

## "Miss Blue Bonnet," Senior Play, to Be Presented Tonight

The Senior Class will present "Miss Blue Bonnet" in the auditorium of the High School Building this Friday night at 8 o'clock. A professional director has been used this year, and as a result the public is assured a finished production.

The play is a three-act musical comedy and has a cast of fourteen characters besides four choruses. The title role that of a physicist who comes to help a sensitive old maid, Magnolia Evans, played by Hazel Shelton, win a husband, is taken by Oleta Warren. The leading man, Barton Hill, a gospel singer, is Carol Smith.

J. W. Dohoney and Lucile Oxley have the roles of Dr. and Mrs. Evans, the parents of Magnolia. The doctor is a frank, blustery, tactless sort of a man, and his wife is a sharp-tongued country woman with only one ambition—to marry her daughter off.

One of the most interesting characters roles, Hico's Stout, quaint in his love for bull frogs and for Magnolia is portrayed by Jewel Jones.

Other girls in the class who have parts in the play are Elizabeth Houstead, who plays the comedy role of Minerva, a spinster who is extremely deaf; Rhuey Bingham, playing Janie Bell, Magnolia's talkative sister, married and quite proud of it; Estalena Giesecke who takes the part of Rhuey's giggling daughter; Nancy Lou Lowe, who plays yet another old maid, Kate; Roberta Giesecke, taking the part of an old maid, poetess—Una Susie; and Nadine McChristal, playing the last old maid of the cast, Sally, older and more proud than the others.

Bill Rusk plays Wes Evans, Magnolia's younger brother, full of pep and a great tease. The part of his chum, Chad Penny, a slow and lazy boy is taken by Durwood Lane.

Charles Jones, another senior, will be the accompanist. "Between Acts," an important part of any play, have been planned. Between acts one and two, J. W. Dohoney and Miss Maxie Duffy, director of the play will present "The Waltz You Saved For Me," and between acts two and three, Mattie Lee Geary and Leighton Guyton will give "The Isle of Capri."

There are eight members of each chorus. One is composed of high school girls, one of fifth grade girls, one of first grade girls, and one of first grade boys.

## FAIRY BASEBALLERS ORGANIZE FOR PLAY IN TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE

The first baseball meeting of the players and fans of Fairy was held Tuesday night. Lester Grisham was elected chairman for the meeting and Raymond Geyer of Carlton acted as Secretary.

After some discussion, it seemed to be the consensus opinion that Fairy should have a baseball team this summer, and the following organization was perfected:

William Eli Goyne was again elected manager; C. L. (Noal) Hackett was chosen to succeed himself as Secretary and Treasurer; Scorekeepers, W. N. Bridges and Milford Miller; gate keepers, Olie Frank Allison, Audrie Windfall Pitts, and Chas. (Fourbits) Trantham; reporters, Lester Grisham and Miss Louise Seago. Boy, oh boy, how can you beat an organization like that?

We know we have a good Skipper, because Pickle says so himself. We don't expect the three windy Tellers at the First National Bank to share this opinion, as we understand they told Pickle to his face last year that all Fairy should have a good ball club to manage. Well, the Skipper says their knacks is what elected him.

Well, now getting down to brass tacks: the above named Skeet and Pickle represented Fairy at a meeting at Clifton last Friday night, (returning home duly sober, believe it or not). At this meeting the Tri-County League was formally reorganized consisting of the following teams: Fairy, Clifton, Meridian, Whitney, Cranfills Gap and Koppert.

The following rules and regulations were recommended to the meeting of the Board of Control, composed of the managers of the respective teams to be held at Meridian Friday night, April 5th. Each team will be allowed to carry 18 players. A radius of twelve miles will be allowed to enter the corporation limits of another town to get players. These recommendations to be passed upon at the final meeting at Meridian Friday night.

Now, just a hint as to what Fairy will have in the way of a ball team: unless Mule and Pez Vine Smy and we get the mite limit extended, our team will consist of high school boys and Johnson Pitts. Johnson will be the only veteran on the team. We would suggest that Grandpa Seago and Foran Profit get their City Government dissolved so that they can play on a good ball team.

## REPRESENTATIVE SAYS HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

State Representative Earl Huddleston, representing Hamilton and Corvell Counties in the State Legislature, writes as follows: April 1, 1935.

**Hico News Review**, Hico, Texas Dear Sirs: I wish you would please state in your paper this week that I am doing all I can for the schools in Hamilton County. I am working to prevent terms from being shortened.

I have had numerous requests about this situation and want to assure the people that I am doing all I can for them. Sincerely, EARL HUDDLESTON, Representative Corvell and Hamilton Counties.

## Wagons Will Call For Trash Monday, The One Day Only

J. R. McMillan, fire marshal, and J. W. Leeth, fire chief of the City of Hico, have inserted in this issue of the paper a notice to the effect that trash will be hauled off free next Monday, April 8, provided it is collected and placed in sacks and boxes for easy handling. Those who have trash to be hauled off are requested to place same outside the fence, and to have it ready when the wagons call, as only one trip to each residence will be made.

## Fairy

By MRS. FRANK ALLISON

The Sunmakers' Club met with Messadmes Rice and Wallace Edwards on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Rice Edwards for an all day quilting. At the noon hour, a bountiful dinner was spread. Most of the club members and several of the guests were present in the afternoon friendship blocks were pieced. The club meets April 10 with Mrs. C. C. Parks. Everyone reported an enjoyable day with Mrs. Edwards. All are invited to attend the meeting with Mrs. Parks.

Frank Allison and wife visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hargrove of Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hartgraves and little daughter, Mary Lou, of Pottsville spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison.

Miss Mattie Wright of Shive spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wright. Mrs. C. L. Hackett has been in Fort Worth a few days at the Harris Hospital for an examination. She returned Monday and is still confined to her bed.

Miss Marianna Christenson spent the week end with friends at Agee, Mrs. G. C. Hartgraves and little daughter, Mary Lou, of Pottsville spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison. Miss Grace Pruitt of Lamkin visited Mrs. H. L. Miller and Mrs. W. F. Clayton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richardson were in Temple Monday where Mrs. Richardson went through the clinic.

Mrs. W. E. Goyne spent from Friday until Tuesday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lucky and baby of Albany.

Misses Ann and Doris Allison and Mrs. Henry Davis and daughter, Miss Ruby visited the latter's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Parrish of Hamilton Monday.

Several from here attended the fifth Sunday singing at Latham Sunday and all reported an enjoyable time.

The P. T. A. met last Friday night with a large crowd present and everyone enjoyed the program. Mr. Renssney and the Hamilton High School Orchestra presented a great program Monday night and Messrs Cliff Tinkle of Fairy and Tom Davis of Hamilton attended. Those who spent Sunday afternoon by Hamilton, Hico and Fairy business men, a nice sum was realized which will be a great help to the sweater fund of High School.

## Pioneer Settler of Millerville Section Died Last Week

Millerville lost one of her oldest citizens Saturday, March 27th when Mrs. A. Giesecke passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Nix in that community. Funeral services were conducted by Elder O. O. O. Newton of Pottsville Thursday, March 28th, and the body laid to rest in the Millerville Cemetery.

Mrs. Giesecke was born in Bates County, Mo. Nov. 7 1862. She saw some of the hardships of the aftermath of the Civil War. She came to Texas in 1875 with a colony of Missionaries and settled near Austin. She was married to August Giesecke April 5, 1876, moving to Erath County Nov. 5, 1876. At the time of her death she resided on the farm they settled on fifty-five years ago. Her husband passed away Feb. 14, 1927. Mrs. Giesecke was a woman of high Christian character. She was the last charter member of the Church of Christ in Millerville. She was faithful to her church duties, and a devoted mother to her children. She was kind and loving and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by nine children, as follows: C. W. Giesecke, Mrs. W. J. Nix, L. B. Stanley and Melbourne Giesecke of Millerville; E. Giesecke of Duffau; Mrs. J. A. Nix of Seymour; Mrs. Amy Noonkester, Sheffield; and Mrs. Lucy Poe of Bandera. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Lydia Balcom of Seymour; Mrs. Lizzie Conner of north of Hico; F. M. Stanley of Ellensburg, Wash.; and J. W. Stanley of Hamilton. All were present at the funeral except F. M. Stanley who was unable to be here. Forty-two grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren also survive. A large number of out-of-town relatives and friends were present at the services to pay their last tribute of love to one they loved so dearly.

## Completion of School Census Shows Extra Large Enrollment

W. M. Cheney, census enumerator for the Hico County Line Independent School District, and A. A. Brown, who assisted him, have completed their work on the 1935 census, and submitted their report to the county superintendent at Hamilton Wednesday.

The report shows a gain of 9.75 per cent over last year. From the records of the county superintendent's office, which date back only three years, this shows the largest percentage of gain in any year in that time.

The county superintendent agreed with the enumerators in belief that when the roll is approved by the State it will show the largest enrollment in Hico County Line Independent School District (No. 9) since it was organized.

## Gilmore

By LOIS THOMPSON

H. M. Burks and family visited H. W. Hanshaw and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gosdin and son, Vernon, visited Otto Bowman and family Sunday.

Johns Jordan and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with their niece, Mrs. S. S. Johnson and family.

K. R. Jenkins and family spent Sunday afternoon with Arthur Stringer and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Putnam of Waco spent Friday night with her brother, E. B. Thompson and family.

Lois Thompson spent Monday afternoon with her uncle, A. J. Jordan and family of Hico. Those who spent Sunday afternoon in the Joe Bush home were J. D. Slaughter and family, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Arnold of Millerville and Mrs. Lucille Parker of Hico.

## Hico Future Farmers Complete Majority of Year's Program

Eleven objectives out of the eighteen outlined by the objective committee at the organization of the Hico Chapter have been completed.

The objectives have been published and of these only the following seven have not been done: Hold project show or fair. Seventy-five per cent of members beautify home grounds. Enter one district literary contest.

Finance teams to contests and conventions. Attend one devotional service on Sunday. Advise F. F. A. more by use of markers etc. All Green Hands initiated.

Farmers, Let's Talk Farming Through the cooperative efforts of 223 boys regularly enrolled in Vocational Agriculture in the Brazos Valley District, there has been bought 1200 pounds of certified grain sorghum seed, 60 bushels of certified cotton seed, 3000 pedigreed baby chicks, and 120,000 one day old chicks during the month of February for the purpose of carrying out vocational projects.

The Future Farmers are not only cooperating 100 per cent, but are also building a farm improvement program in the process of which some 54 grapevines have been pruned, 240 fruit trees have been pruned, trees have been set out, pecan trees have been topped, 100 hens have been culled, 106 birds have been tested for B. V. D., 14 turkeys have been vaccinated, 7 calves have been castrated, 500 baby chicks have been treated for brooder pneumonia, 100 feet of garden tile have made and laid, two hot beds have been made ready for this year's work and last, but not least, 52,940 yards of terrace lines have been run by the young farmers.

## City Attorney, Two Aldermen, Secretary Elected Tuesday

The city election, held at the city hall Tuesday of this week, and presided over by J. S. Bryan, assisted by Mrs. Guy Aycock and R. M. Bowles, was a quiet affair. A total of 124 ballots were cast, according to Mr. Bryan who gave the following results in an unofficial report to the News Review:

For City Attorney—E. H. Persons, 121. For City Treasurer—Mrs. J. D. Currie, 75; Miss Florence Chensault, 59.

For Alderman (Two to be elected)—R. E. Holford, 109; N. A. Leeth, 95; W. M. Joiner, 29.

A meeting of the city council will be held in the near future, probably next Monday, for the installation of the new officers.

## Waco Boosters to Visit Hico Next Tuesday, April 9th

Copies of the following letter, telling of the arrival next Tuesday morning of Waco citizens for a good-will stop in Hico, have been received by various Hico business men:

April 1, 1935. To the Editor: Hico News-Review, Hico, Texas. Dear Sir: Representatives of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educational institutions and professions will leave Waco Tuesday morning, April 9, by special train on a trip throughout Waco's trade territory and will be in your city from approximately 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 a. m. April 9, during which time we desire to visit and exchange greetings with the business men of your city.

This is strictly a business trip and no entertainment is sought or desired, and all of our sleeping and eating accommodations are taken care of on the train. We would greatly appreciate it if you would give this visit publicity to the end that your business men may know of it and be available at that time.

Hoping to see you at the time mentioned above and with kind personal regards, I am, Yours very truly, W. V. CRAWFORD, Vice President and General Manager.

**METHODIST CHURCH** Sunday, April 7, 1935. 10 a. m. Church School, Lusk Randalis, Supt., Associate Supts., John T. Dix, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. Barto Gamble, 11 a. m. Morning Worship, Scripture, "The Universal Mag- net," Communion. 7 p. m. Young Peoples' Meeting, led by Paul Graves. 7:45 p. m. Evening Worship, "The Resurrection Life." Monday, 3 p. m. Opening a six-week's program on "Orientals in America," auspices of W. M. S. at church, under direction of Mrs. Lusk Randalis. First installment— "The Chinese," will be presented by Mrs. S. E. Blair. All women invited.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Meeting of Board of Stewards. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Midweek Prayer Service. Sunday, April 14—11 a. m. Special "Church School Day" Service. W. P. CUNNINGHAM, Pastor.

**TO PREACH AT DRY POND** Bro. O. O. O. Newton of Pottsville, will preach at the Dry Pond School House next Saturday night at 7:30, and Sunday at 2:30 p. m. If it is the Lord's will, everybody is invited to hear him.

## Funeral Services Held For Pioneer of Agee Community

Funeral services were held in Hamilton Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock for Mrs. (Grandmother) N. C. Agee, who passed away Wednesday morning at the home of her son, M. L. Agee, in Hamilton. Rev. C. A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gatesville, her former pastor and close friend of the family conducted an impressive service, paying a tribute of love and devotion to one of Hamilton County's oldest citizens. Many of Grandmother's old friends from far and near were present at the funeral. Immediately following the service, the body was taken to Carlton and laid to rest beside the grave of her husband, Dr. Wm. A. Agee, who passed away 12 years ago.

Grandmother Agee celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on the 17th of last month, and her relatives and friends made it a happy day for her. She was born in the State of Georgia, young from there to Alabama where she was married to Dr. Agee. They came to Texas in the Fall of 1896 and settled in the Agee community, that community being named for the Agee family after their arrival. Grandmother had been a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church since childhood. She attended regularly when able to do so, and will be greatly missed by all her friends and relatives. She was loved by all with whom she came in contact. She was a true Christian mother in every respect, and lived a life of righteousness in every sense of the word.

Surviving this good woman are five children, namely: Mrs. J. W. Burden, Hico; Mrs. Cora Adams, Coleman; Mrs. Ollie Bosworth, Big Spring; Will Agee of Wichita Falls; and M. L. Agee of Hamilton; besides a host of other relatives and friends.

**Carlton** By CORRESPONDENT

Miss Morene Moore of De Leon spent the week end here visiting her grandfather, Uncle Jessie Hill and other relatives.

Guy Brily and wife of Meridian were here Wednesday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Everett.

Charlie Stephens was in Hamilton Thursday attending to business. Misses Ethel Roach, Irene Stephens, Cleo Wright, Messrs Jack Roach and Charles Stephens were in Dublin Thursday night attending the picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bell and children of Groesbeck spent the week end here visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Callie McKenzie and Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bell.

F. E. Fisher who is attending school in Brownwood is spending a few days here with his sister, Mrs. Eva Laws and family.

The Senior class from here went on a picnic last Monday afternoon. Those in the class were Misses Viola Brannon, Mary Jo Alexander, Frances McClatch, Ella Ruth Ogie, Beth Fisher; Messrs. Sam Clark, Weldon Chambers, Harry Stephens, G. C. Wright, Frank Stidham, Issene Williamson. This class was sponsored by Miss Ambert Tunnel. They all carried well-filled baskets and it seems that they must have enjoyed their supper from reports we hear. They all departed for Hico after supper and attended the picture show and reported a good time there.

Mrs. Dock Finley and Mrs. J. D. Pollard were in Dublin shopping Friday afternoon.

Miss Irene Stephens has accepted her place back in Wilson school for another term. Miss Irene has taught at this place for two terms and seems that she must have given satisfaction from all reports. The other teachers for another year are Mr. Lawrence McAnally and Miss Nona Mayfield of Clar- ette. We are hoping for them a successful term.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard and Mrs. Calvin Dittz and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

## HAMILTON COUNTY B. T. U. FEDERATION TO BE HELD AT CARLTON CHURCH

April 7, 1935 at 2:30 P. M. 2:30 Devotional, Rev. Sam Drake Subject: "Tithing." 2:40 Special Music, Hamilton Union. 2:45 "Will a Man Rob God?" Stewardship, Blue Ridge. 2:50 A picture of the Baptist Denomination if all the Members Were Tithers." Carlton Union. 2:55 "The Blessings of Giving." Hico Union. 3:00 "Our Goal is 314 Tithers in Hamilton County B. T. U. Can We Reach It?" Hamilton. 3:05 Business. 3:10 Special Music. 3:15 Inspirational Address, Rev. Buford Nichols, Hamilton. Come, you are welcome.

## Firemen's Training School Entertainment Drew Much Interest

The Firemen's Training school and accompanying entertainment, held on Thursday of last week, was a success from the standpoint of interest, according to the sponsor, and while no large amount of revenue resulted from the box supper, it is felt that everyone had a good time and that the affair was entirely worthwhile.

Chief G. F. Williams from College Station drilled the firemen in the latest approved methods of fighting fires, and held an interesting course of instruction for local and visiting volunteer firemen.

Three plays were given at the school house preceding the box supper, directed by L. C. Flanagan. The first was a prologue by Lois Boone and Floyd Blair. The second, "A Couple of Chislers," was staged by Julius Jones, Mary Smith, Howard Riersen and Mildred Thomas. The last, "Who's a Coward?" presented by Bob Jenkins, Marie Leeth and L. C. Flanagan.

Admission to the play was free. The box supper followed immediately.

## Cranfill's Gap

By JAS. H. KNIGHT

Wednesday of last week the Methodist people gave a working and had dinner in A. C. Grim- land's hardware store. They got a fairly good day work. The ladies served a splendid dinner and one old bachelor almost made himself sick trying to eat all the good things. They worked on the foundation Monday and are working on it now. Work will continue until same is finished. One of your carpenters, August Riersen, is building the pews and making the window and door frames. When completed it will be 72 feet long and 32 feet wide.

The concrete sidewalk has been completed from the drug store across the block to the bank. Olaf Johnson extended the length of his front and we understand there will be some more in the near future. O. Johnson is building a place to keep ice for sale and the one, run by Helmer Anderson is being recovered and fixed up.

In the election to see whether the county should continue wet or go dry she went dry by a small majority. It has been rather close in most of our wet and dry elections. Our people are enjoying these dust storms and dry weather—not much.

Mrs. S. A. Shepperd has been dangerously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barry Goar. Her children were called in and all came except one daughter, Mrs. Johnson who was not well enough to make the trip. We understand they are going to get a trained nurse to take care of her.

## Honey Grove

By MRS. J. P. CLEPPER

Mrs. Lee Petree and son and Mrs. Luther Burden and son of Carlton were recent visitors in the J. W. Burden home. Those who visited in the T. I. Martin home Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. White and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sears and daughters all of the Altman district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clepper and daughter made a business trip to Hamilton recently. Rev. Walter Martin of Purvis filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. A musical was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pingleton Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burden of Hico spent last Saturday night in the home of his parents here.

Charles White of Altman spent Saturday night with Vestal Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Will Canale spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holder of near Stephenville. Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Tabler of near Hamilton spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clover.

## Grand Jury Tells Of Work In Report Asking Discharge

The Hamilton County grand jury, which was discharged last week, submitted the following report last Thursday. H. F. Sellers of Hico was foreman of the body for the Spring term, State of Texas. To the Hon. R. B. Cross, District Judge:

We the grand jury the March term of court, beg leave to submit the following report: We have been in session for fourteen days and have diligently inquired into all violations of the law that have been brought to our attention.

We have examined 217 witnesses and have found 37 bills of indictment, 21 felonies and 16 misdemeanors. We find that there have been an unusual amount of petty violations of the law and that there is a feeling prevailing among our citizens that the "Law won't do anything about it." We also find that a number of our citizens are reluctant to testify before the grand jury concerning certain violations. Also, that it is a very hard matter to get some witnesses to give truthful testimony.

We desire to thank your Honor for the excellent charge given us at the beginning of our session. We also desire to commend our District Attorney, County Attorney, and Sheriff, for the interest they have taken in seeing that the laws are enforced. They have been very active since taking office the first of the year, and we believe if they continue this activity that future grand juries will not have us many cases coming before them.

We desire to thank all of the Bailiffs and other officers for their faithful performances of duty and assistance rendered us. There being no further business for us, we respectfully ask to be discharged. H. F. SELLERS, Foreman. O. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

## LIBRARY NEWLY CATALOGUED AND ARRANGED MAKES IT CONVENIENT FOR READERS

To our reading public, we wish to announce that our library has been newly catalogued and arranged so as to make it easier for the reader to find a book to his taste. To make this arrangement permanent, we ask the subscribers to observe a few, unvarying rules. You still have the privilege of getting your book from the shelf, but please, under no circumstances, change the position of any book on the shelf. When you return your book, please always return it to the librarian, at her desk. To do otherwise would create confusion.

Sixteen new books have arrived and more have been ordered. These are the new books: Mystery and Adventure—Nordhoff and Hall, "Men Against the Sea," the second volume of the "Bounty" trilogy; J. Frank Dobie, "Coronado's Children," a collection of buried legends in the Southwest; Carolyn Wells, "Ghosts High Noon," James Oliver Curwood, "Steeple of the Royal Mounted," Frances Noyes Hare, "The Bellamy Trial."

Western—B. M. Bower, "Laughing Water"; Zane Grey, "Drift Fence." Romance—Dorothy Canfield's "Blague People"; Emilie Loring "Hilton's Chair"; Grant L. Hill "Patch of Blue"; Marion Crawford "White Sister"; Warwick Deeping, "Exile"; Mazo de La Roche "Jaina."

For Children—"Ponochio, illustrated by Maude and Miska Peter- sham; "Flying Carpet," collection of Children's prose and verse. "For Girls—Cornelia Meigs, "In- vincible Louise," the story of Lou- isa May Alcott. —PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## BEN SIRA & CO. HAVE COMPLETED STRETCH OF ROAD UNDER CONTRACT

Ben Sira & Co. of Dallas, who held the contract for the construction on Highway 67 to a point just beyond the Hamilton County line, completed their work last week, and the road was accepted by the State Saturday. The crew was moved immediately.

This completes the road from Hico to the Bosque County line, and it is presumed that it will be opened for travel soon. Another contract has been let on the lower end, and gradually the road is being completed from Hico to Waco.

**Elect Officers.** The Young Peoples' Division of the Methodist Church has elected its officers for the term ending October 1, 1935 as follows: President and Chairman of Committee on Worship, Evan- gelism and Missions, Paul Graves. Vice President and Chairman of Committee on Service, Recreation and Training, Sec-Treas, Mary Helen Hall.

**To Preach in Hico.** Elder O. O. O. Newton will preach at the Church of Christ in Hico Sunday morning, April 7, at 11 o'clock a. m. in the evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited to hear him.

# IREDELL ITEMS

By MISS STELLA JONES, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roark of Longview came in Friday and returned home Saturday. Her mother, Mrs. Nolan went home with her.

Mrs. Strong and Paul Patterson were in Walnut Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hudson and baby went to Meridian Thursday night to see Shirley Temple in "Bright Eyes."

Miss Betsey Fouts who is staying with her mother at Stephenville sanitarium, spent the week end at home. She returned Monday. Her mother is getting along fine.

Mrs. Miller, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dave Appleby is spending the week with her son, John Miller and family.

Mrs. John Miller and daughters, Albee and Ruth and Mrs. W. H. Brashear and Elizabeth went to Meridian Wednesday night to the show.

Dave Bullock and son returned Friday from Coleman where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Scates and Allen Dawson were in Meridian Tuesday.

Mrs. Deatherage, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Davis and Nellie and Edward Dunlap spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Old Dunlap.

W. H. Brashear visited his mother, Mrs. Brashear in Cleburne Wednesday.

Francis Phillips spent the week end with Welna Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Sanders of Waco spent the week end here with his father.

Jerry Phillips visited his wife Sunday, who is in the Stephenville sanitarium, and who is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonds of China Springs visited her mother, Mrs. John Simpson and also her sister, Mrs. Henderson. All of the visited Mrs. Lafave in Carlton that day.

Miss Welna Blue and Francis Phillips were in Meridian Saturday.

Mrs. Dick Appleby spent Thursday night with Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones and son, Wilbur, of Fort Worth spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Nola Freeman, who is keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Helm, spent Sunday with home-

Cecil Patterson spent last week end in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Mary Phillips and Mrs. Tom Cook of De Leon visited here last Sunday with Mrs. J. C. Phillips and Mrs. Bussey.

Mrs. Jack Noel of Dublin spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gosdin.

W. D. Terrell of Stephenville was here Sunday.

Miss Doris Blue spent the week end with Misses Beatrice and Nina Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews of Waco and his mother, Mrs. John Matthews of Walnut spent Sunday with Mrs. Pike and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackley and son and her mother Mrs. Burson got a telephone message Sunday night that Cecil Cook of De Leon was killed in an airplane. He is Mrs. Burson's nephew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook. Cecil was in the airplane camp at Brownwood and was running the plane when it was flying very low when the plane caught fire. A man went to him but he was dead. Cecil was about 29 years old. He was married in October. He has been here several times and is known here. Had many friends who are very sorry indeed to hear of his tragic death. His wife, parents and other relatives have the sympathy of their friends, Mrs. Burson and daughter and family and her brother, Willie Phillips, left for De Leon Sunday night.

Mrs. Nan Alexander and children who roomed with Mrs. Fouts during the winter, returned to their home on Friday.

Harris Tidwell, who is in College in Fort Worth, spent the week end here.

Several of the Baptist members attended the workers' meeting in Meridian Monday.

Mrs. Bennet Whitlock has returned from Waco where she took a beauty course. Her machine will be in this week and she will give permanents. Dorothy as she is called by all, was born and raised here and her friends wish her success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prater and children spent Sunday in Hico with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gregory and son of near Hico spent Sunday here with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pylant of Killen spent the week end here.

Sid Justice, who lived here several years ago, visited friends here this week.

Mr. Barsh spent the week end in Gatesville.

Mrs. C. A. Gregory was in Meridian Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Strong of Walnut spent Friday night with his mother, Mrs. Kittle Strong.

Miss Vella McIlhenny is visiting in Walnut.

Miss Lois Johns spent the week end in Georgetown.

Miss Jeanette Randalls of Hico spent the week end with Mrs. J. L. Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Wilkerson and sons of Dublin spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer.

R. A. Carter of Waco is here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Parks were in Waco Friday.

Mrs. Louella McLaughlin spent a few days in Fort Worth this week.

Charlie McLaughlin and friend spent a few days here with his wife and daughter.

Misses Mary and Helen Renicks of Walnut visited here Sunday.

J. W. Clanton and J. G. Helm were in Waco Monday on business.

Mrs. Horace Whitley was shopping in Dublin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tidwell were in Meridian Wednesday night.

Mrs. Finis Davis was in Dublin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Mitchell and sons and C. A. Mitchell were in Hico Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Tidwell of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tidwell.

Mr. Pylant of Oklahoma is here visiting W. O. Pylant and other relatives.

Allen Dawson was in Hico Sunday.

Mrs. Billie Tidwell left Monday for Claco.

A large crowd from Clifton college came over Sunday afternoon

and put on their Easter Contests at the high school auditorium. It was enjoyed very much by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tidwell of Hico were here Sunday.

Anna Lynch Stephens was born in Randolph County, Alabama, Aug. 9, 1867, was 68 years old, and died March 27, 1935 at her home close to Fairy. All of her children were with her and she died a very peaceful death. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in childhood and was faithful to her church and she lived a devoted christian life every day.

At the age of 26 she was married to Joe Stephens in Randolph County, Alabama. To this union seven children were born, two of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. George Phillips and Jim Stephens of Iredell; Mrs. Leola Roberts of Hico; Herman Stephens and Mrs. Minnie Wright of Palacios. There are 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mrs. Stephens was a great lover of her home. She was a devoted wife to her husband, that is left to mourn her loss and true mother to her children who will miss her so much. She is missed in the home by her loved ones and in the community by her friends. The sweet influence that came from her life was yielded for good and all know she is at rest. She was loved by all. All of her children were at the funeral. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Church in the presence of a large host of relatives and friends. Rev. Nathan and Rev. Lester officiated. She was laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery by the side of her daughter. The out of town relatives who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stephens and children and Mrs. Minnie Wright of Palacios; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lynch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Davis and children of Hico. She also leaves six sisters and four brothers. The companion and children and other relatives have the sympathy of their friends. She has gone from us to her heavenly home but is not forgotten.

A group of the orphans from the Methodist Orphan's Home at Waco will be here Sunday with their band. Will play at the morning hour. All come out and hear them.

Affiliation  
At last the Iredell High School has realized the long cherished dream of its far-sighted citizens. The school now has sixteen affiliated units to its credit. A graduate of Iredell can henceforth enter any college which belongs to the Southern Association of colleges without taking any sort of entrance examination.

Mr. Barsh and the board of trustees, as well as the faculty, have been making a steady drive toward this and for four years, and they are to be congratulated for achieving this success.

Mr. Barsh leaving.  
Mr. Barsh was offered and has accepted the superintendency over the McGregor school system.

The Iredell system has undergone a rapid growth under his loyal and efficient supervision. Without his undying perseverance, many improvements in the school wouldn't have been effected so soon.

He is leaving Iredell after four successful years here with the best wishes for a brilliant future from his many friends.

Senior Play Practice.  
The Seniors have started intensive practice on their play "The Gate to Happiness," which is to be presented April 12.

The characters are showing great interest in the work. You must see Roy Laurence as Dad Gay who stays about "three sheets in the wind" most of the time, or hear his sister Sarah when she is tormented with "shootin' pains."

All the characters are given and with sufficient practice they will present an excellent play.

Baseball Game Tuesday.  
The High School baseball team will play its first game at Cranfill's Gap Tuesday, April 2. There are a large number of eligible men out this year and from the present indications I. H. S. is going to be a very strong competitor.

On to District.  
Iredell High School will be represented at the district meet in Waco by both debating teams, the boys extemporaneous speaker, and several contestants in speech.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

The crowd in Agency during the past two weeks boys

from the area and each session have been playing real hard baseball. They have not scheduled a game yet and it is doubtful that they will.

Rivaling scrub baseball and jumping the rope, mable-peg have suddenly become very popular on the girls' play ground. Perhaps there will be a tournament soon in order to discover the school champion.

Personals.  
Miss Curbo was in Stephenville Saturday.

Miss Newman and Bertha Marie Phillips were in Stephenville Saturday.

Monday was April Fool. Most of the children played hokey.

Bobby Wilson has been ill for nearly a month. We all hope she will be back in school soon.

April fool was funny for some boys Monday, but Tuesday was a horse of a different color.

Spring has come. Gramma's school is suffering with Spring fever, even the teachers. It won't be long until school is out, and we can go fishing.

Janita Harris has recently returned to school after a two-week's illness.

We have a new addition to the playground. The slide from the Gordon playground has been moved here and the children are enjoying it greatly.

"THE FAIRIES"  
Written Weekly by Students of Fairy High School

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NEWS WRITTEN BY SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS

Freshmen.  
There are few who read the Fairies, would realize we had a seventh and eighth grade in our school. We constitute about one-half of the number in high school even though we fill a very small space in importance. There are forty-two in our room and when it comes to noise. Well if you don't believe we can beat them all you ask some of our teachers. They can vouch for the fact that we can. Sometimes our grades are very low but by listening around we find we aren't the only ones to make low grades. Maybe we do have the largest attendance in detention hall. We are really using fifty per cent of the space in there if we attend according to percentage, but we find it hard to beat the attendance record of Cokie, Bigun, and Red and they are "upper classmen."

Even though we have hardly been recognized all year we are here and by a big "effort" on our teachers part, they may get some work out of us.

In the Ray of the Spotlight.  
You will have to look very closely to see these small figures as they pass through the rays of the spotlight. First we see a very small unassuming figure with glasses on. This is "Doodle" Richardson, a fellow who is always ready for work and fun. But Doodle can't understand why he has to go to detention hall so often. Sometimes he thinks maybe if he sits away from the crowd he may miss going. But he enjoys talking so much until he gets thirty minutes anyhow just for luck I guess.

Then you will see Ford Thompson, one of our leading eighth graders. We say leading in asking questions. There has been some talk of installing "An Information Bureau," for the benefit of some of our seventh grade pupils.

The seventh grade is fortunate in having Currie Wright. He always has a smile and "Wise Crack" for everyone who comes along. Currie's pupils that are few and far between in the seventh grade.

There are only three girls in our grade and some one said, "You favor those you live with." These girls don't favor but have characteristics alike. Guess this is from association. Daphne Hoover, Kathryn Cunningham, and Katie Lee Carson. You can't find happier girls than these. Their friends are numbered by those who know them. They never shirk their work for anything. They would grace anybody's class wherever they happen to be.

Sport News.  
The Fairy Tigers went to Pottsville to open their baseball leagues. The Pottsville boys seemed to have fire in their eyes. They played a real game. The Fairy boys found out they were not such good players. They made the

little sum of twenty errors. The scores were 11 to 4 in favor of Pottsville. Miller started pitching for Fairy and was followed by Williamson and Clayton. Miller was the eluding hitter with three hits. Clayton and Williamson got two hits each.

The Fairy boys play Star next Wednesday at Star.

They are going out to make up for the game they lost last Friday. We can't expect to always be victorious but we feel that we have as good material and a good coach as can be found in the county from here and we are going to work a little harder and make someone else feel like we did when we came from Pottsville Friday.

The girls played the Junior boys in baseball last Friday and we are ready to play the tie off sometime. The scores were 21 to 1 in favor of the boys.

The eighth and ninth grade girls have been playing the tenth and eleventh grade girls in indoor baseball since the county meet. These games are highly enjoyed by the winners which happen to be the eighth and ninth grades. This is good exercise and everyone seems to enjoy the game.

P. T. A.  
The Fairy P. T. A. met Friday evening, March 29. The outsiders entertained with a very interesting program. Music was furnished by Messrs. Pete Keller, Cone Patterson, Roy and Bill Barnett, which was enjoyed by everyone present. There were several short plays, and music by the people of the Area community. Those taking a part in these were Misses Flora and Loretta Miller and Mrs. L. M. McCoy. The plays were humorous and entertaining, they were enjoyed by everyone. The songs were also enjoyed. Barbara Anderson gave a very interesting reading. Barbara Anderson is the youngest "outsider" to take part in a program.

The following officers were elected for another year: President Owee Brummett; vice president, Mrs. Scott Blackley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lester Grisham. We feel that we have our officers well filled as Mr. Brummett and Mrs. Grisham have proved their ability in the offices they have filled and we know Mrs. Blackley to be a good worker in what ever place she is in.

Supt. Horsley spent Monday in Austin attending to business. He was missed by the student body.

Assembly.  
As usual we held our assembly Friday afternoon. The Seniors had charge of the program and rendered a program that was enjoyed by everyone present. We probably do not spend as much time as we should on our assembly but that should be part of our school work.

A person who can help in our assembly program and fails to give aid is not doing his duty. When a good program is rendered we look forward to next time but sometimes we feel like we don't have much to look forward to.

On Tiger Island.  
Cora is pretty lucky when it comes to Junior boys. Well Bugle, wonder why Wynell doesn't like the letters from the seventh grade? Hard luck Doodle.

Wonder why Ruth is spoiled? Why don't the boys in Miss Stringer's room run off on April fool?

Birthday Party Given for Little Bobby Jean Newton.  
Mrs. Rispy Newton entertained a group of the little friends of her little daughter, Bobby Jean, at their home March 22 in celebration of the third birthday anniversary of the little Miss.

Childhood games were played, after which the large white birthday cake was served with pink ice cream to the guests. The honoree received a number of nice and useful gifts from her friends.

Those present were Doris and Joyce Newton, Bobby Jo Heffner, Bolene Chaney, James Lee Proffitt, Wanda Faye and Harold Wayne Newton, Welma Joyce Woodward, Elita Slaughter, Marie Parker and the honoree. The mothers present were Mrs. Louis Chaney, Mrs. Ras Proffitt, Mrs. Cares Newton, Mrs. C. P. Woodward, Mrs. Jess Heffner, Mrs. Lucille Parker and Mrs. Bill Williams of Hamilton.

Attributing his longevity to the observance of simple living habits, including total abstinence from coffee, tea whisky and tobacco, Nathaniel Comstock Bradford, Greenville's oldest citizen, observed his 100th birthday Monday. Bradford is mentally alert, as evidenced when, after overhearing his daughter mention Gen. Sam Houston, he quoted portions of an address he heard Houston deliver 80 years ago.

## The Mirror

Editor-in-Chief Leighton Guyton  
Associate Editor Rhuey Bingham

We wish to thank each member of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes for the part they did in editing the Mirror in the last four editions. Each class did exceedingly fine and we think that no need fear that the school paper is in danger of not being in competent hands for the next three years.  
—THE STAFF.

Senior Play "Miss Blue Bonnet" To Be Presented Tonight  
Instead of the play, "Oh Professor," the Senior Class of 1935 will present "Miss Blue Bonnet," an operetta in three acts.

The members of the cast have been working hard for the last two weeks under the direction of Miss Maxine Duffy, of the W. P. Sewell Co.

Carroll Smith and Oleta Warren head the cast of more than thirty members.

Senior-Junior Banquet to be Given Saturday, April 13  
A committee headed by Mary Helen Hall announced that the Junior class would give the Senior class a banquet to be held Saturday, April 13. The place where the banquet is to be held has not been decided upon as yet. However, the Country Club is the most likely place.

Other arrangements, such as the menu and program will be forthcoming.

General Science Class Has Picnic  
Coach Tiner's general science class gave a picnic last Monday evening. Those attending met at the post office and from there went to the home of Katherine Massingill because of a threatening rain storm. The class continued on to Dishpan as soon as the clouds blew over.

Track Team to go to District Meet in Brownwood.  
Hico's track team, both Juniors and Seniors will journey to Brownwood for the District meet to be held this Saturday, April 6.

The team's outlook isn't as bright as it might be because of a side injury to Carroll Smith. This may keep him from the meet entirely. However the boys expect to bring back a couple of blue ribbons.

Party Given at Country Club Has Own Floor Show  
A party given at the Country Club Saturday night, March 30th, by Mattie Lee Goad and Mildred Boustead provided for their own floor show. Some of the acts performed songs by Mattie Lee Goad and Lawton Blackburn. A tap number by Paul Homer, and some piano selections by Charles Jones. Leighton Guyton played accompaniment for the soloist and for dancing.

Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Massingill acted as chaperones for the party.

General Science Class Holds Trial.  
Tuck Ables and Loraine Logan, the defendants were acquitted of a cheating charge when the prosecuting attorney, Jack Smith, and the judge, Coach Tiner failed to reach an agreement as to some of the evidence that was introduced or rather wasn't introduced. Mr. Smith was expelled from the courtroom with a penalty attached. The jury got mixed up and returned a verdict of "a suspended sentence." The Judge ruled "no

trial" and threw both the case and the prosecuting attorney from the courtroom.  
If we had more open minded judges and jurymen like these fine fellows we would have less crime in our land.  
When asked if they had anything to say concerning the trial, both Miss Ables and Miss Logan stated "that they knew they were innocent of any wrong doing all the time."

Found in the waste basket—  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
A dinner given at the home of Miss Elizabeth Houstead to announce the double engagement of Miss Rhuey Bingham to Mr. Claude Christopher, and Miss Mattie Lee Goad to Mr. Jack Hollis. Be sure to bring a present as that is the main objective of the feast (dinner). You knocked-kneed nuts don't forget your table manners—and do not forget your cloaks when you leave and please for my sake leave the silverware and the linen.

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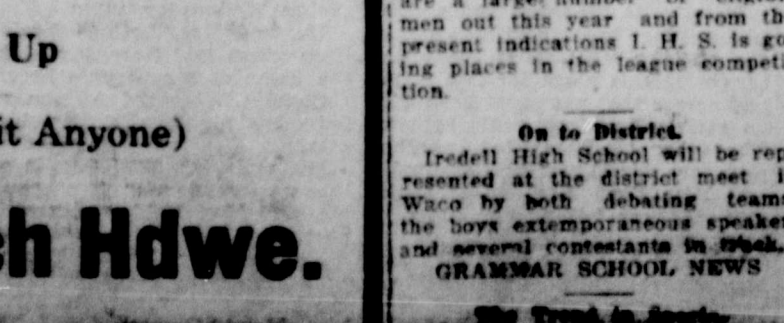
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# Local Happenings

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Miss Lela Riley spent the week end in Pottsville with homefolks.

Miss Adelia Guiderian spent the week end with relatives at Lorens.

Joe Clark of Dublin was in Hico Sunday, guest of Miss Laurel Persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Briley of Meridian were Hico visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMinn of Turnersville were here Sunday visiting their niece, Mrs. Birdie Boone.

Miss Jewel Smith spent the week end in Waco with her aunt, Mrs. J. H. McNeill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jordan of Anton are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan and other relatives.

W. R. Hall and daughter, Miss Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Langston and son, Kenneth, spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Mrs. May Petty accompanied Sonny Boy Sellers as far as Waco Saturday on his return to his home at Port Arthur after a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Siddons and children of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wieser of Hamilton were here Sunday, guests of Misses Annie and Nettie Wieser.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Poston of Mabank are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Walker, and are also guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe were in Waco Tuesday afternoon where Mr. Wolfe attended a meeting of Magnolia agents, and Mrs. Wolfe visited her sister who resides there.

Mrs. James Bauknight and little daughter of Ganada are here on an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mings, and to be present at the Mings-McCullough wedding April 20th.

Mrs. Shirley Campbell and Mrs. Sim W. Everett were in Waco Tuesday where they took Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. W. B. Page that far on her way to her home at Denison.

Miss Peggy Pirtle of Fort Worth returned to Hico last week to complete the school year. She is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pirtle. Her many friends are glad to have her in school again.

Joe Collier returned home last Thursday from Port Lavaca where he spent several weeks with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Cunningham and family. He reports a wonderful trip but seems glad to be home again.

Mrs. Bill Newsom and Mrs. Hudson Smith of Stephenville were in Hico Tuesday visiting relatives. Mrs. Newsom was a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. N. Lane and Mrs. Smith visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith.

Fred Leeth spent a part of last week in Fort Worth where he purchased a Frigidaire to connect with the fountain at his confectionery here. The refrigerator is being installed this week and this will enable the proprietor to give more prompt and efficient service to his customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Novitt of Dublin were in Hico Sunday, guests of his uncle, Morris Harelik and daughters.

C. L. Woodward and Mrs. H. F. Sellers went to Fort Worth Sunday to see Mrs. Woodward who is there for treatment. Mrs. J. H. Roberts, mother of Mrs. Woodward who spent last week in Fort Worth, accompanied them home.

Miss Jennie Mae McDowell and Miss Bessie Ruth Carver, students in the State University at Austin spent the week end here with Miss McDowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDowell. Miss Carver resides in Uvalde and is a roommate of Miss McDowell.

Miss Marquette Fairry returned home Sunday from Sherman where she spent the past several weeks assisting Mrs. W. H. Black in opening a ready-to-wear shoppe. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Kittie Fallon of Sherman brought Miss Fairry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kerr of Eldorado, and Miss Lucille Williams of Ballinger, were in Hico a short time Sunday visiting friends, enroute to their homes after spending the week end in Marlin visiting Mrs. Kerr's mother, Mrs. Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin and sons, Bill and Gerald, and little daughter, Jay Ann, were visitors with relatives in Fort Worth over the week end. They were met there by W. V. White and family of Petrolia. Mr. White is a brother of Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Adamson and Miss Ivonne Carpenter of Bandera spent the past week end here visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Carpenter. The ladies are daughters of the late Will Carpenter who was killed about ten years ago, and who formerly resided in Hico.

Mrs. F. M. Mings, Miss Irene Frank, Miss Doris Sellers and Miss Saralee Hudson spent the week end in Abilene, guests of Miss Charlotte Mings. They attended a tea Saturday afternoon in that city, in compliment to Miss Mings who is to be married to Mr. Paul McCullough of Goldthwaite April 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Rosamond and daughter, Pat, and J. D. Gage of Dallas spent Sunday here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Rolamond and daughter visited Mrs. Rosamond's mother, Mrs. Anna Driskill and Pauline, and J. D. spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gage.

Miss Charlotte Mings came in from Abilene the first of the week to make preparations for her marriage to Mr. Paul McCullough of Goldthwaite, which will occur April 20th. Miss Mings resigned last week as English instructor in Abilene High School, after several successful years of teaching in that school.

John B. Sampley left Sunday for Lometa where he has been employed as manager of the W. F. & J. F. Barnes Lumber Company. John B. made many friends in Hico during his residence here for the past few years as bookkeeper for the Barnes & McCullough Lumber Company, but his friends here congratulate him on his advancement.

**Mrs. Joe Abel Given Birthday Dinner Sunday**  
Mrs. Joe Abel was given a birthday dinner Sunday, March 31. She was 53 years old April 1. Quite a few relatives and friends gathered at her home Sunday for the occasion.

The dining table was spread with white linen, and loaded with good things to eat consisting of several birthday cakes, a big turkey and other things all of which were well prepared. The turkey adorned the center of the table.

All of their children were present except one daughter. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abel and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Abel and two sons of Fairy; Mr. and Mrs. John Elling and two daughters, Mrs. Albert Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barbee and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Barbee and two children, Sam Abel and son, Little Miss Martha Nell Langston, and Miss Loraine Logan all of Hico; and Audrey Pitts of Fairy.

The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation. All left late in the afternoon after expressing themselves as having had an enjoyable time and wishing Mrs. Abel many many more happy birthdays.

**Mrs. E. H. Persons Hostess to Members of W. M. S. Monday**  
Mrs. E. H. Persons was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon, March 25th, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. W. P. Cunningham was leader of the World Outlook program: On the Old and New Gospel Trails. Mrs. Blair, Cole, Eakins, Mrs. Lusk Randalls and Miss Purcell read articles about Life and Methods of Work of our Early Pioneer Ministers. Mrs. Cunningham also read some interesting articles on lesson topic.

After song and prayer, business was taken up. Mrs. H. N. Wolfe came in as a new member.

A motion was made and carried that the Society quit a quilt, and the proceeds be used as the Society saw fit.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames B. King, Cole, Cunningham, Blair, Wolfe, Lusk Randalls, Ridenhower, and Miss Purcell. The guests were Mrs. Board Randalls and Mrs. J. T. Persons.

**Miss Lena Hegefeld Entertained With Birthday Party**  
Miss Lena Hegefeld, who is employed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe was given a surprise Tuesday evening when she, with a few guests, was invited to the home of Miss Ruby Rodgers, who gave a birthday party in honor of Miss Hegefeld's birthday anniversary. Spring flowers decorated the Rodgers home.

Forty-two was enjoyed by the guests, after which refreshments of devils food cake and ice cream were served to those present. The honoree received a number of nice and useful gifts.

**Mrs. E. S. Jackson Hostess to Contract Bridge Club Tuesday**  
Mrs. E. S. Jackson entertained members and guests of the Contract Bridge Club at her country home Tuesday afternoon of this week. Lilies formed the floral decorations for the open rooms.

At the conclusion of the games, refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, jelled fruit salad, potato chips, olives, cream puffs and iced tea were served to Mesdames F. M. Mings, H. F. Sellers, H. N. Wolfe, R. L. Holford, H. E. McCullough, J. H. Roberts, E. K. Ridenhower, and Misses Irene Frank and Charlotte Mings. Out of town guests were Mrs. May Petty of Abilene, and Mrs. Jas. H. Bauknight of Garardo.

**Gordon**  
By  
MRS. ELLA NEWTON

Mrs. Ella Newton and daughter, Ima, were visitors of Mrs. Mollie Thompson Monday afternoon.

Dave Bullock and son, Edgar, went to Coleman Friday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ella Newton and Mrs. Ima Smith were visitors of Mrs. Luella Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Newman and son, Arthur, visited Mrs. Clara Golden of Fredell Monday.

Weston Newton and Clint Adkinson of Mt. Zion visited Mr. Newton's mother, Mrs. Ella Newton and family Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Marie Newman spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman of Black Stamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore and John K. Myers attended a musical entertainment at Albert Madden's Friday night.

Mrs. J. R. Newman and children visited her parents and other relatives at Hamilton Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith and family attended the picnic on the Bosque River Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell while Sunday afternoon.

Dave Bullock and son, Edgar, spent Saturday night and Sunday with A. B. Sawyer and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer were visitors of Abe Myers and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perkins while Sunday afternoon.

Hugh Harris and family were in Fredell Sunday picnicing with the Harris and Tidwell relatives.

Mr. Smith of Mills County was visiting in the W. D. Perkins home while Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Sawell visited Mrs. Ella Newton and family while Sunday afternoon.

**E. H. Persons**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
HICO, TEXAS

**Flag Branch**  
By  
HAZEL COOPER

(Interned for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Mings visited Mrs. Mings' parents, Mr. Christopher and family Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Newman visited Walter Newman and wife Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pruitt spent while Tuesday with Hunter Newman and family of Black Stamp.

Mrs. Henry Burks and children visited Walter Hanshaw and family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvester Mings spent while with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mings Friday night.

James Robert Graves spent Wednesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Graves.

Several from here have been going to Meridian the past week paying their car licenses.

J. C. Bowman of Gordon community spent Monday morning with A. A. Dunlap.

Mrs. Pearl Flannery and children of Willow Springs visited in the Frank Craig home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Burks of Hico are spending a few days with Henry Burks and family.

Junda Lee Hanshaw spent Sunday with Mary Kay and Eloise Craig.

Will Hanshaw and wife were in Cleburne Tuesday to be with their little grandson, Henry Bill Davis, who was having his toe amputated.

**Greyville**  
By  
DOROTHY JOE PARRISH

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hendrix of near Hico spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daddell of Prairie Springs community visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parrish.

Misses Davis and Marcelle Johnson spent while Saturday evening in the A. J. Jordan home of Hico.

S. F. Crafton was in Waco on business Saturday.

W. J. Parrish is in Hamilton doing carpenter work.

N. A. Lambert and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Snoddy.

**E. H. Persons**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
HICO, TEXAS

Charter No. 4366 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Of Hico, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 4th, 1935.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 55,333.02
Overdrafts	683.42
United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	281,700.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	5,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,978.50
Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	63,747.87
Cash in vault and balances with other banks	91,602.57
Outside checks and other cash items	163.04
Other assets (Federal Deposit Ins. Corp.)	863.98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>501,572.40</b>
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits, except United States Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks	358,602.97
Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	11,911.19
Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits—net	31,058.24
<b>Total Capital Account</b>	<b>131,058.24</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>501,572.40</b>

State of Texas, County of Hamilton, ss:

I, E. H. Randalls, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. H. RANDALLS, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1935.

J. C. RODGERS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

R. A. Dorsey, C. L. Woodward, J. W. Ridenhower, Directors.

**ALACE**  
---Hico---

Monday-Friday—  
**CLAUDETTE COLBERT**  
in  
**"THE GILDED LILLY"**  
COMEDY

Matinee and Night—  
**TOM KEENE**  
in  
**"SON OF THE BORDER"**  
Last Chapter of  
**"THE DEVIL'S HORSE"**

Monday-Monday—  
**BURNE GRACE ALLEN**  
in  
**"LOVE IN BLOOM"**  
MOVIE NEWS  
Monday Night—BUCK NIGHT

Monday-Wednesday—  
**MERCHANTS' NIGHTS**  
**MRS. BARTON HELEN MACK**  
in  
**"CAPTAIN HURRICANE"**  
Comedy

Monday—Thursday-Friday: Geo. Heil in "When a Man's a Man."

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# SLUMBERING GOLD

By Aubrey Boyd

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## Seventh Installment

**SYNOPSIS:** Young Ed Matland, son of a New England seafaring family, and the hardened gambler Speed Malone, met on a trip north to the Yukon gold fields in '37 when word of the rich ores there first came down the Pacific coast. Matland was determined to win back his lost fortune before he returned home. The two men became partners. Speed promising not to get tangled with the law if he could help it and to clear out from the partnership if he did. Frenchy the fisherman whose smack took the two men north. Lucky Rose the beautiful girl who had given a ring to Matland as a keepsake; Fallon, camp leader, resentful of Rose's attention to Matland; Steiner, the money lender; young Pete and his drunken partner Bill Owens; Brent, old-time prospector; Garnet, well-to-do traveler who hired Matland and Speed to take his things over the mountains—these are the principal figures in the story. Malone, Matland and Garnet hauled part of his stuff from the canvas camp on the Skagway beach over the trail to the camp in the hills called Liarville. Beyond, the trail was almost impassible. Speed broke up a shell game and he and Fallon clashed over closing the trail for repairs.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY**

The shell dealer, whose eyes had never left Speed's face, sneezed into the crowd. No one else saw the lightning gesture which he made when he jerked his guns. There was a glint in both his hands a split fraction of a second before the forty-fives flashed and roared and spoke again. Fallon's weapons had hardly shifted when they were in their holsters. The third shot knocked the cigar from his mouth and the fourth went sideways at another mark on the near edge of the gaming table where a man who had drawn at the same time as Fallon, had dropped his gun from a nerveless hand, his wrist streaming blood. Speed backed away, eyes raking the crowd, guns held close and ready.

"I told you I wasn't patient, and I ain't," he said in a voice Matland never had heard. "But being elected camp boss on a platform of cussedness, I accept accordingly. Nothin' on legs will cross Porepine Bridge till the trail from here to there is in shape, and in good shape. The trail is barred for four days work. If anyone doubts about my havin' the guts to make that good, the witness before their views here and now by sayin' 'liar and coyote.'"

It was the third evening after the barring of the trail, Matland found his partner talking alone with Brent near a roughly bridged crossing at the upper end of the road work, which a landslide that day had interrupted.

"During three days, now steamed had been pouring into Skagway a mob of adventures—"Swampings of the Coast towns as well as bona fide prospectors who knew nothing of the cause of the dispute and cared less. Fallon had been packing them in at Liarville to vote the trail open; had chosen a posse of gunmen in advance from among the wisest before their gathering threat, most of the trail workers had given way.

"They's a short string of us will go the limit, if you want to," Brent was saying.

Speed shook his head. "It wouldn't be no kind of a break for the boys who made this trail to get hung for it. Tell them to pick up their tools, leave her open and stand clear."

"I've got an old deer gun back to camp," Brent shifted the quid slowly in his cheek. "She ain't see no real action since she fit a string of hide thieves from a buffalo wader away back in '71. I'd rather shoot her out than see you called that way."

There was acknowledgement in Speed's smile, but he declined the proposal, and the old-timer gloomily withdrew to carry his decision to the few men who were still waiting for it.

"Better trail with him Bud," Speed said to his partner, "and look up Garnet. We ain't seen him for two days."

"What are you going to do?" Matland asked with a forbidding that Speed had not disclosed his real intention.

"We agreed once," said the outlaw, after a pause, "that I'd warn you and we'd split partners if I ever went up against the Law. Seems like I've reached this junction. Bud, I'm into this play neck deep and I can't quit."

Matland gave a siber nod of half-comprehension.

"It's only my hand Fallon's callin'," Speed explained earnestly and with more emphasis. "He'll head through here, first with his shebang, and either he don't close this bridge, or I don't live to see it. But he has the backing of the miners' law, or will have, by snip."

"Mob Law," Matland amended. "If you don't see your way out. Speed, you can't count me out. On principle, I'd—"

The Westerner groaned. "You

ornery down-East Yanks, with your principles and proverb—Listen, Bud. Whether I ever reach Dawson or not don't matter a whole lot; with you it's different. It's what you come for. I've figured Garnet as your chance of gettin' there—"

But there is no law, East or West, and no tie as strong as that which binds a man to a partner against fighting odds, and with Matland the bond had been steel-woven by the memory of a bleak day in the Sound. Speed here found himself opposing something as elemental as his own refusal to yield.

The creek had a glacial canyon, with smooth rock faces in the bed, and a timber growth that started well up on the steep banks. Above a defile connecting with the bridge there was a rocky bluff which commanded a long view of the canyon and of the trail itself. Its rim, its weakness lay in a broken gulch that fell from it into the creek on the north side, and its possible exposure to gunfire from the hills on the other bank. It would be difficult to take, however, on the side facing the trail.

Here, within a rock corral, some goods lay stacked; provisions, a water canteen, several boxes of shells and a forty-four Winchester carbine. The outlaw had evidently foreseen what was coming.

During supper he was broodingly quiet. A blood-red moon was rising through the timber. It lighted the mountain headlands, and left vasty deep shadows, made more tenebrous by the occasional beam of a timber roof, the lynx's shrill bark, or the hooot of an owl. He picked up the carbine, his eyes on something invisible to Matland, far up the trail. But presently he set the gun down. "That's Pete's mare," he said.

A blurred shape moved in the distant timber shadows. When it crossed a lane of moonlight, Matland recognized the mare and the boy. Guided by a light as keen as Speed's, Pete came toward them as they descended the bluff. There was something gallant and fine, slight, boyish figure.

On meeting them, Pete gave him a reserved nod; glanced from the bluff to the hills across the canyon, and spoke to Speed. "Need an extra gun hand?"

"I got one too many now," Speed muttered.

"Then will you let me go through? I could ford the creek," Pete pleaded simply. "That wouldn't be crossin' it on legs."

Speed's eyes rested on the moe's light saddle pack, and then on the boy's face, which looked pale in the half-darkness. "Headin' for Brent's alone?" he asked.

Pete nodded. "My partner—Bill's dead."

The words gave Matland a peculiar shock. "How?" Speed asked softly.

"He was in a game in Skagway with some of Fallon's men. Lost his outfit. He'd been drinkin'. They found him on the beach—afterwards—drowned."

Speed did not speak for a moment. Then he said, "How do you see to make out kid?"

"There's a man in the Yukon Bill was to meet on the lakes," Pete said hesitantly. "I'm goin' up to find him. If I don't see you boys again—the formal tone broke slightly—"I'm wishin' you luck."

He was in the saddle and away. The mare shot down the defile at a headlong gallop, took the full span of the bridge in a beautiful leap, and flashed up the hill on the other side into timber.

A half mile to the south the trail came in view over a timbered mountain shoulder. In the rising sun, the trees cast long shadows across it, and it was a flickering in the rosy alights between them that gave the signal.

A team of gray mules topper the rise, shielding the men behind. Other pack animals followed and their drivers gathered on the vantage ground peering down the long vista toward the creek crossing. There was a puff of smoke, a bullet screamed over the bluff through the morning silence; then came the sharp rattle crack. Out of the blue canyon mist, a great-winged golden eagle rose and soared away.

"We're jake so long as they keep in the creek," said Speed. "She flattens out short of the bridge. Unless the can dig past her, the near bank. Watch that sully, Bud." He drew the six-shooters from his belt and inspected them; then raised his head carefully above the rim of the rock corral to get a steeper view.

His eye raked the canyon below for a glimpse of Fallon. Suddenly a bullet went "spang" over the bridge, shaking away the blood that oozed from a raw seam above his temple. Smoke was swirling out of some brush a few yards below the point where the trail roamed the creek bottom.

"Nobody lied," said Speed, as he tore a handkerchief and tied it round the wound, "when they said Fallon would shoot. But I got him placed now. He's down among the boulders. He touched the outer rim. A bullet hit him, between his neck and the rock with a planing crack. Speed whistled out—a fived in the arms instant—"

"Nicked his run arm," he said, as he whipped back into shelter.

"Fallon shoots best left-handed. Watch your gulch, Bud."

Whips of smoke eddied out from various points high in the timber. The men who had started the ascent, paused irresolutely. These shots from above came as a surprise, throwing a new and disturbing factor into their plan. They suspected that Speed had planted a guard on the hill to protect the bluff, and they had no way of guessing its strength. Finally they dropped back into the canyon, to consult, it seemed, with their leader.

"You haven't any men up on that hill?" Matland asked Speed. Speed's grin was mysterious. "Ain't I, though. I got one, and he's as good as a gang. The little devil had it all figured when he crossed the bridge."

"Pete!" Matland exclaimed. But their attention was now summoned back to the posse. They caught a glimpse of Fallon with his arm in a bandage, giving orders.

Until now Speed had contented himself mainly with making the trail impassible. Now he shot with a searching intent to kill, hoping the while that Pete would vacate his position. But the gun kept speaking on the hill; the boy was standing his ground. After the first few yards of ascent, the timber on the near bank offered the attackers a helpful screen. Speed's eye came back to the boulders on the other side of the creek. If he could reach these, he could sweep a wider area of hill, with no impeding trees.

He was gathering up the ammunition to make this desperate move when a sudden din from below stopped him. Matland, from his lookout, shouted above the roar, "Look!"

The deep voice of a heavy-calibered gun was booming and reverberating through the canyon. It had halted the men on the hill, who now answered it by pouring a hot fire into the creek. Bullets were splashing like rain around a wispy-headed figure who was fording the creek through a blue smoke haze, toward the boulders Speed had had in view. Coolly munching a large tobacco wad, he returned the broadside as he went, without haste, but with terrible effect.

"By Ginger," cried Speed, "It's Brent's deer gun. And ain't she a talkin'!"

At this point there was a waver in the rear of the crowd. A hum ran electrically down the pack train, and Fallon summoned back his men with an exultant shout. The crowd spread out to give way to a cavalcade coming down the trail.

"Soldiers!" Matland asked in wonder.

**Continued Next Week.**

## Keeping Up With TEXAS

Mrs. Lewis Hunt, 40, was killed instantly at her farm home 12 miles north of Stephenville Monday afternoon when her clothing caught in a circular saw while she was helping her husband cut wood. She is survived by her husband and two stepsons, Joe and John, and one stepdaughter, Mary. John lives at Lubbock, Joe is in the Navy and Mary is at home. Burial was at Huckabay.

Fighting to salvage a sensible Centennial bill out of the maze of amendments and substitutes that have been offered, the Texas Senate had made considerable progress at recess Monday afternoon, but still was not out of the woods. It was indicated that the measure which finally will be adopted is the Oneal substitute, which the senate, by a vote of 8 ayes and 19 noes refused to table. Offered by senator Ben G. Oneal of Wichita Falls in lieu of the monstrousity which the senate created Friday, this substitute would appropriate \$2,000,000 as the state's share, would scrap the unwieldy Centennial commission for a "commission of control" composed of seven members, and would give this commission broad powers in expending the funds.

Five years ago Jack Drennan, of Sonora, ranch employe, dropped \$25 in currency in burning weeds. All he had left was the corners of the bills. He did not try for redemption as he did not have the serial numbers. A friend persuaded him to send the corners of the bills to the Federal Reserve Bank. Affidavits of himself and witnesses were made and Jack Drennan received a check for \$25 for the burned corners of his currency.

The Dallas Journal, afternoon daily publication of the A. H. Belo Corporation, celebrated its 21st birthday Monday by omitting all crime news from its first page. "When it did this last Christmas Day," the Journal commented editorially in a small box on the front page, "the fact apparently was unobserved by a majority of its readers. Comment of readers was appreciated, although the Journal, as a newspaper, recognizes its obligation to publish all the news, good or bad."

Denton, March 31.—On the basis of scholastic attainments, Miss Martha Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter of Hico, has been awarded honors for outstanding work done at Texas State College for Women (C1A) during the first semester of this year.

Approximately 248 students in a student body of 1,840 were given honor recognition, and these figures compare favorably with those of last year when 13 per cent of the 1,250 enrolled were awarded honors. Special letters of commendation were sent to the students by E. V. White, dean of the college.

Miss Porter, a freshman, was majoring in chemistry.

**NOTICE TO CITIZENS**

Please put all trash which you wish hauled off in sacks or boxes and place same outside the fence so the wagons can get it easily.

The wagons will call only once, Monday, April 8, so be ready at that time and let's keep our city clean.

J. W. LEETH, Fire Chief.  
J. R. McMILLAN, Fire Marshal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and son visited in the Ernest Lowery home Sunday afternoon.

## and Mrs. Cleora Luckie visited Odell Luckie Thursday night.

Weston Newton, wife and son visited Mrs. J. C. Needham Thursday.

J. N. Simpson, Grady Adkison and mother visited in the A. F. Polnack home awhile Friday night, also Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luckie and Mrs. Jim Luckie visited Odell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Polnack had as their guests last Saturday night, their son and family of Dallas.

Mrs. Hymmer and niece of Walnut Springs spent Monday with Mrs. T. C. Freedman.

J. N. Simpson spent Friday night with Grady Adkison.

Mrs. W. L. Simpson visited Mrs. Jim Luckie Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Montgomery and children visited Mrs. G. D. Adkison awhile Sunday.

Master W. J. Newton spent Friday with Grady Adkison and mother.

Odell Luckie was brought home Saturday and is getting along fine.

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## Mt. Zion By MRS. ALLIE ADKISON

We have sure had our past of high wind and sand all through March.

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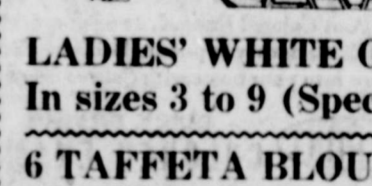
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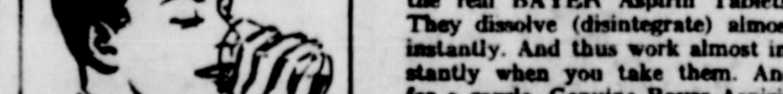
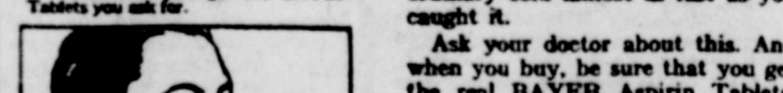
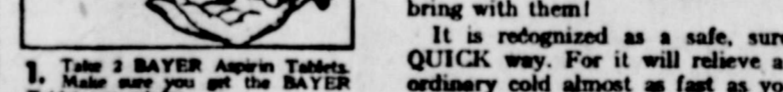
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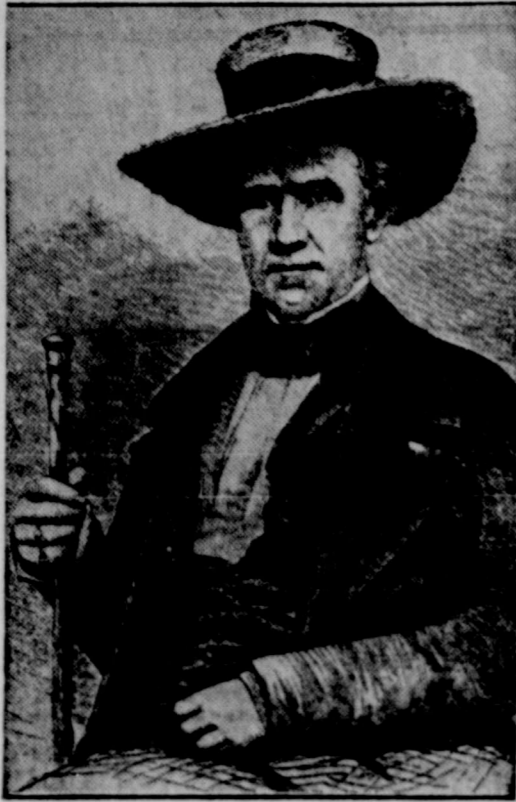
## OPPORTUNITY KNOX


# Events That Precipitated San Jacinto Battle

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WITH sentiment now favoring a Texas Centennial to celebrate Texas independence, it should be of interest to briefly review 15 years of Texas history—from the founding of Stephen F. Austin's first Anglo-American colony in Texas in 1821 to the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836.



General Sam Houston  
Commander of Texas troops in Battle of San Jacinto.

Spain had exercised some control over Texas for 300 years prior to the arrival of Austin's colony. In 1821 Mexico revolted against Spain and set up its own independent government, thereby putting the Texas colonies under Mexican laws and Mexican decrees. Spain had tried to colonize Texas, but failed in the attempt, and there were very few Spaniards and Mexicans in Texas at the time Austin's colony of 300 persons settled along the Colorado river in what is now Austin county.

From the beginning the Texans and the Mexicans did not get along well; the social and political cultures of the two races were too far apart. Americans had been accustomed to a constitutional government while Mexicans had been more or less under a dictatorial government.

Following the Mexican revolt against Spain, Santa Anna, by intrigue and by force, had made himself President and dictator of Mexico. He was arbitrary and overbearing in his attitude toward the colonists. In addition to an unjust custom tax which he imposed on all goods shipped from the United States into Texas through the port of Anahuac, he established Mexican garrisons throughout South Texas, commanded by arrogant officers, who tried to enforce laws and decrees that were distasteful and intolerant to a free-thinking, liberty-loving people.

## Deep Resentment Against Mexico

As a result of these misguided policies, there developed among the colonists a deep resentment toward Mexico and its citizens that at first brought on minor clashes and later pitched battles and

bloodshed. The Mexican garrisons at Velasco, Anahuac, Nacogdoches and La Bahia were attacked by the Texans and the defenders either killed or driven back into Mexico.

Notwithstanding all this resistance to Mexican authority, emigration continued to pour into Texas from Southern and Middle Western States. Austin's colony was followed by DeWitt, De Leon, McMullen, McGloin and Robertson colonies—all settling south of the old San Antonio road that passed from east to west through Nacogdoches. By 1836 Texas had a population of 25,000.

The revolt of the Texans were viewed with alarm and distrust in Mexico. As far back as April, 1830, the Mexican Congress had tried to stop Americans from coming into Texas by passing the celebrated decree which forbade further emigration from the United States into Texas. This decree created among the colonists more ill-feeling toward Mexico.

Santa Anna finally decided he would put down the Texas rebellion by force of arms. At the head of about 4,500 picked troops he invaded Texas, February, 1836, through Laredo, marching direct to San Antonio and laying siege to the Alamo, which was defended by Col. Wm. B. Travis and 183 men. The Mexican army finally assaulted and captured the Alamo, killing its 183 brave defenders and burning their bodies.

## Colonists Declare Independence

Such was the situation when delegates to a convention met at Washington-on-the-Brazos, March 1, 1836, to declare Texas a free and independent republic and to draft a constitution providing for a President, Vice-President, a Congress and a supreme court. On the second day of the convention a declaration of independence was adopted, one paragraph of which reads as follows:

"When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people from whom its legitimate powers are derived and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted, it is the inherent right of said people to take their political affairs in their own hands, to abolish such government and to create another in its stead."

While the convention was in session a courier arrived with information that the Alamo had fallen. The prospect was gloomy indeed for the colonists.

The entire Texas army numbered less than 1000 men, most of them untrained and undisciplined. Captain King had been surrounded at Refugio by Gen. Urrea's army of 1500 men, which invaded Texas through Matamoras, Mex., and King and the 28 men under him killed. Johnson and Grant, with a small band of Texans at San Patricio, had been also wiped out by Urrea. Col. Ward with 150 Georgia volunteers had met defeat and the remnant of his troops were in full retreat toward Victoria. Col. Fannin and his 300 men, though still defending the La Bahia fort, at Goliad, were doomed to a tragic fate.

## Houston Elected Commander-in-Chief

All these disasters faced the delegates who attended the Washington-on-the-Brazos convention. Sam Houston, a delegate from Nacogdoches, was on the fourth day of the convention elect-

ed commander-in-chief of the Texas Army of volunteers, to succeed Stephen F. Austin, whose long confinement in a Mexico City dungeon had impaired his health.

Therefore, the last hope of the colonists was a small garrison of 374 men at Gonzales, "half fed, half clothed, half armed and unorganized." The day Houston was elected commander-in-chief he proceeded to Gonzales and took charge of these 374 men. When the rumor was confirmed that the Alamo had fallen, Gen. Houston realized he would have to retreat with such a small force in order to gain reinforcements and to discipline and train the men under him. His line of retreat was eastward through the settlements toward Nacogdoches.

Victories of the Mexican army of invasion had spread terror among the colonists. Men, women and children

discretion as prisoners of war and to be treated as such. Later Col. Fannin and his 300 men were brutally shot to death by order of Santa Anna.

## Battle of San Jacinto

When Gen. Houston's scouts informed him that Santa Anna was now in the vicinity of Harrisburg, he digressed from his main line of march and headed his troops in the direction of Harrisburg. By forced marches he reached Buffalo Bayou and crossed it early in the forenoon of April 20th, taking a position in an oak grove on the banks of the bayou where it joined the San Jacinto river.

Santa Anna, having been informed of the position of Houston's army, halted his troops and established a camp within a mile of the Texas camp. Thus at nightfall, the 20th of April, the two armies were camped within a mile of each other.

The following report of the Battle of San Jacinto was sent to President David G. Burnett by Thos. J. Rusk, Secretary of War:

"San Jacinto Battle Ground,  
March 22, 1836.

"President David G. Burnett,  
Galveston, Texas.

"My Dear President:

"I have the honor to communicate to you a brief account of a general engagement with the army of Santa Anna, at this place, on the 21st instant.

"Our army, under the command of Gen. Houston, arrived here on the 20th instant. The enemy, a few miles off at Washington, apprised of our approach, committed some depredations upon private property, then commenced a line of march to this point. They were unconscious of our presence until our standard was planted on the banks of the San Jacinto. Our position was a favorable one for battle. At noon of the 20th the appearance of the Mexican army was hailed by our soldiers with enthusiasm. The enemy marched in good order, taking a position in front of our encampment, on an eminence within cannon-shot, where they planted their only piece of artillery, a brass nine-pounder, and then arrayed their cavalry and infantry a short distance to the right, under the shelter of a skirt of woods. In a short time they commenced firing upon us; their cannon in front, their infantry on the left, and their cavalry changing position to the right. A charge was made to the left of our camp by their infantry, promptly repelled by a few shots from our artillery, which forced them to retire. I have the satisfaction of stating that only two of our men were wounded, one very slightly; the other, Colonel Neill, of the artillery, more seriously though not fatally wounded.

"The attack now ceased; the enemy retired and formed in two skirts of timber, to remain in that position, though occasionally opening fire upon us, until just before sunset, when they attempted to draw off 150 of their forces by removing the artillery and cavalry to other points. Colonel Sherman, anticipating this movement, charged with 60 of our cavalry, killing and wounding several. But their infantry came to the assistance of their cavalry and opened upon us an incessant fire for 10 or 15 minutes, which our men sustained with surprising firmness. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our men who were engaged in this charge, for never was one of equal peril made with more courage, or terminated with less loss. Two of our soldiers were severely wounded, but none killed. This ended the movements of the day.

"Early next morning, about 9 o'clock, the enemy received reinforcements of 500 men, under the command of Gen. Martin Perfecto de Coa, which increased their force to 1400 or 1500 men. It was supposed that an attack upon our encampment would now be made; and, having a good position, we stationed our artillery and disposed of the forces so as to receive the enemy to the best advantage. At 3 p. m., however, the foe, instead of showing signs of attack, was evidently engaged in fortifying. We determined, therefore, im-



Battle of San Jacinto was fought at the Junction of Buffalo Bayou and San Jacinto river, about 15 miles east of Houston.

were abandoning their homes and fleeing toward the Brazos and Sabine rivers. Houston's small army marched behind the fleeing colonists to cover their wild and panic-stricken flight.

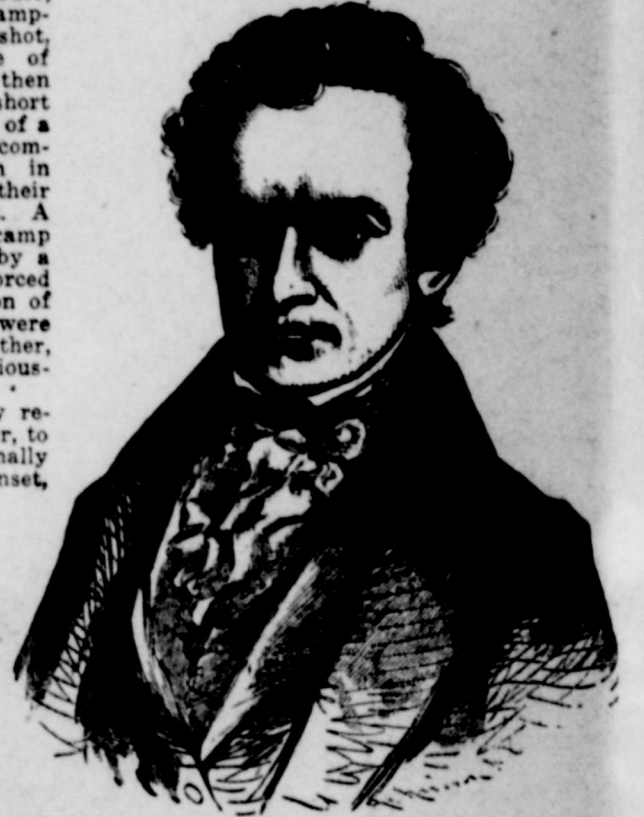
A detachment of the Mexican army at San Antonio, which had helped capture the Alamo, now went in pursuit of Houston. This detachment of about 800 men was in personal command of Gen. Santa Anna.

As Houston retreated from Gonzales, he picked up raw recruits along the way and continued to train and discipline them. By the time his little army arrived near Harrisburg, between Galveston and Houston, he had 750 fighting men. Col. Fannin with 300 troops evacuated Fort La Bahia, at Goliad, in an effort to join Houston, but his small force, surrounded on a prairie by a superior Mexican force, was compelled to surrender after fighting valiantly. The terms of surrender were that Fannin and his men should lay down their arms and surrender at

mediately to attack and, in half an hour, were formed in four divisions; the first, intended as our right wing, composed of the regulars under Col. Millard; the second division, under Col. Sidney Sherman, formed our left wing. A division, commanded by Col. Burleson, formed our center. Our two six-pounders, under the command of Col. Hockley, Captains Isaac N. Moreland and Stillwell, were drawn up on the right of the center division. The cavalry, under the command of Col. Mirabeau B. Lamar, formed upon the right, and, all divisions advanced in good order and in high spirits. As we approached nearer, the enemy opened a heavy fire, first with their artillery on our cavalry. A general conflict now ensued. Orders were given us to charge. Col. Sherman's division moved up, and drove the enemy from the woods occupied on their right wing. At the same moment Col. Burleson's division, together with the regulars, charged and mounted the breastworks of the enemy, driving them from their cannon. Meanwhile our artillery was firing upon them with deadly effect. The cavalry, under Col. Lamar, at the same time fell on the Mexicans with great fury and great slaughter. Major-General Houston acted with much gallantry, encouraging his men to attack and heroically charging in front of our infantry, within a few yards of the enemy, receiving at the same time a wound in his leg.

"The enemy soon took to flight, officers and all, some afoot and some horseback. In ten minutes after firing of the first gun we were charging through the Mexican camp, driving them before us. They fled in confusion and dismay down the river, closely followed by our troops for four miles. Some took to the prairie and were pursued by our cavalry; others were shot in attempting to swim the river. In a short period the sanguinary conflict was terminated by the surrender of nearly all who were not slain in battle. One-half of the Mexican army perished, the other half are prisoners. Among the prisoners are Gen. Santa Anna himself, Colonel Almonte, and many other prominent officers. The loss of the enemy is computed at over 600 slain and 600 prisoners, together with a caballada of 700 mules captured, with much valuable baggage. Our loss, in point of numbers is small, it being seven slain and 15 wounded.

"This glorious achievement is attributed not to a superior force, but to the valor of our soldiers and the sanctity of our cause. Our



Stephen F. Austin  
Founder of the first Anglo-American Colony in Texas.

army consisted of 750 effective men. This brave band achieved a victory as glorious as any in the records of history, and the happy consequences will be felt in Texas by succeeding generations. It has saved the country from a Mexican yoke of bondage; and all who participated are entitled to the special munificence of the government and the heartfelt gratitude of every lover of liberty.  
(Signed) THOS. J. RUSK,  
"Secretary of War, Republic of Texas."

# There Are Racketeers Also in Towns and Villages

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GREAT deal is being spoken and written these days about racketeering in the big cities. Nevertheless, racketeers are operating in towns and villages as well as big cities.

Do you remember the time Dr. Wozlesnapper's Medicine Show, with the added negro minstrel, pitched a tent on that vacant lot in your home town and you went to see the show out of pure curiosity because it was free? Of course you do, and you haven't forgotten the eloquence of the suave doctor as he shouted the miraculous benefits of his tonic. Mainly because the good doctor let you have two full-sized one dollar bottles for a dollar and a half, "just to introduce the remedy," you dug into your pocket, fished out the dollar and a half and went merrily home cocksure you had at last found a panacea for that terrible pain in the midriff. The brilliant doctor diagnosed your case perfectly while he held before your wondering eyes some awful-looking worms in fruit jars to back up his argument.

I hope you enjoyed the doctor's negro minstrels, for you actually paid a dollar and a half to see the performance. At least, you must have felt that way about it after swallowing all of his medicine and then have your pet ailment return. "What a sucker I've been," you said to yourself. Surely you were a sucker—the same as thousands of others just like you. The doctor's game is a racket and he, himself, a racketeer.

## "Health Rejuvenator and Restorer"

Which reminds me of an incident in a South Texas town, where a medicine

show was doing a landslide business. Everyone in the audience supposed there was something the matter with them—either diabetes, gastritis, hookworm, anemia or fallen arches, and that this particular medicine offered by the learned M. D., with its iron-clad guarantee, would cure them, absolutely and positively.

Bottle after bottle of the "Health Rejuvenator and Restorer" were passed out to eager buyers. Soon the doctor's supply was completely exhausted, and then he became frantic, for the oncoming Saturday night assured a record-breaking crowd and he needed the money. Rushing over to a local drug store, he ordered a large quantity of Epsom salts. Such a large order aroused the druggist's suspicion, and after filling the order he followed the doctor to his tent, where his suspicions were verified. Through an opening in the tent he saw the doctor deliberately fill empty bottles with pure water and Epsom salts, together with a little coloring matter.

Even medicine shows of better repute find sledging hard these days in the face of a more enlightened public, yet only last summer I ran across a lone dispenser of an Indian herb tonic who was evidently masquerading. Proclaiming himself a full-blooded Indian, and a chief at that, his advertising spiel dwelled upon the fact that the magic formula was of secret origin, an inheritance from his forefathers, long gone to their happy hunting grounds.

## "Indian" With Blue Eyes

The buck-skin costume and gay-colored feathers dangling from his head-gear seemed to bear out this statement of Indian ancestry, but one thing struck

me as odd. This particular Indian chief possessed eyes as blue as a Texas sky and hair that matched the color of corn in fodder. Personally I have never seen an Indian with light blue eyes or one with straw-colored hair.

It is this new and old type of town and village racketeers who are swindling the



You actually paid a dollar and a half to see the performance.

public out of millions of dollars annually. Take, for example, the "green grass racket," which was uncovered in a small town in Texas several months ago. This is how it was worked: A big burly salesman, with a gift for gab, roared into the town in a high-price automobile, chauffeured by a negro youth. His

racket was grass-seed, genuine imported old English grass-seed, guaranteed to sprout luxuriantly in defiance of drouth, rocks, poor soil or what-not. Equipped with a growing sample of the grass (which no doubt was of real English origin) in a contraption that resembled a set of military brushes, the salesman proceeded to unload the seed in small and large quantities. Homeowners, whose lawns had been scorched to the ground by drouth, gobbled up the seed at the "nominal" price of \$1.00 per pound.

One local chief of police, however, was skeptical, and when a telegram from the Vigilance Committee of a near-by town warned him to be on the lookout for this grass swindler he sought his arrest, but the "bird had flown." The salesman in question, according to the telegram, represented a non-existing firm at Dallas, Texas, and the "imported seed" he peddled had been analyzed by agricultural experts at Austin, Texas, and found to be nothing but a common variety of field seed that could be purchased in almost any feed store for 10¢ per pound. Further investigation revealed that said salesman used many aliases and kept one jump ahead of the officers, although he had been formerly convicted of the green grass racket in another town.

## From Grass Seed to Elephants

It is a far cry from grass-seed to elephants, but the scope of the town and village racketeer is beyond computation. Consider the racketeer whose trick was advertising—advertising on elephants. Only he didn't have the elephants. That's the fly in the ointment.

Declaring himself to be the representative of a large circus, this racket-

eer would enter a small town, immediately proceed to the city hall and there file a permit for his circus to show in that town on a particular date. The permit, made out on special forms supplied by the representative, was duly acknowledged and signed by the city manager, mayor, or whoever controlled the municipal reins. But a joker lay back of the permit, which read that the usual permit fee of \$25.00 was not to be paid until the circus had pitched tent in the town itself, thus saving the racketeer the initial expense of \$25.00.

With the permit officially signed by city authorities, the circus representative worked various merchants in town for advertising. His samples were in the form of banners on which would be painted in large type the advertising copy of the merchants. These banners, he said, were to be attached to sides of elephants that would parade up and down the streets circus day. Such advertising was indeed stupendous, he explained to the merchants, and the results colossal. His fees, only \$10.00 per advertisement, were cash in advance. Ten dollars for the whole side of an elephant!

So alluringly seemed this advertising idea, as set forth by the smooth-talking agent, that in many towns where the circus was to exhibit merchants were victimized to the tune of thousands of dollars. This all happened months ago, and merchants who paid out their good money for this advertising are yet waiting for the elephants and the advertising banners to show up.

## The Hot Check Artist

Then there is the hot check artist—a very old racket—but one that still (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

# CURRENT COMMENT

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## Women Haven't Had a Fair Chance

THE women haven't had a fair showing in regard to holding public office. Possibly nine-tenths of the women holding offices of any prominence were elected or appointed because they were the wives of men who had died in office, or because, for one reason or another, their husbands could not serve. The States have had two women Governors, Texas and Wyoming, each of the women being elected because they were wives of their husbands. A Governor in North Dakota was impeached last year, and his wife, as a candidate to succeed him, was defeated. There is one woman United States Senator, Mrs. Carraway of Arkansas, and nine United States women Congressmen. Only two of these were elected on their own merits and not on the merits of their husbands. Of course, a Governor's wife, or a Senator's, or a Congressman's wife, might be a very smart, capable woman, but it is not at all likely she could, as a rule, be any smarter than dozens of other bright women in her State or district. Here in Texas we have an exception to the rule. Mrs. Sarah Hughes, appointed by Governor Allred to the judgeship of a Dallas county district court, had made her way unassisted by a deceased husband, and Mr. Hughes is said to be very happy and contented to see his wife thus honored. Mrs. Hughes made a very creditable record as a practicing attorney and a legislator. While many of us may not exactly believe that a judge in a district court is just the proper position for a woman, yet we must admit Mrs. Hughes did not get the office because of sentiment or of sympathy, but because of her own attainments. It is unfortunate for the women that more of their sex of ability and worth have not offered for office. Until women are elected to office because of what they have done and not what some dead husband has done, it cannot be determined as to a lady's fitness to wear the ermine or the toga. That most women who have held important offices have not particularly distinguished themselves is self-evident, and we hope to see, in the near future, women holding offices that have been attained through outstanding ability. Judge Sarah Hughes, however, may show us men folks that we are not the only pebbles on the beach.

## Regular Passenger Planes to Cross Ocean

Thirty hours from New York to Paris, London or Berlin is the aim of the Seadrome Ocean Airway Company. In less than two years this will be accomplished, says this company. It will have giant planes capable of carrying 25 passengers and two tons of mail and express. To make this plane safe, the company will construct four floating seadromes, located 600 miles apart on which the planes can land and refuel. These seadromes will be six acres in area, 100 feet above the water line and buoyancy tanks 40 feet below the water line. Ballast chambers, filled with iron ore, will extend 208 feet below the water, thus giving the seadromes stability.

A 1500-ton reinforced anchor, resting on the bed of the ocean and connected to it by two 4-inch galvanized steel cables, will assist to keep the anchor in place. These six-acre seadromes are to have hotels, cafes and every convenience for those who wish to tarry any length of time for either health or pleasure. Leading engineers of the world have declared the plan feasible and safe. Ample money is said to be back of the scheme.

## "If a Man Die Shall He Live Again"

The desire for a life after death exists in every heart. Because of this we eagerly grasp at anything that would indicate "if a man die shall he live again?" The strange experience of John Puckering, an Englishman, has attracted much attention and speculation throughout the world. While undergoing an operation he died, or at least the attending doctors say he died, after they had made all tests to see if he yet lived. Whether he was really dead is a question that has bothered both the medical and the religious world. Any way, after some time he lived again and what he claims to have seen and heard during that interim is what mystifies. He had always borne a character of uprightness and truthfulness and those who know him do not doubt the sincerity of his story. He says he fully realized he was dead and that in the Great Beyond to which his soul wended he experienced much happiness and saw many persons who had been dead, some of them many years, and all these were supremely happy. He found himself in a vast place, apparently without walls, and well lighted. Great throngs of people were there. The throngs, all healthy-looking, were dressed like people on this earth. One strange thing he reported was that he saw no children.

A heaven without children would be something exceedingly strange. Those of us whose hearts have bled when a dear child has left us would hardly be happy, even in heaven, if these dear little ones were not there. I remember when my own little 3-year girl departed this life, leaving us disconsolate, how a friend unwittingly wounded me. I had expressed the sublime hope of seeing her again, when he said: "Do you think you would know her? You certainly are not selfish enough to want her always to be a child with no chance to develop her life? She will not be your golden-haired little girl when you see her again. She will be a fully-developed woman taking part in whatever is going on in that land of the hereafter." But I was just that selfish, and I think most of us "who have loved and lost" a little child feel the same way—we are actuated by selfish motives.

On the other hand, who would want mother or father to be old and decrepit when seen again in that fairest land. We like to believe like Ruskin, who said, while talking about his own mother: "Why, UP there she is as young as my niece, Margaret."

Whether John Puckering saw what he saw is a question that people will differ about. Some will say it was hallucination induced by the surgeon's anaesthetic, others will think he saw "beyond the veil." These latter see through the eye of faith and faith can remove mountains of doubt.

## Beloved Throughout the Land

The death of Oliver Wendell Holmes filled this nation with profound sadness. No American was held in higher esteem or more beloved throughout the length and breadth of the land. His more than ninety years had been spent, since youth, in the service of his country. His life is one that cannot be debunked, for there is no bunk in it. As an example of how his associates on the supreme bench looked upon him can be no better illustrated than the experience of a young Texas lawyer who was arguing a case before the supreme court a number of years ago. Realizing in order to secure a favorable decision for his client he must overcome an opinion that Justice Holmes had delivered in another case, this lawyer started his speech by saying: "I am not unmindful that the opinion delivered by Justice Holmes in another case is contrary to my contention, but I will endeavor to show that the learned Justice was in error." He got no further for Chief Justice Taft stopped him with: "Young man, that won't get you anything here. Better try some other tact." But the young man sat down.

## Truck Mortality

During the year 1934 there were 604 accidents on the Texas highways in which trucks were involved. There were 153 deaths in these accidents and more than 1000 injured. The commercial truck is needed in our modern transportation system, but there is a growing feeling, as trucks increase in size and numbers, that something must be done about it or the highways must be abandoned by passenger automobiles. It would seem that the solution may be to build additional highways, upon which only trucks will run, and return the present highways to the people for whom they were built. We imagine few bonds would have received the votes of the people had they known the money thus derived was to be expended in building highways for commercial profit. It would be a great saving of life and limb for the State and counties to build these additional highways for trucks, but lots of folks believe the truck owners should construct them.

## Big Families

An old lady died in Kentucky a short time ago at the age of 96 and left 1002 living descendants. She was the mother of eleven sons and three daughters, all living. The minister who officiated at her funeral stated that of the 1002 descendants not one had been arrested for crime or had been on a relief roll. The argument against big families falls down in that Kentucky case. In fact, big families have produced some rather fine citizens. Benjamin Franklin was an eleventh child, while John Wesley came 16th in Susanna Wesley's family; Susanna was the 17th in her father's family. Numerous persons have reached fame who came from large families. Children in these large families must necessarily meet sacrifices and can't be mamma's "Angel Child." They learn early that others have rights, that one cannot always have his own way. And it's a valuable lesson to learn early in life.

## Why Not Count the White Sheep?

I sometimes wonder if we don't make a mistake in giving too much prominence to the black sheep in families. Recently one of the largest family connections in our city came up for discussion. It was one of our oldest families. I remarked that there were quite a number of off color sheep in this family. A friend said: "Let's see about that. We know this family, and while counting the black sheep let's see how many white sheep it contains." We counted, and the result was: Black, 3; white, 44. Suppose you do some counting of black and white sheep in families you know; you may be surprised at the result.

## More White Sheep

We are often disposed to think when we read and hear of so much graft, speculation and dishonesty that the whole world has gone wrong; whereas, if we look around among the people we know we find the vast majority to be persons of character and integrity. It's a great thing to so establish character in a community that no question is ever raised as to your honesty. Two such cases have come to my knowledge. A man came in possession of a note said to have been signed by a certain solvent citizen in my own home town. The solvent citizen wrote the man holding the note that he was entirely ignorant of having signed any such note and would like to see it. The owner of the note, who lived in a distant city, came on to our town and showed the note to this citizen, who examined it closely and said: "It certainly looks like my signature. I think you could prove in court that I signed it, but I did not." The holder of the note came to me after he had talked with some of our citizens. He asked me about the reputation of the man whose name had been signed under the note. After I gave him my opinion he said: "I have lost \$250. I don't know whether the man signed it or not, but I haven't the courage to sue him in this community. Yet in any other county I could get judgment. I bought the note in good faith, but that man's reputation makes it of no value." Sixty days later the man who had forged the note was arrested and confessed.

## Still Another

A young man, age 18, works for one of our leading business firms. He was born and raised here and his record is one without a blemish. A bill from another merchant was presented to the young man's employer. The employer referred the matter to the young man who reported he had paid the bill and his books showed it. It was for a considerable amount and the creditor did

not like to lose it, although he finally said: "I never got the money, but if Hugh said he paid it he paid it. That boy couldn't steal and he does not know how to lie." The money for the full amount of the bill, with a memorandum showing from whom received, was found in the merchant's safe two years later.

## An Alabama White Sheep

And then we read about a great many white sheep in the newspapers. There is the case of a widow over in Alabama, just an humble woman who had a very small farm. She plowed and hoed and did a full man's work. But in 1933 her health broke down and with great reluctance she was compelled to ask relief authorities for aid. She kept a strict account of the value of every thing she received. Her health was partially restored in 1934 and with her oldest son, a lad of nine, she started plowing and hoeing. It was a very hot summer but she never relaxed her toil. She made a fair crop of cotton—three bales—and when they were sold she at once went to the relief office and paid in full for every thing she had received gratuitously. Such an unusual case got into the newspapers and one day a dozen leading citizens, including Alabama's Governor, found their way out to the little modest home of that widow and presented her with a loving cup that had engraved on it: "Irene Brown, Alabama's most outstanding woman for the year 1934." National Relief Administrator, Harry Hopkins, wrote her a letter of congratulation and told her in all these United States she was the only one who had ever repaid one cent that had been received in government aid.

## And Nebraska Has a White Sheep

Then there is another woman named Irene—Irene Collier—who lives up in Nebraska. White sheep, you see, are not confined to any one section. Thirty years ago Irene Collier was left a widow with six small children. She set out to work at whatever she could do to earn a living. She took in washing, scrubbed floors, hired to work in corn fields for 40 cents a day, took care of other people's children—anything to get money to support her little brood. She is now 64 years old. All of her six children received educational advantages and are good citizens. She owns her own home, her children contribute to her comfort and, more than that, she has so established herself in the respect and esteem of her fellow citizens that recently they gave a celebration in her honor. What an example such a life is, not only to the small Nebraska city in which Irene Collier lives, but to the entire country! It shows the admiration people have for an upstanding, courageous, industrious woman or man. Just at this time, when so many are relying on government aid instead of their own efforts, this woman's courage is outstanding and should prove an inspiration to tens of thousands who are struggling against adversity. Irene, the plow woman! Irene, the washerwoman! I salute you.

# Most Fishing Trips Fall Short of Expectations

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FEW days ago I heard some men discussing a trip they had in mind when the fishing season opened, but they were not in accord as to the best place to go.

"Of all the bum fishing places in Texas the place you suggest is the bumest," said a wise-looking guy with a red nose.

"It's a dern sight better than that swamp you've been squawking about for the last two weeks," his companion retorted.

"Personally I'm not in favor of either place," sternly remarked a sharp-

featured fellow with a bald head. "I know a place," he continued, "where you catch fish as fast as you can bait your hook, to say nothing of the squirrels that can be found in nearly every tree."



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I kept silent during all this argument, but was itching to "bust" in with the information that I had spent the better part of my life going on fishing excursions, that no matter where you went you were not apt to catch any fish.

All outing parties composed of four or five men are usually rank failures when it comes to catching fish. What is sadder than to see a strong man kiss his wife and children good-bye as he starts hopefully on a fishing trip, to re-

turn a few days later bedraggled and downhearted, his body covered with sores from bites of mosquitoes and chiggers.

## Familiarity Breeds Contempt

During my many fishing trips I have observed that, without the restraining influence of good women, most men quickly revert to savagery. The old saying that familiarity breeds contempt was emphasized on my last fishing adventure when, on account of rain, sleet and high winds, the entire party of five had to stay cooped up in a covered wagon for two whole days and nights. The first day we began finding fault with each other, and on the second day were ready to fly at each other's throats. We were especially sore at Jeff Hodges, who had sold us on the idea that February was the best month of the year to catch fish. Jeff was also a weather oracle and swore we would have balmy spring days from the time we left until we returned.

"We have no one to blame but our-

selves," said Tom Jones, "as we all know Jeff Hodges is the biggest liar in the county."

Jeff had agreed to do the cooking in payment for his part of the trip, but now, that we had impeached his veracity as a fisherman and his standing as a weather prophet, he struck on us and wouldn't cook a bite. It was lucky Jim Bridges bought that 5 pounds of bologna sausage. We lived on it for two whole days. I wanted to lay in a supply of canned goods, but the idea was repugnant on the basis that we would catch more fish than all five of us could eat.

## No Ordinary Snoring

Ordinary snoring is bad enough, but when a fellow imitates a buzzing saw and a grunting pig all in one series of snorts then patience ceases to be a virtue. Jud Owens was the guilty party and he kept up the snoring until some one hit him on the head with an empty coffee pot. Jud was mad and wanted to fight, but couldn't find out who wielded the pot.

We must have presented a pitiful sight as we trudged into town, Indian file, covered with mud and a six-day's growth of beard, after having left home and loved ones a week before in high expectations. Our return was made more painful by people yelling and laughing at us all along the street. A big-mouthed fellow blurted out: "Say, you fellows look like the rear guard of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow."

Some of our wives didn't recognize us. My wife took me for a tramp and met me at the door with a hand-out, saying: "After you eat this, go round to the wood-pile and cut some wood. My husband is away fishing and I am entirely out of stove wood."

She fainted when I stammered: "Darling, this is your beloved husband."

After a bath, clean clothes and a square meal I felt like a new man, but it was days before I got entirely rid of ticks and chiggers. It's amazing how deep some ticks can burrow into one's flesh.

# The Dust Storm Menace Is Now Being Fought by Control Methods

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DUST storms of terrific intensity sweeping across the Great Plains during recent days have again focused attention on the growing menace of wind erosion and the problem of its control.

Telegraphic reports from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and other plains States of the semi-arid belt east of the Rockies have told a shocking story of land impoverishment and destruction. Millions of tons of fertile topsoil have been stripped from the land and borne aloft by winds of gale velocity.

Is it possible to combat this evil with man-devised weapons, or must we stand helplessly by and watch the destruction of our greatest and most indispensable resource—the land?

## Remedy Possible and Practicable

The answer is, we can curb the ravages of wind erosion, and have already begun to do so! The following letter from H. H. Fennell, director of the wind erosion project near Dalhart, Texas, indicates what is being accomplished:

"I made a thorough inspection of our project area this morning to observe the results of the severe three-day storm of February 22 to 24, inclusive. I am happy to report that none of our

field work was damaged where it had been completed and that very little damage is apparent even on incomplete jobs."

The Dalhart project has been under way only about eight months. Yet the proven effectiveness of erosion-control measures during the recent dust storms demonstrates conclusively that it is entirely possible and practicable to curb the menace of wind erosion.

In addition to the project in Texas, the Soil Erosion Service has recently established a 120,000-acre wind-erosion project in Eastern Colorado and a 180,000-acre project of the same nature in Central South Dakota. Additional projects probably will be set up later.

## Specialists on Job

Within the project area, such as that in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle, specialists of the service—agronomists, agricultural engineers, soil experts and others—are employing every known method of wind-erosion control in a completely balanced program of correct land treatment. These methods include the use of both vegetative and mechanical measures for holding the soil in place and for conserving rainfall.

These control measures, now being applied in the Dalhart project area, include the adoption of means to prevent the burning off of stubble and the overgrazing of pastures.

Terracing and contour tillage are very effective in conserving moisture in the plains country, especially on heavy soils.

Although the rainfall will not support trees in every location, there is an opportunity to contribute materially to erosion control by utilizing natural and improved sites for effective windbreaks of trees.

When the soil is bare any kind of tillage which will roughen the surface gives temporary protection from erosion. Two general objectives may be set up in considering this phase of erosion prevention, namely, ridging or clodding the surface soil and plowing heavy subsoil material to the surface.

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER THE STATE

**PLOW LAND FOR SICK NEIGHBORS**  
That old-time Texas neighborliness is still in vogue was proven in Jones county when the lands of farmers who were sick were broken out and bedded by neighbors. Teams, tractors and hundreds of men worked at the job.

**SAM HOUSTON FARM HOME**  
A never-failing source of interest to tourists in Texas is the old Sam Houston farm home, near Huntsville, the grounds of which have been turned into a State park. An adjacent log-cabin museum contains many relics of early days in Texas.

**HISTORICAL GROUP TO MEET**  
The West Texas Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at Brownwood, May 4, according to announcement of R. C. Crane, president of the organization. Preservation of historical data on West Texas is the objective.

**AUTO VS. COVERED WAGON**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gattis, of Littlefield, made a trip to Wichita Falls by auto, covering the distance in about four hours. The couple traversed almost the same route years ago, when they rode in a covered wagon, the trip consuming six days.

**CONFEDERATE SEAL ON ITASCA DOCUMENT**  
A power of attorney issued in 1865, a few days before Lee's surrender at Appomattox, is in possession of Mrs. Alfred B. Cogdell of Itasca. The official seal of the Confederate State of Texas is affixed to the document.

**MEXICO BANS DEER HUNTING**  
Hunters who made trips to the border expecting to hunt deer in Mexico were doomed to disappointment this year because of a decree of the Mexican President, placing a ban on all deer hunting in that country for commercial purposes. The season closed March 15th.

**OLD BUFFALO HUNTER DEAD**  
Joe McComb of Albany, age 78, an old Texas buffalo hunter, died March 22. Mr. McComb killed buffalo in West Texas from 1874 to 1879, selling the hides for \$1 each. It is estimated that he and his associates killed 15,000 buffalo in five years. He was also an old trail-driver.

**USES PLANE TO HUNT COYOTES**  
Andrew Bode, goat raiser, living eight miles north of Eagle Pass, hunts and kills coyotes in an airplane. Armed with an automatic shotgun, he and his pilot scan the many miles of mesquite and cactus prairies until a coyote is sighted and then the pilot swoops down low enough for Bode to bag the animal.

**FEDERAL SHELTER-BELT PLANTINGS**  
Federal shelter-belt plantings, designed to prevent soil erosion and dust storms, has been started near Childress and Shamrock. J. D. Jones, of Wichita Falls, director of the Texas program, said that only one mile of trees will be planted in Texas this spring, as the season is too far advanced for extensive planting.

**COUNTY SCHOOLS EXHIBIT HISTORY THEMES**  
Business houses of Clarendon devoted their show windows for a week to displays furnished by Donley county schools. Each school portrayed a different phase of Texas history. The project, in honor of the 99th birthday anniversary of Texas, attracted wide attention from the citizenship of that section.

**TO FLY TEXAS FLAG THROUGH-OUT YEAR**  
Judge Jake J. Loy of Sherman has given orders that the Texas flag is to be flown from the flagpole atop the Grayson county courthouse at Sherman throughout this year, to commemorate the birthday anniversary of Gen. Sam Houston and the 99th year of Texas independence. The large flag used was purchased by the commissioners court.

**BRIDE-TO-BE ISSUES OWN MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
C. C. Maddox, advertising manager of the Borger Daily Herald, didn't have to worry about his marriage license when he decided to wed, for his bride-to-be, Miss Edna Plummer, was deputy county clerk of Hutchinson county. She recorded the marriage license in the clerk's office under her new name, Edna Maddox.

**DEEP WATER PORT AT BROWNSVILLE**  
When work on the Port of Brownsville is completed, Texas will have nine such ports open to the commerce of the world. Dredging of a deep water channel seventeen miles from the Gulf coast to within a few miles of Brownsville, is now underway. A turning basin will be provided near Brownsville which will accommodate large ocean-going vessels. The cost of the project is estimated at \$5,500,000, and is to be financed jointly by the Brownsville navigation district and the Federal government.

**SAYS BRAZOS PROJECT SELF-LIQUIDATING**  
John A. Norris, chairman of the Texas Water Board of Engineers, told a Senate sub-committee that the \$50,000,000 flood control project along the Brazos river will pay for itself in 40 years, that it is feasible and in line with the plans of the President and Congress to conserve natural resources.

**NEWSPRINT MILL MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN EAST TEXAS**  
Hubert Harrison, manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, is interesting newspapers of the State in the establishment of a newsprint paper mill to be located somewhere in East Texas. It has been proven that second growth pine, such as grows in abundance in East Texas, is well suited to the manufacture of white newsprint. Jesse Jones has indicated that the RFC might finance the mill.

**TO PLAN BRAZOS PROJECTS**  
Henry Dunlavy has been granted a leave of absence from the Blackland experiment station at Temple in order to devote his entire time as representative of the Brazos River Board in negotiating for the \$50,000,000 project that would establish a large number of dams in the Brazos river watershed. Mr. Dunlavy has gone to Washington where he will appear before Federal agencies in behalf of the movement.

**CAREFUL AUTO DRIVERS TO BE REWARDED**  
Brownwood, under sponsorship of the Brownwood Bulletin, is to have a brand new system of handling traffic; they will reward careful drivers while punishing the reckless ones. Ten local men will watch street traffic, make notes of careful driving and the auto number of the drivers. These numbers will be published daily in the Bulletin and the careful drivers issued free tickets to a movie theater. It is pointed out by the Bulletin that there were 882,000 automobile accidents in the United States in 1934 and 36,000 persons died as a result of these accidents.

**STILL SPENDING MUCH RELIEF MONEY**  
The Texas Relief Commission will continue to administer relief funds to the unemployed as it has done in the past, according to Adam R. Johnson, State administrator. Indications are that unemployables will be cared for in the usual manner until Federal authorities notify the State agency that Federal funds will not be available, he states.

**QUITS RELIEF ROLLS, CATFISH BITING**  
J. E. Gibson of Paris has been on the county relief roll during the winter months. Recently he asked to be released, stating as a reason that catfish were biting again in Red river and he could make his own living fishing as he had done in the past. The local administrator equipped Gibson with plenty of fish hooks and on March 1 he set out for the river and happy days again.

**SCOUTS DISCLOSE MANY LAW VIOLATIONS**  
A troop of boy scouts at Dublin, Texas, who took upon themselves a check-up on law violations in that city for a single day, showed 259 infractions for which arrests might have been made. Most of the violations were of traffic regulations. Charges were not filed by the scouts, of course, but the check-up served as an indication that many persons care little how they do it just as long as they get away with it.

**A HOUSE LIKE GRANDFATHER BUILT**  
Going back to the days of our grandfathers for a "pattern," D. F. Moore and son of Bend, a farm community near Lampasas, will erect an old-time log cabin home on their pecan farm in which no "store bought" materials are to be used and only methods of pioneer construction employed. The house will have two large rooms with a large hall between.

**WOULD RID McCULLOCH COUNTY STREAMS OF GARS**  
An extensive campaign to rid McCulloch county streams of gars has been started, according to the fish and game committee of the Brady Chamber of Commerce. Traps, placed near the spawning beds are used, experiments conducted having shown gars are easily snared. Depredations of the gar on other fish along more than 100 miles of streams in that county is cause for the campaign.

**10,000 PECAN TREES IN SAN ANGELO**  
According to an opinion from J. L. Rainey, pecan expert at San Angelo, that city leads all other cities in the South for number of pecan trees growing in yards and vacant lots. It is estimated that on the lawns of 3,000 homes in that city there 10,000 pecan trees growing. In addition, there are thousands of native pecan trees growing along the banks of the Concho river as well as in several improved orchards in that section.

**MARBLE MACHINES NOT GAMING DEVICES**  
Attorney General William McCraw in a communication to Hon. John R. Shook, criminal district attorney of San Antonio, declares that "marble machines" are legal and within the law. Referring to Shook's request for a decision on this type of skill machine the following statement was given: "The game you describe evidently is one in which the skill of the operator determines the winning of a prize. That being true, it could not be condemned as a lottery, but its operation would be within the law. The machine is not of itself a gambling device."

**SEEK PARK IN CHISOS MOUNTAINS**  
A bill has been sent to the Department of the Interior that would create a national park in the Big Bend area of the Chisos mountains along the Rio Grande. If present plans are carried out the park will embrace nearly a million acres in an area where the scenery is rugged and beautiful. The Texas State Park Board has already given sanction to the project.

**SKELÉTONS UNEARTHED**  
While working in a gravel pit near Ennis, workmen unearthed seven human skeletons, which aroused interest as to just what secret they might hold. The skeletons were found under seven feet of earth, all in sitting posture with hands under chins and all facing east. One appeared to be an infant. Neatly carved beads and trinkets were found in the grave while a thin, silvery film was discernible just above each body.

**COUPLE MARRIED BY PROXY**  
George H. Spence of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, and Mrs. Willie R. Robinson of Lubbock, Texas, were wed by proxy. If the bride-to-be had gone to Brazil before the ceremony the laws of that land would have prevented marriage for two months, so the marriage ceremony was performed without the presence of the groom. A friend, with power of attorney acting in his stead, bound Spence in the marriage contract.

**PEASE RIVER BRIDGE CONTRACT LET**  
The State Highway Commission has accepted a bid by Ernest Lloyd of Fort Worth, for construction of a bridge across the Pease river between Crowell and Quanah at a cost of \$71,776.97. The contract is for construction of slightly over three-fourths of a mile of approaches, the bridge proper to consist of 46 28-foot 6-inch steel "I" beam spans with concrete floor.

**BOWIE BUTCHER DENIES REPORT OF HIS DEATH**  
R. T. Brock, a Bowie butcher, like Mark Twain, believes the report of his death has been greatly exaggerated. Regardless of the fact that friends dragged a lake for his body where his overturned boat was found, Brock says he is very much alive. He had gone to New Orleans, ran out of funds and hitch-hiked back to San Antonio to see his brother.

**FIVE-ROOM HOUSE STOLEN**  
One of the most unusual thefts in the history of Dallas was reported recently when R. E. Kepke told officers that a whole house had been stolen from a lot in that city. Visiting his property, Kepke discovered the house gone, only the bare lot remaining. Investigation disclosed that the thief, posing as owner, engaged a man to wreck the house and had sold the lumber to a Houston firm.

**NEGRO MOTHER BURNS CHILDREN'S HANDS**  
Two children, ages 6 and 9 years, of a Hopkins county negro mother had been applying fire to the feet of a dog to make it howl. The mother, discovering them in the act, said: "Children, I've gwine to teach yo'all what fire'll do to you." She therefore proceeded to burn their hands in order to teach them that fire when applied to flesh inflicts pain and injury. Officers arrested the woman and the county judge assessed a heavy penalty.

**OVER 40,000 AGED ON RELIEF ROLLS**  
A survey of rolls by State relief authorities disclose that there are 41,787 persons more than 65 years of age receiving aid in Texas. Over half, or 24,697, were white persons; 12,303 were negroes, and 4,787 were Mexicans. Of the total 23,856 were men and 17,931 were women.

**MANN ASKS BLUE SKY LAW ACTION**  
Citing that many letters of complaint had been received by his department, Gerald Mann, Secretary of State of Texas, asked the legislature to take some action to protect unsuspecting investors from sale of spurious securities. "Texas has become a fertile field and dumping ground for the sale of worthless stocks and bonds," Mann said, "and it is high time we did something about it. The present law is inadequate and seldom invoked. We might as well not have one."

**FALLS TO DEATH IN PALO DURO CANYON**  
When more than 100 students from the Borger schools were exploring Palo Duro canyon, in West Texas, the pleasure of the occasion was marred when Robert Mills fell 78 feet from a cliff to his death. In a spirit of daring Mills and a companion, Keith Alexander, had scaled a cliff. Alexander had descended to the bottom of the canyon by jumping from ledge to ledge. Mills followed, but his foot slipped while jumping and he toppled head first to the rocky bottom below.

**NEW VARIETY OF BIRDS IN CHISOS MOUNTAINS**  
A report by Dr. Van Tyne, noted ornithologist of the Museum of Zoology at Ann Arbor, Mich., who has been doing research work in the Chisos mountain region of Brewster county, classifies 176 varieties of birds in that region of Texas. Four of these birds have been heretofore unknown to science. Of the varieties found, 96 were native and 80 migratory. Dr. Van Tyne also discovered that a variety of red-tailed hawk, common in the Big Bend country, is not listed or given a name in any of the books published on bird life. He also found a new variety of flicker, one of the rarest birds on the American continent.

**HONEYMOON FUND STOLEN**  
Paul Dodd of Greenville was taking Miss Adelyn Dransfield for "better or for worse," and had left his traveling suit in another room during the marriage ceremony. When he returned \$40 which he had saved for the honeymoon was missing. A thief had pried a screen loose and gained entrance to the room.

**CATTLE RUSTLERS NOT EXTINGUISHED**  
The old-time cattle rustler is not extinct in Texas, but has just changed tactics, says E. W. Spiller, secretary and general manager of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. "Present-day rustlers use trucks," Spiller said. "They raid ranches, pick up good beef cattle and haul them away to market." Thirty men are on duty at all times for the organization in an effort to curb the activities of the rustler.

**HUGE EGG LAID BY RHODE ISLAND RED**  
When Mrs. Maggie Manes of San Antonio gathered eggs from her flock of hens recently, one egg made her open her eyes in wonderment. It was an egg weighing six ounces and measuring eight inches around the short way and nine inches the long way. A check up traced the unusual egg to a 2-year-old Rhode Island Red hen which laid it on a large flat stone in the yard and left without a cackle.

**FIND ANCIENT RUINS IN TEXAS**  
Floyd V. Studer, Amarillo anthropologist who has studied prehistoric ruins in the Panhandle for the past 23 years, states that he has discovered unmistakable evidence that the Canadian river valley was inhabited as early as the 15th century by a tribe that had an artistic temperament, a municipal government and pursued agriculture. Ruins of two communal dwellings of the civilization have attracted wide research. One known as the A-C ruin contains 29 rooms and is 163 feet in length and 50 feet in width. The other known as the T-K ruin has 33 rooms, is 120 feet long and 60 feet wide.

**MASONS COMMEMORATE FOUNDING OF FIRST TEXAS LODGE**  
Masons from all parts of Texas participated in ceremonies on March 16 at Brazoria commemorating the founding of the first Masonic lodge in Texas. The conclave, with lodges of the Thirty-first Masonic district acting as hosts, were held under the "Charter Oak" at Brazoria with John H. Crooker, most worshipful grand master of Texas, delivering the principal address.

**UNCOVER RUINS OF OLD MISSION**  
Workmen engaged in restoring San Jose Mission of San Antonio, to its original state, have discovered the foundation of the old mission, which for a number of years was known as "the pearl of all missions in New Spain."

**There Are Also Racketeers in Towns and Villages**  
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works. Almost every week we read in some newspaper that a town has been swindled by a bank check manipulator. This racket takes on devious ways, some old and some new, but the results are the same—more victims separated from their money.

**COL. SIDNEY SHERMAN**  
Sidney Sherman was born March, 1806, and emigrated from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Texas, March, 1836, in command of 50 volunteers to aid the Texas colonists in their struggle for independence. Colonel of the Second Regiment of Texas Volunteers at the Battle of San Jacinto, he was cited for distinguished bravery on the battlefield, and is said to have first sounded the battle cry: "Remember the Alamo," "Remember Goliad." In 1842 Sherman was elected representative to the Congress of the Republic from Harris county, and later was appointed Major-General of State Militia. The last years of his life were devoted to increasing railroad mileage in Texas. He died at Galveston, August, 1873.

**WIND FURNISHES ELECTRIC POWER**  
Robert Herron, who lives at Fort Griffin, near Moran, has installed a new type individual farm electric plant that gets its power from the wind and is said to be economically operated. The plant is composed of a regular windmill and tower to which is geared an electric generator that keeps a set of batteries fully charged, even with average rate of wind. The plant provides lights and power for electrical appliances around the house and farm.

**NEW DEVICE FOR TRAPPING CROWS**  
A new device perfected by members of the Howard County Game and Fish Protective Association, of Big Spring, is said to be the most effective yet built for trapping crows. Duplicate units of the one built at Big Spring have been installed at various points throughout the State. It is a simple net wire contrivance which is placed in the field and baited with refuse grain or other food that will attract the birds. Once inside the trap they cannot escape and as many 225 crows have been caught in one trap.

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