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## THE SUTTON COUNTY ROUND-UP LIVESTOCK-RANCH DEALS

In an auction of polled Herefords at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show last Wednesday, Halbert & Hoggett of Mertzson sold the top female of the sale when M. T. Moore of Sanitobia, Miss., paid \$450 for Judy Mischief. The cow was consigned to the show and sale by the Halbert & Hoggett Ranch.

The Ike T. Taylor Ranch of Zavala county, comprising more than 70,000 acres, were leased last week when Chapman & Barnard, among the largest operators of steers in that section, took over the ranch property for a period of three years. Possession of the Pryor holdings will be given over May 1. The Pryor ranch lies alongside the Nueces river and adjoins the town of La Pryor, in the heart of the cattle country of that part of Texas.

The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company purchased recently about 1500 pounds of mohair belonging to Slick and Buster Miller of Ozona, the kid hair bringing 48 cents and the grown hair carrying a price of 49 and 60 cents per pound.

Production of mohair in the seven leading producing states was estimated by the Agriculture Department last week at 18,709,000 pounds in 1939, compared with 16,762,000 pounds in the previous year.

The 1939 crop was valued at \$8,846,000 compared with \$5,841,000 in 1938. The production and value by states in 1938 and 1939, respectively, included: Texas, 14,040,000 and \$5,054,000, and 15,960,000 and \$7,820,000; New Mexico, 382,000 and \$304,000, and 1,005,000 and \$402,000; Arizona, 690,000 and \$221,000, and 701,000 and \$301,000; Utah, 235,000 and \$63,000, and 212,000 and \$78,000; Oregon, 504,000 and \$126,000, and 529,000 and \$159,000; and California, 97,000 and \$24,000, and 104,000 and \$31,000.

Sol Kelly, Sonora ranchman, operating a large ranch 32 miles west of Fort Davis in the Davis Mountain area, bought seven 2-year-old bulls from Bird & McKinley of Sanco. The stock will figure largely in herd improvement plans under way on the Kelley ranch.

A complete mohair sorting shop, the first of its kind in the entire South, has been opened in Houston by Ingenhuet & Montague of Comford, it was announced last Thursday by Frank Montague. Through the work of this new enterprise, the eastern mills can be furnished a complete line of matchings made by experienced men with years of practice with mills and dealers in the east.

Bryan Hunt reports the sale of 500 two-year-old grade ewes to a Mr. Bailey of Dodge City, Kansas, at \$8.25 per head. Mr. Hunt delivered the sheep in Sonora, and they were shipped by train to Kansas for delivery.

There are 400,000 pounds of fall wool remaining at the Schreiner warehouse in Kerrville, Scott Schreiner reports. Mohair has begun to drift in, and about 50,000 pounds of this year's clip have arrived. But the goat shearing season is yet to come.

It is the belief of Mr. Schreiner that mohair will move into the 1940 spring picture firmly—at 50 cents and more for grown hair.

Humming birds do not live entirely upon honey. When hovering over a flower, "hummers" are often seeking tiny insects which are attracted by the honey.

Weekly wages in the oil industry have been increased 60 per cent since 1914 while hours worked per week have been reduced 43 per cent.

## SONORA CAPTURES TRACK MEET WEDNESDAY

In the first track competition of the season for the Sonora High School athletes, Eldorado was defeated by a count of 53 to 30 in a dual track meet Wednesday afternoon at Sonora. Being the first competition of the season for the local track squad, time and distances in the various events were not as good as can be expected, but it was good enough to assure the boys participating that they will improve as they advance in the season and meet stronger competition from other schools.

The squad is to journey to Barnhart this week-end to participate in the Range Country Track and Field Meet, one of the high class gatherings of this section.

Results in the Eldorado-Sonora meet are as follows:

120-yard hurdles—First, Leon Morris, Sonora; second, Lyod Spurgers Eldorado. Time 19.4 seconds.

High Jump—First, Leon Morris, Sonora; second, Bob Williams, Eldorado. Height, 5' 2".

Shot Put—First, Bob Williams, Eldorado; second, R. W. Hill, Sonora. Distance, 37' 2".

100-yard Dash—First, O. L. Richardson, Sonora; second, O. B. Higgins, Sonora. Time, 10.7 seconds.

440-yard Dash—First, Hollis Bricker, Sonora; second Ray Stephenson, Sonora. Time, 59 seconds.

880-yard Dash—First, Hill, Eldorado; second, Weidemann, Eldorado. Time, 2:23.4.

220-yard Dash—First, O. L. Richardson, Sonora; second, Ray Stephenson, Sonora. Time, 25.3.

Discus—First, O. B. Higgins, Sonora; second, R. W. Hill, Sonora. Distance, 89'.

Mile Run—First, Davis, Eldorado; Wall, Eldorado. Time, 5:27.4.

Javelin—First, Bob Williams, Eldorado; second Robert Sawyer, Sonora. Distance, 133' 3".

Mile Relay—First, Sonora (Ray Stephenson, O. L. Richardson, Leon Morris and Hollis Bricker).

High point man: Bob Williams, Eldorado, with 133-4; O. L. Richardson and Lon Morris tied for second with 11 1/4 each.

## Sonora Student Places High In Typing Contest

Pat Gilmore of Sonora High School won individual honors in a typing contest against the Ozona High School, with a high score of 137 and a per minute count of 44 words. The Ozona contestant was second with a count of 38 words per minute and a score of 133.

Entered in the contest from Sonora were Pat Gilmore, Doris Meckel, Kathleen Largent and Marjorie Davis. Entered from Ozona were Tincy Kirby, Floyd Hokit, Dorothy Hannah and Sybil Luther.

The contest was held at the Sonora high school Wednesday afternoon. In the final tabulation of scores, Ozona won the contest with a count of 119.9 to Sonora's tabulated 96.6.

The Sonora typing team will be entered in the Five-County Meet at Eldorado March 23.

## Sonorans' Sister Succumbs In Hospital

Funeral rites for Miss Ethel Raphael Reiley were held Friday morning of last week in Fairmont Cemetery with the Rev. Bertin Harrington, officiating.

Miss Reiley, 49, had resided in Menard for the last three years, and died in a San Angelo hospital Thursday afternoon.

Deceased is survived by two brothers, John P. and E. D. Reiley, both of Sonora, and seven sisters, Mrs. Will Hill, Mrs. Tom King, Mrs. Lillian Rudicil, Mrs. Frank Strickland and Miss Violet Reiley, all of San Angelo; Mrs. Clementine Fletcher, Menard, and Mrs. D. G. Westman, Panama.

Texas produces two-fifths of all the petroleum produced in the United States.

## LIONS CLUB HAS TEST ON CLUB ACTIVITIES

Enjoying a light business session and an excellent lunch prepared by ladies of the First Baptist Church, the Lions Club held its regular Tuesday meeting, and were entertained by an intelligence test which was highly informative, as well as being inclined to expose the ignorance of the members. Perhaps we shouldn't have said ignorance—it really exposed the lack of information on the part of those members who were called upon to answer questions concerning work and purposes of the Lions organization and as such was a highly valuable contribution. The intelligence test was under the supervision of H. V. Stokes, was well handled and well received.

Two new members were secured for the local club, Jack Mann and Lloyd Earwood, bringing the total membership to 90, and placing the club very near the top in this district, an enviable position, when it is remembered that all towns, regardless of size, are figured on the same basis. Surpassing Sonora in membership at the present time are San Angelo, Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

Letters were received from the Winters Lions Club, in which it was stated that the finals in the oratorical contest being sponsored by seven towns of the district were to be held in that city March 20. Two students from the Sonora school are entered in the contest, but because of the county meet in Eldorado the day following the date set for the oratorical contest, it was thought by Supt. Jones and others that the pupils would not be able to make the trip. However, it will be definitely learned at the next meeting of the Lions Club whether it will be necessary for the two Sonora students to withdraw from the contest.

S. H. Neville of San Antonio and Ralph Crowe of San Angelo were guest at the luncheon, there being in addition to the guests, some forty or more Lions.

During the discussions following the luncheon, County Agent Atchison stated that the last delivery of trees and shrubs being planted under the sponsorship of the Lions and various other groups in Sonora was being made that day. However, other requests for shrubs and trees had been given County Agent Atchison with the result that several other plantings are likely to be made.

## SHEEP, GOAT GROUP NAMES A. K. MACKAY

Selection of A. K. Mackay, professor of animal husbandry at Texas A. & M. College, as secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was announced to directors at their quarterly meeting in the Nolan County Court-house last week by President Edwin S. Mayer of San Angelo.

The directors approved Mackey's appointment and set his salary at \$4,500 a year. Mayer, who had conferred with Mackey previously, said the new secretary will begin his duties in June when the school term at A. & M. is concluded.

Mackey is well-known in this section and is recognized as an authority on sheep. He was judge of both men's and boys classes of Comriedale sheep at the recent San Antonio Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

Between 75 and 100 directors were present, making the Sweetwater meeting one of the biggest ever held.

The next directorate session is to be held in Del Rio, June 13.

Barriers to the well-being of the industry came under focus of attention, but it was the measure drafted by Josh Lee of Oklahoma and now pending in the Senate that drew the stinging lashing of the association's president. The proposed legislation, Senate Bill 1650, would arm the President of the United States in time of war to draft the use of private wealth, according to ability to lend. "It would regiment and communicate the industries of the nation—it's dynamite and comes closer to Communism than anything I've seen," said Mayer.

## MECKEL DRAW BRIDGE BEING COMPLETED

Finishing work on the Meckel Draw Bridge, north of Sonora on the San Angelo highway, is being done, and the bridge should be completed and opened to traffic within the next three weeks. A small part of the concrete floor remains to be poured, all other concrete work having been completed.

Upon completion, the San Angelo highway will have had one of its worst traffic hazards removed, permitting all-weather travel to the north. Heretofore, high water has stopped traffic over the road, sometimes for many hours at a time.

## CITIZENS SEE FILM OF BIG BEND PARK

Dr. G. P. Smith of Sul Ross State College faculty of Alpine, and Dr. B. F. Berkley, manager of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, were visitors in Sonora Wednesday and Thursday.

Residents of the town enjoyed the showing of colored motion pictures of college and campus life the Big Bend country, including at Sul Ross, as well as films of a number of scenes from the proposed Big Bend National Park area.

The films were shown Thursday afternoon at 4:15 in the La Vista Theatre, arrangements having been made through a committee named from the local Lions Club. The visitors discussed with seniors of Sonora high school various phases of their future educational program, and also conferred with faculty members on numerous educational problems.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Berkley are visiting more than 20 schools in the area east of Rankin to Coleman and Snata Anna, south to Brady, Mason and Eldorado, and westward to Sonora, Ozona and Iraan.

## DEL RIOANS ARE INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Mrs. Bob Cauthorn of Del Rio suffered severe injuries, and Mr. Cauthorn was badly shaken in an automobile accident which occurred last Thursday morning on the road from the ranch to Del Rio. The accident happened when the car, a new Buick driven by Mr. Cauthorn, got out of control as the result of a punctured tire.

In the car with Mr. and Mrs. Cauthorn at the time of the accident were a Mexican man and a Negro woman, neither of whom sustained serious injuries.

Mrs. Cauthorn, who according to reports suffered severe head injuries and possible internal hurts, has been unconscious a great part of the time since the accident, but her condition, it is felt, will improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cauthorn are former residents of Sonora.

Mrs. Frank Turney of Sonora is a sister of Mrs. Cauthorn, and has been spending a great part of the time since the accident with her sister.

## Senior Class Is Invited To Open House

The senior class of Sonora High School recently received an invitation from Dean J. Thomas Davis, head of John Tarleton College, inviting them to be the guests of the Stephenville institution at an open house on April 18. In addition to the invitation from the dean, letters urging attendance were received from representatives of various Tarleton social clubs, who are sponsoring the affair.

Included in the program for the high school students expected to attend will be a tour of the campus, lunch in the dining hall, motion pictures, a program by the music department, and a military review of the Cadet Corps.

The first oil well completed in Texas was in 1866 near Oil Spring in Nacogdoches county.

## Planting Campaign Being Completed In Sonora

County Agent Atchison, who has had charge of the tree planting program being sponsored by the Sonora Lion Club, recently released figures showing progress of the campaign, and at the same time stated that the campaign was nearing completion. To date, he stated, there has been planted a total of 225 trees and 140 ornamental shrubs, included in which were 148 pecan trees, 45 ornamental trees, and 35 fruit trees.

Assisting in the tree planting campaign were George E. Smith, city manager, Alvis Johnson, county judge, and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, chairman of the county highway beautification committee, and whose assistants were Mrs. Robert Halbert, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary, George D. Chalk and Tom Bond.

In addition to Mr. Atchison, chairman of the Lions Club committee, there have been many other Lions who have devoted their closest attention to the work and assisted in every way possible to complete the campaign at an early date, and who were interested in assisting citizens in making selections of the proper trees, shrubs and plants for this section.

## Pioneer West Texas Merchant Dies In Angelo Monday

Christian Meinecke, pioneer West Texan, and an old-timer resident of Sonora, died at 10:45 Monday morning in a San Angelo hospital, following his entering the hospital the previous day. Immediate cause of the death was unlearned, but is it known that several weeks ago he suffered a severe injury in a fall at Ozona, his home for the past few decades, and the injury was no doubt a contributing cause of his passing away.

Mr. Meinecke, "Chris" to his host of friends in this section, came to Texas from his native Germany, where he was born August 11, 1866, settling with his parents near Baltimore, Maryland. Later the family moved to Texas and established their home at Fort McKavett, where Mr. Meinecke had employment as a ranch hand and windmill erector, the latter work finally bringing him to Sutton county when the Stockman's Paradise was first being settled and the town of Sonora was new. He worked over all this section on windmill and kindred employment, finally moving to Ozona, where he established himself in the mercantile business, operating until recent years one of the larger grocery stores of that city. Moving to Ozona in 1891, at which time he entered the mercantile business, Mr. Meinecke had been a resident of that city continuously. Files of the Devil's River News of the decade between 1890 and 1900 carried the name of Chris Meinecke frequently in its advertising and news column, attesting to the fact that he was a livewire business man in his younger days, and that the quality of his work and his wide acquaintance throughout this section had made for him a host of friends who are sorrowful to learn of his passing.

While funeral arrangements were not complete at this writing, it is presumed that burial will be made in Ozona Cemetery, near the town where he established himself and reared a large family who mourn his death.

## Rev. Brinkley's Aunt Dies

The Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brinkley were called to Cleburne Sunday because of the illness and death of Rev. Brinkley's aunt, Mrs. Esther Smith.

She succumbed early Monday morning and Rev. Brinkley officiated at the funeral services Tuesday morning, at the Henderson Street Baptist Church there. Burial was made at Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert spent a part of the week in Fort Worth attending the Fat Stock Show there.

## JURY LIST IS READY FOR COURT TERM

Convening March 18 for the regular March term of the 112th District Court, Judge W. C. Jackson, has furnished the following list of Sutton County citizens who will serve as grand jurors and petit jurors during the court session. Selections for grand jury service included the following:

S. H. Allison, Joe Berger, G. H. Davis, L. C. Earwood, Howard Espy, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Robert Kelley, Edwin Sawyer; Alfred Schweining, E. D. Shurley, J. A. Ward, Jr., David L. Locklin, Joe Brown Ross, L. M. Caldwell, Bryan Hunt, and C. T. Jones.

For service as petit jurors, the following residents of Sutton county have been selected:

C. H. Allen, Lea Allison, James R. Caldwell, C. H. Carson, Jack Drennan, A. J. Faught, John Fields, Hub Hale, R. L. Hallum, Charles Hull, Cliff Johnson, Artie Joy, H. P. Largent;

Pope Lindsey, Jim Luckie, Tom McKee, Earl Merck, Otto Mund, Lawrence Nichols, Leo Patrick, J. T. Penick, O. L. Richardson, C. G. Roe, R. V. Sewell, Collier Shurley, George E. Smith, C. B. Swails;

Louie Trainer, Arch Valliant, Richard Vehle, Libb Wallace, Jim Wilson, Henry Wyatt, Ben L. Wheat, Thomas A. Bond, and Sibe McKee.

Grand jurors will meet on March 18, while petit jurors are expected to report for duty March 20.

Three men in the above list of petit jurors were not summoned, for reason given:

Ciff Johnson, in hospital; Tom McKee, moved to Bexar County; Richard Vehle, moved to Menard County.

## Former Sonorans Now Residents Of Austin

W. E. James, identified for the past ten years with the Devil's River News as shop foreman and editor, moved this week to Austin, where he has accepted employment with the Hershey Candy Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James were here the middle of the week from Texon, where they had resided briefly, packing their household effects and making other arrangements to move to their new home.

Until last October, Mr. James had been connected with the News staff, but at that time he suffered a stroke of paralysis which prevented his working at his chosen profession. He and Mrs. James moved to Texon to remain with a daughter who had suffered a severe injury when a gasoline stove exploded, later reaching a decision to move to Austin and take up his new employment.

Residents of Sonora who had become acquainted with and had a warm feeling of friendship for the James family, regret to lose them from their midst, but are glad to know that his physical condition following his illness, is improved to such an extent that he will be able to continue work, and hope for them that their new home will be pleasant and profitable in every way.

## Pioneer Schleicher County Woman Dies In Eldorado

Mrs. S. I. Nicks, a pioneer of Schleicher county, died of a heart attack at her home in Eldorado March 5, 1940.

She was born Aug. 18, 1860 in Burnet county.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church in Eldorado at 4 o'clock Wednesday, March 6, with the Rev. J. L. Ratliff officiating.

Interment was made at the Eldorado cemetery.

She is survived by the husband; three sons, Oran Nicks of Fort Stockton, Ferrell Nicks of Lampasas, W. R. Nick of Eldorado; one daughter, Mrs. Henry Diehitch of Sonora; twenty-one grandchildren.

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## Highlights of Pan American Club Trip to Monterrey, Mexico

### TENNIS ELIMINATIONS

Eliminations in tennis were held this and last week for representation in the Interscholastic League Meet since the tennis event will be played beginning tomorrow and the following Friday and Saturday. All tennis players will meet at 8:45 in Junction for the drawing.

All divisions in tennis are represented with the exception of the girls senior doubles.

Certification as to eligibility for competing in this League event has been made to Supt. Dave Williamson, Eldorado. All other events are to be held in Eldorado except the tennis event.

The following entries for the various divisions in tennis are:

**BOYS**—Senior Doubles, Dock Simmons and Delso Locklin with James D. Trainer as alternate; Senior Single, Myron Morris with Sam Odom as alternate; Junior Doubles, Wilfred Berger and Boyd Wilson; and Junior Single, Billy Shurley.

**GIRLS**—Senior Doubles, none; Senior Singles, Pat Gilmore; Junior Doubles, Peggy Gilmore and Jamie Trainer; and Junior Singles, Margie Crowell with Wanda Thomas as alternate.

### OPEN LETTER FROM SUL ROSS COLLEGE

Alpine, Texas, Feb. 29, 1940  
Superintendent F. T. Jones  
Sonora High School  
Sonora, Texas

My Dear Supt. Jones:

I want to congratulate you upon the fact that two students of the Sonora High School, Grace Thomas and Wanda B. Rape, made our honor roll which means that they are in the upper 15% of high grades. You should feel especially proud of Grace Thomas who was in the upper 2% and was the only Freshman to attain this standing. Incidentally, in this high achievement, she will be awarded the Freshman honor cup for girls.

We shall be happy to get more just such students from Sonora.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,  
H. W. Morelock,  
President

### RUN-OFF RESULTS

These are the results of the declamation and story-telling run-off held Monday night in the High School Auditorium:

#### STORY TELLING:

1. Maxine Chalk
2. Jane Neill
3. Alice Adkins
4. George Hamilton

#### JUNIOR GIRLS DECLAMATIONS:

1. Billie Cartwright
2. Josette Boughton
3. Tina Ann Taylor
4. Sammie Jeanne Allison

#### JUNIOR BOYS DECLAMATIONS:

1. Warren Reddock
2. Norbert McIntyre
3. Jimmie Cook
4. Billy Lee Thurman

By DOCK SIMMONS

Ho hum! Five o'clock in the morning certainly is early, but youth and excitement know no pain. The whole party met at the J. D. Wallace home at five-fifteen and was off on scheduled time. Our first stop was in Rocksprings. Here we changed cars and were on our way again. Another short stop was made in Uvalde where we serviced the cars and made general shifts. Just as we were about to leave Uvalde, (we didn't know at what speed) a very "hard boiled looking" cop drove up beside us. That just scared all of us to death, and especially Rex Hutcherson who was driving the leading car. He said in a most gruff voice, "Follow me to the City Hall and I give you a souvenir." We all suspected a ticket souvenir, but we all filed into the City Hall. We were quite surprised when we received some Garner booklets and a Uvalde stickers for our cars. This put our hearts back to normal. The next change was a Carrizo Springs. We had no excitement there. We all found out where spinach comes from. There were fields after fields of it at Crystal City. By ten-thirty we were all hungry, so at eleven o'clock, after looking in vain for a tree, we stopped and ate lunch under the sun and cactus plants. Arrived in Laredo at twelve o'clock. We filled the car and received our tourist cards at the Chamber of Commerce office located in the Hamilton Hotel. After going through the customs we made a short stop in Nuevo Laredo where some of us went riding in a carriage. We visited the market and ate some mangos. There were experienced a propaganda air raid. An airplane dumped millions of circulars on the city. They were about Camacho and Almazan, the two candidates for President of Mexico. We left Nuevo Laredo at three o'clock and went into the mountains about four-thirty. That was a big thrill because the country was beautiful. No one got scared when we went over the high mountain passes. They were all too busy looking. Our next stop was at Power's Cafe in Sabinas Hidalgo. We freshened up a bit and were on our way again. Everyone in the group agreed that it was the most beautiful country that we had ever seen. We did not know the way to the hotel, so we asked a cop. He said he would take us there, so we fell in behind him. He cleared the way and we enjoyed a police escort through the city. We arrived at the Gran Hotel Ancira in style at six-thirty. We registered and stored our cars in a short time. Then we dressed for dinner. The party had dinner in the dining room of the hotel. Later in the evening the president of Monterrey Pan American Club and some of his friends showed us some places of interest. We visited a club much the same as our Y. M. C. A. It had a billiard room, chess and checkers, a swimming pool, two gymnasiums and an open air dance floor. It was very beautiful, be-

cause it was all decorated in bright colored tile. We then went around the square and heard a typical Mexican orchestra. We visited the Monte Carlo Casino, the place where Monterrey's four hundred dine and dance. The crystal chandeliers in this building must have been worth a fortune because they were beautiful. From there we went to the City Hall. The patio with a fountain in the middle was beautiful because it was of red tile. The floors and walls also being in red tile gave it a very warm glow. We wanted to ride in the horse drawn carriages, so we rode for an hour. A very tired bunch of boys and girls retired early and really slept that night. The next morning we were up and eating breakfast when Miss Allison came down. That is what was funny we were ahead of time for everything on the entire trip. We then got our cars and some guides and went over the city. The most beautiful thing we saw was the Dolores Catholic Church. Words fail to describe how beautiful it really was. There was so much gold in it that it dazzled us. We then went to Horse Tail Falls about twenty-five miles south of Monterrey. On the way we saw immense orchards of oranges and grapefruit. After a drive up the mountains we stopped and hired some small Mexican burros. You can imagine the fun we had riding those burros up to the falls. The falls were really pretty and we surely enjoyed the mountain atmosphere. We waded in the water and picked some oranges from the trees we found near. To our disappointment the oranges were as bitter as quinine. We then returned to Monterrey. We had lunch and were free to go where we wanted in the afternoon. Of course it was the market and shops for us. We were ahead of time again when evening came and were ready to dine and dance at the Tempiscore. We all rode out to the Gardens in the horse drawn carriages. We ate and danced a while and then a floor show of typical Mexican dances. We left at twelve and went to the hotel. We were all up early the next morning ready to go home. We were sorry we had to leave such a wonderful place. Noon found us at the Hamilton Hotel in Laredo. We then came on home, arriving in Sonora at eight-thirty. Most of the people in Sonora heard us I am sure. The trip certainly changed all of our opinions about Mexico. It was a delightful trip from every viewpoint, and made us all want to visit Mexico City.

### TYPING CLASSES

Several weeks ago the Sonora typing team went to Ozona for a practice typing contest. Sonora was defeated by Ozona in that contest. Two weeks ago the Sonora team went to Eldorado for a typing contest. In that contest Mertzon won first and Sonora second. Sonora was having Ozona over Wednesday for a practice test. The Sonora team are Pat Gilmore, Doris Meckel, Marjorie Davis and Kathleen Largent. We sincerely hope that Sonora comes out on top. In every one of these practice contests we have in mind a more important event in the future: "The Five County Meet." We all agree we must win this meet or else!!

### BASKETBALL BANQUET

Last Friday Night the L. W. Elliott Athletic Club, sponsored by Mr. Speece, had their basketball banquet, which they plan to have as an annual affair. Enrique Cardona acted as toastmaster. At that time the following members were presented pins: Louis Perez, Enrique Cardona, Pat Brown, Isidor Virgen, Alexander Garcia, Pablo Cardona, Pedro Virgen and Balde-mar Reina. Special awards for making at least three-fourth of all practices were given to Pat Brown and Alexander Garcia.

The banquet meal was prepared and served by the advanced home making class under the direction of Miss Woodard. The school colors of blue and gold were used to carry out the basketball theme. At the head table there was a miniature basketball court as the center piece.

Mr. Flather, Willie Nell Hale, Doris Meckel, Nelson Stubblefield and Myron Morris went to Iraan Thursday of last week.

### L. W. Elliott School

#### HONOR ROLL

##### First Six Weeks—Second Semester

**HIGH SCHOOL**—Esther Virgen, Juanita Virgen, Raquel Chavez, Isidor Virgen and Consuelo Bermea.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**—Enrique Cardona, Leova Urias, Margaret Martinez, Cuca Reyes, Angelica Reyes, Ofelia Badillo, Santa Ramirez, Olga Bernal, Ofelia Sanchez, Vivian Martinez, Eva Gomez, Rosa Trevenio, Roberto Flores, Miguel Ybarra, Delfina Brown, Delia Flores, Rafeal Gonzales and Eulalio Gonzales.

#### BRONCHITAS LOSE IN ANGELO

The L. W. Elliott Bronchitas played a group of Latin-American boys on an outdoor court in San Angelo last Saturday afternoon. Our boys were defeated by a score of 24-11, but it was the first game of real competition that they had played this year.

#### TO BUY BASKETBALL SUITS

The members of the Athletic Club have recently raised enough money to purchase eight basketball uniforms. Donations were received from several local merchants.

#### The SIDEWINDER

Marjorie, here you go making eyes at Louise's boy-friend again!! You'd better watch out, she'll get you!!!

Mary Lee came back from Austin saying the insane asylum wouldn't take her! What will this girl do next??

J. R. and Raymond (nearly Rex Robert), why were you so cold Monday night??

Who were you with Friday, Buster?? Ponc?? Hollis?? and Leon?? The San Angelo girls again, we hear!!

We hear Rex Hutcherson is a souvenir collector! You weren't scared in Uvalde, were you, Rex??

Who gave you girls the gardenias in Monterrey Friday night? Mary Jo?? Opal?? Betty Grace?? Georgia??

Elizabeth, who did we see you mailing a package to Tuesday??

Doris Keene, the owner of Locker 13 wants to know what your spare nickels are for!!

To make Dorothy blush, ask her where she had her picture taken Sunday!!

We wonder, oh we wonder why James D., Rex, and Leon were in such a hurry to get away from Coach at noon Tuesday!!

#### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The following letter is self-explanatory, therefore needs no comment other than that whatever was done for the visiting students in the way of hospitality was purely such and was cheerfully given:

El Paso, Texas, March 11, 1940  
Superintendent F. T. Jones  
Sonora Public Schools  
Sonora, Texas  
Dear Mr. Jones:

It is indeed good to have your letter of March 7 and to know that our band and varsity singers came through in proper form for you. I am quite proud of these organizations. They are doing a good piece of work and we want to continue to share them with West Texas.

May I tell you how much these organizations and I appreciate the courtesies which you extended to them. The loyalty of West Texas to the Texas College of Mines means a great deal to all of us. You have been good to us and we are grateful to you.

Very sincerely yours  
D. M. Wiggan,  
President, Texas  
College of Mines, El Paso

#### PERSONALS

Sue Glasscock was in San Angelo Sunday.

Mary Lee Heflin spent Sunday and Monday in Austin.

Doris Meckel and Sue Glasscock

went to Rocksprings Monday.

Kathleen Largent visited in and around Bridgeport last week-end.

Mr. Sharp was in San Antonio last week-end on business.

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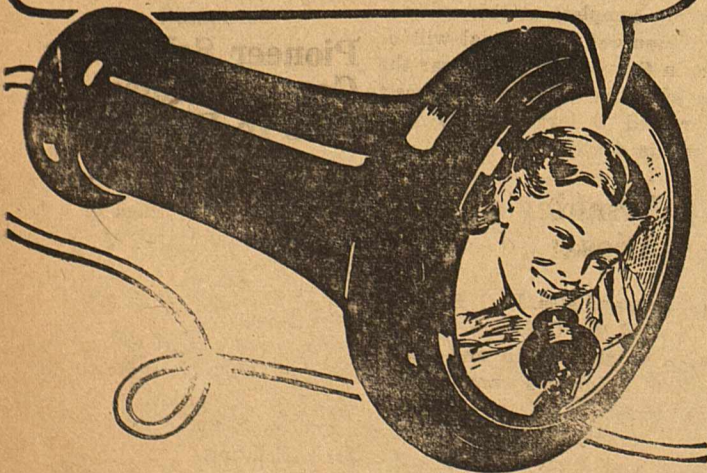
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# WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

The first time that I see a loon—if I ever do—it will add to the interest of the bird to know that I am looking at what is now considered the lowest form of American bird life, the bird at the bottom rung of the ladder of bird orders.

In arranging the animals that have backbone (vertebrates) birds are placed between the reptiles and the mammals. When we speak of a bird's being "low" in the scale, we mean that it is close to the reptiles, and that the forms above it have gradually developed away from certain resemblances to their ancestors. To distinguish between the different stages of bird development, all birds are divided into orders, which in turn are subdivided into families.

In the case of the loon there are several features that show its kinship to water-loving reptiles. It is an astonishing diver, and can swim rapidly under water, using both its feet and wings. The legs are placed far back at the rear of the body, giving it extreme awkwardness on land. Away from the water the loon uses wings as well as feet in floundering about, sometimes sliding forward on its stomach. This bird is so dependent on water that it is said not to be able to take wing from land.

In the next order are the grebes, also expert divers, at home in the water. Above them are the albatrosses, shearwaters and stormy petrels. Birds of this order spend more time on the wing than those in the first two, and they appear more erect when on land.

Going up to the next group, we find that the birds have developed throat pouches, all six families of them. Their four toes are joined by webs. Pelicans, cormorants and Man-o-war birds are the best known members of this group.

Above them is the order that includes four of our favorite and most picturesque water birds: herons, storks, ibises and flam-

ingos. These birds are still dependent on water-life for food supply, taking only a sprinkling of vegetable matter. They move about our shores with greater ease than those in the foregoing groups.

In the next order are our best known waterfowl, the ducks, geese and swans. Many of these have vegetable matter as an important item of diet, though some eat enough fish to give their flesh an unpalatable flavor.

Up the ladder we go, and alight with some surprise on the rung that holds our birds of prey. Surprise, because we have not yet come to the cranes (so often confused by name with the herons), or the sandpipers, gulls and terns, birds associated with water areas. The bird of prey group includes the vultures, hawks and eagles, falcons and caracaras. Most of these birds are meat-eaters; a few of them take fish. Note the absence of the owls, a group once classed as a bird of prey, but now considered much farther up the ladder, an order or two above doves and pigeon.

To the next order we are indebted for some of our best sport and food. In it are grouse, quails, pheasant and turkeys. The domestic fowl is a descendent of a wild fowl closely related to the pheasant.

Now comes the order of marsh-dwellers, including the cranes, limpkins and rails. Then there is a large order embracing such well known shore birds as the plovers, sandpipers and the comical auks and murre.

Back to the dry land we go for the next five orders, which are represented in America by the doves and pigeons, the parrots, the cuckoos, the owls and the goat-suckers (whippoorwills and night-hawks). We stop on the next rung to note its two interesting families: the swifts and the hummingbirds. Four more rungs to go:

one the trogons, one the kingfishers, one the woodpeckers and last the perching birds.

This highest order is also the largest and in it are most of our known land birds. Here we see bird life in its most highly developed phase: a sensitive nervous system, keen hearing and sight, rapid circulation, often the gift of song, and the highest body temperature of any animal. Usually these birds have toes suited to grasping a perch; once they bend legs to sit down to a night's sleep, the lower leg tendon automatically tightens, contracting the toes still tighter around the branch; this grasp cannot be loosened until the bird rises.

The flycatchers are the only songless family of the perching order. They are followed by such well known families as the larks, swallows, crows and jays, and titmice. On up the line are the mockingbird and thrashers, then the thrushes. The thrushes were once thought to be the highest form of bird life. In the thrush family are the robin, the bluebird and some of our finest singers. The warblers and kinglets, waxwings, shrikes, starlings, vireos, English sparrows, blackbirds and orioles are other well known members of this order. Last, topping all others are the finches, the world's largest bird family. In this are the cardinals, the buntings, goldfinches and our native sparrows, birds which any of us can see for the looking.

This is only a running glimpse of bird families. One does not need to be able to classify birds to enjoy them. But having in mind a general framework of bird groupings brings harmony and perspective to our observations; and only harmony and perspective can make us aware of the beauty of nature's patterns.

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### Mill Activity In Wools Has Decline For Year

Wool mill activity has declined since November. Deliveries of spring fabrics art tapering off, spinning operations have slowed down earlier than usual and wool consumption is being only fairly well maintained.

The heavyweight season got off to an early start in mid-January when moderate orders were placed. Buyers, however, then became disturbed by the uncertain outlook for general business together with the realization that retail sales of clothing had not kept pace with the increased production of fabrics in 1939 when men's wear showed a gain of 45 per cent over the preceding year and women's wear an increase of about 20 per cent. New business turned dull and specifications were delayed. Unfilled orders which now represent about twelve weeks' production in men's wear and four weeks' in women's wear therefore may require considerably longer for completion. Cloth prices are quoted about halfway between the August and war peak levels.

Raw wool quotations have moved lower under the pressure of heavy imports which in 1939 were more than triple the level of the preceding year and approximately 25 per cent above the five-year average. Much of the wool has come from South Africa with substantial quantities also arriving from South America and Australia. Foreign shipments are tapering off although they continue to arrive in moderate volume. Domestic stocks now are about 25 per cent below normal but are estimated to be sufficient to tide the mills over until the domestic clip moves in volume late in May.

Estimates of the coming clip are about in line with a year ago. Range and sheep conditions are reported to be sub-normal but sheep numbers are slightly higher. Initial sales in Arizona have been at firm prices but it is too early to judge whether growers will consign the bulk of their wools to dealers this season or sell them outright. Foreign quotations have been firm notwithstanding a large clip in Australia and the domestic market has been below import parity for about a month.

The trade estimates that more than one-half the heavyweight seasons' business remains to be booked. The uncertain outlook for general business in the near future, however, is causing cloth buyers to remain on the side lines while waiting for prices to seek a stable level. When it becomes apparent that values have grounded, a moderate amount of new business should become available.

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## Spineless Cactus Should Replace Eradicated Prickly Pear

Eradication of prickly pear from the ranges of West Texas is being rapidly carried forward under the range improvement program of the Federal Government, and livestock growers from one end of West Texas to the other have participated, or will participate in the eradication program. This eradication is being done in the face of the fact that as a drouth food, prickly pear has been of great benefit to livestock, particularly cattle, since cattle first roamed the broad acres of the state.

Of course, prickly pear has great disadvantages. Its spines have been the source of much trouble in screw worm infestation—sore mouths caused from the thorns being a fertile field of infestation—and numerous losses have been caused from that one disadvantage alone.

But W. H. Dameron, head of the Ranch Experiment Station, recognizes the value of pear as a drouth feed—provided the thorns are eliminated—and is a strong believer in the value of spineless cactus as a feed during drouths for not only cattle, but for horses, sheep and goats. The plant is prolific, the feed value and nutrient from the plant is high, and the cost of growing the plant is small. In an article printed in a recent issue of the San Angelo Times, Mr. Dameron estimated the cost of planting an acre of spineless pear at \$20, including the plants, preparation of the land, and other labor involved. From that acre of land, after three years, can be harvested sixty tons of nutritious feed, a large item in ranch economy when a drouth is on.

Every ranchman, and every citizen of West Texas, for that matter, is familiar with the spineless variety of prickly pear. The plants look the same, have the same leaf formation, and are the same in every respect except for the thorns. The spineless variety have been planted as yard ornaments, and in the Uvalde area, some spineless plants have been noticed, particularly around Sabin, where the smaller ranchmen have fed the plant through the winter, with good results.

Having the same growing season as the wild variety, with the same succulent leaves, growing on the same soil, and in every other respect taking the place of the thorny variety now being eradicated, we believe that it would be good business on the part of ranchmen to replant some of the eradicated areas with the better variety of plant, so that this prolific source of feed for livestock can be maintained.

Estimating the cost of the leaves necessary for replanting at about a half cent each, and some 1400 leaves per acre being necessary for proper planting, the cost of the plants per acre figures at about \$7.00. Preparation and cost of planting would bring the acre cost to the figure of \$20 cited above. At the end of three years the ranchman could harvest an annual crop of sixty tons, which would replace that much feed which would otherwise have to be purchased during drouths or at other times when cattle and livestock needed to be fed.

Use of pear during the winter months at a time when the moisture content of feed is low, is another valuable advantage possessed by pear.

## Tragedy Prevention Is Studied

Two hundred capital stock fire insurance companies with resources of hundreds of millions of dollars, are engaged in the business of tragedy prevention. Through regional and national organizations, such as the National Board of Fire Underwriters, they study many thousands of fires throughout the country every year. They search for causes, work out ways to prevent repetitions. Their recommenda-

## JOHN GARNER LEADS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Texas' distinguished favorite son—John N. Garner, the only Democrat to have announced unqualifiedly that he is a presidential candidate—is today the leading choice of his Party to succeed to the Presidency.



JOHN N. GARNER

Patriotic Texans will attend their own precinct conventions May 4 to record their support of their noted fellow Texan.

Uniformly popular in all sections of the country and among all classes of people, Vice President Garner is esteemed for his sound common sense, practical liberalism, and long experience in governmental affairs. Political observers in Washington agree that these attributes, together with the fact that his sturdy log-cabin Americanism is the nation's best safeguard against involvement in war, are responsible for his popularity among the rank and file of the people.

His name has been submitted directly to voters in a number of state primaries, in accordance with his democratic philosophy that "the people should decide." In announcing his candidacy last December, Mr. Garner said: "I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

tions are free to every city and town, for the benefit of every individual.

Industry working under a policy of enlightened self interest has automatically a vital national asset. Of course fire insurance companies sell fire insurance. But fire insurance can never completely ameliorate the tragedy of fire. Loss of material wealth can be replaced; loss of jobs and wages and life as a result of fire, spell individual tragedy that alter the course of hundreds and thousands of lives annually.

The prevention work of the fire insurance companies is in reality a mighty aid in solving the problem of social security. The avoidance of a single conflagration means the avoidance of scores, perhaps thousands, of lost jobs.

Close co-operation with the forces of tragedy prevention should be regarded as the duty of every citizen.

## Effect Of War Is Clearer

The effect of the war abroad on American business gradually becomes clearer. And, for the most part, it is different than was expected when hostilities began last September. Paul Mallon recently published a brief analysis of the situation, furnishing it with facts of considerable interest.

First, war has upped our exports—but, curious enough, the rise in sales to belligerents has been less than to neutrals. Total export rise is almost 30 per cent, but increase in goods going to Britain was only 10 per cent. Norway's demand for American supplies has shown the startling rise of 144 per cent. Swedish buying is up 67 per cent, Dutch 47 per cent and Italian 41 per cent. No one believes that these countries are using all of what they buy for themselves. Logical explanation is that a large part of the purchases is being transhipped to Germany, which is unable to trade directly with us because of the Allied blockade.

In spite of the sharp total rise in our exports, a comparatively limited number of American industries are booming because of it. Foreign demand for agricultural exports, including tobacco, is dropping toward the point of non-existence. And, strange as it seems, foreign buying of automobiles and trucks, necessary as these are to war, has shrunk materially. Apparently the belligerents are able to produce their own machines of transport, without spending their carefully hoarded gold for the American product.

Biggest increase for any export commodity is shown by aluminum—up 323 per cent. That is completely understandable, as aluminum is being used more and more in planes and other instruments of war. Aircraft exports have risen close to 200 per cent. And chemicals and leather have shown advances of 50 per cent or more.

The Allied purchasing commission seems to be doing a capable job. By eliminating the competitive bidding between France and England which occurred early in the last war, it has helped to hold prices down. And it is working efficiently with this government so that our own national defense needs will not be impaired by foreign buying.

War buying here will undoubtedly increase as time goes on, though no sudden jumps are anticipated. If commercial credits are given Finland and China through the Import-Export Bank, tens of millions of dollars worth of orders will flow into American industry. We aren't experiencing a war boom, but we are making money out of the conflict. Unfortunately, it seems to be the verdict of history that we or anyone else must pay through the nose for such profits when the war ends and the exhausted participants must face the immense task of rebuilding shattered economies.

## GARNER GAINS IN NATIONAL POPULARITY

Texas has contributed many great statesmen since its heroic struggle for independence a century ago, but not since the days of Sam Houston has a Texan acquired the national following which John Nance Garner enjoys today.

Astute political observers in the nation's capital agree that Vice-President Garner is the Democratic Party's best bet for 1940.

Garner's phenomenal strength in all sections of the country is being attributed to four factors:

1. He is more experienced in governmental affairs than any other man. He is the only living man to have presided over both houses of Congress. He has been a conscientious public servant in Washington for more than 35 years.

2. He is a lifelong liberal of the practical variety. Most of the liberal measures enacted during the past few years were urged by Garner long before the New Deal came into power. He has opposed the New Deal only on questions of extravagant spending and its con-

ditionary attitude toward sit-down strikes.

3. His sturdy log-cabin Americanism is the people's best safeguard against involvement in war. He is a genuine patriot, a believer in George Washington's advice against meddling in foreign disputes.

4. He is a vigorous and rugged personality that inspires confidence. Despite his 70 years, his outdoor life and clean living have kept him virile and alert. Moreover, he is plain American—a homebody, who has been happily married to a charming and gracious wife for more than 40 years.

These attributes of John Garner's appeal to the best elements in American life, leading political observers to believe that he is the strongest nominee the party could select.

There are 79,000 gasoline pumps in use in Texas service stations, an average of one pump for each 18.7 automobiles.

Eighty per cent of all the crude oil produced in Texas is refined in Texas. Less than three per cent of the cotton produced in Texas is processed in Texas and none of the wool or mohair.

Eight North American animals hibernate during the cold winter months: the bear, raccoon, jumping mouse, woodchuck, chipmunk, bat, badger, and gopher.

House cats represent the quail's greatest single enemy with the exception of man.

Oil was accidentally discovered at Corsicana, first large oil field in Texas, in drilling a water well for the city's water supply.

A U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey report states that according to banding records a thirteen year-old pintail duck holds the longevity record for game birds.

## Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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# SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs  
Future Events

## Mrs. Hix Hall Has Members And Guests

Complimenting members of the Idlehour Club Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Hix Hall was hostess at her home. The decorations were of St. Patrick's Day design, with table appointments harmonizing, and the color plan was green and white.

Bridge was the game played during the afternoon, and places were set for three tables. Mrs. Sterling Baker won high score award for club members, Mrs. J. H. Brasher received high guest prize and Mrs. J. F. Howell was awarded second high score gift.

An ice course, moulded in the shape of shamrocks, and harmonizing with the color motif, was the refreshment served by the hostess.

Club members present were Mesdames Sterling Baker, J. F. Howell, John L. Nisbet, W. D. Wallace and Josie McDonald.

The guests included Mesdames W. H. Dameron, I. B. Boughton, E. E. Sawyer, J. H. Brasher, Rita Ross and W. P. McConnell, Jr.

## Easter Decorations Used Monday At Mrs. Trainer's

All flowers, decorations and table appointments carried out the Easter motif Monday afternoon when Mrs. J. W. Trainer entertained for members and two additional guests of the Blue Monday Club at her home.

Places were arranged for eight to play bridge and at the end of the games it was found that Mrs. Rose Thorp had won high score for club members and Mrs. O. G. Babcock received high score for guests.

At the tea hour the hostess served a sandwich plate and punch to Mrs. T. A. McMillian, Mrs. Joe Berger, Mrs. George Trainer, Mrs. Rose Thorp, and Mrs. T. W. Sandherr, club members; and Mrs. W. A. Ezell and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, guests.

Nearly one-third of all the oil produced in Texas comes from old pumping or stripper wells.

## Mrs. Vander Stucken Compliments Guests

Complimentary to her house guest, Mrs. Cathryn Jones of White Plains, N. Y., Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken entertained with a bridge-luncheon at her home Friday afternoon of last week.

The color plan was pink and blue and was used in floral decorations and table appointments. The table was centered with a low bowl of pink and blue and flowers and green huckleberries.

After the luncheon bridge games were enjoyed. Mrs. J. O. Willoughby won high score award. Mrs. Jones, honor guest, was presented a gift.

Those attending included Mrs. J. O. Willoughby, Mrs. Luke Thompson, Mrs. Milton Baugh, Mrs. Louie Stuart, all of Eldorado; Mrs. Sterling Baker, Mrs. Frank Bond and the honoree.

## Margaret Fay Smith Sonora Duchess At Cotton Ball

Members of the A. & M. College Mothers' Club here met in a call session recently, at which time Miss Margaret Fay Smith was chosen duchess from Sonora to the Cotton Pageant to be held at College Station the week-end of April 1. All the girls' costumes will be made of cotton.

Also during the meeting acknowledgements were read from the boys for the boxes of cookies sent to the Sonora students by members of this club.

## Roosevelt Couple Married Monday In Sonora

Harlen McMullen and Miss Audrey Helen Davis, both of Roosevelt were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. R. F. Davis officiating. The couple was accompanied by Mr. McMullen's brother and sister.

The couple will make their home at Roosevelt.

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## Easter Party For Just-Us Club Monday

Mrs. V. F. Hamilton was hostess at her home Monday afternoon to members and guests of the Just-Us Club. An Easter scheme was used in decorations and color plan.

Several games of bridge were played during the afternoon, and Mrs. Rip Ward received high score award for club members, while Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr., won high score prize for guests. A high cut prize was given at each table and was received by Mrs. G. H. Davis, Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Mrs. Joe Brown Ross and Mrs. Ben Cusenbary.

Ice cream, moulded in the shape of Easter lilies and cake were refreshments served. Plate favors were corsages.

Club members attending were Mesdames G. H. Davis, W. H. Dameron, Hix Hall, I. B. Boughton, E. E. Sawyer and Rip Ward.

The guests included Mesdames Seth Lancaster, W. D. Wallace, Velma Shurley, Joe Brown Ross, Ben Cusenbary, Josie McDonald, Preston Prater, J. H. Brasher, F. T. Jones and W. P. McConnell, Jr.

## Methodist W. M. S. State Meet At College Station

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas will be host to the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church for the state meeting March 26-28, and more than 300 leaders are expected to attend the three-day session, according to Rev. James Carlin, pastor of the College Methodist church.

In conjunction with the meeting Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston will preside at the provisional meeting of the women's division for the selection of delegates to the general conference at Atlantic City, N. J., in April.

The Women's Missionary Society has nine missionaries in the foreign field, five lines of work for the deaconesses in Texas and many Texas women go to Mount Sequoyah in Arkansas each year to study.

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## Sonora Music Club Gives Opera Program

An evening of opera music was presented by the Sonora Music Club at the Woman's Club House Friday night of last week with Mrs. I. B. Boughton, Mrs. Ben Cusenbary and Mrs. Sterling Baker as club hostesses.

Miss Thelma Rees, president, greeted the guest and introduced Mrs. Albert A. Murray, who read the narratives of the operas, "Il Traviatore" by Verdi; "Aida" by St. Seans; and "Faust" by Gounod. Musical numbers were given from each opera.

Miss Elizabeth Caldwell played a piano solo, "Introduction to Il Traviatore;" "Anvil Chorus," a piano duet arrangement, was given by Mrs. Edgar D. Shurley and Miss Thelma Rees.

Boyd Caffey, with Miss Marie Watkins at the piano sang, "Oh, I Have Sighed to Rest Me;" Miss Watkins and Mr. Caffey gave a vocal duet, "Home to Our Mountain," and were accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Caldwell. The finale was played by Miss Caldwell.

"Triumphal March from Aida" was given by Miss Caldwell and Miss Leeta Mae Garret; Mrs. Gus Love, accompanied by Miss Caldwell, sang, "The Spring Now Has Found Us."

Miss Watkins was at the piano when J. H. Flathers sang, "Valentines Farwell;" and Miss Caldwell accompanied Miss Watkins when she sang "The Jewel Song." The men's chorus, including J. H. Flathers, R. F. Davis, Preston C. Lightfoot, Lavelle Meckel, J. C. Stephen and Boyd Caffey, were directed by Miss Watkins and accompanied by Miss Caldwell when they sang "Soldiers Chorus."

"The Prison Duet," from Faust was given by Miss Watkins and Boyd Caffey, and they were accompanied by Miss Caldwell.

At the close of the program a social hour followed, at which time Mrs. Boughton and Mrs. Cusenbary presided at the table. Candytuft, plum blossoms, pink cyclamen and tapers formed the decorations for the table.

Those present, not mentioned above included Mesdames F. Wood of London, Ohio, Cathryn Jones of White Plains, N. Y., Ed Tipton of Jacksonville, E. F. Vander Stucken, W. Garrett, R. F. Davis, Boyd Caffey, J. B. Nelson, W. P. Tritt, C. A. Tyler, Rosanna Hildreth, Rose Thorp and Maysie Brown.

Messrs. and Mesdames L. L. Gully, W. H. Dameron and O. G. Babcock; Misses Nan Karnes, Edith Engle, Juanita Collier, Grace Draper and Annie Duncan; Dr. Boughton, Mr. Murray, Mr. Love, Dr. Joel Shelton and Mr. Cusenbary.

## O. E. S Banquet Honors Mrs. Lightfoot

Making her official visit to the Eldorado chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Vida Lightfoot, deputy grand matron, district 5, section 2, was honored with a banquet at the Methodist Church in that city Monday night. The banquet decorations consisted of Easter bunnies, chickens and the floral decorations were sweet peas.

During the meeting which followed Mrs. Velma DeLong served as worthy matron and Fred Watson as worthy patron.

Sonorans attending besides Mrs. Lightfoot were Mesdames Winnie Fields, Lucille Hutcherson, Laura Odom, Juliette Driskell, Guila Vicars, Maysie Brown, Jessie Johnson, Alma Ogden, Estelle McConnell, Ardena Speed, Iris Locklin, Odean Largent, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Shurley and Mrs. Tom Davis.

## Marriage Rites Read Here

A ceremony performed by the Rev. R. C. Brinkley at the Baptist Church here Saturday night united in marriage Miss Velma Railsback and Dewey Tom Clark of Menard.

Texas produces approximately one-third of the nation's natural gasoline, made from natural gas.

## Sonora Art Club Convenes For Program

To discuss "Art at the World's Fairs" the Sonora Art Club held a meeting Thursday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Hillman Brown with Mrs. Howard Kirby as co-hostess.

On the program were Miss Leeta Mae Garret, who discussed the California World's Fairs and made an interesting talk on various art projects in California, and also mentioning various interesting construction feats there. Mrs. Albert A. Murray presented a reading entitled "Outline for a Busy Person."

To answer roll call each person gave a current event, and they proved both educational and interesting.

The hostesses served a salad plate, wafers and coffee to Miss Leeta Mae Garret, Miss Juanita Collier, Miss Edith Engle, Mrs. Maysie Brown, Mrs. M. O. Britt, Mrs. Albert A. Murray, Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry, Miss Annie Duncan and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

## Lea Allisons Entertain For Club

Easter decorations and the Easter motif were used Monday night by Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison when they entertained at their home for the Monday Night Club.

A buffet supper was served and afterward bridge provided the evening's entertainment. Table appointments were in an Easter scheme. Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., and W. B. McMillian won high score prize and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet received high cut award.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McMillian and Jack Mann, club members.

The guests were Miss Alice Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet.

## Margie Tyler Earns Handwriting Award

Miss Margie Tyler of Sonora was one of 11 students receiving Zaner Writing Certificates here recently, according to C. E. Chamberlin, Business Administration instructor at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, Texas.

These certificates certifying an excellence of handwriting, were awarded after the handwriting had passed a careful rating.

Miss Tyler, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tyler of Sonora.

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**SHORT NOTICE**

**DAUGHTER TO MORRIS'**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morris announce the birth of a daughter Thursday of last week. The infant will answer to the name of Anna Lou. Mrs. Morris was formerly Miss Robby Jo Wyatt.

**MRS. WILSON ILL**

Mrs. Nannie B. Wilson underwent an operation in a San Antonio hospital. It is reported that her condition is better and she is getting along fine.

**RICHARD BOUGHTON ILL**

Richard Boughton, who received a knee injury recently, is ill at his home here. His condition is

reported to be better.

**VISITS IN BRONTE**

Mrs. Maurice Kennedy, employee of the Corner Drug Store, Inc., was a visitor Thursday in Bronte. She was accompanied here by her son, Roddy, who had been visiting in Bronte.

**MRS. HOLMAN ILL**

Mrs. Jap Holman, who is ill in a San Antonio hospital, is reported to be getting along fine.

**ALICE DeBERRY ILL**

Alice DeBerry is in a San Angelo hospital for physical examination. It is reported she will be there a day or two.

Mrs. Oscar Orpp and children are visiting in Vernon with her mother.

Mrs. Philip Sparks and children were visitors to San Antonio Sunday, where Mrs. Sparks took her young son for medical treatment.

Philip Sparks has replaced Bryan Johnson on the Joe Oberkampff gas re-fueling truck. Mr. Johnson has been transferred to the sales force.

Mrs. Allan Douglas and young daughter, Pat, of Iraan were Sonora visitors over the week-end.

Mrs. Lee Patrick was a week-end visitor in Eldorado, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

S. H. Neville of San Antonio was a visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

Ralph Crowe of San Angelo was a visitor Tuesday at the Lions Club luncheon.

Mary Gwen Wyatt is home from San Antonio where she is attending Ruth Coit School there.

Jobeth Taylor, who has been ill at her home for the last several weeks is well on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were San Angelo visitors Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mr. C. T. Jones, Cleveland Jones, and Mrs. Pat Cooper, of Fort Stockton, attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week.

Miss Grace Draper spent the week-end in Santa Anna with her father who is ill there.

Mrs. Rex Cusenbary was a visitor in Sweetwater last week.

Miss Cathryn Trainer spent last week-end in San Antonio with her aunt, Mrs. Jap Holman who is in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson and son, Bill, of Iraan passed through Sonora Sunday afternoon for Kerrville. They were accompanied to the Kerr county metropolis by J. H. Sawyer, News editor.

Frank James of Ozona, former resident of Sonora, was a visitor here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nannie Ponder, mother of Mrs. Bryan Johnson, left last Thursday for Gainesville and Sherman for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Teague, Mrs. Clyde Hill and Mrs. Cashes Taylor were visitors to San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McKinney of Ozona were business visitors in Sonora Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, Jr., left Tuesday for Fort Worth where they plan to spend several days.

Joe Oberkampff of Ozona, owner of Joe Oberkampff agency in Sonora was here from Ozona Monday attending to business.

C. H. Carson was a business visitor in San Angelo the middle of the week.

Miss Naomi Harris, secretary for Nisbet Insurance Agency, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harris, last week-end in Mason.

Mrs. Bobbie Allison and little daughter, Bobbie Faye, are visiting in Uvalde with Mrs. Allison's sister, Mrs. Tommy Taylor, and family.

**Personals**

Miss Pauline Norwood, employee of the Club Cafe, returned Tuesday afternoon from Fort Worth where she had been since Saturday attending the Fat Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allison returned to Sonora Wednesday from Marfa, where they had been since Saturday attending to their ranch business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, J. W., Jr., and Marcella, all of Alpine, were visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Davis, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trainer were visitors in San Angelo Friday of last week.

Mrs. O. G. Babcock and Miss Marie Watkins were Saturday visitors in San Angelo.

Mrs. Hillman Brown, Mrs. May-sie Brown and Mrs. Arthur Simmons were in San Angelo Saturday afternoon and night.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson went to San Angelo Saturday and remained until Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Smith, who had been ill there. It is reported that Mrs. Smith's condition is much better.

Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell was a visitor in San Angelo Wednesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. H. Davis and Mrs. Velma L. Shurley spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vehle, former residents of Sonora and now living in Menard, were here Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken carried Mrs. Cathryn Jones of White Plains, New York, to San Antonio Sunday where she met her son. Mr. and Mrs. Vander Stucken returned here Tuesday.

Mrs. A. C. Elliott, Miss Alice Sawyer and Miss Nann Johnson spent last week-end in Austin. Mrs. Elliott visited her sons, Marion and Bebb, and Miss Sawyer visited her brother, Wesley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs, of Marfa, former Sonorans and owner of the News, were here Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rees of Eldorado spent Sunday here, the guests of Mrs. Rees' sister, Mrs. V. F. Hamilton, and Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge was in El Paso this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Blackwell, and family.

K. C. Collier and family enjoyed a visit last Saturday by Mrs. Morgan Jett, Mr. Collier's sister, and their mother, Mrs. J. D. Collier. The visitors were from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Hamilton left Tuesday for San Antonio where they will spend several days this week.



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It is hoped that motor operators will continue to promote safety by careful and sane driving practices.

**Car Loadings Of Santa Fe Show Decline**

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending March 9, 1940, were 17,256, as compared with 18,141 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 5,428, as compared with 5,125 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 22,684, as

compared with 23,266 for the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 22,537 cars during the preceding week of this year.

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Training Service — 6:15 p. m.  
Sermon, by pastor — 7:30 p. m.  
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**Business Men's Bible Class**

Lavelle Meckel will have charge of Business Men's Bible Class Sunday.

A fine crowd attended LAST Sunday, and we want each one to bring a friend with you next Sunday. Invite your neighbors to come out to the Bible Class where friendliness and good will meet. A special musical program will be rendered next Sunday under the direction of Miss Doris Meckel.

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**Methodist Church**

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.  
10:50 a. m.—Morning Sermon, subject: "The Forsaken Christ."  
7:30 p. m.—Evening sermon, subject: "The Finished Work."

These are the two last sayings of Christ on the Cross. Next Sunday, the Easter message will be "The Risen Christ."

You are invited to attend all these services.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

**Brotherhood Men's Bible Class**

A responsive attendance was in effect last Sunday morning at 9:30 when the Brotherhood Men's Bible Class witnessed a record attendance for the year as a culmination of the "Buddy" system recently instituted. Your splendid co-operation is continuously solicited for the benefit of the whole organization. There is a place for you; your presence is our encouragement.

Will your "Buddy" be present Sunday? Have you reminded him? If you have not will you kindly do so now? Your efforts are well repaid in the satisfaction it gives your fellow members. Urge each one to be present Sunday morning in the basement of the Methodist Church. The program planned will be a mixed quartet. Come and enjoy the benefit of the lesson and the program as well as meeting with your fellowmen.

The chair committee composed of Rev. R. F. Davis and H. C. Atchison reported the repair of 26 chairs which were welded. This project was sponsored by the Class.

Sponsorship of the local Cub Pack recently organized was favorably approved through the vote of the class.

Preston C. Lightfoot, president

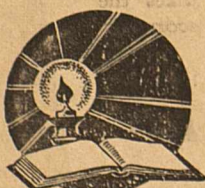
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We wish to express to our good neighbors and friends of Sonora and Sutton county our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy which we so abundantly received during the illness and death of our loved one.

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Mrs. Theresa Fried of Sanderson visited relatives and friends here last week.

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Spencer Tracy, pictured above, is starred with Mickey Rooney in "Boys' Town," showing Wednesday and Thursday at the La Vista Theatre. The show is being sponsored by the Senior Class.

**Another Hereford Show Slated For March**

The Sand Hills Hereford Show will open its seventh annual Hereford, sheep, poultry and range type saddle horse show in Odessa upon Thursday, March 21st; and will continue throughout Friday and Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd. More entries are actually in hand two weeks before the opening of this event than have ever been received previously — and shown during any preceding show.

Despite heavy and unprecedented entry lists, the management announces that they are in prime position to adequately take care of a 100% increase in the number of entries for 1940. This is due to the fact that the annual show in Odessa will occupy its new \$75,000 grounds, which include modern and sanitary stock show barns of structural steel and the most commodious brick auditorium-show ring west of Fort Worth. Size of the show barns are 70 feet by 200 feet in length; and the brick structure that houses the sales arena and show ring is 90 feet by 150 feet — with the show ring itself 60 feet by 90 feet. The arena is surrounded upon all sides by elevated and permanent seats of a very comfortable type capacity of seating 1750 spectators.

**Grote Shows Champ Steer At Fort Worth**

The purple ribbon for the champion Hereford steer of the 1940 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show was awarded this week to Oliver Grote, Mason county 4-H Club boy, who also exhibited the grand champion steer of the 1939 show.

Grote's winner was an entry in the class of steers weighing between 900 and 1,025 pounds.

Oklahoma A. & M. College took second place in this class, and third went to A. & M. College of Texas.

Grote also won the blue ribbon in the class for steers under 900 pounds. Another Mason county boy, Marvin McMillian, Jr., was second in this class and Oklahoma A. & M. was third.

Texas Technological College at Lubbock copped the first blue ribbon of the day when judging of the open classes of Hereford steers started.

The award was announced by E. A. Trowbridge of Columbia, Mo., chairman of the animal husbandry department of the University of Missouri, judge of all breeds of fat steers.

The blue ribbon went to one of Texas Tech's two entries in the class for steers weighing more than 1,150 pounds. Second place and the

red ribbon went to New Mexico State College.

More than 10,000 Texas 4-H Club boys and delegations from Jacksboro, Clifton and Midland, all celebrating their day at the stock show, did much to swell the crowd on the ground this week.

**San Antonio Livestock Market**

Hogs: Estimated salable receipts 600, total 860. Market fairly active, mostly 10c lower, but few early sales steady. Bulk good and choice 170-275 lbs. \$5.40. Few lots \$5.50. Better grade 140-175 lbs. \$4.75-5.40. Packing sows \$4.50 down. Few smooth lights up to \$4.75. Feeder pigs \$3.00 down.

Cattle: Estimated salable and receipts 800; Calves 1,400. Slaughter classes fairly active and mostly steady. Some strength displayed by low grade cows and common and medium grade slaughter calves. Demand was broad for stocker classes and better grade light weight stock calves were generally strong to 25c higher, with spots up considerably more.

Common and medium yearlings moved at \$7.50 down, a few lots of offerings \$8.00-8.25 and load 778 lbs. \$8.75. Heifer yearlings down from \$8.00. Three loads 1130 lb. steers \$7.40. Bulk common and medium kinds \$6.25-7.50. Canner and cutter cows \$3.50-4.75. Bulk medium to good lots \$5.25-5.75, odd head \$6.00. Bulls bulked at \$5.25-5.75. Common to medium slaughter calves bulked at \$6.00-7.50, with small lots good at \$8.00-8.25 with culls down to \$4.50. Good and choice stock steer calves ranged largely at \$9.00-10.75 and a few under 250 lbs. weights sold up to \$11.50. Heifer calves sold mostly at \$8.00-9.50 with a few choice lightweights as high as \$10.50. Feeder yearlings reached \$8.00.

Sheep: Salable receipts 400, total 900. Market steady. Good fat woolled lambs realized \$8.50 with fall shorn lambs at \$7.25-7.50. Some woolled yearlings made \$6.25 and some mixed wethers including two year olds sold at \$5.00. Shorn Angora goats \$2.50-2.75.

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**Kay Kyser Song-And-Laff Hit Has Woe-Beset Story**

The troubles which beset a motion picture production trying to obtain a story to introduce a famous dance bandman on the screen, form the hilarious basis of Kay Kyser's debut film, "That's Right—You're Wrong" at La Vista Theatre tonight and Saturday.

Adolfe Menjou is co-starred with the noted orchestra leader, while May Robson, Lucille Ball, Dennis O'Keefe, Edward Everett Horton, Roscoe Karns and Moroni Olsen—and Kyser's own band soloists, Ginny Simms, Harry Babbitt, Sully Mason and Ish Kabibble—have important supporting roles.

The sparkling story of "That's Right—You're Wrong" presents

Kay Kyser as himself. When the movie producer learns of the amazing popularity of Kyser's unique radio program, "The College of Musical Knowledge," he induces him and his band to star in a picture. However, Kyser's down-to-earth personality does not fit the torrid Latin lover character created by the scenario writers.

Laughs pile up furiously when the scenarists fail to evolve a suitable story, the producer frantically tries to break Kyser's contract. Kyser's screen test as a Casanova turns out to be a burlesque, and the boys in the band, believing their boss has "gone Hollywood," whisk him away and put him back on the air again—where Kyser wanted to be right along.

David Butler, who recently gave us "East Side of Heaven," directed and produced "That's Right—You're Wrong" for RKO Radio.

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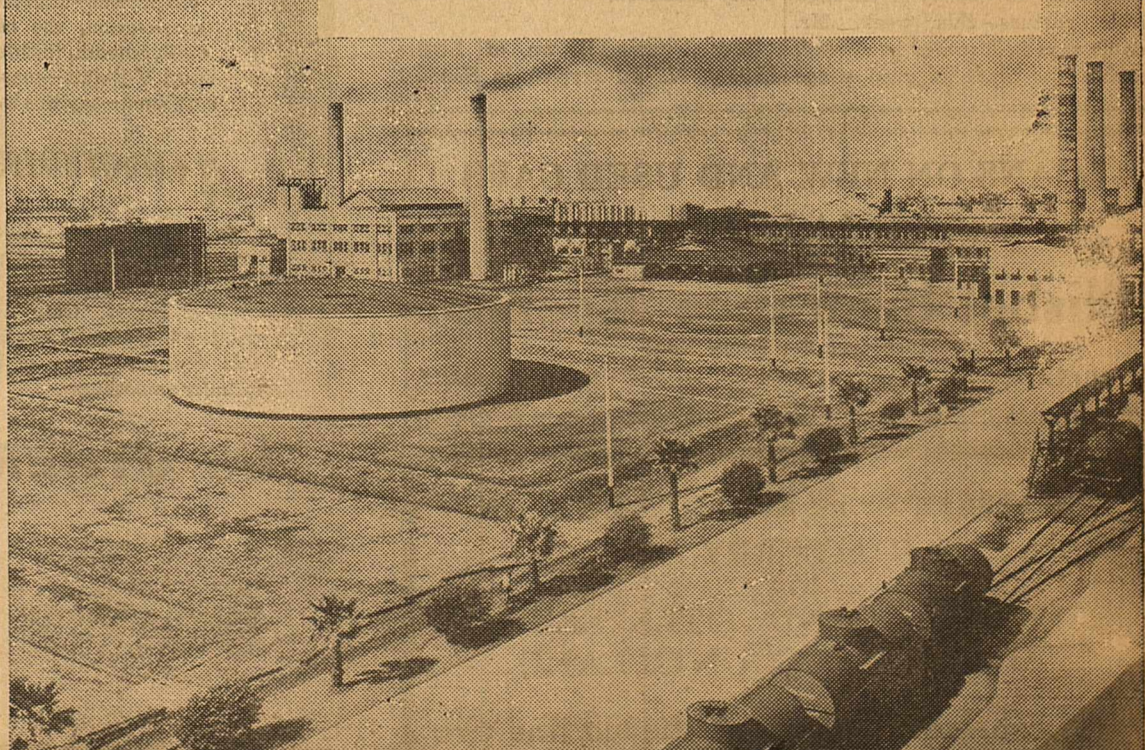
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Menardville, Texas, June 3.—There is a move on foot among Western capitalist to organize a company for the purpose of constructing a railroad from a point on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway at or near Lometa, thence via San Saba, up the San Saba valley by Menardville and McKavett, thence to Sonora in Sutton county, thence to either Del Rio or Spofford, on the Southern Pacific.

This road when built will open up a vast field of new country. For this reason the organizers do not fear that plenty of money can be secured to finance the scheme. There is a practical railroad man behind the move, but we are not at liberty to mention his name at present.—Dallas News.

Blair Cauthorn of the sheep firm of Hamilton & Cauthorn, was in Sonora Monday, on his way to see his sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman and Miss May Bell Tillman were in from the ranch Tuesday shopping and visiting.

C. B. Turney came up from the Whitehead ranch Tuesday with one of his boys to see the doctor.

Forrest Beeman, W. A. Farris, Claude and Alvin Keene left for San Angelo, Wednesday to bring back a heard of Red Poll cattle for J. D. Fields & Co.

Wiley Adams, the road worker, is working on the road through Fields pasture this week. Mr. Adams says it is pretty hard work keeping the roads in good shape

on account of so much rain.

Henry Sharp, who is running the Hamilton & Cauthorn sheep, was in Sonora Saturday after some herders. Henry says Brownie is doing fine on frijole beans and left him in charge of the sheep and on that account had to hurry back or he would have to get another flock.

Keese & Hill sold to R. A. Williamson and Claude Hudspeth 1800 stock sheep at \$2.50 and 800 lambs at \$1.50 per head.

H. B. Opp and Will Savell of McKavett bought from G. W. Whitehead & Sons 32 horses and one mule at p. t.

Glass Sharp of Val Verde county was in Sonora this week and reports the sale of his spring clip at Del Rio at 21 cents, also that the Chas. Markward clip brought 21 cents and the Joe Ellis and Louis Lane clips at 22 cents per pound.

Dock Simmons, one of the our well-to-do stockmen, was in from his ranch about 9 miles west of Sonora Thursday on business. Dock has just finished delivering about 140 head of one- and two-year-old steers to Max Mayer who is buying for the Val Verde Land and Cattle Co. Dock settled with the News up to Jan. 1, 1906.

Louis Hinde bought from W. L. Locklin 1500 shorn wethers at \$2.75.

John Berry, through Jackson & Murrah, sold to Ed D. Miller, of Concho county, 1075 shorn muttons at \$3.25. These are top sheep.—Daily Standard.

Mrs. Jennie Brown of Little Valley, N. Y., arrived in Sonora

Thursday on a visit to her son, M. J. Brown, the sheepman.

John Swinbourne, the sheepman who is running his sheep on the Tillman ranch, was in Sonora Thursday for supplies.

Orville and Cal Word were in from the ranch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass Sharp and daughter, Dulcie, of Del Rio, were in Sonora several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Sharp.

E. L. Burchett, Findlater's windmill erector, has just completed the erection of the second Samson 20 foot windmill for T. D. Newell, proprietor of the Sonora Water Works. The tower is 51 feet high and the mill and tower complete weighs about 13,000 pounds. Mr. Burchett says this is the heaviest and tallest wood tower he has erected. This mill pumps 30 gallons per minute and is quite an addition to the other three wells.

## Texas Highway Week Postponed Until October

The Texas Highway Commission announced this week that because of the amount of time needed to acquire and assemble facts and information and to prepare exhibits for programs for the Texas Highway Week, it has become necessary to postpone the time for such Texas Highway Week, scheduled for last week in May (May 26 to 31, inclusive), until probably the first week in October.

I am often asked, "Is the bite of a cottonmouth moccasin dangerous if the bite takes place under water?" If you happen to share this belief, TAKE WARNING. A moccasin bite is dangerous at any time and under any conditions.—S. R. Jenkins.

## Tetanus Death Rate In State Shows No Variation

Texas had 129 deaths from tetanus (lockjaw) in 1938, according to vital statistics records of the State Department of Health. The number of deaths from tetanus year by year for the past decade has shown no appreciable decrease, the mean average being about 130 for each year of the decade. Peak of the decade was the 151 recorded deaths in 1934.

A significant factor in tetanus prevalence is that the disease develops usually from a trivial wound or injury which too often is neglected until complications set in. "In the course of the disease convulsions may be frequent and set off by any slight stimulation to the central nervous system. Stiffening of the muscles of the jaw is one of the first symptoms of tetanus, a characteristic which gives the disease its name.

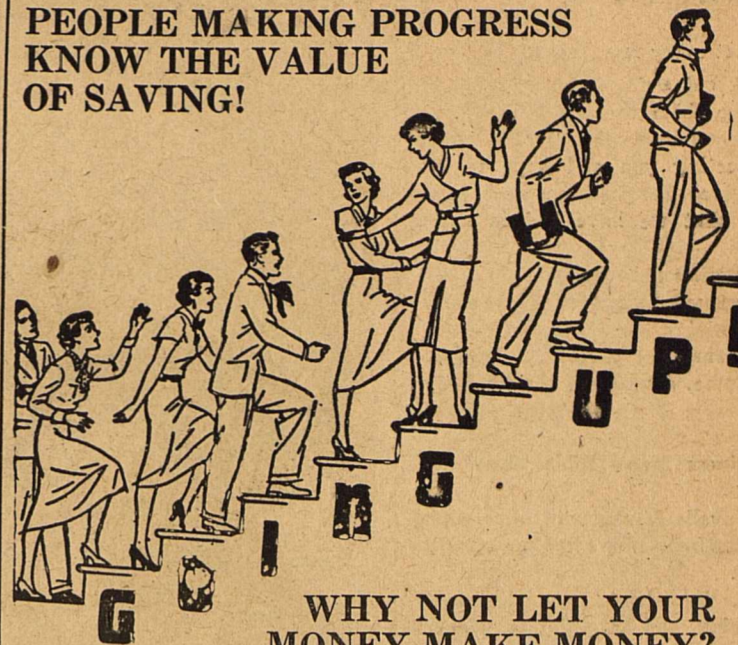
"Puncture wounds, such as those from sticking a nail or thorn in the foot or hand, prove the most dangerous. This is explained by the tetanus characteristic whereby the germs thrive only in a closed wound or in the presence of other germs that use up the air present. Tetanus germs cannot live in open air," stated Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Preventive technique against lockjaw should include proper care of all minor injuries and wounds. Closed wounds should be made open wounds and kept thoroughly clean. Anti-tetanus serum should be given after a puncture wound. Gunpowder wounds are also frequently followed by lockjaw. The period of incubation for the disease to develop in man is usually from six to fourteen days, according to the degree of infection. When the incubation period is brief, six days or less, tetanus is almost always fatal. With a longer period for the disease to develop, it becomes milder, and the chances for recovery consequently greater."

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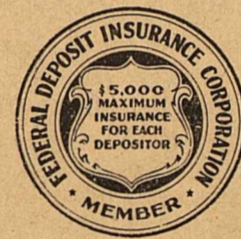


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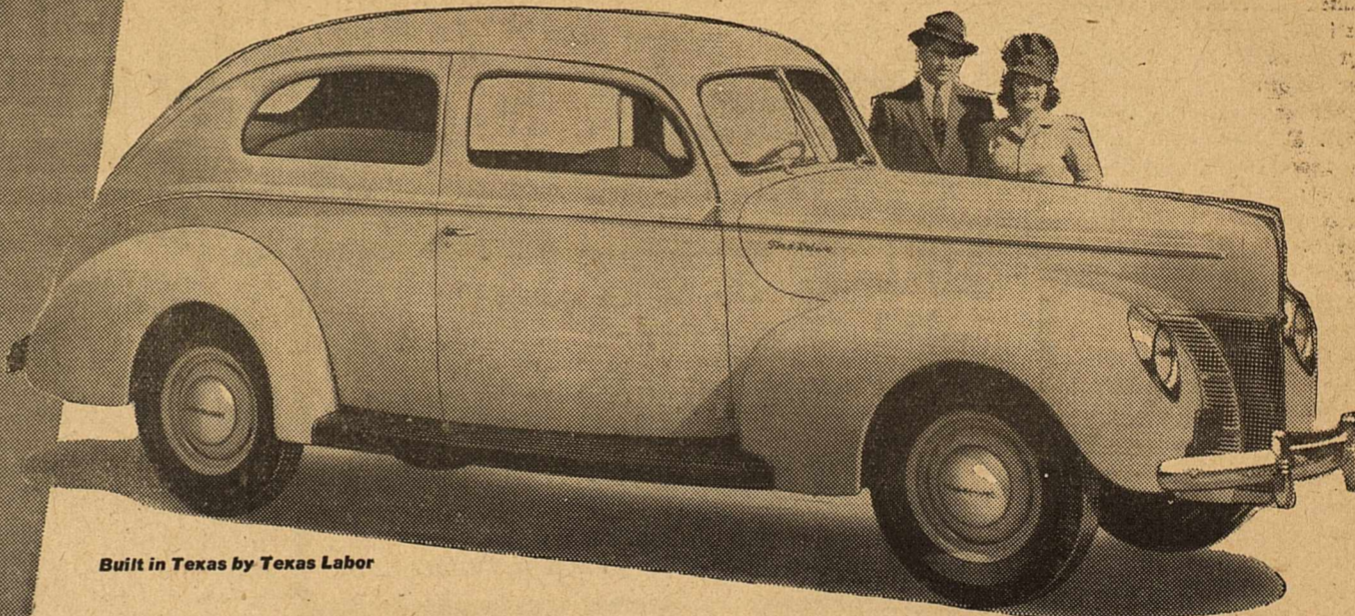


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