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VETERANS' TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COUNTY GETS UNDER WAY

Approval for the county-wide veterans' vocational training program was received from Austin Monday by County School Superintendent Homer Smith, under whose general supervision the program will be carried out. The program started officially Thursday when M. D. Fox was named coordinator, chosen by an executive committee headed by K. B. Tanner, Eastland City Manager.

Fox, a former vocational agriculture teacher in Cisco High School, and who recently returned from service, will be in his office in the Sinclair Prairie Building for consultation with veterans and employers. As the program grows, in scope, other consultants are expected to be added.

The program as envisioned will be one chiefly of the job training, under which a veteran who wishes to brush up on his knowledge or learn a trade can earn a decent living while going through an apprenticeship or refresher training period. The types of training to be offered will depend on the desires of the returning veterans. It is anticipated that most training will be sought in fields of agriculture, mechanical shop, salesmanship and business management, radio and electricity. It is the desire of each program official to provide the type of training sought by each returning veteran.

Details of the program will be worked out as it progresses, but its chief purpose is to help returned veterans get started again, and successfully, in a civilian world in which they are relatively unfamiliar.

The types of training to be given are in no way conflicting with those offered by our colleges throughout the state, but instead are for vocational on-the-job training for those who do not desire to pursue specialized college training.

The program is set up for the benefit of the veterans of the entire county, and to be a success must have the support of all in the county.

Veterans receiving training under this program may receive subsistence just as in a regular college training program, in addition to their on-the-job training wages. Such subsistence will not be deducted from any future bonus.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Belle (Mamie) Hall of Ranger were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Second Baptist church in Ranger with the pastor, Rev. H. T. Pendley officiating. Interment was in the Davidson cemetery near Strawn and arrangements were by Killingsworth's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hall died at the Ranger General Hospital Saturday, December 22. She was born in Mountain City, Texas, January 12, 1874 and had resided in Ranger for the past ten years. She was a member of the Second Baptist church.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Masters and Mrs. Elizabeth Vinson, both of Ranger.

Do You Know?

That a new law, sponsored by Representative L. R. Pearson, of Ranger, was enacted by the 49th Texas Legislature, authorizing the District Court to appoint a receiver to execute an oil and gas lease on land where the royalty or mineral interests are owned by non-resident and unknown owners?

Oscar Stern, 58, Christian Jew To Speak Here

Oscar Stern, 58, Christian Jew, will speak at the First Christian Church in Eastland, January 4 at 7:30 p. m. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited.

Mr. Stern was born in Carlsbad then a part of Austria. He came to America in 1902 when he was 15. He was converted to Christianity in a Salvation Army meeting in New York City. He returned to his native country when war broke out in 1912 and was drafted into the Austrian Army.

After World War I, Stern became director of an insurance business in Germany. He was deacon of a Protestant Church and was so well established in the community that he went un molested for some time after the Nazis came into power.

He was arrested, in a train one day in 1936 by the man sitting by him, because he had repeated the latest joke made by Goering. He was accused of disrespect toward the Nazi party. The trial was nothing short of mockery and he soon found himself in a German concentration camp. Ill treatment caused his health to fail. For awhile, he was paralyzed. In March of 1937, he fled the hospital, walking with two canes. He crossed the Polish Corridor in 42 nights and managed to arrive at the Czech Embassy where he obtained money enough to get back to Carlsbad. In 1938 he fled to England. Mrs. Stern followed him to England, but returned to Germany to aid an old lady and was trapped by the outbreak of World War II.

After Mr. Stern's lecture there will be an open forum and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and get first hand information from one who has lived through some harrowing experiences at the hands of the Germans because he happened to be a Jew.

Earl Blackwell Candidate For Co. Commissioner

Earl Blackwell, stock farmer of Ranger, is tossing his hat into the ring, as a candidate for commissioner of precinct number 1, the position now held by Henry Davenport of Ranger.

Blackwell was born and has lived all of his 44 years in this precinct. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackwell have been tax payers in Eastland county for a long number of years. His father came to the County when he was 8 and is now 75.

Mr. Blackwell is married and has six children, three boys and three girls. Two of his sons have served in the armed forces overseas. J. T. Blackwell is now in Manila with the Army Air Corps. Earl Junior has recently returned after two years overseas with the U. S. Navy. His wife is the former Polly Seymour of Ranger.

Mr. Blackwell will make his formal announcement after January first, he stated Wednesday, in Eastland.

1946—When Things Will Be Coming Our Way



The new year is the one we've been waiting for—the year when reconstruction will be completed and production brings realization of the war-years' dream of a new washing machine, a new refrigerator, car, bicycle, camera and whatnot—including NYLONS!

Special Service For Ex-Service Men, Students Sunday Night

A special service will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, December 30, at 7:30 p. m. for Service and Ex-Service Men and Students.

The entire service of the evening will be given over to the youth and service men. The honored group will have charge of the music, and several talks will be given by high school and college students and ex-service and service men. The evening will be designed to appeal to any who will attend. School students and service men will be recognized.

Drilling Begun Of R. N. Nix's No. 2 Cotton

Drilling on the R. N. Nix No. 2 Cotton well about eight miles west of Ranger has been started and the well will test the Olden sand.

The first well completed some time ago was a dry well and the new well will be located 330 feet from the No. 1.

Think It Over

There are dozens of ex-service men returning to Eastland County every day, however, just as many are leaving and taking their business with them. This is business that is needed in the County and should be kept here. The county is losing the future business and prosperity which these boys could bring if they remained here.

Every ex-service man, every man in service, every college student and every high school student are given special invitations to be present for this special occasion.

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PORT WORTH, Tex. — Oil Workers International Union, not content with winning a 22 1-2 wage increase for its Christmas members, cut an extra Christmas dividend for them in the form of 4 and 6 night shift premium pay.

Nation's Holiday Death Total Now Stands At 460

The nation counted a total of 460 dead today in the wake of the Christmas holiday.

At least 245 persons were killed in traffic accidents over ice-coated highways, and an additional 215 met violent deaths in shootings, suicides, falls and other mishaps.

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Earl Blackwell of Ranger today announced that he will be a candidate for commissioner of precinct number one in the forthcoming democratic primaries.

Says Texas Only State Invited Into The Union

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Here's another Texas boast to excite "foreign" editors and chambers of commerce.

Each of the other states added to the original 13 asked to be admitted to the Union. Texas was invited.

New, don't jump on us. We are merely quoting a noted author—Mrs. T. P. O'Connor.

And that ought to put the Irish on Texas' side, for she was the wife of the celebrated Irish leader and journalist.

Mrs. O'Connor was a girlhood resident of Austin, Texas. The statement is from her book, "My Beloved South," in a chapter on the annexation of Texas.

When the invitation to join the Union was extended, Mrs. O'Connor wrote that Texas insisted upon entering on its own terms.

Mrs. O'Connor uses a slightly different quotation from the usual one of the words of the President of the Republic of Texas when he turned over the government to the newly created state.

Historians quote it: "The final act in the great drama is finished. The Republic of Texas is no more."

Mrs. O'Connor quoted it: "The Republic of Texas is dead."

Eastland Rites For S. C. Trout Held Xmas Day

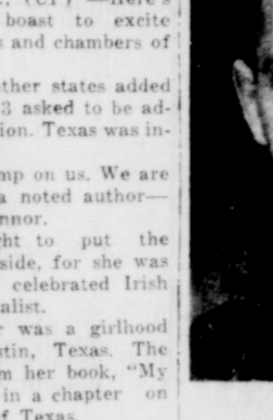
Funeral services were held for Steve Clayton Trout, 70, at the Church of Christ at 2:30 in the afternoon on Christmas Day with O. G. Lanier of Ranger in charge of the services.

Mr. Trout died at his home near Eastland Lake, Sunday, December 23, after being ill for one week. He developed pneumonia and lived only a few hours afterward. He was a native of Erath county, coming to Eastland in 1919 as a teaming contractor. He had been a member of the Church of Christ for 34 years.

Survivors are: Mrs. Trout, three sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The sons are: Lester and Emmett of Eastland and William of Odessa; daughters are, Mrs. Joe Probes Gladewater, Mrs. G. S. Carter, Eunice, New Mexico. The entire family including all grandchildren were present for the funeral.

Burial was in Eastland cemetery with Hamner in charge.

Nash Dealer



V. T. MOSER MADE NASH DEALER

RANGER, TEXAS, Dec. 27 — Nash Motor Company has announced the appointment of V. T. Moser of Eastland as agent for the company in Eastland county.

The agency will be located in Eastland at 495 South Seaman street and will be opened as soon as reconconditioning of the building is completed.

Moser who resides in Eastland is well known in Ranger having attended school here, graduating with the class of 1931 and returning later as assistant athletic coach in 1934 and 1935. During his high school years here he was a member of the Bulldog team and since his graduation from Abilene Christian College in 1935 has been an accredited football official for District 9AA.

In speaking of the new Nash which Moser hopes to have on display soon, he stated that the model will be called the "600" and will have a body that is a single unit of welded steel. This he explained will eliminate a quarter ton of weight and do away with body squeaks.

Tests have shown that the car will get 25 to 30 miles a gallon of gasoline and will have cushion-coil springs on all four wheels. A new system of fresh, filtered, draftless, conditioned air with windows closed, on the same principle that stratopher liners use, has been placed in the new model. "In fact," Moser stated, "The new car has more than 100 improvements on it."

Mrs. Branton To Be Candidate For Re-Election

Mrs. Ruth (Garland) Branton states that she will be a candidate in 1946 for renomination and election to the position of County Treasurer, the post she now holds, and in due time will make her formal announcement.

Mrs. Branton, widow of the late Garland Branton, has resided in Eastland since 1939, coming here from Rising Star. She has three children, one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Warden of Cisco, and two sons, Glen M. Branton, Seaman 1-c, and Donald Wayne, who is a student in Eastland Junior high school.

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S. E. STIFFLER DIES; FUNERAL ON THURSDAY



Local Scouts Go To Fort Billy Gibbons

A group of Boy Scouts left Eastland early Thursday morning in an Army truck for Camp Billy Gibbons for a short stay. They will return Sunday.

The boys took provisions with them and the cooking will be done by the boys. They will "take turns" at preparing food and will indulge in the usual hikes and other activities that are in order at a scout camp.

Members of Troop 103 who went are: Don and Eddie Hart and Bobbie Collier members from Troop 6 attending are: Dick Sparks, Joe Neal Poe, Manning Wadly, Bobby Blair, Neal Hurt, Ben Sparks, Bill Jessop, Scout Master, went with the boys. They were to pick up two scouts in Cisco on their way to camp.

McMillan Buys Local Furniture Business

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McMillan formerly of Orange, Texas have purchased the furniture store on the south west corner of the square from E. J. Bains. They began active management of the store the past week. The store will be known as Eastland Furniture Store.

Mr. McMillan, a cabinet maker by trade, will restock the store with high quality new furniture and only selected used furniture. He plans to install a cabinet shop later.

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Last Rites For Mrs. Daniell Held On Sunday

Last rites for Mrs. Sally Olivia Daniell of Ranger were conducted at the Morris Funeral Home in Ranger Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with a Christian Service Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery.

Born in Mississippi October 1, 1857, Mrs. Daniell had resided in Ranger for about two years. Death came as a result of burns suffered at her home Wednesday morning when the paper she was reading caught fire and set fire to her clothing. She died shortly before mid-night Wednesday.

Survivors are one son, T. C. Daniell of Dallas, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Surbrook of Ranger and Mrs. Ola Kennedy of Los Angeles, California; one sister, Mrs. M. E. Corbin of Abilene.

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The Nat. War Labor Board has just upheld OWIU's fight for night-shift differentials for Sinclair workers. The Sinclair company has announced its acceptance.

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The WLB directive states that the award is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1945.

CORRECTION In the personal column of The Chronicle, December 14, it was stated that Jack Burkhead had returned to Eastland after 3 months overseas duty as a construction engineer in the Caribbean and ETO. We wish to correct the statement. Burkhead was overseas 39 months.

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WOMEN IN EUROPE MORE THAN HOLDING OWN ON WARTIME GAINS

PARIS, (UP)—European women who during the war turned from needle to rifle have made such progress since liberation that many countries they have outstripped the traditionally advanced Americans.

One of the most interesting post war events on the Continent is the consolidation by women of war won positions in countries where they were hitherto forbidden to vote.

This was particularly evident at the recent International Congress of Women, held in Paris. At the conference, at which women from 35 countries were present, a well-known English feminist, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, told the United Press: "French women gained more in their first general elections than did British or American in more than 29 years of suffrage. In these elections, the first in which French women voted, they won 32 seats in Parliament. The British held 25 and American six. Housewives from the Magis-

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Ray

New Year's Calls

THE FORMAL CUSTOM OF MAKING NEW YEARS DAY CALLS HAS LARGELY PASSED WITH TIME - BUT WE STILL LOOK UPON THIS TIME AS A HOLIDAY WHEN OLD FRIENDSHIPS ARE REAFFIRMED AND NEW ONES STRENGTHENED.



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A TORNADO THAT STRUCK THE LITTLE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, IOWA, ON JULY 9TH, 1940, TOOK NO HUMAN LIFE, BUT DESTROYED 1,000 BIRDS WITHIN THE 100-ACRE LIMITS OF THE TOWN.

NEXT: The Rockies and the Urals.

Japan Finished As World Power



PAUL MANNING (standing before the Imperial Palace, Tokio in above photo), widely-known commentator and magazine writer, and the only correspondent to witness and broadcast both the German and Japanese surrender ceremonies, declares in the current issue of the internationally-circulated "Sperry-scope" magazine, that the kind of peace administered by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur is a guarantee that Japan will never again be a world power.

Manning, whose human interest broadcasts from Europe and the Pacific over a nation-wide network gained him a large following, during the last five years, predicted Tojo's suicide attempt ten days before the event.

In the "Sperry-scope" article, Manning quoted from an interview with Gen. Yoshijiro Umezo, chief of the Japanese Imperial Staff, that the Nipponese "could have continued to fight" with 9,000 kamikaze pilots and 2,500,000 soldiers in the home islands. "I believed the General," Manning says, "when I traveled through Japan. Civilian economy had been virtually paralyzed but the Japanese army was sufficiently well equipped for at least another year of war."

National Tennis Champs In 1945

NEW YORK, (UP)—National amateur tennis champions of 1945: Men's singles—Sgt. Frank Park-er, Los Angeles. Women's singles—Mrs. Sarah Falfrey Cooke, Boston. Men's doubles—William Talbert, Wilmington, Del., and Lt. Gardner Mulloy, Norfolk, Va. Women's doubles—Margaret Osborne, San Francisco, and Louise Brough, Beverly Hills. Mixed doubles—Margaret Osborne, San Francisco, and Bill Talbert, Wilmington, Del. Retained title.

Finger Test Speeds Job Of Steel Melters

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Steel melters of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. have taken a tip from Mrs. Housewife, and the "putting the finger" on test samples.

The housewife dips her finger into a cake batter, tastes it, and knows instantly whether enough sugar has been added.

The melter at an open hearth steel-making furnace must know whether the white hot metal contains sufficient carbon to control the degree of hardness in the steel when it is fabricated.

Put one doesn't dip a finger in to liquid steel that might have a temperature of 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, so the melter makes a similar test using a "thimble."

When the open hearth steel bath is nearly ready for tapping, the melter drops in a four inch steel spoon. The metal is lifted from the furnace, and is "killed" (de-oxidized) by allowing a bit of aluminum wire to melt in the metal.

Into the white hot spoonful, the melter dips the end of a cold steel bar, about the diameter of a stout finger to which a sample adheres, shaped like a "thimble." The thimble is then knocked off the end of the bar and crushed for chemical analysis.

There are approximately 191,800 railway bridges in the United States.

HEAD PHONE DEVICE BOON TO WOUNDED

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (UP)—Seaman Chairles Airhart, both arms encased in heavy plaster casts, lay staring at the ceiling of the San Diego Naval Hospital recently, wishing he could call his home.

An attractive young woman with a telephone bell insignia on her overseas cap came alongside, plugged an electric cord into a wall socket and placed a little white box on the table by Airhart's bed.

"I'm Olive Brownlee, roving telephone attendant here. Where would you like to call, sailor?"

Airhart grinned a little feebly and said, "Mrs. Louise Airhart, St. Anthony, Ida," as he tried to wiggle his fingers in their plaster covering.

A few quick movements with a head set, chest transmitter and switches on the "little white box," Miss Brownlee turned Airhart over to his mother and a morale lifting visit home by telephone.

The device, just put in operation at the hospital for those who cannot use their hands, "means a lot to us fellows with burns, paralysis or other hand injuries," one patient said.

Happy New Year



Nudging the clock ahead to hurry the old year out, Glynnda Brown, 6, of Naples, sends Happy New Year greetings from Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, in Dallas. The year 1946 will mean a new start in life for Glynnda, a victim of infantile paralysis, and for hundreds of other Texas children being cured of their crippling handicaps at the hospital. People all over Texas are helping carry on the service to these children by sending gift checks to Nathan Adams' annual Christmas appeal for hospital operating funds.

78 Year Old Man Has Refreshing Ideas On Youth

The following article was contributed to this paper by a friend of the author who stated that the author was 78 years of age and still a very active man.

"YOUTH... is not a time of life... it is a State of Mind. It is not a matter of red cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years knit the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self distrust, fear and despair... these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart, the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts, as young as your self confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart, there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from men and from the Infinite, so long are you young.

When the wires are down and all the central places of your heart are covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are old indeed and may God have mercy on your soul."

Man And Wife Chosen Favorites For A Yearbook

DENTON, Tex. (UP)—A husband and wife have been chosen favorites for the Yucca yearbook of North Texas State College, for the first time in the school's history.

Pictures of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee will be featured along with 10 other students elected favorites of the college in the student election.

Mrs. Lee was Martha Brown before marrying Lee in a campus romance this fall.

Construction In 1946 Expected To Show Increase

NEW YORK — Construction activity should increase throughout 1946. The huge unsatisfied demands will undoubtedly continue to force an upward trend in the construction volume, as well as in the course of the Nation's economy.

Business generally is moving ahead, slowly but surely, in the shift from war to peacetime production. Confidence in the immediate future continues to be high, with government and the general public sharing in the belief that good times lie ahead.

On account of shortages of manufactured materials and uncertain labor conditions, large-scale operations in construction may not be attained before the end of the year. The Associated General Contractors of America has voiced the objective of construction operating at the rate of \$12,000,000,000 annually a year from the end of the war. It appears that such a rate can be attained. But even that rate cannot quickly satisfy all demands.

The construction industry as a whole faces enormous accumulated and new demands for its services. To supply those demands will require the same resourcefulness and same know how as the industry exerted in the war program.

There can be no question that the aim of everyone should be development of the Nation to the fullest extent of its resources. That would require something like \$20,000,000,000 annually in construction. This would provide business opportunities and jobs for about 4,000,000 men at the site of construction, and create job opportunities of from 6,000,000 to 8,000,000.

The town of Lost Cabin, Wyo. once was offered for sale at \$125,000. It later was sold at a price undisclosed.

The town of Lost Cabin, Wyo. was founded in 1886 by J. R. Okie, and recently was sold to R. W. Spratt, Tensleep, Wyo., rancher and president of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

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NEWS FROM Morton Valley

(By Special Correspondent) MORTON VALLEY, Dec. 26.—The junior class of the Morton Valley high school was entertained with a party at Mrs. Wright Emfinger's home Thursday night.

The Morton Valley community had a community Christmas tree Friday night, December 21.

Lee Wheat, son of Mrs. Annie Wheat, is at home from the ETO. Talmadge Craig visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Craig during Christmas.

Mrs. G. F. Beck and son, Loyd, visited Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Westfall had their children with them for Christmas, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Leon Westfall and son Carl Ray from Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dewees and daughter Carol Ann from Fort Worth and Mrs. Westfall's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Phillips from Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Charley Waltons' mother, Mrs. Smith, who lives in California, is visiting her.

Mrs. Waydeene Kelley is spending Christmas vacation with her

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By Royce House Visiting Ranger, this observer noted that the old T. & P. station had been torn down. The building was used throughout the oil boom as a combined passenger and freight depot.

Boys who were at home for Christmas, either from college or Army camp are: Lobby Crouch, Ralph Wheat, Gerald Matthew, Raymond Beck, and Sam White.

The Rev. Cecil McBeth and family spent Xmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hearne and the following children at home for Christmas: Mrs. Earl Trout of Oil City, New Mexico, Mrs. R. C. Reese of Graham, Loma Faye Hearne, Colorado, Opal Hearne, Fort Worth, and Mrs. K. E. Heitschmidt from Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Garrett and son J. C. visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toke Morton during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Peck and son Royce spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Beck.

Robert Jones of Kermit spent Sunday in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Harbin.

James Reynolds of Grand Prairie visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Reynolds Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Wells and children of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dempsey, of LaCasa and other relatives spent Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wheat.

Lariats are made from the world's best fiber, obtained from Manila.

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And the steel derrick just a stone's throw from the station still stands. The derrick was erected to lend color when the tenth anniversary of the discovery of the field was celebrated and it has remained there during the intervening 18 years. In 1947, the Ranger field will be 30 years old. Many wells continue to produce their modest few barrels a day, year after year, and new wells are drilled, from time to time.

Oil activity and business in general have held on remarkably well. A three-story hotel recently sold for a reported consideration of \$70,000 or more. In a recent transaction, 30,000 acres sold for a price said to have been in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

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Willard Swaney took off from filling prescriptions and selling hair tonic (he has even less hair than your columnist) to attend the Rotary luncheon and hear the "I Give You Texas" man and so did Hall Walker, president of the Chamber of Commerce, former mayor, vice president of the bank and dynamo in general.



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SKI CLUBS OPTIMISTIC OVER SPORTS' FUTURE

By Leonard C. Schubert United Press Staff Correspondent MILWAUKEE (UP)—Skiing is breaking new trails for national and international competition after being disorganized by the war.

Roger Langley, Barre, Mass., president of the National Ski Assn. of America, is optimistic about the outlook. He and other National Ski officers were here for the organization's 38th annual convention. It was the first held since 1941.

"In looking forward, I feel that we are going to see a tremendous development of the ski sport in the nation," he said. "Although the international skiing picture is not clear at this time, we have great opportunities ahead in exchanging visits of ski teams with Canada, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and with our old friends, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Australia, and New Zealand."

remodeling its hill for 300 foot jumps and will try it out in a sanctioned tournament on Feb. 24, 1946. This involves moving the takeoff back 70 feet. The best record made on the old slide was 336 feet. The National Ski Assn. of America was founded at Ishpeming in 1904. The first three national jumping contests were held on Ishpeming's "suicide hill" from 1904 until 1906.

Many of the foremost skiers served overseas in the armed forces during the war. Casualties ran as high as 90 per cent in some units. Those who paid the supreme sacrifice included the spectacular Norwegian star, Torger Tolle, who set records in many American tournaments before the war.

Many of the survivors are returning to skiing competition with renewed vigor. Lloyd Ellingson, Menominee, Wis., again is active as secretary of the national association after returning from three and a half years' service in a naval aviation unit.

Irving Johnson and Lavern Trepp, who were class "A" competitors before the war, are planning to open a ski school at Iron Mountain, Mich. They trained military skiers of the mountain trans-

ported to the Iron Mountain Ski Assn. The Ishpeming club is

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This Curious World



By V. T. Hamlin



NEWS FROM Carbon
(By Special Correspondent)

CARBON, Dec. 26 — S-Sgt. Frank Clark has returned to San Diego, after a thirty day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McGaha left Thursday for Clifton, Arizona where they will visit their son, Buel McGaha and his wife.

Mrs. Cozarie Myrick and children of Longview are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin.

Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sherill were Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Lucas of Flint Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins and daughter of Merkel.

Miss Blanche Yarbrough, teacher in the Odessa school system, is at home for the holidays.

Bill Parten is visiting relatives

in Ballinger this week.

Mrs. Tom Ireland of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Stone.

Miss Neta Wiggs, teacher of Home Economics in Carbon school has gone to Comanche to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Martha Blanche Gray of Fort Worth is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gray.

Harvey Lynn Weaver of San Diego is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver.

Miss Jean Poe of Ardmore, Oklahoma is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vaughan of Sundown and Pat James and Frank Vaughan of Pyote are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burns of San Diego are guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Payne.

Miss Elaine Reese of San Antonio arrived Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clark and Patsy visited Mrs. A. M. Claborn Saturday.

Jack Jordan of Great Falls, Montana and Mrs. Charlene Erwin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jordan.

Mack Martin who has returned to the States from England has his discharge and is at home with his family.

Mrs. Tom Cox has gone to Fort Worth for a visit with her children, Leamon Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy and family.

Ila Jean Walsh accompanied her mother to Jacksboro for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitesides of Sipe Spring were business visitors in Carbon Thursday. Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Jackson went to Temple after their son, Pfc. Max Jackson Sunday. T. G. Jackson also arrived in time for the holidays with his parents.

Lee Greer, A&M student has been visiting relatives and friends here.

A. M. Claborn of Odessa spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Crossley had all of their children and families with them for Christmas dinner last Sunday.

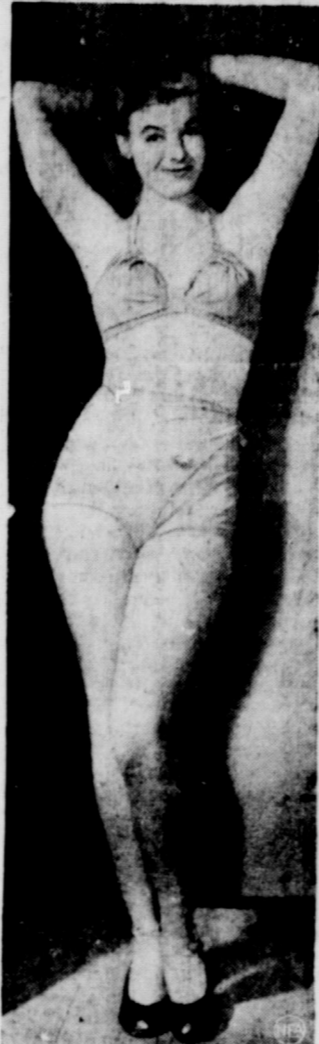
Mr. and Mrs. Billie Carter of Levelland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carter.

Jack Stubblefield, student at A&M is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Jim Everett and sons of Eastland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wade White.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jackson and family and Mrs. J. W. Vaughan visited in Baird with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Payne Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puett of Plainview and Miss Anna Pearl Puetti of Levelland visited friends and relatives here Saturday night and Sunday enroute to the Rio Grande Valley.



Hazel-eyed Nancy Saunders, 20, of Hollywood, visited her first night club a few weeks ago, says the press agent, and presto, a talent scout spotted her. At any rate, Nancy now has a film contract and a role in RKO's musical, "The Bamboo Blonde."

SCHOOL HAS HOLIDAY

GALLION, O. (UP)—When the Senior high school here was built some years ago, the contractor wanted to make certain no unauthorized persons would tamper with the plumbing. He did, and Gallion students recently had a two-day holiday as the result.

But while the students were taking the double-holiday, workmen were using air hammers on a 21-inch concrete wall, after digging with shovels, hoes and trowels to get at a broken pipe leading to the school boiler.

NEWS FROM Breckenridge

Breckenridge, Dec. 26 — The cold spell of the past few days seems to have abated and people here have been enjoying the warmer weather. Many of our neighbors from Abilene, Throckmorton, Ranger, Cisco and Eastland have been in Breckenridge visiting friends and relatives and shopping.

Mrs. (Els) Clarke, owner of the Sager Hotel here, and well known in Red Cross work is ill with the flu.

Another new business will be opened here when J. C. Capps and B. T. Barnard from Abilene open automobile agency on east Walker street where they have bought a building, they will repair cars, and represent the Plymouth and DeSota cars.

Mr. O. R. Ray who has been in a Fort Worth hospital is home but will be unable to get out for quite some time.

The Royal Neighbors of America, held their Christmas party for their juvenile members, and had a beautiful tree. Gifts were distributed to all present by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Christmas Carols were sung, and a very entertaining program was enjoyed by about fifty people.

Mrs. John Earl Turner and daughter Earlyne have gone to Odessa to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner have found a house in Breckenridge and are living on East Lindsey.

The First Methodist Church here, presented its choir in a vespers musical program Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. Carols of foreign countries were sung, including England, France, Sweden, Bohemia and Old American carols. A beautiful solo was rendered by Aaron Grant, well known tenor, who sang "Jesus Bambino" by Pietro Yon, who is the famous organist and choir master at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and who became famous as composer of this beautiful song. The church was decorated with the Christmas colors. Tall white candles were at the altar. Candles were lit for every country who has been

in the war, it was a very impressive service.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Strickland had as their guests for Mr. Strickland's birthday the 27th, Mrs. Strickland's son, W. C. Dresser, wife and son from San Antonio, and Miss Evelyn Strickland of Alvin, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Adams spent the week-end in Olney with Mrs. Adams' relatives, where they had an old time Christmas dinner and all the kin folks present.

Christmas is gone, now we are looking forward to a New Year, and so in behalf of all the people in Breckenridge and Stephens County, your reporter wants to say "Happy New Year" to all of Eastland, and Eastland County, and especially to the Eastland Chronicle, and may it grow into one of the leading papers of the State, and in 1946, have the most prosperous year of its history.

-V Bonds Are "Blue Chips"-

NEWS FROM Cheaney

Mrs. J. H. Freeman of Burbank California is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Freeman.

The ladies of the Alameda Home Demonstration club entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner in the home of Mrs. John Love Wednesday evening. Following the dinner gifts were exchanged from a gayly decorated Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Weekes and family spent the week-end in the Cheaney community.

Mary Ferrell who is attending college in Ft. Worth, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Freeman, Mrs. A. H. Dean and Mrs. Maggie Lemley of Ranger were week-end visitors in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard were shopping in Ranger Saturday.

Mrs. Jid Blackwell visited Mrs. F. E. Ferrell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bennett of near Gorman are visiting in the home of Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. J. B. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Calvert have purchased a home near Ranger and are planning to move into it soon.

Mrs. B. B. Freeman and Mrs. A. H. Dean had a house warming for Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Weekes Sunday evening. Mr. Weekes just recently returned from 22 months service in the Pacific.

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After Christmas

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One group of better dresses of well known brands such as "Paula Brooks" "Franklin" "Le-Vine" in crepes wools were up to 29.95
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One group of dressy and casual styles of well-known brands and many different materials to choose from, were up to \$19.95 now \$14.99
One group were up to 19.95 now \$9.99
One group were up to 14.95 now \$7.99
One group dresses were up to 14.95 now ... \$4.99

SUITS

One group in tweeds, herringbone or solids, most are all wool and are well known brands such as "Swansdown" were up to 39.95 Now 1/2 Price
One group of suits latest of styles of all wool materials were up to 32.50 now 1-3 Off

COATS

Winter Coats that are priced to clear

One group were up to 19.95 now \$7.99
One group were up to 19.95 now \$15.99
One group were up to 29.95 now \$19.99
One group were up to 39.95 now \$24.99
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Skirts in light-weight wools, twills, gabardines or rayons, many different styles to choose from.
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All winter blouses greatly reduced. Long and short sleeves of jersey, spun rayons and crepes.
On group dickies reduced to \$1.00
One group reduced to \$1.99

PURSES

All leather purses reduced to 1-3 Off
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HATS

Hats of well known brands such as Leighton, of latest styles and colors
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