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25,000 in Taxes Remain Unpaid on Crockett Rolls

December Collections Bring in Total of \$8,180.64

Crockett county tax collection office closed its books on 1945 with approximately \$25,000 in state, county and school taxes for the year 1945 still unpaid, a report from the collector's office this week discloses.

Collections in the month of December, last month in which taxpayers could take advantage of the discount schedule offered on tax bills as an inducement for prompt payment, totalled \$8,180.64, the collector reported.

December collections brought to total of nearly \$195,000 the total collection to date on 1945 taxes, leaving a balance of approximately \$25,000 yet to be collected.

Taxpayers must settle for their real taxes during the month of January or face penalties and interest beginning February 1. It was pointed out.

A total of 358 poll taxes and 34 lien poll taxes have been paid since beginning of the tax paying period. To become eligible for voting during the election year of 1946, poll taxes must be paid or exemptions secured before February 1. A large number of service and ex-service men will be eligible to vote in 1946 under the recently adopted constitutional amendment without benefit of poll tax receipt.

Under the amendment a person who is or who, within 18 months immediately prior to the time of holding an election was a member of the armed forces of the United States or of the Armed Force Reserve or any branch or component part of such armed forces or Armed Force Reserve, the U. S. Maritime Service or U. S. Merchant Marine and who is otherwise qualified may vote without poll tax receipt.

Large Volume of Building Repair Jobs in 1946

\$96,000 Potential for Next 5 Years Estimated in Survey.

More than \$96,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years on Crockett County home owners remodeling and repair work.

The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the Tile Council of America. "Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the council's Residential Construction Committee.

Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's 770 dwelling units are in need of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements and modernization of bathrooms, installation of tiled showers and in some homes addition of second bath top the nation's list of most wanted major improvements, Jordan said.

Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of rooms and construction of porches also rank high in remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and painting plants are required by many dwellings.

Home owners in Texas will spend an estimated \$226,215,000 on major repairs in the next five years, according to Jordan. Ample funds, at low interest charges, are available for such work through commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions and mutual savings banks, he pointed out.

Leo Sutton arrived home Christmas morning with his discharge from the Navy. Sutton received his discharge in California. He served nearly two years in the Navy.

Unclaimed Leases On U. T. Lands In This Area Cancelled

AUSTIN, Jan. 1. — The 17-year old lease of over 10,000 acres of University of Texas land in Crockett, Upton, Irion and Schleicher counties has been cancelled by the 126th district court on the grounds the lessees failed to properly develop the land for oil, gas and other minerals.

Leaseholders in the case were listed as Vivian Elbert Powell, Nannie Mae Williams, the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company, the Skelley Oil Company.

Court records reveal that although each of the leaseholders was served with a citation, all disclaimed any interest in the lands and none of the defendants appeared at the trial here Dec. 22 in person or by attorney.

Judge Roy C. Archer held that "for approximately 17 years the lessees had failed and refused to comply with the expressed provisions of the statute and lease contract requiring the development of the land for oil, gas and other minerals." This constituted abandonment of their interest in the lands and subjected their leases to forfeiture and cancellation, said Archer.

1946 March of Dimes Campaign Is Organized

Frank James Is Local Chairman For Polio Fund Drive

DALLAS. — Frank James of Ozona, Texas, has been appointed Crockett county director for the 1946 March of Dimes campaign to carry on the work of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis in its battle against the dread crippling. Mrs. Gertrude Perry is treasurer and Mrs. R. A. Harrell is vice director of women's work.

George Waverly Briggs, Dallas, chairman of the Texas State Committee for the fund-raising celebrations in January, announced the appointment of the local director who, in turn, will organize a full committee of local civic leaders immediately.

Entertainments of all kinds and cash collections for the March of Dimes are being planned to raise funds for combating the disease which cripples thousands of America's children each year. The local campaign will tie in with activities in all Texas counties, now being intensively organized.

Last year 253 Texas counties participated in the campaign, raising \$611,192, of which Crockett County raised \$359.11. Citing the severe polio epidemic of summer, 1945, the director expressed hope that the 1946 contributions would be materially increased.

"Fortunately, through funds from last year's March of Dimes campaign, we were prepared to meet the 1945 epidemic," Mr. James reported. "More than \$6,500,000 — or 65 million dimes — was spent by the National Foundation and its chapters over the country for transportation, hospitalization, services of doctors and nurses, and special equipment such as hot pack machines, iron lungs, braces, crutches and wheelchairs. Treatment of a polio patient costs an average of \$2,500 a year and must be continued for years to effect recovery. Since no one knows where or how hard polio may strike in 1946, we must again be ready to meet the attack wherever it may come, as well as continue treatment still necessary for patients of previous years. Contributions to the March of Dimes is our assurance that no victim of infantile paralysis will go uncared for, regardless of age, race or creed."

Half the contributions raised will remain in the county chapter for care and treatment of local patients, while the other half goes to the National Foundation for epidemic aid, education and research to find a means of preventing the disease.

FOR SALE — Building lots in Ozona. For information inquire at the Stockman office.

Coleman Youth Shot to Death in Hunting Accident

Billy Wayne Severance, 17, Dies of Bullet Wound In Chest

Billy Wayne Severance, 17-year-old Upton county ranch hand, a resident of Coleman, Texas, died almost instantly after suffering a gunshot wound through the chest while hunting on the Clayton Smith ranch in western Crockett county Sunday night.

Sheriff Frank James was called from Ozona to investigate the accident and reported that the youth fell and in falling dropped a .22 calibre Sportsman pistol to the ground. The weapon struck a rock and was discharged, the bullet striking young Severance in the chest and piercing his heart.

The boy was accompanied by two companions on the hunt, Cecil Franklin and Billy Smith, both of Irion. The accident occurred about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night.

Funeral services for the boy, son of Jess Severance of Coleman, were held from the residence in Coleman Monday afternoon.

Develops Treatment For Stock Suffering Lechuguilla Poisoning

After two years of experimentation, Dr. Ben K. Green, Fort Stockton veterinarian, has perfected a remedy for the complaint among sheep and goats affected by eating lechuguilla, small shrub with a sharp-pointed leaf which grows extensively over hill and mountain areas of West and Southwest Texas.

Dr. Green will manufacture his remedy in his new laboratory in a portion of the recently completed building of Gil Redding in Fort Stockton, and will distribute it through dealers in all of the country where "lechuguilla" sheep and goats have been a major headache of ranchmen for many years.

The treatment consists of a shot given with a livestock vaccinating needle (common equipment on all present-day ranches) in the affected animal's neck, followed by an oral drench. Any competent ranch worker or livestock handler can administer the dosage.

The remedy causes an immediate reaction in nearly all affected animals, and full recovery is normally accomplished in six or seven days. The treatment has been thoroughly tested among some 20 affected herds, with complete recovery of 87% of the animals treated at a cost of 25 to 36 cents per head, according to size.

The two bottles of remedy, one for giving with needle, the other as a drench, will be packaged together, with complete instructions printed on the labels.

Dr. Green also is installing other laboratory equipment here on an extensive scale for experimentation in other livestock diseases, plant-induced illnesses, and troubles of this region.

Ethel Mayes Honored In Series of Parties On Eve of Marriage

Miss Ethel Mayes, who became the bride of Floyd R. Henderson, Jr., in a wedding ceremony here Tuesday morning, was honored at a series of parties the past week.

A coke party honoring the bride was held Friday afternoon with Barbara White as hostess. About twenty-five guests were present.

Saturday morning the J.W. Henderson home was the scene of a morning coffee in the bride's honor. Hostesses were Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Mrs. Scott Peters and Mrs. Jake Short of Vanderpool. About 65 guests called during the morning.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. H. B. Tandy and Nan were hostesses at a game party honoring Miss Mayes. Bridge, hearts and rummy were enjoyed by the guests. The honoree was presented with a gift and game prizes were awarded in each division. Bridge prize went

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Shallow Wildcat Location Staked on Todd Estate Land

Proposed drilling of a shallow wildcat test on the Todd Estate ranch lands in Crockett county was announced last week.

George B. Morgan, trustee, staked the Crockett test as the No. 1 J. S. Todd Estate, 680 feet out of the northeast corner of section 55, block UV, GC&SF survey. The wildcat will be slightly more than a mile northwest of the Wahlenmaier, et al, No. 1 George Bean, which had some slight shows from 1,451 to 1,459 feet. It was drilled in November, 1942, going to the Ellenburger.

James Civilian Representative in Army Recruiting

Recruiting Officer Announces Appointment to Aid Drive

Frank James, Crockett county sheriff, has been named Civilian Representative for the U. S. Army recruiting service in Ozona, Capt. Roy E. Mundell, recruiting officer in charge of the San Angelo Army Recruiting Station, announced this week.

"Mr. James has graciously consented to serve in behalf of the Army for the purpose of helping build up a Regular Army so we may keep the peace this time," Capt. Mundell wrote in announcing the appointment.

"Mr. James will receive the latest information on enlisting in the Army," Capt. Mundell continued, "and it is suggested that all men interested contact him."

An active campaign is being carried on throughout this territory from the San Angelo office, with enlisted men assigned to the recruiting station making regular trips to towns in the San Angelo area. The recruiters are in Ozona every Monday for the purpose of receiving inquiries about the new inducements offered by the armed forces to veterans and new recruits.

\$95,743 AAA Melon to Be Cut By Ranchers

Applications for Payment New Being Received by AAA

Ranch operators of Crockett county are about to begin the cutting of a \$95,743 melon put up by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for ranch improvement practices carried out during the year 1945.

Applications for payment on work completed and approved are now being received by Miss Betty Bratcher, administrative officer in the local AAA office. All practices must have been completed by December 31 and must be reported to the office not later than January 15 in order to receive payment, Miss Bratcher said. All ranchers who have completed their improvement work and who have not yet reported and received an inspection of the work are urged to do so at once.

A number of applications for payment have already been filed, Miss Bratcher reported, and the first group will be mailed to state offices on January 16. When checks will be received in payment is anybody's guess, she said.

The total of \$95,743 earned by Crockett county operators during the past year was for the elimination of cedar and mesquite, and drilling water wells. In addition to this amount there will be additional payments, the amount of which has not been computed, for laying of pipelines and deferred grazing. Some 20 to 25 ranches carried out these regular practices in addition to the special practices under which the elimination of noxious plants and well drilling were

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New Trial Plea For Athey To Be Heard Saturday

McCamey Man Seeks New Hearing After 99 Years Assessed

Motion for a new trial for W. E. (Bill) Athey, convicted two weeks ago and assessed a term of 99 years in the state penitentiary by a Crockett county jury on a charge of rape, will be heard here Saturday in district court by Judge J. B. Randolph.

Date for the hearing was set by Judge Randolph following the pre-Christmas trial here of Athey on a charge of venue from Upton county. Defense attorneys indicated their intention to file a motion for new trial and Judge Randolph set January 5 as the date for hearing the motion.

Athey is charged with assault and rape on a three-year-old McCamey girl on October 21 of last year. The case went to trial here Thursday, December 20, and the jury returned its verdict about 8 o'clock Friday after four hours of deliberation.

Defense attorneys Houston S. Smith of Ozona and Garland Casebier of Fort Stockton, appointed by the court to defend Athey, are expected to give notice of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals in the event the court denies their motion for a new hearing.

Amerada Todd Producer Rated 2,286 Barrels

Production from Ellenburger Extended Quarter Mile

Amerada No. 1-J. S. Todd estate has extended a quarter mile west the most northerly Ellenburger production in the Todd Deep field in western Crockett county. Monerief, Hyde, Showers and Southland Royalty Co. No. 1 Margaret A. Shannon estate, half-mile north outpost, has been plugged after encountering sulphur water in the Ellenburger.

The Amerada well, C SE NE 26-WX-GC&SF, flowed 381.01 barrels of 42 gravity, pipeline oil on a four-hour gauge to establish a daily potential of 2,296 barrels of oil. Gas-oil ratio was 421.1. The flow was through a three-quarter inch choke on a 2-inch tubing set at 6,189 feet and 329 perforations from 6,215-93 feet in 5/8-inch casing cemented at 6,302 feet, five feet off bottom. Cement had been drilled out of the pipe to 6,294 feet.

Flowing casing pressure was 250 pounds, flowing tubing pressure 290 pounds. The Ellenburger pay, topped at 6,213 feet, was treated with 1,000 gallons of acid.

No. 1-J. Todd is a quarter mile west of F. A. Callery and others' No. 4 Shannon estate, a 1,439-barrel well.

Monerief and others' No. 1 Shannon, defining the field to the north, recovered 1,900 feet of black sulphur water on a drill-stem test from 6,330 to 6,506 feet. No oil shows were logged in the Ellenburger, which was entered low at 6,305 feet, 3,734 feet below sea level.

Location was 660 feet out of the southwest corner of section 10-9-D&SE.

Mrs. Jennie Schwalbe had as holiday guests during the Christmas season her sister, Mrs. A. A. Smith of Hope, N. M., and the following children and in-laws: Dick Schwalbe of Hobbs, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe of Hope, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Vern Schwalbe of Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Cot Schwalbe of Fort Stockton and Sid Schwalbe of Big Lake.

VISITORS HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Peters were hosts Sunday afternoon at a coffee in their home honoring Mrs. Peters' sister, Mrs. Jake Short of Vanderpool, and her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Sweingen of Austin.

M. E. Carbell Is First in Race For Office Here

1944 Candidate Again Enters Race for Sheriff Post

With the dawn of the New Year 1946, a reminder that the New Year, whose birth was celebrated Tuesday, is also election year was sounded this week when M. E. Carbell of Ozona announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff, assessor and collector of taxes for Crockett county.

Mr. Carbell's early leap created the first wave on the political waters of Crockett county and presaged an active campaign for public office which will reach its crescendo with the primary elections in July and August, and the anti-climax at the general election in November.

Mr. Carbell made his debut into politics in this county two years ago when he made a spirited campaign for the office which he again seeks in the coming election, losing the nomination in the July primary by 13 votes.

"Encouraged by the support given me two years ago, I have decided to again offer myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff, assessor and collector of taxes in Crockett county. I am deeply grateful for the support I received in the previous election and feel that I owe it to my friends to offer myself again as a candidate in 1946."

"I shall make as active a campaign as time and circumstances will permit and between now and the July primaries, hope to make a personal solicitation of every voter in the county. However, since I must continue to make a living for my family, time may not permit me to make such personal solicitation and I here and now beg the indulgence of all and ask that you seriously consider my candidacy even though I may not have opportunity to see you personally."

"I believe that in my many years as a citizen of this county you have had opportunity to observe and to form your own conclusions as to my character and behavior. I have always tried to be a good citizen wherever I have lived, to serve my community to the best of my ability. Since I have learned to know and love the people of Crockett county I want to cast my lot with you permanently, and if you see fit to elevate me to the important office I now seek, I pledge you my best efforts to serve you to the very best of my ability every minute of every day and night I am in office."

"Thanks again for your support in 1944 and I hope you will see fit to support me again in 1946."

Leases Extended On 39 Tracts University Lands In 3 Counties

AUSTIN, Jan. 1. — The Tide Water Associated Oil Company and the Sunray Oil Corporation have been given an extension on a lease they hold to 39 tracts of University of Texas land in Crockett, Irion and Reagan Counties, under conditions they proceed immediately with exploration of the land for oil and gas.

Judge Roy C. Archer of the 126th district, at a hearing on the case here, granted the two companies an extension of 12 months in which to make geological, geophysical or other studies and tests of the area involved. At the end of this period they are to drill an exploratory well for oil or gas on each of the blocks or pay a sum in lieu of royalty (50¢ per acre per annum).

The Tide Water Associated Oil Company (a Delaware corporation), holds the full leasehold interest on the following tracts in Crockett county:

All of sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 in block 45.
All of sections 3, 4, 7 and 8 in block 39.
The Sunray Oil Corporation (an Oklahoma corporation) holds one (Continued On Last Page)

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FREEDOM HAS NO "BUTS!"

The wonder of 1945 was that so much could happen in so few months. Staggering headlines became commonplace. There was the death of President Roosevelt; the war ended; the United Nations Organization became a hopeful fact; and, most cataclysmic of all, was the thunderous dawn of the atomic age. These were but a few of the headlines. The events they portray have left a turbulence in the human mind such as has never been experienced before. That turbulence is shaking the postwar world to its very foundations. The peace and plenty which so many had hoped for when the guns fell silent, is nowhere to be found. Whether it will materialize in the reasonably near future depends upon the fortitude and common sense of millions.

An indication of the temper of the times is evident in the words of one veteran, a college graduate who lost a leg at El Alamein: "There is evidence among us of a growing distaste for orations. We will tend to judge parties and proposals by results, not by protestations of high purpose. We know freedom doesn't mean much without groceries — how can a man enjoy free speech on an empty stomach?"

Vet Moves to Street Foxhole



Frank K. Richardson, a discharged veteran and holder of the Purple Heart, shown with his wife and their nine-month-old son, after they had been forced to move from their New York City home because the property had been sold. They had been unable during a six months' extension to find another home due to New York's acute housing shortage.

Appealing as these words sound on the surface, they reveal the terrible weakness in thought that today threatens the future of the American republic and the hope of democratic government throughout the world more seriously than any dictator or combination of dictators ever has. First, this veteran — and his reasoning is paralleled by millions of civilians — is assuming that freedom is somehow to blame if there is a grocery shortage. Second, he infers that a little less freedom can result in a few more groceries. Third, he makes the potentially fatal blunder of inviting a strong man or group to take action, in that same breath, mind you, that he questions the validity of freedom unless accompanied by a three-decker sandwich. This bread and butter philosophy leaves the way wide open for the demagogue to step in with a hatful of promises — impossible promises that will result in less freedom and fewer, not more, groceries.

General Carl A. Spaatz, former commanding general of the United States strategic and tactical air forces in the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, says: Discontented youth makes for troubled waters in which unscrupulous politicians love to fish. When the 'man on a

white horse' comes forward in such a situation, things begin to happen, as they happened in Germany. Hitler rose to power on the back of youth."

The most important issue before the American people today is how to get the price tag off freedom. In other words, freedom, our form of government, our religious beliefs, should not be considered in the same breath with material fortunes. The former are things of the spirit that must survive in lean years as well as years of plenty. The latter, in spite of our best efforts, will fluctuate. The old saying of shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves in three generations used to pretty well express the American's philosophic approach to the ups and downs of economic life.

Undoubtedly as time goes on, greater protection against the hazards of poverty and illness can be evolved. Great steps have already been taken in this direction. The United States is so far ahead of the rest of the world in the achievement of humanitarian ideals and attainment of material comfort, that comparison has become impossible. We have gotten ahead because heretofore our faith in freedom, in representative government, in the right of a man to keep the rewards of hard work, has been complete. Heretofore we have never, in effect, said: "Freedom is okay, but —"

In commenting on the present socialistic policy of Great Britain, which a powerful faction in our country seems bent on copying, opposition leader Winston Churchill said: "I foresee with sorrow but without fear that in the next few years we shall come to fundamental quarrels in this country. It seems impossible to escape the fact that events are moving and will move toward this issue: 'The people vs. the socialists.'"

If there is one thing our country should keep in mind above everything else during the coming year and in all the years to follow, it is that freedom has no "buts." You either believe in it or you don't, and socialism isn't freedom.

TO PLUG IN A CORD: ONE THOUSAND BUCKS

It was a Government investigator who turned up this one: In the use of a welding machine, a licensed maintenance electrician had to be hired to plug the cord into an outlet. Because union rules provided that a maintenance electrician must stay on the job until its completion, it cost \$1,000 just to plug that cord in.

The skill required, according to the report, was "the same as that required to plug in a toaster on a breakfast table."

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Victory Homecoming Planned at A & M April 19-21, 1946

COLLEGE STATION — The Fighting Texas Aggies, whose exploits in peacetime gridiron glory are surpassed only by wartime contributions to the nation's fighting forces, will gather here April 19-21, 1946, for their Victory Homecoming celebration. The event was ordered by the men in service in letters from world battlefronts to the College headquarters office of the A. & M. Former Students' Association.

President Gbb Gilchrist of Texas A. & M. College is honorary chairman of the Victory Homecoming, and J. T. L. McNew, vice president for engineering, is chairman of the general committee in charge of all phases of the celebration. On this committee also are Ford Munnerlyn, College Station; R. E. McQuillen, College Station; and Jake Hamblen, Houston.

Three presidents comprise the program committee: G. R. White,

Brady, president of the A. & M. Board of Directors; R. Dick Winters, Brady, president of the board of Former Students; and Bob King, Eastland, president of the Senior Class at Texas A. & M. College.

Major generals — Texas A. & M. furnished 29 general officers during World War II — will mingle with G. I. Joes wearing campaign ribbons and battle decorations from every corner of the world where combat took place.

Although a staff of a half-dozen employees has been maintained throughout the war by the Association of Former Students, it was found impossible to keep account of the alumni who held rank below that of general officer. The same difficulty was experienced in attempting to tabulate the decorations won by Texas Aggies in the armed services, however Congress-

ional Medal of honor was awarded to six of the school's former students.

The only surviving Medal of Honor men are Lieut. Eli White of Georgetown, Class of '41, and Sgt. William George Harrell of Mercedes, Class of '43. Approximately 650 Texas A. & M. men were killed or are reported missing in action to date.

Texas A. & M. College furnished more trained officer personnel than any other college in the nation, with more than 17,000 in the service and 13,000 of them officers.

At least 15 of the 25 Texas Aggies present on April 21, 1946, at the annual San Jacinto Muster and Corregidor have returned safely and they will be among the honored guests at the Victory Homecoming. Out of 15 Texas Aggies in the 25th Division, 13 received the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

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S. M. Harvick; Ruth Town- took the high score award in and Ann West the rummy. Guest prizes were awarded Miss Mildred North, here Cincinnatti, Ohio.

er guests were Mrs. Jake Vanderpool, Mrs. C. D. of Rockdale, Mrs. W. E. d, Jr., Mrs. Evert White, Richard Miller, Jr., Mrs. Bill and Misses Roy Coates,



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TRAIL DUST

By Douglas Meador

Snowflakes hurried toward the windshield then turned away like shy children playing before a stranger. Beams of light from moving cars flounced under the cover of night, then glared over the rolling hills, winked and passed swiftly on the black river of pavement. At intervals the steady lights of homes shone like constant and lovely faces from behind their veils of curtains. Warmed air flowed about the driver in a luxurious current. He listened to voices and the music of an organ two thousand miles away, singing Christmas carols with the same fidelity of tone that those at hand were hearing. Presently a man was speaking from below the instrument panel of his car and told of the miracles which Christ had wrought. The traveler could hear the man's breathing. Miracles are the things we do not understand.

Books on the care of infants make interesting reading, especially with regard to training, discipline and cultivation of conduct. A grave error which escapes many writers on the subject is the fact that personalities of babies vary so greatly that each would be served best with an individual book. One size shoe does not fit all feet.

all destinies cannot be shaped with one book.

After dark the snow changed to sleet and the wind whipped out of the north with a fury that seemed to burn the man's weathered cheek. He stopped the teams and stepped down from the loaded freight wagon, his boots crunching through frozen snow. He spoke to the horses and the heavy wheels resumed their grinding in frozen ruts. Walking on the south side of his wagon, he felt the warmth returned to numb feet and legs as he alternated cold hands inside his coat. Distance was reluctant to pass under the wagon and he watched the white sky-line long before he could hope for sight of the light. At first it seemed too high, like a star that had stolen behind the clouds, but the night suddenly became warmer. He unhitched the teams near the corral gate, removed the harness and fed them before approaching the one window of the half dug-out from which pale light seeped like a tiny spring in the desert of night. He felt the good warmth like an embrace. He spoke to his wife and looked to the bed where the little girl lay, wrapped in slumber. Her sleep-filled eyes opened quickly and her arms were about his neck. Taking the brown sack from his pocket, he placed it in her chubby hands and watched the wonderment on her face as she removed the bright sticks of candy. His wife was placing steaming food on the table; life was full and rich. It was the day before Christmas.

Many of the world's tears are needless because so many souls are searching for happiness, but neglect to light their lanterns of hope.

Consistency is both a curse and a virtue. Change may pull up the roots from which a great destiny would fruit. Again it may open new portals and unroll the deep plush rugs to hidden achievements.

Christmas is symbolic of good foods, laughter and generous hearts. It furbiashes tender memories long buried under the unimportant plunder of reality.

CHILDRESS RETURNS

Pfc. John W. Childress, of Ozona, Texas, is on his way home. Childress is one of 1,631 high-point Army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U. S. S. Bowie.

The U. S. S. Bowie — one of more than 800 carriers, battle-ships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet — left Guam, December 12, and was scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles about December 27.

Passengers will go directly to the separation centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

Jackie Lou Friend of San Angelo and Mary Ann Butz of Fort Stockton were guests during the past week of Corinne Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. El Bright Baggett of Lufkin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baggett and Betty from Barnhart were here to spend Christmas with the Baggett brothers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Baggett.

WANTED — Woman to take charge of Baptist nursery each Sunday during morning and evening services. For particulars see Mrs. S. L. Butler at Cockett Hotel.

Attractive building sites in Ozona Heights for sale. Write or phone C. W. Meadows, Sr., San Angelo, Texas. 39-4p

Bill Conklin, Crockett county surveyor, underwent an operation in a San Angelo hospital last week.

J. W. Johnigan is in a San Angelo hospital where he recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Adams, Jane and Camille are spending the week with Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. S. B. Phillips.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. E. L. Harrison, Minister
Schedule of Services
10 a. m. — Bible School.
11 a. m. — Morning Worship.
6:30 p. m. — Young People's program.
7:30 p. m. — Evening worship

THE STONE AGE: Anywhere from sixteen to sixty. And the bigger the stone, the better she likes it!

Slightly More Sugar Prospect for First Quarter of New Year

COLLEGE STATION. — United States civilians will have slightly more sugar to back their ration stamps in the first quarter of 1946 than in the last three months of 1945.

On the basis of the allocation for the January-March period of 1946, announced by the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, civilians are allotted 1,100,000 of the total 1,183,854 tons. That amount will be divided between homes, and institutional and industrial users. Of the remainder, the U. S. military and war services will receive 70,263 tons, and 13,591 tons will go into commercial

exports and shipments.

The civilian allotment compares with 982,000 tons during the last quarter of 1945, the PMA said. It is estimated, however, that the tonnage earmarked for civilians will be sufficient to maintain present rationing rates for both home and industrial use, allowing for seasonable variations in total use. For the calendar year 1945, on the basis of allocations and distribution so far, civilian consumption will average about 72 pounds per person, compared with 89 pounds in 1944.

The Production and Marketing Administration explains in a statement accompanying the announcement of allocations that the world supply of sugar in 1946 is expected to be about the same as in 1945. Production may increase a little,

but carry-over stocks have been reduced to a minimum. Consequently, officials explain, it would not be possible to draw upon stocks again in 1946.

Bobby Rae Payne of Fort Stockton was a holiday guest of Benny Gail Phillips. Mrs. Jack Holt entertained for her with a tea at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mildred North, in the government service in Cincinnati, Ohio, was here to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. J. North and other members of the family.

POSTED — All my ranch holdings in Crockett County. Trespassing postively forbidden. Violators will be prosecuted. James Baggett.

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At the Close of Business December 31, 1945

RESOURCES

C. C. C. Wool Loans	\$1,445,144.97	
Other Loans	384,110.74	
Total Loans		\$1,829,255.11
Overdrafts		1,822.03
Banking House		5,000.00
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Stock		6,000.00
United States Government and Other Bonds		1,245,658.92
Cash and Due From Banks		2,128,675.76
		\$5,211,411.82

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	93,375.43
Dividend No. 61 Payable January 2, 1946	10,000.00
Deposits	4,908,036.39
	\$5,211,411.82

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classified. With the beginning of the new year, work may now be started on approved improvement projects under the 1946 program. Miss Bratcher said. However, she emphasized the requirement that prior approval must be secured on any work before it is started. This means that the office must be contacted for prior approval, inspection and appraisal before work is started or payment can not be given.

Under the 1946 program, Crockett county ranch operators will be able to earn a total of \$79,660 for all practices, the county being allotted that amount to carry on the AAA work during the year. Ranches will be given an allowance of 20 cents per acre for carrying out all recommended practices, this amount being the limit which can be earned during the year.

Practices which have been approved by the county committee for this county include elimination of noxious plants, including prickly pear, cedar, mesquite and lech-

aguilla, construction of earthen dams and reservoirs, concrete and rubble masonry dams, drilling water well, laying pipelines and deferred grazing.

NOTICE TO MY PATRONS

I will re-open my Health Studio Monday, January 7. I am expecting the early arrival of new electrical equipment with the aid of which I shall be able to offer more efficient service to my patrons in cases of colds, rheumatism, arthritis and nervous disorders.

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MRS. A. W. JONES

OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. H. B. Tandy honored her daughter, Nan, on the occasion of the latter's 18th birthday with an open house at the Tandy home Sunday. The affair also honored Barbara White, Joyce West, Byrd Phillips and Daphne Meinecke, all recently arrived "eighteens."

Miss Ethel Mayes Becomes Bride Of Dick Henderson In New Year Wedding

Miss Ethel Mayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Mayes of Ozona, became the bride of Floyd R. Henderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson of this city, in a pretty home wedding Tuesday, New Year's Day, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Friend, Jr.

The double ring wedding ceremony was read at 10:30 a.m. by the Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a Fred A. Block suit in aqua with black accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Miss Helen Mayes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a blue suit and carried a bouquet of apricot gladiolas. L. B. Cox, III, attended the groom as best man.

As pre-punctual music, Mrs. H. B. Tandy sang, "Because," by Hardelet, Mrs. Neal Hannah accom-

panying. Mrs. Hannah also played before the wedding and the traditional wedding march from "Lohengrin."

White gladiolas and white carnations were used in house decorations. A reception followed the ceremony and the couple cut the three-tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Jake Short and Mrs. W. A. Swearingen presided in the dining room and Mrs. C. D. Allen, Jr., was at the bride's book.

After a short wedding trip to New Mexico and Arizona, the couple will be at home on the Henderson ranch near Marfa.

The bride is a graduate of Ozona High School and was a student in Southwestern University in Georgetown where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The groom is also a graduate of Ozona High School and was a student at A&M College when he enlisted in the Army Air Forces.

from which he recently received his discharge.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Friend, Sr., of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Mayes of Fort Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill A. Friend of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Short of Vanderpool, Mrs. W. A. Swearingen and sons, Bobby and Billy Scott of Austin, Mrs. Lee Henderson, Mrs. A. W. Clayton, Mrs. John B. Hemphill and Mrs. Eddie Arnold, all of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mayes of Fort Stockton.

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