

## SCHOOL PROJECT SHOWING RAPID IMPROVEMENT ON ATHLETIC FIELD

The work of the past two weeks has shown marked progress on the athletic field and on the rock fence under construction on the school grounds. The fence will completely inclose the track and football field and lacks only the coping now, and when finished will be eight and a half feet high.

The east side of the field was some six feet higher than the west, and this has been leveled and when completed, the football field will be a turtle-back, assuring ample drainage. The work on the track, which will surround the football field, will follow, after which substantial bleachers will be erected. The supports will be of steel, while the seats will be of wood. The east side will seat 400 and the west will have a seating capacity of 600.

Mr. Stewart, secretary of the school board for a number of years, and Mr. Brogdon, president, have worked untiringly, not only on this project, but on many school interests, and deserve much credit for the progress shown. Mr. Stewart states that approximately one-fourth of the allotment which is about \$65,000 has been spent, big expense items to date being the excavation work and hiring of trucks for removal of dirt. Sixty-five men are on the payroll classed as skilled, semi-skilled and common labor groups; and besides those from Gorman some have been employed from Desdemona, Carbon and one or two skilled workmen from Eastland.

The next phase of the program will be the erection of a Home Economics building. This will be of stone construction and will be the equivalent of a modern five-room cottage, containing a large laboratory, living room, dining room and bath with ample linen closet.

The present "Home Ec" department was adequate until the enrollment became too large for the quarters, due to consolidations the past two or three years. The typing division will be moved to the old building upon completion of the new.

This school program will not be finished until the shoulders on either side of the road in front of the school grounds have been widened and a retaining wall of rock built. The drainage ditch will be rip-rapped, thus making it a permanent one. Landscaping of the grounds will follow, and Gorman will, indeed, be proud of her school buildings, equipment and whole school system. This will be an added attraction, not only for her residents but for prospective ones as well.

Snooks Craddock was here Saturday and Sunday from Camp Bowie in Brownwood where he went in training a short time ago.

## The Progress

Invites

**Saturday Only**

Mrs. Bert Bennett and one  
To See  
**DOUBLE FEATURE**

**Sunday - Monday**

H. C. Abernathy and one  
To See  
**KEEPING COMPANY**

**Tuesday - Wednesday**

T. H. Bennett and one  
To See  
**DAY THE BOOKIE WEPT**

**Thursday - Friday**

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**FLIGHT COMMAND**

AT THE

## New Deal Theatre

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## Idus Echols Placed On Credit Board

In the annual meeting Monday of last week at Stephenville of the Stephenville Production Credit Association, I. S. Echols of Gorman was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Other members of the board are: R. Cal. McCurdy, Decatur; A. F. Anderson, Stephenville; R. E. Seay, Comanche; and J. D. Harper, of Hamilton.

The opening of the meeting was featured by musical numbers given by John Tarleton Agricultural College students. During the business session, A. F. Anderson, of Stephenville, director and vice-president, gave a report on the activities of the board of directors for the past year. Garland Eubank, secretary-treasurer, presented a chart showing the financial statement and progress of the association. Dr. Virgil P. Lee, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Houston, appeared on the program; and Judge Byrd E. White and S. H. Burchard, members of the Farm Credit Board of Houston, talked on the value of Production Credit Association to farmers and stockmen.

Garland Eubank of Stephenville was retained as secretary-treasurer, and T. C. Granberry, also of Stephenville, as assistant secretary-treasurer.

## REGISTERED AND GRADE JERSEYS EXHIBITED AT DESDEMONA DAIRY SHOW

Twelve registered Jerseys and one grade Jersey were exhibited for 300 people who attended the Desdemona Community Dairy Show Friday, February 14, according to a statement by A. C. Pratt, Assistant County Agent. All the animals were owned by club boys and others in and near Desdemona, except one, a cow shown by L. C. Cooksey, of Alameda.

About 2 p. m. when the largest group of people seemed to be on hand, a judging contest was held with everyone taking part. Charles Bell, vocational teacher of Ranger, assisted in the judging by explaining to the group the important points in the stock to look for, and after all had made their placings, arranged the animals in each class in four places and explained why he placed each animal as he did. The judging appeared to be very educational and entertaining.

It's Dreaming Pioneer, a registered Jersey Bull owned by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce was shown, and incidentally the yearling that placed best, was sired by him.

Those entering animals in the show were: Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 1; Chester and Earl Ervin, 5; Marvin Dupuy, 4; Darwood Ragland, 1; Frank Quinn, 1; and L. C. Cooksey, 1.

## JTAC CONDUCTING SCHOOL IN NEW DEFENSE PROGRAM

The John Tarleton Agricultural College is conducting a night school in the new defense program each night from Monday through Friday, from 7:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. There is no charge for this work.

Any person desiring the course and available for it should get in touch with Mr. John Crowell, John Tarleton College, who is in charge of the work and who is in the shops on the north side of the campus each afternoon and night.

## GORMAN REBEKAH LODGE

The Gorman Rebekah Lodge met Tuesday night in regular session and plans were completed for initiation on next Tuesday night. Last Thursday night Mmes. Dixon, Reynolds, Love and Miss Ozella Pulley attended a meeting of the Comanche Rebekah Lodge and was entertained with a valentine party. Last Saturday afternoon Mmes. Bennett, Dixon, Reynolds and Love and Miss Ozella Pulley attended the funeral of Mr. Guy McMurray of Dublin as representatives of the Gorman Rebekah Lodge. All members are urged to be present on next Tuesday night.

## Elimination Contest Pairings Made In Dist. 6 Cage Meet

The following Grade School pupils have qualified in preliminary speech try-outs in Interscholastic League Contest, and will participate in a final try-out Monday, February 24, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium:

Primary story telling: Joan Bennett, Peggy Bob Rucker, and Jack Eison; Third-grade story telling: Joe Brandon, Doyle Lee Jobe, Christine Lindsey, and Gene Koonce.

Sub-junior declamation, boys: Charles Matthis, Lonny Crosby and Jerry Mehaffey. Girls: Barbara Ann Wiley, Christine Lindsey and Peggy Bell.

Junior declamation, boys: Burlus Wood and Jimmy Mehaffey. Girls: Merlene Steele, Mary Charles Haygood and Runez Gregg.

On the program will also be numbers by the Rhythm Band and Grade School Choral Club. The program will last about one hour. Out-of-town judges have been selected for the speech try-outs. First-place winners will represent the school at the County Meet to be held in Eastland from March 19 to 22, inclusive.

## 4-H Club Boys To Attend Stock Show

Plans are being made for the Eastland County 4-H boys to attend the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth on March 10, according to a statement made today by A. C. Pratt, Assistant County Agent. The program of activities in Fort Worth will begin with the Montgomery Ward Rodeo in the Will Rogers Coliseum at 10:00 a. m., after which the boys may go visit Montgomery Ward's mail order store or go to the Fat Stock Show. Most of the boys who will go, will receive tickets to the Rodeo and everyone will receive a pass to the stock show grounds.

The boys in each club are to arrange transportation to Fort Worth and Mr. Pratt will secure passes to the Rodeo and show grounds. If the quota of rodeo tickets allotted to Eastland county boys is not as many as those who expect to attend, they will be given to the boys who have made the best records in 4-H work.

## Gorman Girl Completes "Practice Teaching" at T. S. C. W.

Denton, Feb. 18.—Miss Mary Dell Stewart of Gorman has completed her "practice teaching" at Texas State College for Women as a part of her education course which will prepare her to teach in the public schools. Miss Stewart has been teaching physical education. For a school semester student teachers do actual teaching under the supervision of a staff member of the T. S. C. W. Department of Education.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stewart, Miss Stewart is a senior student majoring in physical education. She plans to complete her college work this June.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School at 10 o'clock; preaching service at 10:45. The young people meet at 6 o'clock in the evening, and sermon at 7. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

## DELEON FAMILY MOVES TO GORMAN

Mr. R. C. Boswell, formerly of DeLeon, has moved with his family to Gorman and are living in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk.

Mr. Boswell is associated with the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association here, acting as plant superintendent. He is an experienced man in the mixing of fertilizers. Gorman welcomes Mr. Boswell and his family to their midst.

## Post Office Closed Saturday

The post office will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 22, which is a legal holiday.

Breckenridge, Tex., Feb. 18.—Schedule of play for teams from the nine counties of District 6, Region 2, who meet in Breckenridge in a two-day basketball tournament opening Friday, shows representatives from Eastland and Callahan counties clashing in the first event, and Haskell meeting the winner of that engagement in the final game of Friday evening.

In the play Friday the Eastland-Callahan game will start at 2:30 o'clock, followed by Throckmorton and Stephens county teams at 3:30; Erath and Knox county teams at 4:30; and Palo Pinto and Shackelford county teams meeting at 7 o'clock that evening.

Winner from the district goes into the regional meeting at Abilene. Trophy will be awarded the winner in Breckenridge and basketballs will be given the five outstanding players selected by coaches of the teams participating.

## EXCELSIOR CLUB

The Excelsior Club met February 11 with Mrs. Lee Arvil Mears as hostess.

The president, Mrs. Moake, presided over the business meeting. Members of the club will attend a meeting in Comanche, February 20, honoring the State and District presidents. Clubs in this region are hostesses.

A flower exchange will be held March 25 when the club will meet with Mrs. Dixon.

Roll call was answered with "Bits of Philosophy" which were humorous as well as serious. Mrs. Brummett gave a very interesting talk on "Seattle, Metropolis of the Northwest." "The Picturesque Southwest," a discussion of the cities of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, was given by Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Paul Ormsby gave the highlights of California in her talk, "A Glimpse of California."

Seventeen members and one guest, Mrs. N. A. Sanders of Llano, enjoyed the meeting and the delectable plate served by the hostess.

Mrs. W. A. Sutton will be the hostess at the next meeting.

## KEN MAYNARD RIDES AGAIN

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 18.—"Ken Maynard rides again"—Those words have been emblazoned on the front of movie houses all over the country for 19 years.

Ken Maynard will ride again in 1941 when he makes a personal appearance at the world-famed rodeo in Fort Worth during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 7 to 16.

Announcement from John B. Davis, secretary-manager of the show, of Maynard's coming will revive fond memories held by two generations of American boys. Those teen-age boys of 1922 will remember their hard-riding, fast-shooting screen idol who has played in so many western thrillers that he doesn't know the exact number—possibly 250.

Those boys grown up will have the opportunity to see Maynard in some more straight shooting and trick roping. He will ride in the grand entry of the rodeo on his famous horse, "Tarzan," a palomino, and will do the big-horse catch in roping seven racing horses with one lasso. With a 44-40 caliber gun he will bring back memories of the Wild West shows by bursting balls thrown into the air.

Maynard, the man who glorifies the American cowboy, was born on a ranch in the brush country of South Texas. He made the rounds of the Wild West shows where he learned the art of trick roping. He got into the rodeos as an active contestant and took part in the 1921 rodeo at Fort Worth before he entered the movies. This year he will be back in his favorite sport, the rodeo. Boys of the past 19 years who used to sit through three showings of his western pictures will have seats in the Fort Worth coliseum to see "Ken Maynard rides again."

## TEXAS WORKERS RECEIVE HALF OF MONEY SPENT IN PRODUCTION OF OIL

### Shower Honoring Recent Bride

Wednesday afternoon, February 19, from three to six o'clock, some sixty-five friends of Mrs. Wade Smith, nee Vera Nell Hamrick, called at the home of Mrs. J. Frank Dean, who was assisted by Mrs. Donna David, in honoring the recent bride with a miscellaneous shower.

In the receiving line were: Mrs. Dean, Mrs. David; Mrs. Wade Smith, bride; S. S. Smith, mother of the groom; J. W. Hamrick, mother of the bride, and Miss Frances Smith, sister of the groom. All wore lovely carnation corsages.

Others in the house party were: Mrs. Levi Price who directed the guests to be registered in the bride's book, presided over by Miss Elva Shell; and in the dining room where delectable Russian punch and cookies were served, were: Mmes. Earl Pittman, sister of the bride, and Charles Hicks and Misses Margie Grisham and Louise Baker. The table was lace-covered, centered with a lovely red floral piece and flanked by lighted tapers. Throughout the pretty home seasonable flowers were in evidence.

During the afternoon a very delightful program was rendered—Elizabeth Brewer, Minnie Lee Ormsby and Mary Frances Stubblefield contributing several piano numbers each, and little Barbara Ann Wiley favoring her listeners with some readings, one of which was accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Brewer at the piano.

Lovely pieces of silver, crystal, linens, housewares and novelties of all kinds, as well as several handsome bedspreads, hand-embroidered sheet and pillow case sets, etc., made up the list of useful gifts, numbering around one hundred fifty or more, attesting to the popularity of the bride and groom.

Besides the large number that called from Gorman despite the rainy afternoon, the out-of-town guest list included: Mrs. Floyd Gilbert, Carbon; Mrs. Charles Rose, of Tulsa, Okla., an aunt of the bride, and Mmes. S. S. Smith, J. J. Smith, Carlton Bassett, A. C. Schumann and Miss Frances Smith, all of DeLeon.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 9.—Texas workers receive half of the money spent in the production of Texas oil, according to a booklet just issued by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. The booklet, entitled "Important Facts About Texas Oil," is now being distributed by the association from its headquarters in the Continental Building here.

Wages and salaries to Texas production workers amount to 49 1-2 per cent of the net cost of producing the average barrel of oil in Texas, the booklet shows. One-eighth of the net cost dollar goes to Texas tax-collectors for State and local taxes. Supplies cost about 26 1-2 per cent, while depreciation, depletion, overhead and Federal taxes make up the remaining 11 per cent.

To this net cost must be added an extra one-eighth of the price of the oil which is paid as royalty to the Texas farmer or rancher who owns the land on which the oil is produced.

Texas petroleum workers and Texas farmers together receive \$400,000,000 a year in wages and salaries and lease and royalty payments from the Texas petroleum industry, the book shows. Of this huge sum, the workers get \$272,000,000 annually and the farmers and other land-owners \$128,000,000. The \$400,000,000 paid these two groups of Texans is four-fifths of the total value of all crude oil produced in Texas. Texas tax-collectors get from the petroleum industry an additional \$75,000,000 a year.

These huge sums are spent and respend in Texas to benefit every Texan, the book points out.

"Fortunately for Texas and its people," it states, "the development of this great natural resource has not only revealed the existence of underground supplies which directly provides living for one-sixth of the State's population. Directly or indirectly, practically everyone living in Texas today shares in the distribution and redistribution of money created by this one industry. Every Texan has a stake in the future of this business."

## BANK HOLIDAY

Next Saturday, Feb. 22, is a legal holiday which will be observed by the First National here. Let those with banking interests remember to attend to same on Friday.

## Rig Moved on R. L. Williams Tract

T. B. Unruh et al are moving in a rig on the R. L. Williams farm which is in the Jewell community, and are making preparations to drill a well in the near future. A crew has been busy this week, and since it is near the old Lay well which was capped in 1929, chances should be favorable for a producer, Mr. J. E. Brewer states.

## RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

Below is the honor roll for Ranger Junior College, the third six-weeks of the first semester, as reported by the Dean H. L. Baskin.

### Highest Honors

Sophomores: Edna Files.  
Freshmen: Alice Henry, W. J. Powell, Fannie Dell Swaney, Edna Hopper, Francine Hatley.

### High Honors

Sophomores: Dorothy Byas, Dorothy Campbell, Billie Eldridge, Hazel Fondren, Reta Gallagher, June Ann Gregoleit, Fern Allen Meroney, Margaret McClesky.  
Freshmen: Hershell Iley, Billie Ross Hodges, Pleas Moore, Jr., La Verne Watson.

### Honors

Sophomores: M. L. Baskin, Herman Bryan.  
Freshmen: Jean Akins, H. L. Baskin, Jr., Murtle Everett, Dovey Galley, J. D. Smith, Jean Mitchell, Ancia Owen, Mounice Fay T.  
Junior Wheat.

## NEW DEAL

### Theatre

**Thursday - Friday**

Clark Gable - Hedy Lamarr  
in  
**COMRADE X**

**Saturday Only**

John King - Ray Corrigan  
in  
**RANGE BUSTERS**

Kent Taylor - Florence Rice  
in  
**GIRL IN ROOM 313**

**Sunday - Monday**

Ann Rutherford - John Skelton  
in  
**KEEPING COMPANY**

**Tuesday - Wednesday**

**ONE CENT NIGHT**  
Joe Penner  
in  
**DAY THE BOOKIE WEPT**

**Thursday**

Robert Taylor  
in  
**FLIGHT COMMAND**



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The Progress regrets the Carbon copies reaching us too late for this week's publication.

**ROBERT TAYLOR AS FLYING CADET IN NEW AIR THRILLER**

Spectacular thrills of the air come Feb. 27 - 28 to the New Deal Theatre with Robert Taylor, Ruth Hussey and Walter Pidgeon in "Flight Command," smashing drama of naval aviation.

**Friend of Wife**

Taylor plays Alan Drake, Pensacola cadet, assigned to the crack "Hell Cats" squadron. Amid thrills of battle practice and intimate details of life at an air base, he seeks to comfort the wife of his commander when her brother, his best friend, "cracks up." Members of the squadron, loyal to their commander and his wife as is Drake himself, misunderstand the situation and in his anger Drake resigns. After a sensational rescue during maneuvers, the misunderstanding is cleared and the squadron, reunited in loyalty, takes to the air.

**Dive-Bombing Thrills**

Amid the dramatic episodes run thrills of dive-bombing, forced landings, battle practice, Taylor's close escape when his fighting plane tangles with an aerial target, and other peak moments of excitement in the air.

Frank Borzage, who directed "The Mortal Storm," and is himself an aviator, directed. The cast includes such names as Paul Kelly, Shepperd Strudwick, Nat Pendle-

ton, Red Skelton, Dick Purcell, William Tannen, William Etelling, and Stanley Smith.

Pensacola and North Island are principal locales, and replicas of important locales there were authentically constructed. Noted flyers carried cameras aloft for the major thrills.

**NYA ALL-GIRL RADIO CLUB GRANTED FCC OPERATING LICENSE**

AUSTIN, Feb. 11.—The Federal Communications Commission has granted a license and assigned call letters W5JNA to what National NYA Radio Engineer Robert Burton of Washington believes is the only NYA all-girl radio club in the nation, that at Brenham, Texas. J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator, announced today.

Trustee of the club, Miss Kathryn Porter, is one of the very few women in the United States holding both an amateur radio operator's license and a commercial radio telephone first class operator's license.

Sixteen of the sixty girls assigned to the NYA Resident Center at Brenham comprise the club, now operating on a hobby basis. Members have attained a receiving rate of twelve words per minute, in addition to obtaining work experience in radio telegraph, repair and operation. Thirteen words per minute are required by the FCC to pass the test for an amateur's license.

The transmitter used by the club is a 6L6 oscillator and an 807 amplifier with an input of 50 watts. The antenna is a 66-foot Y-matched doublet, center fed with a twisted pair. The rig operates in the 40 meter band, at 7,202 kilocycles.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED**

Open competitive examinations for the positions described below were announced by the United States Civil Service Commission last week. Applications will be accepted at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates specified. Where two closing dates are given for receipt of applications, the extra time is allowed for those sent from Colorado and States westward. All salaries are subject to a 3 1-2 per cent retirement deduction.

Apprentice, Government Printing Office, for appointment in Washington, D. C., only. The rate of pay for the first year of apprenticeship is 40c an hour for a 40-hour week. The pay rate is increased on the completion of each year of successful apprenticeship up to \$1.02 an hour for the fifth and last year of apprenticeship. Applicants must have reached their seventeenth but must not have passed their twentieth birthday. Applications for this examination will be accepted for only 10 days or until February 15 for States east of Colorado, and until February 18, 1941 for the other States.

Radio inspector, \$2,600 a year, Federal Communications Commission, and Assistant radio inspector, \$2,000 a year, various departments. The duties of these positions include the inspection of radio equipment on ships, aircraft, and at various land stations. College study in electrical or communication engineering or in physics is required. Closing dates are March 6 and 10, 1941.

Staff dietitian, \$1,800 a year. Completion of a 4-year college course in dietetics and of a training course as student dietitian are required. Applicants will be rated as received until further notice.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

**Notice To Creditors of the Estate of Mattie Wood, Deceased**

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Mattie Wood, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 30th day of January, 1941, by the County Court of Eastland County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and postoffice address are Gorman, County of Eastland, State of Texas.

H. T. Wood, Administrator of the Estate of Mattie Wood, Deceased.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Smith and daughter, Katie Lou, spent the week-end in the home of his mother, Mrs. S. B. Smith.

Neill Sutton, Tarleton student, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton.

Miss Sara Jo Stewart and her roommate, Miss Leeman Sims, students of Tarleton, spent the week-end in Gorman.

Mrs. Donna Moorman spent Sunday with Mrs. John Kirk of Eastland.

Mrs. Hubert Craddock returned to her home in Sundown Wednesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and Mr. Alf Craddock.

Mrs. Huppy Morris and little son returned to her home in Seminole Tuesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Abels of Plainview were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Ross Monday. They accompanied the Abels to Fort Worth to attend the Golden Gloves tournament Monday night.

Mrs. Hulon Pullig and daughter, Virginia, and Mrs. W. H. Powers and son, Jack, of Desdemona were in Rising Star Sunday, guests of their mother, Mrs. Sallie Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ellison spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Pullig and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frazier of De Leon were guests in the home of her brother, Jake Webb, and family Monday.

Miss Thelma Cogburn visited her brothers, Fate and Newt Cogburn, in Lubbock Friday. She attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Lancaster in Big Spring Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Levi Price were visitors in Eastland Saturday night.

Mmes. Frank Dean, Sam Richey and Ellen Oldham were in Fort Worth last Thursday.

**Want Ads**

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Mrs. George Blackwell was a visitor in Fort Worth Monday, Billy Martin Brogdon accompanying her.

Dr. George Blackwell was in Brownwood on business Wednesday.

Odell Grubb of Eastland was a guest of Miss Iola Chambers Sunday.

Mrs. Strobel of Cisco visited her sister, Miss Katherine Webb, Tuesday.

Miss Lorene Hodges is spending this week in her home near De Leon.

Amos Eaker, Z. O. Mehaffey and L. D. Stewart were visitors in Brownwood Sunday.

Lake Childers, Brack Sones and Pete Cooper were in Brownwood Saturday night.

Alton Buchannon of Rising Star spent Monday with his brother, Olney.

Arnold Kirk of Eastland was in Gorman on business Tuesday.

Frank Haile of Dallas was in Gorman on business and visiting his mother this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Creager are visiting their son, Prentice, and family of Dickens, and later will go to Houston for a visit with Elmer and his family.

Mrs. Robert Cooner of Goldthwaite visited here last week with her mother and other relatives.

Juanita McGaha, Robbie Jean Moseley, Hazel Gelchrest and Jack Benny Shelley were visitors in Eastland Monday night.

Mrs. Roy Keyser and daughter of Dallas are visiting her mother, Mrs. Koonce, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Shelley and Dr. and Mrs. Edward Blackwell were in Fort Worth Monday night attending the Golden Gloves tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton of Comanche were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moseley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Todd and Miss Anna Lou Finley were visitors in Dublin and Comanche Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Underwood were Abilene visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Underwood were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Reynolds and daughters Margie and Katherine, and Betty Jo Thurman of Cisco, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simmons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McNealey of Fort Worth spent Tuesday in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Leander Bennett. Mr. McNealey is a voice instructor in the Baptist Seminary there.

Mrs. Earl Pittman has been confined to her home this week with a severe case of tonsillitis.

J. E. Brewer of Abilene was a Gorman business visitor this week.

Mrs. Ida Pittman of DeLeon spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Leander Bennett.

Wilbur Lee Mehaffey is seriously ill this week being threatened with pneumonia.

Both Billy Martin and Bob Brogdon are confined to their beds since Wednesday with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Koonce of Kil-daire were here this week for a short visit with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mason attended a birthday celebration last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morris, of Eastland. It was the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Morris' father, Mr. J. J. Barron.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanins of Lubbock were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean.

J. F. Hankins of Lubbock was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean Monday.

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# News of Desdemona

By Mrs. W. C. Bedford

Mrs. John Arnold left Saturday morning for Houston to visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Leazar.

Mrs. Hugh Abel, accompanied by Mrs. H. H. Powers, drove to Eastland and Ranger Saturday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Lancaster, who graduated from our High School last May and is now attending John Tarleton, spent the week-end

with her mother, Mrs. Lucile Caraway.

Miss Ava Grindstaff visited her parents at Haskell from Friday until Saturday afternoon.

Miss Gary Palmer spent the week-end with her mother in Comanche.

Rev. H. B. Clark attended a meeting at Dublin Saturday, of the Methodist pastors of the Cisco District. One of the objects of the meeting was the discussing of plans for raising one million dollars by the eight million Methodists in America for the relief of Methodist churches in war torn areas. Several other matters of business were discussed at the meeting.

Mrs. Thomas Browning was in Brownwood Thursday to visit her son, Hoyt Lee Browning, who is attending Daniel Baker College. Outside of school hours Hoyt Lee has a job that pays him more than \$2.00 a day.

A Fellowship meeting was held Sunday at the Church of God with Rev. Melvin Drake of Ranger in charge of the program. Delegates from several nearby towns attended the meeting.

M. P. (Bill) Williams left Wednesday for his home at Freer after having visited here two days with his brother and friends who were delighted to see him again. During the years when he and his family lived here he served as a very efficient secretary of the Desdemona School Board. He had been to Mineral Wells on business and had visited a few days at Eastland with his son, Max Williams, and family.

Mrs. S. E. Snodgrass visited in the Lowell community Sunday, and was one of 70 friends and relatives who gathered at the home of Tom Sims to celebrate his 75th birthday.

Mrs. Harry Nance of Lovington, New Mexico, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Blackwell Sanitarium at Gorman on Tuesday of last week. Her husband Rev. Nance, was pastor of the Methodist church here several years ago and they both have hosts of friends here who will be glad

to know that she is improving nicely.

On Tuesday night of last week at the High School gym, "The Texas Round-Up" was presented to a large number of people not only of Desdemona but of several other towns and communities. The eleven radio and screen artists put on a splendid program of music, dancing, playlets and jokes. From the amount of applause given the different numbers on the program, the audience was well pleased and will be glad to attend if the group should ever come here again. Before the opening of the program, one of the men of the company managed the sale and drawing for the football quilt which had been made by the mothers of the football boys. Winner of the quilt was Bob Revells. Other prizes that were given at the same time were a pair of kid gloves donated by the Davis Dry Goods Company, and won by Mrs. Maborn Wilcoxson; a sack of flour donated by Guy Bruce's Grocery, won by Neil Maltby; the cleaning and pressing of a man's suit or a lady's dress donated by Kenneth Paul and won by Mrs. Jesse Sparkman; a hair cut donated by Earl Abernathy and won by Mrs. Raymond Stark. The amount of money from the quilt was \$20.26 which was put in the fund to pay for the sweaters for the 14 football players.

Mrs. W. H. Powers and son, Jack, visited her mother, Mrs. Sallie Irvin, at Rising Star Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parks drove to Gorman Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Harry Nance, who is at the Blackwell Sanitarium recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Beginning Sunday morning at the Baptist Church a school of Missions was held for several days with visitors from a number of other places. Sermons were preached and talks were made by preachers from DeLeon, Hamilton, and other places and much interest shown in the discussion of the Mission fields.

Miles Ervin, who recently joined the U. S. Army, came home Friday and attended the funeral of his grandfather, O. J. Sharpe, who was buried that afternoon at Cow Creek near Dublin. Miles remained

until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ervin.

A roller skating tournament was held at the gym, beginning Thursday night and ending Saturday night. Large crowds attended and a nice amount was realized and added to the amount for the girls' sweaters. The sweaters for the girls of the basketball team and for the boys of the football team were received and presented Monday at an assembly of the High School. Sam Jones is coach for the girls and C. L. Brannan is coach for the boys.

We are glad to report that Mrs. T. L. Acrea is able to be up after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Key moved on Sunday to Gorman where they have an apartment near the High School. Mr. Key had moved his feed mill there a few months ago and Mrs. Key, who owned a cafe here, sold it last week to Mrs. M. Keith. Their friends will miss them but wish them success in their new home.

Herrrel Kelley was host at the meeting of the "42" club Monday night. Several of the regular members could not be present on account of the School of Missions at the Baptist Church, so some who are not members were invited to the meeting. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nabers, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Mrs. Maudie Moon, Miss Edith Creighton, Miss Delia Wall, C. L. Brannan, C. A. Skipping, and the host, Herrrel Kelly.

A very delightful Valentine party was given at the Club House of the "21" Study Club on Thursday night in honor of the Senior Class of the Desdemona High School. Miss Delia Wall, Senior class sponsor, was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Lucile Caraway, who is teacher of English, and by Mrs. J. E. Heeter. The club house was beautifully decorated with hearts and other things appropriate to the season. Many old-fashioned games were played, songs both new and old were sung and then refreshments of sandwiches, hot cocoa and pear salad (the pear forming a girl's face) were served. Those present were: Mildred Warren, Colleen McKain, Ruth Williams, Naomi Alvis, Willa Dean Dickson, Betty Jane Clark, Ima Jean Browning, Ima Jean Powell, Juanita Daniels, Wanda Carr, Almarie Riggs, Ila Mae Koonce, Allen Gregory, Johnny Dean Ragland, Jack Powers, Earl Parks, Max Bailey, Roy Lemaster, Neil Maltby, Marlow Salter and Tommy Ervin.

O. J. Sharpe, aged 79, passed away late Thursday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Letha Fuqua, after a short illness, although he had been rather feeble for some time. Funeral services were conducted at Cow Creek with the Dublin Radio pastor, known as "Brother Jack," in charge of

the services. He is survived by two sons; Harrison Sharpe, who lives near Desdemona, Otis Sharpe of Victor and four daughters; Mrs. Annie Gaye of Electra, Mrs. C. F. Ervin who lives north of Desdemona, Mrs. Ina Fuqua and Mrs. Letha Fuqua, and several grandchildren.

Tests are of common occurrence among school boys and girls but when grown-ups take tests it is quite unusual. Friday night while a large crowd of boys and girls and some grown people were enjoying skating in the gym, a group of grown folks were in the study hall, next to the gym, taking a Current Events Test. The questionnaires had been sent out by the "Time" magazine to Mrs. C. W. Maltby, secretary of the "21" study club, who conducted the tests and graded the papers. Several who were not members of the club had been asked to take the test and for two hours all worked to answer the 105 questions, arranged in groups according to subjects. To each question there were five possible answers only one of which was correct and the number of the one thought to be right was placed on the answer sheet. There was no expense to the contest but the one making the highest grade would receive the magazine free for four months. W. H. Davis was the winner, having answered 55 and the next one making 51. A unique system of grading the papers made it possible to grade them rapidly and return them to the contestants.

## BOWLEGS OF COWBOYS TO BE JUDGED AT FAT STOCK SHOW

FORT WORTH, Feb. 11.—Theatrical producers have spent millions in glorifying the most beautiful legs in America. The graceful limbs of the showgirl must be artistic and as straight as a pine tree.

Now comes the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth with an idea to glorify the bowlegs of cowboys. It just doesn't make sense but the cowboys are learning there is money in their bows—\$25 prize for the best pair of saddle-sprained legs in America.

The cowboy whose legs couldn't stop a pig in a blind alley will be lined up and judged at 4:30 p. m. March 8 in the stock show coliseum. J. Frank Dobie, Texas cowboy authority and author, will be a judge. March is the deadline for entries.

## CAPTURES ALBINO BUZZARD

A snow-white buzzard has been added to the Hermann Park Zoo in Houston. It was captured by C. W. Farrell of Augusto, Houston county. It is the first white buzzard reported to the Texas Game Department.

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## GABLE REPORTER FOR THIRD TIME IN "COMRADE X"

Clark Gable was born for action. In real life, he has been an oil field worker, a muleskinner and a lumberjack. His screen roles have run to test pilots, newsreel cameramen, two-fisted captains on the seven seas and reporters. He likes reporters best.

For the first time since "It Happened One Night" and "Love on the Run," Gable plays a reporter in an out-and-out comedy, "Comrade X," co-starring Hedy Lamarr, and coming Feb. 20-21 to the New Deal Theatre.

**They're Lucky Roles**  
"I've met hundreds of reporters," Gable says, "and they have all been fine people. They have one of the most interesting jobs in the world, particularly today. It never was my luck to be a reporter. The closest I could come to it was working in the advertising department of the Portland Oregonian years ago, taking ads. But so far I've been lucky playing reporters."

Gable's reporter in the picture is all for comedy. He is an adventuresome American newspaperman in Russia. Miss Lamarr is a Moscow lady street car "motorman," who shares his daredevil escapades. Gable gets himself into a pack of trouble, including a sojourn in a Kremlin dungeon. He wears a beard while ferreting out choice items about Soviet famines and revolts, and uses a secret code and camera hidden in a radio to reveal the inside news.

**Played for Laughs**  
"Some of the things in the picture seem fantastic," Gable says, "but after all, they are played strictly for comedy. At the same time, in talks with Laurence Stallings, H. R. Knickerbocker and other noted foreign correspondents, I have found that newspapermen often perform feats in getting the news that movie reporters pale in comparison."

## TEXAS HAD BIG DEMAND FOR TURKEYS

Texas-grown turkeys appeared on the nation's dinner tables to the tune of 579 carloads—with more New Yorkers eating the Lone Star birds than any other state.

The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research estimates this total "export" of turkeys during December was 4.9 per cent smaller than in December, 1939.

Other states where demand for Texas turkeys was large were Massachusetts, 69 cars; Pennsylvania, 67; Ohio, 34; Florida, 30; Michigan, 26; and New Jersey, 25.

Out-of-state shipments of Texas-grown chickens more than tripled those of December, 1939, as 38 cars moved in comparison with 11 a year ago.

## INGENUITY AND INITIATIVE BENEFIT FARMERS

In the United States farmers are directly benefited by marketing agreements which several different kinds of such as milks, fruits and vegetables. One of the more important reasons why the marketing agreement or marketing order proved beneficial, is that producer-built plan. Such a plan cannot be started unless a great majority of farmers in a certain area want it. It can be changed and adjusted from time to time by the farmers. It can be discontinued if a certain percentage so decides.

The strong and time-honored foundation of the plan is producer cooperation. Stabilized markets, more money in the farmers' pockets, and benefits to local business communities and consumers, have resulted from this businesslike expansion of farmer-operated, farmer-controlled producing and marketing cooperatives.

Again private initiative and ingenuity in the agricultural field has proven the mainspring of progress in stabilizing agricultural activity.

## QUAIL BATHES IN FLOWER POT

Leave it to denizens of the wild to find a way to do things. The area surrounding Houston has had much rain over a period of several weeks and there were few dry places left in the countryside. However, that didn't deter a quail on the ranch of Bill Freeman. The bird discovered a large flower pot on the porch of the Freeman home and was observed by Mr. Freeman, Bill Walker, outdoor editor of the Houston Post, and a state game warden, taking a dust bath on the front porch. The bird, according to Mr. Freeman, uses the flower pot regularly.

Check Smith was in Brownwood Wednesday.

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# Keke Says

AUSTIN — (Special) — At the week-end, various veteran members of the Legislature were openly predicting that an omnibus tax bill has the best chance to pass both

Houses this session. In the House like a sales tax would be all that out of more than a dozen tax bills, it looked like G. C. Morris' omnibus bill will likely be first out of the committee to reach the floor. Other members, including some new ones, were not so optimistic as to the outlook, some expressing the belief it looked

Crosthwait of Dallas was among the latter. Hearings on the proposed tax bills were begun this week.

**Welfare Department Gets Airing**  
Not too much interest was manifested in the much advertised investigation into the affairs of the State Department of Public

Welfare. Senator J. Hill questioned the various officials of that board, Marvin Leonard of Fort Worth, Dr. Thomas Taylor of Brownwood, Judge Frank S. Roberts of Breckenridge, Director J. S. Murchison and Former Administrator Adam R. Johnson. Testimony tended to show that investigators for the department have, more or less, been rather high-handed in their methods of treating the old folks of Texas who have requested pensions. Senators, including Joe Hill, John Lee Smith and Karl Lovelady, testified they have hundreds of complaints from old folks all over Texas as to the cold-blooded attitude assumed by the investigators in many districts. These letters also tended to prove that investigators were turning down applicants who had children whom the investigators thought should be supporting their parents, although Director Murchison insisted ability of children to care for their fathers or mothers was not to be taken into consideration. One thing the hearing certainly brought out was that complaints from aged persons mailed to the department headquarters in Austin have, in the past, been promptly mailed back to the investigator from whose district it came. In other words, a complaint about the investigator was always given back to that very self-same investigator for reference without other action being taken. Adam Johnson claimed he was "fired by politics." Most of the complaints about the department, however, were against methods inaugurated and enforced by the same Johnson as Director Murchison has made some progress in changing them since he took over last fall. The House of Representatives last week voted \$500 expenses for a subcommittee to visit over the State and hold hearings in key towns regarding operations of the department as related to the old folks. The first hearing was due this week at Nacogdoches with Legislator Gene McNamara in charge of a committee of five.

### Streamline the Barber Shops

Just ten short years ago, hair-cutting constituted only 30 per cent of the business in a barber shop, whereas today it constitutes 80 per cent of the barbers' business. Anyone will recognize that the depression which broke over the country ten years ago started the barbers' troubles, many men at the age of 30 today having never had anything but hair-cuts in a barber shop. So it is up to the barbers to devise and advertise a new service or new services or they will continue to be low in the economic scale as they now find themselves. Formerly, the average man got five services in barber shops, including hair-cut, shampoo, tonic, shave and massage. The safety razor and the modern bath room have combined to cut the barber out of much of this business. With this picture as a background, barbers of Texas are in deadly earnest about getting legislation that will help them do away with "cheap" competition from shops that oftentimes are "subsidized." In other words, the barber who runs a cheap shop usually has a wife working at another job to help pay the family bills. So the barbers have a new bill in the hopper at Austin which they hope will help them solve their problems. In order to meet growing sanitary needs, to alleviate the fear of many persons they will catch a disease in a barber shop, the barbers want a law that will allow them to regulate and raise their standards, through granting more powers to the state barber board. And they have a law this time that will not be unconstitutional, they believe.

### The Fair-Trade Bill is Back Again

Legislators Cato of Weatherford and Craig of Miami have thrown a new so-called fair-trade bill to the hopper of the House, while Senator Franklin Spears has put a similar bill in the hopper of the Senate. The House bill stipulates that no buyer shall resell an advertised commodity for any price except that stipulated by the vendor. This bill also would repeal all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with it, which opponents already say means repeal of the anti-trust laws of Texas. Readers will recall such a bill passed both Houses in 1939, but was vetoed by Governor O'Daniel after a ruling by the attorney general that it was illegal.

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## COUNTY OFFICIALS STRESS FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS FOR DEFENSE



—Photo by Highway Information Service.

Importance of farm-to-market roads to national defense was highlighted by deliberations of County Highway Officials at 38th annual "Roads for Defense" Convention of American Road Builders' Association in New York City, January 27-31. Left to right, above, are L. V. Belknap, president, ARBA County Highway Officials' Division and engineer-manager, Oakland County Road Commission, Pontiac, Mich.; Paul B. Rynning, Jackson County, Medford Ore., engineer; N. P. Lowrey, vice-chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Miami, Fla., and Manton Hannah, McLennan County, Waco, Tex., engineer, division vice-president. Belknap said, "No army, no navy can move without food and supplies. Roads are as necessary to national defense as guns and ammunition. We need roads to the farms where the food is produced. We need roads so our defense forces can be transported wherever and whenever needed."

### TEXAS ELECTRIC HAS BOARD MEETING

A. J. Duncan, formerly president, was made chairman of the board, and J. B. Thomas, formerly vice-president and general manager, was made president and general manager of the Texas Electric Service Company at a meeting of the company directors. In the course of Mr. Duncan's management of the local electric company, he has trained many young men who now occupy important positions throughout the industry. In relinquishing his duties as president of the company, Mr. Duncan stated that he desired to be relieved of the responsibilities which he has shouldered for many years and that he wished to conform to the company's long established policy of putting responsibilities on younger men. Mr. Duncan also stated that he knew that the policies of the company with respect to participation by the company in every worthy civic enterprise would be continued and that the object of the company in furnishing complete metropolitan electric service to Fort Worth and West Texas at the lowest possible cost would be maintained.

Mr. Thomas, a native Texan, started his engineering training in Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College from which he graduated in 1911. He has been continuously engaged in the electric light and power business since 1912, except for 18 months in the United States Army during the last World War.

Mr. Thomas joined the Texas Power and Light Company organization in 1912 in its engineering department, serving as chief engineer of that company and associated companies from 1921 to 1929. During that period, he was active in construction of the great high-tension transmission grid that serves Texas.

Always interested in West Texas and the development of its resources, Mr. Thomas was instrumental in the initial development of the Texas Electric Service Company and became vice-president in charge of operations of that company in 1929, later occupying in turn the position of executive vice president and vice president and general manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Maynard and son of Rising Star were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swan Sunday.

Doyle Linder, Hulon Pullig Ode Monroe and Odell Kirk attended the Roundup Club in Brownwood Monday night.

State departments at the Capital Drug Store, located just across the street from the north entrance. Although there are nickel slot machines in both houses for soft drinks, yet the desire of going to the drug store to relax to discuss a bill or state affairs keeps this place busy at all hours. The owner, John D. Copeland, is in the army as a major, but the druggist's attractive wife takes care of the business.

### MORE THAN HALF OF OIL PRODUCED IN TEXAS PAYS OVER 10 CENTS A BARREL

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 20.—More than half of all the oil produced in Texas already pays a tax of over 10 cents a barrel, a survey just completed by Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association statisticians shows. Twenty-two separate taxes are now levied against Texas oil producers.

The survey, based on tabulation of tax records of all 254 counties and of independent taxing subdivisions, shows that more than half of the State's oil bear taxes of 10.26 cents a barrel. All of the oil produced in Texas pays an average tax of 9.23 cents a barrel, while in some counties the taxes amount to 15 and 20 cents per barrel.

"Texas oil producers now pay 22 separate taxes, or 21 in addition to the State gross production tax," a statement today from the association points out. "In fact, analysis of the various tax levies borne by oil produced in 33 leading Texas oil counties (which produce over half of the State's total crude output) shows that the State gross production tax of 2 3/4 per cent makes up less than 29 cents of each dollar collected in State and local taxes on oil production and producing properties. The fact that so much of this oil already pays over 10 cents a barrel is noteworthy in view of statements sometimes heard that Texas oil should pay 10 cents a barrel tax."

These 22 taxes do not include any paid on refining, pipe lines or any branch of the industry except production. Nor do they include the gasoline taxes paid by the individual motorist.

"The oil tax situation is different from that of any other State," the association statement explains. "There are more than 9,000 separate local taxing subdivisions in our State, each of which is empowered under the Texas constitution to levy and collect taxes. Many of these are independent taxing agencies such as cities, independent school districts, water districts, road districts, etc. Every oil field within the jurisdiction of any of these taxing agencies is subject to property assessments and tax levies deemed necessary by the respective taxing officials. And all of these taxes must be paid by the Texas oil producer from the money he receives for his petroleum, his sole source of income."

Mrs. Carlton Bassett and children of De Leon spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ormsby and Minnie Lee and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Boaz spent Sunday in Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Boaz visited with J. A., while the Ormsbys visited her sister, Mrs. Hufford.

Messrs. Ed Jones and Tom Thompson and James were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Willie Clark was a Brownwood visitor Tuesday.

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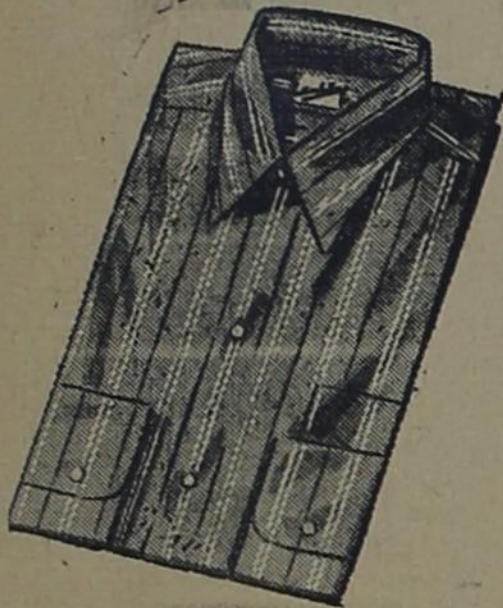
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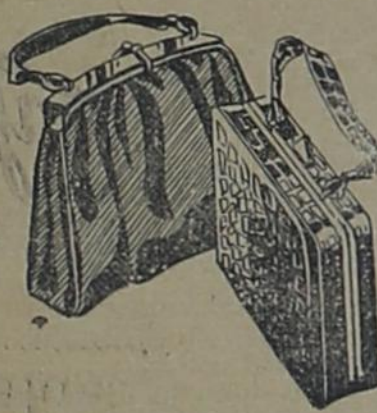
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