texas

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

The immortal Robert E. Lee spent 19 months trying to rid West Texas of the sagacious Comanche warriors. On March 27, 1856, Lieutenant Colonel Lee took charge of two squadrons of the regiment stationed at Camp Cooper, 170 miles north of Fort Mason in Throckmorton County. At this time camp Cooper was in the Comanche Reserve. One of his duties during this period was to select a strategic point for a new fort in the territory, that was so often raided by the Indians.

Lee spent 40 days in a fruitless search for the Comanches, during this time he covered 1,500 miles. With him were four squadrons, supply wagons, guides and interpreters. This slow mode of transportation was no match for Indians mounted on the swiftest ponies, so he returned to Camp Cooper July 23. From there he was sent to Fort Ringgold Barracks on the Rio Grande and other points in Texas to hold court martial trials.

In the meantime Colonel Johnstone had been called to Washington, D. C., to give a report, so Lee returned to San Antonio, spending three months there. In February, 1860 he was commissioned Commander of the Department of Texas. In February, 1861 he was called back to Washington. His heart was greatly troubled and Jan. 23, 1861 he wrote to his beloved wife mentioning Washington, saying: "How Washington's spirit would grieve could he see the wreck of his mighty labors. I will not give up hope for the Union till every ground of hope is gone." Never was a man's soul so torn between two loves, the love of the entire Union and a still deeper love of the South.

His father, General Henry Lee was the famous "Light Horse Harry" of the Continental Army. Robert E. Lee was also a blood relative of John Marshall, the great Chief Justice, and Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence.

The time spent in the rugged West Texas Counties, proved to be of great value to Lee during the Civil War, for he learned to rough it with his men. This caused him to be held in high esteem by the soldiers of the Confederacy.

Pioneers have passed it down to their children that Lee hunted the Indians in Eastland County. Records are not clear on all points, but it is said that he was stationed for a time at Fort Belknap, near Graham, in Young County, and Fort Griffin in Shackelford County. An old water supply at Fort Belknap is still known as "Lee's Well."

The greatness of Lee's character is shown by this incident. Frederick Gerhardt, who was a native of Germany, came to San Antonio during 1859. Gerhardt was of German nobility, but left his native land to escape unbearable restrictions of life in Germany. He soon found a position as a clerk in a general merchandise store, where Lee made his acquaintance and knew that Gerhardt's sympathies were for the North. Frederick Gerhardt had lost the sight of his right eye so he could not enlist with the Union Army, but was finally drafted by the Confederates and put in charge of the supply wagons, having entire charge of the meals served to Lee and his officers. Gerhardt loved Lee so much that he named his first grandson for him. The descendants of Frederick Gerhardt are well known in New Mexico and the Panhandle of Texas.

LIVE FISH ON HIGHWAY

STOUGHTON, Wis.—A motorist appeared at the Dane County highway department to report that fish were jumping up all over the pavement. Investigators confirmed his statement. Carp were being hauled to fields for fertilizer. One truck lost its tailboard—and part of its load of live fish.

We know the pictures showed it, but nobody can ever make us believe those Wellesley girls threw that good-looking Harvard lad into the water.

Ranger Street Scene



Above is pictured a part of the huge crowds that come to Ranger each Saturday. People flock to Ranger on Saturdays from nearby towns, from the rural communities covering a part of four counties to do their weekly shopping. This picture was taken on a recent Saturday afternoon on South Rusk Street, just off the main shopping center of the town.

First City Editor Of Times Still Says "Ranger Is Tops" When He Is Remembering Early Newspaper Days

By LARRY SMITS,
First City Editor, Ranger Times
How could I forget the gay, bad days of Ranger's youth?

And what old time newspaper man could resist the opportunity to reminisce particularly about days that were as feverish with interest and action as those in boom-time Ranger? "An atmosphere of mud, murder and madness" as Dick Donahue once put it. Dick was a great reporter, though for my dough Paul Yates was a greater one.

I recall one incident of the early days of the Times as a daily that seems illustrative of the town as it was. It's perhaps a long winded tale, but that's what you get for giving an old-timer a free rein.

When we got out of the army at Ellington Field, one of my pals was Larry Rue, with whom I had worked on the Detroit News before the war. Larry felt that the army had done him wrong in that all his flying had been done on Texas mezzanines. Very pleasant mezzanines, but Larry longed for action abroad.

"If the army wouldn't send me to Europe, I'm going on my own," said Rue, and sought to make me see it the same way. But I said I wanted to get a newspaper job and get back to work. So I told Larry good-bye. He got a job on a little freighter which eventually got him to France. There, through Floyd Gibbons, he connected with the New York Times-Chicago Tribune photographic

service and from that transferred into the foreign service of the Chicago Tribune.

The work suited him. He was helling all over Europe and the Near East, plenty of travel, plenty of news. He and I kept in touch and his letters would be postmarked variously "Athens," "Constantinople," "Cairo," "Bierut," and such like exotic names. Some of them seemed slightly patronizing in tone, like a travelling salesman might write to his sedentary friend who had remained in the old home town.

Such a letter came one day from Algeria. It burned me down. But Ranger supplied the answer. I tore off the front page of the Times (it was Monday and a supposedly dull news day). There on the front page were six shootings, the lead story being a brisk little item about a triple killing, in a discussion over liquor among three dealers. All three, it seemed, were pretty handy with frontier model .45's.

I sent the evidence of activity in the oil fields along to Mr. Rue with the brief comment: "This may seem humdrum to you, but it's action enough for me." Larry's next letter was chastened in tone. I think that front page convinced him that the Balkans in a ferment, or Russia in revolution, hardly were any more colorful than the oil fields in boom.

I don't need to mention to an old timer that gun-play was not the only action in Ranger. One will recall the wreck of the Oil Field Special on the

T. & P. when the Times had been going only a month, and the extra we put out by dawn. Darn good work, if I do say it—who shouldn't. It made the town realize we had a real paper. And the half million dollar fire that took out a city block (frame structures in those days). And those swell short chunks of verse that Paul Yates used to turn out once in a while. Not to forget the gushers that would blaze across page 1 every few days.

Some good assignments have come my way in the days between then and now. My hair has departed, despite the ministrations of a Ranger barber who said he had a mixture that would grow fuzz on a cue ball. But I have my memories. And those of Ranger lead the lot.

Ranger was tops.

Cisco's Peacock Club Is Popular Resort of This Part of Country

The Peacock Club, at Cisco, is one of the favorite dine and dance spots in this part of the country, and is always well patronized.

Chicken and steak dinners are specialties regularly, in this air conditioned resort, which is open to private parties only each Monday night.

The small cover charge which is made adds to, rather than detracts from the popularity of the place, as it always assures the best of service in choice company. Reservations may be made by telephoning Cisco 9518. Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNamara are proprietors.

The club, which is located on the shores of Lake Cisco, has been operated successfully the past four years.

"Bring your wife, mother, sister or sweetheart," is the invitation of the proprietors.

Prompt Printery Now Operated, J. R. Gregg

The Prompt Printery, Ranger's only printing plant catering only to commercial printing, is now leased and operated by J. R. Gregg, formerly of Santa Anna. He has been operating the plant for nearly a year.

The plant was assembled by R. V. (Rip) Galloway, now county clerk of Eastland County, and was leased out by Galloway when he took office.

Gregg has been active in all civic enterprises since coming to Ranger, in addition to turning out good job printing.

D. Joseph Home



The beautiful home pictured above is that of D. Joseph, owner of Joseph's, Ranger's foremost department store and the Gholson Hotel, which he recently purchased.



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IN RANGER SINCE 1919

Ranger B.P.O. Elks Was Organized May, 1919, And Has Been Very Active Since That Time

By J. B. HEISTER

Some time in the month of May, 1919, Brothers C. J. Dietrich, Raymond Teal, J. M. Davenport and H. D. Durst made application for a charter from the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to organize a local lodge of the order in Ranger, Texas. The application was granted and Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell issued a dispensation for the following members to organize, on June 30, 1919.

Following is a list of the charter members of Ranger Lodge No. 1373, B. P. O. Elks:

M. H. Hagaman, C. J. Dietrich, J. M. Davenport, H. D. Durst, M. A. Turner, W. A. Williams, Robert A. Moore, Paul S. Teal, W. H. Henders, L. H. Hagaman, W. H. Dunning, Lee Roy Pearson, L. A. Boyer, Harry Snyder, J. A. Craven, Frank E. Hall, E. G. Cobelli, H. R. Gholson, A. Joseph, J. F. Dreinhof, J. A. Hawkins, G. L. Phillips, R. L. Hunt, A. G. Armstrong, M. R. Newham, L. L. Neal, S. J. Dean, R. B. Waggonman, A. N. Harkrider, L. J. Marks, R. H. Hodges, William Menzel, David K. Lener, R. E. Patterson, M. T. Clements, A. H. Bowers.

On Aug. 13, 1919, Brownwood Lodge No. 969 instituted Ranger Lodge No. 1373 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The following officers were inducted into office to transact any further business after being installed:

C. J. Dietrich, exalted ruler; M. R. Newham, esteemed leading knight; Robert L. Hunt, esteemed loyal knight; Lee Roy Pearson, esteemed lecturing knight; H. D. Durst, secretary; A. H. Bowers, treasurer; Paul S. Teal, esquire. Trustees: R. E. Patterson, three years; L. H. Hagaman, two years; J. H. Hawkins, one year.

According to the early records, committees were appointed at once and the work of Elksdom was on its way and Ranger Lodge No. 1373 started with a bang, and the membership began increasing with leaps and bounds. At that time—1919—Ranger was a booming town and the population in 1920 was 16,000 and everybody was prosperous. Lodge activities, social, civic, as well as financial, were immediately started under the efforts of well chosen committees and under the leadership of a hustling and ambitious exalted ruler. We were fortunate in having on our roster several members that belonged to the theatrical profession and these brothers constituted the entertainment committee, and due to their untiring efforts and ability many high class entertainments were staged. From then on Ranger Lodge has always been looked upon to furnish entertainments. Never did we have to call on outsiders for assistance for talent, for among our members we had some of the best professional and local talent that could be had anywhere. During the years 1920, 1921 and 1922 many plays such as minstrels, farces and carnivals were put on and from an entertainment and financial viewpoint they were a success. At that time our membership passed the 400 mark, and at the end of 1924 we passed 500. About this time new oil fields were being discovered and many of our members who belonged to the oil fraternity began to leave here and go to the new fields, as this field was on the decline. A great many of our members left without giving or sending their new address, so we had to drop them from our rolls, and as the years passed, matters went from bad to worse. But the wheelhorses and workers went to work and with a good helmsman at the wheel we have weathered the storm and at this time I am glad to say that the old ship is sailing in smoother waters, and that we will soon land in a prosperous port.

Honors Given Ranger Lodge No. 1373

During the existence of Ranger Lodge No. 1373 we have been honored in many ways, a few of which I will mention here. Among our past exalted rulers three have been chosen at district deputy grand exalted ruler of Texas

West. One has attained the high office of president of the Texas Elks State Association and as a member on a Grand Lodge committee. On Feb. 14, 1924, we had the honor of going to Breckenridge, Texas, and organizing Breckenridge Lodge No. 1480, B. P. O. Elks.

We believe the greatest honor given our lodge, or any lodge no larger than ours, an honor which we feel proud of, is the official visit of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Hupp and party on March 15, 1932. This was brought about through the efforts of one of our most esteemed brothers. On this occasion we had representatives from the following lodges: Dallas, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Pampa, Wichita, Kan., Breckenridge, Sweetwater, Eastland, Brownwood, Abilene, Cisco and Ranger. With the efforts of Brother McCann of El Paso lodge, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Texas West and Past President of the Texas Elks State Association Brother Harry Logsdon, they were successful in the arrangements and we were again honored with a visit of the Grand Exalted Ruler Brother Walter F. Weier of Seattle, Wash., lodge No. 92. At this meeting Ranger Lodge again did herself proud by having representatives from the following cities present at the meeting: Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Temple, Wichita Falls, Mexico, El Paso, Sweetwater, Cisco, Eastland, Breckenridge and Wichita, Kan. On this occasion Ranger lodge even surpassed the previous visit of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Brother Meier and visiting Elks were loud in their praise for the splendid manner Ranger lodge conducted their business and entertained their visitors.

Charity, Civic, and Social Community Welfare

Ranger Lodge No. 1373, B.P.O. Elks, has always been the leading organization in Ranger in charity, welfare and civic affairs. Never a meeting night passes that the chairman of the charity committee does not make a report of numerous cases that he has given aid to. In welfare work we are working in unison with the Child Welfare organization of Ranger. Every Christmas we take the lead in the distribution of from 125 to 175 Christmas baskets to the poor and needy. We have been liberal with our donations to aid in the Boy Scout movement, football and other athletics, in fact any enterprise or entertainment given by the city or other organizations.

Hospitality

Ranger Lodge No. 1373, is noted far and wide for being one of the most hospitable lodges. It has always been and always will be a pleasure for its members to greet all visiting Elks as brothers, introduce them and make them feel at home and want to come back. This hospitality is proven by our register on which we have representatives of lodges of 34 states, Manila, P. I., and Panama Canal.

CHILDREN'S CAMPS GROW

ST. LOUIS.—More than 2,500,000 children now spend at least two weeks of each summer in the nation's 10,000 private and agency camps, according to the American Camping Association.

West Texas Hospital Is Conveniently Located Near Business Section of Town

The West Texas Hospital was formally opened to the public on Sunday, March 11, 1928, after it had been rushed to completion. The beautiful two-story structure was completed at a cost of \$75,000.

When the hospital was opened it was owned and operated by Dr. T. L. Lauderdale, who is still with the hospital, and Dr. J. L. Barnett, who sold his interest to Dr. P. M. Kuykendall of Desdemona on April 20, 1930, when he took over the partnership with Dr. Lauderdale.

The staff at the time of the opening was composed of Dr. Lauderdale, Dr. Barnett and Dr. O. H. Miller, Dr. Van C. Tipton and Dr. A. N. Harkrider, D.D.S. The present staff is composed of Drs. Lauderdale and Kuykendall.

The hospital is conveniently located, being almost within the business dis-

trict of the town, yet just far enough away from the center of commercial activities to keep it from being too noisy for an ideal hospital site. The building is located at the corner of Main and Marston streets, with entrances on both streets, the Main street entrance being to the offices of the doctors and the entrance to the hospital proper, being on Marston street.

The hospital is well equipped, having all modern medical appliances that could be expected in a town the size of Ranger and the doctors are known to be among the best in this section of the state. The hospital and clinic is well patronized, as it has been since its erection.

The need of adequate hospital facilities in Ranger was a long-felt need and the West Texas Hospital was a dream of Dr. Lauderdale's for several years before it was built.

Made of Brick



The longest brick highway in Texas joins Ranger, Olden, Eastland and Cisco and is paved with Thurber brick.

A Pastoral Scene



Goats and sheep are playing their part in diversification program.

Carl Barnes Post No. 69 Has Been Active 16 Years In Ranger

In November, 1923, the Carl Barnes Post No. 69 was organized in Ranger, Texas. About fifty ex-service men met in the basement of the Gholson Hotel, and Dr. W. C. Palmer was elected

unanimously as the first commander of the Carl Barnes Post, a post which is recognized today as outstanding in the Seventeenth District.

The organization and upbuilding of the new post was a herculean task, and much credit is due Post Commander Palmer and his buddies for their ceaseless and untiring efforts in those first pioneering months.

From the first meeting, efforts were put forth to secure a permanent home for the organization. With this in view, at the first Washington Birthday Banquet held in the old De Groff Hotel, Commander Palmer made a motion to secure same; Mayor Bob Hodges, a guest at the banquet, at once offered to make arrangements for the post to lease the second floor of the City Hall building at one dollar per year for ten years. This place was accepted as very suitable to the post, and many improvements and repairs were made on same during the regime of Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, who succeeded Dr. Palmer as Post Commander. In 1924 the opening of the Legion Hall was celebrated with a banquet. In 1925 the hall was again remodeled and other debts of the post were paid through the issuing of Legion Bonds of \$10 denomination.

During the 16 years of its organization, the Carl Barnes Post has been interested in all civic movements and has placed innumerable accomplishments to its credit.

Joe Dennis Home



One of the attractive, smaller homes in Ranger is that owned by Joe Dennis, who has been an employee of the Ranger Times for several years. The home is located on Blandell Street, just off Strawn Road.

FROM THE **Folks In The Courthouse**

WE join with all Eastland county in extending best wishes to those who are today celebrating their 20 years of service to the community and West Texas and to the pioneers, both past and present, for whom this edition of the Ranger Times is dedicated.



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Completed in 1929 at a cost of \$450,000, it was from the corner stone of the old building the famous horned frog was taken alive after 31 years in its prison home.

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Texas Electric Service Furnishes Electricity For a Large Territory

Electricity for Ranger and a large number of towns in Central and West Texas, is furnished by the Texas Electric Service Company, from a huge plant a few miles southwest of Ranger.

Highlines running from the plant carry electricity for a number of large towns, some nearly 100 miles away, as well as into the city of Ranger.

The company is equipped to carry the peak load of this large territory, and, if called upon to do so, to furnish electricity for other lines if they should encounter trouble.

At the Ranger office of the company there is a modern office, with display space for electrical equipment. Although Texas Electric Service Company does not go in for merchandising of large electrical appliances their showrooms are available to dealers of Ranger at any time.

Electric service for domestic or commercial purposes is available throughout Ranger at reasonable rates.

High School Enrollment

Enrollment in Ranger High School has maintained a high level, with approximately 475 being registered during the past few years. The number enrolled during the 1937-38 term was 511, and in the 1938-39 school year the number was 507.

City-County Hospital, Located In Ranger Is Well Located and Suitably Equipped

By DR. WALTER L. JACKSON

Realizing the need of hospital care for the sick, the City-County Hospital was opened in March, 1924. Prior to this time there was not an adequate provision for care of either medical or surgical cases. The structures of former institutions were everything but fireproof and their location was very inconvenient.

Looking into the legal phase of the situation, it was found that where there was no county hospital, a city of the size of Ranger was entitled to ask for a hospital. In this location, Judge Starnes rendered valuable aid to the Hospital Board from the County as well as Mayor Bob Hodges from the standpoint of the City of Ranger.

The management of the City-County Hospital is vested in a hospital board appointed by the City Commission and the County Commissioners Court.

The location of the hospital is most ideal. It is readily accessible from two directions by paved and well chatted streets. It is far enough from the main business section to make it a very quiet place and yet it is within a few minutes reach of our people. The view from the hospital is wonderful. One feels as if he is able to "look down upon the entire city."

The equipment of the City-County Hospital is quite in keeping with institutions of greater size. The general equipment and arrangements is for the best care of patients. There are two floors that are being utilized for patients at this time. An X-Ray is install-

ed in the building. The general operating equipment is first class, with commodious sterilizers and a delivery room.

The City-County Hospital is what is termed an open staff hospital. The institution is open to all reputable doctors. Charity patients can only be admitted by authority of a member of the City Commission or a member of the Commissioners Court of Eastland County. Charity patients must be residents of the county. Private patients are privileged to call the doctor of their choice.

Schooley Has Modern Bakery In the City

An excellent bakery, which bakes fine bread, cakes, pies and other pastries, is located in Ranger and is operated by H. T. Schooley. Whole wheat, white bread, rye bread and raisin bread are featured by the bakery at all times.

Schooley has been in the bakery business in Ranger for several years, and has constantly added to his equipment, until he now has as modern a bakery as can be purchased.

Birthday cakes of any kind can be secured from Schooley's Bakery on order.

Square Miles

There are 926 square miles in Eastland county.

D. Joseph Has One of Leading Stores Over This Part of Country

Joseph's, Ranger's foremost department store, is not only one of the most outstanding department stores in Ranger, but in the 160 mile territory between Fort Worth and Abilene.

The building, probably the best in Ranger, was purchased by D. Joseph, owner of the store, several years ago, and his store was enlarged, with new departments added, which made it the outstanding store in the town.

In recent weeks Joseph has again manifested his confidence in the future of Ranger through the purchase of The Gholson Hotel, just across Main Street from his department store.

A complete line of merchandise for men, women and children can be found in the store, which handles many nationally advertised items of merchandise.

Light Meters

The number of light meters in Ranger has shown a steady increase over a number of years, with this increase being continued at the first of this year.

In 1924 there were 763 meters in Ranger. In 1925 this had increased to 820 and in 1926 the number was reported at 924. For the past two years, as of Jan. 1, of the following year, the number was 961 for 1937 and 1,008 for 1938.

Streams of Eastland county drain into tributaries of the Brazos.

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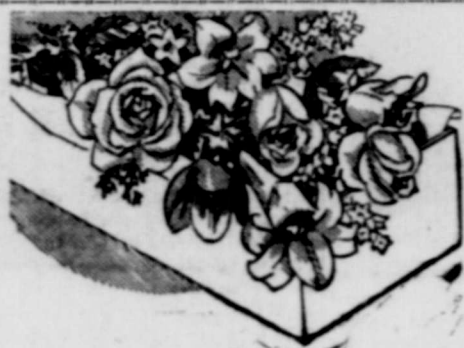
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Back in 1919, when Ranger, Texas, was
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The firm of E. H. & A. Davis began
serving the men of West Texas with standard
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for the building of a city of which all Texas is justly proud.

Your fine schools, churches, public buildings, paved streets,
clubs, and many other improvements are things that do not just
happen; but are the result of vision, confidence and diligent effort
put forth by civic minded individuals who have cooperated to ac-
complish those things which make a community a better place in
which to live.

As a former citizen of Ranger, Texas, I extend my sincere
good wishes for your future growth and success.

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FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Ranger Oil Boom Led to a Diversified Farm Program For This Part of State; County Now a Leader In This Respect

The decline of the Ranger field was so gradual that it was not apparent to the layman for many months after the peak of production was reached in 1919. Even after the "slump" became acknowledged there remained in the minds of operators and others the hope, with the opening of some new "find" the boom would come back with greater force than ever.

Had the people accepted the fact that the bubble had burst and turned earlier to some other occupation many men would have been better off financially. As it was they kept holding on in the hope that they might retrieve a fortune that had been so easily won and so quickly lost.

Early in the fall of 1920 the Chamber of Commerce and the leading business men of the town realized that from thence forth production would proceed along steady, systematic lines and that it must be supplemented by some other means of livelihood if the greatly increased population was to be cared for.

With this end in view a well organized plan was formulated to induce farmers to go back to the land that was lying idle, as a result of the oil activity. In order to get the soil back into cultivation farmers were offered land rent free with houses, fuel and water furnished and as a special inducement a gin and a peanut mill were promised if a sufficient number of acres were put into cultivation.

When the plan for providing tenants for the farms became well known, other towns in the oil fields took up the experiment with the result that many renters from distant parts of the state came to take advantage of the free offer. The first rent-free tenant was D. L. Howard of Johnson county, who was leased 148 acres north of Ranger by John Sudderth.

The farms to whom these tenants were asked to farm were in a deplorable condition. They were grown up in weeds and washed into gullies. The paint was gone from the houses and often all the window panes were broken. Fences had been torn down to give passage to the hurrying teams and trucks and cattle that had browsed on the shinnery hills had been sent to market or left to wander at will. Many of them had died from drinking at oil polluted streams.

In the back-to-the-soil movement there was no thought of a return to the old methods of ranching and cotton raising that had been the principal industry from the time of the first settlers back in 1858, but the promoters planned systematic, diversified, scientific farming to take the place of the antiquated methods.

As a means of getting the farm program underway R. H. Bush was made county agent in 1921. In that year the county produced only 1,800 bales of cotton, whereas 50,000 bales had been harvested in 1916, the year before the discovery of oil.

Instead of trying to revive the cotton culture Mr. Bush helped to introduce an industry that was entirely new to the county—the poultry business. For the encouragement of more and better poultry, the Poultry Raisers Association was organized in 1921. Merchants, bankers and business men got behind the project. Poultry meetings were held in which a friendly rivalry was fostered between the towns of Ranger, Eastland and Cisco. Poultry shows were held in every town in the county at which handsome prizes were given by the business men of the towns.

As part of the plan for diversified farming came the dairy industry. A large number of Jersey and Holstein cows were introduced. Dairies with every modern equipment were erected at great expense. With the poultry and dairying came hogs, sheep and goats of the best type that money could buy. Through the efforts of the county agent and various teachers of agriculture truck farming on a large scale was encouraged. Hundreds of acres were planted in fruit trees, berries and grapes. Farms were terraced, old

houses remodeled and many beautiful farm homes were built. As a result of the work of the county demonstration agent thousands of cans of fruits and vegetables have been preserved each year.

The plan of diversified farming has been the salvation of Eastland and nearby counties for the abundance of food for families and feed for their stock has tempered the depression, at least to the extent of giving the farmer the necessities and some of the luxuries of life.

Strawn Merchandise Co. One of Oldest of Enterprises In Strawn

Strawn, a thriving town of 1,500 population is one of the important towns in the Ranger trade territory, and the Strawn Merchandise is one of the oldest and most popular business establishments in the town.

Beginning in the early 80's Captain Delahunty moved his stock of goods from Palo Pinto to the little mining town of Strawn and located in a 24x40 frame building on the site where the Strawn Merchandise Company is now located. Later this business was sold to R. C. Hinkson, which store was purchased by the present company in 1894.

Very few changes in the stockholders of the company have been made since the store was first established. They still enjoy the patronage of customers who patronized Capt. Delahunty and R. C. Hinkson, and are now serving the great-grandchildren of some of the first customers.

There never has been a business failure on this location, though oftentimes for years the business made no money. Drouths and depressions, low prices of cattle and other misfortunes came, but they have survived. The company took the lean years with the good and helped to develop the country, while the country helped to develop them.

Liberty Shoe Shop Is Leader In Territory

Shoes can be rebuilt by experts at the Liberty Shoe Shop, located on Main Street, just west of North Austin, and operated by Aaron Bell.

Bell has been in the shoe repair business in Ranger for many years, and has enjoyed a good patronage at all times.

He specializes in complete rebuilding jobs, which are fully guaranteed. He also gives special attention to golf shoes.

Mack Sennett is coming back into motion picture production. There's a chance for a good custard pie baker.

Abe Davis of Ft. Worth Opened Store Here During January 1919

Abe Davis with his brother, E. H., came to Texas in January, 1919. They opened a men's clothing store at Ranger during the early days of the oil boom. The firm name of E. H. & A. Davis is familiar to all the early citizens of Ranger and West Texas. Abe Davis



ABE DAVIS

was in direct charge of the store at Ranger, while his brother was engaged in theatre and hotel business in Louisiana. Other stores were set up over the state, usually in localities where there was a discovery of oil, which has given Mr. Davis a wide acquaintance and friendship among men connected with the oil industry.

In 1926 the Fort Worth store was opened, where Abe Davis has made his home for the past 13 years, being in full charge of the operation of the store during that time.

Early last year the partnership was dissolved and Abe Davis became sole owner of the firm which now operates under the name of A. Davis Co.

Immediately after the dissolution of partnership, Mr. Davis made plans to remodel and enlarge the store. The result is a strictly modern men's wear store, now twice its former size. The store front and fixtures are of the very latest style and design. The lighting is of the soft indirect type. The spacious aisles, well displayed stocks of merchandise and air-conditioning makes your shopping a pleasure and a comfort.

As has always been the policy of Abe Davis, nothing is featured except nationally advertised, standard quality merchandise such as Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing, Stetson, Borsalino and Disney hats, Florsheim shoes, Jayson and Ambassador shirts.

And although the present store is much larger in size—more magnificent in appearance, and the assortments of merchandise are much greater—you will still find Abe Davis on the floor, ready and eager to serve his customers and friends—the same as he did in the little store in which he started in Ranger, back in 1919.

Ranger Churches Have An Important Place In Affairs of Community

Since the early days of Ranger, when church services were held infrequently under brush arbors, churches have played an important role in the life of the city. From the brush arbor days Ranger's religious life has grown and progressed until now the city boasts fine church buildings and large congregations.

Oldest pastor in Ranger, in point of active service in the community, is H. B. Johnson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Ranger, who has served the church continuously for more than 15 years.

With the coming of the oil boom, late in 1917, the need for larger church buildings grew with the mushroom town and by 1920 several large church buildings had been erected, which still stand as a monument to the growth of religious life in the city.

No community can boast of a better fellowship among the different churches than Ranger. The preachers are organized, and have been for several years, into a Ministerial Alliance, with a president and secretary elected each year, and with the best of feeling existing between the pastors of the various denominations. There have been several union revivals held in the city, with practically all churches cooperating in the movement. On a number of occasions the pastors have exchanged pulpits, each preaching one sermon in some church other than his own.

Pastors who now fill the pulpits of the leading churches in the city are:

First Baptist Church, Rev. Charles T. Tally, Jr.

First Methodist Church, Rev. G. Alfred Brown.

First Christian Church, Rev. H. B. Johnson.

First Presbyterian Church, Dr. L. B. Gray.

Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. J. A. Lovell.

Church of the Nazarene, Rev. A. G. Pool.

Church of Christ, W. W. Layton, minister.

St. Rita's Catholic Church, Father S. E. Byrne.

In addition to these churches, which have regular pastors, there is a Church of God and two active negro churches in the city.

Bees Yield a Profit In Central West Texas

There are several races of bees, with the Italian and Black the leading varieties. The Black bees are more nervous and have a very high temper. They rob other hives and are poor workers. They do not gather as much honey as the Italian. The best feature about the Black bees is that they cap the combs with a snowy white appearance which makes the honey sell for a fancy price.

The three branded Italian is the variety that is raised with the best success. They are good rustlers and bring back lots of honey. They have been known to travel as far as twenty miles on a trip but they usually travel about two to six miles. They have long tongues and gather an abundance of honey.

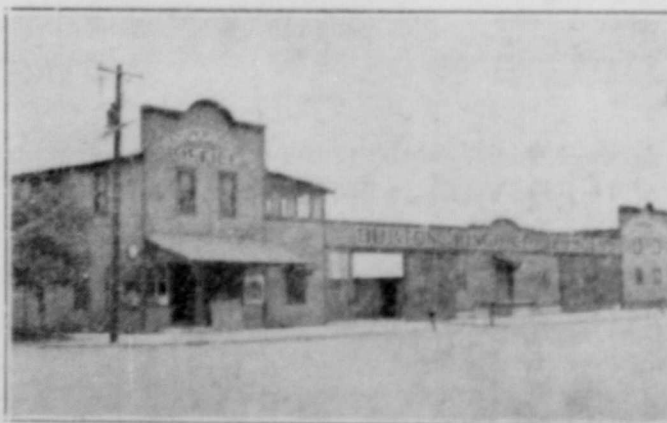
Hives yield from forty to sixty pounds of honey and if they had plenty of pasture they could yield over one hundred pounds. With honey in fancy one-pound packages, one hive will make the owner a good profit.

The problem of bee pasture is the main problem that confronts the beekeeper and sweet clover and alfalfa are the best. Wild flowers make good pasture but they do not last long enough. Cotton is a good pasture but the main source of honey should come from sweet clover.

MORE LUXURY FOR BATHERS

CLEVELAND, O.—Bathers may relax in comfort in the latest rolling beach chairs—which are provided with large pneumatic tires, replacing the old-fashioned solid tires.

Burton Lingo Lumber Company



Above is shown the huge lumber yard operated in Ranger by the Burton Lingo Lumber Company, of which R. S. Balch is local manager. The yard and office is located at the corner of Walnut and North Park Streets, just one block from Main Street.

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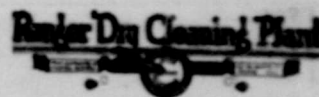
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Ranger High School Band, Organized In 1924, Is Outstanding In Its Class

The Ranger high school band was first organized in September, 1924, by Leo M. Underwood. This organization was a group of 35 ambitious boys and girls and, under the able direction of their leader, they made rapid progress in the art of music.

After two years, Mr. Underwood received a call from the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, to direct the Municipal band and, accepting, he was followed by Mr. Brothers. Mr. Brothers was a man of excellent musical ability and by his efforts the band was raised to very high standard. It was through his and Miss Roberts' efforts that the band received their first complete uniform of cap, cape and sweaters. These were received in time for the Oil Jubilee, in 1927. This was a great event in the history of the band because they were able to compete with the visiting bands in appearance as well as playing ability.

Mr. Brothers was called to another town and he was succeeded by R. L. Maddox, a graduate of Baylor university.

The present director is Milton Pullis. The band has a very fine repertoire

of the latest and most popular music. Much credit is due the Chamber of Commerce and the business men of Ranger for the present success of the band and without their help the band could not have succeeded.

One of the greatest assets that the band has is the co-operation and fidelity of its members. They are always ready to respond to the call for music and have sacrificed good times to go to the rehearsals that the organization might function for the good of the school and community. Many of the citizens do not realize the work that is required of the boys that they might be able to present a worthy program. What is needed for the advancement of organizations of this and a similar type is the support of the public. It can readily be said that the band is one of the greatest assets that the city of Ranger has. On the whole it is the most successful year that the Ranger band has ever had.

Some time ago a new band was started—a junior band—composed of all beginners and these are to take the places of the ones graduating or leaving the senior band. This will make it a perpetual organization.

Local A. & P. Store Carries a Complete Stock of Groceries

The local A. & P. Grocery is one of Ranger's leading grocery stores, conveniently located on Main Street and around which are located many of the leading shopping centers of the town.

Since it was opened here several years ago it has enjoyed an excellent business and has always handled only the best in groceries and meats. The market, at present, is operated independently from the remainder of the store.

Well known brands of staple and fancy groceries are to be found on the well-stocked shelves of A. & P. at all times, at prices in keeping with those found in other leading grocery stores in the city. This stock, with the courteous service always rendered, makes it one of the popular grocery stores for shoppers over the entire Ranger trade territory.

R.H. Hansford Brought First Negroes to Town

According to R. H. Hansford there were no negro inhabitants in the little town of Ranger prior to 1919 and the first negro citizens of the town were four he brought from Fort Worth to serve as shine boys in a shine parlor he operated, about where the Anderson-Pruet Chevrolet agency now is located.

Hansford stated that he brought four negroes from Fort Worth, but they didn't stay but a few days. He brought some more, and they stayed only because he erected a tent for them on his yard, where they could sleep at night.

He recalls that one negro, who got five cents out of each 15 cents charged for a shine, saved his commissions and tips for a year, then returned to Fort Worth and purchased a \$2,600 home.

Greer Brothers Can Do Good Shoe Repairing

Greer Brothers Shoe Shop, which is located on Main Street, is a modernly-equipped shoe repair shop that will rank well with any in the city, or in this part of the country.

Months of wear can be added to almost any pair of shoes, they state, by having repair work done on them at their modern shop.

Although they feature half soles for men's and women's shoes, they can do any repair job to any kind of shoe.

Bourdeau Has Been Building Contractor In Ranger for 20 Years

Bill Bourdeau, building contractor of Ranger, has had much to do with the building of the town, as he has been in business in Ranger almost 20 years. During that time he has operated a modern planing mill on South Rusk street.

Bourdeau, in addition to his regular contracting work, has planned and aided in the erection of many of the federal projects in Ranger, including the Recreation Building and the new football stadium which was completed last year.

He takes pride in all his work, believing that no job is too small for his personal attention, and none is too large for him to handle.

Mrs. Higdon Earned A Reputation for Her Dinners and Desserts

Mrs. J. Higdon is owner and operator of one of the nicest and most popular cafes in Ranger, which goes by the name of Mrs. Higdon's Eat Shop.

She has been in the cafe business in Ranger for the past 14 years and has become famous over this part of the country for her delicious home-made pies and pastries, which she serves. She makes all her own jellies, jams and preserves, as well as the pies she serves, and also cans most of the vegetables she serves.

Ranger Rotary Club Is Now 19 Years Old and Is Active in City Affairs

Ranger's Rotary club came into being April 24, 1920, having as its first president Major H. S. Cole and with him served R. B. Waggaman as secretary. This organization can look with pride upon its accomplishments and achievements during the years of its existence.

With its organization came the promotion of a spirit of good fellowship that revolutionized Ranger from a town of selfish individuals to a city of far-sighted, broad-minded business men which is one of the biggest and most progressive accomplishments achieved by the Rotary club.

Organized primarily for the purpose of breaking down those individual barriers which retard the progress of any city, the Rotarians have injected a spirit of pep and go into every public-minded citizen that is a credit both to the club itself and the city.

They did not stop when the literal realization of the purpose was effected, but have fostered and aided in every movement on foot since the organization for both the moral and civic betterment of Ranger. They were greatly instrumental as an equilibrating force in steadying the city during its period of reorganization after the great oil boom.

The Rotary club has not only been composed, from the very beginning, of the outstanding citizens of the town, but has been blessed with capable leaders among its members.

Swaney's Pharmacy Is Conveniently Located, Is a Favorite In City

Swaney's Pharmacy, conveniently located in the heart of Ranger, in the Gholson Hotel, is one of the popular drug stores of Ranger.

Prescriptions are filled at Swaney's accurately, efficiently and quickly.

The drug store has a large stock of medicines and remedies of all kinds, a modern fountain, and a prescription department that is constantly bringing forth favorable comments for its cleanliness. Drug salesmen who make this territory continually remark about the manner in which the prescription department is maintained.

In addition to drug sundries of all kinds a large assortment of merchandise, usually found in drug stores, can also be obtained at Swaney's.

CITY WON'T PUBLISH NOVEL

ALAMEDA, Cal.—Lorena Beatie, city clerk, received a letter asking if the city of Alameda would undertake to publish a novel, the writer asserting the city had authority to do so. Beatie took it upon herself to advise all authors that Alameda would not print a novel for anyone.

The turkey industry is gaining in Eastland county.

The Commercial State Bank of Ranger Is A Leader In Territory

The Commercial State Bank of Ranger, which is one of the strongest banks in this part of the country, is one of the numerous banks throughout the United States which had a hard time surviving the depression days of several years ago but which emerged in better condition than ever.

With a competent board of directors, and a staff of officers who saw the needs of the banking industry, the bank worked its way out of difficulties in a manner that created attention throughout the state, to become one of the leading financial institutions of this part of the state.

Today the Commercial State Bank handles all the banking and financial interests, not only of Ranger, but of a large surrounding territory. Its deposits are insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, up to \$5,000 for each account, which lends strength to this sound institution.

Fire Department Of Ranger One of Best

The Ranger Fire Department is one of the best equipped and one of the most efficient in a town the size of Ranger to be found in the State of Texas.

The city maintains a paid fire department, which is on the job 24 hours out of the day, with two big trucks with pumps, one booster truck which carries its own supply of water and a pickup with fire extinguishers and chemicals.

Within the past five years the fire loss in Ranger has been so light, due to the efficiency of the department and its equipment, that the key rate for fire insurance has been lowered considerably. This year, as for the past two years, another reduction was made, meaning a saving for property owners. Key rates in Texas are figured by the state fire insurance commissioner, on the ratio of fire loss to premiums paid over a period of five years, just preceding the date of figuring the key rate.

Fire Chief G. A. Murphy, who heads the department, as well as heading the street department, is considered one of the most capable fire fighters in this section of the state, and his men are all well trained. Several, including Charles Isabell, have taken the firemen's short course at Texas A. & M. College on several occasions.

A. H. Powell Grocery Has Been In Business In Ranger Many Years

The A. H. Powell Grocery and Market is one of the best of the neighborhood groceries now being operated in Ranger, as well as being one of the oldest.

Established 15 years ago, the grocery has maintained a good patronage, through a policy of always satisfying the customer, and always maintaining in stock the kind of groceries the public wants.

In the market meats that are killed and handled by competent butchers are stocked at all times, and in the grocery department can be found fresh, farm grown vegetables in season. A prompt delivery service is maintained throughout store hours.

Location

Eastland County is located in Northwest Central Texas, 80 miles west of Fort Worth. Ranger is located in the Northeast portion of the county, on U. S. Highway 80, the Texas & Pacific Railway and the Wichita Falls & Southern Railroad.

McCleskey Service Station



One of the newest and prettiest filling stations in Ranger is operated by Roy McCleskey, on U. S. Highway 80, just north of the intersection of the highway with Main Street. Gulf products are handled exclusively by this modern station.

Texas Drug Store One Of Oldest in Ranger

The Texas Drug Store, located on Main Street, in the first block, is one of Ranger's older business establishments.

For a number of years, immediately following the boom, it was owned and operated by Joe Harness, who recently sold it and retired from the drug business.

The store is now managed by George D. Nicholson, a former employe of the store when it was owned by Harness, who has continued to maintain the high standards set by the store for a number of years.

Drugs, toiletries, cold drinks, cigars, cigarettes, candy and a large assortment of items regularly found in a modern drug store are to be found in the store at all times. A registered pharmacist is in charge of the prescription department.

Deffebach Garage Has Splendid Reputation

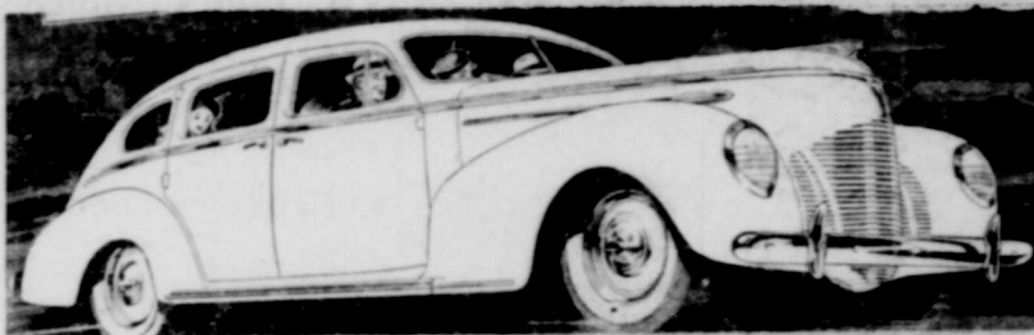
Service and satisfaction on all motor repair jobs is the guarantee offered by Deffebach Garage, backed by years of experience both by Vernon Deffebach, owner and proprietor, and all his employes.

Only expertly trained mechanics are employed at the garage, which also features washing, greasing, tire repairs as well as having a complete repair department and a large storage space for cars.

Texaco gasoline and motor oils are sold at the filling station at the front of the garage, which is conveniently located at the corner of Pine and South Rusk streets.

Ranger's Area

The area of Ranger is 6.6 miles, with more than 10 miles of paved streets and more than 50 miles of improved streets.



You're Safer in a **HUDSON**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RANGER TIMES —
AND TO THE CITY OF RANGER FOR THEIR 20 YEARS OF PROGRESS**

It has been my pleasure to have lived most these years watching this progress. I helped install your first water works system in 1919 and have been selling automobiles 16 years in Ranger. Thanks to the citizens of Ranger and surrounding territory for the splendid patronage given me over these years that helped make it possible for me to have stayed so long. See us for any "little deal" when you want the most outstanding operation any car can give. Whatever your heart's desire can be in a car "Hudson Will Give You."

New and
Used Cars

C. J. MOORE AUTO MART
HUDSON

Real Trade-
In Values!

THE BEN E. KEITH COMPANY

IS PROUD TO
SERVE THE
CITIZENS OF WEST TEXAS
THROUGH

"IDENTIFIED"

**FRUITS & VEGETABLES
LOOK ...**

FOR THOSE YELLOW and BLUE

fresh-from Keith's

MARKERS
IN THE STORES OF YOUR

INDEPENDENT RETAIL GROCERS

AND

"Listen for the whistle KGKO - 8:45 A.M., Tuesdays and Fridays

Directory of County, City Organizations

The following are some of the organizations in Ranger, and Eastland County, with their leaders. An attempt was made to secure information about each organization in town, but, no doubt, some have been omitted through oversight.

County Government

Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals: W. P. Leslie, chief justice, and O. C. Funderburk and Clyde Grissom, associate justices. Dan Childress, clerk of court.

Eighty-Eighth District Court: B. W. Patterson, judge.

Ninety-First District Court: George L. Davenport, judge.

District Clerk: John White.

County Judge: W. S. Adamson.

County Commissioners: N. C. Crawley, Fred Siekman, Arch Bint and Henry Davenport.

Criminal District Attorney: Earl Conner, Jr.

County School Superintendent: T. C. Williams.

County Treasurer: Garland Branton.

County Auditor: Don Parker.

County Engineer: A. F. Taylor.

County Surveyor: T. H. Landon.

County Assessor-Collector: C. H. O'Brien.

County Sheriff: Loss Woods.

County Clerk: R. V. Galloway.

Extension Department: Elmo V. Cook, county agent; Sam Rosenberg, assistant county agent; Ruth Ramey, county home agent; Margaret Blount, assistant home agent.

County AAA Administrative Assistant: C. W. Mainer.

Texas State Employment Service: J. Syd Lowry, manager.

Farm Security Administration: Robert Fisher, district rural supervisor.

Area WPA Office: R. Towner Dickinson, engineer in charge.

State Department of Education, Crippled Children's Division, B. E. McGlamery, supervisor.

Old Age Assistance Commission: C. C. Peeks, administrative investigator.

County Board of Education: W. P. Roach, Dr. P. M. Kuykendall, Mrs. Ula-la Burnett, Tobe Morton, Frank Dean.

State Comptroller Department Office: G. W. Barrett, representative.

Department of Public Safety: Bill Angus and T. A. Rowland, patrolmen.

City Government

City Hall, 201 South Austin Street. Mayor, Hall Walker; commissioners, J. J. Kelly, water; Edwin George, Jr., finance; C. J. Moore, streets; Sig Faircloth, police and fire. E. T. Eubank, city secretary.

Fire department, 310 Elm Street. George A. Murphy, chief.

Police department, 201 South Austin. Guy Pledger, chief.

Educational

Ranger Junior College, High School Building. W. T. Walton, president; H. L. Baskin, dean.

High School, South Marston, between Pine and Elm Streets. W. T. Walton, superintendent; J. Cleo Powell, dean.

Cooper School, Vitalious between Division and Cooper Streets. "Dutch" Irvin, principal.

Young School, Young Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets. L. C. Thomas, principal.

Hodges Oak Park School, Cherry and Lulu Streets. P. O. Hatley, principal.

St. Rita's School, 918 Oddie Street. Conducted by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Slaughter School, Colored, Cherry Street. Claudia Slaughter, principal.

Hospitals

City-County Hospital, West End of Mesquite Street.

West Texas Hospital, 402 Main Street.

Cemeteries

Evergreen Cemetery, Wayland Road, two blocks west of Sunset.

Old Ranger Cemetery, Clay and Pecan Streets.

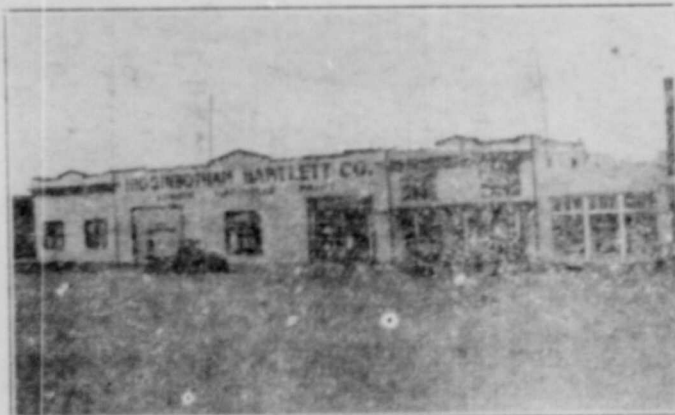
Library

High School and Junior College Library, High School Building.

Military

Texas National Guard, Company I, 142nd Infantry, Armory Building, North Austin Street. Capt. J. E. Fletcher, commander.

Higginbotham - Bartlett Company



The Higginbotham-Bartlett Company maintains and operates a big lumber yard in Ranger, located at the intersection of Main Street and U. S. Highway 80, where it commands a full view up to the length of Main Street. It is managed by Calvin Brown.

er, commander.

Organizations

Carl Barnes Post No. 69, American Legion, Legion Hall Lee Dockery, post commander.

Ranger Lodge No. 1373, B. P. O. Elks, Elks Hall, Main Street. L. H. Fleweller, exalted ruler.

Country Club, two miles northeast of city. Jack Mooney, president.

Rotary Club, meets weekly at Gholson Hotel. F. P. Brashier, president.

Lions Club, meets weekly at Gholson Hotel. L. L. Bruce, president.

Chamber of Commerce, 332 Main Street. A. N. Larson, president; Pleasant Moore, secretary-manager.

Montgomery Ward's Large Stock Draws Customers From Area

The Montgomery Ward retail store, located in Ranger, is a big drawing card for Ranger over a large trade territory.

Having one of the best stocks to be found in any but the larger towns, the store draws customers in every direction over a territory many miles in its scope.

Established after the oil boom, the local store has constantly increased its stocks of merchandise and its business has increased accordingly, until now it is one of the leading Montgomery Ward stores to be found in any of the smaller towns, and leads many stores found in larger cities in volume of business.

E. Moore, secretary-manager.

Retail Merchants Association, North Rusk Street. A. J. Ratliff, president; Miss Christine Mills, secretary.

Ranger City Council, P. T. A., Mrs. E. R. Green, president.

Post Office

Ranger Post Office, corner North Austin and Walnut Streets. A. E. Crawley, acting postmaster.



Telephone Teamwork in Texas

Some people are surprised to learn that there are 396 telephone companies serving Texas. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is the largest, it is true. But there are others—395 of them—which have the important job of providing telephone service in about 830 Texas towns and cities.

The Southwestern Bell is glad its lines connect with the lines of these other Texas telephone companies, blanketing the state with a

vast network of wires—so that boundaries between companies are not barriers to quick, state-wide telephone service.

Through teamwork and friendly co-operation, 396 Texas telephone companies work together to furnish Texas with telephone service that is fast, accurate, and dependable.

• Long Distance in Texas is cheap. You can telephone 100 miles for 50 cents (3 minutes conversation, day rate, station-to-station).

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY





Congratulations Ranger Neighbors
On Your 20th Anniversary!

COME

— TO —

Eastland

MONDAY - TUESDAY

JULY - 3 - 4

OVER \$500 IN CASH PRIZES

Special Events Scheduled for Monday, July 3rd, Starting 4 P. M.—Diving Contests, Sack Races, Roque Contest, Greased Pig Contest, Band Concert, Old "Rip" Horned Frog Toadlers Derby, Square Dance Contest 8 P. M.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNERS!

Extra Merchants Trade Day Cash Prizes Monday!

TUESDAY, JULY 4th 8 P. M.

Eastland's Third Annual
BATHING REVUE



\$150 IN AWARDS—PLENTY GRANDSTAND SEATS!

BABIES TO 7 YEARS:	8 TO 12 YEARS:
Cash Prizes	Cash Prizes
1st \$15 - 2nd \$10 - 3rd \$5	1st \$15 - 2nd \$10 - 3rd \$5

13 TO 80 YEARS:

1st Prize \$50 - 2nd Prize \$25

Third Prize \$15

No restrictions—any child or woman can enter regardless of place of residence—Register before 6 p. m., July 4th or send your name to Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

JULY 4th 9:30 P. M. BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY



for Brilliant Aerial Illuminations
of Beautiful Colors . . . Gorgeous
setup of flares of elaborate
designs—over 300 different
features.

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

Flying
Miller
Carnival
Circus
On the
Grounds
Starting
Monday,
July 3rd.

FREE
ACT
EACH
DAY!

AT EASTLAND CITY PARK

IT'S ALL FREE!



SHOP and SAVE

— AT —

ROBINSON'S
GROCERY

GREETINGS

— AND —

BEST WISHES

— TO THE —

RANGER TIMES

And all other pioneers, both past and present on this their 20th Anniversary and to whom this edition is dedicated.

We have remodeled and refinished our place and carry only the best merchandise that money can buy. We specialize in home fed, home butchered meats.

ROBINSON'S GROCERY & MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson

Congratulations and Best Wishes

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS IN RANGER ON THIS
THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY

The happiest days of my life were spent in and around Ranger. Sometimes I wish we were back there with you good people.

Dr. and Mrs. Sandy Terrell
Fort Worth, Texas



Spring
Star!



Summer
Short
Waist!



Summer
Girl!

Best Wishes to those who are today celebrating their 20th Anniversary. We are young in Ranger but old in experience of handling Ladies' Ready-to-Wear. Only exclusive ladies' store in Ranger handling Dresses, Hose, Slips and other accessories necessary to her queenly attire.

MODE - O' - DAY

Next Door To Gas Office

Decline of Cotton In County Led To a More Diversified Program

Few people now living in Ranger realize that at one time Eastland County was a major cotton producing county, but that many adverse conditions have made cotton a minor crop, with only a very few thousand bales being ginned each year since 1925.

Government records will show Eastland County's last full yield was had in 1908, after which time the boll weevil made its appearance in the cross timber and shinnery belts, including Archer, Bosque, Brown, Callahan, Clay, Comanche, Denton, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Somervell, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wise and Young Counties.

Further the records show that in no part of Texas have the weevils been so uncontrolled as they have been in the wooded area, which is so well marked out and defined that it would be easily isolated and controlled, with all using adequate poisoning methods.

But, though cotton production has declined a diversified crop program has probably more than counteracted the decrease in cotton output, and farmers have come to depend more and more on other crops, including peanuts, as a major cash crop.

The yield of cotton for Eastland County from 1908 through 1932 is shown in the following table, with the production since 1932 declining slightly:

Year	Bales	Year	Bales
1908	50,611	1920	7,688
1909	29,441	1921	1,837
1910	26,397	1922	6,921
1911	29,981	1923	12,254
1912	36,656	1924	14,088
1913	27,531	1925	22,462
1914	24,065	1926	7,195
1915	6,936	1927	3,739
1916	6,725	1928	6,733
1917	6,642	1929	4,756
1918	4,541	1930	4,244
1919	15,299	1931	7,141
		1932	4,671

Peanuts have now replaced cotton as the major cash crop in this area, with good yields being made on practically every farm near Ranger. In 1938 the Ranger Bonded Warehouse bought more than 800 tons of peanuts from farmers and stored them until sold to mills for seed.

Other major crops in the county now include cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, poultry, turkeys, wheat, oats, corn, grain sorghums, fruit and vegetables. An orchard program, started in the southern part of the county, has been started in the past two years which will greatly increase the fruit production of the county.

West's Garage Takes Pride In Excelling In Every Department

West's Modern Garage, which is located on Harwell Avenue, east of the business section of Ranger, is a station where every service for an automobile can be secured.

The station handles Humble products, including gasoline, oils and greases, stocks a number of automobile accessories and automobile parts and does all classes of repair work.

The repair department is personally supervised by R. H. West, owner and operator, who takes particular pride in seeing that every car brought to him is given the most careful attention, no little detail being overlooked while the car is in his garage for repairs. All his work is guaranteed.

Average Humidity

Ranger's average humidity is:

7 a. m.	76
12:39 p. m.	47
7 p. m.	50

Average mean temperature is 62.8.

Home of Mrs. W. D. Conway



The home of Mrs. W. D. Conway, shown above, is one of the prettiest homes in Ranger today. Built after the boom, it has a large, shady lawn, with huge mesquites predominating, which forms an ideal setting for its particular type of architectural beauty.

Many Celebrities Of Country Once Visited In City Of Ranger

Famous men have walked down the streets of Ranger. Men whose names are known throughout the nation have played a part in the history of this city.

The late Tex Rickard, world's greatest boxing promoter, drilled wells in the Ranger field. It was inevitable that Rickard, who sought gold in Alaska, ran a gambling hall in Nevada mining camp and staged the biggest prize fights that the world has ever known, should come to Ranger in quest of riches and excitement.

One evening he sat on the observation platform of his private car, on the sidetrack at Tiffin—just north of Ranger—and looking out on the flaring lights of the oil fields, calmly flicked the ashes from his cigar and told a newspaper man that he and associates that day had organized another oil company which brought their investment in the Ranger field to \$4,000,000.

Jess Willard, when he was the heavyweight champion of the world, was in Ranger and was interested in several wells in the field.

John Ringling, owner of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey circus, has been in Ranger and built one of the railroads crossing this county—the Eastland, Wichita Falls & Gulf.

Rex Beach, who has written stirring novels of Alaska, the West and the lumber camps, came to Ranger and obtained "color" for a novel of the oil fields. "Flowing Gold" has its setting largely in the Ranger field.

The late William Howard Taft, former president of the United States and former chief justice of the United States supreme court, visited this city and delivered addresses here.

Another president—General Obregon of Mexico—spoke here. His train stopped long enough for him to address a large gathering at the Texas & Pacific railroad station.

During one presidential campaign, Senator Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic nominee for the vice presidency, made a rear platform address when his train stopped in Ranger for 15 minutes.

Raymond Hitchcock, Mme. Schumann-Heink and Galli-Gurci are others in the galaxy of fame who have been in Ranger.

Reg Robbins who with Jim Kelly held the world's endurance flying record, has been here a number of times.

Harry Sinclair was one of the many famous oil men to come to Ranger.

Climate

The climate in Eastland County, and in Ranger, is almost ideal. There have never been any heat prostrations and the nights, even in mid-summer, are cool and pleasant. The winters are mild, and snow falls are few and light.

BRITAIN FEARS "DUMPING"

LONDON.—British woolen manufacturers in Britain are growing alarmed by German "dumping." Reports have reached London that greatly increased subsidies are to be given by the government to exporters of women's woolen dress goods.

Nazarene Church Was Built By Its Members

One of the smaller Ranger church buildings, but one which was built in the face of many difficulties, is the Church of the Nazarene, at the corner of East Main and Oak Streets.

Faced with the need for a church building, but lacking funds with which to build it, Rev. A. G. Pool, pastor of the church, and his congregation, took matters into their own hands and set to work.

Materials were gathered by members of the congregation and they were assisted by the pastor. Together they put up the building, working on it whenever they found the opportunity, and the materials with which to work.

Willing workers and a will to build a church soon resulted in a nice, frame structure, in which the church hold services. With the building of the church the congregation began to grow, and has continued to do so for the past few years.

A number of revivals have been held in the church, with outstanding evangelists taking part, and the church has prospered. Sunday school classes are held each Sunday and services are held regularly, with good congregations attending.

Bell's Cafe Is One Of Newest Concerns In Business of Ranger

One of the newest business establishments in Ranger is Bell's Cafe, owned and operated by Mrs. Clara Bell, located on Main Street.

The cafe was originally located on South Austin Street, a few doors south of Main, and was opened for business several months ago.

When a location was made available the cafe business was moved to Main Street, and a washed air unit was added to keep it cool at all times during the summer months.

Since going into business here, Mrs. Bell has enjoyed a good patronage.

Ranger Scouts Have Important Place In the Activities of The City

Scouting started in Ranger in January, 1927, by the Ranger Rotary Club becoming interested through their boys' work chairman, who was, at that time, W. W. Housewright. A five-session training course was put on to familiarize as many men as possible with just what the scouting program stood for. About 36 men took the course.

Three troops were organized at the Presbyterian, Christian and Central Baptist Churches. J. E. Cox was scoutmaster of the troop at the Presbyterian Church, J. E. Fletcher at the Christian Church and W. R. Clardy at the one at the Central Baptist Church. About 60 boys registered with these troops. All troops had a good representation at the summer camp, which was held on Big Sandy Creek in Stephens County that year. In 1928 a camp was established on the Llano River.

For a number of years Ranger was in the Oil Belt Council, which comprised Eastland and Stephens Counties, with Guy Quirl of Eastland as scout executive. Later Quirl was made executive of the Comanche Trail Council, of which Eastland County, and Ranger, became a part, with the council covering a large number of counties in this part of the country.

A few years ago interest in scouting became lax in Ranger and the two troops disbanded. Interest was revived, after a couple of years of inactivity, however, and a new troop was formed. This troop has been particularly active for the past three years and has won a number of honors at scout rallies.

A large, native stone scout cabin is now being constructed in the city park between Pine and Main Streets, in which the scouts will meet and conduct many of their activities. The cabin is being constructed with National Youth Administration labor, and when completed will be one of the most attractive scout buildings in this part of the state.

With renewal of scouting activities in Ranger there are indications that another troop may be formed soon, as the present troop has a full complement of scouts and there are a number of boys wanting to join. When the scout cabin is completed, and the grounds beautified, which will be sometime in the fall of 1939, plans for formation of another troop will be taken up.

Marion Thomas is scoutmaster of the Ranger troop.

Ranger scouts have always been willing and ready to aid in any worthwhile project in Ranger and have, on several occasions, acted as city officials for one day.

Water Connections

The number of water connections in Ranger is showing an increase. For the year 1937, as records of Jan. 1, 1938, show, there were 857 water connections, while at the first of this year the records for 1938 showed there were 998.

Beautiful fields of many-colored wild flowers are found in the southwestern corner of the county.

Home of Druggist



The attractive brick home of E. E. Crawford, Ranger druggist, is shown above. Located on Main Street, just a few blocks from the business section, it is one of the most beautiful homes in the city.

BEST WISHES

ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY
MAY YOU HAVE MANY OTHERS!

IF ITS SIGNS YOU NEED—
LET US PAINT THEM FOR YOU

JACK'S SIGN SHOP

Jack Williams, Prop.

**AS RANGER
COMPLETES
20 YEARS OF
PROGRESS**

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the splendid patronage we have enjoyed during the years that we have been in business in Ranger.

TO THE PIONEERS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT WE
EXTEND GREETINGS ON THIS YOUR 20th
ANNIVERSARY

**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE
STORE**

S. O. Montgomery, Sole Owner



When You're Thirsty, Hungry and
Tired . . .

**TASTE THAT DR. PEPPER
FLAVOR!**

Economical

BUY THE 24-BOTTLE CASE AT
YOUR DEALER'S

The carton of 6 bottles is nice for
a temporary supply, but the case
of 24 is the most convenient and
satisfactory package.



DRINK YOUR BITE TO EAT

10 - 2 & 4 O'CLOCK

DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO.

1919 -- 20 YEARS IN RANGER -- 1939



**WOOL and MOHAIR STORAGE
WOOL BAGS, FLEECE TWINE and
FERTILIZER**

MANUFACTURE A COMPLETE LINE
OF FEEDS THAT GO TO THE NEARBY
TOWNS AS WELL AS ALL RANGER
TRADE TERRITORY.

WE CARRY A MOST COMPLETE LINE OF SEASONABLE GARDEN AND FIELD SEED

FEED MIXING

FEED GRINDING

A. J. RATLIFF

RANGER

FEED AND FLOUR

PHONE 82

Longhorn Steers Are Replaced By Better Cattle In The County

The first ranch of any consequence was fenced in the county, back in the early nineties. Prior to that time, the country was all open. Longhorn cattle and Spanish horses roamed at will over not only Eastland county but all the surrounding country. They were usually worked in the spring and fall by regular roundups. Calves were branded and turned loose, not to be seen oftentimes again until they were four and five years old.

The change from open free range to fenced pastures was rapid, once barbed wire was introduced, and, along with the change, came better quality of cattle. Cattlemen soon recognized the fact that, with the fenced pasture, they could produce a better grade of beef cattle. The longhorn was ideal for the open range, but almost worthless under present conditions.

In the grading up process, which was a long drawn out proposition, using the longhorn for a foundation, the Hereford and shorthorn were used mostly, and both gave splendid results.

Until oil was discovered at Ranger, the cattle industry was one of, if not the most important industry of this section, but after the oil discovery it was neglected, for a time, and then came the dipping and cleaning the territory of the fever tick, and then the depression of 1920 and 1921, which almost paralyzed the cattle industry not only here but all over the range country.

But now, with ranges free of ticks, and the industry as a whole on a sound basis, ranges are pretty well stocked with high grade beef cattle, and there are more good young steers to be found right here than most anywhere in the state.

With ranges in splendid condition, lots of grass and water, with access to the Fort Worth market, one of the best in the country, and a great asset to the country, the cattle industry is again one of the foremost industries.

Leading Chiropractor Is Located In Ranger

Dr. E. R. Green, who has served the Ranger territory as chiropractor for many years, has built up a large patronage from the people of this section of the country, not only from Ranger, but from all over this country and parts of adjoining counties.

His modern offices, in which he has thousands of dollars worth of modern equipment, is conveniently located at 206 Main Street, in the heart of the business section of Ranger.

Free examinations are offered and a confidential report upon conditions found will be made by Dr. Green at any time.

Postoffice Station Is Most Attractive

One of the newest and most attractive service stations in Ranger is the Postoffice Service Station, owned by E. A. Ringold and operated by Curtis Ringold. The station is located at the corner of North Austin and Walnut streets, just across the street from the new postoffice building.

The service station building is constructed of the same material as was used in building the post office and is a very attractive addition to that part of the city.

Washing, greasing and tire repairs are handled by the station, which is also agent for General tires and tubes, Magnolia products and Ovrhaul.

Postal Receipts

Postal receipts have shown a steady increase each year since 1931. For the year 1937 total receipts were \$19,577.88 while in 1938 this had increased slightly to \$19,603.83.

Champion Jersey Bull



Above is shown the champion Jersey Bull, owned by Jack Walker of Alameda, a 4-H Club boy of Eastland county, who has won more premiums in the past few years with his Jersey cattle, than any other boy in Eastland county, possibly in the state. Recently more than 100 of the ribbons won by Jack were placed on exhibition in the Commercial State Bank of Ranger. He has won ribbons in practically every exhibit of importance in the state in the past few years, including the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas.

Oil City Pharmacy Is One Of Most Popular Drug Stores In City

One of Ranger's most popular drug stores is the Oil City Pharmacy, located on Main Street, and owned and operated by E. E. Crawford, popular Ranger druggist for many years.

The Oil City Pharmacy has been located on Main Street for 21 years, doing business in the same location. In its long years of careful attention to the needs of the public it has maintained an enviable place in the business annals of Ranger.

Many of the customers who now patronize the store were listed among its first patrons, which is proof of the satisfactory service that has been rendered in Ranger all those years.

H. P. Earnest Has Been Consignee For Texas Co. For Years

H. P. Earnest has been consignee of the Texas Company in Ranger for the past seven years, distributing all kinds of Texas Company products over this territory.

The territory covered by the company goes as far north as Lacassa, as far south as Gorman and Desdemona, covering these towns, in addition to Ranger, and the territory in between.

The local consignee operates one truck and a pickup to take care of the needs of his territory. The wholesale warehouse and storage tanks are located near the Texas & Pacific tracks, in the northern part of the city.

C. E. Maddocks Has Been Here Since 1919

C. E. Maddocks came to Ranger in June, 1919, to engage in the sale of real estate which at that time was the fastest moving commodity in this section of Texas.

He and his company are today outstanding in the real estate, insurance and loan business, having handled hundreds of rentals, many sales and a great deal of insurance of every kind.

His loan agency has been a direct service to Ranger and this community, supplying small loans on short notice, which would not otherwise be available.

The cattle industry is important around Ranger.

Globe Only Exclusive Men's Store In City Has Long Record Here

The Globe, Inc., operated by Saul Perlestein, is the only exclusive men's store in Ranger, and one which has been in business in the city since the early days of the oil boom.

The store, which handles all kinds of nationally-advertised clothing, has been in the same location on Main Street for nearly 20 years, having moved there shortly after being established by Perlestein and Morris Bendix.

Being one of the business pioneers in Ranger, Perlestein has always taken an active interest and part in all the affairs of the city.

Ranger Schools Paying Cash Upon Warrants

During June of this year H. C. Wilkinson, school tax assessor and collector for the Ranger Independent School District, announced that all school warrants, regardless of which fund they were drawn upon, or date of issue, would be paid in cash upon presentation to his office.

This is the first time in a decade that school warrants have been paid in cash up to date of issue.

Local Steam Laundry Serves This Territory

Ranger Steam Laundry, owned and operated by T. H. Pace, is located on North Austin Street, in the heart of the business district of the town.

The laundry does all kinds of laundry work, from the larger, contract jobs, to the small family washing, at moderate prices.

A pickup and delivery service is maintained throughout the day, and a telephone call will bring their truck at any hour. The laundry makes a specialty of one-day service.

Bill Peretti Sells Ice In Several Communities

Bill Peretti of Mingus operates an ice retailing company out of Mingus, covering the towns of Mingus, Gordon, Thunder and the routes out of those towns.

In addition to selling ice to a large number of customers daily, Peretti also is agent in that part of the country for Coolerator, the air conditioned refrigerator.

Interest Being Shown In Better Livestock Over Ranger Territory

An increased interest in livestock production and quality of stock has been shown in the Ranger trade territory in the past three years, and herds of dairy cattle, beef cattle and other farm livestock have been greatly improved.

Three years ago the Ranger Chamber of Commerce sponsored a spring livestock show, just prior to the annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, one of the state's leading livestock exhibits, and much interest was created in better livestock.

On the following two years an increase in the number of entries as well as the quality of stock, was noted in the Ranger Livestock Show, many of the animals shown locally winning prizes in other shows.

In the Ranger territory cattle have won prizes at Fort Worth, in the State Fair at Dallas, the East Texas Fair at Marshall, the Central West Texas Fair at Abilene, as well as taking premiums at fairs in Greenville, Eastland, Cisco, Rising Star and Brownwood.

Dr. Pepper Co. Of Strawn Distributors For Beverage Locally

The Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Strawn, owned and operated by W. O. Hayter, Jr., and M. L. King, distributes Dr. Pepper over two and a half counties in this part of the country including the City of Ranger.

Counties covered by the company are Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto and the northern half of Erath. They operate five trucks at all times covering this territory. The company employs 13 men at full time jobs, and manufactures 14 different flavors of soft drinks, all of which are made with modern equipment.

Dr. Pepper was originated in 1885 and has been a popular drink since that time.

Merchants Fast Motor Lines Is A Pioneer In Transport Business

Merchants Fast Motor Lines has been operating in Ranger for the past 19 years, being pioneers in this part of the state in motor transportation. The company, which is owned and operated by J. A. Fadell, of Fort Worth, offers overnight service between Ranger, Fort Worth, Dallas and points as far west as El Paso.

The local agency is handled by John Quincy Adams, who has had charge of the Ranger business of the firm for the past two and a half years. He has been with the company for four years before he was stationed in Ranger.

The local office of the company is located at 206 Elm Street, in the old post office building.

Ken Umberson Operates Jewelry Store In City

The leading jewelry store in Ranger, and one of the most attractive in this part of the state, is that operated by Ken Umberson.

In addition to operating a modern jewelry store, a specialty is made of gold watch repairing and jewelry repairs of all kinds. All kinds of engraving is also done at this modern jewelry store, which is located on Main Street.

In recent months Umberson has also opened a jewelry store in Hot Springs, N. M. He purchased the store in Ranger from Clyde Davis, who was in the jewelry business here for many years.

There are thousands of acres in the county that will return a big revenue if stocked with goats.

Congratulations and Best Wishes - -

to the City of Ranger and the Ranger Daily Times on this their Happy Birthday. May you celebrate many more.

GROCERIES

We, too, have been in the grocery business in Ranger a long time, handling only nationally advertised merchandise and selling at all times at the lowest possible prices. When you think of good groceries, meats, produce, etc., you are bound to think of Mills. See us for special prices on week days and Extra Specials always on Friday and Saturday. We make your grocery dollars do double duty.

E. P. MILLS GROCERY & MARKET

We Buy the Farmers' Produce!

FOODS - - -

Our customers and those who have so generously given this place their business are the best advertisement that one could want because they keep on coming back for more of the same thing. We have selected only the best for those who want the best and their every answer is found in groceries, meats, vegetables at this store. For this we are indeed grateful.

Confidence In Ranger

Sure we believe in Ranger and its future . . . if this were not so we would never have built the new building we now occupy.

Congratulations to those who are serving in the community and are celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

WOODS' GROCERY & MARKET

A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD

There's a price of beauty on your head. It will cost less, and be more attractively bought at

IZETTA'S

THE BEST
IN BEAUTY WORK
IS OUR MOTTO

OUR WORK
SPEAKS FOR
ITSELF



YOU ARE

The one we want to please. In order to do this we operate as efficiently and as conscientiously as possible.

WE DO NOT

Hesitate to guarantee you absolute satisfaction in every type of beauty work.

PHONE 600
FOR APPOINTMENT

We Compliment Those Who Today Are Celebrating
Their 20th Anniversary In Ranger

IZETTA BEAUTY SHOP

913 PERSHING STREET

Serving West Texas

We especially salute the people of Ranger, Texas on this special occasion—the 20th Anniversary of Ranger, marking 20 years of Progress in that territory. We thank all with whom we have dealt and to whom we have had the privilege of giving service. May you take full advantage of future growth in the territory.

Congratulations and Best Wishes
To Whom This Edition is Dedicated

WEST TEXAS PRODUCE CO.

Cisco,

Texas



PARAMOUNT HOTEL

Greetings

We, too, extend greetings and best wishes to the pioneers of yesterday and today, and greet those of tomorrow . . . because in this great land of West Texas men have vision and continue to push forward even as our fathers of old. A mighty fine place to live.

THE PARAMOUNT HOTEL and COFFEE SHOP

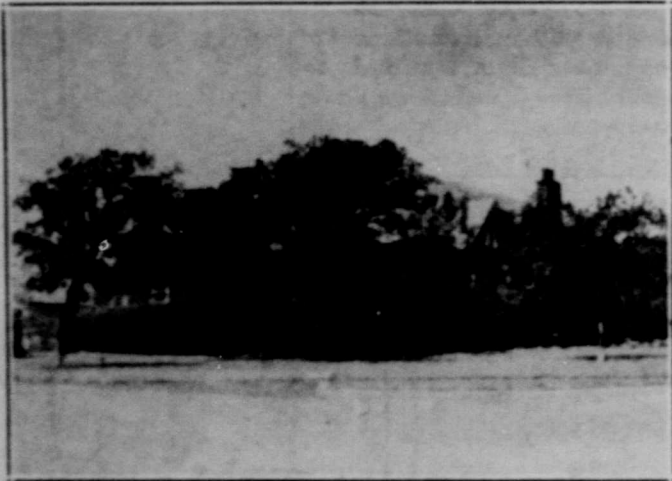
Invites you to stop in and have a cup of hot coffee or cold tea . . . the tea is cold but the reception will be warm. Whether you are looking for a place to stay all night or one to call home . . . the Paramount is the correct answer to the question.

PARAMOUNT HOTEL & COFFEE SHOP

A. J. Miller, Manager

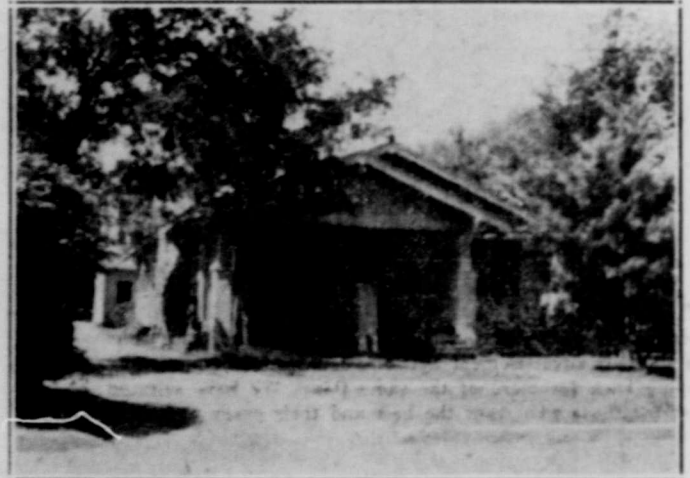
Beautiful Homes and Business Establishments

Home of C. E. May



Almost hidden by the foliage of artistically-placed shrubbery, the beautiful brick home of C. E. May, local insurance and real estate dealer, is one of the show places of Ranger.

Saule Perlstein Home



Above is shown the attractive home of Saule Perlstein, located in the Hodges Oak Park section of Ranger. This attractive home is one of many in the addition, which is the most attractive residential section of the city.

Home of Attorney



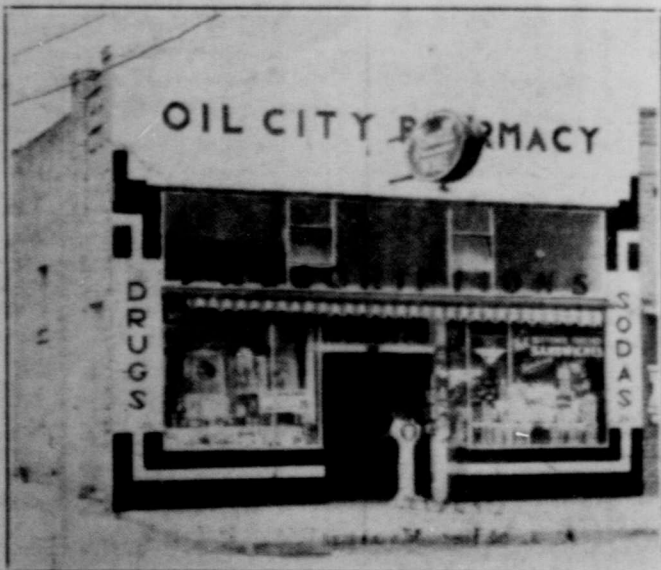
The home of L. H. Flewellen, Ranger attorney, which is located in the Blundell Addition of Ranger, is another of the attractive homes, with spacious grounds, that attracts attention.

Home of Mrs. Blanche Murray



Curved driveways, beautiful flowers and well-arranged shrubbery about its large lawn, make the home of Mrs. Blanche Murray, Strawn Road, one of the attractive homes in the city.

Modern Drug Store



The Oil City Pharmacy, in addition to being one of the oldest drug stores in Ranger, is also one of the most modern. Within the past two years a modern front has been installed, a new soda fountain added and a washed air cooling system built into the store. A large stock, modern fountain and unexcelled prescription department add to its continued popularity.

Commercial State Bank.



The Commercial State Bank of Ranger, one of the leading financial institutions between Fort Worth and Abilene, is now a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, with every account fully insured by the federal government up to \$5,000. Hall Walker, mayor of Ranger, is at the active head of the bank, assisted by W. F. Creager, cashier.

ENJOY LIFE WITH
MILLER'S HIGH LIFE
 THE CHAMPAGNE
 of Bottle Beer
DRINK STAG BEER

YOU don't have to bring back the good old days to enjoy good old-time beer. No, sirree! Stag's still here and it's dry, not sweet—same as always—without the slightest trace of bitterness.

It takes a really dry, old-fashioned lager to quench your thirst these hot summer days. And that's Stag to a T! Its clean, tangy taste is the result of brewing to a formula generations old.

Bury your nose in a stein of cool Stag! Get that matchless flavor of this real man's brew. You'll say it's the best beer you ever tasted. And you'll be right!

STAG (Dry, **BEER**
 Not Sweet)

P. G. NADER, Distributor
 Mingus, Texas

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SPEEDY AND COURTEOUS DELIVERY SERVICE

Mingus — Gordon — Thurber — and Country Routes

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TRY OUR TASTY

- Delicious
- Exclusive
- Refined



A Special Way of
 Preparing 100%
 Chicken Meat with
 Lettuce, Tomatoes,
 and Special Chick-
 burger Dressing.

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Happy Birthday to those who are today celebrating their 20th Anniversary. May it be yours to see many more such happy occasions.

PORKY PIG

New Strawn Highway
 We Are Exclusive Franchise Owners



BEST WISHES

TO THOSE WHO ARE
 CELEBRATING THEIR

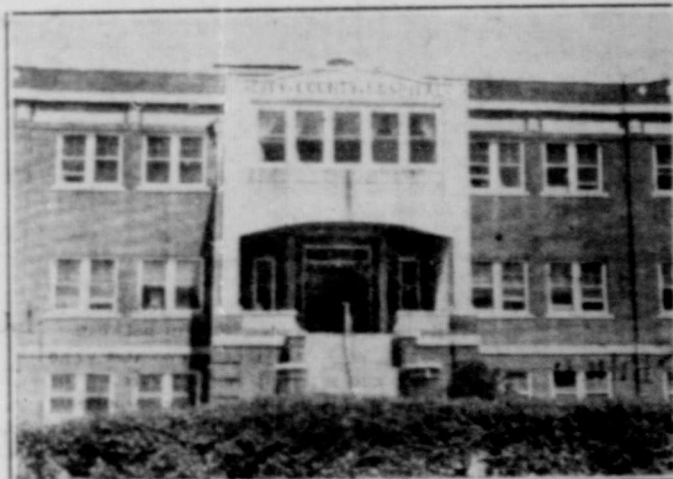
20th ANNIVERSARY

AND TO WHOM
 THIS EDITION IS
 DEDICATED.

And to all pioneers, both past and present, we join with all others in wishing you many more happy birthdays.

RANGER AUTO PARTS

J. J. KELLY, Prop.



CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL

One cannot commercialize upon those who are in distress
BUT . . .

but it is merciful, thoughtful and kindness itself to be able to offer aid in times of distress and suffering.

Competent and capable physicians and surgeons in attendance at all times day or night.

We congratulate those who are today celebrating their years of service to the community and to whom this edition is dedicated.

CITY COUNTY HOSPITAL

Anna Belle Kinney, Supt.
 Ranger, Texas

Phone 207

Numerous Flourishing Towns To Be Found In County Of Eastland

The chief cities of Eastland county are Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Gorman, Rising Star, Desdemona, Carbon, Olden and Pioneer.

EASTLAND, the county seat, is 10 miles southwest of Ranger and the cities are joined by the brick-paved Broadway of America, State Highway No. 1. Eastland is a center for oil, gas poultry and agriculture.

The city has miles of paved streets. Eastland gained world-wide fame when the old courthouse was torn down and Old Rip, the horned frog, emerged, credited with having slumbered nearly 31 years in the cornerstone.

CISCO is 10 miles west of Eastland and is linked to Ranger and Eastland by the brick highway. Cisco is noted as the location of the world's largest swimming pool and America's biggest hollow type re-enforced concrete dam. The dam, with a spillway 3000 feet long and other dimensions in like gigantic proportion, was built at a cost of \$1,200,000. A paved causeway was added, with the result that Highway 23 now crosses the dam. A State fish hatchery is located near the dam. These attractions make the dam an amusement center.

The city is a gateway to the shallow oil fields to the west, south, north and southwest. Cisco has many beautiful homes and many miles of paved streets. Its railroad facilities make it a wholesale center of importance.

OLDEN, midway between Ranger and Eastland on the brick-paved Broadway of America, is headquarters for the Magnolia Petroleum company in this section of the State. It is a flourishing and active little city. Lining the highway are many little truck farms, some of them irrigated. The unusual sight of oil wells only a stone's throw from a paved highway is to be seen in the western part of Olden.

GORMAN in the southeastern part of the county is in a fine agricultural section. It is one of the most important peanut markets of Texas and considerable cotton is marketed there, as well as pecans, fruits, vegetables and other products. Bass lake is a popular place for swimming and picnics. Much has been done in the Gorman territory in terracing and the use of commercial fertilizer. There is oil and gas production in the vicinity of Gorman.

DESDEMONA is seven miles northeast of Gorman and is connected with Ranger by the Wichita Falls & Southern railroad. The importance of agriculture is increasing around Desdemona.

RISING STAR, in the southwestern part of the county is in a splendid farming country and has benefitted much from shallow oil field development in that vicinity. Rising Star has a paved business district, an active Chamber of Commerce, and is famed for its progressive spirit.

PIONEER, some seven miles west of Rising Star, has natural gasoline plants, numerous oil and gas wells and farming activity. It is a busy and active town.

CARBON, located in the center of the county, has as its keynote "diversification." Poultry, dairy cattle, hogs, truck farming, cotton, peanuts—all have a place.

In addition to these cities and towns, Eastland county has a large number of small communities, such as Dothan, Scranton, Cheaney, Staff, Sabanno, Kokomo, Colony, Tudor, Alameda and many others.

P. G. Nader Agent For A Popular Beer

P. G. Nader of Mingus is agent for the popular Miller's Beer in this part of the county, having a number of retailers in Ranger who handle the drink.

Nader operates trucks through Ranger daily, replenishing the supplies of Miller's Beer in the taverns and cafes, which find it one of their best sellers.

Telephones

For the year 1937 there were 513 telephones in use, and during 1938 this number had been increased to 522.

Popular Eating Place



The newest, and one of the most popular eating places in Ranger is the Porkey Pig, shown above, which was completed this summer on Highway 80, just north of the Main Street intersection. Delicious sandwiches are specialties at Porkey Pig, with unexcelled service being an additional attraction.

Personnel of Ranger's Officials, Employees

The following is the directory of city officials and employees of the City of Ranger.

Hall Walker, mayor.
Sig Faircloth, fire and police commissioner.
C. J. Moore, street commissioner.
J. J. Kelly, water and sanitary commissioner.
Edwin George, Jr., finance commissioner.
E. T. Eubank, city secretary.
Hal Lavery, tax department.
Miss Maurice Croom, office secretary and water department.
Guy Pledger, police chief.
G. C. (Lum) Love, patrolman.
Johnny Boyd, patrolman.
W. G. Pounds, patrolman.
M. M. Scott, desk sergeant.
G. A. Murphy, fire chief.
Charles Isabell, assistant chief.
F. M. Prock, driver and fireman.
Foy Adkins, driver and fireman.
Day Mace, fireman and mechanic.
Bob Johnson, street department.
Con Hazard, street department.
E. F. Stevens, street department.
M. H. Alexander, water plant operator.
E. C. White, water department lineman.
J. A. Jones, cemetery sexton.

Topography

The topography of Eastland county varies from hilly broken country to a gently undulating plain. One half the county is tillable. The soil is largely sandy, and sandy clay and loam, and dark soils.

College Enrollment

Enrollment in Ranger Junior College has shown an increase during the past year. For the year 1937-38 the enrollment was 71 while in the term 1938-39 the total enrollment was 103.

Watson Funeral Home Of Strawn Completely Equipped For Service

The Watson Funeral Home of Strawn has one of the most modern funeral homes to be found in this part of the country, and one that has earned a reputation for the manner in which it handles all its business.

A new funeral coach is maintained by the home, making two cars, completely equipped, for individual purposes, at the disposal of its patrons. Invalid patients are given the most careful attention possible to assure their comfort and the utmost in sanitation and safety.

The Watson Funeral Home is conveniently located on highway and is completely equipped in every respect.

Dairy Products Co. Of Eastland Helps All County's Towns

The Eastland Dairy Products Company is under the management of J. A. Beard and Harvey Bouchillon, both having a number of years of experience in the creamery business.

The company has just completed installation of a most up-to-date pasteurizer, a covered cooler and milk vaults that meet all state and city requirements. They make purchases of cream, milk and eggs from farmers of Eastland County of approximately \$4,000 a month.

This money is turned back into the business channels of the principal towns of the county, making the company an asset, not only to Eastland, but to all the other nearby towns.

Ranger's altitude is slightly less than 1,500 feet above sea level.

Times Was Aided By Many In Compiling Data For This Paper

The Times is deeply grateful to all who aided in making this edition possible and who aided in helping it to achieve any success it may meet, both to those who so willingly furnished historical material and articles and to those who purchased advertising space.

Much of the credit for the edition goes to Mr. Ed T. Cox, Sr., of Eastland, who has spent many years in research into the earlier history of Eastland County. He plans to publish a history of the county, as soon as this research work is completed. His files, his knowledge of the early history of the county and some of his writings were made available to the Times in order that this edition might be made as authentic as possible.

The Times is also grateful to Mrs. Ethel Brookes Gilmore, who contributed a number of articles for this edition. These articles, too, were written after much research had been done along these lines.

Jacoby's Station Is Building Reputation For Splendid Service

One of the smaller, but better equipped service stations in Ranger is located on Highway 80, between Main Street and Blackwell Road, and is operated by Mellinger Jacoby.

Since entering the service station business several years ago, Jacoby has made a study of motorist's needs, and has made his station one of the most thorough in the city.

Washing and greasing are a specialty, and the pride of the station, and each car turned out by these departments is thoroughly checked and double checked to see that everything necessary is done to it before it is returned to its owner.

The station has enjoyed an increasing business during the past few years, a business that has been built on service.

Brad's Cafe one of The Popular Eating Places

Brad's Cafe, located on Main Street in Ranger, is one of the more popular eating places of the town.

Short orders of all kinds are served, and the cafe specializes in quick, efficient service. Plate lunches are also served at meal times by the cafe, with home cooking being one of the features of these moderately-priced meals.

Brad's Cafe joins other enterprising business institutions of the city in calling attention to Ranger's 20th birthday.

An Early Scene in Ranger



One of the occasions often referred to in Ranger was "The Big Fire" which ranked second only to the burning of the McCleskey Hotel, with its huge toll of lives. The above scene shows several blocks of the business district, then composed of wooden buildings, the morning after fire swept through a large portion of the town.



H. H. VAUGHN SERVICE STATION

GREETINGS and BEST WISHES

To the pioneers, both past and present, who are today being shown much deserved honor for the years of service they have rendered to the community—a record we know you are proud of.



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4TH of JULY SALE

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Prices Include Your Old Tire.

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SPECIAL SALE Firestone CONVOY TUBES
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STANDARD TIRES

SIZE	FORMER PRICE	SALE PRICE	YOU SAVE
4.40-21	\$9.10	\$5.55	\$3.55
4.50-21	10.00	5.55	4.45
4.75-19	10.30	5.73	4.57
5.50-17	13.20	7.33	5.87
5.25-18	12.00	6.68	5.32
5.50-18	13.70	6.68	7.02
6.00-16	14.35	7.98	6.37
6.50-16	17.40	9.68	7.72

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See Firestone Tires made in the Firestone Factory and Exhibition Building at New York World's Fair. Also visit the Firestone Exhibit at the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco.

Listen to the Voice of Firestone with Richard Crooks, Margaret Sparks and the Firestone Symphony Orchestra, under direction of Alfred Wallenstein, Monday evenings, Nationwide N. B. C. Red Network.

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COOL FIBER
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39c UP

TRUNK GUARD
\$1.49

H. H. VAUGHN SERVICE STATION

Corner Pine and Austin Streets
PHONE 23 RANGER

Good Market For Produce Can Be An Aid To The Farmers

Ranger started her diversification work over 20 years ago when the oil boom was going on. At that time, every one was interested in oil and dollars. The farmer received a good price for the oil lease on his land and left the farm and moved to the city where he spent his money freely and soon came back to the farm without any money.

By that time, the boom days were over and the country was without farmers. For the last five years, there has been a back-to-the-farm movement around Ranger and the old cotton farming that was the leading crop has just about passed out and the dairy cows, hogs, and chickens have become the leading crops.

The city of Ranger offers a good market for dairy, truck and poultry products. Ranger's climate is particularly adapted to poultry raising. The sandy soil and gravel hillsides make perfect locations for chicken ranches.

Truck farming around Ranger is carried on in a small way. There are a number of shallow wells of water that

are used for irrigation. Large quantities of berries are raised here. The orchards are planted to peaches, apples, pears and apricots. Every farm around Ranger has an orchard that produces all the farmer wants and then some to sell.

Grain sorghums are grown as the chief feed crop. Corn is grown but not as extensively as it used to be. Hegira is grown almost exclusively of all other grain sorghums.

Alfalfa and sweet clover are grown on scattered farms. There is an abundance of winter pasture in the form of small grain crops and the native pasture is good the year around.

The cotton industry around Ranger reached the highest production years before the oil boom when the gins at Ranger ginned eight to fifteen thousand bales. Now, cotton is a minor crop. Cotton can be grown here as well as in the leading cotton regions of the State but the farmers have found that it does not pay to grow one crop. Ranger has a modern gin to handle the cotton.

Goats have been placed on a number of the farms around Ranger and they are paying good dividends.

North and east of Ranger is a large cattle country stocked with pure bred Herefords, while, south and west of Ranger, farming is the chief industry.

Dairying has grown into a leading industry.

Over 50 per cent of the farm homes

Ranger Clinic Under Construction



The new Ranger Clinic Building, which is now being constructed, will be occupied by Dr. W. L. and Dr. C. L. Jackson, upon completion. The building is a brick veneer of modern design. It is located on North Austin Street.

Dentist Building New Offices



The offices of Dr. W. L. Downtain, Ranger dentist, will be located in a new, brick veneer building, on North Austin Street, adjoining the Ranger Clinic. Dr. Downtain's offices, which are now under construction, are shown above.



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PROTECT THOSE YOU LOVE!

40 YEARS IN RANGER

Whether it be fire, life, accident, liability, storm or what not, I can render you that personal service, backed by years of experience that will assure you of the kind of policy best suited to you and your particular needs. The companies I represent are the companies that are strong enough to take care of any contract they enter.

Congratulations to those who are celebrating their years in Ranger and to whom this edition is dedicated.

C. E. MAY

INSURANCE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES

Calvert Station Is Popular in Ranger

The Calvert Service Station, located at the intersection of Highway 80 and Blackwell Road, sometimes called Prairie Crossing, specializes in washing, greasing and tire repair at all hours.

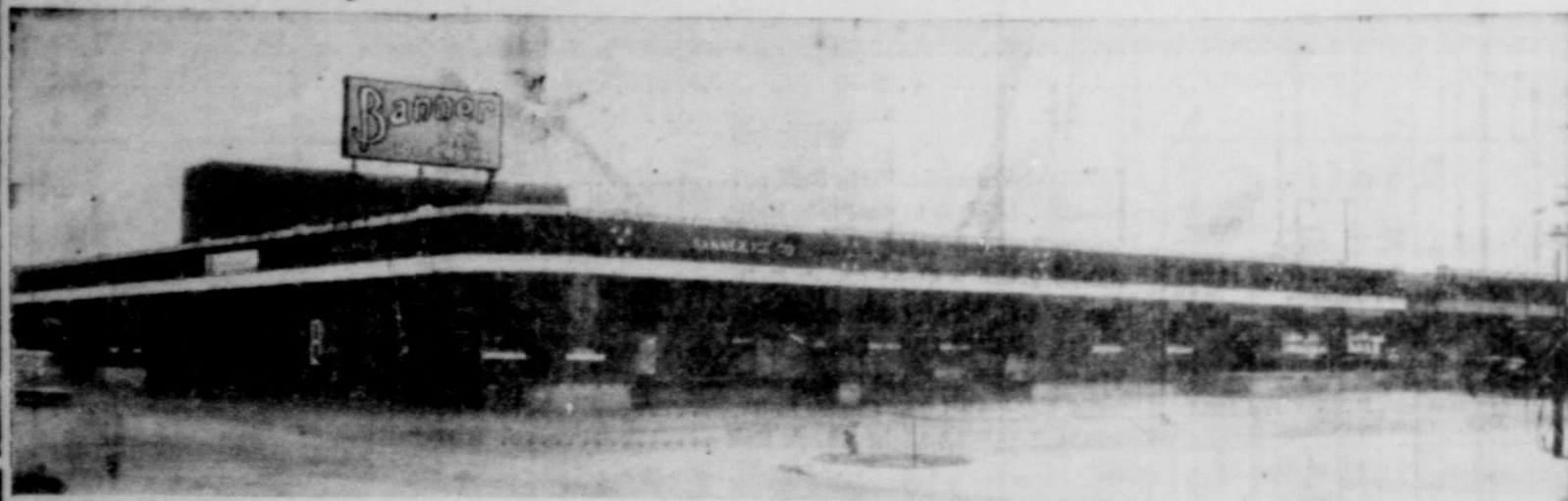
The station, which is very popular in Ranger because of its unexcelled service, handles Sinclair products of all kinds, including gasoline, oils and greases.

Neighborhood Grocer Has Good Patronage

The Black and White Grocery, located on Highway 80, between Main Street and Blackwell Road, is one of the leading neighborhood groceries in Ranger.

This grocery, with a cafe in connection, is owned and operated by Wes Marshbanks, who has operated the grocery and cafe for several years, during which time it has enjoyed good patronage.

CONGRATULATIONS—At this time we sincerely congratulate Ranger on her 20th Anniversary --



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BIG SPRING, COLEMAN,
ANSON, BALLINGER,
BRECKENRIDGE, CRANE,
EASTLAND, MIDLAND.

BANNER CREAMERIES

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T. L. DUPREE SERVICE STATION

On Highway 80—Ranger

CONGRATULATIONS

AND BEST WISHES

To those who are today celebrating their 20th Anniversary
in Ranger. And also greetings to those to whom this
edition is dedicated.

RANGER IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE
INSURANCE IS A GOOD THING TO HAVE!

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HOW TO GET THE FAMILY UP
IN THE MORNING . . .

When every method known has been tried—why not start
serving our choice bacons, sausages and hams? You will
be surprised how the tempting aroma will get them up the
very first morning . . . and the delicious flavor of those
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE
CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS

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AND MARKET**

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CITY OF RANGER

HALL WALKER, Mayor

SIG FAIRCLOTH
POLICE COMMISSIONER

EDWIN GEORGE, JR.
FINANCE COMMISSIONER

J. J. KELLY
WATER COMMISSIONER

CHAS. J. MOORE
STREET COMMISSIONER

Error Is Made In Identifying Homes

An error in identification of cuts used in this edition was made, and the error was not discovered until the section containing the picture had been printed.

A view of the C. E. May home, taken before the shrubbery had been grown, was mistaken for the brick home of E. E. Crawford, located on Main Street, and the wrong reading matter was placed under the picture, which appears on page 56 of this edition.

In the rush of getting out pictures for the edition the mistake was made in identifying the homes.

A. J. Ratliff's Feed And Seed Store One Of Best In County

A. J. Ratliff is one of the leading feed and seed merchants of this section of the state and enjoys a large business which comes from over a large territory.

After being in the feed business for a number of years, he took a traveling job, later going back into the business for himself.

His store, which is one of the best known in Ranger, handles a complete line of field and garden seed, as well as feed stuff for livestock, chickens or any farm animals. A large warehouse is used for the storage of grains and feed, and is used as a wool and mohair warehouse each spring and fall.

The company purchases hay and grains locally in addition to grinding feeds and meal. It is the local agent for Universal Mills of Ft. Worth, handling Cold Chain flour and Red Chain feeds.

Ranger Floral Co. Has An Up-to-Date Place

The Ranger Floral Co. was started a number of years ago at its present location, 705 Blundell street, by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Surbrook, who, having confidence in Ranger and its surrounding territory, have continually added to the original greenhouse and grounds until at present their business rates with similar businesses in towns several times larger than Ranger.

Among the choice flowers grown are chrysanthemums, carnations, snapdragons, calendulas, sweetpeas, dahlias, gladiolas, as well as a large variety of other flowers for both cut flowers and pot plants, giving them an adequate supply of flowers for all occasions the year 'round.

Also a large variety of nursery stock is grown and many of the beautiful yards in and around Ranger have been planned and planted by them.

A few years ago they purchased the business of Golden Florist, and moved the downtown office from the Arcadia Building to 203 Main Street, where they keep a large variety of small plants and cut flowers at all times.

Mrs. Young's Beauty Shop Now a Leader

A modern, well-equipped beauty shop, which was started in her home, but which outgrew that location and moved to town, is now operated by Mrs. Mary Young, on Main street.

Over a period of many years Mrs. Young has been recognized as one of the best beauty operators, and owner of a shop that always turns out only the best of work. With her reputation her business has grown continually for the past few years until she now has probably the largest shop in town.

Ranger Furniture Exchange



Above is shown the Ranger Furniture Exchange with loads of merchandise being unloaded.

Ranger Auto Parts Carries Large Stock

Probably the largest stock of automobile parts in West Texas is carried at all times by Ranger Auto Parts, owned and operated by J. J. Kelly, who is also water and sanitary commissioner of Ranger.

In addition to handling automobile parts, both wholesale and retail, the store is equipped to do cylinder re-boring, piston grinding, valve re-seating and many of the more delicate mechanical operations that are not done in Ranger garages. Much of this work is done for local mechanics, who rely upon Ranger Auto Parts for much of their precision work.

Fixit Shop Lives Up To Its Name and Also Handles Hardware

If you have anything that needs fixing there is one place in Ranger you can go and, in a great majority of cases, it can be mended. That place is Williams Hardware and Fixit Shop, which makes a specialty of repairing articles that ordinarily one thinks could not be mended.

In the front of the building is a hardware store, catering to the smaller hardware items, and especially the items that usually are hard to find in any other store. In the rear is the fixit shop where anything from a mouse trap to the combination of a safe can be repaired, including locks, bicycles, typewriters, adding machines and other similar items.

S. O. Montgomery Owns The Western Auto Supply Store

S. O. Montgomery, who owned and operated one of the largest and finest dairies in this part of the country, now is out of the dairy business and is owner and operator of the Western Auto Associate Store, located on Main Street.

The store is well stocked with all kinds of automobile necessities, accessories, tools, radios, garden supplies, and carries a full line of fishing equipment and tackle.

Since purchased by Montgomery the store has enjoyed an increased business.

Sun, Snow, Wind

Average for Ranger:
Sunshine, 79 per cent.
Snowfall, annually, 2 1-2 inches.
Wind, 10.3 miles per hour.

Chevrolet Service Man Wins Recognition For Performance in 1938

Nath Pirkle, manager of the repair department of Anderson-Pruet, Inc., Chevrolet dealers in Ranger, this year won the distinction of becoming vice-president of the Chevrolet 85 Club. Officers are chosen for proficiency in rating, and Pirkle was second in the Dallas zone, automatically making him vice-president.

A large brass plaque has been received by Pirkle, which reads, "In recognition of his outstanding performance as a service manager, N. Pirkle, Dallas Zone, has been elected to the office of zone vice president in the Chevrolet 85 Club for 1938." The plaque was recently presented by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Sales Corporation.



NATH PIRKLE

Ratings for the year 1938, which were based on performance for that year, were made upon several qualifications. They were listed as "ability and attitude," "maintains clean, orderly shop," "adheres to terms of the owner service policy," "held semi-monthly shop meetings," "had no zone office complaints," "had no central office complaints," and "all records (GSP-17-a) complete and correct."

By rating second in the Dallas zone, Pirkle was graded along with 200 others in the zone, it was stated by T. J. Anderson, member of the firm of Anderson-Pruet.

Gas Meters

During 1937 there were 889 gas meters in use in the City of Ranger, and in 1938 the number had increased slightly to 897.

A. F. of L. and N. L. R. B. members had a surprise meeting. As surprising as the language?

Sold In Ranger By A Popular Station

H. H. Vaughn, popular Ranger filling station operator, has the local agency for Firestone Tires, and carries a large stock of these popular tires in stock at all times.

In addition to tires and tubes he handles a large assortment of Firestone products, including automobile radios, and many of the automobile accessories that one would like to have on his car.

The H. H. Vaughn Service Station is conveniently located, just a block from Main Street, and across the street from the Ranger City Hall, at the corner of Pine and South Austin Streets.

T. & P. products are handled by this large station, which also does a good overnight storage business, for which it has ample room.

Aaron Stiles Has Been In Filling Stations In Ranger Many Years

The Central Service Station, which is operated by Aaron Stiles, has been the location of a service station since immediately after the oil boom days. Stiles has just recently moved from his old location, one block east, to his present station. It was once known as the Westgate and Barnes property.

Stiles has been in the filling station business in Ranger for about 20 years, and has had a good patronage during all those years. He has had a wide experience in lubrication and care of automobiles.

The Central Service Station handles only Gulf products, for which Edwin George, Jr., is the local agent.

Woods' Grocery Grew Out of Old Building Into a New Structure

Starting in a small building, far from the main business section of Ranger, the Woods' Grocery and Market has grown in the past few years, until recently it became necessary to purchase a new building in order to handle the business.

The new location, which is just across the street from the former location, is a clean, sanitary building, with ample parking space. It is one of the most attractive of the numerous grocery stores outside the regular business district of Ranger.



BEST WISHES
To The
CITIZENS OF RANGER

On Their 20th Anniversary

GULF has also served
in keeping
Ranger motorists hap-
py!

EDWIN GEORGE, JR.

Wholesale Distributor Gulf Products
Phone 105 Ranger

GREETING

ALL PIONEERS
On Their
20th
ANNIVERSARY
We, Too, Are Pioneers
In the Bakery
Business



IT'S
DELICIOUS!

The Result of Years of Scientific Research.

Mrs. Baird's Bread is different. Its flavor, appearance and texture, and is definitely not what you'd expect from a commercial bakery. It is exactly something you would expect to come from a huge, old-time kitchen on baking day . . . you know the kind . . . delicious, golden brown loaves with a flavor and richness that only good milk, butter, fine flour and the experience of a skilled baker can produce. Ask for Mrs. Baird's Bread at your grocers today.

MRS. BAIRD'S BREAD

VANCE BLAUSER, Distributor

LUMBER AT MILL PRICES

New Low Prices - Grade Marked - Steam Kiln Dried

Per 100 Bd. Ft.		DOORS	
1x4 No. 2 S4S	\$2.25		Each
1x6 No. 2 Flooring	2.70	2'0"x6'0"-1-1/8" 5 X Panel	\$1.57
1x8 Shiplap	2.60	2'6"x6'6"-1-1/8" 5 X Panel	1.80
1x6 No. 2 Rough Fencing	2.75	2'0"x6'8"-1-3/8" 6 Panel Colonial	2.52
1x12 No. 2 Boxing	3.50	2'6"x6'8"-1-3/8" 6 Panel Colonial	2.83
2x4 No. 2 S4S, 8'-10'-12'-14'	2.50	2'8"x6'8"-1-3/8" 3 Light Top	4.03
2x6 No. 2 S4S, 8'-10'-12'-14'	2.50	2,8"x6'8"-1/8" 15 Lt. French	4.06

Roofing

Square

29 Gauge Corrugated Iron, 6 to 10's \$3.75
6" Deminon Shingles 2.16
Complete stock lumber and builders' material reduced in price in proportion to items listed above. Send us your complete bill. We can save you MONEY and MILE-AGE. Cash and Carry.

WINDOWS

8x10 1-1/2" 8 Light Plain Rail	\$1.06
10x12 1-1/8" 8 Light Plain Rail	1.27
10x14 1-1/8" 8 Light Plain Rail	1.38
28x14 1-3/8" 2 Light Check Rail	1.16
28x16 1-3/8" 2 Light Check Rail	1.21
28x28 1-3/8" 2 Light Check Rail	1.76
10x12 1-3/8" 12 Light Check Rail	2.03
9x14 1-3/8" 12 Light Check Rail	1.98
10x14 1-3/8" 12 Light Check Rail	2.07

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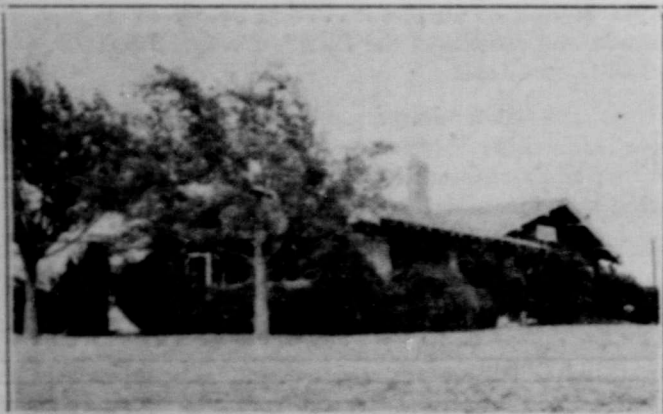
NEW
HIGHWAY 80

BIG CHIEF LUMBER CO.

Mineral Wells, Texas

Beautiful Homes and Business Establishments

Home of Theatre Manager



Pictured above is the home of B. E. Garner, local theatre manager, which he purchased and remodeled this year. Its large lawn, its shrubbery, trees and rose garden enhance its beauty.

Modern Grocery Store



The grocery store, owned and operated by Sig Faircloth, who is also police and fire commissioner of the city of Ranger, is modern in every respect. Sig's Nu-Way Store has enjoyed a splendid patronage for a number of years.

Men's Furnishing Store



The Globe, Inc., Ranger's only exclusive men's furnishing store, has occupied the same location on Main street for nearly 20 years. In the past year it has been remodeled throughout to give it better display space for the merchandise handled by this store, which is operated by Saul Perstein.

Ranger Dry Cleaning Plant



The Ranger Dry Cleaning Plant, pictured above, owned and operated by S. P. Boon, has the most modern equipment, throughout, that can be procured. The plant is equipped to do anything in the dry cleaning and pressing line that any shop in this part of the state can do.

First Methodist Church



The First Methodist Church of Ranger occupies a beautiful brick building, which replaced the smaller, wooden structure the church owned prior to 1920.

Modern Jewelry Store



Above is pictured the front of Ken Umberston's jewelry store, which is one of the most attractive store buildings in Ranger, with its modernistic front. This is the only exclusive jewelry store in Ranger.

CHEVROLET

FIRST IN PROGRESS

FIRST IN VALUE

FIRST IN SALES

Thanks to our many friends . . . and friends of Chevrolet for your loyalty and support! It is to you the aim of desire of every member of our you we owe a debt of gratitude. The aim and desire of every member of our organization shall be to give the very best values consistent with good business and to render—

ANDERSON - PRUET

Phone 14 SALES  SERVICE Ranger

ROY McCLESKEY SERVICE STATION

310 Railroad Ave.

Phone No. 567

HIGHWAY 80

Gives you 24 hours courteous and efficient service.

WILLARD BATTERIES

U. S. ROYAL TIRES AND TUBES GULF PRODUCTS
WASHING—GREASING—POLISHING

Your Business Always Appreciated

WE EXTEND GREETING TO THOSE WHO ARE
TODAY CELEBRATING THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY

OUR POLICY

In keeping with our ideal of Service to feature only standard, proven lines of known quality merchandise, with more regard to quality than price . . . in buying the various lines we handle, our first consideration is to obtain articles that will give a maximum of service . . . that can be sold at the lowest possible price consistent with quality. This policy more than anything else has been responsible for our steady growth and reputation for reliability.

Best Wishes

To those who are today celebrating their 20th Anniversary . . . May you enjoy many more such happy occasions.

Prescriptions carefully compounded at prices you can afford to pay.

ROSS PHARMACY

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ross, Props.
Corner Main at S. Rush Sts.

Phone 18

RANGER CLINIC

OFFERS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Those

Whose Birthdays Are
Being Celebrated Today

We, too, will celebrate the opening of our new clinic on North Austin Street, just opposite the new post office building, just as soon as building is complete.

RANGER CLINIC



MAGNOLIA PRODUCTS

HAL JACKSON,
Distributor

EASTLAND

TEXAS

We are happy to congratulate those citizens of Ranger, pioneers, who are today celebrating their 20th Anniversary. May you enjoy many more such happy occasions.

DRIVE IN TODAY AND LET ONE OF THE FOLLOW-
ING STATIONS SUMMERIZE YOUR CAR

THE MAGNOLIA WAY

RANGER DEALERS

Displaying the Signs of the Flying Red Horse—The Sign of Friendly Service:

Red Horse
Service Station

Postoffice
Service Station

Goats Can Become A Leading Industry Of Ranger Territory

Twenty years ago, an Angora goat was very seldom heard of in this part of the country, but today it is quite different, a large number of Angora goats being grazed on the brushy and rough land of this part of Eastland county, returning a handsome profit on the investment.

Angora goats can play an important part in the scheme of agriculture in Eastland county. They not only furnish a cash return to the farmer through the sale of mohair and meat but can be of considerable value in keeping down sprout growth in pastures or in clearing sprout growth in sections to be cleared for farming purposes. This is especially prominent in the middle west. On the ranges of Eastland county, Angora goats could be used for the purpose of utilizing the browse type of vegetation on a permanent base. In many communities where brush is the main forage, proper stocking with Angora goats would afford a better financial return than it would be possible to obtain by grazing other classes of livestock.

On the brush range of this part of Eastland county, Angora goats could be used for diversification of the farming and ranching business and the grazing of them on the range would make possible a profit from many areas that doubtless would be unprofitable with cattle alone, as the value of the Angora goat is appreciated in the locality, there will be a considerable expansion of the industry on range areas supporting browse which cannot be used as satisfactorily or economically by other classes of livestock.

There are 350,000 acres of brush land in this county. Beyond a reasonable doubt, each acre of this land would support one goat permanently, making a total of 350,000 goats in our county.

Here are some of the things that are manufactured from mohair, the chief product of the Angora goat: It is important in upholstery materials and for men's summer suits and also for lining materials. It is used in manufacture of braids, draperies, laces, hats, piled fabrics for coats, and for decorative trimmings. As an upholstery material, mohair is usually in the form of a pile fabric and is unsurpassed for general durability.

Their fabrics are used for automobile upholstery and for railroad car seats, where the fabric must withstand the hardest kind of service, nor is it necessary to sacrifice esthetic properties to gain this degree of durability, for it is possible to make many beautiful coverings by variations in the pile height and structure, as well as by embossing and hand block printing. As a rule the pile fabrics have a cotton fabric base.

Mohair is used in men's summer suitings, in all-mohair and in numerous combinations with other fibers, sometimes mixed in the yarn structure but usually as either the warp or the filling of the fabric. One of the much advertised brands of men's suitings is made of mohair in one direction and worsted yarn in the other. As a lining for suits, mohair is used extensively, woven plain or twilled, and here also it is sometimes combined with wool, cotton, silk or rayon.

Because of its resilient nature and because it takes dyes brilliantly and retains the color well, mohair fiber serves admirably for nets, laces, and drapery materials, and many novel effects are obtained in decorative trimmings for coats, hats, and shoes. The long silky pile is bound into the base of the fabric and then curled, embossed or otherwise processed to give the desired effect. It is possible, by ingenious construction and dyeing methods, to imitate many of the fine furs, and to produce materials which are not only attractive but serviceable.

Wreckers, at work on a Chinese building, found a treasure. Didn't know they needed wreckers in China; thought the Japs were taking care of it.

Fine Goats Raised Here



Many herds of fine Angora goats, such as that pictured above, which belongs to J. F. Donley of Ranger, can be found in this part of Eastland County and West Texas. This animal is one of many to be found on the Donley Ranch.

Big Chief Lumber Co. of Mineral Wells Is Serving West Texas

The Big Chief Lumber Company, Mineral Wells, owned and operated by O. K. McLaughlin, opened January 1st of this year as headquarters for West Texas trade, a complete new plant carrying a full stock of S. P. A. Grade Marked (steam kiln dried) lumber and builders' materials to make available to this community and surrounding counties their products to user at mill prices on a cash and carry basis, hence eliminating middlemen's profits and passing that 30 to 40 per cent savings on to you.

An estimate and advisory service department is ready at all times to help you with your building problems.

The plant is equipped with flood lights to facilitate night loading and to speed up service when necessary. Large warehousing space is built to accommodate their large stock of windows, doors, screens, wallboards, roofing and builders' hardware.

You are cordially invited to visit their plant, meet its organization and inspect and compare grades and prices.

E. P. Mills Has Been In Ranger Many Years

The E. P. Mills Grocery, which is located at the corner of Walnut and North Rusk Streets, just one block from Main Street, has enjoyed a large patronage for a number of years.

Until recently the store was owned by E. H. and E. P. Mills, but E. P. Mills bought out his brother, and partner, and is now sole owner of the business.

The store handles only nationally advertised merchandise. Much produce is purchased from local farmers to be sold to customers of the store.

Mode O' Day Ranger's Newest Dress Shop

Ranger's newest dress shop is the Mode O' Day, which was opened this year in the building next door to the Community Public Service Company, on Main Street.

The exclusive dress shop handles only Mode O' Day products, including house dresses, silk dresses, slips, hosiery, underwear and other accessories needed by the well dressed woman.

C. J. Moore Has Been In Business Here For A Number of Years

C. J. Moore, who owns and operates the C. J. Moore Auto Mart, located on Pine Street, has been selling automobiles in Ranger for the past 16 years, and has been in business for himself nearly half of this time.

Moore, who is street commissioner of the City of Ranger, came to Ranger in 1919 to help install the water works system, and has been a citizen of the town ever since.

The Auto Maart is local agent for the popular Hudson automobiles.

Robinson's Grocery Has Been Enlarged

Robinson's Grocery and Market, one of the largest neighborhood groceries in Ranger, has just been enlarged and remodeled, following a fire that did considerable damage to the building and stock.

In the enlarged store, which has been re-opened for business, is a new, walk-in refrigerator for meats and perishable goods, which compares with those to be found in much larger stores.

This popular grocery is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robinson, and is located on Blackwell Road.

Gholson Hotel Now Owned By D. Joseph

The Gholson Hotel, until June of this year a unit of the National Hotels, has been purchased, and is now operated, by D. Joseph, who also owns and operates Joseph's, Ranger's foremost department store.

With purchase of the hotel Joseph leased out the coffee shop, which is in the east side of the building, to Tony Toti, who was formerly chef for the hotel.

Also located in the building are Swaney's Pharmacy, and the Gholson Barber Shop, owned and operated by L. E. Gray.

Plans are now being worked out for remodeling and improving the hotel, with changes being planned in the lobby, in the apartments and in rooms for transients.

The New York Stock Exchange has distributed notices, stating: "No admission required." Isn't that big of them?

First Oil Well Fire In Ranger Field Recalled

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

Brewer No. 1 was the fourth oil well to come in during Ranger's oil boom. It was an 18,000 barrel gusher and was drilled during the spring of 1918. About three days after the well blew in it caught fire, burning from midnight until 9:15 the next morning. Flames lighted the sky for miles, and following the boom day custom, every man who had a gun of any description, started shooting. A green horn thought the town was being attacked.

During the fire Pleas Madwell, Mr. Hands and the gauger were burned to death. Mr. Hands was sitting on the pipe between tank No. 1 and No. 2, the flames enveloped him so quickly, that he never moved. His body fell forward just where he had been resting. Pleas Madwell became confused, running directly into the flames. He then turned and ran about 100 feet east, where he died. The gauger ran forty feet to the east, the flames licking at his clothes. He also was burned to death.

The crew reversed the well's control head. This took the oil flow away from the fire. Then Tom Fox and Owen Hinman plowed a deep ditch to carry the oil flow to an earthen tank.

John Ely was superintendent, D. N. Waggoner connection foreman and in the crew were Bill Bratton, Owen Hinman, Tom Gilstrap, Tom Fox, J. B. Richardson, Mr. Hands, Pleas Madwell and the gauger, whose name cannot be recalled.

Strawn School System Among Best In State

The Strawn public school system has a physical plant adequate for all needs now and the future. The grades are housed in a two-story brick building.

The high school group has a modern three-story building with basement, gymnasium, auditorium, shops, commercial room, a museum and a home economics building.

The high school course of study includes bookkeeping, junior business training, typing, shorthand, shop work, and a course in library methods. These courses are offered in addition to the standard classical work. The home economics work is above the average.

The Strawn high school is an accredited school. Its graduates are admitted without examination to all our high institutions of learning.

The Strawn schools have an enviable reputation for the prowess of their athletic teams and for their interscholastic league activities.

An alert and progressive board of education cares for the business end of the school as well as its general policies.

Retail Merchants Have Active Organization

Ranger has an active Retail Merchants Association, which has been operated continuously in the city for nearly 20 years.

At present A. J. Ratliff is president of the association and Miss Christine Mills is secretary.

The association's office is a clearing house for credit information about the people of Ranger and the Ranger territory, and the names, and credit ratings of many people who once lived in Ranger, but who now live elsewhere, are also kept on file.

Ranger Sign Painter Believes In His Signs

"It pays to advertise," says Herbert Rapp, Ranger sign painter, who has become most proficient in his art.

Rapp paints a large number of the signs used in Ranger, including artistic designs on show windows for special sales, the artwork for the local theatres and larger signs on store fronts.



AT
SIG'S NU-WAY
GROCERY

THE BEST

MEATS - FRUITS - VEGETABLES

Can be had at all times. We cater to the thrifty shoppers of Ranger and Eastland and Stephens Counties who recognize quality and service and by a small profit and quick turnover we pass quite a saving on to those of our friends and customers who have been shopping here for years.

BOOSTING for RANGER - -

Sure we are for Ranger, our home town, and are always behind any worth while project that will help the citizens, thereby helping the progress of the community. Come to Ranger—there are no strangers in our midst.

We take pleasure in congratulating those who are today celebrating their 20 years of service in the community and to whom this edition is dedicated.

SIG'S NU-WAY GROCERY AND MARKET

Phone 21

Sig Faircloth, Prop.

Ranger



WE MAY NOT BE AS
SMART AS THE RITZ,
BUT OUR FOOD IS
JUST AS GOOD

Greetings and Best Wishes To
Those Who Are Today Celebrating
their 20th Anniversary.
The Day Will Be Complete if
you dine at the Gholson.

50c — Sundays' Menu Dinner — 50c

Choice Italian Antipasto - Fruit Cocktail - Cream of Tomato Soup
Filet of Sole, Marguerite - Tenderloin of Trout, Figs
French Mixed Grill
Fried Chicken, Country Style - Virginia Ham Steak, Champagne Sauce
Small K. C. Steaks, Mushroom Sauce
Italian Chicken Ravioli, Parmesan Cheese
Veal T-Bone, Baked Tomato
Breast of Chicken, Eugene - Braised Beef, Demi Glace
Head Lettuce, 100% Island Dressing
Browned Potatoes - Cauliflower in Butter - French Peas
Hot Rolls
Bartlett Pear - Stewed Peaches - Ice Cream
Tea - Coffee - Milk
We Specialize in Good Steaks and French and Italian Dishes!

THE GHOLSON COFFEE SHOP

Main Street

Toni Toti, Prop.

Ranger, Tex.

Congratulations

To the City of Ranger and the Ranger Daily Times on their birthday. May you have many more such happy occasions.

We too have been doing business at the same old stand for 20 years—and do we like it . . . you bet we do.

Come in and see one of the Ford V-8's. Get the facts and you will get a Ford.

Some of the outstanding features of the new Ford V-8: Style leadership; V-type 8-cylinder engine; hydraulic brakes; triple-cushioned comfort; stabilized chassis; scientific soundproofing.

Check the many items of desirable equipment included in the advertised price.

LEVEILLE MOTOR CO.

GREETINGS--

From One Old Timer To The Pioneers, Both Past and Present

We are indeed glad to extend our congratulations to you, who are today celebrating 20 years of constructive service to this community.

MR. and MRS. JOE HARNESS



O. K. GROCERY

Owners are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fengler

WE, TOO, JOIN ALL WEST TEXAS IN WISHING
FOR THOSE WHO ARE TODAY CELEBRATING
THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY A REAL OLD
FASHION, HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Ranger is our home, and we invite you to come and live amongst us . . . one of the friendliest peoples we have ever known . . . we learned to love them . . . you can too.

It is the home of the Ranger Junior College.

O. K. GROCERY AND MARKET

Phone 214

Ranger, Texas

Business Interests Of Eastland Congratulate City On Anniversary

Business interests of Eastland, through the Chamber of Commerce, today joined organizations and individuals of this section who are cooperating in the observance commemorating the birth of Ranger and the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce at Eastland expressed its pleasure in witnessing the progress of the City of Ranger and the Ranger Chamber of Commerce and stated that their continued welfare will be noted with interest at Eastland.

At the same time the Chamber of Commerce at Eastland called attention of Ranger citizens and those of the section who will probably be interested in two events calendared at Eastland.

One is the July Fourth Celebration July 3 and 4 and the other is the annual Eastland County Fair and Texas Peanut Festival Sept. 28-30.

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce has always cooperated in the holding of the county fair and in ventures of mutual interest to Eastland and Ranger.

Roy McCleskey Has A Popular Station On Broadway of America

Roy McCleskey, who has had experience in merchandising and in the service station business, operates one of the popular filling stations located on Highway 80 in Ranger.

After going out of the mercantile business McCleskey purchased a filling station, later building a modern station on Highway 80 when the route of the "Broadway of America" was changed through the city.

His station, which is capably managed, has always been staffed with experienced men, who know how to fill the needs of the motoring public.

His modern station is another that handles the well known Gulf products.

Magnolia Products Distributed Here By Agency at Eastland

Hal Jackson of Eastland is Magnolia distributor for this part of the country, including the towns of Eastland, Olden, Ranger and the rural communities in this vicinity.

Ranger dealers who handle the Magnolia products including Mobgas and Mobiloil, are the Red Horse Service Station which takes its name from the Magnolia emblem, and the Post Office Service Station, located just across the street from the Ranger post office.

Other popular Magnolia dealers are located in the towns in which Jackson is agent.

City Tailors Grows From A Small Shop Into A Modern Plant

The City Tailors, located on North Austin Street, just half a block from Main Street, is owned and operated by J. A. (Mickey) Sloan.

Sloan moved his cleaning and pressing business here from Strawn about 10 years ago, at which time he had only a small amount of equipment.

As his business grew he constantly added to facilities for cleaning and pressing until he now has a modern and complete shop, which will compare with any in this part of the country.

As the business grew the size of the shop, too, has been enlarged, and new fixtures for storing clothes have been added.

Home of Chevrolet Agency



Anderson-Fruet, Inc., local Chevrolet agents, occupy the building shown above, with the offices and display rooms being in the front and the service department in the back. T. J. Anderson and C. B. Pruet are the owners. Nath Pirkle has charge of the service department, in which he recently was rated second in the Dallas zone, including 200 Chevrolet agents. Weldon Webb is bookkeeper for the company.

Milton George Operates a New Filling Station

Milton George is operator of one of the newest filling stations in Ranger, which is located on Highway 80, just east of the intersection of the highway and Main Street.

The station was completed within the past year, making one of the attractive buildings of this type which has been located on the new highway cutoff through the town since it was finished.

The station, atop which is a large neon sign advertising the Gulf Products it sells, handles all kinds of products sold by the Gulf Corporation, including the famous Gulf gasoline, oil, and greases. Tire repairing, washing and greasing are also featured, with experts in these lines in attendance at all times.

Vance Blauser Has Operated Bread Route In Ranger Many Years

Vance Blauser of Ranger has been agent for Mrs. Baird's Bread in Ranger for the past 12 years, operating one truck which supplies bread to practically every grocery in the town.

During his 12 years as local representative of the Fort Worth Company Blauser has maintained a good patronage from most of the grocery stores in this area.

Bread is shipped to Blauser each day from the bakeries in Fort Worth in order to maintain fresh supplies at all times.

Gulf Wholesale Agent Here Is Former Banker

Edwin George, Jr., agent for the Gulf Oil Corporation in Ranger, has handled this popular gasoline, Gulf oils, greases and other Gulf products in Ranger for the past six years.

The local agency serves Ranger, Mingo, Strawn and Gordon and the rural communities in Eastland, Palo Pinto and Stephens Counties.

The company's wholesale business in this section is handled by George, who purchased the business after many years experience as a banker, having been cashier of the Commercial State Bank of Ranger prior to engaging in the oil and gasoline business.

Sig's Nu-Way Grocery Is One Of Best In All Of Ranger's Territory

Sig's Nu-Way Grocery, owned and operated by Sig Faircloth and located on North Austin Street, is one of the leading groceries in Ranger, and throughout this part of the country. Faircloth has been in the grocery business in Ranger for 13 years, and now employs five people in his store.

The store purchases eggs, chickens, butter, cream, cows and hogs, which are sold through the store, which does its own butchering.

The popular market department is supervised by H. G. Adams, who also has many years of grocery experience, having owned grocery stores in Ranger for a number of years before taking charge of the market in the Nu-Way Grocery. The market is one of the best equipped in the country.

A complete line of staple and fancy groceries is carried in the store at all times.

Eastland Iron Dealer Is Active In County

Among those in this community who can "kick" the stumbling blocks of progress in every direction is Henry Pullman, who operates the Eastland Iron and Metal Company at Eastland, with branches in Ranger and surrounding towns. Whenever it comes to something worthwhile to the best interests of Eastland county, Mr. Pullman is never found wanting and while he is a very busy man he always finds time to lend an attentive ear to personal and civic problems and if necessary gets out and helps and does a good job of it.

For the past year Mr. Pullman has been Post Commander of the Dulin-Daniels American Legion Post at Eastland and by his leadership and the co-operation of his fellow members has made the post one of the most progressive in the state.

Mr. Pullman is high in his praise for Ranger and is appreciative of the many courtesies extended to him by its citizenship. "Naturally, Ranger being as close to me as it is I wish for all its people the utmost in prosperity and progress, and am proud to be one of thousands to extend a hand of congratulation on its twentieth anniversary."

Theory that snow melts quickly in Ogden, Utah, because of smoke overhanging the city can't be right. It does snow in Pittsburgh.

Jack Muirhead Sells Automobiles In The Ranger Community

For many years Jack Muirhead, owner and operator of the Muirhead Motor Company at Eastland has been serving the citizens of this community with the best automobile service in this section.

Chief among the proud assets of the Muirhead Motor Company are the hundreds of owners of Buick and Pontiac automobiles that the citizens of Ranger and community are now enjoying, for their own pleasure, economy and comfort.

Today Mr. Muirhead is proud to state that the new 1939 products of Buick and Pontiac are at the peak of their perfection and engineers whose duty it is to see that these cars are established to maintain their prestige for greater service, more economy of operation and perfect balance of usefulness, have fulfilled their ambitions to the full satisfaction of every person who buys either a Buick or Pontiac.

In the low price field Pontiac stands alone for perfection. In the little higher bracket, Buick has reached the pinnacle of success that is found in automobiles that sell for a much higher price . . . and even at that Buick has added a touch of quality that higher priced cars do not have.

The Muirhead Motor Company is as close to you as your telephone . . . and a call will bring a demonstrator to see you at a moment's notice. When in Eastland all citizens of Ranger and community are invited to visit the Muirhead Motor Company on East Main Street at Eastland.

Jiggs Cafe Has Been In Ranger 20 Years

"We have been here 20 years, and you can tell them we will be here 20 years longer," Pearl Shelton, co-owner with "Jiggs" Anderson, in the popular Jiggs Cafe, stated recently when she was told of the 20th anniversary edition of the Ranger Times.

Backing that statement is not only 20 years of service, but 20 years of exceptional service in the cafe business, with hundreds of satisfied customers who think of Jiggs Cafe when they think of a place to eat.

Real home-cooked meals are featured, but short orders of all kinds are prepared quickly and served with efficiency, which makes it an ideal place in which to eat a small lunch or a large dinner.



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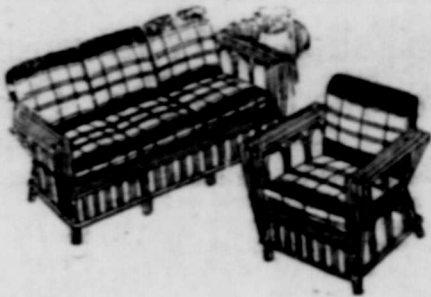
Congratulations and Best Wishes to those who are celebratnig their 20th Birthday in Ranger and to whom this edition is dedicated.

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Ranger Is Well Supplied With Large Variety of Recreational Facilities Not Surpassed By Any Town Its Size

Ranger is probably better equipped for recreation than any town its size in the state of Texas, and additional recreational facilities are constantly being planned and built.

The most recent addition to the recreation facilities of the town is a \$30,000 municipal swimming pool, which is now under construction and which is expected to be opened sometime in July.

The pool, when completed, will be 150 feet long and 50 feet wide, with ample facilities for recreation seekers of all ages. A wading pool for kiddies will also be included in the project, when completed.

A large, native stone bathhouse, a native stone pump and filtration plant will treat the water from a artificial lake above the pool, though water from the city water system will be used until the lake is completed.

The deep portion of the pool will be about 10 feet deep, with room for diving boards in the deep portion of the pool. The shallower part of the pool, which is designed for those who cannot swim, or who are not expert enough to venture into the deep waters, will comprise about two-thirds of the entire expanse of water.

Near the pool will be a large concrete apron on which roller skating or dancing can be enjoyed. The pool is located in the municipally owned Willows Park, which took its name from the many trees which abound there.

One of the finest country clubs and golf courses in this part of the state draws many golfers to Ranger throughout the season, and each year a tournament draws more than 100 golfers for the three-day event.

A large, native stone clubhouse, with a large dance floor is an ideal setting for the dances sponsored by the club. Huge timbers were used for rafters and joists in the clubhouse, which with its thick walls forms a beautiful setting for the club's dances.

The fairways of the golf course have recently been cleared of rocks, and the beautiful grass greens are constantly watered and mowed, keeping them in perfect condition. The nine-hole course, while not difficult, is sporty enough to keep even the most expert golfers interested in playing the course, and many have pronounced it the best course over which they have played in many years.

The clubhouse has recently been renovated and the entire grounds improved.

The Ranger High School has a large, lighted football stadium, which was completed last year, and which will seat approximately 4,500 people.

The old Lillard Field seats were torn down, and a modern stadium erected to replace them. Two ramps on each side of the field carry the football fans halfway up the stadium, which towers up more than 20 rows on one side, with a large press box at the top. On the visitors side the stands are not so high, but from every seat in the stadium one can see as well as from the 50-yard line. The stadium extends from 20-yard line to 20-yard line on each side of the field.

Iron posts, towering more than 80 feet high, hold the 1,500-watt lights, of which there are 40 on the field, making a total wattage of 60,000 when all lights are turned on. Ample parking space in two large parking lots near the field provide plenty of space for all automobiles, with easy access to the field.

Adjoining the football stadium is a lighted softball field, with grandstand seats for 750 people, and a playing field large enough for baseball games. The field is lighted by 17 of the 1,500-watt lights.

Along the third base line are bleacher seats which will accommodate approximately 500 more fans, and often the seating capacity of the stands is taxed. A high board fence surrounds the entire field.

Although Lake Hagaman was closed

to fishing this year, in order that the stocks of fish in the lake might be increased, there are a number of smaller lakes near Ranger which abound in fish, and just a few miles away is the famous Leon Lake of the Texas Electric Service Company, in which many fish annually.

Hunting has been good near Ranger for many years, though now much of the land is closed to hunting through the efforts of game wardens and landowners, who have formed game preservation in which many landowners are included.

Several ardent fox hunters also live in Ranger, and on many an evening the hounds can be heard as their owners leave for an all-night chase through the wilds and canyons which abound not far from the city.

A large Recreation Building, which is a unit of the Ranger School system, has basketball court, volley ball court, stage and auditorium, which will seat nearly 2,000 people. Here high school and junior college basketball teams play, and tournaments are conducted during the playing season. Large meetings are held in the auditorium, which is also used for school plays, local entertainments and a large variety of gatherings.

A recreation department of the WPA has recently been established in the city, with a full-time recreation director and a number of supervisors in charge. Through this program children of all classes and ages can participate in supervised play, including softball, basketball, ping pong and other games. Facilities for both outdoor and indoor sports for both white and colored people of all ages have been provided, with at least five playgrounds being operated each week with hundreds of children present each week.

A community recreation center has been established, with a large dance floor and room for many indoor games. The local National Youth Administration boys and girls, of which there are approximately 80 in Ranger, hold dances and other entertainments there.

The grounds around each of the three ward schools and the St. Rita's school are well equipped with playground equipment for those attending these schools, with the Parents-Teacher Associations taking a big part in keeping the equipment up to standard.

G. & H. Dairy Is Also Having Anniversary

The G&H Dairy of Ranger is also celebrating its 20th anniversary, having been established in 1919 to serve the rapidly growing community. It has enjoyed a good patronage throughout all those 20 years.

At first the dairy was operated by Gholson and Harrell, but in 1923 R. E. Harrell purchased the Gholson interest, but retained the G&H name.

The dairy herd is kept at the dairy headquarters, two miles from Ranger on the Breckenridge road, though all the milk produced is marketed in Ranger.

Jack's Sign Shop Is Well Equipped Plant

Jack's Sign Shop, owned and operated by Jack Williams, has been operated in the same location for a number of years, and has enjoyed a good patronage from all over this part of the country.

Equipped to paint the larger signs, he has done many of the outdoor signs used in this part of the county. A trailer, with compressor and spray gun, makes his work neat, fast and accurate. He also contracts for painting jobs on building, homes, or repainting automobiles.

New Neighborhood Grocery



Just completed this year, the new building in which Woods' Grocery and Market is located in one of the best neighborhood groceries in Ranger. The business outgrew the old location just across the street, and the new structure was erected by Orville Woods, the owner of the grocery.

O. K. Grocery Has A Large Patronage From Over The Entire City

Located just outside the central business district of Ranger, and yet definitely a part of it, is the ever popular O. K. Grocery and Market, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Fenger.

The store has been in the same location for many years, where it has enjoyed a splendid patronage, not only from the people in its neighborhood, but throughout the town. A fast delivery service is maintained throughout store hours.

Within the past few years the building has been remodeled, repainted and a modern front installed, which added much to its appearance and to its patronage. Ample parking space, just outside the main traffic arteries, adds to its popularity.

"Miss Ranger for 1939"



Golden-haired, blue-eyed Dorothy Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry, was selected as "Miss Ranger" for 1939, in a contest held recently in Ranger. She is to compete in July, in a state-wide contest at Fort Worth when, Casa Manana's Texas Sweetheart No. 1 will be selected. (Photo by Modern Studio).

Sent on an errand 21 years ago, a Pennsylvanian just returned to his mother. He must have stopped to play chess on the way.

Eureka Tool Company Business Is Extended Over Many Counties

The Eureka Tool Company operates one of the largest machine shops to be found in this part of Texas, which draws business, not only from Eastland County, but from a large number of counties in Central West Texas.

F. E. Arterburn, who is manager of the local tool company, has been in charge of the Ranger plant for several years.

Equipped to do almost any kind of machine work, the Eureka Tool Company has built up a reputation in this part of the state that is exceeded by none. The quality of their work is largely responsible for their business being well known over so large a territory.

Eastland Laundry Is Congratulating City In Which It Operates

Several years ago the Eastland Steam Laundry had the happy privilege of serving a number of valued customers in Ranger. During this period its business had increased and a most careful vigilance was kept as to the quality of work given to satisfy its customers.

Mrs. Frank Roy, proprietor of the Eastland Steam Laundry, extends personal greetings to the citizens of Ranger and hearty congratulations on its 20th anniversary.

The Eastland Steam Laundry maintains a daily truck service to Ranger which assures prompt deliveries. Its equipment consists of the very best possible and long experience in the laundry business backs up a money back guarantee if not satisfied for every bundle of laundry sent to them.

C. E. May Is Pioneer Business Man of City

C. E. May is truly one of the Ranger's pioneer business men, as he was operating a drug store in the small community in 1917 when oil was discovered and the town bloomed, almost over night, into a thriving city.

Selling his drug store business, May entered the real estate business and became agent for a large number of the country's most outstanding fire insurance companies.

His office is located in the heart of the business district, on Main Street, where he still is engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

He has long been one of the most active men in the town in civic matters of all kinds and has taken a keen interest in promoting Ranger at all times.

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Ranger, a city that grew up over night 20 years ago and became a seething mass of humanity all struggling to amass the fortunes that the magic word "OIL" gave promise too, became known throughout the world as the miracle city. In those days there was no thought of settling down to make a city of homes, schools and churches.

But thoughtful men, who made up their minds no matter what came, to cast their full lot of life there substituted order for chaos. They organized a Chamber of Commerce; they built churches; they laid out city blocks; they built substantial business houses; they encouraged beautiful homes.

Time came when a population of 30,000 dwindled to 6,000. The depression came; many who were broke and out of work sought their fortunes elsewhere.

But there remained those men who were charter members of the faith in Ranger no matter what came and they have kept Ranger on the map of commercial and civic influence during the days that things didn't look so good.

To those men and women who have inspired the Ranger of today to maintain its progressive spirit of an outstanding city of Texas we extend our sincere congratulations on their 20th Anniversary and wish a hearty good luck for all time to come.

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Congratulations to Ranger and Its Progressive Citizenship on the Twentieth Anniversary of Progress

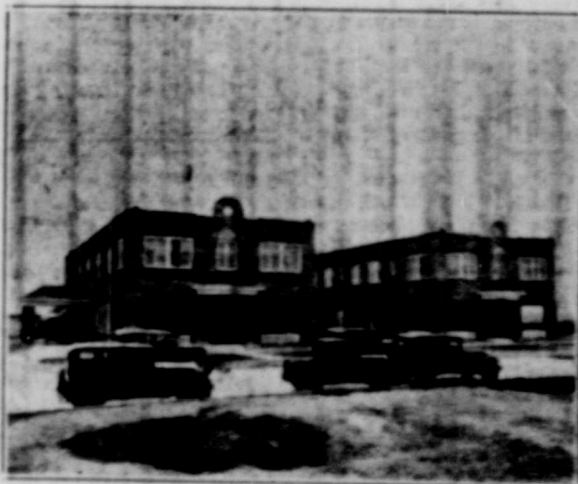
The Milling Sanatorium

Mineral Wells, Texas

H. H. MILLING, Owner

This institution has also enjoyed twenty-one years of unlimited progress—starting in 1917 with a small, modest six room building, cost \$5,000 in Mineral Wells—and today operating in a modern \$200,000 Sanatorium, erected in 1929, giving patients one of the finest places to be found anywhere to come and get relief for the various ailments that affect the human body.

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Milling Sanatorium As Seen From Bankhead Highway

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If you have not heard of the Milling Sanatorium and the successful treatment for chronic and stubborn diseases, we suggest that you write for a booklet, and see what others say about their visit to the institution and the successful treatment that has been the experience of patients from almost every state in the union.

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Ranger Attempted To Incorporate In 1891

Ranger, for many years, was content to remain un-incorporated for municipal purposes.

In 1891 an attempt to incorporate was defeated by a vote of 28 to 12. No further effort was made until Feb. 4, 1919, when an election was held which resulted in a vote of 336 for and 8 against.

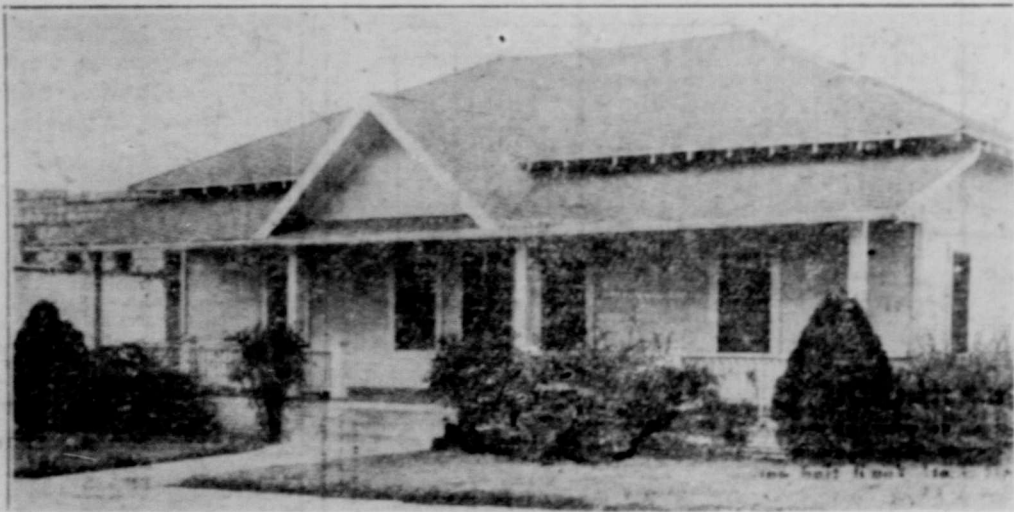
A short time later M. H. Hagaman was elected mayor, H. U. Scott marshal; A. Davenport, T. J. Deffebach, E. N. Dorsey and M. R. McNenan, aldermen.

Dr. A. K. Wier Has Long Practiced Here

Dr. A. K. Wier, who has practiced medicine in and around Ranger since his youth, is the oldest physician in the city, in point of service here.

Starting his local practice many years ago, Dr. Wier was well known throughout the eastern portion of Eastland county long before the boom days, and he has continued the practice of medicine throughout this part of the county ever since.

New Killingsworth's Funeral Home



Killingsworth's has just recently purchased and improved the building of the Ranger Clinic, shown above, and it will be converted into a funeral home for the company soon. New brick veneer buildings will house the clinic, as soon as completed. This modern building, with its beautiful shrubbery and lawn, makes an ideal location for the funeral chapel which will occupy it. It is located on Pine Street, just a block south of Main Street.

Story of How Man Started A Dairy In Ranger Because He Couldn't Find Any Milkshakes Still Recalled In The City

One of the favorite stories about the early days of Ranger, when it began to mushroom from a tiny village into a hustling city, is that of the man who established a business in Ranger because he couldn't buy a milkshake, his favorite drink, in the town.

The reason he could not buy a milkshake was because there was no milk to be found in the town, so he established a dairy.

Although the story has been told and retold, the facts about one milkshake he didn't get being the inspiration for starting a large business are as follows:

A young school teacher and his wife, had read of the oil boom in Oklahoma and had started there in the spring of 1918. In passing through Ranger the man looked through a car window and was astonished at the large crowd milling through the streets. He told his wife to go on to Fort Worth, where he would join her, while he stepped off in Ranger.

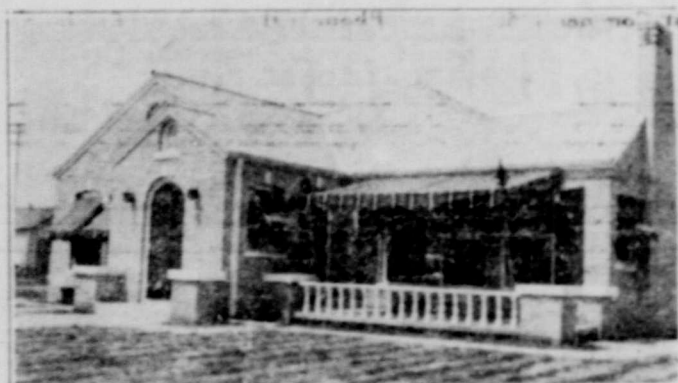
As there was but about four hours between trains he decided he would get something to eat before looking around. In order to get something that could be prepared quickly he went to a drug store, operated by C. E. May, and

asked for a milkshake. Imagine his surprise when the clerk told him that he had no milk and added that he could not get milk at any price.

The school teacher asked if there was no dairy in Ranger, and when informed there was not, he asked if it would be possible to lease any grass near the town. He was told that he could be shown to a man that might help him and he was taken across the street to M. H. Hagaman, who took him to look over a pasture north of town, near Hagaman Lake.

When the two returned to town Mr. Hagaman had leased 200 acres of grass land at \$1 an acre. The school-teacher went to West Texas and bought 50 dairy cows and brought them back to Ranger to start the first dairy in the town. He knew nothing of the dairy business, and the man he first hired knew less and it soon seemed his venture would prove a failure. In despair he began trying to find someone to take charge of the dairy, and in his search he approached some men at work on a steel tank. He asked if any of them could milk a cow, and one informed him that he had once taken care of a championship cow. He was

An Attractive Home



The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, which they recently purchased, is one of the many lovely homes in the Cooper Addition. It is located on Blackwell Road, near the Lone Star offices on the same street.

hired and put in complete charge of the new industry. He proved to be an expert dairyman and the enterprise began to pay well.

The school teacher had no intention of going into the dairy business as a permanent proposition, but wanted something that would make a living for his family while he bought oil leases. He said the milkshake made him think of the dairy business and the poor cows in the drought stricken west that could be bought for a song, and that his plan was formulated in a few minutes.

One had to think quickly in Ranger in those days.

Leveille Motor Co. Is Agent For the Popular Ford Cars In Ranger

The Leveille Motor Company, located on the upper part of Main Street, has been agent for Ford automobiles in Ranger for many years.

Ample display rooms, a large service department and the offices of the company are maintained at their brick building in which the agency has been for many years.

Morris Leveille of Ranger is owner and manager of the agency, which sells many automobiles in Ranger each year.

Estonia and Latvia signed non-aggression pacts with Germany. That's two armless men promising not to fight Joe Louis.

Real Service Given At Dupree Station

"Service as you like it" is featured at the T. L. Dupree Service Station, located on Highway 80 in Ranger and operated by the man whose name it bears.

Sinclair products are handled exclusively by this station, which includes Sinclair gasoline, Sinclair oils and Sinclair greases.

Also handled by the station are Good-year tires, tubes and batteries. Washing, greasing and polishing are also done expertly in this station, which is open 24 hours out of each day.

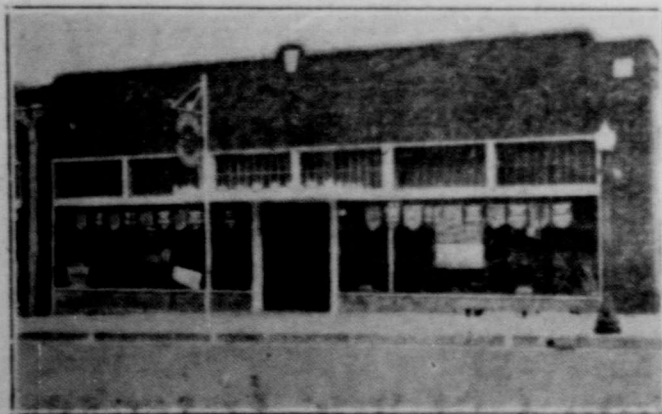
BEST WISHES

To the City of Ranger and the Ranger Daily Times on this their 20th Anniversary. May you enjoy many more such happy occasions.

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Home of Plymouth Agency



The Plymouth agency in Ranger is operated by W. H. Clarke, who also maintains a modern top and body works and does automobile repairing of all kinds, specializing in body work. No car is too badly wrecked to be thoroughly overhauled by Clarke. He has moved within the past year from his old location on South Rusk street to the corner of Main and Marston Streets.

Congratulations to the Citizens of
Ranger on the 20th Anniversary of
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B. E. GARNER, Resident Manager



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Baker Hotel At Resort City Most Popular Of Many In This Section

Louis Gambrell, recently appointed manager of the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells, is one of the youngest managers in Texas but comes to this responsible position with a good background of hotel experience, having been auditor of the Baker for the past eight years.

All Texas, and particularly the citizens of West Texas, should be proud of the Baker in Mineral Wells, as it is considered one of the truly fine resort hotels of the entire South, with everything to complete one's comfort and enjoyment under one roof. It is thoroughly modern, with private bath and circulating ice water in each of the 450 rooms. The therapeutic bath department is one of the best-equipped in America,



LOUIS GAMBRELL

with expert attendants at all times and equipment to give any type of bath desired, including Infra-Red and Ultra-Violet Ray lamps for specific ailments. The mineral waters found in Mineral Wells are mild, palatable, non-irritating and eliminative and when taken in connection with the baths they tone up the entire system and make one feel glowingly alive.

A delightful vacation may be spent at the Baker as all outdoor sports are at their best, including a sporty 18-hole golf course with grass greens, swimming in the beautiful Crystal pool on the hotel grounds, tennis, putting green, horseback riding, boating and hiking. The indoor games include badminton in the spacious gymnasium on the tenth floor of the hotel, ping pong, shuffle board and the popular Keeno game enjoyed by the Baker guests each evening.

Manager Gambrell announces that the summer activities are in full swing now and the entire Baker staff is constantly striving to see that the guests are entertained and doing the things they enjoy. Mr. Gambrell is assisted by Fred Brown (former manager of the bath department) who greets the guests and sees to it that they are happy and comfortable. Mrs. Helen Nix, formerly of San Antonio, is social executive of the hotel and, assisted by Miss Maurine Richards, arranges informal parties and picnics for the entertainment of the Baker guests. Mr. Ernest Benavides, formerly of El Paso, is Vice-President and General Manager of the Baker. Mr. Earl Baker of San Antonio is President and owner of the Baker Hotel as well as the Gunter Hotel of San Antonio.

One of the most delightful innovations at the hotel this summer is the weekly dance in the Cloud Room, atop the Baker. This is preceded by a cocktail party for the guests in the main dining room, followed by dinner on the terrace overlooking the garden and swimming pool, and dancing on the roof until the wee small hours. This is proving a popular week-end diversion for West Texans this summer.

Jim Farley denies his current tour is political, says he's just in "the stamp business." He could be giving rubber stamps to delegates.

A recent increase in telegraph business is supposed to indicate business improvement. That's hanging a big prediction on a few wires.

Most Beautiful In This Section



The Arcadia Theatre, built a little over 10 years ago, is the most modern and most beautiful theatre building in Central West Texas between Fort Worth and Abilene. Under the management of R. E. Garner, who also manages the Columbia Theatre, the Arcadia is able to secure first-run pictures throughout the year, assuring theatre patrons over the entire Ranger trade territory the best in pictures and the utmost in comfort. The theatre is equipped with splendid air conditioning which keeps it comfortable at all times.

Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber yard Was Built In Ranger Back In 1917

The present lumber yard, owned by the Higginbotham-Bartlett Company, was built in 1917 by the Clem Lumber Company, it was recalled recently by Calvin Brown, local manager.

Back in the early 20's the yard was purchased by the Pickering Lumber Sales Company, which operated it until 1937. In 1928 Brown moved to Ranger to assume management of the Pickering interests here, and when the yard was sold he was retained as manager. He had been working in Eastland for the company, prior to his transfer to Ranger, coming to this part of the country in 1919.

The Higginbotham-Bartlett Company's local yard has grown from the old-time lumber yard into a modern merchandising store, with sales of sidelines being an important factor in the business.

Lines carried in stock at all times are Johns Mansville roofing, paints, wallpaper and fencing, in addition to a large assortment of building sundries and accessories.

Within the past year the yard has sold 10 miles of goat fencing, in one order, to M. H. Hagaman. This sale was of the finest fencing built by the American Steel Wire Company. In all the company has sold the Hagaman Ranch more than 30 miles of goat fence.

The company maintains a financing service, whereby Federal Housing Administration loans for remodeling, repairing or building a home can be obtained, usually within 24 hours. Just recently an unusual problem came up in financing, which was cleared up and the money obtained in 48 hours, after an appeal to Washington for a decision on the loan.

Within a short time the company will also be prepared to negotiate FHA loans on filling stations, cafes, inns or similar business locations, in amounts not to exceed \$2,500, Brown stated recently.

At present Brown is assisted at the yard by Lanham Higginbotham, a grandson of Joe Higginbotham, who was one of the originators of the dry goods

firm that was the forerunner of the great Higginbotham enterprises.

Traders Grocery Is A Leader in Ranger And Entire Territory

For the past 20 years Traders Grocery and Market has been a leading shopping center for the thrifty shopper, and the business of the store has continued to expand in recent years.

The best quality of meats, fresh vegetables, canned goods, staple and fancy groceries has kept this grocery in the foreground during good business years and bad, and today its business is even larger than it was in years gone by.

Courteous service, quality merchandise and a constant effort to please the buying public has maintained the patronage of the store at a high level, because the management realizes that pleased customers mean a continued patronage.

Ross Pharmacy Has An Excellent Location and Excellent Service

The Ross Pharmacy, located at the corner of Main and South Rusk Streets just across the street from the Commercial State Bank, occupies one of the busiest corners in Ranger, a location that has always been right in the heart of the business section of the town.

R. L. Ross, proprietor of the store, was in the drug business in Ranger years ago, moving away and later coming back to Ranger to establish a new business in the city.

The best of service is always to be found at the Ross Pharmacy, where prescriptions are compounded with the utmost care, and at reasonable prices.

Singing in the bathtub helps build a happy family life, says a musical authority. That makes it good all around, for the act's value in a rooming house has already been verified.

Tony Toti Gains Fine Reputation as Chef; Now Operates a Cafe

The Gholson Coffee Shop, which in the past few years has been operated by the Gholson Hotel management, is now leased by Tony Toti, who is chef and manager.

Since coming to Ranger a few years ago Toti has won a wide reputation as a chef, either for short orders, plate lunches or for banquets at which hundreds of guests are fed.

His service is unexcelled in this part of the country, which is partly responsible for the good patronage the cafe enjoys.

Present plans are for addition of a grillroom to the cafe, which will be located just back of the cafe, with an opening into the hotel lobby.

Local Insurance Agent Retains Large Business

Lloyd L. Bruce, who for a number of years has sold life insurance in Ranger, is representative of the Great Southern Life Insurance Company in this part of the state.

Throughout these years Bruce has maintained a large business and has always ranked well among the agents for the company in Texas.

Izetta Beauty Shop Has Long Popularity

The Izetta Beauty Shop, located at 913 Pershing Street, has, for a number of years, been one of the popular beauty shops of Ranger, where special attention is given to each customer.

The shop does not hesitate to guarantee absolute satisfaction in every type of work. Competent operators make this kind of a guarantee possible, at all times, and under almost all conditions.

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Women's Clubs Of Ranger Have Become Contributing Factors In Development Of Cultural, Educational Life Here

By MRS. J. W. DUCKER

It is interesting to note the contribution of women's clubs to the civic, cultural and educational development of Ranger. There are five clubs in Ranger now, not including the P. T. A. organizations and Child Study Clubs.

The 1920 Club might be considered the parent club of all, since it is really the outgrowth of the 1903 Club. As it is today, the club was organized in 1920, with 35 charter members. Many of these charter members are still active members of the club. Also three charter members of the 1920 Club were charter members of the 1903 Club. These are Mrs. John M. Gholson, Mrs. Fred Drienhofer and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman.

Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, first president of the 1920 Club and president twice since then, has also been quite active in state club work. She has served as chairman of many of the important departments and also as vice president of the Texas Federation. At the present time Mrs. Hagaman is president of Sixth District.

Mrs. J. W. Ducker is now serving her third year as president of the 1920 Club and is chairman of Press and Publicity of the Sixth District. Mrs. O. L. Phillips and Mrs. C. E. May, both past president of the club are now members of the district board of directors.

From the beginning, the club's main objective was to establish a student loan fund. By 1927 when the first loan was made, the fund amounted to \$1,000.00. Mrs. R. H. Hodges has been treasurer and business manager of this fund most of the time. It is due to her splendid management that the fund has

never sustained any loss and has never had to call on any of the endorsees to pay the loan.

Since 1927, 36 loans have been made. The average of the loans made show that the original \$1,000.00 has in 12 years given more than \$4,000.00 in aid to 30 students in furthering their education.

The New Era Club is the other federated club of Ranger. This club, since its organization has been most active in everything that has pertained to club life and activities. This club also has had a student loan fund. For the past three years the club has done splendid civic work. Mrs. Vernon Deffebach is the club president and is also a member of the district board of directors.

The Child Welfare Club was first organized in 1921 to provide ice and milk for undernourished babies. From this beginning, the club activities enlarged to cover all welfare work of the city. For many years, the work of this club was so outstanding that it commanded the attention of the state welfare board and was at one time given national mention for welfare work. Till the government social security and welfare work was begun, this club handled all the welfare work of the city. If a full record of the achievement of this club had been kept, it would furnish interesting history for any case worker in welfare work now. Just at present the main objective of this club is promoting the interest of the day nursery.

Other clubs contributing to the cultural life of Ranger are the Columbia Study Club and the Junior New Era Club. The latter is a club for business and professional women.

Mineral Wells Doctor And His Sanitorium Are Nationally Known

Among the prominent people of West Texas and Mineral Wells, the well known Texas health resort, is H. H. Milling, owner and operator of the nationally known Milling Sanatorium of that city, pictured above.

For 21 years he has operated this institution and it has grown from a modest six room frame building in 1917 to a two-story, modern brick fireproof building with an estimated value at over \$2,000,000 in 1933.

The sanatorium draws patients from throughout the entire country.

While a busy man, he not only looks after his own affairs, but devotes much time to the progress and promotion of his city and community. For eight years he has been president of the Mineral Wells School Board, is a director of the Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce, a member of several well known fraternal organizations, a staunch advocate of the success of the young boys and girls and their welfare, and takes an active part in the athletic program of the schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Milling have one daughter, a delightful young lady who has spent the past three or four years furthering her education in college.

Brown and Moffett Is Prepared for Anything In Electrical Repairs

Brown and Moffett, who specialize in electrical wiring of all kinds, refrigerator repairs, motor repairing, overhauling electric fans or anything electrical, have a reputation over this part of the country for excellent work in their line.

C. Y. Brown and D. O. Moffett are members of the firm which can do anything electrical from a small repair job to a large contract.



H. H. MILLING

Martin and Notgrass Shoe Store One Of The New Firms In Ranger

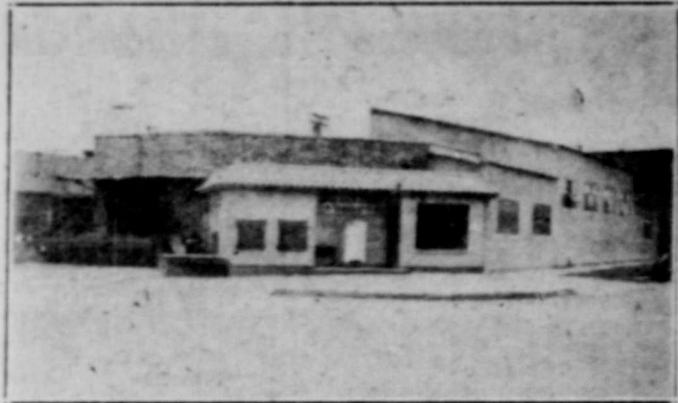
One of the newest enterprises in Ranger is the Martin and Notgrass shoe store, located on Main Street.

The firm was organized this year and started in with a good business, handling shoes, hosiery and bags of all kinds. Women's, men's and children's shoes in all the popular styles are carried in stock by this growing firm.

Emmett Martin, one of the members of the firm, has many years of practical experience as a shoe expert, having worked in Ranger for a number of years in this capacity, and having made a specialty of foot troubles and proper fitting of shoes.

T. T. Notgrass, the other member of the firm, is a shoe repair expert of long standing, having operated one of the best equipped shoe repair shops that money could buy. The shoe repair department is still operated in connection with the retail store.

Where Ranger Ice Is Made



Above is the modern ice plant of the Southern Ice Company, of which L. W. Meador is manager. The plant was built several years ago to fill a long-felt need in Ranger, and has maintained a good business since it was put in operation. Meador was made manager within the past few months, having been transferred here by the company.

Insurance Company Has District Office In The City of Eastland

Back in 1905 The American National Insurance Company, one among the first to be organized in Texas, began its career of offering industrial and ordinary life insurance to the people of Texas and other states.

Its success has been short of phenomenal yet has assured because it began and is now well managed by experienced life insurance men.

It is constantly growing. It is well regarded; has always paid its obligations in full; has an average of \$125.20 in assets for every \$100 in liabilities; operates over a wide territory on a legal reserve basis.

J. V. Freeman, who has been assistant superintendent of this district with headquarters in the Exchange Building at Eastland for the past six years, maintains a staff of six field men, and an office cashier which constitutes a substantial payroll in this section. Ray Campbell and T. J. Spindle, members of the staff are residents of Ranger. All members of the staff of eight have families.

The American National Insurance Company who numbers its friends and policy holders by the thousands in this section as well as elsewhere, has more than \$300,000,000 ordinary life and more than \$400,000,000 in industrial insurance in force, has its main office in Galveston, Texas, and its officers are headed by the Moody interests, who are known throughout the world as men of stability and whose personal value to the state and nation is of the highest character.

Mr. Freeman and members of the American National Staff of this community are always glad to have the citizenship visit their district offices in Eastland or invite a personal call to explain the merits of American National life and industrial policies.

Pipkins Piggly-Wiggly Has Progressed In This Entire Section

Pipkin's Piggly Wiggly is synonymous with the progress of this section. Back in 1919 the first Pipkin store was started in Eastland. A few months later these progressive brothers opened their store in Ranger. They have seen the boom days when price and service was no object; it was just a question of letting 'em have it.

However even though this was the dominating factor in those old days of plenty of money and one gusher right after the other, Pipkin Brothers practically forced a valuable service of quality merchandise at the lowest prices on those who patronized their store.

As the extreme excitement of the profits of oil began to die down, this service was forgotten by those who remained to keep the home fires burning and a constant increase in business and a successful career, demonstrated that they have reaped a rich reward for this service by the patronage of the citizenship of this community and the thousands of friends that continue to make Pipkin's Piggly Wiggly their shopping center for the finest foods and market products.

Pipkin Bros. have an obsession of loyalty for the communities in which they operate and no matter what the project, if it is worthy for a good citizenship to support they are never found wanting and give of their time and their money.

It is only fitting that this twentieth anniversary of Ranger and all its interests should blend in with the fine service that has been rendered by this popular firm during the past 20 years.

A French village calls its chief executive a "night mayor." Many are called that over here, but the term is often spelled differently.

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MRS. BELL'S EAT SHOP

Main Street - Ranger

90-Foot Neon Derrick In Ranger Attracting Attention of Everyone

Ranger has probably the most outstanding landmark to be found in Texas, or possibly the Southwest, one that attracts attention from everyone who passes through or visits the town.

The marker which attracts so much attention is a full-size, 90-foot steel derrick, which stands at the foot of Main Street, where it can be plainly seen from either approach of U. S. Highway 80 into the town.

The unusual feature of this huge derrick is that it is now completely lighted with neon, with a huge sign reading "RANGER" facing each highway, approach, also in neon.

From a point 10 feet above the street to the top of the derrick green neon strips adorn each leg of the derrick. The crow's nest at the top of the derrick is also outlined in green neon, while the V-shaped sign, bearing the name of the town in three-foot, red neon letters adds much to its appearance. In the daytime the name of the town is in bright yellow letters on a bright red background, which makes it readable for nearly half a mile.

Jack Corn, head of the Corn Sign Company of Fort Worth, contractors on the neon derrick work, stated upon its completion, that this was the largest job of its kind he had ever attempted, and the largest neon-lighted derrick in the southwest, probably in the United States. The company has put neon on several smaller derricks, most of them 20 feet high, and one which is 40 feet high.

J. C. Penney Store In Ranger Is Popular In Large Trade Territory

The local J. C. Penney Company store, which is one of the leaders in the business activities of Ranger, was established here and was opened for business on Sept. 9, 1927.

In the 12 years the store has been in business it has commanded a good portion of the retail trade from over the Ranger territory, customers coming from over the eastern portion of Eastland County, from parts of Palo Pinto, Erath and Stephens counties to shop at this popular store.

D. M. Cooper, who has been manager for the Ranger store for three years, has become a leader in many activities in Ranger, in addition to managing the store. He has just completed a term as president of the Ranger Lions Club, and has served on many committees that have worked for the betterment of Ranger.

Bell's Cafe Is One Of Newest Concerns In Business Of Ranger

On another page in this issue will be found the advertisement of Mrs. Bell's Eat Shop. The announcement calls attention to the choice food and splendid menus, and invites the public to try the eats and wonderful service always found there. Mrs. Bell is well known in

Ranger, having operated the Arcadia Sandwich Shop at one time and worked in several of the leading stores.

On page 56 of this issue will be found a short news story on the service rendered by the Bell's Eat Shop and Mrs. Clara Bell's name is mentioned as proprietor when it should have read Mrs. Noel Bell, the present owner.

The Bell Eat Shop has just recently moved to Main Street where more and better quarters were secured and comfort and good cooking is one of the things stressed by Mrs. Bell to be found in the new location next door to Mrs. Young's Beauty Shop.

Mrs. M. H. Hagaman A Pioneer Citizen

Among the many women in Ranger who have contributed to the progress of the town as well as county and state is Mrs. M. H. Hagaman who comes from pioneer Eastland County stock.

She has been closely associated with civic, church and club activities and has held many important offices in the different organizations.

At the present time she is the president of the Sixth District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

She has several times been president of the Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church and seven times president of the 1920 Club. She has been active in P. T. A. work, County and City Red Cross work, child welfare work, and has served on many regular and special committees for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

During the governorship of the honorable Ross Sterling she was appointed a regent of the Texas State College for Women.

L. R. Pearson Is One Of Important Factors In Ranger Civic Life

L. R. Pearson, Ranger attorney and oil man, is one of Ranger's most active citizens.

Pearson was elected a member of the Ranger school board in an election held this past spring, being drafted for the position by public demand.

At the first of the year he was also drafted into another public service position when he was elected as a director of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce. He has already, with only a few months service in each position, become one of the dominating factors on both boards, having an active part in all the affairs of the school system and the business of the Chamber of Commerce.

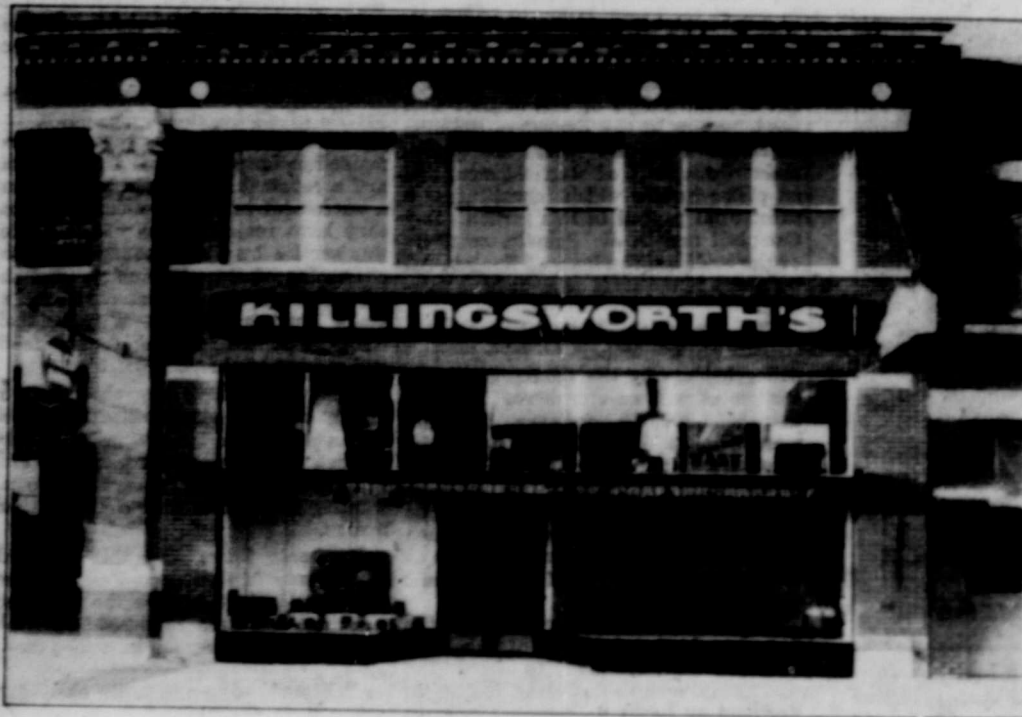
Roller Rink Built In Ranger Now On Tour

Litton's Roller Rink, which has been operating in Ranger for the past few months, and whose headquarters is in Ranger, is to be moved to Breckenridge for a time, it has been announced by L. D. Litton, owner.

The rink was built and is owned by Ranger people. A tent has now been procured, under which the rink will operate while on tour.

Elbert Brown is floor manager for the rink.

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As the years rolled along the name of J. C. Penney became synonymous with quality and value. First only one store . . . then three, then more and today more than 1,500 Penney stores serve the nation in every section.

The J. C. Penney store opened their doors for business in Ranger, September 9th, 1929 and for twelve years has been serving the citizenship of this entire community with a store whose sole purpose has been quality, value and satisfied customers. We have linked our arms with the citizenship to carry on during the years of uncertainty and have never faltered in our faith in the community and its value to the state and nation.

We are grateful to our thousands of friends and customers for their continued patronage and on this the twentieth anniversary of Ranger and all its interests join with everybody in repledging our faith in the continued growth and prosperity of the community.

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